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Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM 803-256-2417



A Letter from the Pastor Reverend Patricia J. Parrish

So, why celebrate the church? You will probably hear a few answers to that question in the sermons over the next few weeks as we celebrate the outpouring of The Holy Spirit on Pentecost. I think that most of us can name images of the church such as "the Body of Christ" and words to describe the Church, but I want us to celebrate how the church is real. It is never more real than when people are suffering or hurting. It never ceases to amaze me how the church gathers around the grieving providing prayer, comfort, food, assistance and sustaining care. I think of our congregation's recent response to The Nance Family and I am thankful.

The church is real. It is universal, invisible, and eternal, and yet is very real. Pentecost marks the beginning of the church and the Acts of the Apostles chart its earliest days alongside the Letters of Paul. The New Testament is our earliest form of Church history. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team working on our Records and History Committee here at Washington Street and through our Annual Conference Historian, A Historical Society and two depositories for our United Methodist Archives: one at Wofford College and one at Claflin University. I received *THE MARK*, a publication of our SC Conference Historical Society last week and was excited by an article about the founding of said Historical Society at an Annual Conference in Yorkville, South Carolina (my hometown) in 1856. It was a wonderful article to which our current President, J. Robert Huggins, added these thoughts:

"Let us consider, why is it important to be familiar with and preserve church history?

1. FAITHFULNESS: If you want to stay faithful to the truth, you need to understand the attacks truth has suffered in the past.

2. PERSPECTIVE: It's impossible for us to understand where we are now if we don't know how we got here.

3. BALANCE: One thing that we study in Church history reveals is how quick we are to over-correct. Reading though our history we often see the pendulum always swinging from one extreme to the other. To think that we're any different today would be foolish.

4. HUMILITY: Without historical perspective, it's easy to think that we are a lot smarter than we are. Seeing the wide breadth of past mistakes made by brilliant people who passionately loved Jesus makes me realize that I'm probably missing something too. No one has a perfect theology; we all have errors somewhere. And studying Church history can caution us about becoming prideful in our own theology. Studying Church history can force us to acknowledge that we have our own blind spots. We're not perfect either.

5. HOPE: It's also very easy for us to think that the Church is in a very dark age; darker than ever! Reading Church History helps us to see that this is simply not the case. Compare our modern times with those challenges which set the foundation in a new nation along with the persecutions of the Roman empire, the constant warfare of the middle ages, or the intellectual challenges of the Enlightenment, and you'll see that the situation in America is far from hopeless. Every generation thinks that this must be the end. And we're certainly no different. But the Church still has a mission, and we are still called to preach the Gospel to all nations.

6. PRESERVATION: Historic preservation clearly does much more than preserve bricks and mortar. It recognizes that our built history connects us in tangible ways with our past and provides context for the places we occupy and the world we live in."

I might add, this provides context for the places we will go. This Church, which is invisible and eternal, is very real and very much in mission for God.

Peace, Patricia



We invite you and your families to join us on Sunday, May 20th for a CHURCH-WIDE Covered Dish Luncheon as we celebrate the beginning of Pentecost and the life of Washington Street UMC with our newly confirmed 6th grade class pictured below. The Evangelism Team is coordinating this event to bring the entire church together as we witness our youth profess their faith in God and the United Methodist Church.



The Evangelism Team will be providing drinks, a birthday cake for dessert, and the main dish for lunch. *If you are able and willing to bring a side-dish to share, it would be greatly appreciated! All dishes can be dropped off in the kitchen beginning at 8:45 AM on Sunday, May 20th.*

Questions? Contact Lee Haynes, lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com



Faith, Food, and Fellowship

Our final F3 Fellowship Supper for the spring will be <u>THIS Wednesday, May 16th</u> beginning at 5:30 PM. Invite a neighbor and bring your family to join us for this great opportunity of fellowship with others! Following dinner, we will hear more about Salkehatchie Summer Service from our team that goes to Penn Center every Summer.

What's on the menu? Chicken, broccoli and corn casserole, rice with peas and carrots, butterbeans, frozen fruit salad, and trifle

You can purchase your tickets this Sunday or email Lainey and let her know how many you'd like to reserve. (lainey@wsmethodist.org)

We want to hear from YOU!

