



THE CONNECTION

May 27, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

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

Congratulations to our Confirmands!



After spending the past few months studying what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the United Methodist Church, we are so proud of their dedication and eagerness to join our church through profession of faith. Join us in welcoming the newest members of Washington Street UMC!

PICTURED ABOVE (top row, left to right): Spencer Stevens, Meredith Miramonti, Emmi Lee, Samuel Schatz, Natalie Hefelfinger, Kirby Leitner **(bottom row, left to right):** Mary Elizabeth Brooks, Vivian Akre, Roxie Floyd, Mary Catherine McNair, and Jude Langley

Numbers with Neal

WSUMC Financial Summary (January - April 2018 YTD)

CHURCH:

Contributions

	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav (Unfav)
Pledges	\$186,844.92	\$227,112.68	(\$40,267.76)
Non-Pledges	49,845.35	62,554.00	(12,708.65)
Other Revenues	13,120.00	13,333.32	(213.32)
Total	\$249,810.27	\$303,000.00	(\$53,189.73)

Expenses

	Actual	Budget	Variance (Fav) Unfav
Operating Expenses	\$282,322.17	\$303,000.00	(\$20,677.83)
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$32,511.90)		(\$32,511.90)

FACE:

FACE - Total 2018

Budget Allocation

Faith Formation	\$21,050.00
Age & Family Ministries	7,800.00
Connections	5,600.00
Engaging New People	10,550.00
Total	\$45,000.00

	January - April 2018 Actual	January - April 2018 Budget	Variance (Fav) Unfav
Faith Formation	\$4,723.50	\$7,016.68	(\$2,293.18)
Age & Family Ministries	668.98	2,599.96	(1,930.98)
Connections	1,000.00	1,866.64	(866.64)
Engaging New People	150.00	3,516.68	(3,366.68)
Total	\$6,542.48	\$14,999.96	(\$8,457.48)

Welcome to another "Numbers with Neal" segment. I sincerely hope that you, and your families, are enjoying Spring and all the beauty that this season brings. For this month's segment, I would like to present you with the following information:

1. Washington Street's Financial Results for the January to April 2018 period
2. A summary of some key giving initiatives that will impact our local and state communities.

First, the Financial Results. The corresponding chart provides a summary of Actual to Budgeted Operating Results for January to April, inclusive of the FACE ministries.

As you can see, during the January to April period, Washington Street incurred a Net Operating Deficit of \$32,511.90. This Operating Deficit was driven by the following factors: Total Contributions and Other Revenues were unfavorable or less than budget by \$53,189.73; however, and positively offsetting this, Operating Expenses were \$20,677.83 favorable to or less than budget.

Further, actual spending for the various FACE ministries was \$6,542.48 versus a proportional January to April total budget of \$14,999.96; this resulted in FACE spending being favorable to budget in the amount of \$8,457.48.

Although, Contributions and Other Revenues are currently tracking lower than budget, the Church continues to effectively manage its overall spending.

Next, and in terms of the giving initiatives, I have the pleasure to report to you the following spending actions that will have a definite impact on our Columbia community as well as our State: The United Methodist Men's Ministry, in March, provided a contribution of \$444.00 to the Transitions Homeless Center located at 2025 Main Street, Columbia. This contribution will be used by Transitions to help with the purchase of dinner plates and serving utensils for their daily meal giving services. For Transitions, the Men's Ministry supports the provision of dinner services at least once a month during the last week of each month.

In April, the Finance Committee provided majority approval of the amount of \$375 to help with an Eagle Scout Project, for Epworth Children's Home, and which will involve the refurbishing, painting, and building cubicles for gym bags in the weight room. This Eagle Scout Project was championed by Madison Matthews, with Beth Caskey Robinson serving as Epworth's primary contact.

Also in April, the Finance Committee also provided majority approval of the amount of \$280 to help the upcoming Salkehatchie team, led by Susan Caskey, purchase eight (8) new water coolers to support this year's annual Salkehatchie event in June.

These spending initiatives are examples of how each of your unique financial contribution amounts, collectively, can support and change people's lives in our local community, our State, and beyond. The above noted giving actions cannot happen without your most generous and gracious financial giving. On behalf of the Men's Ministry and the Finance Committee, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

In future monthly segments, I look forward to bringing you more transparent financial information and other exciting stories of how Washington Street, through each of you, is positively impacting people's lives.

