



THE CONNECTION

October 22, 2017

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday ■ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

"This money supports a Million Dollar Ministry. It supports the ministry that Christ carried on during the days He was on Earth." - Don Fowler

THE
FACE
OF WASHINGTON STREET

A Million Dollar Ministry

*Washington Street
set a goal of raising*

ONE
MILLION
DOLLARS

*in pledges for 2018
to fund our Million
Dollar Ministry.*

Have you pledged yet?

On pages two and three of [The Connection](#), you'll find the following regarding Stewardship:

- The various ways to pledge*
- A letter from our Stewardship Committee chair*
- 2018 Budget Projection Summary*
- An updated report on pledges received so far*



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Washington Street UMC:

WOW! What a busy and exciting year we've had at Washington Street. We are now served by three outstanding clergy, Rev. Parrish, Rev. Wilson and Rev. Lippert, and Renewal 2020 has resulted in the creation of our new "FACE" structure: Faith Formation, Age Level Ministries, Connections, and Engaging New People. So many exciting things are happening: Brown Bag Bible Study, Active Faith small group work, numerous prayer and study groups, exercise classes, and our first Body and Soul Health Fair was just held. So many Washington Streeters have "engaged" in these programs and many are working tirelessly to further God's kingdom here on our earth as we seek to make disciples to share God's word in our community and beyond.

It's also the time when we begin to focus on Stewardship. At this time we begin to ask ourselves how we can serve God in ways that glorify our Lord and support the work of our beloved church. The answer is, there are many ways to engage. When we join the church, we pledge to support the church by our gifts, our talents, our prayers, our presence and our witness. In Romans 12, we are reminded that we have many gifts and talents. This year we want to broaden what it means to be good stewards of what God has given us by expanding our definition of "Stewardship" and what it means to "give" to our church.

In the coming month, each of us will be asked to commit to growth in all three areas of our spiritual life: our time, our talents and our treasures. If you can give of your time, we will find ways you can help. Let us know of your talents, and we'll help you share them in ways that glorify God. Hopefully, all of us will share our treasures as generously as we can; there are great costs to running our church. For those who can, we strongly encourage you to tithe (give 10% of your income) as this is the concept that God instructs us to use in operating the church. Our church has a storied and proud tradition. In order to advance the work of our church and reach unimagined heights, each one of us must commit to supporting Washington Street in ways that are most meaningful and doable to each of us. Our gifts and talents differ; the way we serve can differ too.

As you may know, Stewardship Season began on October 8 and will end November 12 with our FACE Fair! Each Sunday during Stewardship Season we will target one area of FACE to acquaint our congregation more with all that's going on in that area of the church. Enclosed with this letter is a pledge card that can be returned anytime during Stewardship Season. Our goal this year is to raise one million dollars in pledges to fund a "million dollar ministry" at Washington Street!

God has blessed us all. We ask you to show gratitude for your many blessing by committing to support Washington Street in 2018 by your time, talents, and treasures.

In Christian Love,

Dr. James C. Lane
Stewardship Chair

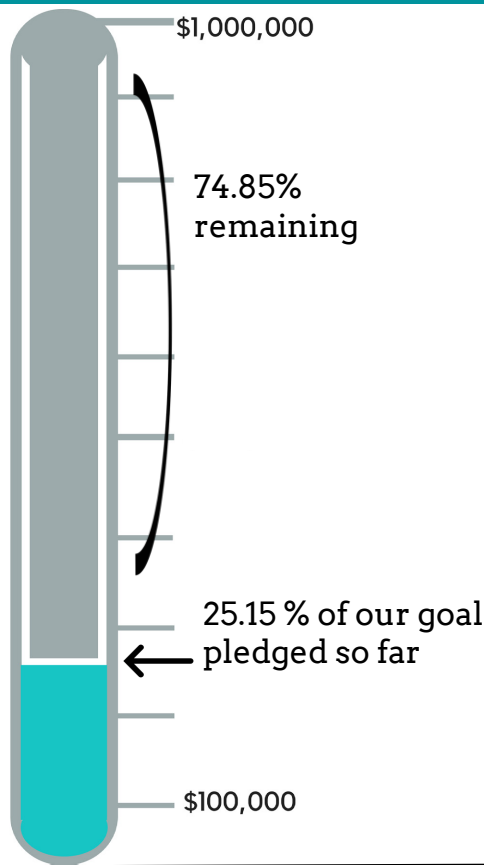
Reverend Patricia J. Parrish
Senior Pastor

WHAT WILL A *MILLION DOLLAR MINISTRY* LOOK LIKE AT WASHINGTON STREET?

