



# THE CONNECTION

*November 11, 2018*

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201



## Forward in Faith, Hope, and Love *Stewardship 2019*

Forward is a word that we now often hear in relation to the upcoming called General Conference where The Commission on a Way Forward will present their report to The General Conference. Many United Methodists are experiencing anxiety as this Conference approaches. But I seized on the word “forward” in thinking about 2019 at Washington Street. Forward is a direction that speaks to the future. While it does not forget the past, the eyes of those who are moving forward are focused on the future. The great lyrics of “Forward Through the Ages” express it this way: “Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.”

United in faith we are ready to follow Jesus as God’s people, like Bartimaeus, healed and restored by the grace of God extended to us in Christ. Forward is a word whose foundation is faith.

Forward is a word of hope. It reminds us that where we are today is not where we will be tomorrow. We are moving forward. As Easter people we believe that the hope of Christ is for this life and for the next. We believe that God is calling us to faithful ministries that transform lives. We see lives transformed as new friends find a church home; as children are nurtured and instructed in the teachings of Jesus; as adults grow in their faith through Sunday School, small groups, worship and fellowship. We see lives transformed as we serve in our Soup Cellar, at Transitions, with Alcorn Middle School, in International Mission in Ecuador, through our Sunday Dinners, and in our partnerships with Cooperative Ministry, Killingsworth Home, Epworth, and the many connectional ministries of our United Methodist Church. Forward is a word of hope for individuals, for communities, and for the world.

Forward is a word of love. Love for God and love for neighbor is the core teaching of The Bible. “In the beginning...” we were created by God for companionship with God and with one another. We were created for love. Every new day presents new opportunities to love God and to love our neighbors in the ways we choose to live our lives. Forward is a word that captures the reality that love is most often a verb, rather than a noun. As we move forward in love, we undergo the transforming power of God so that day-by-day our lives reflect the essential nature of God, which is love.

Forward in faith, hope and love. That is our vision for 2019. Our visions become reality when we give from the wholeness of our lives: our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Prayerfully consider how you will respond to “the call divine” and, please, share yourself with God and with this great congregation.

And may we all pray for peace,  
*Patricia*

# Stewardship Luncheon

Join us on Sunday, November 18th



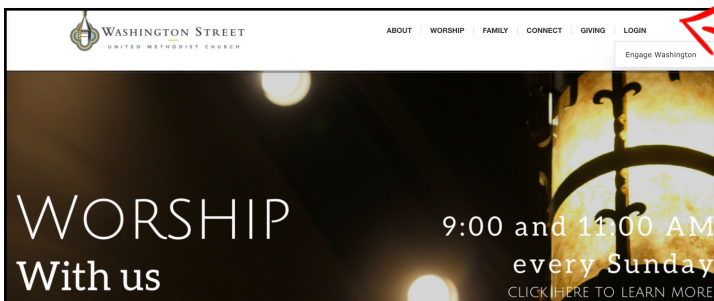
As we near the end of our Stewardship Season, we hope to gather all members and friends of Washington Street to celebrate the last year of ministry together and look towards the opportunities of 2019. We invite all to join us for a church-wide pot-luck luncheon **NEXT SUNDAY, November 18th**, immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service in Threath Hall.

Sunday school classes have been asked to bring certain items but if you aren't connected to a Sunday school class and are able to contribute to the luncheon, side dishes of any kind would be greatly appreciated! **If you aren't sure of what your Sunday school class has been asked to contribute, please contact Lainey Wood ([lainey@wsmethodist.org](mailto:lainey@wsmethodist.org))**. All dishes can be dropped off in the Church Kitchen beginning at 8:45 on Sunday morning, November 18th.