With sincere blessings,



Neal Foster, Finance Committee Chair

A Church-Wide Thank You!

With a full crowd last Sunday, we were able to celebrate the birthday of our church, and rejoice in our newest members from the Confirmation Class! With great appreciation, we would like to thank the Evangelism Team (especially Lee Haynes, Suzanne Joye, and Erin Johnson), as well as our staff and all of the volunteers who helped make the day such a special celebration for all. We hope you were able to enjoy a fun time of Christian fellowship with each other!



Peace with Justice Sunday

Today, we celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday. On this Special Sunday, follow in the footsteps of our founders who left us a legacy to care for and support the oppressed.

“Peace with Justice” represents many things — an absence of war, striving to live in harmony with others who may or may not share our beliefs, advocacy and support.

For over 100 years, The United Methodist Church has pursued advocacy for strangers and friends around the globe.

We believe that all God’s children deserve to live full lives.

When you give on this Special Sunday, you are joining together to break down barriers so that all God’s children have equal access to:

- Jobs
- Education
- Food
- Clean water
- Health care and so much more.

Will you join us today in supporting vulnerable and oppressed children, youth and adults?

Together, we will make a lasting impact today. Your offering will reach around the world, because. . .

TOGETHER, WE DO MORE.



Safe Sanctuaries

As Christians, we are called to care for our children and youth and nurture them in the faith. The church is where our kids find and feel the unconditional love of God, and it is through us that they will grow in this love. We are responsible for making sure that our children, youth, and vulnerable adults are in a safe environment when they are here at Washington Street UMC. Safe Sanctuaries is the United Methodist guiding policy to help us ensure that we are providing this safe environment. We encourage all congregants to attend a Safe Sanctuaries session, especially if you are an active volunteer with our children, youth, or vulnerable adults.

If you plan to volunteer with any of our summer programming, including VBS and/or Music Mania, it is imperative that you are Safe Sanctuaries certified.

The next Safe Sanctuaries offering will be led by Rev. Pafford on Wednesday, May 30th @ 5:30 PM in the Wesley Room.

If you have already participated in a previous session, you do not need to attend another one.

Thank you for helping us provide a safe and loving space for all to know the love of God. If you have any questions about Safe Sanctuaries training sessions, please contact Rev. Lippert or Rev. Pafford.



Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, June 3rd at 11:00 AM we will recognize and honor all of our graduates. (Highschool, College, Graduate School, etc.)

If you or your child will be graduating this Spring (or have graduated since last year's recognition) please email Lainey with the following information: name, parent's names, school graduating from, and degree earned. (lainey@wsmethodist.org)

Please submit this information to Lainey NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 29th. Thank you!

Announcements

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Acolytes bring the light of Christ's spirit into the worship service. Children who are rising 4th through 8th grades are eligible to serve as acolytes. Training for prospective acolytes will be held in June and July. Please contact Susan Brown (803-422-9394 or sbrown13@sc.rr.com) if your child would like to serve.

SUMMER CHOIR: Our Sanctuary Choir has moved 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)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SURVEY: 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/

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM: 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)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: Mary's Maidens are seeking donations of sunscreen, flip flops, toothbrushes, toothpaste, snack crackers, granola bars, and small cans of Vienna Sausages. We will be filling 200 gift bags to be given to Soup Cellar clientele in July. Monetary donations are welcome. Thank you to the congregation for supporting the mission projects of the girls in Mary's Maidens.

PRAYING FOR MISSION TRIPS: The Faith Formation team would like to have someone praying for each member of the Salkehatchie Mission Team and the Ecuador Mission Team while these team members are serving as the hands and feet of God. If you would like to pray for a team member everyday while that team member is serving, please contact Mary Lide. (neaudl@aol.com) *Salkehatchie - June 16th - 23rd | Ecuador - July 9th - 19th*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rolling River Rampage

June 25th - 29th, 8:45 - 11:45 AM
Ages 3 - rising 6th Grade

Register TODAY at www.wsmethodist.org/family/summer
OR through your Church Life App

Registration deadline to be guaranteed a tshirt is June 1st.



