

THE CONNECTION

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"It's great to be back!"

That is what I tell members and colleagues who have asked about our recent return to in-person worship. And it is. It is different but is wonderful to worship in this sacred space and to see one another face to face. For those of you who have not attended, the difference is that we do not have a full choir, everyone remains masked, and we have pews that are designated for seating so that we can maintain a distance from one another as recommended by the CDC. In addition, we do not sing hymns together, but one of our soloists gives voice to our hymns and provides us with a beautiful solo each week. We are so grateful for their contributions and for the diligent and tireless efforts of Dr. Rick Frierson, Louis Shirer, and our Director of Music, Nicholas Shumate in all our services.

We are currently doing one indoor in-person worship experience each week at 11:00. When our numbers increase to 80% of socially distanced capacity (74), we will add an indoor in-person service at 9:00. In addition, we are offering an outdoor worship experience generally twice per month. Our next outdoor worship service will be May 16 at 5:00. That time may shift as we move into the warmer months of summer. We will continue the outdoor services until the attendance numbers or surveys indicate that fewer people feel a need to worship outside.

***In-Person Services
in the Sanctuary!
Every Sunday @ 11:00 am***

**PREREGISTER ONLINE AT EVENTBRITE!
OR WSMETHODIST.ORG/IN-PERSON
SEATING LIMITED TO 95!**

We will continue to offer our virtual service for those who are unable to or uncomfortable with participating in congregational gatherings for worship. That service is released at 8:00 each Sunday morning.

It has been a long fourteen months, but we have been blessed by the work of our outstanding staff and volunteers and by the amazing grace and power of our loving God. Even as we recover and move towards more normal lifestyles, we remember our friends around the world for whom the virus continues to bring sickness and death and for whom the vaccine is not readily available. Let us continue to pray and to labor together for the healing of the world.

Patricia

WSUMC Room Capacity

(Please refer to this chart when considering any indoor meetings or small groups. These are the maximum capacities for our rooms.)

CLASS/ROOM	MAX. CAPACITY	CLASS/ROOM	MAX. CAPACITY
John Harper	9	Paul Harmon	9
2&3 yrs.	13	Open Door	10
4&5 yrs.	23	Grace	17
5&6 grade	18	Joy	17
1&2 grade	17	Children's Choir	6
Dawsey	17	Threath Hall	84
3&4 grade	10	Wesley Room	18
Aldersgate	18	Holroyd Prayer Room	3
Traxler	18	Disciple Conf. Room	10
Youth (large room)	36	Chapel	41
Youth (small)	7		
Girl Scouts room	7		

Prayer List

Pete Bailey
Martha Brooker
Sally Christian
Mickey Epting
Charles Garren
Bud Harrelson
Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Lisa Johnson
Rev. Judy King

Alisa Liggett
Karen Lowrimore
Beverly McClanahan
Angela Powers
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Nan Self
Sarah Threatt
Our homebound

Rev. Patricia Parrish as she prepares to transition into retirement, Rev. Becky Shirley as she prepares to transition to WSUMC

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF ADA SUMMERS STILLWELL
to Epworth Mother's Day Offering
Given by Donna S. Gulledge

IN HONOR OF ANNAH GULLEDGE HIERS
to Epworth Mother's Day Offering
Given by Donna S. Gulledge

IN MEMORY OF MARION T. BURNSIDE, JR.
to the Foundation
Given by T.Y. & Sue Willard and T.Y. Willard, III

SAVE THE DATES!

- Friday, May 14th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Game night for all ages
- Thursday, June 10th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm High school small group
- Monday, June 14th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Middle school small group
- Friday, June 25th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm "Pathways to Social Justice" on Human Trafficking



ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

• **Aldersgate Class** will start back to class on June 6th. We will begin a 6-week program on Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

• **The Dawsey Class:** *The Dawsey Class is continuing our study of Faith after Doubt* by Brian McLaren. This Sunday, May 16, Grant Jackson will lead a discussion of Chapter 13, "Spiritualities of Harmony for the Rising Generations." On May 23, Mary Slade will teach Chapter 14 "Harmony as a Survival Strategy," and Joe Slade will teach Chapter 15, "A Civilization in Doubt." The class will continue to meet through FreeConferenceCall.com at this time. Class members should call in before 9:15 a.m., but not before 9:05 a.m. The call-in number is (425) 436-6321. The access code is 326159#.

