



# THE CONNECTION

*September 24, 2017*

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

Monday - Friday ■ 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Soup Cellar ■ Monday - Friday ■ 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

*150 United Methodist Women*  
**56 Churches Across the Midlands**



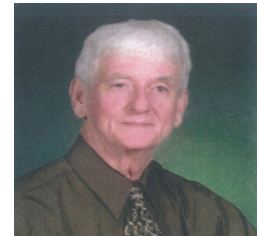
Thanks to the more than 20 Washington Street UMW volunteers, the Columbia District UMW Annual Meeting was a huge success. We hosted approximately 150 women from 56 churches across the Midlands. We received numerous compliments on the music, flowers, food, hospitality and the beauty of our beloved church.

The Washington Street UMW Executive Committee, Mary Lide, Sam Waldrep, Janet Cotter, Kathy Rogers, Louis Shirer, Latoya Adams, Keith Murphy, Lainey Wood, and, especially, Jerry Sumpter deserve a shout out for their outstanding contributions to the success of this event.

Thank you all for helping us extend the hand of hospitality to the Columbia District UMW.

- Deborah Rowe  
*UMW President*

# Announcements



**ROSEWOOD ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Our very own Gerald Floyd will be sharing his artwork at the 2017 Rosewood Art & Music Festival on September 30th from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Stop by and check it out! For directions, visit [rosewoodfestival.com](http://rosewoodfestival.com)

**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 Chiccos. 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](http://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, September 24th and place them in the donation bin outside of the Church Office. Your gifts help many families in our downtown community!

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Lunch Bunch will resume in October on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00 - 1:30 PM in Threatt Hall. The first one will be held on October 19th, and Lynn Shirley will be presenting to the group on a topic entitled, "Becoming Good Friends with your iPhone." That doesn't sound like one you'll want to miss!

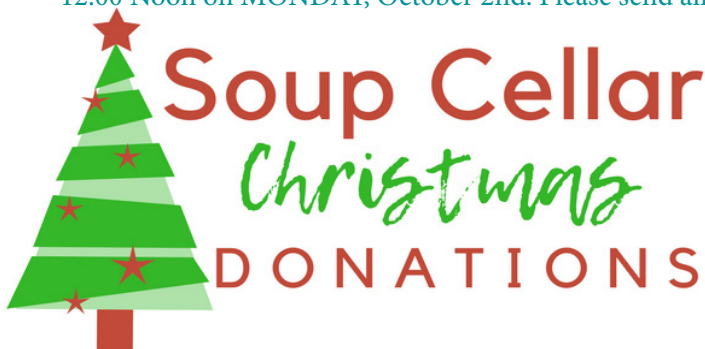
**AL MOSES NAMED ROBERT P. WILKINS AWARD WINNER:** Our very own Albert L. Moses was selected to receive the 2017 Robert P. Wilkins Award recognizing his meritorious service in the practice of probate, estate planning and trust law. Al was unanimously selected by the Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Section awards committee for his extraordinary influence on probate practice in South Carolina as a practitioner, teacher and innovator over the span of his lengthy career. The award was presented at the 2017 Al Todd Estate Planning Workshop in July. Please join us in congratulating Al!

**THE SANDLAPPER SINGERS:** At 7:30 PM on Friday, October 6th, Washington Street will host the Sandlapper Singers as they present their fall concert entitled, "A Worldly Perspective." Leave your passport at home and experience the world without leaving the Midlands! The Sandlapper Singers will present choral music that will take you on a journey across the history of music in both time and geography. This concert will prove that in all cultures, music is a universal language. *FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE, SANDLAPPERSINGERS.ORG. WASHINGTON STREETERS GET A 20% DISCOUNT ON TICKETS WHEN USING THE ONLINE CODE, **WSUMC17**.*

**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](mailto:neaudl@aol.com), or call the church office, 256-2417.

Announcements for the next issue of *The Connection* are due by

12:00 Noon on MONDAY, October 2nd. Please send all announcements to Lainey Wood, [LAINEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG](mailto:LAINEY@WSMETHODIST.ORG).



Christmas is just about FOUR months away! Please help us fill the gift bags for the Soup Cellar clientele. We are looking for items such as travel size shampoos, soap, and lotion. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also needed. Your donations can be placed in the Christmas Box in the hallway.

*Monetary donations are graciously accepted.*

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## Getting to Know...

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! With future issues of *The Connection*, we encourage you to keep reading and learn more about those who give so much time and energy to the mission of Washington Street.

