



THE CONNECTION

July 30, 2017

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Soup Cellar | Monday - Friday | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

MANY THANKS

MANY THANKS TO NIKKI ULMER, who has led Washington Street's Children and Youth Ministries since September of 2013. Nikki has brought growth to our children and youth ministries and been an advocate for the needs of this age group and their families.



THE CONGREGATION WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS TO NIKKI AT A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE OF WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY JULY 30, IN THE WESLEY ROOM. WE HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION TO NIKKI AND TO WISH HER WELL AS SHE MOVES INTO A NEW POSITION WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Announcements

EMBRACING MESSINESS - OPEN DOOR CLASS: Do you feel like you may not pray, read the Bible, share your faith, or love God enough? Do you feel like you may not be committed or spiritual enough? The Open Door Class is nearing the end of their study entitled **MESSY SPIRITUALITY BY MIKE YACONELLI**, which suggests our imperfection, unfinishedness and messiness are earmarks of Christianity and that genuine faith begins with admitting we never have our act completely together. It's not too late to join in on this study! We invite all who are interested to join us!

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS TRIES WATER WALKING: On Sunday August 20, the Open Door Class will begin a new study by John Ortberg - **IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT**. This book invites us to consider the incredible potential that awaits us just outside our comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet us in ways that will change us, deepening our character and our trust in God. Join us as we get out of our boats and into our storms to meet the One who can help us align ourselves to God's purpose for our lives. We welcome visitors and new members of all ages to join us as we delve into scripture and learn from each other.

SOUP CELLAR GIFT BAGS: Mary's Maidens are asking for donations of toothbrushes, travel size soaps and shampoos. Three hundred Christmas gift bags will be filled with useful items for the guests of the Soup Cellar. A Christmas box is available in the hallway for your items. We are accepting monetary donations to be used to buy items such as toothpaste and deodorant. Thank you in our efforts to serve others.

THANK YOU: The blue sheet that was donated for use at Vacation Bible School was used as a photo background. If you would like for us to return the sheet, please contact Mary Lide, 782-6035 or neaudl@aol.com.

CHRIST CHAPEL COURTYARD ENGRAVED BRICKS DEADLINE: The deadline for ordering engraved bricks for the Christ Chapel Courtyard is August 1st. If you are planning to purchase a named brick, please send your order form (available in Church Office) to Janet Cotter. Thank you!

Announcements for the next issue of *The Connection* are due by 12:00 PM Noon on Tuesday, August 8th. Please send all announcements to Lainey Wood, LAINNEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG. We ask that announcements pertaining to events or occasions only run within two weeks prior to the date.

Anna Young and Michelle Story



Our duet today will feature Anna Young and Michelle Story singing a classical favorite, O Lord, Most Holy by Cesar Franck. Today is the last "official" Sunday that Anna and Michelle will be singing in the Washington Street Choir. Both have been choir members and soloists throughout their college years. Both are graduates of the USC School of Music and will attend graduate school this fall, pursuing Masters degrees in vocal performance. Anna will be attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Michelle will attend Miami University in Ohio. We will miss these two young ladies, their contagious smiles, warm personalities and beautiful voices. We wish you great success wherever you may go, and always know that you are welcome at Washington Street!

Encouragement from our Confirmands

IN JUNE, WE WELCOMED FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE INTO OUR CHURCH THROUGH THEIR PROFESSIONS OF FAITH. AFTER GOING THROUGH THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS, THEY LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A UNITED METHODIST. THEY WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS THEIR FAITH WITH EACH OTHER, AND NOW THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IT WITH US! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CONFIRMANDS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

“This is my favorite bible verse because it lets you know that God has a plan for you. I think everybody can relate to this verse in some way. Everybody goes through hard times at some point whether it’s losing someone you love or when things don’t work out the way you wanted them to. My mom and one of my best friends, Ali, taught me this verse and now I have a wooden sign in my room with this verse on it. It always reminds me that God always has a plan for you, and I hope it will remind all of you that as well!”

-ALLY CANNON

Getting to Know...