## Online Pledging

*Accessible, Secure, and Personal*

Did you know that you are able to submit your pledge for the 2019 year in just 5 easy steps? If you're on the go or haven't had the opportunity to fill out a pledge card yet, you have access to online pledging at your fingertips while still maintaining a sense of personal significance and security. You must have an Engage Washington account to access online pledging. Engage Washington is a program open to all members, and is conveniently located on the home page of the website. Questions? Ask Lainey, [lainey@wsmethodist.org](mailto:lainey@wsmethodist.org)



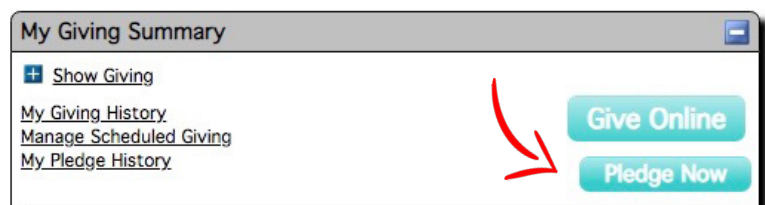
**Step 1:** Log into your Engage Washington account from [wsmethodist.org](http://wsmethodist.org)...

**Step 2:** Locate the "My Giving Summary" panel on the left side of your Engage Washington home page, and click "Pledge Now"...

**Step 3:** Designate how much you'd like to pledge and at what frequency...

**Step 4:** Designate your pledge to go towards the "Washington Street UMC" fund, or select another fund for your pledge...

**Step 5:** Select the beginning and end dates for your pledge, and finish by clicking "Save".



## Sunday School Classes

**THE ALDERSGATE CLASS:** They will continue a new series by Professor Bart Ehrman (on DVD) titled *From Jesus to Constantine*. Everyone who may be interested is invited to attend.

**THE DAWSEY CLASS:** On November 11th, class member Dr. Linda Reardon will finish her presentation on “What Did Jesus Look Like?” based on the book of the same name by Joan E. Taylor. Class members are asked to bring any depictions of Jesus they have from home. On November 18th, class member Charles Garren, director of community development for Lexington County, will talk about Housing and Urban Development grants and how they work – or not.

**THE GRACE CLASS:** They will continue a study on the text, *Sacred Resistance*, with discussions led by Rev. Diana Westerkam.

**THE JOHN HARPER CLASS:** They explore how God makes use of imperfect people such as Jacob and us.

**THE JOY CLASS:** They recently began a study on, *Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It*, by Adam Hamilton and will continue for the next 5 weeks.

**THE OPEN DOOR CLASS:** They are continuing their study entitled, “The Rock, The Road and The Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. This book looks at Christian and Messianic Jewish perspectives on Jesus, the Scripture, and the Holy Land..

**THE PAUL HARMON CLASS:** Rev. Don Britt will continue leading them through the book of Galatians.

## Announcements

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Richard L. Frierson, MD, becoming the 45th President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), the largest forensic psychiatry organization in the United States on Sunday, October 28th in Austin, Texas. Rick is the first AAPL President from South Carolina to serve in this capacity.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF:** Thank you to everyone who took the time to drop their change and dollars into the UNICEF boxes. You helped us collect \$264.37 for children in need around the world. It's scary good how much a little change can change the life of a child in need!

**HALLOWEEN PACKAGES:** If you are the parent or grandparent of a college student, please remind your student to check their mailbox! Halloween surprises from the children in the 2's and 3's Sunday school class were mailed last week.

**GRACIOUS GOODNESS:** Please notify the church office if you, or someone you know, is in need of prepared meals. The Gracious Goodness freezer is stocked with yummy frozen meals waiting to be delivered.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE:** Pictures of Washington Street's children (nursery through sixth grade) will be taken during Sunday School on November 11th, 18th, and 25th. See Mary Lide after 11:00 AM worship if you miss Sunday School.



### Sundays, December 2nd and 9th

will be Undie Sundays at Washington Street, so plan to bring some new underwear when you come to church! When our children and grandchildren outgrow their clothes, most of us are able to buy replacements. But so many families in the Midlands can't afford to do that. A lot of our neighbors rely on the Clothing Bank at the Cooperative Ministry, where they are given good used clothing that has been donated.