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### DR. MICHAEL BROOME

The history of Washington Street United Methodist Church should not only be preserved, it should be shared. That's the opinion of Mike Broome, the church's historian, archivist, and chairman of the Records and History Committee. In fact, in the not-too-distant future, trained docents will give tours of the church to groups within the church as well as visiting groups, Mike says. To that end, Mike has divided the Records and History Committee into three task groups:

- The Docent Handbook Group.
- The Museum Exhibits Group.
- The Integration with Renewal 2020 Group.

The members of the committee are Bob Beamer, Christine Hait, Richard Owen, Rozanna Pfeiffer, John Radford and Shelley Stafford. Sitting in the Archives on the north end of the third floor, Broome also gives credit to those who have labored before him, including Beamer, Tommy Betenbaugh, Maxine Sullivan, Bill McDowell and Julia Huffman.

Among other documents, the Archives holds boxes of church bulletins dating back to 1911, the blueprints of the 1928 Building (now known as the Education Building), committee minutes, records of weddings and funerals and the activities of the United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men.

The docent handbook was begun in the early 2000s by Maxine Sullivan. Recently, it was revised, expanded and then vetted by employees of the Historic Columbia Foundation. It should be completed this month.

"Then, we'll look forward to how to promote the history of the church – maybe through Historic Columbia – to bring groups into the church," Dr. Broome said. The committee will surely call upon the expertise of Pete Liggett, who has given many tours of the church and has a sound knowledge of theology, architecture and history, as they relate to Washington Street. The church's museum is located in an area outside the locked archives.

Dr. Broome noted that the exhibits have, "been up for quite a while and need to be revitalized a little bit." The content needs to flow, probably chronologically, with some side exhibits such as one about the four Washington Street pastors who became bishops of the Methodist Church: William Capers, James O. Andrew, A. Coke Smith and John Owen Smith.

Mike also envisions the installation of a small television just inside the door. Possible programming would include interviews with long-time members of the church, a brief history of the church and copies of the Raggio Report.

Mike grew up in Ringgold, Ga., where his interest in history was sparked by visits to the Chickamauga Battlefield, near the Georgia-Tennessee border. Dr. Broome is retired from Columbia College, where he was an American literature professor and chairman of the English Department.

He first heard about Washington Street in the late 1980s from Susan Sutherland, who was a member here as well as his student. She told Mike, "I attend a church downtown I think you would love."

Mike also met his wife, Charlotte, at Columbia College, where she was assistant director and then director of Alumnae Affairs. They met in 1986 at the urging of several colleagues, and were later married in 1989. The couple were members of Shandon UMC until they embarked on a search for another church. After meeting head usher Bill Brumbach and senior minister Mike Alexander, they stopped searching and joined Washington Street in 1996. Today, Charlotte sings in the Sanctuary Choir.

As a teacher of Southern literature, Mike embraced William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor and Carson McCullers, among others. His favorite novel is "Huckleberry Finn."

Mike said he will never stop reading. His current read is "Our Southern Highlanders" by Horace Kephart, a trained librarian who left his wife and six children after some bouts with alcoholism and mental illness. Kephart moved to the Smokey Mountains, where he wrote his book which focuses on the mountaineer culture, language, traditions and history. Before his death, Kephart campaigned for the establishment of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY FRAN ZUPAN

## Gifts

### IN MEMORY OF LOIS BAKER

*to the Foundation*

by Kevin and Carol Duggan

*to WSUMC*

by Rufus and Kathy Rogers

### IN MEMORY OF HOYT ANDREW

HEMBREE

*to WSUMC*

by Rufus and Kathy Rogers

### IN HONOR OF JANET COTTER

*to the Flower Fund*

by the UMW

### IN HONOR OF KATHY ROGERS

*to the Flower Fund*

by the UMW

### IN MEMORY OF BILL ELLINGTON

*to WSUMC*

by Rufus and Kathy Rogers

### IN MEMORY OF ROY SUTHERLAND

*to the Foundation*

by Bill and Sylvia Hulbert

### IN HONOR OF MARY LIDE

*to Gracious Goodness*

by the UMW

### IN HONOR OF SAM WALDREP

*to the Flower Fund*

by the UMW



## Thank You!

Our first Fellowship Dinner (F3) of the Fall was a huge success thanks to the many people who joined us that evening, as well as the team that worked so hard to make sure everything went well. With the help of the Age-Level Ministries Team, over 100 people were able to fellowship with each other over dinner as well as worship with the Methodist Student Network Band. We had parents, grandparents, couples, individuals, children, youth and college students join us for the evening. If you weren't able to make it to the last one, we hope you'll mark your calendar for the next one!