With summer approaching and the school year winding down, the Faith Formation team is already looking ahead to exciting new opportunities. We are looking for ways to serve you better and facilitate your spiritual formation. Below is the website URL to a brief, 5-minute-long survey where you can provide feedback and indicate your interests in a variety of potential small group offerings such as studies, discussions, mission activities, and more. If you prefer to fill out a hard copy, they are available in the Church Office with a return basket as well. We value your (any and all) feedback as we seek to serve God and each other.

WWW.WSMETHODIST.ORG/SURVEY/

Yours in Christ, The Faith Formation Team

Summer Choir

Beginning the week of May 20th, our Sanctuary Choir will move to their summer schedule. That means the choir will only practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and then sing for worship at 11:00 AM. WE NEED YOU! This is vacation season and summer break for many of our members. Please help us to continue to lead worship in a meaningful way. You are welcome to just show up on a Sunday morning when you're available, or you can contact our Director of Music, Angela Powers, to reserve your music, robe, and seat. *angela@wsmethodist.org or 803-622-0308*

Let's talk

Serving thousands every summe

"Salkehatchie is more than just a church outreach program, a volunteer group, or just another summer youth camp. Salkehatchie is faith in action." - www.salkehatchie.org



Washington Street UMC has sent youth and adults to the Salkehatchie Penn Center camp for many years, and they all come back having experienced one of the most meaningful weeks of their lives. You have the opportunity to not only spend a week of your summer serving others as the hands and feet of Christ, but to also fellowship with some of your closest friends, and gain new ones.

Washington Street UMC will send another group to Penn Center for the week of June 16th - 23rd. If you're unable to join our team that week, we want to encourage you to attend another Salkehatchie camp offered this summer! You MUST be 14 years old by the first day of the selected camp to attend.

> Service Worship Fellowship

new opportunities. Having a chance to serve others in hopes to show appreciation for all God has and continues to bless me with is the reason I love Salkehatchie." - Beth Robinson allkehatchie

How do I sign up? You can register at www.salkehatchie.org *Questions?*

Reach out to Susan Caskey, turnitbluesue@hotmail.com

Announcements

<u>LUNCH BUNCH</u>: The Lunch Bunch Group will meet in Threat hall at noon this Thursday, May 17th. Lunch will be provided at \$10 a person from either Groucho's or Taziki's. In order to know how much food to order, please let Al or Elaine Moses know IF YOU WILL ATTEND <u>OR</u> IF YOU WILL NOT ATTEND <u>no later than Tuesday, May 15tth.</u> Elaine - egm9669@gmail.com | Al - albertlmoses@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS! Rev. Tom Summers was presented with the 2018 Public and Community Service Award by The Atlantic Institute on April 11th at its Peace & Dialogue Conference held in Columbia. As an educational organization, The Atlantic Institute promotes understanding among different cultures, faiths, ethnicities, and race in the workplace, government, and other vocational spheres. Rev. Summers, who is a member of the Dawsey Class, is a retired United Methodist minister. He has been associated with WSUMC for the past ten years. Congratulations Rev. Summers!

<u>CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM</u>: Do you have a heart for others? Would you like to participate in the care of members of our congregation? The newly formed Congregational Care team is looking for people who are willing to send cards, make phone calls, or go visit members of our congregation. You can choose which of these forms of care is best for you. If you are interested, please contact Beth Matthews. (mtthws@msn.com or 803-260-6214)

<u>CHRISTMAS IN JULY:</u> After collaboration with Sandy Endicott and members of the Soup Cellar Committee, Mary's Maidens has decided to distribute gift bags to the Soup Cellar clientele this summer. Many groups are generous with their gifts to the Soup Cellar during the Christmas season so we wanted to fill a need during the summer. Our goal is to fill 200 gift bags. We are asking for donations of soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant. Other items that we need are sunscreen, flip flops, potted meat, Vienna sausages, crackers and/or granola bars. The Dollar Tree stores are a great source for most of these items. Our Christmas box is located in the Mission Garden in the hallway. Monetary donations are also appreciated - we'll shop for you! The Ecuador Mission Trip Team is also collecting items to distribute while in Ecuador. We will be working together and sharing items collected!

