



THE CONNECTION

September 30, 2018

1401 Washington Street - Columbia, SC - 29201

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EXHIBITION

OCTOBER 7-14



Washington Street UMC will host **HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED**: A unique 12 stand, 24 panel exhibit highlighting the personal stories of South Carolina Survivors and Liberators, presented by the Columbia Holocaust Commission. Along with access to walk through the exhibit at your leisure during designated hours, there are additional opportunities offered throughout the span of its showing that are intended to educate and inform all viewers on the importance of respecting diversity, confronting antisemitism, and the need for upholding and defending the rights of all people regardless of religion, race, or ethnicity.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Monday, October 8 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM in Threatt Hall

Join us for lunch and a presentation entitled "Wrestling with Faith," from Rabbi Hesh Epstein. Rabbi Hesh's redemptive message and call to action of greater faith will confer how to dialogue with God when you've seen the worst things happen to the people you love, and how methodologies in faith help those when they suffer.

*Lunch tickets available through reserving online or by calling the Church Office (803)256-2417. Tickets are \$5 each and can be paid for at the door. **Menu includes: tomato basil soup, choice of sandwiches, assorted cookies, tea, and water.**

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Wednesday, October 10 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM in Threatt Hall

We invite YOU to invite a neighbor of your own as we gather for a time of camaraderie and community engagement in conjunction with Washington Street's monthly "Neighbor to Neighbor" program of cultural and interfaith dialogues. A catered fellowship supper will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by a panel discussion moderated by Rev. Carl Evans, consisting of Dr. Lilly Filler and Dr. Doyle Stevnick. Childcare and children's programming will be available.

*Fellowship supper tickets are available for purchase online or by calling the Church Office (803)256-2417 to reserve. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. **Menu is a catered Mediterranean dinner.**

LEARN MORE: wsmethodist.org/holocaustexh

Numbers with Neal

Hello again, welcome to the Fall season, and another version of Numbers with Neal. I am blessed to continue to have the opportunity to share with you the state of the church's finances. For those of you, who have personally expressed their comments to me about my column, I thank you for your feedback, but also your active interest and commitment that you have made to be fully informed about our wonderful church. The following is a summary of Washington Street's finances for January to August of this year:

Washington Street UMC Financial Summary January to August 2018 Year To Date			
<u>Church (excluding FACE activities):</u>			
<u>Contributions:</u>			
	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav - Unfav
Pledges	\$ 426,901.05	\$ 454,225.36	\$ 27,324.31
Non-Pledges	96,275.60	125,108.00	28,832.40
Other Revenues	36,863.06	26,666.64	10,196.42
Total	\$ 560,039.71	\$ 606,000.00	\$ 45,960.29
<u>Expenses:</u>			
	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav - Unfav
Operating Expenses	\$ 586,228.70	\$ 606,000.00	\$ 19,771.30
Net Operating Surplus - Deficit	\$ 26,188.99		\$ 26,188.99
<u>FACE Activities:</u>			
<u>FACE - Total 2018 Budget Allocation</u>			
Faith Formation	\$ 21,050.00		
Age & Family Ministries	7,800.00		
Connections	5,600.00		
Engaging New People	10,550.00		
Total	\$ 45,000.00		
	January - August 2018 Actual	January - August 2018 Budget	Variance Fav - Unfav
Faith Formation	\$ 8,305.29	\$ 14,033.36	\$ 5,728.07
Age & Family Ministries	6,286.86	5,199.92	1,086.94
Connections	1,236.42	3,733.28	2,496.86
Engaging New People	3,205.13	7,033.36	3,828.23
Total	\$ 19,033.70	\$ 29,999.92	\$ 10,966.22

From the above noted chart, you will note that the Financial Summary is broken down into two areas: Church activities, excluding those pertaining to the FACE ministries; and, FACE ministry activities alone. The following is a short summary of each area:

Church Activities:

For January to August, total contributions were \$45,960.29 below or unfavorable to budget; however, Total Expenses were \$19,771.30 under or favorable to budget. As you may recall from my January to June presentation, presented in an earlier edition of Connections, even though financial contributions are currently tracking lower than budget, church spending is being effectively managed to be able to stay under budget. Overall, and in combination, this has resulted in a Net Deficit amount of \$26,188.99. The collective impact of each of your generous monetary pledges and/or other non-monetary resources, including your precious time, has resulted in a deficit, that is definitely manageable and can be overcome with a strong level of both monetary and non-monetary contributions in the remaining months of this year.