Over the past few weeks, you have heard ministry highlights and accomplishments from several FACE coordinators directly from the pulpit, as well as through video segments. The past year has been full of development, improvement, momentum and hope for an even brighter future. If ALL of this has been accomplished so far in 2017, just envision what the future of Washington Street will look like with a *Million Dollar Ministry*...

Have you seen the videos highlighting each component of FACE? Visit our website to watch them!

WWW.WSMETHODIST.ORG



A Million Dollar Ministry

Where are we so far?

\$251,468

has been pledged as of Friday, October 20th

542

pledge cards were mailed

61

pledges have been committed

300

commitments are what we hope to achieve

Have you pledged yet?

Your completed pledge cards can be sent to our Business Administrator via the return envelope enclosed in the Stewardship mailout. Members also have the option of pledging online through [Engage Washington](#) in just **5 EASY STEPS!**

Visit our website for a step-by-step tutorial.

There are additional pledge cards available in the Church Office

2018 Budget Projection Summary

REVENUE

Pledged Offerings	\$799,351
Non Pledged Offerings	\$126,726
Loose Offerings	\$9,748
Administrative Income	\$38,993
Foundation Proceeds for Capital Improvements	\$150,000
* F.A.C.E., Program Ministries & Designated Funds	\$157,830

Total Income

\$1,282,648

EXPENSES

UMC Needs & Conference Billing	\$133,256
Properties/Equipment/Operations	\$201,201
Personnel	\$640,361
Foundation Capital Improvements	\$150,000
* F.A.C.E., Program Ministries & Designated Funds	\$157,830

Total Potential Expenses

\$1,282,648

* Designated funds represent all accounts that include specific donor advised gifts such as Memorials, Epworth, Missions, etc.

NOTE: These projections do **not** include the Soup Cellar, Child Development Center or the Foundation.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BROWN

to the Soup Cellar

by Steven & Rhonda Shook

to WSUMC

by Tommy & MaryAnn Betenbaugh

by David Byrum

by Dr. John Thomas and Sandhills Veterinarian

Hospital Staff

by Mr. and Mrs. William Stout

IN MEMORY OF REV. C. J. LUPO

to WSUMC

by John & Lynda Galloway

IN MEMORY OF ROY SUTHERLAND

to the Foundation

by Nelle Peterson

IN MEMORY OF LELLA PFEIFFER

to Christ Chapel Courtyard Fund

by Mrs. L. Arlen Cotter

to History & Records

by Bob & Joan Beamer

to the Music Ministry

by Paul & Beverly McClanahan

to the Soup Cellar

by Happy Henry

to Sing-Along Messiah

by Lynn Shirley

to the Stain Glass Window Fund

by Nancy M. Higgins

to WSUMC

by Barbara and Betty Bloom

by Jimmy Dawkins

by Martha S. King

by Helen S. Mills

by Sally Mings

by Nancy Whittle

IN HONOR OF THE

PAUL HARMON CLASS

to the Foundation

Nelle Peterson

IN HONOR OF

LOIS DUKE WHITAKER

to the Foundation

by Nelle Peterson

IN HONOR OF

REV. PATRICIA PARRISH

to the Foundation

by Nelle Peterson

A Church-Wide THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Faith Formation Team, thank you to all who joined us last Sunday morning for our Church-Wide Prayer Walk. It was a very special opportunity to be able to pray for our new ministries and the future of our church. It was also a witness to the downtown community for us to be “on the street” praying for our sister churches. May the Spirit continue to revive, renew, and bless us.



