

THE CONNECTION

July 22, 2021

WSUMC Lifting Some Requirements August 1

Beginning Sunday, August 1, Washington Street will no longer require masks for all individuals when attending services, classes, or meetings. However, *if you are not fully vaccinated* (2 weeks after your final shot) *you must still wear a mask*. We realize that some of you may want to continue wearing a mask and encourage you to do that if it makes you more comfortable.

Children's Church and the nursery will reopen on Sunday, August 1. Children's Sunday School will also resume on August 1. Please note that *all individuals who are working with children under the age of 12 will be required to wear a mask at all times to protect the health of the children who are unable to be vaccinated*.

Service/Facility Usage Changes

The offertory will also resume on August 1 at the 11:00 am service. You may also notice we have added back in several pews to increase our capacity. We do still ask that you practice social distancing as much as possible especially if you are not vaccinated.

Meetings may now be held in person at the church. We have increased capacity in most of the rooms. However, they will still have a maximum capacity posted for the time being. Please contact Abbie to set up meetings at abbie@wsmethodist.org or by phone.

The Reopening Team will meet again on August 11 to reevaluate the procedures and make any necessary changes or adjustments. For any questions or concerns, please contact Ricky Rowe at rkrowe2@bellsouth.net.

K-5 Sunday School Returns Aug. 1!



July 13, 2021

Dear Washington Street Family,

Thank you so much for the generous love offering and gifts you gave me as I left WSUMC and entered retirement. We are not yet ready to "decorate" the house as we are still unpacking the kitchen and moving furniture from place to place. I cannot wait to hang the Betty Rivers print and I will remember you all with joy as I gaze at the beautiful painting. I will come back to see the brick!!

You are in my prayers as you continue your journey in ministry. I am grateful to have shared these last five years together.

Peace and love,

Patricia J. Parrott

Sunday School

• **Aldersgate Class** is continuing a 6-week program on *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact David Anderson at danderson@richardsonplowden.com.

• **The Dawsey Class:** continues its study of *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis. This Sunday, July 25, Carol Krebs will teach Chapter 7, "From Warriors to Guardians." On August 1, Tom Summers will lead a discussion of Chapter 8, "The New Jim Crow and Redemptive Justice." The class will meet by FreeConferenceCall. Class members should call in before 9:15 a.m., but not before 9:05 a.m. The call-in number is (701) 802-5115. The access code is 7252934.

• **The Grace Class:** is taking a relaxed approach to Summer Sundays by simultaneously gathering in person and via Zoom during the regular Sunday School hour to share a devotional led by a class member or guest. Join in person or contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasec.edu for the Zoom link to gather at 9:45 am for fellowship, and at 10:00 am for spiritual reflection. Also, check out the Grace Class Summer Calendar ([available online](#)) for extra opportunities to meet up outside of class!

• **The Joy Class** is meeting in-person at 10:00 am in their 3rd-floor classroom, and we invite everyone to join us! If you are interested, please contact Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for an invitation.

• **Open Door Class** is continuing its study of *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith* by Tom Berlin. We continue to meet in person as well as via Zoom each week. For more information about our class or the book, contact jessup.ann@gmail.com.

• **The Paul Harmon Class** will be meeting at 10:00 am in the Traxler Class which is located on the 2nd floor. Rev. Don Britt is continuing to lead our study and discussion of how the scriptures are relevant to our time. All are welcome. For more information contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.

• **John Harper Class:** Will be meeting in their classroom. The class will be led by Tracy Powers. All are welcome. Contact Tracy for more information at tjpowers65@gmail.com.

• **YASS** will be taking a break for the summer. We encourage you to join in with any of our other adult classes which are now meeting at the church. Please contact Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org for more information.

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** July 25th—Choices: Romans 12. No class on August 1. Youth retreat: July 30-31. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

AARP

Hosted by the Reconciling Next Team



The AARP Ride@50+ Program is your one-stop shop for access to transportation options in the area for you or your loved one! Learn more and book an essential ride today!

