



# THE CONNECTION

July 22, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

## Music Mania Day Camp *Dance moves, songs, and drums - oh my!*



Nearly 40 children spent the last week learning new songs, playing instruments, showing off their dance moves, and making new friends at our Music Mania Day Camp, led by Angela Powers and Jordan Harper with the help of Hannah Jessup, Anna Young, and Nancy Epting.



***A special thank you goes to to our guest musicians: Bob Evans, Rebecca Rebl, and Louis Shirer for teaching everyone about the bassoon, flute, and our very own organ!***



***Thanks to our congregation's generous support of these programs and ministries, our children were able to make a joyful noise and learn more about God's love at Music Mania!***



## Gifts

### *IN MEMORY OF* GEORGE C. FANT, JR. *to the Foundation*

by Jim & Gloria Apple  
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard R. Blencowe, Sr.  
*to WSUMC*

by Joe & Carol Anderson  
by Dorothy Fant  
by Thomas Gregory  
by Eli & Phyllis Huffman  
by Robert & Martha Helen King  
by Helen S. Mills

by Mrs. Alvin Strasburger  
CRAIG OWEN HAMPTON  
*to Music Ministries*  
by Bob, Joan, and Janelle Beamer

MIKE MERCK  
*to the Soup Cellar*

by Dawn Merck  
LUKE NANCE  
*to Music Ministries*

by Janelle Beamer  
by Joseph & Nancy Epting

DALE NUNN  
*to WSUMC*

by Circle 6  
by Virginia Vaughan  
LARRY M. STEPHENS  
*to Gracious Goodness*

by Alan-Jon & Fran Zupan  
*to WSUMC*  
by Sarah's Sisters

*IN HONOR OF*  
HARVEY & HANNAH JESSUP  
*to Music Ministries*

by Mary Lue Finch  
SAM WALDREP  
*to the Flower Fund*

by Sarah's Sisters  
*to WSUMC*  
by Mary Lue Finch

## The Traxler Class Has Retired

The Traxler Sunday School Class has retired. Two members of WSUMC started a young couples class in the summer of 1953. It was named in honor of the Reverend Kenneth Traxler, a missionary in Brazil. A class roster in 1969 showed an active membership of 89 people.

During its 65 years of existence, Traxler members provided teachers for all age groups and held every lay position available at WSUMC. This of course included every committee as well as Chair of the Board of Stewards and the Administrative Board. One member actually delivered the sermon on Sunday, October 2, 1969.

Lay members of WSUMC, ministers and professors led the class's outstanding Sunday programs. No class ever had higher quality people leading their Sunday sessions.

In recent years, active members of the class decreased rapidly because of illnesses and death. At least 46 members are known to have gone to the world beyond. In 2017, class attendance rarely exceeded four. Many Sundays, only two or three people were present. No one was available to fill leadership positions.

A list of class members that have been performing outstanding services for WSUMC would run into infinity. Just know there were many.

The final meeting of the class was held in January of this year. The purpose was to decide what to do with its assets; five members were present. WSUMC was given \$1,400.00 for the Soup Cellar, the Good Samaritan Committee, the Minister's Discretionary Fund, and the Stained Glass Window Fund. Donations were also sent to the Salvation Army, Oliver Gospel Mission, Epworth Children's Home, The Killingsworth Home, and the USC Ecuador Project. Most of the class's material objects were given to other classes and for the church yard sale.

We class members thank WSUMC for giving us a home for our 65 years of fellowship and service. The Traxler Class has retired. One of the best looking rooms in the church is now available for other uses. We hope the room will continue to be known as the Traxler Classroom.

*Written by John Holladay*

## Sunday School Classes

**THE ALDERSGATE CLASS AND THE PAUL HARMON CLASS:** Continuing through the summer, these classes will join together and continue their discussion of The Teaching Co. Video by Bart Erhman on the New Testament.

**THE DAWSEY CLASS:** This Sunday, July 22nd, the Rev. Alston Lippert will begin a three-week study of the book "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman. This week, the class will discuss the Forward and Chapter I.: Jesus—An Interpretation, talking about Jesus as he really was, not our conception of him; white privilege and how the church has treated the oppressed. July 29th, the class will discuss Chapter II.: Fear, what do we fear, and what can the religion of Jesus offer those who live in fear; and Chapter III.: Deception, what are the costs and benefits for the oppressed of using deception? Lippert says, "Even though the book was written in the '40s, it is very relevant today."

**THE GRACE CLASS AND THE JOY CLASS:** These classes will continue to meet together and discuss the text, *John: Gospel of Light and Life*, by Adam Hamilton.