MUSIC MANIA



July 16th - 20th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages 4 - Rising 8th Grade

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OR through your Church Life App

Registration deadline to be guaranteed a tshirt is June 29th.



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 *Tommy Betenbaugh*

When Tommy Betenbaugh started attending Washington Street, his fiancé Mary Ann told him that although they would be married there, they didn't have to keep attending.

But, they did keep attending. Mary Ann had been a member since she was 12, and he joined enthusiastically.

"Mr. Bill (Brumbach), the head usher, made me feel loved and welcome," Tommy said. "I said, 'This is where I need to be.'"

Now, 33 years later, Tommy is head usher at the 11 o'clock service, and it is a role he relishes.

"I enjoy welcoming people," he said, although he admits, he probably knows only 70 percent of their names.

"You've got it right," he joked, quoting member Susan Cordini. "If they're a man, you call them Bud, and if they're a woman, you call them Honey or Dear."

Tommy said that if anyone would like to usher, they should contact him at his e-mail address, Tbetenbaugh@sc.rr.com. He said he would like to schedule ushers from a pool, as is done at the 9 o'clock service.

The things Tommy has been involved in at church show that he is a people person.

He worked on a few Habitat for Humanity houses and traveled to Florida to rebuild after Hurricane Andrew.

He was an adult volunteer at Salkehatchie when his daughters, Amy and Sara, worked at the Camp Swamp Fox site. This year he went on the confirmation retreat to Lake Junaluska.

He became a Sunday school teacher for the 2s and 3s, although he said he is mainly there for "crowd control." About 16 years ago, lead teacher Mary Lide recruited him to "ride herd over" one little boy, and, "I've been there ever since."

Tommy said going to Salkehatchie has been the most influential experience of his life.

"I am on this roof, and it is 100 degrees," he said. "Kids are working away, and I thought, 'This is where I belong.' It makes you appreciate what you have and don't take it for granted."

He grew up in a military family and attended school in Columbia after his father was transferred to Fort Jackson when he was in the second grade.

He graduated from Spring Valley High School in 1972 and was a school bus driver from the time he was 14.

One Saturday before he graduated, Tommy and a friend found an open door at the school and rode their motorcycles up and down the halls. He said he was 17 or 18, "old enough to know better but young enough to not care."

The Monday after he graduated from Spring Valley, Tommy went to work in the print shop at the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Fifteen months later, he went to work as a document conservator at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

Tommy would treat documents – as diverse as today's newspaper clipping and a 300-year-old land grant – physically and chemically. He said he loved the job: "I felt like I was prolonging the useful life of information" for 200 to 300 more years.

When Tommy retired from Archives in 2002, he went back part time for nine years. No one else had filled his position, and when he finally left, the position was cut.

"It makes me feel sad," Tommy said. "Where are their priorities?"

Tommy met Mary Ann on a blind date in 1985, and they married in 1986.

"I do now believe in love at first sight," he said matter-of-factly. Mary Ann works as a physical therapist at Palmetto Health Richland, where she and her colleagues jokingly say they are "physical terrorists."

Tommy and Mary Ann have two daughters. Amy Lahlou teaches second grade at a French immersion school in Laurel, Maryland. Sara lives in Bellingham, Washington, where she works for REI, which sells sporting goods and outdoor gear. She will move to Seattle in September to take a full-time job with Young Life, a worldwide mission devoted to introducing adolescents to Jesus and helping them to grow in their faith.

Over the years, Tommy has had many jobs. He is still working part time for The Richland Library, a job he started when he was no longer working full time for Archives. Tommy rotates among the library branches and handles customer-service tasks.

He worked for Dunbar Funeral Home, driving a hearse and dressing bodies. He controlled the sound and lights for two local bands, Mama's Home Cooking and Second Nature. He scanned and indexed applications for legal residence for the Richland County Assessor's Office, spotting discrepancies a couple of times and saving the county \$1,500 each time.

