



THE CONNECTION

March 18, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday ■ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Seven Last Words
by Michael Jon Trotta

Palm Sunday

A dynamic musical reflection on Christ's last words from the cross.

From Palms to the Passion

March 25th | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

A worship experience like no other.

Our Sanctuary Choir, along with soloists and an orchestra of strings, woodwinds, horns, and percussion, will present "Seven Last Words" - a masterful, haunting, and thrilling oratorio written by American composer Michael John Trotta. It is a musical journey through the Passion that delivers the captivating story, evoking emotion from intimate tenderness to majestic triumph. Invite your friends to experience this astounding musical journey through Christ's final moments of life on Earth, and His death on the cross.

There will only be ONE Service of Worship on Palm Sunday at 11:00 AM.



Midday Worship for Lent

We hope you'll continue to join us for the next two weeks as we immerse ourselves in the Lenten journey to awaken our faith. *Prior to each worship service, our UMW will be hosting a soup and sandwich lunch beginning at 12:00 PM in Threatt Hall. Lunch is \$5 each week, and all proceeds go to our Soup Cellar.*

Dates

3/21 - Service of Music
With James Siarris and Amos Warren
3/28 - Stations of the Cross

Prayer Cross

Our prayer cross will remain outside of the Chapel through the conclusion of Lent. Write your prayer/s on a slip of paper provided beside the cross and attach to the cross with a pin. Prayers pinned to the cross will remain confidential.

Prayer Group

For the next two weeks, our Wednesday Prayer Group will continue to meet from 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM in the Wesley Room.

Holy Week

WORSHIP WITH US

As we continue through the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter, we hope you will plan to join us for the various worship opportunities listed below during the last week of March. The Stations of the Cross will be available for you to journey through at any point from Wednesday, March 28th - Friday, March 30th.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25th | 11:00 AM ONLY | Sanctuary

On Palm Sunday (March 25th), we will open Holy Week together in a service of prayer and music at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Beginning with an organ prelude celebrating Palm Sunday, the service includes the children's palm procession, congregational singing and prayer, and culminates in a dynamic musical reflection on Christ's last words from the cross.



Children will attend their regular Sunday School classes during the 9:45AM hour. At 10:55 AM, Sunday school teachers will walk the children down to the lobby area between the Chapel and the Wesley Room, where children will collect their Palm branches for the Palm processional. **If your child is under the age of 4, we ask that a parent accompany them during the processional.**

During the opening hymn, we will process by walking down the far left aisle to the front of the sanctuary, and back down the right aisle returning to the narthex. From there, any child who normally attends Children's Church (ages 2-kindergarten) will be taken to the Children's Church classroom. All older children will be invited to return into the Sanctuary to sit with their families. There will not be a Children's moments during our Palm/Passion Sunday celebration, but worship packets will be available to children who remain in worship. Questions? Ask Rev. Taylor!
taylor@wsmethodist.org

Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, March 27th | 6:00 PM
Tapp's Art Center in the Fountain Room

These gatherings are an offering for the downtown community as a means to pause and give thought to what it means to be practicing Christianity in the middle of a busy week and a busy day. We gather with the hope that through praying, reading, reflecting and sharing that we can connect with God and one another in fresh ways.



Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, March 28th | 12:00 PM

On Wednesday, March 28th, our final Lenten Fellowship Lunch will begin at 12:00 PM, followed by the opportunity for everyone to journey through the Stations of the Cross at their own pace.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29th | 7:00 PM

There will be a Service of Worship with Communion on Maundy Thursday as we acknowledge the first of three days of remembrance leading up to the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Good Friday

Friday, March 30th | 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Our ministers will be in the Sanctuary from 12:00 - 3:00 PM and invite you to join them at any point for a time of personal prayer. The Stations of the Cross will also be available for you to journey through.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1st | 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

There will be two Services of Worship on Easter Sunday (9:00 & 11:00 AM BOTH held in the Sanctuary). We invite you to join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Children will have a special celebration of the Resurrection in place of regular Sunday School during the 9:45AM hour. Children are invited to meet their teachers in Threatt Hall, where they will spend the hour releasing the butterflies, hearing the Easter Story, playing some minute-to-win-it games, doing some Easter crafts, and sharing in a special snack. Drop off and pick up for all children ages 2 through 6th grade will be in Threatt Hall! During 11AM worship, there will NOT be Children's Church as we invite and encourage children to be a part of our Easter Worship celebration. We will have extra special worship packets available for pick up in the Narthex at the beginning of the service.