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FACE Activities:

For January to August, the four (4) categories of FACE have resulted in total spending of \$19,033.70 relative to a budget of \$29,999.92. Thus, FACE related spending is \$10,966.22 below or favorable to budget. This can be interpreted as the FACE leaders, and their respective committees, working collaboratively to plan for, design and bring to us creative, impactful and cost effective programs and/or activities that are aligned with the spirit of their respective ministry goals. The various current and planned church activities that are described in the monthly Connections Newsletters serve as evidence of all of their efforts.

As each of you can tell, and after the Summer, the church is starting to “hum” and “buzz” again. We all can expect a lot of exciting new activities that not only stress the “community” of our church, but also, and more importantly, how our church serves the community that surrounds us. I encourage each of you to really think about how blessed each of us are to be part of a very caring and generous congregation, and to look for ways to allow your families, friends and/or other colleagues to be able to share in our church’s community spirit.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, may each of you and your families reap the benefits of the Fall season, and be blessed with the spirit of faith, hope and love.

Sincerely,



Neal Foster
Finance Committee Chair



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: This Sunday, September 23rd, the class will be in the chapel for a Q. and A. on the Commission on a Way Forward. Next Sunday, October 7th, the class will begin a three-week study on "The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium" by Walter Wink. The Rev. John Evans will lead the study. The first week will cover the Introduction and the first four chapters.

THE GRACE CLASS: They will continue a study on the text, *Sacred Resistance*.

THE JOHN HARPER CLASS: They are exploring how God redirected His people in Noah's life and the implications for our lives today.

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

SNAIL MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: The 2's and 3's Sunday School Class needs your **HELP!** We 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.

MARY'S MAIDENS: Mary's Maidens will meet Sunday, October 14 at 4:00-5:30 in the Disciple Conference Room. Mary Maidens is a United Methodist Circle for girls in 1st through 7th grades. This year the program has been extended to include interested 7th graders! Please join us as we serve God by serving others.

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF: The girls in Mary's Maidens will be trick-or-treating for UNICEF on Sunday, October 28th after both worship services. We will gratefully accept cash or checks, payable to WSUMC for UNICEF. Thank you for your support!

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. 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. Further details to follow.

THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER: The Shepherd's Center of Columbia Fall session just started. For information, go to their web site at shepherdscentercolumbia.org. Stimulating classes on a variety of topics are available each Wednesday to meet the needs of senior adults.

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.

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!

Sunday, October 21st | 4 - 6 PM
Parking Lot & Threath Hall



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! Hot dogs and side items will be available for dinner. Come dressed in your costume for some added fun! This event is for our whole church family as well as our community members, so invite a friend and tell your neighbors!

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

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 Retreat

Friday, October 12th - Sunday, October 14th
Deadline to register is Friday, October 5th.

Fall Retreat



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.

Destination Unknown

Saturday, November 3rd | 12 - 7 PM

Deadline to register is Monday, October 29th

On Saturday, November 3rd, youth will meet at the church at 12:00 Noon for a quick lunch and then will load up the cars to travel to an unknown destination for an amazingly fun event. The location is NOT here in Columbia, but is within a 100 mile radius (that's the only clue you're getting for now!).

We expect to be back at the church around 7:00 PM. Cost for the event is \$30 which includes travel and cost of the actual event. All payments can be done in person on the day of the event.

Friends are always welcome but must be registered.



The Soup Cellar is Having a Birthday!

Washington Street UMC began serving meals to those in need 39 years ago, on October 15, 1979. Therefore, on Sunday, October 14, 2018, we want to honor this impressive milestone, which represents tens of thousands of meals served by hundreds of faithful volunteers, both from our church and many other area churches, which we're calling "Snack Bag Sunday." Specifically, on Sun. Oct. 14, we will be collecting two things:

1: Small cans of meats and beans (small cans with pop-off lids only please). These items should be placed in a brown bag or a quart size zip lock bag.

Examples of potted meats include:

