



THE CONNECTION

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A Letter from the Pastor *Reverend Patricia J. Parrish*

In February 2019, the report of The Commission on a Way Forward will be presented to a special called General Conference of The United Methodist Church. The Commission, established by the Council of Bishops, was initiated by vote of The General Conference 2016. The 32 member Commission represents viewpoints on human sexuality from multiple voices and from across our global connection.

The Commission will be presenting three plans to the called General Conference. You may find the entire report at umc.org. Click on “Who We Are” and then the *Report of The Commission* can be found in four different languages as you scroll down. If you would like a printed copy, the church office can provide that as well.

Each plan is presented in the same format and the legislation required to implement the plan is included in the report. For first reading, you may want to skip over the legislation amendments. The narrative of the report provides a more concise and readable understanding of each proposed plan.

The delegates to the General Conference in 2016 will attend the called session of the General Conference. There they will make a decision on which plan will be implemented as we move toward a more united future. Until that time, February 23-26, 2019, our congregation and our annual conference have no decisions to make.

Meanwhile, we are invited to pray for the delegates to the General Conference of 2019. With others, I am praying daily between 2:23 and 2:26 PM. In addition, we can study the plans. I will present a slide show prepared by Reverend Kathy James on the proposed plans twice in September: **September 19th at 5:30 PM and September 23rd at 10:00 AM**. Both presentations will be in The Chapel. Because the Sunday morning presentation will have time constraints, we will meet again at 1:00 PM on September 30th in the Chapel to discuss any questions that the presentations may have brought to mind. Please feel free to email me with any questions as you read the material or leave the presentation. In addition, the Conference has prepared a list of resources that you may want to read individually, study in your Church School Classes or share in a small group setting. Alston or I will be available to assist you with those resources.

While we can expect changes after the 2019 General Conference, my hope is that we will navigate change “speaking the truth in love” and living together in ways that “build up the Body of Christ in love”. Always, we pray for the unity of Christ’s Church.

Peace,
Patricia

Sunday School Classes

THE ALDERSGATE CLASS AND THE PAUL HARMON CLASS: Continuing through the summer, these classes will join together and continue their discussion of The Teaching Co. Video by Bart Erhman on the New Testament.

THE DAWSEY CLASS: This Sunday, September 2nd, class member Cheryl Evans, an oncology nurse, will talk about dealing with emotional aspects of cancer. On September 9th, class member John Holladay will talk about how religion played into politics in his life. Holladay was a congressional lobbyist for the South Carolina Banking Association and for the State Athletic Commission, which sought to control boxing. "I used to know people well that other people only see on television," he quipped.

THE GRACE CLASS: Beginning Sunday, September 9th, they will begin a study on the text, *Sacred Resistance*.

THE JOY CLASS: Until Sunday, September 16th, they will study the text, *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*, by William Willmon.

THE JOHN HARPER CLASS: The class will start a new three year cycle with a study of the creation of God's world and God's people.

THE OPEN DOOR CLASS: Beginning this Sunday, September 2nd, they are starting a short study on C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. They will discuss three theological virtues from his writings - Faith, Hope and Charity. In addition, the class will also have a presentation on the Ecuador Mission trip on Sunday, September 9th.

Announcements

MARY'S MAIDENS: Mary Maidens is a United Methodist Circle for girls in 1st through 7th grades. This year the program has been extended to include the 7th graders! Our regular meeting time is the second Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Disciple Conference Room. Some of the service/mission projects we have participated in are Treat-or-Treat for UNICEF, gift bags for the Soup Cellar Clientele, supporting our Columbia Police Department, and a school in Rwanda. The leaders of this group are Mary Lide, Karen Lowrimore, and Kathy Wright. Our first meeting after the summer break is Sunday, September 9th. Hope you will join us!

SNAIL MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: The 2's and 3's Sunday School Class will be working on surprises for all Washington Street college students throughout this school year. If your child or grandchild is attending college, please send their mailing address to Mary Lide, neaudl@aol.com.