VERY OFTEN YOU HEAR THE NAMES OF OUR GROWING STAFF AND DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, BUT THERE’S ALWAYS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THEM BETTER! WITH FUTURE ISSUES OF THE CONNECTION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP READING AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THOSE WHO GIVE SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY TO THE MISSION OF WASHINGTON STREET.

Abbie McKenzie

There’s always work to be done in the Church Office – with the copier, the cutter, the volunteers, the supplies – and Washington Street’s administrative assistant, Abbie McKenzie, is right in the center of activity. “When I met with Robbie (Douglas, business administrator), I said, ‘I like variety,’ and boy, did I get variety,” Abbie said with a smile.

Abbie also participates in counting the Sunday offering, types the order of worship for each week’s bulletin and keeps the Rev. Patricia Parrish updated about what is going on, both in the office and with the church’s members.

She also keeps up with scheduling meetings and events for the church calendar, and she answers a lot of e-mails.

Abbie came to Washington Street with experience in church employment as an Administrative Assistant and loves her job at Washington Street. “Everyone has made me feel right at home.”

Abbie grew up in Lilesville, N.C., half way between Charlotte and Wilmington. She is the youngest of six children.

Abbie moved to Columbia when she married her husband, Jerry, an engineer for CSX Railroad in 1984. He died unexpectedly after they had been married 21 years. Abbie said her faith in God has helped her move forward.

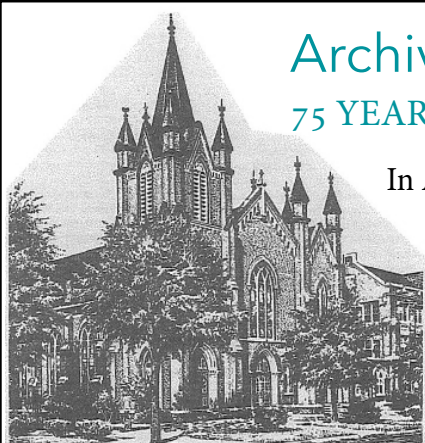
Abbie and her husband had a daughter, Kristin, who is now an operating room nurse at Palmetto Health Richland. Kristin is seeking a master’s degree to become a Nurse Practitioner. She married Nick Hartman, another nurse, in May 2016.

Unless she is spending time with her daughter, Abbie enjoys walking, going to movies and dinner with her friends.

Abbie describes herself as “very organized, compassionate and fun-loving.” She said she was attracted to her job by the church’s Renewal 2020 plan.

“That is awesome,” she said.

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY FRAN ZUPAN



Archives Notes

75 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

In August 1942, Washington Street’s congregation, along with the rest of the country, was struggling through the first summer of our involvement in World War II. Nine of our members would make the ultimate sacrifice in the fight to protect freedom here and abroad.

25 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

On August 2, 1992 Jaya Wall, “infant daughter” of Tom and Jane Wall, was baptized at Palmerston Place Church of Scotland in Edinburgh.



Close to 70 children learned how to become Heroes for God at Vacation Bible School July 10-14. Led by music director Super Angela Powers and her assistants Super D, Super E, and Super V, we learned the Hero Code each morning. Wonderful storytellers Patricio Aravena, Jim Lane, Richard Owen, Jonathan Jackson, and Rev. Alston Lip-pert taught about heroes from the Bible that exemplified the Hero Code. God's Heroes have Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope, and Power. Children rotated to music, recreation, and their classrooms for snacks and crafts. Each rotation enforced the Hero Code. Children in 4th-6th grades participated in the Service Squad. Some of their activities were serving in the Soup Cellar, making cold water laundry detergent for the homeless, and creating a birthday party in a bag for our shut-ins.

Thank you to Kristie Rowe for serving as VBS Director AND providing tasty snacks. It took many volunteers to plan and execute a successful experience where children could learn about God's love for them and how they can serve the Lord. Thank you to all the volunteers at Hero Central VBS. Visit the Hero Central bulletin board to see the wonderful volunteer Heroes and the Super Hero children who attended Vacation Bible School.

Watch for announcements of planning sessions this fall for VBS 2018!

