



THE CONNECTION

October 14, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 4 - 6 PM



**COME DRESSED IN YOUR COSTUME
FOR SOME ADDED FUN!**

You are invited to join us for an amazing afternoon at our Fall festival featuring: a bouncy house, a giant inflatable slide, balloons by Balloonopolis, temporary tattoos, nail painting, cake walk, carnival games, crafts, and more! This event is for our whole church family as well as our community members, so invite a friend and tell your neighbors!

Hot dogs and side items will be available for dinner.

TRUNK OR TREAT?

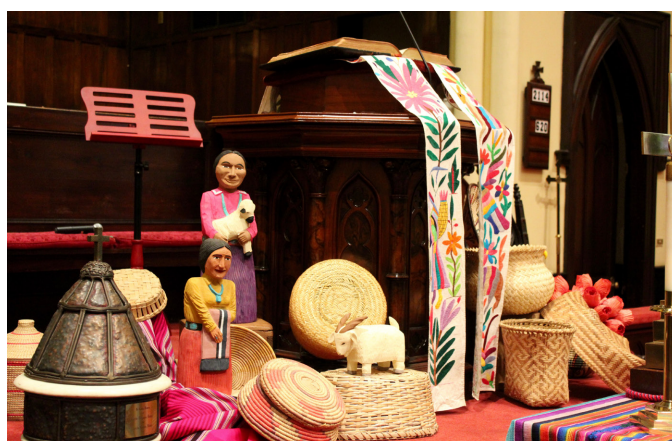
We are hoping to offer a "Trunk or Treat" at Fall festival this year but we need people willing to decorate their car trunks creatively and to give out candy and prizes to our kids! Willing to volunteer to make Fall Festival even more fun?

Contact Rev. Taylor, taylor@wsmethodist.org



World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 7th, we acknowledged World Communion Sunday and celebrated the global connections of the Church. Our altars and hallways were enhanced with elements from the folk art collection of Jean Kanes as symbols of the inclusive and universal nature of Christ's love. If you weren't able to join us for World Communion Sunday, we hope you'll enjoy the photographs that highlighted the beauty of our worship space on this day. Many thanks to Jean for giving so generously of her time and creativity to bring this celebration to life.



Journey Through Grief

We are pleased to offer a six week series on grief that will be led by Dr. John Evans & Dr. Julian Ruffin. Dr. Evans served as a United Methodist minister, then spent 38 years as a pastoral counselor and family/marriage therapist. Dr. Ruffin retired as Coordinator of Psychosocial Programs of the Children's Cancer Unit at Palmetto Health Hospital. Both men have worshiped at Washington Street for many years and recently were together on our church's mission trip to Ecuador. They bring years of experience and expertise on the topic of grief. Participants are asked to bring a photo of the person they lost and/or a memento of that person.

The group will meet on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Traxler Classroom.
Dates of the class are: November 5th, 12th, 26th, & December 3rd, 10th, and 17th

The group is limited to 12 people. Please register by Thursday, October 25th.
 To register, please e-mail the following info. to Beth Matthews, mtthws@msn.com.

NAME, E-MAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND LOSS YOU ARE GRIEVING....

Warmth
 from the heart of
 Washington Street

Though the temperature does not yet feel like Fall, it is here and our Soup Cellar patrons are feeling the evening chill. Active Faith is resuming our Blanket Ministry; taking clean, gently used twin blankets or throws, gloves, skull caps and scarves and new socks. All donations can be left in the corresponding bin in the Missions Garden and will be taken to the Soup Cellar where they are already being distributed by request. Thank you for your support!



Volunteers Still Needed

Two of Washington Street's Engaging New People core teams along with The Active Faith Small Group are partnering together to host "Sunday Dinner" on October 28th from 4:00-6:00 PM. This is a Family Style Dinner designed to help us engage with the homeless and working poor of our community. Sunday Dinner is modeled after The Welcome Table; a ministry of The Haywood Street United Methodist Mission in Asheville, North Carolina. We need lots of volunteers who are willing to engage in this "ministry with" experience. We want to break down barriers, and extend the family of God to our neighbors as we eat together.

There are many opportunities to volunteer, and you are welcome to pick which capacity you'd like to serve in. We are looking for help with set-up, kitchen assistants, greeters, table companions & servers, dessert donations, passing out gift bags, and assistance with clean-up following the meal. Sign up today and let's discover together what God will do!

wsmethodist.org/sundaydinner/

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: For the next two Sundays, the class will continue its study on *The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium*, by Walter Wink. The Rev. John Evans will lead the discussion. October 14th, the class will take up Chapters 5 through 8; and October 21st, Chapters 9 through 11.

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 are exploring how God redirected His people in Noah's life and the implications for our lives today.

