

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Tips on Getting Connected

Let's get connected. ✨

Have you signed up for Connect? It's the new way that WSUMC can communicate with its congregants and our congregants with each other! Not only can you look up addresses and phone numbers of other members, but you can view the calendar, events, meetings and various groups/teams and committees that you can become involved in. You can even chat and upload documents to share within your committees.

- Use the checklist below as a guideline for setting up your profile. **REMEMBER**, you must sign up on your COMPUTER not your phone. Once you have created a new password and signed in you can set up your profile. After the initial setup, you will be able to navigate through CONNECT on your phone.
- We have been sending out reminder notifications to set up your account. **PLEASE NOTE: your link to set up your account expires after 72 hours.** If you need a new link, you will need to contact Robbie Douglas (rdouglas@wsmethodist.org), Abbie McKenzie (abbie@wsmethodist.org) or Jane Peterson (jane@wsmethodist.org) and a new invitation will be sent to you.
- **Groups** have been set up so you can communicate and be notified of group specific meetings, messages, events, and more. You can attach documents to share and chat with others in your groups (Sunday School classes, teams, committees, etc.). Groups 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.

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. *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 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 your church, you should know that, regardless of your settings, contact data will still be visible to certain members of our church staff.*

Connect Checklist

- ✓ Check your email for the reminder. You may need to check your spam folder! **NOTE: you must do the initial setup ON YOUR COMPUTER, not your phone!** Follow the link to begin setup. (The link expires in 90 days.)
- ✓ Set up a new password
- ✓ Go to your profile and check your information. You can edit any misinformation.
- ✓ **Click on Manage Privacy.** This allows you to control what others see! **VERY IMPORTANT.** You can pick and choose what others can see in your profile.
- ✓ Upload a photo!

As we build groups and teams, you will see that information show up in your profile. You can create emails to others on your teams and more!

You can download both Android and Apple apps from our website at wsmethodist.org/connect

**DOWNLOAD APPS ONLINE AT
WSMETHODIST.ORG/CONNECT**

OR SCAN QR CODE



Sunday School

• **The Aldersgate Sunday School Class** is doing a 10-week study program on Adam Hamilton's new book *Words of Life Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*. In *Words of Life*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every "thou shalt not" was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt". This study will include the use of a DVD featuring Adam Hamilton teaching from locations in Egypt as he explores the Ten Commandments followed by a discussion of each commandment. All are welcome to join this discussion which will run until October 4, 2021. For more information contact David Anderson at danderson@richardsonplowden.com.

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, August 22, Anne Sinclair will report on activities of Washington Street's Racial Justice in Action Team. Next Sunday, August 29, the class will begin a new book *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Carl Evans will lead a discussion of the Prologue: "Confession: No Thanks." 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. For more information, contact Mary Slade at 803-917-7689.

The Grace Class: is simultaneously gathering in person and via Zoom during the Sunday School hour. Starting August 22nd, the class will examine a 4-part film series bundled from *The Work of the People* titled "Seeking Aliveness", a journey with renowned author and emergent Christian leader Brian McLaren, who draws on the themes from his book *We Make the Road by Walking: A Yearlong Quest for Spiritual Information, Reorientation, and Activation*. In September, the class will begin study and reflection on *Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*. In this commentary, award-winning author and theologian Willie James Jennings explores the relevance of the book of Acts for the struggles of today. Join in person or contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasc.edu for the Zoom link to gather Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM for fellowship, and at 10:00 am for spiritual reflection. For extra fun and fellowship, The Grace Class will gather on Saturday, August 28th at 10:00 am in the church parking lot and walk up to the Soda City market to spend an hour or so exploring, tasting, etc. Four-legged family members are welcome too, of course! After a bit of people watching, exploring the booths/vendors, the group will convene in Boyd Plaza or maybe at The Grand for lunch. All are welcome to join!

• **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 leandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for more information.

• **Open Door Class:** has started a new study *Moses the Reluctant Prophet* by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome to join via Zoom or in person. For Zoom link information, contact Ann Jessup at jessup.ann@gmail.com.

• **The Paul Harmon Class:** will begin a study of the Apostles Creed on August 22. Reverend Don Britt will lead our six-week study. All are welcome. For more information contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.

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

• **YASS** is 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:** August 22nd --"Back to School," Exodus 5: 1-9 and 5 19-21; August 29th "Self Image," Psalm 139. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.