An Opportunity to Serve

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our Children's Ministry is looking for additional help to provide educational opportunities for our children during the worship hour. Each Sunday following the Children's Sermon, we need an adult and a non-related youth (4th grade and older) to help supervise our children ages 2-kindergarten. A short lesson and coloring sheets are provided, and some Sundays will involve a 10-minute visit with a choir member for music time. Please contact Andrea McAtee (amca-tee@gmail.com) if you or your youth are interested in volunteering. This opportunity every Sunday is always such a joy for our youngest disciples, and we couldn't do it without the help of our shepherds.



Save the Date

YARD SALE

Friday, April 13th



thru Sunday, April 15th

The Active Faith Small Group is hosting a church & community wide Yard Sale and it's LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY! If you haven't started your spring cleaning and purging - now is the perfect time to do so. All proceeds from the Yard Sale will go towards local missions in our very own community. Pay close attention to dates and times listed below for donation drop off as well as shopping opportunities.

Preview Sale

For persons who donated items and open to others for a \$5 fee.

- Friday, April 13th | 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Sale Dates

- Saturday, April 14th | 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- Sunday, April 15th | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (for church attenders)

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer help will be extraordinarily appreciated to receive donations, set-up for the sale, sort and price items, staff the sales times in shifts, and clean-up. If you are willing and able to help at any point, please let Sam Waldrep or any member of Active Faith know.

Donation Receiving Dates

- Friday, April 6th | 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Saturday, April 7th | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Sunday, April 8th | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
(for church attenders)
- Monday, April 9th | 1:30 - 4:30 PM

**Call ahead appointments for donation receiving are highly appreciated. Additional drop-off times will be available from Tuesday, April 10th - Thursday, April 12th by appointment only. Receipts for tax deduction will be provided!*

*June 26th - 29th
8:45 - 11:45 AM*

All children ages 3 - RISING 6th grade are invited to join us again this summer for Vacation Bible School: Rolling River Rampage. We'll experience the ride of a lifetime together with God!

Youth and adult volunteers are always important to the success of this week, so mark your calendars and plan on joining us, too!

Registration will be available at the beginning of April.

Questions? Reach out to Rev. Taylor Pafford
taylor@wsmethodist.org



VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
Rolling River Rampage

*July 16th - 20th
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

All children ages 4 - RISING 8th grade are invited to join us again this summer for Music Mania Day Camp led by Angela Powers and Jordan Harper! Friends are always welcome. Save the date on your calendar for a week full of bible stories, dancing, and singing.

Registration will be available at the beginning of April.

Questions? Reach out to our Director of Music, Angela Powers.
angela@wsmethodist.org



Sunday School Classes

What are they studying?

Several of our adult Sunday School classes just started new studies, and others are wrapping up previous ones. Looking for a place to go this Sunday morning? New friends are always welcome!

THE ALDERSGATE CLASS: David Anderson will continue leading discussions on Adam Hamilton's *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*. The first lesson is on Baptism and Temptation.

THE DAWSEY CLASS: They are studying the text, *Grounded: Finding God in the world, a Spiritual Revolution*, by Diana Butler Bass. They will continue this study until the end of March.

THE GRACE CLASS: For a Lenten Study, they'll be going through the text, *Hanging By a Thread: The Questions of the Cross*.

THE JOHN HARPER CLASS: Using Bible passages, their focus during March is on following God's guidance. Join them for a spirited discussion.

THE JOY CLASS: They are in the midst of studying the text, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*, by Adam Hamilton.

