The Connection

Sunday, October 17, 2021



Come All Ye Thankful!

What are you thankful for?

- Take a paper leaf and in one word or a few words, write what you are thankful for.
- Hang it on the tree.
- Walk around the tree and see what your fellow Washington Streeters are thankful for!

The tree is located outside of Christ Chapel and was beautifully crafted by Sam Waldrep, and for Kathy Rogers for preparing the lovely leaves for the tree. Please take a moment and add your "thankful" message to our tree.



The WSUMC Youth will be collecting winter weather clothing during the Fall Festival on Oct. 31 to distribute at the November 14 Sunday Dinner. You may also drop off donations from 9 am to 4 pm, Oct. 25-31 at the church.

Sunday School

• The Aldersgate Sunday School Class: The class has just started a new series, *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton. A five-week study, Hamilton explores the worries and fears that all of us experience. Learn to identify fears and discover practical steps to overcome them all in the light of Scripture. All are welcome to join in this study which will run through Nov. 7. For more information contact David Anderson at danderson@richardsonplowden.com.

• The Dawsey Class: This Sunday, October 17, the class will continue its study of *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Jim and Caroline Seigler will lead a discussion of Chapter 7, "The Grateful Society." On October 24, Carl Evans will teach Chapter 8, "Circles of Gratitude." 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 about the class, contact the class president Mary Slade at <u>marydslade4@gmail.com</u>.

• The Grace Class: Grace is studying *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. On Oct. 17, Kate Chappel will lead the discussion on Chapters 10 and 11 (pages 102-124.) On 10/24 the class will discuss Chapters 12 - 15 (pages 125-151) 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. All are welcome to join!

• **The Joy Class** is studying the book of Romans. We invite all to join us in person as we learn & grow together on our journey to be Christ's light in the world. If you are interested, please contact Lee Haynes at <u>lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com</u> or Sylvia Stevens at <u>sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com</u> for more information.

• **Open Door Class:** Open Door has started a new book, *The Hard Good: Showing Up for God to Work in You When You Want to Shut Down* by Lisa Whittle. 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:** Reverend Don Britt is leading the Paul Harmon Class in a study of the Apostles' Creed. All are welcome. For more information contact Suzanne Joye at <u>sjoye@sc.rr.com</u>.

• John Harper Class: is currently studying the Gospels using Cokesbury Adult Sunday School materials. The class is led by Tracy Powers. All are welcome. Contact Tracy for more information at tjpowers65@gmail.com.

• WSUMC Youth Class: On October 17th, the youth will be watching a Ted Talk by Shane Claiborne, author of *The Irresistible Revolution*. On Oct. 24, the class will study "Sharing Your Faith," Matthew 28: 16-20 To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

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Circle 9 invites you to join them in their fall study

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

by Rachel Held Evans

Group 9 plans to meet virtually one weeknight per month. We do our best to schedule monthly on an evening that suits the majority of our group. Anyone interested in participating should email Michelle Bizzell at bizzell.michelleegmail.com



All Saints Sunday is Nov. 7 Order your rose in memory of loved ones online at wsmethodist.org/allsaints

Orders must be received by noon on Nov. 1 FORMS MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER!

You may order roses before the 11:00 am service on Oct. 17 and 24 in the narthex. Proceeds will benefit Active Faith and the WSUMC flower fund.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF JAMES VAUGHAN to the Organ Fund Given by Virginia Vaughan

IN HONOR OF LYNDA & JOHN GALLOWAY to the Organ Fund Given by Virginia Vaughan

IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER to WSUMC Given by Tom Gillette & Sharon Dantzler

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to the WSUMC Given by Virginia Vaughan

IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER to the WSUMC Given by Kennerly McLendon

IN MEMORY OF WALTER "PETE" BAILEY to Missions

Given by Diana & Rob Tester IN MEMORY OF PETE BAILEY to the Soup Cellar

Given by the Dawsey Class

IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER to the Soup Cellar Given by Nancy Higgins

IN MEMORY OF ANGELA POWERS to the Organ Fund Given by Chip Williams

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH ANDREW GRAHAM to the Organ Fund Given by David Smith

IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER to the CDC Given by Gwen & Mike Harmon

IN MEMORY OF MOTT COOPER to the Good Samaritan Fund Given by Wendy & Joe Clark Vovember Birthdays

November 1 Marshall Ramsey November 2 John Riley November 3 Joan Beamer Natalie Hefelfinger Jennifer Warner November 4 Neil Akre Leslie Leitner **Brodie Wall** Dane Waund November 5 Neal Foster Abigail Scurry Benjamin Scurry November 6 Kim Greene Milton Harrelson **Robyn Fisher Rogers** November 7 John Lever Leon Threatt

November 8 Robin Johnson James McKenna Lauren Middleton Elizabeth Ouzts November 9 Craig Fulmer **Daniel Melogy** Wilma Winslow November 10 Jackson McCraw Dan Mills November 11 James Boulware Joy Browder-Boone Donna Bryan Beth Gibbs Madison Haynes Lish Jansen Laura Moses Daniel Scurry Chris Ziegler November 12 **Benjamin Bledsoe**