Sunday School, Nursery & Worship
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, WE WILL NOT HAVE CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING THE 11 AM SERVICE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
For the health and safety of everyone, we ask that where possible, children over the age of 2 wear a mask while attending Sunday School or Worship. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with this policy.



Order your 2021 WSUMC t-shirt!

Want to show your pride in being a member of WSUMC and let everyone know that at Washington Street, "We LOVE all: No exceptions, No exclusions?" Here's your chance! Women's cut and regular t-shirts are available for **\$17.00** each; **XXL is \$18.00**.

SALE RUNS THROUGH SEPT. 30

NOTE: You must have a REALM Connection account with login. This purchase can not be made available via the Church website Giving link.

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Our homebound

SAVE THE DATE!



JOIN US!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE
ON A LEASH OR IN A
CARRIER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
10 AM - NOON
CHURCH PARKING LOT



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September Birthdays

September 1

Linda Hester
Linda Ruggiero
Bill Young

September 2

Beth Beals
Ann Bell
Cindy Nix
Grace Ostmeyer

September 3

Randy Stewart

September 4

Beth Clauss
Langley DeWitt
Townsend Kremlick
Leena McRoberts
Grayson Murray
Nanci Zeigler

September 5

Bauer Haynes
Sara Merritt

September 6

Courtney Foster
Will Sharp
Bonnie Smith
Tom Wall

September 7

Peggy Culp
Rhonda Meloy
Jon Nason

Lucy Woods

September 8

Lamar Brabham
Elizabeth Brumbach
Larry McElyea

September 9

Janet Hopkins
Charlotte Owen

September 10

Robin Anderson
Cissy Fowler
Brad Hendricks
Dave Middleton

Christian Pompeii

Ingrid Williams

September 11

Tommy Betenbaugh
Bud Harrelson
Harvey Jessup, Sr.

Bill Lever

Chloe Liggett

Scott Liggett

Brian Murrell

EJ Smith

September 12

Caroline Chappell
Betty Cribbs
Richard Owen

September 13

Eric Eckard
Eleanore Langley

September 14

Tyler Garland

Myra Morton

September 15

Lily Dodds
Bill Dudley
Jennifer Marze

Beth Matthews

September 16

Patsy Collingwood
Rufus Rogers

September 17

Katelin Harrison
Lindsey Kremlick

September 18

Elizabeth Cameron

Grant Gibbs

Susan Hornsby

September 19

Lisa Douglas
Campbell Sullivan

John Tomat

Virginia Vaughan

September 20

Sally Christian
John David Waugh

Peggy Weston

September 21

Michael Cardoni

September 22

Ally Cannon
Barrett Fisher Case

Bobbi Gregory

John Radford

Caroline Warner

September 23

Harvey Jessup, Jr.
Martha Railey

September 24

Patton Anderson

Kirk Graham

Imogen Stone

September 25

Vivian James Hall
Emily Rutter

September 26

Carolyn Cosby

Haley Nelson

Taylor Ouzts

Ella Worre

September 27

Preston Horton

Betsy Lehman

Sara Wilcox

September 28

John Cosby

Joe Hawk

September 29

Keith Murphy

Andy Pantsari

Paul Reynolds

Carrie Smyth

September 30

Amos Ratsimbaharison

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wednesday, August 25

7:00-8:00 pm/Online Book Study w/ Ann Jessup/*The Circle Maker*/Zoom

Friday, August 27

6:00-8:00 pm/Youth Game Night/Youth Room

Monday, August 30

6:00-7:00 pm/RJAT/Zoom

Monday, September 6

LABOR DAY/WSUMC OFFICE & CDC CLOSED

Tuesday, September 7

4:00-5:00 pm/Reconciling Next Meeting/Zoom

Sunday, September 12

4:00-5:30 pm/Mary's Maidens/Kitchen & Disciple Conference Room

Monday, September 27

6:00-7:00 pm/RJAT/Zoom

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

ATTENDANCE:

June 27: 8:45 am (Outdoor)
18;

11:00 am: 70

July 4: 90

July 11: 90

July 18: 111

July 25: 108

Aug. 1: 94

Aug. 8: 123

Aug. 15: 122

ONLINE VIEWS OF LIVE SERVICE (as of 8-18)

July 4: 280

July 11: 147

July 18: 138

July 25: 68

Aug. 1: 87

Aug. 8: 56

Aug. 15: 56

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

(as of 8-18):

Church:

Budget: \$471,497.25

Actual: \$432,242.92

Foundation (gifts): \$31,661.25

Soup Cellar: \$42,604.65

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