• **The Grace Class:** The Grace Class is exploring a film series from *The Work Of The People* titled *Hospitality and The Stranger: Welcoming The Divine* through the end of May. We are continuing broadcast over Zoom at this time due to internet issues. All are welcome, and if interested in joining us, contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasc.edu for the link.

• **The Joy Class** On May 16th, we will resume in-person meetings at 10 am in our 3rd floor classroom and we invite everyone to join us!! Thorne Barrett will lead the lessons on the 16th & 23rd. If you would like to join us, please contact Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for an invitation.

• **Open Door Class:** The class is continuing its study of *How Happiness Happens* by Max Lucado. The class will not resume in-person classes this Sunday due to internet issues, but hope to be back soon. All are welcome to join. For Zoom dial-in information, please contact Ann Jessup at jessup.ann@gmail.com.

• **YASS, John Harper, and Paul Harmon Class:** will be continuing its study of Acts through May will be reading parts of the book of Acts. All are welcome. For information, or to get a Zoom invitation, email Reverend Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org.

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** Sunday, May 16th - Youth will watch the NOOMA video by Rob Bell "Breathe" - "With everything that we've got going on every day, how many of us ever think about our breathing, about the meaning of breathing? Yet, for thousands of years, people have understood that our physical breath is a picture of a deeper spiritual reality. In the Bible, the word for "breath" is the same as the word for "spirit." There's an inherent dilemma at the core of what makes us human. We've all been created in the image of God and possess immense power and strength. And at the same time, our lives are incredibly vulnerable and fragile. Maybe if we had more insight into the meaning of breathing, we would better understand how God created us as human beings." Sunday, May 23rd via Zoom - Disappointment. Matthew 11:1-6. John the Baptist's moment of doubt can teach us a few lessons about how to deal with disappointment. Beginning on May 31st, all Sunday School meetings will be offered in person or on zoom at 10:00 am. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

Dear Washington Street Family,

I LOVE my Chi-Rho-Alpha-Omega cross! It is beautiful and will be perfect to wear with my robe! I've been wanting a cross like this for a while but have never seen such a beautiful one. I will enjoy wearing it, and it will always remind me of the love and support of this congregation.

*Fondly,
Alston*

Sunday Dinner on the Grounds

The Sunday Dinner Team will be hosting the next Dinner on the Grounds on May 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the parking lot. Masks will be required and social distancing guidances will be observed. Meals for those in need will be served by Denean the Coffee Queen and her Mobile Cafe, who was the vendor for our successful Brunch on the Grounds. Tables will be set up for those who wish to sit and eat, and these tables will be distanced at least 6 ft apart.



In addition, DHEC will be providing COVID vaccines indoors in Threath Hall along with the Free Clinic who will be providing Blood pressure screenings. No appointments are necessary. The first 25 persons (ages 16 and up) will receive a free meal! Please help us spread the word so we can help close the gap of those who have been vaccinated in our community.

We will also be joined by My Neighbors Closet (Sisters Encouraging Sisters) who will be handing out men's, women's, and children's clothing in the parking lot. Several other organizations may also be on site to participate.



Children ages 2-4 will meet in the 2-3 year-old room on the first floor. Children ages 5 and up will meet in the 2nd-3rd grade class on the second floor.

REGISTER FOR TODDLER & K5 IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Space is limited, so register early!
wsmethodist.org/cdc/childrensss

vol•un•teer

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agent of change

SUNDAY DINNER
on the Grounds

May 23, 2021
4-6 pm

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of meals, goodie bags, and greeting and directing our guests to what is available. Volunteers are asked to be at the church by 3:15 pm. Register at wsmethodist.org/sunday-dinner.



Saturday
9 am - Noon

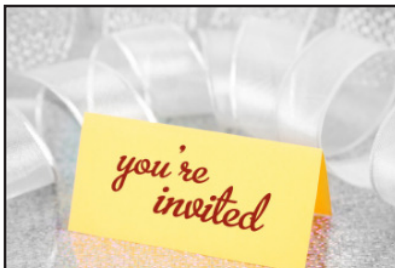
Financial donations also gladly accepted.
Give online at wsmethodist.org/giving

Drive n' Drop for babies!