<u>ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>: Alcorn Middle School School is almost out for the summer. Please bring any donations of non-perishable food for Alcorn Middle School by Wednesday, May 23rd. There is a desigated donation bin in the Mission Garden for donation drop-off. Thank you for your donations to help hungry children throughout the school year.

<u>ALCORN READING WISH LIST:</u> Help the Missions Committee to provide summer reading for the students of Alcorn Middle School by purchasing any of the following titles and dropping them off in the designated bin located in the Missions Garden by <u>May 25th</u>. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and will go towards the purchase of new books. You can donate ONLINE through online giving and text giving by simply selecting the "ALCORN" fund. Text the word "Engage" to 73256 or visit www.wsmethodist.org/giving/ to give now! <u>WISH LIST:</u> Individual books or sets of the books from the Bluford High Series, Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It, by Sundee Tucker Frazier, Clayton Byrd Goes Underground, by Rita Williams-Garcia, Ghost, by Jason Reynolds, Kinda Like Brothers, by Coe Booth, Patina, by Jason Reynolds, The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond, by Brenda Woods, The Journey of Little Charlie, by Christopher Paul Curtis, Zane and the Hurricane: a Story of Katrina, by W.R. Philbrick, The First Rule of Punk, by Celia C. Pe'rez, The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora, by Pablo Cartaya.

<u>Epworth's Annual</u> <u>Mother's Day Offering:</u>

Each year, Epworth Children's Homeprovides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. This Sunday, May 13th, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.



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 Mary Lide

Many things that Mary Mangum Lide does for Washington Street have to do with children and food.

Mary has taught the 2- and 3-year-old Sunday School class for 34 years; has been a co-leader of Mary's Maidens, a circle for girls in first through sixth grades, for about 10 years; and worked at Vacation Bible School.

Mary has helped prepare Lenten Lunches, coordinated receptions and stocked the pantry with disposable products for church dinners

Mary and Deborah Rowe started Gracious Goodness to cook and package dinners, such as baked spaghetti and chicken pie, and side dishes, such as macaroni and cheese and green beans. Seven to 10 cooks spend five to six hours in the big kitchen making four or five of the dinners and sides to freeze in two-serving containers. They go into the Gracious Goodness freezer for delivery to church members who are ill, or otherwise laid up.

After a recent cooking session, Mary estimated that there were more than 35 entrees and more than 35 side dishes in the freezer.

Beth Matthews said that she and Mary's Maidens co-founder Carole Farrar decided to name the circle after Mary "since she is our children's first Sunday School teacher at Washington Street."

Mary's Maidens does a variety of projects during the year – trick-or-treat for UNICEF, fill gift bags for Soup Cellar guests, send books to an orphanage in Rwanda. They make valentines to sell to members of the congregation along with Equal Exchange chocolates, using the money they make to pay for their projects.

Mary grew up in the small town of Lancaster, the youngest of four girls. Her mother Louise was a Baptist and her father Tom was a Methodist. The sisters usually went to their mother's church, but once in a while, they went to their father's church.

Mary says her mother, who worked with the Girls' Auxiliary and the Woman's Missionary Union at the Lancaster First Baptist Church, is one of the most influential people in her life.

"My mother's example of serving God through serving the church is probably the main reason" she is so active, Mary said, adding that all her sisters have been active in their churches.

Her father ran a filling station and was in the Legislature for 30 years, where he was chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mary graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1972 with a degree in math. She then went to the Medical University of South Carolina, where she studied biometry, the application of statistical analysis to biological data.

She met her husband Lanneau in a neuroanatomy class. On their first date, they went to a big party where beer was to be served. Lanneau was excited because he knew Mary didn't like beer, and he thought she would drive. But, living in a small town, Mary had never gotten a driver's license and didn't get one until she was 23.

Mary and Lanneau married in September 1974. She completed her master's degree in 1975, and Lanneau graduated from medical school in 1976.

They moved to Houston, where Lanneau completed a residency and then a fellowship in cardiology at the Baylor College of Medicine. They were there five years, during which Mary did statistics – writing FORTRAN programs and key punching cards – for MEDIHC, Military Experience Directed into Health Careers.