Wednesday, October 11th  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

DINNER + WORSHIP + ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES



## Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 22nd  
Worship Services  
JOIN US!



## We Need YOU!

On Sunday, October 22nd, our 9 & 11 AM services will highlight the children of Washington Street. We would be thrilled if some of our boys and girls would be willing to participate in the service as scripture readers, ushers or liturgists.

If your child in grades 2-6 would like to participate, please contact Angela Powers. We know this special Sunday is a congregational favorite, and we hope to make these services meaningful for all!

Angela Powers

angela@wsmethodist.org  
803-622-0308

# Have you Heard?

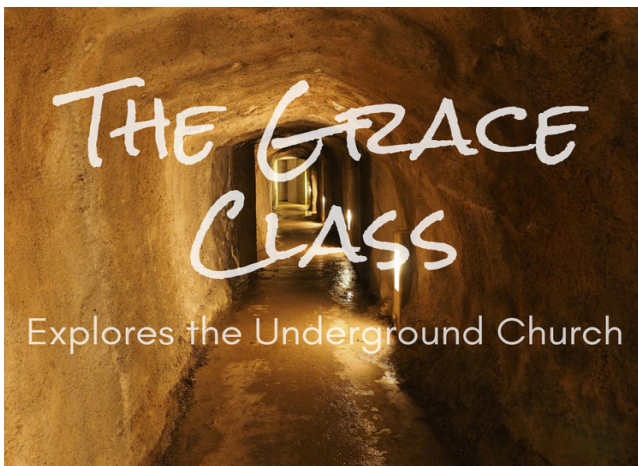
Our Sunday school classes are working their way through really neat studies. Take a second to see what some of them are up to. You are always welcome to join at any point.

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This coming Sunday, September 24th, the Open Door Class will continue their study by John Ortberg - *IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT*. This book invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you just outside your comfort zone. This study comes with brief videos that cover the chapter's material that are watched at the beginning of class, so reading the chapter is not necessary to understand the message and contribute to discussion.

They welcome visitors and new members of all ages to join them as they delve into scripture and learn from each other.



This coming Sunday, September 24th, the Grace Class will continue their new study of the text, *THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH: RECLAIMING THE SUBVERSIVE WAY OF JESUS*. Meyers main points are that the church (in general terms) has lost its relevance in today's world among a large number of people who would have previously become Christians. He is not tepid about condemning "the church" for past failures and power grabs, but does suggest some means by which we can return to what he believes were the original calling of the disciples. A good read and sure to be interesting discussions to be led by class members!

The Grace Class is located on the 3rd floor and invites anyone to join and experience God's inclusive love!



The Joy Class just launched a new lesson series that will continue through October 8th based on the text, *WHAT IS THE BIBLE? HOW AN ANCIENT LIBRARY OF POEMS, LETTERS, AND STORIES CAN TRANSFORM THE WAY YOU THINK AND FEEL ABOUT EVERYTHING*, by author Rob Bell. This is a book about a library of books dealing with loss and anger and transcendence and worry and empire and money and fear and stress and joy and doubt and grace and healing, and who doesn't want to talk about those?

Join the Joy Class on the 3rd floor as they explore together how this can play an important role in one's life.

Are you looking for a Sunday school class to join on Sunday mornings?  
Check out our website to learn more about all eight of our class offerings.  
There is a place for everyone.

## Fellowship + Prayer

*Come and lift up your joys and concerns with us!*

VERY CASUAL WITH NO OUTSIDE COMMITMENT



If you're looking for an opportunity to wind down from a busy week, we welcome you to join the new Prayer and Study Group beginning Thursday, September 28th from 6-7 PM in the Holroyd Prayer Room.

It is set to run for six weeks with opportunities to learn about different types of prayer. The hope for this new group is to continue growing after the six weeks as a small group.

This group will be led by Susan Caskey and is open to everyone! Share with your neighbors and invite your friends.

## What's Coming Up?



Bring your friends and share with your neighbors. We can't wait for this tradition that so many families enjoy!



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.

