



THE CONNECTION

March 17, 2019

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201



SUNDAY DINNER

MARCH 24TH, 4-6 PM

Volunteers are needed as we host a Family Style Dinner designed to help us engage with the homeless and working poor of our community. We want to break down barriers, and extend the family of God to our neighbors as we eat together.

Sign up today and let's discover together what God will do!

Another way to support - Donate rain ponchos and socks for our guests.

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SAFETY MATTERS

If you've noticed a City of Columbia police officer on hand Sunday mornings, it's not because we are serving donuts! We are taking additional security measures here at the church, including having an officer present during worship times.

Your safety is important at Washington Street.

EASTER

AT WASHINGTON STREET

Join us in worship and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds this Lenten and Easter season.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6th
Imposition of the Ashes
12:30 PM (Christ Chapel)

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14th
Traditional Worship
9:00 and 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 18th
Service of Communion
7:00 PM (Christ Chapel)

Good Friday

Friday, April 19th
Chapel and courtyard open for prayerful reflection from 12:00 - 3:00 PM



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 21st - Traditional Worship 9:00 and 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

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WORSHIP AND LUNCH

- March 6th (Ash Wednesday): Imposition of Ashes
- March 13th: Service of the Word, *Rev. Robin Deas*
- March 20th: Service of Sacred Music
Madeline Beitel and Latoya Adams (concert)
- March 27th: Service of Scripture, Silence, and Song
- April 3rd: Service of Scripture, Silence, and Song
- April 10th: Service of the Word, *Rev. Ken Nelson*
- April 17th: Service of the Word, *Rev. Melanie Dobson*

Join us in worship and fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds this Lenten season.

Our United Methodist Women will host a \$5 soup and sandwich lunch every Wednesday during Lent beginning at 11:45 AM in Threath Hall. No reservations necessary; come when you are able!

All proceeds will go towards our Soup Cellar.

At 12:30 PM, we will gather in Christ Chapel for worship experiences including preaching, reflection, and music.



Leave your prayers at the cross

During Lent, members and friends of WSUMC are invited to write prayers on slips of paper and attach them to our Lenten Prayer Cross in the Christ Chapel Courtyard area.

Used Backpacks Can Find a Home

As part of our changes in the Soup Cellar, backpacks are now being checked at the door for our patrons' safety. Robbie Douglas and Jerry Sumpter have been leading the effort and in the midst of it, they have noticed that many of our patrons have worn, ragged backpacks and many more carry what few possessions they have in plastic bags.

Active Faith is working to acquire new or gently used backpacks to be discretely distributed as needed. If you have any backpacks that you may no longer be using, we hope you'll consider donating them to this cause. There is a collection bin marked in the Mission Garden where donations can be dropped off.

Please no juvenile themed backpacks

Unable to bring backpacks to donate? Active Faith will also gladly accept a monetary donation and will purchase backpacks with the funds given. Online Giving is available for this mission effort! To give, visit wsmethodist.org/giving/ and select the "Active Faith (Backpacks)" fund.



Saturday April 6, 2019
11AM to 3PM
Epworth Children's Home
2900 Millwood Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina

MENU

Chicken or Pork Plates \$10
Boston Butts \$30
Kids Plates \$5

Preorder email:
epworthalumniassociation@gmail.com

Sunday School Classes UPDATE

THE ALDERSGATE CLASS: The class is studying Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid* between Sunday, March 10 and Sunday April 7.

THE DAWSEY CLASS: This Sunday, March 17th, the class will begin the book, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times*, by Henri Nouwen. The Rev. John Evans will lead a discussion of the first chapter, "From Our Little Selves to a Larger World." On March 24th, the Rev. Tom Wall will teach Chapter 2, "From Holding Tight to Letting Go."

THE GRACE CLASS: The Lenten Study is *Easter Earthquake: How Resurrection Shakes our World* by James A. Harnish.

THE JOHN HARPER CLASS: They are reading Luke and Matthew focusing on what they are called to do to join Jesus in his work.

THE JOY CLASS: They are continuing their lesson series on the text, *Simon Peter: Flawed by Faithful Disciple*, by Adam Hamilton.

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS: The Lenten Study is Adam Hamilton's *Final Words from the Cross*. In his last hours, Jesus spoke seven "final words"—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves.

THE PAUL HARMON CLASS: Rev. Don Britt will be teaching Lenten lessons through April 7. All are welcome.

Continuing the Journey

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 7:30 PM
WASHINGTON STREET UMC



photographs by Caroline Earp

Songs of Faith, Love, and Hope

Created to meet the specific interests of women who make singing a part of their life's journey, She Sings is the first community group of its kind in our area.

The all-volunteer choir of 45 voices began rehearsing in September of 2018 under the direction of four well-known choral directors with Lucinda Shields, accompanist.



