



THE CONNECTION

October 28, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Fixer Upper Youth Fall Retreat



Our youth had an enriching and fun weekend at Asbury Hills for our Fall Youth Retreat. The theme for our discipleship devotions was “Fixer Upper” and we compared our spiritual lives to an episode of the hit TV show. We learned that God can create something beautiful and new out of the broken pieces of our lives-- but that it might take a little demolition, a good bit of time, and a whole lot of trust! In addition to our devotion times, we also enjoyed team building activities, canoeing on the lake, an excursion to Caesar’s Head Park (with a pit stop for ice cream), and roasting marshmallows and singing by the campfire. We saw one too many snakes (that’s a total of 1 for those of you keeping count), listened to a lot of Taylor Swift, and grew together as followers of Christ. Thanks be to God for the gifts of creation, fellowship, and love!



Volunteer Help Needed

Washington Street's Soup Cellar

As we celebrate 39 years of serving meals to those in need in our very own Soup Cellar, we also reflect on the many helping hands that have come in and out of our doors during those years. Due to the overwhelming generosity of our very own congregation as well as the many churches and community organizations that have given so selflessly of their time and resources, our Soup Cellar has been a significant means of extending the hospitality of Washington Street and the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbors.

While we rejoice in the ways we've been able to serve others through this ministry for 39 years, we also look towards the years to come and assess the community around us and the evolving ways to meet their needs. The Soup Cellar Committee has recently implemented various new procedures during meal serving times to more efficiently serve those who come through our doors, all while providing a safe and comfortable environment for our patrons and volunteers. One of those new procedures is to secure each patron's personal bags and belongings while they eat lunch. Robbie Douglas (Business Administrator) and Jerry Sumpter (Property Supervisor) have created a check-in/check-out system for this process, and have been faithful in making sure it runs smoothly for the past few weeks.

The hope is to create a new team of volunteers **as soon as possible** to rotate on a schedule that would specifically tend to this need everyday from **11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**. If you've never had the opportunity to volunteer in the Soup Cellar before, or might be looking to share of your time and talents in this way, your help would be **GREATLY** appreciated. Whether you are able to commit to one day a week, or a day or two throughout the month - we will happily accommodate your schedule. We hope you will prayerfully consider investing in this ministry of our church as we continue to look forward and work to be the church with heart in the heart of the city.

If you'd like to sign-up to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact Robbie Douglas.
rdouglas@wsmethodist.org - (803) 256-2417



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

NOVEMBER 7TH **Global Connections: Abrahamic Faiths** PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

Rev. Carl Evans, Rabbi Jonathan Case, and Imam Omar Shaheed will sit on a panel together and discuss similarities & differences of the three Abrahamic faiths: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Join us for a catered fellowship supper beginning at 5:30 PM in Threatt Hall! Pre-registration is required ONLY for the fellowship supper, and tickets can be purchased online. Fellowship supper registration will close on Saturday, November 3rd. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

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Fall Festival

Thanks for joining us!



Thank you to all who came out to join us for our annual Fall Festival! The costumes get better and better each year, and the family fun continues to reach further into our community.

Special thanks to all who were involved in making this such a successful event including our youth, adults, staff, United Methodist Men, and Age-Level & Family Ministries team. We hope to see you again next year!



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 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

Leave the baking to us!



Bake Sale

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 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 October 28th, Barbara Brown with the Kettering Foundation will lead a 45-minute forum on the topic of immigration. The Kettering Foundation is a nonprofit devoted to researching the question, what does it take to make a democracy work as it should. On November 4th, class member Dr. Linda Reardon will lead a presentation on "What Did Jesus Look Like?" based on the book of the same name by Joan E. Taylor.

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 will begin a new study on November 4th 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

CIRCLE 5: The Charles Pfeiffer Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 6th at 7:00 PM at the home of Gwen Murphy. They will begin a study of the book, *Jesus is the Question* by Martin B. Copenhaver. Visitors are always welcome!