What the Clothing Bank is always short of, though, is new underwear. That's the point of our Undie Sundays, sponsored by the Active Faith Small Group. We want to provide new underwear for children who otherwise might not have any. All sizes are needed; remember that most teenagers wear adult sizes. The Clothing Bank at the Cooperative Ministry is the largest in South Carolina, and donated items are always given to those in need, not sold in a thrift shop. Teachers and guidance counselors come in seeking school clothes or coats for students who would otherwise have to stay at home. Social workers are frequent visitors, picking up things for their neediest clients. Families whose homes have burned or flooded are served here, as are mothers and fathers looking for work clothes to get or keep a job. Help the Cooperative Ministry help our neighbors!

**Please bring new underwear of any size, still in the package, on one of our Undie Sundays.**

## Save the Dates

Join us after 11:00 AM Worship for a Spaghetti Dinner **THIS Sunday, November 11th**. Dine in or carry-out; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 and up, free for children ages 5 and under.

This meal will be provided by the Active Faith Small Group and Mary's Maidens. All proceeds will be used to fund service projects for both groups.



# Spaghetti DINNER



# Bake Sale

### Leave the baking to us!

Having family or friends over for Thanksgiving? Invited out for dinner and need to take a dessert? You are in luck! The UMW will once again hold their annual Bake Sale on **Sunday, November 18th**. They will begin sales at 9:45 AM and will conclude after the 11:00 AM service.

Cakes, pies, cookies, breakfast goodies, breads, biscuits, jams - all the stuff that makes your mouth water. No cash or checks? No problem! We accept credit cards.

All proceeds will go to Killingsworth this year. Help support this special ministry that was started in our church, AND do yourself a favor by enjoying homemade goodies.



**Sunday December 2nd  
5:00-7:00 PM in Threat Hall**

The Advent Festival is a time to prepare and await for the arrival of Jesus. Please join us for this intergenerational event! We will have a baked potato supper, a time of reflection and singing, and make Advent wreaths and other crafts. If you would like to help in the kitchen, bringing greenery for the Advent wreaths, and/or supervising crafts, please contact Mary Lide, [neaudl@aol.com](mailto:neaudl@aol.com).

### Sundays, December 9th and 16th

Washington Street will host a Living Gift Market for Heifer International. This holiday season, give a life-changing gift to Heifer International in honor of a friend or loved one. It's a gift that brings promise to hungry families and the opportunity for better lives. Giving a Heifer gift takes the stress out of holiday shopping while putting the meaning back into giving. You may purchase your gifts before and after Sunday School and after the 11:00 service with cash, check, or credit card.

Moey Christmas!



**Heifer International  
Living Gift Market**



**Sunday, December 16th at 11:00 AM**

Save the date for your children to join us in our annual Children's Nativity!

We hope our YOUTH will also consider participating in this Christmas tradition with our Children's Ministry! We strongly encourage the youth of our church to join us this year as the children are always more excited when the youth are involved in the process and production.

Rehearsals will occur during the Sunday school hour on Sundays leading up to December 16th (exact dates TBA).

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Taylor or Dane Waund.  
[taylor@wsmethodist.org](mailto:taylor@wsmethodist.org) | [dane.waund@gmail.com](mailto:dane.waund@gmail.com)

# Christmas Poinsettias

**Orders due by 12 PM on Thursday, November 15th.**

Order forms available in the Church Office and online at  
[wsmethodist.org/worship/bulletin](http://wsmethodist.org/worship/bulletin)

# Advent Devotionals

Please submit by Tuesday, November 12th.  
[lainey@wsmethodist.org](mailto:lainey@wsmethodist.org)

The Faith Formation Team is working towards publishing another booklet of devotionals for the Advent season, written by Washington Street members. Part of our call to discipleship is “telling our faith story.”

**Would you consider sharing a devotion with us?**

If you would like to share a personal testimony or story of how God has worked in your life, we would love to hear from you! You are welcome to include a bible verse or passage, but it is not required. Length is also entirely up to you but we ask that you try not to exceed 4-5 paragraphs.