# Meet our Staff

## SENIOR MINISTER

Reverend Patricia Parrish  
[pjparrish@umcsc.org](mailto:pjparrish@umcsc.org)

## ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND MISSIONS

Reverend Joe Wilson  
[jawilsonii@umcsc.org](mailto:jawilsonii@umcsc.org)

## ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR NURTURE AND DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

Reverend Alston Lippert  
[aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org)

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Robbie Douglas

## CDC DIRECTOR

Felicia Yockel

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Angela Powers

## ORGANIST

Louis Shirer

## PIANIST

Dr. Rick Frierson

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Abbie McKenzie

## COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

Lainey Wood

## PROPERTY/MAINTENANCE

### SUPERVISOR

Jerry Sumpter

## SOUP CELLAR MANAGER

Sandy Endicott

## SOUP CELLAR ASSISTANT

Eric Williams

## CUSTODIAN

Michael Hutto

## SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Meredith Transou

# An Invitation



The Midlands Chapter of  
Reconciling Ministries  
of South Carolina  
invites you to

## THE WELCOME TABLE

where we sit  
together.  
in love.  
for inclusion.

Join us for an evening of worship and dinner.

Learn more about Reconciling Ministries  
Network.

Explore a way toward inclusion in the UMC.

October 24, Washington Street UMC

Gathering at 6:30pm; Meal at 7:00pm

For further information regarding tickets and purchasing,  
visit [ReconcilingMinistriesSC.org](http://ReconcilingMinistriesSC.org)

## October UMW Circle Meetings

**MARY'S MAIDENS** - Sunday, October 8th, 4:00-5:30 PM

*Disciple Conference Room*

*All girls in first - sixth grades are encouraged to join in this time where they will work together to serve others. Friends are always welcome! For any questions, please contact Mary Lide, 782-6035, or neaudl@aol.com.*

**CIRCLE 2** - Thursday, October 5th, 5:30 - 6:30 - *The Wesley Room*

**CIRCLE 3** - Tuesday, October 10th, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

*The Wesley Room*

**CIRCLE 5** - Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:00 PM

*Location TBD*

**CIRCLE 6** - Tuesday, October 3rd, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

*The John Harper Classroom*

**CIRCLE 9** - Tuesday, October 10th-, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

*The John Harper Classroom*

# THANK YOU!

As a result of your generosity, we were able to make significant contributions to UMCOR's Hurricane Relief as well as Epworth Children's Home.

HURRICANE  
RELIEF  
\$3,235.00

EPWORTH  
CHILDREN'S HOME  
\$3,025.00

## CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, September 24

9:00 AM Worship - Christ Chapel  
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary  
5:00 PM Youth Movie Night - Youth Room

### Monday, September 25

2:00 PM Parents of Murdered Children Day of Remembrance - Christ Chapel & TH  
6:30 PM Engaging Others Team Meeting - JHC

### Tuesday, September 26

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
12:00 PM Transitions Annual Luncheon - TH  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC  
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR

### Wednesday, September 27

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR  
12:15 PM Brown Bag Bible Study - WR  
5:30 PM Handbells Rehearsal - 3rd Floor Choir Room  
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
6:30 PM Church Council - WR

### Thursday, September 28

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR  
5:30 PM Missions Meeting - JHC  
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, September 29

No Activities Scheduled

### Saturday, September 30

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, October 1

#### *World Communion Sunday*

9:00 AM Worship and Communion - Christ Chapel  
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship and Communion - Sanctuary

### Monday, October 2

5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Meeting - JHC  
5:30 PM Communication Committee Meeting - WR

### Tuesday, October 3

#### *CDC Picture Day - Threath Hall*

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR  
10:00 AM Circle 6 - JHC  
2:00 PM Staff Meeting - JHC  
5:30 PM Disciple 1 Study - JHC  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
6:30 PM Domestic Abuse Counseling Services - DCR  
7:00 PM Circle 5 - Location TBD

### Wednesday, October 4

10:45 - 11:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR  
12:00 PM FCGV - TH  
12:15 PM Brown Bag Bible Study - WR  
5:30 PM Foundation Board Meeting - JHC  
5:30 PM Handbells Practice - 3rd Floor Choir Room  
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

### Thursday, October 5

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel  
3:00 PM Veterans' PTSD Meeting - DCR  
5:30 PM Circle 2 - WR  
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR  
6:00 PM Prayer & Study Group - WR  
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

### Friday, October 6

7:30 PM Sandlapper Singers Concert - Sanctuary

### Saturday, October 7

No Activities Scheduled

### LOCATION KEY

JHC - John Harper Classroom

TH - Threath Hall

YR - Youth Room

LCR - Leavitt Choir Room

DCR - Disciple Conference Room

WR - Wesley Room

HPR - Holroyd Prayer Room

GSR - Girl Scout Room