**THE JOHN HARPER CLASS:** Using New Testament texts that focus on justice, they explore Jesus' teachings on God's justice in Matthew and Luke.

**THE OPEN DOOR CLASS:** This summer, the Open Door Class will study *Parables From the Backside Volume 1: Bible Stories With a Twist*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. This book offers a new perspective on twelve of Jesus' parables through the eyes of minor character.



# New Friends Coffee

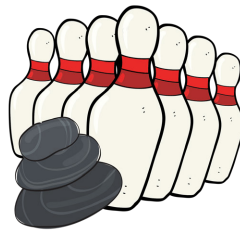


Sunday, July 29th  
10:00 AM - The Wesley Room

We invite all visitors and new friends to join us for a time of Christian fellowship and the chance to meet our clergy, staff, and fellow new friends. This is the perfect opportunity to encourage a friend or neighbor to visit Washington Street.

## Register Today

# ROCK N' BOWL



Join us for a church-wide fellowship day of Rock N' Bowl!

**Wednesday, August 1st**

We will meet at 9:30 AM in the Disciple Conference Room here at Washington St. and write words of love and encouragement on river rocks to hide downtown throughout Main Street. After creating rocks to share, we will walk down to Main St. and hide the rocks before heading to lunch and then The Grand on Main for bowling!

You're welcome to sign up for the whole day with both "River Rocks" AND "Lunch & Bowling," or one activity if you're unable to commit to both. The cost of bowling is \$12 per person, and can be paid the day of.

Register NOW at [wsmethodist.org/family/summer](http://wsmethodist.org/family/summer) or through the ChurchLife App. **Registration will close July 30th.**

*Friends are always welcome! Questions? Contact Rev. Taylor, [taylor@wsmethodist.org](mailto:taylor@wsmethodist.org)*

# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Come celebrate all of the fun we had this summer at our

## Back to School Bash!

**Saturday, August 11th at the Middleton's Lake Home**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - join us when you can!**

ALL AGES are welcome! Bring a snack or side dish to share. In order to obtain a headcount, please register through the ChurchLife App or from [wsmethodist.org/family/summer](http://wsmethodist.org/family/summer)

**Registration will close August 6th**

*Questions? Contact Rev. Taylor, [taylor@wsmethodist.org](mailto:taylor@wsmethodist.org)*

## Alcorn Middle School Supplies Drive

The Missions Committee is beginning their school supplies drive for Alcorn Middle School earlier this year in hopes of having supplies ready before faculty and staff return in August. They are collecting...

- **Wide-ruled loose leaf paper**
- **Dry erase markers**
- **Pencils**

Any donations can be dropped off in the labeled bin in the Missions Garden. Thank you for faithfully supporting the missions of Washington St. and continuing to minister to the children of Alcorn Middle School.



# pause

to reflect. to renew. to connect.

Are you often out of town on Summer weekends? Unable to join us for worship on Sunday mornings? Our **PAUSE** gatherings will meet weekly this Summer in an effort to provide an opportunity to step back from the rush of daily life and gather with the hope that in the **practice of mindful Christianity**, we can connect with God and one another in fresh ways. Together we will pray, read, reflect, journal, listen and use the arts as we seek to be wholly engaged with God. *Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Wesley Room for this new opportunity of **mindful Christian practice**.*

To learn more about **PAUSE**, visit [www.wsmethodist.org/pause/](http://www.wsmethodist.org/pause/)

## CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, July 22

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
 11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

### Monday, July 23

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

### Tuesday, July 24

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
 6:00 PM PAUSE - WR  
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

### Wednesday, July 25

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
 6:00 PM Summer Book Discussion - WR

### Thursday, July 26

9:00 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
 5:30 PM Worship Design Team Meeting - JHC  
 6:00 PM United Methodist Men - WR

### Friday, July 27

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

### Saturday, July 28

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, July 29

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM New Friends Coffee - WR  
 10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
 11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

### Monday, July 30

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
 6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee - WR

### Tuesday, July 31

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
 6:00 PM PAUSE - WR  
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR  
 7:00 PM Welcome Table Team Meeting - WR

### Wednesday, August 1

9:30 AM Rock N' Bowl - DCR & The Grand on Main  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
 6:00 PM Nominations & Leadership Development - JHC

### Thursday, August 2

9:00 AM CDC Devotions - Chapel  
 1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

### Friday, August 3

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

### Saturday, August 4

No Activities Scheduled

JHC - John Harper Classroom

DCR - Disciple Conference Room

TH - Threatt Hall

WR - Wesley Room

YR - Youth Room

HPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room

SC - Soup Cellar