**WASHINGTON STREET VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**



Faith Activity Nutrition

The Faith, Activity, and Nutrition (FAN) program was developed with churches in SC to help reduce the risk of chronic diseases like heart disease and diabetes by helping members to become more physically active and to eat a better diet.

FAN encourages church members not only to make healthier lifestyle choices, but to also create church environments that support healthy behaviors. We will include low fat recipes, healthy alternatives to certain foods, exercise tips, etc. in future issues of *The Connection*.

Summer is a great time for fresh vegetables and fruit. Here is a simple, **low fat fruit salad**, which only has 140 calories with 6 g of fat!

- ½ cup of whipped cream
- 2 cups blueberries (can used frozen when fresh are not available)
- ½ cup pecans
- 2 apples
- 1 can low-sugar crushed pineapple
- 8 lettuce leaves.

Mix cream, fruit and pecans together and serve on lettuce. To serve as dessert, omit the lettuce. Enjoy!



ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL PACK-A-BACK

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S "PACK-A-BACK" PROGRAM, AND WE'LL START BY COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES. LISTED BELOW ARE THE ITEMS THEY ARE IN NEED OF. DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BIN IN OUR MISSION GARDEN, ACROSS FROM THE CHRIST CHAPEL COURTYARD. THANK YOU!

COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER, PACKS OF PENCILS, COLOR PENCILS, 2 POCKET FOLDERS, HAND SANITIZER, EAR BUDS, AND FLASH DRIVES.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF BETTY ELLIOTT BOWERS

to *WSUMC*

by Betty A. Cribbs

IN MEMORY OF PAT BRODIE

to *The Soup Cellar*

by Kevin and Carol Duggan

to *WSUMC*

by Scott and Evelyn Middleton

IN MEMORY OF DR. SKOTTOWE B. FISHBURNE

to *The Good Samaritan Fund*

by Frances Robertson

IN MEMORY OF JOHN, NINA, AND JOHNNY

to *The Soup Cellar*

by Robin C. Marshall

IN MEMORY OF ROY SUTHERLAND

to *The Foundation*

by Dr. and Mrs. John A. Page

to *The Foundation*

by Bill and Eleanor Pope

to *The Foundation*

by Mack and Elizabeth Ouzts

to *The Foundation*

by Kathryn D. Durham

to *The Foundation*

by Frances Robertson

to *The Foundation*

by Wilma G. Winslow

to *The Foundation*

by John and Lynda Galloway

to *The Foundation*

by Gary D. Stanley

to *The Foundation*

by Gwendolyn Barnes

to *The Soup Cellar*

by Holly Moore

IN HONOR OF SAM WALDREP

to *The Minister's Discretionary Fund*

by John and Mary Lue Finch

SAVE THE DATE!

Back to School Bash!

RSVP to Lishjasen@gmail.com
to ensure we have enough
food!

Join us for the annual Back to School Bash!
ALL AGES WELCOME
August 13th, 3-6 pm at Saluda Shoals Park,
Water Oak Shelter.

Water Oak Shelter is right next to the Zero Depth Splash Pad and admission is \$3.00 extra. Tell them you're with WSUMC at the gate and park for no charge! Hotdogs, chips and watermelon are provided.

We ask for all to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 27th

All children, and parents with children ages 4 through rising 6th grade are encouraged to join us in Threatt Hall at 9:45 AM to celebrate and acknowledge Promotion Sunday!

THE FORTE SCHOLARSHIP

presents

CLASSICAL GOES TO CHURCH

Honoring Sacred Song & the Spiritual

SUNDAY
AUGUST,
20TH
AT 3:00P



Washington Street UMC
1401 Washington St.
Columbia, SC 29201

On August 20, 2017 at 3:00pm Mezzo-Soprano, LaToya Adams and Baritone, Kendrick Williams will be in recital at Washington Street United Methodist Church. The recital is sponsored by The FORTE Scholarship program and is absolutely FREE. The recital program will consist of Sacred Songs and Spirituals from composers such as Bach, Gounod, Moses Hogan and More. Donations are welcomed and all proceeds will be donated to The FORTE Scholarship which is a music scholarship that was established to benefit young singers in SC entering college to major in Music. For more information about the event contact the church office or more information about the scholarship email,

THEFORTESCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM.