OF ALL PROFITS BENEFIT
EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME

EPWORTH ICE CREAM: Epworth Ice Cream will be for sale during our "Back to Church Sunday" fellowship luncheon on **Sunday, September 9th**. If you haven't tried their famous ice cream yet, we will have samples there for you to taste before placing an order. We promise you won't regret it! An Epworth representative will be there to collect preorders, and they will accept cash or checks. You can buy all four pints for \$25. Orders will be ready for pick up no later than Sunday, September 23rd.

Sanctuary Choir

Beginning September 5th at 6:30 PM, they will resume their weekly Wednesday evening rehearsal and will pick back up with their 9:30 AM Sunday morning rehearsal time on Sunday, September 9th.

ice cream social



Immediately following the first Wednesday evening rehearsal on the 5th, they will celebrate a new year of ministry together with an ice cream social. New or inquiring choir members are welcome to join!

The Sanctuary Choir is ALWAYS looking for new members! If you've thought about sharing your gifts and talents through our Music Ministry, this is the perfect opportunity to help us 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

Small Group Studies

Companions in Christ Sept. 23rd - May 5th, Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

This is a 28-week study that uses daily reading and reflections from your Participant's Book and a weekly 2-hour meeting with fellow companions to create the space needed for you to grow closer to God. It teaches you to use the spiritual disciplines in order to experience intimacy with God, go deeper in your relationship with Christ, and listen for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Led by Rev. Alston Lippert | Held in the Holroyd Prayer Room @ WSUMC
Questions? Contact Rev. Lippert (allippert@umcsc.org)

Unafraid Sept. 26th - Oct. 31st, Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

This 5 week study will focus on an issue that is pervasive in our culture: fear...from existential questions of death and illness to social anxieties to major political and social upheavals.. In the text, *Unafraid: Living with Hope & Courage in Uncertain Times*, Rev. Adam Hamilton examines how believer and unbeliever alike can develop sustaining spiritual practices and embrace Jesus' recurring counsel: "Do not be afraid." Please acquire the text and read chapters 1-4 prior to the first gathering. It's available at the Richland County Library, or can be purchased from Amazon.

Led by Kimberly McAlister & Eva Nance | Held in the Disciple Conference Room @ WSUMC
To participate, please e-mail Kimberly McAlister (mcalister_kimberly@yahoo.com).

What's stealing your joy? Oct. 9th - Nov. 13th, Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Perhaps its worry, bitterness, busyness, or negativity. In October, we will begin a 6-week in-home small group based on Rob Renfro's book, *The Joy Stealers: Overcoming Obstacles to Hope and Happiness*. Please acquire the text and read the first chapter prior to the first gathering.

Led by Beth Matthews | Hosted in a home in Forest Acres
To participate, please e-mail Beth Matthews (mtthws@msn.com)

Back to Church Sunday

"Celebrating our Summer"

Worship & Fellowship With Us

A church wide fellowship luncheon will follow worship at 12:00 PM in Threatt Hall.

Sunday, September 9th

COMBINED WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM

THERE WILL NOT BE A 9:00 AM SERVICE ON THIS PARTICULAR SUNDAY.

We welcome you to join us as we celebrate how God continued to build community within our walls and all over the world, featuring reflections from Vacation Bible School, Music Mania Day Camp, Salkehatchie, and our Ecuador Mission Team.

United Methodist Women

After the summer break, United Methodist Women will begin meeting this month for Bible and mission study along with mission projects. If you are not a part of a circle, please consider joining us! There are daytime and nighttime circles and circles for every age.

This fall, UMW will focus on supporting the needs of Killingsworth Home, one of the five SC designated missions of UMW, which was started by Corrie Killingsworth; a UMW member at Washington Street UMC. In the mid-1940's, Mrs. Killingsworth saw a need for housing for young women moving to Columbia to work. She enlisted help from members at Washinton Street and then asked for help from Methodist women across the state. A home was purchased and opened in late 1947 and operated as a safe Christian home for women ages 18-25 until 1972. There was not a big need for housing for "liberated" young women at this time and the home had two residents. Killingsworth's new focus was on women in crisis who were recovering from various traumatic situations: addiction, mental illness, incarceration, domestic violence, sexual assault, or having no home.