A special thank you to those who were essential in making it such a meaningful experience. Endless gratitude to Jamie & Chris Williams, Beth & Marshall Robinson, Karen Carr, William & Emily Torres, Bob Beamer & David Jones for praying with each group at our six prayer stations. For the prayer walk guides, thank you to Kay Ayers-Garren, Trey & Susan Boone, Jen Boone & Bob Boone.

And a HUGE thank you to Beth Matthews and the Faith Formation Team for coordinating the effort, and making this such a touching experience.

Announcements

HONORING MRS. NAN SELF: On October 29, The Washington Street Church Family will honor the upcoming 105 birthday of Mrs. Nan Self. Please join us after the 11:00 service to wish Nan a wonderful birthday. Nan is our oldest member and attends service regularly. We celebrate her life, her commitment to Christ, the gifts that she has shared with Washington Street and her presence among us!

CONGRATULATIONS DR. RICHARD FRIERSON: Join us in congratulating our very own Dr. Richard L. Frierson on the publication of his text book, *The American Psychiatric Association Publishing Textbook of Forensic Psychiatry, Third Edition*. What an honor and accomplishment!

BOYD SAUNDERS - ART EXHIBIT: Boyd Saunders will be joining three other contemporary Southern Artists in an invitational group exhibit at the Upstairs Artspace Gallery in Tryon, NC this Fall. The show, entitled "Flora, Fauna & Figures", will be on display from October 21 - December 1 at the gallery which is located at 49 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC 20782. An opening reception is scheduled from 6 - 7:30 PM on October 28, with an Artist's Walk and Talk from 5 - 6 PM on that same day. If you are interested and would like further information, you are welcome to contact Boyd or Stephanie Saunders.

SOUP CELLAR CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: Remember looking forward to finding candy in your Christmas stocking? The Soup Cellar Clientele look forward to the sweet treats in their Christmas gift bags. While you are shopping for your trick-or-treat candy, pick up an extra bag of candy to be included in the gift bags. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant are also needed to fill the bags. Items may be left in the Christmas box in the Missions Garden.

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF: Start saving your coins, check under the sofa cushions, and the cup holders in your car! We will gratefully accept bills and checks made to WSUMC for UNICEF. The girls in Mary's Maidens will be Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF on Sunday October 29 after both worship services. UNICEF is the longest running youth engagement campaign in America and has raised nearly \$177 million to help UNICEF provide children with health care, nutrition, clean water, education, emergency relief and more. This year, the need for Trick-or-Trick for UNICEF is more critical than ever. As multiple crises threaten children's lives, donations will support emergency relief work for the world's most vulnerable children affected by crises.

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES: Parents and grandparents of Washington Street College students: Please send snail mail addresses for your student(s). The 2's and 3's Sunday School Class will soon be working on surprises for all WS college students. We need your help to get the surprises delivered on time! Please send the mailing addresses to Mary Lide, neaudl@aol.com, or call the church office, 256-2417.

ANNUAL KILLINGSWORTH GALA: THE 25th ANNUAL KILLINGSWORTH GALA is coming up Thursday, November 9, and tickets are now on sale! Killingsworth Home is a United Methodist supported residence for women emerging from crisis situations, and the Annual Gala at Seawell's is Killingsworth's biggest fundraiser of the year. The event includes a dinner, silent auction, and fashion show featuring local U.M. ministers, church members, and even former residents. This year the fashion show will be provided by Chicos. If you are interested in attending, call Laurely Nance at 772-3188 or Carol Krebs at 782-1092 as soon as possible. We must send in reservations together to sit together, and the sooner the reservations are sent in, the better the table location. Tickets are \$50 each. For more about Killingsworth, see www.killingsworth.org.

WESLEY UMC FOOD BANK: Every fourth Sunday, we are collecting donations for Wesley UMC's Food Bank. You can bring your donations to church this Sunday, October 22nd and place them in the donation bin outside of the Church Office. Your gifts help many families in our downtown community!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE - Pictures for the Children's Christmas Tree will be taken during the entire month of November.