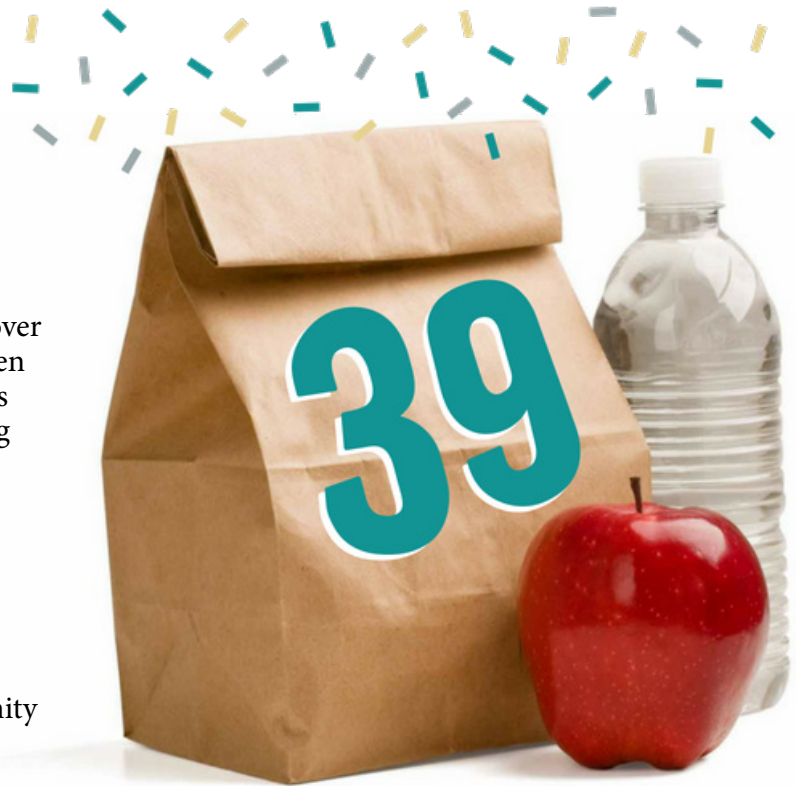
- Vienna Sausages
- Beans & Wieners
- Sardines
- Potted meat

2: Monetary donations

Your monetary donation should be placed in an envelope that will go directly to the Soup Cellar to cover the costs of food, staff, and maintenance of our kitchen equipment. The envelope can be included in the bags (we will check!) or you may drop them in the offering plate.

The snacks will be used by Soup Cellar Director, Sandy Endicott, who regularly prepares emergency snack bags for distribution to our patrons on an "As Needed" basis.

Your generous support of The Soup Cellar is a witness to your love for God and love for neighbor across the city. Thank you for engaging our community in the Name of Christ!



Thank You!

Washington Street was asked to serve as an emergency evacuation shelter during Hurricane Florence. Through unexpected twists and turns over that weekend, the need ended up being to provide shelter for the overflow from Columbia's homeless shelters. Despite the additional dynamics of providing space and hospitality, along with challenges when supplies were not delivered, Washington Street prevailed and once again lived up to the spirit on the plaque outside of the sanctuary "The congregation ministers here". We are indebted to the following who served in various roles, including staffing 24/7 from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon: Susan Caskey, Rev. Tom Wall, Joe Epting, Anne Sinclair, Julian Ruffin, Dane Waund, Grant Jackson, Mike Conte, Ashlee Lewis, Kathy Wright, Suzanne Joye, Lynn Shirley, Mackin Wall, Rufus Rogers, Carol Fowler, Joe Epting, Kel Jansen, Janay Means, Rev. Alston Lippert and Rev. Patricia Parrish. We are also indebted to the numerous members who delivered needed supplies and made financial contributions. We truly are "a church with heart in the heart of the city."



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 *Rozanna Pfeiffer*

Rozanna Pfeiffer joined Washington Street when she was 3 and has remained a member through two careers, one in archaeology and the other as a national park ranger.

Rozanna moved to Columbia with her parents, Charles and Lella, when her dad was recruited by Columbia College president Wright Spears to head the religion department at Columbia College.

Rozanna has good memories of growing up in our church. Julia Huffman taught her elementary-school Sunday school class.

"I really liked her. She was very knowledgeable, and we did fun things," Rozanna said, recalling a map of the Holy Land class members made out of sand – or was it sawdust – mixed with other ingredients.

Don Fowler taught her class in high school, and about once a month he wore his Army Reserve uniform. She said she was pleased to learn that Fowler later became a co-chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Rozanna graduated from Eau Claire High School. She double-majored in English and religion at Columbia College and graduated in 1973. After a couple of jobs and a three-month trip to Greece, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Israel, Rozanna decided to pursue her dream of becoming an archaeologist. She earned a master's degree in Near Eastern archaeology from Drew University and another master's in Near Eastern studies from the University of Arizona. She was an archaeologist for 18 years.

During the winter, she worked as an archaeologist in the United States, earning money from universities and archaeological companies. These projects which lasted a month to six weeks allowed her to work overseas as a volunteer during the summer.

A highlight was a University of Georgia dig in Carthage, where the team was trying to determine the width of the circus, the largest chariot race track outside of Rome. She also worked in Caesarea Maritima, a harbor city built by Herod the Great.

