



THE CONNECTION

March 31, 2019

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In some ways it feels as if the lectionary texts for Lent for this year have invited us to ‘camp in the wilderness’. We have gone to the wilderness of temptation with Jesus; we have heard the laments of Abraham, the Psalmist, and of Jesus; Isaiah called to us from the desert of The Babylonian Exile; and this week we hear again the parable of The Prodigal Son.

Lent is the season when Christians around the world are challenged to examine their lives, to repent, and to prepare their hearts for Easter. Self-examination, or at least the kind that leads to repentance, really can feel like “camping in the desert”. But on Sundays, even in Lent, we celebrate a little Easter:

- We celebrate that in the wilderness of temptation, we have a Christian primer: All are included; no one is excluded. Salvation is near, and it is near for all. Repentance and salvation begin and end with God. Sin is our problem; salvation is Gods answer to our situation.” (Romans 10:8b-13 and Feasting on the Word, year C, Volume 2, 38-40).
- We celebrate in the midst of lamentation that “on the third day [Jesus] finishes his work”. As Tony Compollo preached, “It’s Friday; but Sunday’s coming”. (from Luke 13:31-35)
- We celebrate that even when life drives us into the wilderness of Exile, God invites us to “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near”; to “let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that [God] may have mercy on them, and to our God, for [God] will abundantly pardon; “ and that all are invited to “incline your ear, and come to me; listen so that you may live”. (from Isaiah 55:1-9)

The season of Lent is that strange and wonderful season where we camp in the wilderness, look into the mirror of our souls, discover our deepest hunger and thirst for God and discover our need for personal renewal and resurrection! Lent prepares us for the early walk at dawn on Easter (the third day) that takes us to the Empty Tomb. Lent prepares us for Resurrection! May we be blessed in this season by the presence of our Companion, the Holy Spirit.

Peace,

Pastor Patricia

Melani Miller from the Salvation Army will join us on April 10 to discuss her personal experience with Homelessness

This will be the final Neighbor to Neighbor event this spring.

Stay tuned for announcements detailing programs scheduled for this fall.

Learning our Neighbor's Stories

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Pre-registration is required for the fellowship suppers beginning at 5:30 PM and childcare beginning at 6:30 PM. For further details and registrations, visit wsmethodist.org/neighbor

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)

LEN + TEN

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.

All children are invited to celebrate Easter at Washington Street!

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.



Children's Processional

Sunday,
April 14

11:00 AM
Worship
Service



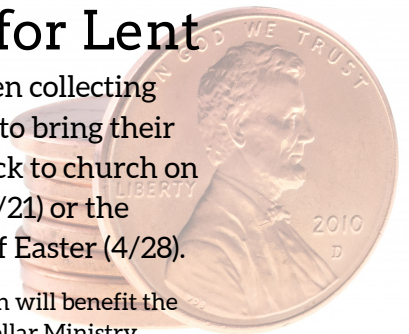
Please bring
your child to
get a palm
branch
between the
Chapel and
Wesley Room
at 10:45 AM

All children are invited to participate!

Pennies for Lent

All who have been collecting
coins are invited to bring their
box of money back to church on
Easter Sunday (4/21) or the
Second Sunday of Easter (4/28).

100% of the collection will benefit the
WSUMC Soup Cellar Ministry.



9:45 - 10:45 AM

All children ages
3-6th grade are
invited to join us in
Threatt Hall
for our annual
Resurrection
Sunday Celebra-
tion.

Easter SUNDAY

We will
celebrate with
games, crafts,
snacks, skits,
and more!

Sunday School

Growing in Christ Together

Twos and Threes Sunday School

Even our youngest sing, learn bible stories, make crafts, play, and of course, have an important snack each Sunday!

A core part of our Baptismal Covenant is our promise to nurture one another in the Christian faith and life. Our Sunday School classes for children and adults offer our congregation the opportunity to fulfill that promise.

Join us from 9:45 - 10:45!



Ask any teacher in the Twos and Threes class “What is the best age is to teach?” They will say “this one!” Each Sunday, our littlest lambs are greeted warmly by loving adults. This class keeps a predictable routine of creating artwork related to their bible lesson, singing songs with big hand motions, listening to a bible story, saying a beautiful prayer, enjoying a delicious snack, and playing together. As they do this week after week, they develop a love for church and Sunday School.

These children also support our Soup Cellar guests with special snacks and our college students with encouraging cards and treats each year.

Sunday School Classes

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

THE DAWSEY CLASS: The Dawsey Class: This Sunday, March 31st, Linda Reardon will lead a discussion of Chapter 3, “From Fatalism to Hope” in the book *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times*, by Henri Nouwen. On April 7th, the Rev. Carl Evans will teach Chapter 4, “From Manipulation to Love.”