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Beth Matthews.**

## She Sings!

This fall, an exciting new choral group was formed. She Sings!, a ladies ensemble directed by Fredna Lee, Angela Powers, Lillian Quackenbush and Paula Wilson met in our Choir Room each week to prepare for a concert on Tuesday, October 30th . We believe that this is the first volunteer ladies community choir in Columbia. We were thrilled that 49 singers participated in the rehearsal process. On concert night, in addition to the performers, around 240 people were in the audience. Beautiful music filled the sanctuary. The enthusiastic singers were well prepared and the audience was most appreciative. An offering of \$2,164.00 was received to benefit Killingsworth Home. It was a special night for all involved. The directors and singers greatly appreciate the hospitality extended by WSUMC. We hope that this group grows and continues to support women's causes in our community.



**Washington Street's traditional and exciting Christmas gift to the community will be held on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 PM.**

Sing-Along Messiah was founded in 2002, on the principle that everyone in the metropolitan Columbia area, and anyone willing to travel to Columbia, should have the opportunity to sing some part of Messiah at least once a year.

Sing-Along Messiah is a joyous night of worship, instrumental music, and singing!

It is a treasured opportunity for our Church and Music Ministry to be able to share this occasion with our downtown community, and neighbors far and wide. To learn more about Sing-Along Messiah, visit [www.singalongmessiah.org](http://www.singalongmessiah.org).

Only with your assistance and through your generosity can we carry on this Washington Street tradition. Your contributions are needed, and never go unnoticed. If you would like to make a personal or business donation, you can write a check payable to WSUMC with "SAM" in the memo line. You can also contribute **ONLINE** at [www.singalongmessiah.org](http://www.singalongmessiah.org) or [www.wsmethodist.org](http://www.wsmethodist.org), or you can text the word "Engage" to the number 73256.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

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 *Alisa Liggett*

In retrospect, it seems like Alisa Liggett's path was a clear one to the job she really wanted, executive director of student conduct and academic integrity at the University of South Carolina.

Her journey started at the University of South Florida-Tampa, near the suburban home where she grew up. Because she, her twin sister and their mother were in school at the same time, they had to work their way through. She lived at home for two years.

When she was a junior, Alisa became student body vice president, a paid position. This allowed her to move away from home and also to learn how a college worked.

Alisa decided to earn a master's degree in higher education administration from Florida State University. She had an assistantship in student conduct and found that she loved it.

It involves talking to students who have hit some sort of crisis, getting them to open up really fast about something they're not proud of and then figuring out how to help them.

When Alisa got her degree, she applied for a job at only one school, USC. Her field is specialized, and having thought Tallahassee was cold, compared to Tampa, she didn't want to go much farther north than Columbia.

She gave it one shot, and she got the job. She supervises a staff of 12, who she says "do most of the work." The cases fall into three categories.

First, academic integrity (about 550 cases a year): cheating on tests and buying papers off the Internet.

"As technology gets more complex, ways to cheat get more complex," she said. Students have faked not only doctor's excuses, but also a funeral programs from a grandparent's "funeral."

Second, general conduct (3,000 to 4,000 cases a year): bringing a weapon on campus, distributing drugs and hazing.

Alisa said hazing is "like an infection that spreads and spreads until the people don't realize it is a controlling and dangerous activity." She said that three fraternities have been suspended for hazing this year.

"There are so many frightening outcomes that it keeps you up at night," she said.

The third category is "students of concern" who require a behavioral intervention (550 to 600 cases a year). Alisa is chairperson of the behavioral intervention team.

For example, a student can call and say she thinks her roommate is suicidal. Someone from Alisa's office will call and ask the roommate, "Do you realize this is what people are seeing happen?"

Someone from her office will call and attempt to help, which in many cases results in connecting the student with the campus counseling center.

Alisa said two situations are the most difficult: suspending someone and assessing someone who has been victimized.

She said something that happened while she was in college was life-changing. She volunteered with a group called Kids on the Block, which used puppets to identify and combat child abuse. A third-grade girl disclosed to Alisa's puppet – and to her whole class – that she was being abused. Alisa's puppet talked to the little girl about what she should do, and after that, Alisa knew she had to do something similar to change people's lives.

"I wish I could thank her for setting my course," she said.