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS: They will study, *Embracing the Uncertain*, by Magrey deVega during Lent. This book engages the readers to face life's uncertainties, not ignore them. The first six chapters focus on six post-Transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels, pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience.

Children of Washington Street

There are 6 Sundays in Lent that lead to Easter. For each Sunday, we have encouraged our children to find a gently used toy or book from their treasures and place them in a bag.

Parents: we appreciate your encouragement and helpful reminders as the children of Washington Street participate in the ministry of our church!

Next week on Palm Sunday (March 25th), the children will have the opportunity to bring their filled bags to church and all of their treasures can be donated to our Active Faith Small Group Yard Sale that will be held on April 14th.



YOUTH CORNER

You can find registration links for Youth activities on our website. Have any questions? Ask Rev. Taylor!
taylor@wsmethodist.org

SPRING CLEANING

Saturday, April 14th | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the Youth Room

Youth and parents are invited (and encouraged) to join Rev. Taylor for a spring cleaning session in the Youth Room! We are hoping to get the space in good shape so that we can do some updates and make the space a welcoming and inviting room for all of the youth. Cleaning will take place from 10 AM until noon, before taking a break to walk down to Soda City for lunch and fellowship. The rest of the cleaning will take place afterwards! If any youth or parents can join, please email Rev. Taylor and let her know! The more help we have, the less time it will take.

SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE

June 16th - 23rd | Penn Center, St. Helena Island, SC

It's time to register for Salkehatchie!

"Salkehatchie is more than just a church outreach program. It is more than just a volunteer group and it is more than just a summer youth camp. Salkehatchie is faith in action. Youth volunteers head into rural, low-income towns to work in difficult conditions, allowing themselves to be the face, hands and feet of Christ." We are very excited to send another group of youth and adults to Salkehatchie Penn Center this summer! If you are interested in learning more, or are ready to register, head over to salkehatchie.org. *You must be at least 14 years of age by the first day of this camp, June 16th, to register.*

Announcements

PENNIES FOR LENT: During the month of March, our children will be collecting coins as donations for our Soup Cellar. Please look for our children in the hallway and narthex as you are going to the chapel and sanctuary. They will be collecting as you enter our time of worship together.



CHARLES PFEIFFER CIRCLE: Circle 5 will meet on Tuesday, April 10th, at the home of Happy Henry, and will be co-hosted by Sally Christian.

EYEGGLASSES DRIVE: We apologize for the error printed in the previous issue of *The Connection*. Circle 2, the Toni White Circle, has been coordinating the Eyeglasses Drive and will continue to do so in support of the international mission trips sponsored by the Methodist Student Network. Thank you for your continued support!

MARY'S MAIDENS: The next meeting of Mary's Maidens is Sunday, April 8th, from 3:30-5:00 PM. All girls in first through sixth grades are invited to participate in this mission/service group. At our March meeting, the girls filled Easter baskets for children and grandchildren of Soup Cellar patrons and baked dog treats for the 13 Canine Units of the Columbia Police Department. Please join us in April! Friends are always welcome!

MAGAZINE EXCHANGE: Have you been wondering where the magazine rack is? It is now located in the McDonald Library on the second floor of the Education Building. Don't know what to do with your recently read magazine(s)? Bring them to the church library for others to share. You do not need to donate magazines to take magazines for your own use.

ECUADOR MISSION TRIP SUPPLIES: While our team is in Ecuador this July, they will be distributing health kits and would greatly appreciate the congregation's help in gathering supplies. They are collecting toothbrushes (adult and children), toothpaste (adult and children), bars of soap, shampoo, and other toiletry items including but not limited to floss, lotion, doedorant, etc. Anything you are able to contribute will certainly help to meet a need. There is a donation bin next to the Ecuador banner as you enter the Sanctuary through the hallway. Thank you for your support and prayers as our team begins the process of preparing for the trip!