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.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF HOMER V. FESPERMAN, JR.

to the Soup Cellar

by David and Robin Anderson
by Bob and Joan Beamer
by Stephanie and Michael Brooks
by Lynn Shirley
by Kathy and Rufus Rogers
by David Byrum
by Clarice Howell

IN MEMORY OF HOMER V. FESPERMAN, JR.

to the John Harper Class

by Mary Sutherland and Family

IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE KINNETT.

to the Foundation

by Rock Hill Property
Management

IN MEMORY OF GERALD FLOYD

to Music Ministries

by Mike and Charlotte Broome
by Dreher High School Class of ‘66

by Lynn Shirley

to the Stained Glass Fund

by Bob and Joan Beamer

to WSUMC

by John Wrisley

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).

UMCOR Calls for Support for Victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique

100% with
UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief



Millions are displaced and trying to envision a way forward after Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique. UMCOR is already responding.

UMCOR approved three \$10,000 solidarity grants for the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. These grants are providing immediate emergency funding for basic human needs including food distribution, hygiene supplies/clothing distribution, safe water access and temporary shelter.

Disaster assessments are being conducted and further response is under development. We do know that recovery from Cyclone Idai's destruction will take a long time.

UMCOR asks you to join this response through prayer and monetary support. Give now to give hope to those in need. www.umcor.org



It's More Than Just a Summer Camp, It's a Life Changing Week

Salkehatchie is faith in action. Youth volunteers ages 14 and older head into rural, low-income towns to work in difficult conditions, allowing themselves to be the face, hands and feet of Christ.

Volunteers spend one week:

Performing home repairs in teams, doing projects as small as a building a ramp or as big as remodeling an entire kitchen.

Making a bond with families of different backgrounds than their own.

Learning about teamwork and making friendships that last a lifetime.

Penn Center Camp is June 15 - 22

Sign up now at Salkehatchie.org and select Penn Center to join the Washington Street Youth in service this summer! Questions?

Contact Susan Caskey at turnitbluesue@hotmail.com

All skill sets are welcomed and encouraged.

Participants are transformed as they transform the lives of the people they serve. They experience the significance of going unplugged in a spiritual learning environment as you work to improve living conditions for families! They are encouraged to do things for themselves, develop problem solving skills and learn from one another.

WASHINGTON STREET UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO GENERAL CONFERENCE DECISION

Washington Street is a congregation of The United Methodist Church (UMC). The UMC is divided regarding the equity and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the life and ministry of the church. As a congregation that embraces diversity and ongoing conversation, many members of our church find the decisions of the 2019 General Conference to be exclusionary, divisive, and not expressive of the gospel message of love and grace for all humankind. We pray that God's all-inclusive love will prevail.

Washington Street will continue to live out our identity statement:

The congregation of WSUMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways which reach our neighbors near and far. We welcome all who seek the love and mercy of Christ regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth. (Adopted 2016).

Washington Street UMC wants all people to know you are welcomed here by a God who loves you and wants a personal relationship with you. In our congregation, it does not matter what you believe (or doubt) or who you love. You are welcome.

(Approved by WSUMC Church Council 3/18/2019)

Congratulations Mackin Wall!

Mackin Wall received the Chris Parker Outstanding MSW Student Award at the NASW-SC Social Work Awards program this month. "Mackin's giving heart and generous spirit did not start when she entered college, she has spent much of her life traveling internationally to minister to people in underserved areas like South Africa, Brazil, Ecuador, Haiti, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. In addition to engaging in fellowship with local residents in these communities, Mackin has helped build and repair homes, tutored children, prepared and served food, split firewood, and helped provide medical care."



Our Alcorn Middle School Partnership - Did you know?

Our Missions Committee continues its partnership with Alcorn Middle School thanks to the efforts and leadership of Andrea McAtee, Kathy Handle, Mary Lide and Chip Williams. Mary continues to purchase food items to send home with students on the weekend. Andrea and Kathy continue to partner directly with the school to encourage the staff and students. Chip is currently planning to provide a meal for teacher appreciation week in May.

A special thanks goes to the congregation for their help with the notebook drive. The school is happy to have notebooks to give to students as needed. There's always a need for spiral bound notebooks, and these can be dropped off in the designated bin in the Mission Garden.

Washington Street also recently purchased two pub tables and eight chairs to create a Reading Cafe area for students at Alcorn.

Washington Street provided lunch for students for three book club meetings since winter break and purchased the books for the March book club. Anne Sinclair, Betsy Halloran and Andrea are participating in the discussion at these lunches and it is fun to talk about the books with the students. As a gift to celebrate their participation in the book club this year, we are giving each student in the club a fiction book to keep.

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 Terrence Chisolm

Terrence Chisolm, Washington Street's new Soup Cellar manager, says that creativity is the fun part of cooking.

"I don't always follow a recipe per se," Terrence said. "I have to be creative working with what I have down there." The Soup Cellar, which serves lunch to about 130 guests each day, Monday through Friday, gets its food primarily from Harvest Hope Food Bank. It also accepts other donations and purchases some food.

Soup season is mid-October through mid-April, and the guests have been loving Terrence's originality, he said. Bacon and potato soup. Chicken and dumplings soup. Salmon and rice soup. Ground beef, baked beans, chili beans and rice soup. Guests also receive a sandwich – peanut butter and jelly, cold cuts, chicken salad or pimento cheese – dessert and a drink.