Benefiting Nazareth Baptist Church Food Pantry
DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS!!

• DIAPERS • WIPES • FORMULA • BABY FOOD • TP •
PAPER TOWELS & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS!



Greetings in Christ,

On behalf of the Staff
Pastor Parish Committee
and the Church Council,
we want to send you this
note as we look forward
to celebrating Reverend
Patricia Parrish's ministry

here at Washington Street as she prepares for retirement.

A reception is planned for Sunday, June 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the courtyard at the church. It will be a time that each of us can say thanks and wish well to Patricia. To ensure persons are safely distanced, reservations are requested. Reservations will be made in 15-minute blocks of time over the two-hour period. Please call the church office or visit the church website at wsmethodist.org/reception to register.

We will be providing an opportunity for all to submit gifts to a love offering that will be presented to Patricia before her departure. Contributions to the love offering may be given online at wsmethodist.org/giving, by mail to the church, or may be placed with the offering at any of the worship and fellowship services prior to June 20th.

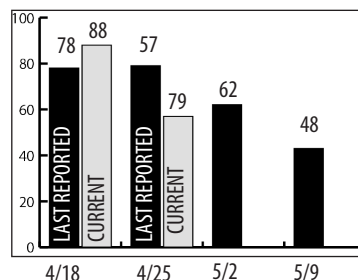
Of course, these are just two ways that we as a church body can show our appreciation to Patricia for her leadership and service to us, and we would encourage you to bring a card expressing your appreciation for her ministry.

Lee Haynes, Chair of SPPRC

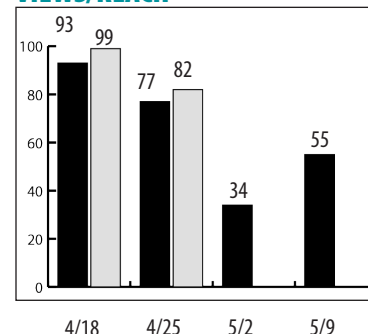
Ricky Rowe, Chair of Church Council

ONLINE VIEWS/ATTENDANCE/GIVING

DIGITAL SERVICE VIEWS



CHILDREN'S MOMENTS VIEWS/REACH



IN-PERSON/INDOOR

ATTENDANCE: 5/2: 75; 5/9:

51

OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE:

4/18: 57; 5/2: 38

GIVING

(FROM 4/28 to 5/12):

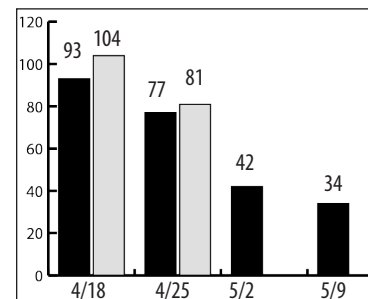
Church: \$20,453

Foundation: \$100

Soup Cellar: \$6,050

WORSHIP MOMENTS

W/TERENCE VIEWS/REACH



GIVE ONLINE TODAY! SCAN TO GIVE!



**LLEWELLYN
EPTING,
GRANDDAUGHTER
OF
NANCY & MICKEY
EPTING
PRESENTS
BLESSING BAGS
FOR THE SOUP
CELLAR TO ROBBIE
DOUGLAS.**

**Interested in helping with sound
for our 11:00 am or Outdoor
services?**

**Please contact Lynn Shirley if you
have an interest at [wmlynnsc@
gmail.com](mailto:wmlynnsc@gmail.com).**

Movie Discussion of Marvel's *The Black Panther*

On Tuesday, June 15 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Rev. Alston will lead a discussion of the spiritual themes found in *The Black Panther*. You are encouraged to watch or re-watch the movie making note of any spiritual themes that you see. We will discuss these themes and how you can find evidence of God and spirituality everywhere—even in the movies. I We hope you will join us for this Zoom discussion. To register, and receive the Zoom link email Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org. *The Black Panther* can be streamed for free with subscriptions on Disney+, Apple TV, Amazon Prime, or it can be rented from Google Play Movies.