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES: If you ever have a change of mailing address, email address, phone number or other contact information, please let our Church Office know as soon as possible so we can maintain an up-to-date membership database and ensure that everyone is included in the day to day life of our Church. As changes occur, please contact Abbie McKenzie (abbie@wsmethodist.org) or Lainey Wood (lainey@wsmethodist.org).



BIKE DRIVE

One of our very own Girl Scout Cadettes from Troop 776, Lydia Conte, is sponsoring a Bike Drive to promote and support physical fitness in our community, to recycle and reuse resources, and to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award. When you contribute bikes in good condition, they will be donated to members of our community. ANYONE in need of a bike can come pick one up at no charge! Lydia will be collecting donated bikes in the church parking lot from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 17th, but she will also work with you one-on-one to ensure pick up of a bike if needed! Bikes will be distributed on Saturday, March 30th in the Church parking lot from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. To schedule pick-up or delivery of a bike, call (803) 466-7569, or email lydiacontee@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

HOP ON OVER TO THE LIDES ON SATURDAY
MARCH 24TH AT 4 PM!

EASTER EGG HUNT



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.

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DON'T BE LATE!

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 *Sandy Endicott*

Three years ago when Washington Street business administrator Robbie Douglas placed an ad for a “mess sergeant,” on Craig’s List, Sandy Endicott answered it and became manager of the church’s Soup Cellar.

“I don’t think they could prepare anybody for what goes on down there,” Sandy said. “It’s more than cooking.” A number of the Soup Cellar guests have addiction issues, Sandy said. She tells guests not to bring their substances onto the premises, and she bans them for profanity and making disparaging remarks of a racial or sexual nature.

When asked the best and most difficult parts of her job, Sandy gives the same answer for both: the people.

“I never had much contact with homeless people” she said. “One man has a degree in music – when he starts playing the piano, people just stop talking and listen. But he has a terrible drinking problem.”

Sandy said the population of the Soup Cellar “is not a static crowd; I get new people all the time.”

She knows the regulars by name. One keeps her posted on what’s happening on the street – who got in a fight, who got arrested and who died. Another one carries the day’s large bag of trash around the church, to the dumpster.

The Soup Cellar opened on October 15, 1979, in the basement of the 1901 Building. Washington Street members and staff operated it during the first year, when it served lunch only on Monday and Friday.

Today, between 11:30 and 12:30, Monday through Friday, the Soup Cellar feeds roughly 190 people a day – more toward the end of the month after welfare checks and food stamps have run out. Seventeen churches contribute financially, and 14 churches volunteer to prepare and serve food.

Sandy grew up in Columbia. Her first career, in telecommunications, lasted more than 25 years.

Along the way, Sandy married twice. The first marriage ended in divorce after five years and the birth of two sons, Ryan and Michael. She was married to her second husband for 14 years until he died in 2003.

In 2013, Sandy began studying at the Culinary Institute of Charleston. She learned from “awesome” chefs from the city’s restaurants. While in school and after graduation, she worked at Caviar and Bananas Market & Café, Toast, and Charleston Grill, all in Charleston.

Sandy said her grandmother “Nanny” was her inspiration. They would watch “The Galloping Gourmet” together, and Sandy would watch Nanny experiment in the kitchen.

Sandy returned to Columbia in 2015, after her mother died, and her father, now 86, called her to ask, “How do you fry chicken?” “How do you turn the oven on?” “How do you turn the oven off?” She moved in with him in a neighborhood near the VA Hospital.

Only three of the churches which volunteer make soup. When Sandy makes soup, she uses whatever she has on hand and whatever inspires her. Soup season runs from mid-October until mid-April. In the summer, Sandy makes a pasta salad. Volunteers make sandwiches, and the meal includes a drink and dessert. But, Sandy doesn’t eat while working. “I can’t eat until supper-time,” she said.

Part of her job is working with agencies that can help her guests. When a person who is mentally ill wants help, Sandy calls MIRCI – Mentally Ill Recovery Center, Inc. – on Rosewood Drive, and MIRCI sends a caseworker to pick him up.