Many lives have been transformed over the years because of the love and Christian caring they have received at Killingsworth Home. Killingsworth Home can use help to continue their mission. They are asking for your prayers as well as for specific needs:

- First class postage stamps
- Ziplock quart-size and gallon-size FREEZER storage bags
- Heavy duty aluminum foil
- Plastic food wrap
- Cream for coffee
- Sugar
- Ground coffee (with caffeine)
- Laundry detergent for sensitive skin
- Dish detergent for hand-washing dishes
- 13-gallon tall kitchen trash bags
- 30-50 gallon heavy duty garbage bags
- LED bulbs 40W and 60W equivalency in standard intermediate
- "Sharpies" permanent markers
- Black/bule ink pens that really write
- Bath soaps/facial soaps for sensitive skin: Dove, Olay, etc.
- Skin and hair care products specifically for African American women
- Tampons - no pads
- Dental floss
- Lysol or similar disinfectant spray
- Walmart, Lowe's, and Office Depot gift cards
- Food Lion gift cards
- AA or AAA batteries
- candelabra bases

Donations may be left in the bin in the Mission Garden. If you are not able to shop, you may donate a check payable to WSUMC with "UMW Killingsworth Home-specific needs" in the memo-line.

Another need of Killingsworth is dental care for the residents. Financial gifts to the dental program will not only bring a smile, but also, brighten the lives of the Killingsworth residents. Checks may be made payable to WSUMC with "UMW Killingsworth dental program" in the memo-line. Proceeds from the UMW Bake Sale on Sunday, November 18th, will be given to the Killingsworth dental program.

Praying ACROSS GENERATIONS

Have you been searching for a way to put your faith into practice and help others? We have the perfect opportunity for you: **Praying Across Generations**. This group will pair an adult with a middle school or high school student with a promise to pray for that youth DAILY. The adults will also send anonymous notes of encouragement to the youth a few times during the school year on holidays, birthdays, and during exams--**don't worry, we will supply you with that information!** In May we will have an Ice Cream Social where the youth will get to meet the adult who has been praying for them. Participating in this group is a great way to nurture and build up the next generation. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Susan Caskey (turnitbluesue@hotmail.com) or Beth Matthews (mtthws@msn.com).

Cherub choir

Ages 3 - Kindergarten

Beginning Sunday, September 9th, children will have music time with Ms. Jordan Harper during Children's Church every Sunday in the 2's & 3's Classroom. They will prepare to sing in worship once a month. They will focus on a "Song of the Month" and other musical activities. An email with the "Song of the Month" will be sent to all parents at the beginning of each month for children to listen to at anytime, in case they aren't able to join us every Sunday during Children's Church.

Junior choir

Grades 1-6

By popular demand, Junior Choir will be done in 5 week sessions this fall, and directed by Ms. Jordan Harper. We hope this will allow families the opportunity to participate in this ministry with only a short-term commitment. Of course, we would love for children to join us for both sessions! They will meet from 9:30 -10:00 AM in the Junior Choir Room on the second floor. A parent or guardian **MUST** drop them off at 9:30 AM, and the choir director will escort them to their appropriate Sunday school classes by 10:00 AM.

Dates

Session 1: Sept. 9th, Sept. 16th, Sept. 23rd, Sept. 30th, and Oct. 7th
(They will be prepared to sing during 11:00 AM worship on Oct. 7th)

Session 2: Nov. 4th, Nov. 11th, Nov. 18th, Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd
(They will be prepared to sing during 11:00 AM worship on Dec. 2nd)



YOUTH CORNER

Registration for all events can be done online.

wsmethodist.org/family/youth/reg

Members can also register through Engage Washington accounts. Questions? Ask Rev. Taylor!
taylor@wsmethodist.org



Fall Kickoff: CityQuest Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, September 9th

Deadline to register is Friday, September 7th.

Immediately following the 12:00 PM church-wide fellowship luncheon... Meeting at the church to venture downtown for a scavenger hunt. Friends are always welcome, but must be registered. Cost of event is \$10 and can be paid online during registration or in person by the day of.