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 in the midst of a short study on C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. They will discuss three theological virtues from his writings - Faith, Hope and Charity.

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

Announcements

MARY'S MAIDENS: Mary's Maidens will meet THIS Sunday, October 14 at 4:00-5:30 in the Disciple Conference Room and the Church Kitchen. All girls in first - sixth grades are encouraged to join us. Friends are always welcome!

LAST CALL!! SNAIL MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: The 2's and 3's Sunday School Class needs the mailing addresses of Washington Street college students. No address, no surprise! If your student's address did not change, we need to know that, too. Please send addresses to Mary Lide, neaudl@aol.com.

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF: It's Scary Good! Girls from Mary's Maidens will be Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF on Sunday, October 28th, after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM worship services. If you don't carry cash, we will accept checks payable to WSUMC with "UNICEF" in the memo line.

50¢ - 1 packet of ready-to-use therapeutic food to help save a malnourished child

\$2 - 10 bars of soap to help kids remain clean and healthy

\$5 - 1 UNICEF backpack for a child to go to school

\$7 - 1 volleyball for kids to play and learn teamwork

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: The annual Killingsworth Gala is Thursday, November 8th at Seawells. Tickets are on sale now. Participants wishing to sit together need to purchase their tickets at the same time. The UMW Bake Sale will be on Sunday, November 18th before and after Sunday school, and after 11:00 worship. All proceeds will be given to the Killingsworth Dental fund.

MAGAZINE EXCHANGE: When you finish reading your magazines, bring them to the Washington Street magazine exchange. Located in the McDonald Library (second floor by the elevator), members may take magazines to read and enjoy. Some magazines available to borrow are: *National Geographic*, *Parents Magazine*, *Southern Living*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Smithsonian Magazine*.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Join us after 11:00 AM Worship for a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 11th. Dine in or carry-out; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 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.

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.

Minister APPRECIATION MONTH

During the month of October, a basket will be placed on the table outside of the Church Office in which you can place notes or cards of thanks to our ministers. This is an opportunity for all who attend worship to express their appreciation as we observe Minister Appreciation Month.

Songs for the Journey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AT 7:30 PM
WASHINGTON STREET UMC



photo by Caroline Earp



She Sings

Created to meet the specific interests of women who make singing a part of their life's journey, She Sings is the first community group of its kind in our area.

The all-volunteer choir of 45 voices began rehearsing in September under the direction of four well-known choral directors, Fredna Lee, Angela Powers, Lillian Quackenbush and Paula Wilson, with Lucinda Shields, accompanist.

The program will include songs that reflect a journey that begins with the creation of new life, moves through its everyday rhythms, and ends with a crossing of the bar.

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS COLLECTED TO BENEFIT
KILLINGSWORTH HOME



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**.

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** or **www.wsmethodist.org**, or you can text the word "Engage" to the number 73256. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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.

We ask that devotions be sent to Lainey Wood no later than November 12th. lainey@wsmethodist.org



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 4th.

The memorial banner and the basket containing the gold bells will be in the Christ Chapel Courtyard beginning Sunday, October 21st. Please attach the bells to the banner in memory of your family members and friends. You are also invited to remember someone special by purchasing a rose for the floral arrangement on the altar Sunday, November 4th. The name of the deceased person you remember does NOT have to have Washington Street connections. Each rose is \$10 with one name per rose.

Order forms are available in the Church Office as well as online, wsmethodist.org/worship/bulletin. Make checks payable to Washington Street and mark the lower left memo line of your check "Rose." All proceeds from roses purchased will go to the Flower Fund. Order forms and payment for roses must be turned into the Church Office **by 12 PM on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th.**

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE FANT
to the Stained Glass Window Fund
by Ann L. Fishburne

T. ROLAND LIDE
to the Soup Cellar
by Lanneau & Mary Lide

ARLENE SHIULER
to WSUMC
by Shelley Stafford

EBBIE MEEK
to the Soup Cellar
by Ann & Harvey Jessup

JACKIE YOUNG
to the Soup Cellar
by Robert & Joan Beamer
by Judith C. Thompson
by Virginia Vaughan
by Alan-Jon & Fran Zupan

IN HONOR OF
EMILY & BOB BALDWIN
to WSUMC
by Linda & Bryant Lindsey



Church-Wide Retreat to Bulls Island

Saturday, November 17th

The Age Level and Family Ministries Team has set a date for the Church-Wide Retreat to Bulls Island departing from Awendaw, SC! This retreat is open to individuals and families of all ages, with a variety of activities to choose from. The adventure begins by meeting in Awendaw, SC to take a naturalist-led boat tour on a ferry boat through the saltmarsh estuary. As we navigate through the fields that edge the estuary creeks to the island, the captain and mate share their knowledge and passion about the refuge, the wildlife and its history.