She Sings

FREE ADMISSION

*DONATIONS COLLECTED
TO BENEFIT TOBY'S PLACE*



Choral Directors

*Angela Powers, Lillian Quackenbush
Fredna Lee, Paula Wilson*

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over to the Lide's!

Saturday, April 6th at 4:00 PM
1400 Sherwood Road

All Washington Street children and grandchildren (nursery through sixth grade) are invited to join in the fun. Bring your own basket, a lawn chair or blanket, and a snack to share. Lemonade and water will be provided. Friends are welcome!

In case of rain, contact Mary Lide, 782-6035.



NOTEBOOK COLLECTION

for Alcorn Middle School

Our Missions Committee was recently made aware of the need for spiral bound notebooks for students at Alcorn Middle School. All donated notebooks will be distributed by the school when needed, as this is a common request for students at the halfway point of the school year.

As we continue to cultivate relationships with this school and its students, we hope to meet this need quickly. All donations are appreciated!

Notebooks can be dropped off in the designated collection bin located in our Mission Garden. Thank you for your continuous support as we seek to share the love of Jesus Christ with those in our community!

YOUTH CORNER

Sunday, March 31
Christ and Culture

Immediately following the 11AM worship service, youth are invited to join Rev. Taylor for lunch and a conversation about something that is going on in the world and how it intersects with our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Bring \$10-12 to cover your lunch!

Sunday April 7th
Columbia Fireflies Game

Youth and their families are invited to join us at 2PM at the fireflies stadium for an afternoon of baseball and fun! Fireflies vs. Riverdogs.
Cost TBA((based on number of registrations).

*Our WSUMC youth recently experienced
an escape adventure together.*

The bad news is they didn't escape.

The good news is they didn't get thrown overboard.

According to Reverend Taylor:

“But there’s something to be said for getting locked in a room together and attempting to escape together as a unified body and still liking each other after all is said and done (despite failing). We didn’t win, but you know what did? Friendship.”





Easter Hydrangeas

a new tradition for Easter Sunday

Order white, blue or pink - \$25 per pot

Ideal for post-Easter planting

Order deadline March 25

Order forms available in church office and weekly bulletin

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF

GERALD FLOYD

to Music Ministries

by James "Sonny" Metz

by Linda Reardon

by James Tuell

by Chip Williams

by Susan and Paul Brown

by Rick Frierson

by Richard Demarest and

Gene Mitchell

by Joe Hudson and

Larry Hembree

by Lanneau and Mary Lide

by Jennifer Walker

by Mary Sutherland and Family

to Washington Street UMC

by Peggy Weston

by Virginia Vaughan

to the Soup Cellar

by Mr. and Mrs. George S. King, Jr.

by Roy and Francie Markham

by Bob and Carol Montgomery

by Gina Morris

by Charlene LeGrand

by J. Michael and Stephanie McCabe

by Rosa Williams

by Myrtella Cook

by Dana Mitchell

by Ron and Lane Bowden

IN MEMORY OF

BILL KINNETT

to Washington Street UMC

by Robert Forest Kinnett

MARY ALICE KINNETT

to the Soup Cellar

by Jane A. McKeown

Faith Circle of Salem United Methodist Church

to the Foundation

by Lanneau and Mary Lide

MARTHA LAWSON

to Washington Street UMC

by Virginia Vaughan

IN HONOR OF

THE GRACE CLASS

to Sunday Dinner Ministry

by Nancy Whittle

KATHY WRIGHT

to WSUMC

by Kevin and Carol Duggan

Thank you Washington Street for a successful Shrove Tuesday!

Thank you to all the members and guests who supported the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Thanks to your generosity, the supper raised over \$300 to support our foster care mission.

Active Faith and Mary's Maidens will use the proceeds to fund items for the foster care bags for teens.



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!

Getting to Know Craig Fulmer

Craig Fulmer sees parallels between the life of King David and his own experiences.

Sin and a fear to surrender to his mistakes and to ask for forgiveness. The need for a relationship with God and for pain and a broken spirit to be willing to admit his shortcomings.

Craig shared his faith journey – including his struggle with alcoholism – on Laity Sunday last October. He told the Washington Street congregation that seven-and-half years ago, he was alone and angry at God. He had cut himself off from his family, been convicted of DUI and was suicidal.

On December 23, 2012, he said he received “a Christmas present I did not want to open but was freely given to me by my Father.

“I had to take ownership of my past like King David (did) and trust my Lord and Savior to help me.”

Craig grew up in West Columbia. In 1979, he graduated from Airport High School, where he played basketball and baseball. He was part of his parents’ “second family,” he said. He had one brother who was 15 years older than he was and another brother who was 10 years older.

Craig earned a business degree from Winthrop College in 1983. In his first job after college, he was a management trainee at Springs Industries in Lancaster.