Christ&Culture

Sunday, September 30th

Deadline to register is Saturday, September 29th.

Immediately following 11:00 AM worship... Meeting at the church before walking downtown to East Bay Deli for lunch and a discussion on something going on in the world and how it relates to our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Friends are always welcome, but must be registered. Pick back up WSUMC.



Fall Retreat



Fall Retreat

Friday, October 12th - Sunday, October 14th

Deadline to register is Friday, October 5th.

All youth are invited to join us for a weekend of faith and fellowship at Asbury Hills Camp! Friends are always welcome, but must be registered. We will depart on Friday and return home on Sunday. Cost of the retreat is \$130, and can either be paid online during registration or in person before Friday, October 5th. The cost covers travel and lodging for the weekend, along with all activities and 4 meals.



A Series of Cultural and Interfaith Dialogues

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

SEPTEMBER 12TH **Columbia 63: Our Story Matters**

Representatives from "Columbia 63: Our Story Matters" will join us for a presentation on Columbia's role in the Civil Rights Movement.

**Catered meat & 3 dinner*

OCTOBER 10TH **Holocaust Remembered**

Take a walk through an exhibit that honors the survivors and victims of the Holocaust followed by a panel comprised of representatives from the Columbia Holocaust Education Commission.

**Catered Mediterranean dinner*

NOVEMBER 7TH **Global Connections: Abrahamic Faiths**

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.

**Salad & baked potato bar dinner*

Programming will begin at 6:30 PM each week - registration not required.

Fellowship With Us

Prior to each program, we hope you'll join us for a fellowship supper at 5:30 PM. Each week will offer a different menu. **Preregistration for the fellowship suppers is required, and can be done online.** You can register for one evening at a time by the Saturday before each gathering (\$10 Adults / \$5 Kids), or you can sign up for all three at once by Saturday, September 8th (\$25 Adults / \$12 Kids).

For registration, visit wsmethodist.org/neighbortoneighbor

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 *Kel Jansen*

When Kel Jansen was a freshman in college, he was looking forward to a career in criminal justice, with the ultimate goal of becoming an FBI agent.

But those goals changed when he was diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes during his physical for an ROTC scholarship. With the encouragement of his father who was an occupational therapist in the Army, Kel set his sights on becoming an OT also.

Occupational therapists work to help people regain independence after surgery or illness, Kel said. OT concentrates on activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, meal preparation, toileting and other activity that falls within their daily routine that is functional and purposeful for them

Kel began studying OT at the Medical University of South Carolina when he was a junior in college, under an early-entry program that no longer exists. The OT program is competitive and the interview process “nerve-wracking,” because for every seven applicants, only one person is admitted, Kel said.

Kel remembers the day he interviewed for the program at MUSC. He was totally focused on the interview and barely noticed her when he met his future wife Lish, an OT student who was helping with the interview process. She, on the other hand, noticed him.

“I found out later that she told one of the professors that she just met the man she was going to marry,” he said.

It was also during college that both Kel and Lish shortened their given names, Kelly and Alisha. He thought that people assumed Kelly is a girl's name.

Sometimes when Kel picked up his medicine at the pharmacy, the pharmacist asked, “Has she ever gotten medicine here from us before?”

Kel was born a “military brat” in Washington state and spent his childhood moving around the United States. He lived in Wisconsin, California, Texas, Missouri, Colorado and South Carolina – when his dad was stationed at Fort Jackson.

“I didn't realize how privileged I was to see so many parts of the country,” Kel said.

Kel started dating Lish the fall that he started OT school. He graduated in 1998, and they married in Hot Springs, N.C., in 2000. They knew they wanted to get married outside in the mountains to be “a little closer to God,” but it took them six months to find the location, Kel said, adding, “It was just perfect for us.”

Kel has been an OT for 20 years. He started working with outpatients at Baptist Medical Center – later Palmetto Health Baptist and moved to Palmetto Health Parkridge three years ago.

Lish works as an OT for a home health agency. Her brother and his wife also are occupational therapists.