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF: THIS SUNDAY, October 28th, girls from Mary's Maidens will be Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. Look for the girls with the orange and black collection boxes after the 9:00 & 11:00 AM worship services. If you don't carry cash, we will accept checks payable to WSUMC with "UNICEF" in the memo line.

It's scary good how much a little change can change the life of a child in need.

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

HALLOWEEN PACKAGES: If you are the parent or grandparent of a college student, please remind your student to check their mailbox! The children in the 2's and 3's Sunday school class worked hard to prepare surprises for Washington Street college students.

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. For further details regarding registration, please contact Suzanne Joye no later than November 1st. sjoye@sc.rr.com

ADVENT FESTIVAL: Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Advent Festival on Sunday, December 2nd.

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.

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....



REMINDER: This TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH is the FINAL day to purchase roses for worship on All Saints Sunday (November 4th). Order forms with further details will be included in this Sunday's bulletin, as well as the Church Office and can be downloaded online from wsmethodist.org/worship/bulletin



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 **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th**. Order forms with further information regarding payment methods are available in the Church Office.

You can pay for your poinsettias ONLINE this year!

An order form must still be completed and sent to Lainey electronically (lainey@wsmethodist.org).

Visit wsmethodist.org/giving/ and select the "Poinsettia" fund when completing your gift. You can also text the word "Engage" to 73256 to complete your payment.



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



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!

Songs for the Journey

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



photo by Caroline Earp

She Sings

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS COLLECTED TO BENEFIT KILLINGSWORTH HOME

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 *Dane Waund*

Dane Waund grew up in the Valley of the Jolly Green Giant, where his hometown was LeSueur, Minnesota. His father was an agricultural engineer at the peas and corn canning factory, and the family lived across from the Methodist parsonage, where Dane remembers shoveling snow off the pastor's driveway.

Dane had the quintessential Midwestern upbringing in LeSueur, which had a population of about 3,300. Both his parents were the "first off the farm," he said. The town had a festival with a parade, beauty pageant, entertainment in the park and lots of corn to eat. The festival was called Corn on the Curb, but the locals called it Butter in the Gutter.

His dad tells a story of a preacher at the First United Methodist Church who told his congregation that children shouldn't play with toy guns and bows and arrows. As a result, his parents took away those toys from Dane and his two older sisters. The Waund kids' solution was to go across the street and play with the preacher's kids, who still had their toy guns and bows and arrows.

Dane went to University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering in 1990. Mechanical engineering is all about "making things work," Dane said.

Dane's first job after college was with a Swiss company, EMS, which had a plant in Sumter.

He and his future wife Cindy met at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport baggage claim in 1992.

"My first words to her were, 'Did that plane stink or what?'" Dane said. "She held her nose and said, 'I don't know. I have a cold.'"

About two weeks later, they went out to dinner. They married in 1995 and moved to Switzerland two weeks later. They lived in the small, picturesque city of Chur for three-and-a-half years.

Today, Dane and Cindy both work from their Shandon home, where they live with their 14-year-old daughter Darby, two "failed foster" cats and Lucky, their Saint Berxer, a cross between a Saint Bernard and a boxer.

He works for Solvay Healthcare, which makes plastics for fabricating implants for shoulders, hips and knees and for manufacturing the tools that surgeons use in the replacement operations. The company is based in Brussels, Belgium, and Dane works with a team of engineers, salespeople and marketers out of Alpharetta, Georgia. He also consults with companies making the implants about how to use the Solvay plastics.

Dane travels two or three days a week for his job and goes to Europe twice a year. In November, he is going to China.

Cindy is a business analyst for Hyland Software, a large software company headquartered in Cleveland.

They have both been working from home for a couple of years.

"We're getting better at it," Dane said. "The water-cooler gossip seems to be rather family-oriented."

After their time living in Switzerland, Dane and Cindy set about visiting Methodist churches, until they found one they could call home. "We drive by two Methodist churches to get to Washington Street," Dane noted. They visited for two years until senior minister Mike Alexander told them, "Y'all have been visiting too long." They joined in January 2003.