In Houston, the Lides attended a Methodist church because it was more conveniently located than the Baptist church. Lanneau had been raised Methodist, and when they settled in Columbia, they visited three Methodist churches. One made a follow-up phone call; another sent a letter. Their visit to Washington Street, brought a different response.

"On a stormy, Sunday afternoon, there was a knock at the door," Mary remembered. It was Washington Street member Nan Self with a message of welcome.

Mary and Lanneau have three adult children, Thomas Lide, Elizabeth Aravena and Sara Matthews and four grandchildren, Alma Louise, Rosemary and Teddy Aravena and Helen Matthews. They realize how fortunate they are to have their children and grandchildren living in Columbia, Mary said.

Mary has enjoyed creating annual Christmas ornaments with Washington Street's children's pictures on them and holding an Easter egg hunt for the church's children in the large yard of her Sherwood Road home.

She also has traveled with Washington Streeters to the Holy Land and with a work team to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Mary enjoys reading for entertainment, particularly mysteries. One of her favorite authors is Madeleine L'Engle.

Article written by Fran Zupan

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF

LUKE NANCE

to Music Ministries by David & Robin Anderson by Circle 6 by Joseph Haugh by Frank & Dorothy Heckendorn by Happy Henry by Ann Jessup by Kathryn McCayg by Arlene Milligan by Alice Marlowe by Al & Elaine Moses by Charlotte Owen by the Sanctuary Choir by Niki & Robert Stewart by Dottie & Jim Webber by Nancy Whittle & Sandra Howell to the Umbrella Ministry by Jim Lane & Justin Dagit to WSUMC by Jim Knowles-Tuell

ESTHER SCHMALE

to WSUMC by Walter H. Crozier

JOHN, NINA, AND JOHNNY

to the Soup Cellar by Rubin Marshall

IN HONOR OF

KAREN LOWRIMORE

to WSUMC by the Active Faith Small Group

Sunday School Classes

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: Elaine Moses will continue to lead this class in discussions on the Dennis Prager's book, *Happiness is a Serious Problem*.

THE DAWSEY CLASS: This Sunday, May 13, Sue Berkowitz, an immigration attorney and director of the South Carolina Appleseed Justice Center, will speak, and the subject will be DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The class also will hear from a woman whom class member Sue Dillon helped prepare for the GED so that she could receive DACA certification. On May 20, Rick and Kitty Hepfer will talk about their trip to Nicaragua and liberation theology. On May 27, the Hepfers will talk about observations and stories from their trips to Cuba and Vietnam

THE GRACE CLASS: This Sunday, May 13th, Rev. Diana Westerkam (former WSUMC minister) will lead the class in a lesson entitled, "The Unfinished Gospel?" On Sunday, May 20th, she will lead the class with, "Pentecost and the Work of the Spirit." THE JOHN HARPER CLASS: Using the *Adult Bible Studies* series, the focus during May explores Bible texts involving our responsibility to honor God.

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS: They are in the midst of a study on Adam Hamilton's text, *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul.* THE OPEN DOOR CLASS: They recently began a new study on John Ortberg's text, *All the Places to Go - How Will You Know?* This six-week study will help everyone recognize divine opportunities in daily life, overcome the fear of missing out or making the wrong choice, and walk through open doors with confidence. You are welcome to read along with the participant guide, but it's not necessary. Sunday mornings will consist of video segments and group discussions.

THE PAUL HARMON CLASS: They recently began a study entitled, *This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice*, by William H. Willimon.



College students often find themselves too young for adult Sunday school classes, but have outgrown the Youth Ministry. Young adults 1-2 years out of college graduation are in a place where they're too old for college ministries, yet some ironically find themselves not "old enough" for the typical young adult ministry. So where do they go?