The Eco-tour to the island takes about 30 minutes, and it is not uncommon to see loggerhead sea turtles, pods of gregarious bottlenose dolphins, bald eagles, and some of the 293 bird species that live in Cape Romain. While on board, you'll be able to move around to take in the pristine views and examine the natural specimens (like an alligator skull and loggerhead sea turtle ribs) on the "touch table".

Once on the island, we'll be on our own to explore the 16 miles of trails and seven miles of sandy beach. A short walk from the ferry you will find bathroom facilities, picnic area, and storm shelter. From there, you can decide to walk straight to the beach, meander down Turkey Walk Trail or head over to the freshwater impoundments of the island's interior.

The well-tended roads and trails and large expanse of pristine beach make Bulls Island perfect for exploration by foot or bike. Because there are no cars on the island, you can quietly approach a covey of ducks on Jacks Creek or alligators basking in the sun. Bring your binoculars and a birding book to take full advantage of the observatory platforms on the island.

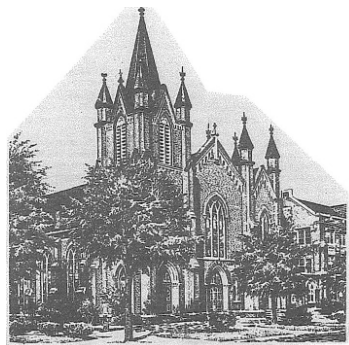
Cost: \$40 for Adults - \$20 for 12 and Under
Depending on interest, groups will be formed as follows:

- Option A** - Hotel Overnight: Depart WSUMC Friday, Nov 16; Hotel Stay in Mt. Pleasant
- Option B** - Weekend Camping: Depart WSUMC Friday, Nov 16; Tent Camping near Awendaw, SC
- Option C** - Day Trip: Depart WSUMC Early Saturday, Nov 17 to meet in Awendaw by 7:30 AM

***All weekend overnights can make plans to depart early on Sunday, November 18 so as not to miss the UMW Bake Sale!**

We'll plan a meal at the famous See Wee Restaurant, a neighborhood staple for over two decades, focusing on southern home cooking made with love. Everything is locally sourced to give back to the community.

If you'd like to register yourself and/or your family and friends for this retreat, please e-mail Heidi Conte AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, heidiconte@earthlink.net. The deadline to register is Sunday, October 28th.



FROM THE RECORDS AND HISTORY COMMITTEE 50 YEARS AGO

On October 14, 1968, actor Gregory Walcott spoke at a Monday night meeting at WSUMC to promote his film, "Bill Wallace of China" (Wallace was a Tennessee doctor-missionary who was murdered by the Chinese Communists during the Korean War era.) Walcott, who also produced the movie, was best known as one of the stars of the cult film classic, "Plan 9 From Outer Space".

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 14

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 Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 PM Mary's Maidens - DCR

Monday, October 15

1:00 PM Soup Cellar Volunteer Team Captain's Meeting - WR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
4:45 PM Worship Team Meeting - WR
5:30 PM Age Level Family Ministries Team Meeting - JHC
6:30 PM Circle 9 - Home of Elizabeth Aravena

Tuesday, October 16

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:00 AM Circle 6 - JHC
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
4:00 PM FCGV - WR
5:30 PM CDC Board Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM She Sings (Columbia Women's Choir) - LCR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children - Grace Class
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
6:30 PM "What's Stealing Your Joy?" Small Group - Home of Beth Matthews

Wednesday, October 17

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
2:00 PM Reconciling Ministries of SC - WR
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor Class-rooms
6:00 PM "Unafraid" Small Group - DCR
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, October 18

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
11:30 AM Conversation Matters - The Grand on Main
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
4:00 PM Killingsworth Board Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, October 19

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, October 20

10:00 AM Salkehatchie Camp Director's Training - YR

Sunday, October 21

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:30 AM Junior Choir Practice - 2nd Floor Jr. Choir Room
10:00 AM New Friends Coffee - WR
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 PM Fall Festival - TH & Parking Lot

Monday, October 22

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Tuesday, October 23

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM She Sings (Columbia Women's Choir) - LCR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM "What's Stealing Your Joy?" Small Group - Home of Beth Matthews
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel

Wednesday, October 24

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor
6:00 PM Sunday Dinner Planning Meeting - JHC
6:00 PM "Unafraid" Small Group - DCR
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, October 25

9:00 AM CDC Devotions - Chapel
11:30 AM Conversation Matters - The Grand on Main
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:00 PM United Methodist Men - WR
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, October 26

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, October 27

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

SC - Soup Cellar