After three years there, Craig returned to Columbia. His father had Alzheimer’s, and he wanted to help his mother. In spite of what he calls a “problem with relationships” and two failed engagements, Craig married in 1989.

He said his drinking “took off” in 2001, when his mother died.

“I felt a part of me was dead,” he said. “I became more of an isolator. I wasn’t happy in my marriage, but I stayed because of my children.”

Times got darker for Craig with the economic crash of 2008, considered by many economists to be the worst financial disaster since the Great Depression in 1929. As an account executive in the wholesale mortgage industry, Craig lost all his income just two years after he and his wife built a house on Lake Murray. These money problems put even more strain on his marriage. But the couple did not separate until 2011. They divorced in 2017.

God put many people in his path to help him on his journey, Craig said. He joined a men’s group at a church in Lexington. He knew that a few of the men were alcoholics. Although he didn’t consider himself to be an alcoholic, Craig thought he might hear something that would help him control his drinking.

Craig’s new friends encouraged him and prayed for him. He was living in Lexington, and since he couldn’t drive, one man and his family picked Craig up for Sunday school, church and social functions.

“They loved me when I wasn’t loveable,” he said. At the time Craig took his last drink, the men’s group was studying “Facing Your Giants: God Still Does the Impossible,” a book about King David by Max Lucado.

“Only through a spiritual alcohol recovery program and working to build a relationship with Jesus has my life gotten better,” Craig said. “I do not have the power. He does.”

Early in his recovery, someone asked Craig to write down five things he was grateful for. It took him two days to come up with five things. He carried that small piece of paper in his wallet for a long time as evidence of where he came from.

Craig facilitates recovery programs at a state drug and alcohol treatment center several times a month. Sharing his experiences, strengths and hope is part of his recovery, he said.

“In most cases, my anonymity is important to me,” Craig said. “In certain situations, when I’m around people I think I can help, I’m transparent.”

Craig has a 26-year-old daughter who lives in Vail, Colorado, where she works as a bar manager at a five-star restaurant. His 22-year-old son lives with him in Columbia.

“I have patience now,” he said. “Before I didn’t have patience. I wanted it now. My life is different today.”

Now, he listens to his kids, he said. At one time, he imagines that his kids received his advice like Charlie Brown heard his teacher – “blah, blah, blah.”

Before Craig came to Washington Street, he visited churches for three-and-a-half years.

“Immediately I felt at home,” he said. “I felt like God brought me here.”

At some churches, no one called him after the service. After he attended Washington Street, a woman sent a note, and Patricia e-mailed.

Three weeks after he first visited, Craig joined the Open Door Sunday school class. “It’s been a blessing,” he said.

The most meaningful thing that has happened to Craig at Washington Street, was the reaction of church members after he spoke on Laity Sunday.

“The warmth and the cards and the comments, people thanking me for being honest,” he said. “It was a gift. It just made me feel at home.”

Article Written by Fran Zupan



United Methodist Women

April Circle Meetings

Mary's Maidens: Sunday, April 7 | Time to be announced *Disciple Conference Room*

This date is a departure from our normal schedule

For girls 1st - 6th grades, friends are always welcome.

Circle 3: To be announced

Charles Pfeiffer (Circle 5): Tuesday, April 2 | 5:00 PM *Wesley Room*

Circle 6: to be announced

Circle 9: To be announced

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 17

9:00 AM Worship and Communion - Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
3:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop #776 - GSR

Monday, March 18

1:30 PM Soup Cellar Meeting - WR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
6:00 PM Church Council - WR

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:00 PM Raggio Report Committee Meeting - JH
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children - Grace Class Room
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel
7:30 PM She Sings Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 20

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
11:45 AM Lenten Lunch - TH
12:30 PM Lenten Worship - Chapel
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor Classrooms
5:00 PM Worship Team Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - DCR
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, March 21

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
11:45 AM Conversation Matters - The Grand on Main
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
4:00 PM Killingsworth Board Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting - WR
6:00 PM In-Home Small Group - Home of Beth Matthews
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, March 22

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, March 23

12:00 PM Sunday Dinner Setup - TH

Sunday, March 24

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 PM Sunday Dinner - TH

Monday, March 25

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 Openings Meeting - TH
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel

Wednesday, March 27

11:45 AM Lenten Lunch - TH
12:30 PM Lenten Worship - Chapel
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, March 28

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Chapel
11:45 AM Conversation Matters - The Grand on Main
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:00 PM In-Home Small Group - Home of Beth Matthews
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, March 29

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, March 30

No Activities Scheduled

JHC - John Harper Classroom

TH - Threatt Hall

YR - Youth Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room

DCR - Disciple Conference Room

WR - Wesley Room

HPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

SC - Soup Cellar