Washington Street's Young Adult Sunday School Class works to combine all of the uncertainties together, and create a community where age isn't the guideline, but it's the desire to engage in conversation and relationships with others. College students, recent college graduates, mid twenties - early thirties are ALL welcome and encouraged to join us for this new journey of growth and discipleship. Plus: coffee and snacks are always provided! This group continues to meet at 10 AM in the Holroyd Prayer Room.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will begin a new devotion study on Thursday, May 24th that will span out over their next three meetings (5/24, 6/28, & 7/26). They will be discussing the 2017 Christian Book of the Year, *Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms* by Tim Tebow. Through scripture and personal anecdotes, this text discusses how one can build confidence in an identity through God, and not the world. Men of all ages are welcome to join, even if you're not already an active participant! You can pick up a copy of the text and signup through the sign-up sheet in the Church Office. Questions? Contact UMM President, Chris Williams via email, williams_christopher@live.com

ARCHIVES **N**OTES



50 Years Ago

The Dawsey Class, named in honor of Cyrus B. Dawsey and his wife, Lillian, was established on May 5, 1968. Cyrus was a longtime missionary to Brazil who also served as Bishop of the Brazilian Methodist Church for ten years. Before working with Cyrus in South America, Lillian spent twenty-five years as a missionary to China.

On May 30, 1968, our congregation took part in a nationwide "Day of Prayer for Peace" observance, proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the Vietnam War. On that day, a special service was held in Christ Chapel.

Children & Family Ministries: What's Coming Up?



Friday, June 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on the CDC Playground

Come and enjoy the start of summer here with us at Washington Street for a church-wide Family Movie Night! Popcorn will be provided, and pizza will be served for \$1 a slice! Any additional funds collected after covering the cost of pizza will be donated towards Vacation Bible School. Invite a neighbor and bring a friend to join us! Register your family & friends today at www.wsmethodist.org/family/summer so we can obtain a headcount.

VACATION **BIBLE SCHOOL** Rolling River Rampage

June 25th - 29th, 8:45 - 11:45 AM Ages 3 - rising 6th Grade Regsister TODAY at www.wsmethodist.org Registration deadline to be guaranteed a tshirt is June 1st.



July 16th - 20th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ages 4 - Rising 8th Grade Register TODAY at www.wsmethodist.org





MUSIC DA MANIA

Beginning Sunday, June 3rd at 9:45 AM

During the Summer, elementary aged children will join together for a combined Sunday school offering where we will be a little "wild" and "work" our way through worship. We will learn all about worship, the sacraments, the church year, and MORE in fun, and exciting ways! There may even be some special guests along the way!



FIREFLIES GAME NIGHT!

Youth and their families are invited to join for the Columbia Fireflies game against the Augusta Greenjackets on Friday, June 8th at 7:05PM. Friday night fireworks included. Cost is \$9 per ticket and ALL are welcome! Bring your family and friends! Deadline to register is Sunday, June 3rd. Register through our website.





On April 24th, our PAUSE services proved to be a meaningful opportunity for people to gather together in the practice of mindful Christianity, and connect with others and God in a new way. Join us for our next PAUSE offerings on Tuesday, May 22nd. We will have two services that day, the first beginning at 12:30 PM at The Venue on Main Street, and the second service beginning at 6:00 PM here at Washington Street in the Wesley Room.

To learn more about PAUSE, visit www.wsmethodist.org/pause/

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 13 *Mother's Day*

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

Monday, May 14

2:00 PM Reconciling Ministries of SC - WR 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - JHC 5:30 PM Circle 9 - Off Campus

Tuesday, May 15

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 Parents of Murdered Children - Grace Class
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, May 16

3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR5:30 PM F3 Fellowship Supper6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, May 17 9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel

12:00 PM Lunch Bunch - TH 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR 5:30 PM Missions Committee - WR

Friday, May 18 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, May 19 1:00 PM Records & History Meeting - Museum/Archives

JHC - John Harper Classroom DCR - Disciple Conference Room

Sunday, May 20

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel 9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary 12:00 PM WSUMC Celebrates - TH 4:00 PM Mary's Maidens - DCR

Monday, May 21 6:00 PM Church Council - WR

Tuesday, May 22

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
12:30 PM PAUSE Service - The Venue on Main St.
4:00 PM Killingsworth Board Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:00 PM PAUSE Service - WR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, May 23

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR 3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR 5:30 PM Engaging New People Team Meeting - WR

Thursday, May 24

CDC Trike-A-Thon - CDC Playground & Parking Lot 9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel 5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR 6:00 PM United Methodist Men - WR 7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, May 25

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, May 26

No Activties Scheduled

TH - Threatt HallYR - Youth RoomWR - Wesley RoomHPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room GSR- Girl Scout Room