Kel and Lish have a contract with the Babcock Center to do assessments for new admissions and annual assessments for its clients, all who have lifelong disabilities.

The Jansens joined Washington Street in 2003. Their daughters, Ansley, now 13, and Sierra, now 11, attended the Child Development Center, and Kel was on the CDC board for many years.

Kel served on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for six years, three as chairman.

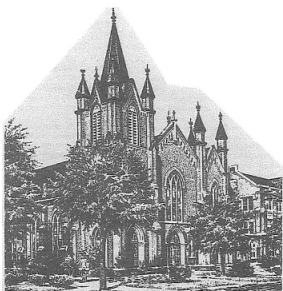
“It's a difficult role to be in,” he said. “When staff changes happened, those who were unhappy pointed fingers at me. I had to point out it is the committee that makes the decision after thorough discussion.”

Kel said the person who had the deepest influence on his life was his younger brother Cory, who died in February 2017 by suicide. Growing up, “he assured me I wasn't alone,” Kel said. They had many similar views on life – acceptance of all people, not being judgmental, feeling that you get back what you give out in the world.

“We laughed a lot together,” he said.

Kel is head coach of Ansley's traveling softball team. He enjoys watching movies with his girls, especially comedies. He is a member of a hunt club and likes to hunt deer, pheasant and quail.

Article Written by Fran Zupan



ARCHIVES NOTES 25 YEARS AGO

On September 19, 1993, WSUMC held a special Sunday service to celebrate the completion of a major Soup Cellar renovation project. This project also involved the choir rehearsal room and youth rooms on the 3rd floor. South Carolina Bishop Joseph Bethea delivered the sermon, and Columbia Mayor Bob Coble addressed the congregation to extend congratulations from the City of Columbia.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF

GEORGE FANT
to WSUMC

by Peggy Weston
by the Traxler Class

JUNE RAINES
to WSUMC
by the Traxler Class

IN HONOR OF

TRAVIS LUTHREN
to Aldersgate Special
Needs Ministry

by Harvey & Ann Jessup



United Methodist Women

September Circle Meetings

Mary's Maidens: Sunday, September 9th | 4:00 - 5:30 PM *Disciple Conference Room*

Circle 2: Thursday, September 6th | 5:30 - 6:30 PM *Wesley Room*

Circle 3: Tuesday, September 11th | 10:30 - 11:30 AM *Wesley Room*

Circle 5: Tuesday, September 4th | 7:00 - 8:00 PM *at the Home of Mary Lide*

Circle 6: Tuesday, September 4th | 10:00 - 11:00 AM *John Harper Classroom*

Circle 9: TBD

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 2

9:00 AM Worship and Communion - Chapel
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, September 3

Labor Day
CDC, Church Office, & Soup Cellar - CLOSED

Tuesday, September 4

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:00 AM Circle 6 - JHC
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM She Sings (Columbia Women's Choir) - LCR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
7:00 PM Circle 5 - Home of Mary Lide

Wednesday, September 5

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, September 6

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Circle 2 - WR
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, September 7

10:00 AM CDC Grandparent's Day - CDC
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, September 8

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 9

NO 9:00 AM WORSHIP ON THIS SUNDAY
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:45 AM Promotion Sunday / Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Church-wide Fellowship Luncheon - TH
1:00 PM Youth CityQuest Scavenger Hunt - Downtown
4:00 PM Mary's Maidens - DCR

Monday, September 10

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting - JHC

Tuesday, September 11

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:30 AM Circle 3 - WR
12:00 PM Transitions Annual Luncheon - TH
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
2:00 PM Reconciling Ministries of SC - WR
4:00 PM FCGV - WR
5:30 PM AVP - WR
5:30 PM She Sings (Columbia Women's Choir) - LCR
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR
6:30 PM Palmetto Mastersingers - Chapel

Wednesday, September 12

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Neighbor to Neighbor
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, September 13

9:00 AM CDC Devotions - Chapel
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting - WR
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra

Friday, September 14

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, September 15

No Activities Scheduled

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