Meet our Staff

SENIOR MINISTER

Reverend Patricia Parrish
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Reverend Alston Lippert

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Robbie Douglas

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SOUP CELLAR MANAGER

Sandy Endicott

SOUP CELLAR ASSISTANT

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CUSTODIAN

Michael Hutto

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN

Nona Woodle

We want to hear from

YOU(th)!

If you're a confirmand or a youth, join us on Sunday, August 13th during Sunday school in the Youth Room to chat about all things youth, and share any ideas you have about our growing youth ministry!



DUCK DONUTS WILL BE THERE!
Do we have your attention now?

*Parents of youth and confirmands are welcome, and we encourage you to join us as well!
Have any questions or concerns? Contact Lainey Wood, lainey@wsmethodist.org*

Opportunities to Serve

WHILE WE TRANSITION

As we make a staff transition in children and youth ministries, we will be looking for some individuals to assist us along the way:

TODDLER TIME COORDINATOR: This individual will coordinate volunteers to lead our Toddler Time ministry for 2-5 year olds during the 11:00 service of worship. Please speak with Susan Hefelfinger or Reverend Lippert

YOUTH COUNSELORS, 7-8TH GRADE: Individuals or a couple to lead our 7-8th grade youth in service and witness on the Wednesdays that we have our Faith, Food, and Fellowship Nights (Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers): September 13, October 18, and November 8, from 6:15- 7:00.

YOUTH COUNSELORS, 9-12TH GRADE: Individuals or a couple to lead our 9-12th grade youth in service and witness on the Wednesdays that we have our Faith, Food, and Fellowship Nights (Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers): September 13, October 18, and November 8, from 6:15- 7:00.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Volunteers are invited to speak with Reverend Lippert or Susan Hefelfinger about their availability to teach Youth Sunday School on a monthly basis or an alternating schedule with other teachers.

BODY AND SOUL



HEALTH FAIR

SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL AGES

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP TO PLAN AND SUPPORT THE EVENT, AS WELL AS ACCESS TO HEALTH-RELATED CONTACTS IN THE COMMUNITY OR ASSETS THAT COULD ASSIST THIS ENDEAVOR. CONTACT LEE HAYNES (LELAND-HAYNESJR@GMAIL.COM) OR REVEREND JOE WILSON (JAWILSONII@UMCSC.ORG).

Calendar of Weekly Activities

(Summer Camp currently runs Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM)

THE CALENDAR FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017 IS AVAILABLE ON ENGAGE WASHINGTON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT LAINHEY WOOD TO ENSURE THAT THE TIME AND LOCATION ARE AVAILABLE.

Sunday, July 30

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM New Friends Coffee - WR
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Reception for Nikki Ulmer - WR

Monday, July 31

5:00 PM Raggio Report Committee Meeting - DCR
5:30 PM CDC Board Meeting - JHC
6:00 PM Partial Cola. UMC District Meeting - WR

Tuesday, August 1

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 AM Worship Design Team Meeting - WR
10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR

Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR
5:30 PM Education Team Meeting - JHC

Friday, August 4 - Saturday, August 5

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, August 6

8:30 - 11:30 AM Coffee and Conversation - WR
9:00 AM Worship and Communion - Christ Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship and Communion - Sanctuary

Monday, August 7

5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee - JHC

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
2:00 PM Faith Coalition on Gun Violence - WR
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Alternatives to Gun Violence - WR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, August 9

10:45 - 11:45 AM Prayer Group - Holroyd Room
5:30 PM Nominations and Leadership Dev. - JHC

Thursday, August 10

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR
5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting - WR

Friday, August 11

1:30 PM Belin Foundation Meeting - JHC

Saturday, August 12

No Activities Scheduled

LOCATION KEY

JHC - John Harper Classroom

TH - Threath Hall

YR - Youth Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room

DCR - Disciple Conference Room

WR - Wesley Room

HR - Holroyd Prayer Room

GSR - Girl Scout Room