Terrence came to work in the Soup Cellar last November after former Soup Cellar manager Sandy Endicott resigned. Washington Street business administrator Robbie Douglas told representatives of the churches that volunteer in the Soup Cellar that he was looking for a new Soup Cellar manager.

The representative from First Baptist Church talked to the chef there, Richard Rouse, who had worked with Terrence. Rouse called Robbie and recommended Terrence. Robbie interviewed Terrence, and Terrence said, "The rest is history."

Terrence grew up in Hardeeville with his mother, an aunt and an uncle. When he was 9, he moved to New Jersey to live with his father, his stepmother and two stepsisters.

"I really had to get adjusted to all that snow," he said. "That first winter there I cried to come back home." He graduated from high school in New Jersey, and after a year, he moved back to Hardeeville, but "there wasn't anything to do there." He moved to Columbia, where he attended Benedict College, majoring in business management.

One day when he was walking across campus, he saw two guys arguing. One pulled out a gun and shot the other, killing him. Then less than two months later, a student was shot in Terrence's dorm. Terrence decided to move off campus, and he stopped going to class. His grades suffered, and he dropped out of Benedict.

Terrence enrolled in a culinary arts program at Johnson & Wales University, which then had a campus in Columbia. After eight months, the school moved to Charleston, but about that time, Terrence's son Darius was born, and he stayed in Columbia to raise him.

Terrence has cooked so many places in Columbia, he sometimes forgets one.

Rouse and Terrence opened a restaurant on Leesburg Road, Taste of the Lowcountry. They did well, but after two years, Rouse lost the lease on the building. They turned the restaurant into Taste of the Lowcountry Catering, cooking at their church, Rehoboth Restoration Church, where Rouse is also pastor.

In 2001, Terrence went to work at Fort Jackson where he cooked a rotating shift – breakfast, lunch and dinner – for 2,500 soldiers. He stayed there about five years.

After he left Fort Jackson, Terrence went to work part time at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on Bush River Road. He also became a part-time supervisor at Pandini's, an Italian dining facility in the Russell House at USC. Pandini's served pasta, pizzas, stromboli, and calzones, all made from scratch, Terrence said.

Terrence met his wife Kecia at church. She was a praise dancer, who danced to "Because of Who You Are" by Vicki Yohe. It was a song he really liked, and he fell in love with her, Terrence said.

Terrence and Kecia have two children, son Cameron, 4, and daughter Londyn, who was born February 25. Darius, whom Terrence raised from birth, is 16 and plays football for Dutch Fork High School, the Class 5A state champion. Terrence said he goes to all of the Dutch Fork games, home and away.

Kecia, who is after-school program director for one of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Columbia, does most of the cooking at home, Terrence said. Sometimes he cooks if she needs a break or wants some of his bacon and potato soup.

At Washington Street, Terrence also cooks for the monthly Neighbor to Neighbor dinners and the Sunday Dinners for the homeless and working poor. He plans the Sunday Dinners and has volunteer help with the prep and serving.

He still does some catering although he has cut way back, and he still works some at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

Terrence said the best part of managing the Soup Cellar is the people, the volunteers and "the people we serve." He said he talks with our guests and is getting to know some of them.

The most difficult part of the job is remembering everybody's name.

"I'm slowly but surely getting it," Terrence said.

Terrence said his favorite sports team is the Atlanta Falcons. Every year he and Darius go to a Falcons' game. Last season it was the Falcons vs. the Cowboys.

Article by Fran Zupan



United Methodist Women

April Circle Meetings

Mary's Maidens: Sunday, April 7 | 4:00 PM *Disciple Conference Room* - Note: This date is differs from normal schedule *For girls 1st - 6th grades, friends are always welcome.*

Circle 2: Thursday, April 4 | 5:30 PM *Wesley Room*

Circle 3: Tuesday April 9 | 10:30 AM *Wesley Room*

Charles Pfeiffer (Circle 5): Tuesday, April 2 | 7:00 PM *Wesley Room*

Circle 6: Tuesday, April 2 | 10:00 AM *John Harper Classroom*

Circle 9: Tuesday April 9 | 5:30 PM *Holroyd Prayer Room*

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 31

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

Monday, April 1

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:00 Circle 6 - JH
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
7:00 PM Circle 5 - WR

Wednesday, April 3

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
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
11:45 AM Conversation Matters - The Grand on Main
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
5:30 PM Circle 2 - WR
6:00 PM In-Home Small Group - Home of Beth Matthews
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, April 5

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, April 6

4:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt - Home of Mary and Lanneau Lide

Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM Worship and Communion- Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship and Communion - Sanctuary
3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #776 - Girl Scout Room
4:00 PM Mary's Maidens - DCR

Monday, April 8

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Faith Formation Team Meeting - JHC

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:30 AM Circle 3 - WR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
4:00 PM FCGV - WR
5:30 PM AVP - WR
5:30 Circle 9 - HPR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel

Wednesday, April 10

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
5:30 PM Neighbor to Neighbor - Threatt Hall
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, April 11

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
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, April 12

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, April 13

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