Announcements for the next issue of *The Connection* are due by
12:00 Noon on MONDAY, October 30th. Please send all announcements to Lainey Wood, LAINNEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG.

We want to hear from YOU!



The Faith Formation Team is exploring the opportunity of publishing a 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 13th.

lainey@wsmethodist.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE

Washington Street's traditional Christmas gift to the community will be held in our Sanctuary on Monday, December 18th 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 was also established on the heartfelt tenet, of many people who have performed Messiah throughout their lives, that no Christmas season is ever truly complete without it.

Sing-Along Messiah is a joyous night of worship, instrumental music, and singing!
To learn more about this community favorite event, visit WWW.SINGALONGMESSIAH.ORG

Meet our Staff

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Sandy Endicott

SOUP CELLAR ASSISTANT

Eric Williams

CUSTODIAN

Michael Hutto

SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Meredith Transou



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 5th. The memorial banner and the basket containing the gold bells will be in the Christ Chapel Courtyard beginning this Sunday. 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 5. The name of the deceased person you remember does NOT have to have Washington Street connections. Order forms and payment for roses must be turned into the Church Office by 12 PM on MONDAY, OCTOBER 30. Order forms with further information regarding payment methods are available in the Church Office.



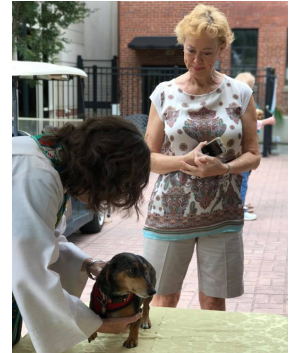
Christmas Poinsettias

It's that time of year again! Order your Christmas poinsettias now to enhance our worship during Advent and Christmas.

The poinsettias are \$20 each this year, and they can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Order forms and payment for poinsettias must be turned into the Church Office by 12 PM on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15. Order forms with further information regarding payment methods are available in the Church Office.

Dogs, Cats and Dragons..Oh My!

We had a wonderful time at our annual Blessing of the Animals last Saturday. Our ministers were able to lay hands on animals of ALL shapes and sizes (reptiles included!) and bless them as a part of God's creation. Thank you to the Evangelism Committee, Reverend Parrish, Reverend Wilson and Reverend Lippert for making it such an enjoyable event!



November UMW Circle Meetings

MARY'S MAIDENS - Sunday, November 12th, 4:00-5:30 PM - *Disciple Conference Room*
All girls in first through sixth grades are invited to join in for this fun time of service to others!

CIRCLE 2 - Thursday, November 2nd, 5:30 - 6:30 PM - *The Wesley Room*

CIRCLE 3 - Tuesday, November 14th, 10:30 - 11:30 AM - *The Wesley Room*

CIRCLE 5 - Tuesday, November 7th, 7:00 - 8:00 PM - *the home of Heidi Conte*

CIRCLE 6 - Tuesday, November 7th, 10:00 - 11:00 AM - *The John Harper Classroom*

CIRCLE 9 - Tuesday, November 14th, 5:30 - 6:30 PM - *The John Harper Classroom*

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 22

Children's Sabbath

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 PM FALL FESTIVAL

Monday, October 23

5:30 PM Engaging Others Team Meeting - WR

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
6:00 PM Reconciling Ministries of SC Dinner -TH
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, October 25

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
5:30 PM Handbells Rehearsal - 3rd Floor Choir Room
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, October 26

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:00 PM United Methodist Men - WR
6:00 PM Prayer & Study Group - HPR
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, October 27

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, October 28

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, October 29

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM New Friends Coffee - WR
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 PM Active Faith Small Group - WR

Monday, October 30

2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
5:00 PM Connections Team Meeting - JHC

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
2:30 PM CDC Halloween Activities - CDC
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

Wednesday, November 1

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
5:30 PM CDC Board Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, November 2

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
5:30 PM Circle 2 - WR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, November 3

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, November 4

9:30 AM Conference Historical Committee

LOCATION KEY

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

GSR- Girl Scout Room