Dane became a member of the Child Development Center board after Darby was enrolled there in 2004. Today, he is a member of the Nominations and Leadership Committee and the Joy Sunday school class.

He's also getting more involved in youth activities. This year he and Darby went to Salkehatchie at Penn Center, and he looks forward to going for three more years.

Dane has been organizing the children's nativity service for six or seven years, and last year, he and the youth built the stable frame that rises over the tableau at the front of the sanctuary.

Dominique Grate, senior pastor at New Mt. Zion AME Church in Lexington and a volunteer in the Washington Street Soup Cellar, heard about the stable frame and asked Dane for advice on how to build one. After some discussion, they agreed that youths from the two churches would build it together at Grate's church on November 11.

Dane said that the late Bill Brumbach, who was head usher, not only made him feel welcome, he also encouraged him to get involved at Palmetto Place, a shelter for foster-care youths.

"You ever been to Palmetto Place, Dane?" Bill asked him. Dane said, "It was his way of recruiting me. He loved the kids."

Today Dane does handyman work for Palmetto Place; he especially likes talking with the kids working toward self-sufficiency.

"I enjoy their questions while fixing the toilet," he said. "I'm thinking of joining the military," one said, "which is better the Army or the Marines?" Dane said, he's always hard-pressed to fit it into his schedule, but, he added, "Those are my best days."

Article Written by Fran Zupan

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF

BILLY McALISTER
to the Foundation

by Rufus & Kathy Rogers

LUKE NANCE
to the Foundation

by Phil & Pam Jenkins

IN HONOR OF

HAPPY HENRY
to WSUMC

by Mary Potter Smith &
Terry L. Smith

SARAH THREATT
to the Soup Cellar

by Larry &
Nancy McWhorter

THE SOUP CELLAR'S 39TH
BIRTHDAY

to the Soup Cellar

by Geri Cutler
by Lorene McGuire

THE WAUND FAMILY
to WSUMC

by Elizabeth Akre



United Methodist Women

November Circle Meetings

Mary's Maidens: Sunday, November 11th | 4:00 - 5:30 PM *Disciple Conference Room*

Circle 2: Thursday, November 1st | 5:30 - 6:30 PM *Wesley Room*

Circle 3: Tuesday, November 13th | 10:30 - 11:30 AM *Wellmore of Lexington*

Circle 5: Tuesday, November 6th | 7:00 - 8:00 PM *Home of Gwen Murphy*

Circle 6: Tuesday, November 6th | 10:00 - 11:00 AM *John Harper Classroom*

Circle 9: TBD

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 28

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
10:00 AM New Friends Coffee - WR
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
4:00 PM Sunday Dinner - LCR

Monday, October 29

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
6:30 PM Charge Conference - Main St. UMC

Tuesday, October 30

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 "What's Stealing Your Joy?" Small Group - Home of Beth Matthews
7:30 PM She Sings Concert - Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 31

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
2:30 PM CDC Halloween Activities - CDC
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor Classrooms
6:00 PM "Unafraid" Small Group - DCR
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, November 1

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 Circle 2 - WR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, November 2

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, November 3

12:00 PM Youth "Destination Unknown"

Sunday, November 4

All Saints Sunday
9:00 AM Worship - Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:30 AM Junior Choir Practice - 2nd Floor Jr. Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, November 5

10:00 AM "Journey Through Grief" Group - Traxler Room
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:00 PM SisterCare Dinner - TH
5:30 PM Faith Formation Team Meeting - JHC

Tuesday, November 6

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:00 AM Circle 6 - JHC
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM New Worship Team Meeting - JHC
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
7:00 PM Circle 5 - Home of Gwen Murphy

Wednesday, November 7

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor
5:30 PM Neighbor to Neighbor Fellowship Supper - TH
6:30 PM Neighbor to Neighbor Program - Chapel
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, November 8

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
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, November 9

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, November 10

10:00 AM Salkehatchie Camp Director's Training - YR
1:00 PM Records & History Meeting - Museum/Archives

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

SC - Soup Cellar