LEARN MORE! JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE LUNCHTIME SESSION ON THIS PROGRAM!

JULY 28 | 11:00-12:00 PM | CHAPEL

BRING A LUNCH & JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THREATT HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING!

**REGISTER ONLINE @
WSMETHODIST.ORG/EVENTS**

ATTENDANCE:

June 27: 8:45 am Outdoor (18); 11:00 am: 70
July 4: 90
July 11: 90
July 18: 111

ONLINE VIEWS OF LIVE SERVICE (as of 7-20)

July 4: 241
July 11: 123
July 18: 62

Giving year-to-date (as of 7-20):

Church: Budget: 471,497.25 | Actual: 365,227.81
Foundation (gifts): 31,611.25
Soup Cellar: \$37,734.65

Gifts



IN MEMORY OF ANGELA POWERS
to the Music Ministries
Given by Bob & Joan Beamer

IN MEMORY OF NAN SELF
to the Children's Ministries
Given by Bob & Joan Beamer

IN MEMORY OF NAN SELF
to WSUMC
Given by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Bracey

IN HONOR OF REV. PATRICIA PARRISH
to Reconciling Next Ministries
Given by Jim Lane

IN MEMORY OF NAN SELF
to WSUMC
Given by Col. Joseph P. Jackson, Jr., MD
& Margaret Edwards

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Back to School

For more information contact
Terence Goodwin
tgoodwin@wsmethodist.org

ICE Cream Social



SAVE THE DATE!

BASH!

Hosted by Children & Family Ministries

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Threatt Hall/Outside Parking Lot

MUSIC • GAMES • ICE CREAM

plus free school
supplies available to
all ages*

**while supplies last*





Youth Project Donations Needed!

Do you have an old door to donate? The youth are looking for six doors to paint and prepare this project for Pride Month which is October. If you have an old door, or extra paint to donate, or would like to make a cash donation to this project, please contact Mackin Wall at [mackin @wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

Prayer List

Pete Bailey
Thom Berry
Martha Boynton
Martha Brooker
Sally Christian
Mickey Epting
Charles Garren
Frances Grimes
Bud Harrelson
Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Lisa Johnson

Rev. Judy King
Beverly McClanahan
David Middleton
Lauren, Greg, and Nora
Blair Middleton and family
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Sarah Threatt
Our homebound