Alisa was raised Catholic and attended Catholic schools. One Palm Sunday, her boyfriend Pete Liggett suggested that she attend Washington Street because of the beautiful service. Pete, a psychologist, had to work that day. He had started coming to Washington Street when his first wife Tiffeny was director of the Child Development Center.

Alisa walked into the sanctuary by herself. The Rev. Mike Alexander, the senior minister, was preaching. Alisa sat next to Martha Helen Sawyer (now King). By and Bobby Collins were sitting in front of her, and they were so friendly that she returned.

"I knew more people in this church in a few weeks than I ever knew in my beloved Catholic church," Alisa said.

Alisa and Pete got married at Washington Street in 2007. Her fraternal twin Angela – "my favorite person on earth" – was one of her Best Women.

Today, Alisa serves as a communion steward and on the Good Samaritan Committee, which considers monetary requests from members who have unexpected expenses. Alisa calls herself the "hard-core person" on that committee.

"Because of the job I do, I want someone to be working toward their development," she said of the recipients. "It's supposed to be for a single crisis."

Alisa has two step-children, twins Scott and Chloe, who are seniors at Clemson.

She teaches two yoga classes a week, one at USC's Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center and the other a private class on Arsenal Hill.

"It's a true joy to help people stop their busy day and reconnect with what centers them," she said

*Article Written by Fran Zupan*

## Gifts

### *IN MEMORY OF*

JOHN N. BEARD, SR.  
*to the Soup Cellar*

by John Beard, Jr. & Eva Beard

BILLY MCALISTER  
*to Missions*

by Chip Williams  
*to the Soup Cellar*

by Nancy Whittle  
& Sandra Howell  
*to WSUMC*

by Harvey & Ann Jessup



# From the Records and History Committee

## 100 YEARS AGO

On November 11, 1918, World War I came to an end, and the Washington Street congregation rejoiced with the rest of the nation. Well over 100,000 U.S. servicemen died in what became known as the “Great War”.

## CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, November 11

9:00 AM Worship and Communion - Chapel  
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
9:30 AM Junior Choir Practice - 2nd Floor Jr. Choir Room  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner - TH

### Monday, November 12

12:00 PM Journey Through Grief Group - HPR  
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - JHC

### Tuesday, November 13

7:30 AM MACH Breakfast - TH  
8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
10:30 AM Circle 3 - WR  
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC  
2:00 PM Reconciling Ministries of SC - WR  
4:00 PM FCGV - WR  
5:00 PM Christ Chapel Courtyard Committee - JHC  
5:30 PM AVP - WR  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
6:00 PM Engaging New People Team Meeting - JHC  
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR  
6:30 PM “What’s Stealing Your Joy?” Small Group - Home of Beth Matthews

### Wednesday, November 14

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR  
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor Classrooms  
6:00 PM Sunday Dinner Follow-Up Meeting - JHC  
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

### Thursday, November 15

8:00 AM YMCA SC Youth Legislative Session - Campus  
9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
11:30 AM Conversation Matters - The Grand on Main  
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting - WR  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
6:30 PM Communication Committee Meeting - JHC  
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

### Friday, November 16

8:00 AM YMCA SC Youth Legislative Session - Campus  
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

### Saturday, November 17

Church-Wide Retreat to Bulls Island

### Sunday, November 18

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel  
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
9:30 AM Junior Choir Practice - 2nd Floor Jr. Choir Room  
9:45 AM UMW Bake Sale  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Church-Wide Stewardship Luncheon - TH

### Monday, November 19

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
5:00 PM CDC Thanksgiving Feast - TH  
6:00 PM Church Council - WR

### Tuesday, November 20

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
6:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children - Grace Class  
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR  
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel  
7:00 PM Transgender Day of Remembrance - Chapel

### Wednesday, November 21

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC  
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor  
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

### Thursday, November 22

Church Office, CDC, & Soup Cellar - CLOSED

### Friday, November 23

Church Office, CDC, & Soup Cellar - CLOSED

### Saturday, November 24

No Activities Scheduled

JHC - John Harper Classroom  
DCR - Disciple Conference Room

TH - Threath Hall  
WR - Wesley Room

YR - Youth Room  
HPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room  
SC - Soup Cellar