Jamie Gerald Leigh Nason **Elizabeth Price** November 13 Sam Anderson Nicole Hendrix C. Grant Jackson Rett Jackson Farrar Stewart Nancy Williams November 14 William Barr Laurin Brooks **Beverly Brumbach** November 15 **Kimberly McAlister** Brett Murray **Charles Rodgers** Judith Stanley November 16 Richard Robinson, Jr. November 17 Charley FitzSimons Thomas Melogy

Helen Mills Rozanna Pfeiffer November 18 Scott Brabham Chris Lee **Chipper Peterson** November 19 Corbin Smyth November 20 **Judy Hines Braxton Murphy** November 21 Christina Brenner Andrew DeWitt William Pope, Jr. Jeff Schatz Marsha Ward November 22 Dottie Hanlin Madelyn Joye Norman McEntire November 23 Adrienne Huffman Ansley Jansen

November 24 Michael Fusco Layton Joye Ellen Osborne November 2 Nicholas Shumate November 26 **Ron Hicks Bob Mills Taylor Moses** Louis Shirer Allison Taylor **Brett Taylor November 28** John Beals John Macaluso **Ray Smith** November 29 **Lily Cate Buchanan** Eric Smith November 30 John Carnes William Pope III **Caroline Seigler**

Daytrippers! Join us for the Mepkin Abbey 2021 Creche Festival "Bethlehem Within"

ould you like to attend this festival? Washington Street has 15 reservations for Monday, November 15th at 2:30 pm. Mepkin Abbey is a community of Roman Catholic Monks established in 1949 on the site of Historic Mepkin Plantation located on the Cooper River. This event is highly rated on Trip Advisor. You will experience over 100 nativity scenes' from all over the world. In addition to the exhibit, you will experience the peace of the Monastic traditions, the lovely gardens, live oaks, sculptures and statues.

If you are interested in claiming one of these reservations or for more information, please email Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org to reserve your space, or register online through Realm. Reserve early to make sure you can go. We will meet at the church that morning, carpool down, have lunch, attend the festival, and return to the church. It will be a long day but lots of fun! Mepkin Abbey requires all attendees to be vaccinated and wear a mask.



One of over 100 nativity displays that will be featured at the 2021 Festival.



COTTON CANDY + PUMPION CARVING & PAINTING + MUSIC + FACE PAINTING + COSTUME PARADE & CONTEST + INPLATABLE SLIDE

October is 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.

Join WSUMC for the SC Pride Parade & Festival

Gathering: Friday, Oct. 22, The Grand 5:00 pm | Parade: 7:30 pm

Festival: WSUMC Booth, noon-6 pm, Saturday, Oct. 23

WASHINGTON STREET

We Welcome All No exceptions. No exclusions

ATTENDANCE: Sept. 5: 94 Sept. 12: 80 Sept. 19: 94 Sept. 26: 104 October 3: 91 October 10: 94

Give online today wsmethodistorg/giving GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 10-14-21): Church: Budget: \$471,497.25 Actual: \$537,777 Soup Cellar: \$61,461 Foundation Gifts: \$31,686

Or text "connections" to 732566



The Sunday Dinner Team needs cookies & brownies for our Nov. 14 dinner!

Drop off your donations in the kitchen no later than 12:00 pm, Sunday, Nov. 14. Mary's Maidens will individually wrap items for distribution.

Thom Berry Martha Boynton Martha Brooker Sally Christian Heidi Conte Mickey Epting Frances Grimes Bud Harrelson Karen Horne Geneva Hutchinson Lisa Johnson Rev. Judy King

Prayer List

Mike LeFever Beverly McClanahan David Middleton Lauren, Greg, and Nora Blair Middleton and family Rick Rowe Boyd Saunders Stephanie Saunders Sarah Threatt Tom Wall Peggy Weston Our homebound

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, October 17 4:00-5:30 pm | Mary's Maidens | Threatt Hall Monday, October 18 7:00-7:45 pm | Small Group Study: Learning How to See | Zoom Tuesday, October 19 5:30-6:30 pm | Finance Committee Wednesday, October 20 11:00 am-12:30 pm | Small Group Study: Learning How to See | Zoom & Wesley Room Thursday, October 21 5:30-6:30 pm | Foundation Meeting | Zoom

Friday, October 22 5:00-8:30 pm | Pride Parade | Meet @ The Grand 5 pm; parade @ 7:30 pm Saturday, October 23 Noon-6:00 pm | Pride Festival | WSUMC Reconciling Ministries Booth (Main St.) Sunday, October 24 10:30 am-12:30 pm | Trick or Treat for UNICEF (Mary's Maidens) | before & after 11:00 am service in the narthex. Monday, October 25 6:00-7:00 pm | RJAT | Zoom 7:00-7:45 pm | Small Group Study: Learning How to See | Zoom