August Birthdays

August 1

Lydia Conte
Michael Harmon
Happy Henry
Donna McMenamy
Pat Pantsari
Susan Weir

August 2

John Cardoni
R. E. L. Freeman, III
Robert Horton
John Person, Jr.
Alex Ruffin

August 3

Pato Aravena
Kim Lesesne
Ander Melogy

August 4

Joe Clark
Addy Lee
Wyatt Rowe
Michele Thornley

August 5

Nichole Ellis
Karen Horne
Jones Kremlick

August 6

Kyle Baldwin
Marcia Lane
Linzie Staley
Dottie Webber

August 7

Laura Eckard
David Gill
William Hornsby
Jenny Watson

August 8

Graham Cooper
Dianne Dickey
Garry Stevens

Tammy Taylor
Carlisle Watson
Lauren Wright

August 9

Bradley Clark
Laura Holladay
Patrick McClanahan

August 10

Joyce Down
Charlie Farmer
Kelly McCook

August 11

Cleo Fowler
Wilson Hamilton
Rob Hopkins

August 12

Ed McClain
Michael Steinhilper
Amy Steptoe
Mary Sutherland
Neal Woods

August 13

Tom Bunch
Buzzy Deas
Sim Harmon
Debbie Teague
Stewart Ware

August 14

Peggy Rumpel
Jeanie Sullivan

August 15

Karl Holtzer
Hunter Jones
Nicole Stalvey

August 16

Amy Reynolds
Shelley Stafford

August 17

Allen Rutter

August 18

Madison Matthews
Kathy Rogers

August 19

Allyn Anderson
Dawn McCullough

August 20

Jim Lane
Ali Robertson
Jackson Ruth

Beren South

August 21

Alma Louise Aravena
Kathryn Brooks

Kathleen Burbage
Rebecca Rosen

August 22

Ashley Pender

August 24

Amelia Ellis

Nancy Holmes

Elliott Miramonti

August 25

Jordan Greene

Haley Nix

Allison Robertson

August 26

Charles Garren
Tripp Reynolds

August 28

Dawn Hinshaw

Kathy Jones

August 29

Richard Abernathy
Grant LeFever

August 30

Dale Harsey

August 31

Jason Buffkin
Steve Fertick
Joe Hudson
Kelly Mixson
Michael Murphy
Laurely Nance
Nathan Ruth

Connect!




Introducing a new way to stay connected

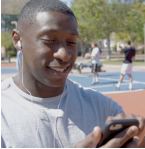
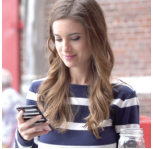




Let's get connected. ✨

Download our Connect app today.

- 📄 Update your personal information
- 🗣️ Communicate with groups & teams
- 📅 Follow church announcements
- 🔍 Look up members
- 💰 Manage giving
- 📅 Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.



Our church is upgrading our membership database with a user-friendly solution called Realm®. This upgrade will offer some exciting opportunities to support the way you, as church members, can be involved and connect with fellow Washington Streeters. Not only will this improve work-life for our staff, but it will also make it easier for your church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community. You will be able to determine how much you want to make this part of your experience with our church, but we encourage you to take advantage of all of the perks of this new way to connect with your Washington Street family.

How to Participate

Get the Mobile App

The easiest way for people to access Realm® is with their mobile devices. Download the CONNECT app and stay connected to our church wherever you go. Use it to communicate with your committees, groups, and teams. RSVP and register for events, manage your giving, update your own profile information, and more. It will make it easier for us all to connect throughout the week and know what's happening.

- News—Keeps everyone up-to-date with the latest posts, photos, and events for your group and for the church as a whole
- Posts—Post messages to your group and comment on posts by others in your group
- Photos—Capture your moments together and share them with your group
- Events—See event details (date, time, location, etc), submit your RSVP or registration, and sign up to bring something
- Files —Access your group's shared files
- Messages—Send your entire group, or select individuals, a message that starts a conversation
- Participants—See names and basic profile details for the people in our church, your committee, or group, based on their privacy preferences
- Notification Settings—Manage your preferences for group notifications and emails.

Update Your Profile

Everyone in our church gets a unique profile. Your profile will contain everything you want people in our church to know about you. Your profile also enables you to join a small group, RSVP or register for events, track your giving, update your contact information, change family details, set notification preferences, or replace that outdated family photo. By keeping your information current, you are helping our staff, group leaders, and our church community.

Your Profile includes:

- Contact Information (e.g. name, address, email, phone) — You can decide what data you want to hide online by setting your privacy preferences.

- Photo

- Family Members

- Personal Information (e.g. marital status, birthday, etc.) — Feel free to enter your full birthday. The year and your age will not be displayed on your church directory profile.

- Connected Social Media accounts

Groups and classes are an important part of our church, and now you can connect with the people in them throughout the week. You can keep track of upcoming meetings, who's bringing what, and what's going on in each other's lives.

Giving

Review your giving history or make new donations online or on your mobile phone. Simply sign in to look over your year-to-date giving, check pledge progress, print a contribution statement, or make a new one-time or recurring donation. It's always available and kept secure in an easy-to-use online environment.

Register for an Event

View upcoming church events and register for the ones you'd like to attend. If an event's registration requires payment, you'll see its cost, any required deposit amount, acceptable forms of payment, and its no-refund date, if applicable. You can also manage your active registrations and see any outstanding balances.

Notes About Privacy

1. You have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information.

2. Contact information is never public or searchable on the Internet. Any information you elect to make visible to your church family is always protected behind a login.

3. Authorized staff will always have access to your profile information.

4. You and certain authorized staff may update your profile information. In some cases, your group leader may update your contact information if you have made it visible to group leaders.