When guests, who have been to the Palmetto Baptist emergency room, come to the Soup Cellar in hospital gowns and pants because their clothes were cut off of them, she sends them to Clean of Heart, a nearby Catholic charity, which has an emergency clothes closet for the homeless.

Sandy jokes that the best thing about her job is having weekends off, something that never happened in the restaurant business. She spends that time with her grandsons, a 10-year-old in Chester or a 5-year-old and an infant in Summerville. Sometimes they come to see her.

Sandy has earned a brown belt in mixed martial arts and a blue belt in karate, but she hasn’t had time for those sports in a couple of years. She has a full plate as she fills the plates in the Soup Cellar.

Article by Fran Zupan

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF

LELLA PFEIFFER

to Music Ministries

by Ned Self

IN MEMORY OF

JUNE RAINES

to WSUMC

by Robert & Martha Helen King

by Virginia B. Vaughan

IN MEMORY OF

MRS. HICKSON P. SKINNER

to the Soup Cellar

by Mrs. H.L. Lancaster, Jr.

IN HONOR OF

ROBBIE DOUGLAS

to WSUMC

by Flora Kennedy

IN HONOR OF

KATHY WRIGHT

to Mary’s Maidens

by Gwen Harmon



Our next F3 Fellowship Supper is right around the corner!

Invite a neighbor and bring your family to join us on [Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30 PM.](#)

Immediately following dinner at 6:30 PM, there will be a brief service of prayer & song in the Christ Chapel. If you haven't been able to attend our Wednesday Midday Lenten Services, we hope this worship opportunity will allow you the time to reflect on the Lenten journey as we prepare for Holy Week. *Nursery & Children's Church will be available during the Service of Worship beginning at 6:30 PM for infants - 10 year olds.*

Tickets will be on sale this Sunday (\$5 each). If you're unable to stop by one of the tables on Sunday, email Lainey to reserve yours. lainey@wsmethodist.org

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 18

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel
 9:00 AM Safe Sanctuaries Session - Traxler Classroom
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting - GSR
 4:00 PM New Worship Team Meeting - WR
 5:00 PM Confirmation Class - 5th&6th Grade Classroom

Monday, March 19

6:00 PM Church Council - WR

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
 2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
 6:00 PM Easter Earthquake Small Group - HPR
 6:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children - Grace Class
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, March 21

11:30 AM Prayer Group - WR
 11:30 AM CDC Training - JHC
 12:00 PM Lenten Fellowship Lunch - TH
 12:30 PM Lenten Worship Service - Christ Chapel
 3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR
 5:30 PM F3 Fellowship Supper - TH
 5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room
 6:30 PM F3 Lenten Worship Service - Christ Chapel
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, March 22

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
 12:30 PM PAUSE for Easter Small Group - Tapp's Art Center
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, March 23

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 24

1:00 PM Records & History Meeting - Museum/Archives
 4:00 PM Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Home of Mary Lide

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship with *Seven Last Words* - Sanctuary
 5:00 PM Active Faith Small Group - DCR
 5:00 PM Confirmation Class - 5th&6th Grade Classroom

Monday, March 26

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, March 27

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
 1:00 PM CDC Adult Easter Egg Hunt - CDC Playground
 3:00 PM CDC Children Easter Egg Hunt - CDC Playground
 5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 6:00 PM PAUSE Service - Tapp's Art Center
 6:00 PM Easter Earthquake Small Group - HPR
 6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, March 28

11:30 AM Prayer Group - WR
 12:00 PM Lenten Fellowship Lunch - TH
 12:30 PM Lenten Worship Service - Christ Chapel
 3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR
 5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, March 29

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
 12:30 PM PAUSE for Easter Small Group - Tapp's Art Center
 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service - Christ Chapel

Friday, March 30

CDC, Church Office, & Soup Cellar - CLOSED
 12:00 PM Clergy Available for Prayer - Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Bike Drive Distribution - Parking Lot

Saturday, March 31

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
 GSR - Girl Scout Room