Article Written by Fran Zupan

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF

LUKE NANCE

to Gracious Goodness

by Ron & Lane Bowden

to Music Ministries

by Roy & Vicki Alexander

by Jim & Gloria Apple

by Dr. & Mrs. Robert L. Beamer

by David Byrum

by Mrs. L. Arlen Cotter

by Jacob Culclasure

& Emily Watkins

by Robbie & Lisa Douglas

by Kevin & Carol Duggan

by Ed & Sara Fisher

by Jacqueline Floyd

by Dr. Rick Frierson

by John & Lynda Galloway

by John & Jean Geiger

by James E. Gerrald

by Harry & Marci Horner

by Stephen, Frances,

& William Hubbard

by Glynn & Linda Johnson

by Suzanne Joye

by Elizabeth & Barry Keith

by Helen S. Mills

by Carole McConkey

by Jo Anne Nichols

by Sara Nicholson

by Elizabeth & Mack Ouzts

by Julian Ruffin & Anne Sinclair

by Nancy Self

by Ned Self

by Mr. & Mrs. Harry V. Shade

by Lynn Shirley

by Linda & Bryan Stanley

by The Rev. Dr. John

& Cynthia Stapleton

by Violet Tsiantis

by Chip Williams

by James & Mary Nell Wilson

by Wilma Winslow

to WSUMC

by Larry Hembree & Joe Hudson

by Martha S. King

by Virginia B. Vaughan

LES OUTLAW

to WSUMC

by Robbie & Lisa Douglas

IN HONOR OF

RICK & DEBORAH ROWE

to the Soup Cellar

by Martha Boynton

2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS

to WSUMC

by the Miramonti Family

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 27, Rick and Kitty Hepfer will share their observations and stories from trips to Cuba and Vietnam. On June 3, the Rev. Carl Evans will begin a three-week series on "Rewritten Bible." The class will discuss why the Bible often has multiple and divergent accounts of the same thing.

THE GRACE CLASS: During the month of June, they will begin a study on the text, *Grateful: The Transforming Power of Giving Thanks*, by Diana Butler Bass. Christine Hait will lead the discussions for this study.

THE JOHN HARPER CLASS: Using New Testament texts that focus on justice, they are exploring how to implement justice toward one another in their daily lives.

THE JOY 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 are in the midst of a 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 are in the midst of 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.

WILD ABOUT WORSHIP

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!

YOUTH CORNER

You can find registration links for Youth activities on our website. Have any questions?

Ask Rev. Taylor!

taylor@wsmethodist.org



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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Youth volunteers are always welcome and needed at VBS! Come join us for a week of music, games, crafts, worship, snacks, and more! June 25th - 29th, 8:45 - 11:45 AM Register today at www.wsmethodist.org/family/summer

LATOYA ADAMS & KENDRICK WILLIAMS
Mezzo-Soprano Baritone

Present

A BENEFIT RECITAL OF *Spirituals*

Featuring



Malcolm Lemons
Bass



Johnnie Felder
Tenor

Dr. Rick Frierson
Accompanist

Becky Rebl
Flautist

Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Washington Street United Methodist Church
Columbia, South Carolina

A love offering will be taken at the Recital

All donations are being used to support both artist as they attend a national voice competition in Las Vegas

Can't Make the Recital?

**CONTACT KENDRICK WILLIAMS
FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE
803.378.7313**





*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 per 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.

PELICAN'S SNOBALLS WILL BE THERE, TOO!
Family, friends, a movie, pizza, popcorn, and Pelican's.....you don't want to miss out!

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 27

Peace with Justice Sunday

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 28

Memorial Day

Church Office/CDC/Soup Cellar - CLOSED

Tuesday, May 29

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, May 30

3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR
5:30 PM Safe Sanctuaries Session - WR

Thursday, May 31

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel

Friday, June 1

6:00 PM Church-Wide Family Movie Night - CDC Playground

Saturday, June 2

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, June 3

9:00 AM Worship & Communion - Christ Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanctuary
Graduate Recognition Sunday
4:00 PM A Benefit Recital of Spirituals - Sanctuary

Monday, June 4

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, June 5

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

Wednesday, June 6

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
3:00 PM Hispanic Family Tutoring Class - DCR

Thursday, June 7

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel

Friday, June 8

7:00 PM Youth @ Fireflies Game - Spirit Comm. Park

Saturday, June 9

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