5. For safety reasons, sharing contact and personal information for children under 18 is limited. Parents determine whether or not to display their child's name in the church directory.

6. Children under 13 may not participate and will not be able to sign in.

What People May See

By default, the viewing of your contact and personal information is limited to members of groups you are in, group leaders, and staff members. If you choose to, however, you can make your information visible to the entire church. But if you prefer to be more private, you can customize how people see specific information.

- Contact Information: Name, Address, Phones, and Email;
- Personal Information: Marital Status, Family Position, Member Status

But you also have the option of sharing your birthday, gender, allergy information, and skills with people in your church. If you are a group leader or host an event, certain contact information may be visible regardless of the settings you choose.

Privacy Settings

- Everyone—Like a church directory listing, everyone in our church will be able to see whatever profile information is marked as visible to everyone.
- My Groups + Group Leaders + Church Staff—This setting means the information will only be shared with the people you are involved with at church. This is the default setting.

- Group Leaders + Church Staff—You would use this setting if you wanted to keep some profile information hidden from anyone who is not a group leader or on staff.
- Church Staff Only—This setting effectively removes you from the church directory. Your information will only be available to authorized church staff.
- Custom Privacy—Choose different privacy levels for specific contact fields and personal information. You can do this in two places: when you edit your profile information or when you manage your privacy settings.

While you can hide the majority of your information from most of the church, you should know that, regardless of your settings, contact data will still be visible to certain members of the church staff. The Directory page shows all individuals who have a login, along with individuals without a login who have been opted-in to the directory. Currently, individuals with a login cannot opt-out of being listed in the directory.

Family Privacy

A family member with a primary position such as “Head” or “Spouse” can change privacy settings for other members of the family and opt family members into the church directory. Birthdays are required for children (as a means to prohibit access), but it’s up to you if you want to share the birth date with your church family.

Questions? Contact Robbie Douglas at rdouglas@wsmethodist.org, or Jane Peterson at jane@wsmethodist.org.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Saturday, July 24

1:30-2:30 pm/Records & History Committee Meeting/Wesley Room & Archives

Tuesday, July 27

6:00-7:00 pm/Connections Committee Meeting/John Harper Classroom

6:00-7:00 pm/RJAT Meeting
Wesley Room

Wednesday, July 28

11:00 am-12:00 pm/AARP RideShare @50+ Presentation/Chapel* (*location subject to change)

12:00-1:00 pm/BYOB Lunch & Fellowship/Threatt Hall

7:00-8:00 pm/Small Group: *Love Like That: 5 Relationship Secrets from Jesus*/Zoom (contact Ann Jessup @ jessup.ann@gmail.com for the link)

Friday, July 30

Youth Retreat to Congaree National Park

Saturday, July 31

Youth Retreat to Congaree National Park

Monday, August 2

5:30-7:00 pm/Trustees Meeting/Zoom

Tuesday, August 3

4:00-5:00 pm/Reconciling Next Team/Zoom
6:00-7:00 pm/SPPRC Meeting/Zoom

Wednesday, August 4

10:00-11:15 am/Active Faith/Zoom

6:00-7:00 pm/Church Council/Zoom

7:00-8:00 pm/Small Group: *Love Like That: 5 Relationship Secrets from Jesus*/Zoom (contact Ann Jessup @ jessup.ann@gmail.com for the link)

Monday, August 9

7:00-8:00 pm/Online Film Study: Soul with Alston Lippert/Zoom (email Rev. Alston @ aflippert@umcsc.org)

Wednesday, August 11

5:00-6:15 pm/Reopening Church Team/Zoom

7:00-8:00 pm/Small Group: *Love Like That: 5 Relationship Secrets from Jesus*/Zoom (contact Ann Jessup @ jessup.ann@gmail.com for the link)

Saturday, August 14

12:00-2:00 pm/Back to School Bash (all ages)/Parking lot and Threatt Hall

To set up any meeting, please contact Abbie at abbie@wsmethodist.org