In her 40s, Rozanna took stock of her finances and her life. She had no health insurance and no retirement, and it was getting harder to sleep in the 100-degree heat of the desert.

One day in Jordan, she found she had been sleeping on a nest of scorpions. Another time, she discovered the water for her shower was from a creek, where a dead donkey was found upstream. She decided to join the National Park Service. While volunteering at the Congaree Swamp National Monument, a ranger helped tweak her resume to get her hired.

She began in 1996 at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, best known for its well-preserved cliff dwellings. "I had to climb all those ladders, and I'm afraid of heights," Rozanna said. Her next posting – in winter – was at Scotty's Castle in northern Death Valley National Park.

Among the places she worked over the next eight years were the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, the memorials on the National Mall and the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island after 9/11. Although Liberty Island was closed to the public, Rozanna scheduled the rangers who gave tours at Ellis Island and also gave an occasional tour herself. She also went to lots of meetings to talk about the opening of Liberty Island.

Rozanna worked the night shift at the Vietnam memorial. Part of her job was to pick up the items left at the wall and tag them for storage. The most emotional to her was a letter left by a woman who was getting married the next day.

"I never knew you," the letter to her father said, in part. "I wish you could walk me down the aisle."

Rozanna's final posting was at the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and the Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument in the Texas panhandle. She was chief of interpretation for nine years.

Her father died in 2012, and when she was eligible for retirement in 2014, she came back to Columbia to spend time with her mother, who died last September.

At Washington Street, Rozanna is on the Archives and History Committee and volunteers in the church office. She is a member of the Dawsey Class and the Toni White Circle.

She had hip replacement surgery in April and as she gets stronger, she looks forward to starting some new projects, perhaps one to honor the World War I veterans buried in the black cemetery behind her mother's house.

Article Written by Fran Zupan

Gifts
IN MEMORY OF

ANSEL AND DORIS SALLEY
to the Soup Cellar
by John & Lynda Salley Galloway

Gifts
IN HONOR OF

REV. JOE WILSON
to WSUMC
by Hardwick Stuart, Jr.



United Methodist Women

October Circle Meetings

Mary's Maidens: Sunday, October 14th | 4:00 - 5:30 PM *Disciple Conference Room*

Circle 2: Thursday, October 4th | 5:30 - 6:30 PM *Wesley Room*

Circle 3: Tuesday, October 9th | 10:30 - 11:30 AM *Wesley Room*

Circle 5: Tuesday, October 2nd | 7:00 - 8:00 PM *at the Home of Kathy Handel*

Circle 6: Tuesday, October 2nd | 10:00 - 11:00 AM *John Harper Classroom*

Circle 9: TBD

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 30

9:00 AM Worship - Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
9:30 AM Junior Choir - 2nd Floor Jr. Choir Room
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Q&A for Commission on a Way Forward - Chapel
11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Youth "Christ & Culture" - Beginning @ WSUMC

Monday, October 1

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Tuesday, October 2

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

Wednesday, October 3

10:45 AM Prayer Group - HPR
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
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, October 4

9:30 AM CDC Devotions - Christ Chapel
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, October 5

1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, October 6

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, October 7 - World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM Worship & Communion - Chapel
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR
11:00 AM Worship & Communion - Sanctuary
5:00 PM "Companions in Christ" Small Group - HPR

Monday, October 8

12:00 PM "Food for Thought" Lunch Presentation - TH
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
4:00 PM All Saints Sunday Planning Meeting - JHC
5:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting - JHC

Tuesday, October 9

8:00 AM Prayer Group - WR
10:30 AM Circle 3 - WR
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Holocaust Exhibit Open - TH
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
4:00 PM FCGV - WR
5:30 PM FCGV - WR
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 10

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Holocaust Exhibit Open - TH
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
3:30 PM Hispanic Families Tutoring Class - 2nd Floor
5:30 PM Neighbor to Neighbor - TH/Chapel
6:00 PM "Unafraid" Small Group - DCR
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - LCR

Thursday, October 11

9:00 AM CDC Devotions - Chapel
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Holocaust Exhibit Open - TH
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC
5:30 PM Firm It Up - YR
6:30 PM Charge Conference - Main St. UMC
7:00 PM Palmetto Chamber Orchestra - LCR

Friday, October 12

Youth Retreat @ Asbury Hills
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Holocaust Exhibit Open - TH
1:30 PM NA Meeting - SC

Saturday, October 13

Youth Retreat @ Asbury Hills

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