

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, October 31, 2021

WSUMC Celebrates SC Pride



As a visible witness to God's inclusive love for all people, members of WSUMC participated in Famously Hot SC LGBTQ Pride on October 22 and 23. On Friday evening, approximately 25 members of WSUMC, their friends and relatives, marched in

the PRIDE parade. This marked the fourth time WSUMC has had a presence in the parade.

On Saturday, for the first time, WSUMC had a vendor booth at the festival where luggage tags, key chains, fans, stickers, etc., all purchased and donated by members of the Grace Sunday School Class and all with affirming messages and information about WSUMC, were given to festival goers.

In collaboration with Alexandra Kaufman, a Health Sciences major at the University of SC, festival goers were encouraged to respond to two questions: 1) What is something you wish straight Christians knew? and 2) How did the Christians in your life respond to you coming out? Responses will be used in an upcoming listening session at WSUMC to help us continue to plan our work as a reconciling congregation.

During the day numerous festival goers thanked those from WSUMC for having a presence at the festival; one attendee was heard as she shared to another, "That's a great church!"

Thank you to all who had a part in making this a great experience for WSUMC members and for those who were impacted by WSUMC's presence at PRIDE and a special thanks to WSUMC clergy for their presence and participation. A special thanks goes out to all of those who so graciously represented WSUMC at our booth: Jane Peterson, Vickie Voegeli, Lisa Voegeli, Jan Baker, Jenny Dalrymple, Cindy Cox, , Rebecca Elswick, Becky Shirley, Christine Hait, MJ Fox, Kitty Hepfer, Christine Hait, Marcia Lane, Elaine and John Ferraro, Jim Lane, Alston Lippert, Alston Lee Lippert, and Nancy Whittle.



Sunday School

• **The Aldersgate Sunday School Class:** The class has started a new series, *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton. In this 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 31, the class will conclude its study of *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Kay Ayers-Garren will lead a discussion of the Epilogue, "A Call to the Grateful Way." On November 7, we will begin a new book, *Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic—and Beyond* by Matthew Fox. Hunter Rentz will teach the Forward and the Introduction. 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 marydslade4@gmail.com.

• **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. 31 the class will discuss Chapters 16-17, (pages 152-180). On Nov. 7 the class will discuss Chapters 18-21, (pages 181-202). Join in person or contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasec.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 currently studying the Book of James. Later in November, we will be doing an Advent series, with each week led by a class member. We invite all to join us as we learn and grow together to shine Christ's light and love on the world. If you are interested, please contact Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for more information.

• **Open Door Class:** is continuing its study of *The Hard Good* by Lisa Whittle. The next two weeks will focus on chapters 3 and 4. 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 sjoye@sc.rr.com.

• **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 Oct. 31 the class will discuss "A Lesson on Giving," Luke 6: 38. For the month of November, the youth will be studying *The Teachings of Jesus* with the guidance of "The Fathom Series" student journal. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

Gifts



IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER

to WSUMC

Given by Circle 2

IN MEMORY OF GRACE McALISTER

to WSUMC

Given by Deborah Edens

IN HONOR OF LOUIS SHIRER

to the Organ Fund

Given by Robin & David Anderson

IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER

to WSUMC

Given by Mary & Lanneau Lide

IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER

to WSUMC

Given by Thomas Hepfer

IN HONOR OF

ALL OF THOSE WHO MAKE THE CHURCH LOOK BEAUTIFUL

to the Flower Fund

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

IN HONOR OF SARAH THREATT

to WSUMC

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

IN HONOR OF SUZANNE JOYE

to WSUMC

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

IN MEMORY OF MARY McEACHERN

to the Soup Cellar

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER

to WSUMC

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER

to WSUMC

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

IN MEMORY OF NAN SELF

to WSUMC

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

IN MEMORY OF WALTER PHILLIP (PETE) BAILEY

to the Soup Cellar

Given by Linda & Woodham Foxworth

FALL FESTIVAL!
TODAY AT 3:00 PM

KILLINGSWORTH
transforming women

STAY AT HOME

Gala Home for the Holidays ... Again

Join us for a night of joy and inspiration!

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION VISIT:
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NOV
11TH
@7PM

Registration is
FREE!

SPONSORSHIP
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*with a special appearance by our
own Rev. Shirley!*



Fall Grounds Spruce-Up

Mulch thanks to Eleanore Langley, Kathy & James Wright, Chip Williams, Cindy Cox, Mike Oehler and daughter Izzie, Dottie and Daniel Hanlin, Lee Smith and Karen Carr for their help in spreading 11 cubic yards of mulch around the church and to Mary's Maidens for the beautiful fall flowers planted around the parking lot area.



WSUMC Nursery to Reopen Nov. 7!

The WSUMC nursery will be up and running every Sunday morning beginning on November 7th. The nursery will be open from 9:30 am-12:15 pm every Sunday morning for all infants to 2 year olds. We are excited to have our "babies"

return to hang out and play with our staff and volunteers! The nursery is located through the CDC double doors and to the right down the hallway. For more information contact Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.



Prayer List

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

SIGN UP FOR DAYTRIPPERS!
MEPKIN ABBEY, NOV. 15
EMAIL: AFLIPPERT@UMCSC.ORG



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eligible purchases to WSUMC when you shop!

WSUMC'S SUNDAY DINNER

A DINNER FOR ANYONE IN NEED
NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCLUSIONS.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*To volunteer at the event, or to volunteer to
bake goodies (brownies or cookies) visit
wsmethodist.org/sundaydinner*

*Also...Accepting donations of winter weather gear
through Nov. 14 (new or gently used)
You may drop off your donations at the church
between 9 am and 4 pm weekdays.*

ATTENDANCE:

October 3: 91
October 10: 94
October 17: 98
October 24: 86

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

(as of 10-14-21):

Church:

Budget: \$471,497.25

Actual: \$555,504

Soup Cellar: \$63,922

Foundation Gifts: \$31,686

Give online today
wsmethodistorg/giving

Or text "connections"
to 732566

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, Nov. 1

5:30-6:30 pm | Trustees | John
Harper
7:00-7:45 pm | Small Group
Study: Learning How to See |
Zoom

Tuesday, Nov. 2

4:00-5:00 pm | Reconciling Next
| Zoom
6:00-7:00 pm | SPPRC | Zoom
7:00-8:00 pm | Charles Pfeiffer
Circle

Wednesday, Nov. 3

11:30 am-12:45 pm | Small
Group Study: Learning How to
See | Zoom

Monday, Nov. 8

7:00-7:45 pm | Small Group
Study: Learning How to See |
Zoom

Tuesday, Nov. 9

6:00-7:00 pm | Worship Team |
Zoom

Wednesday, Nov. 10

11:30 am-12:45 pm | Small
Group Study: Learning How to
See | Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 11

5:30-7:00 pm | Circle 2 | Zoom

Sunday, Nov. 14

1:30-3:00 pm | Mary's Maidens
| Kitchen
4:00-6:00 pm | Sunday Dinner |
Parking Lot

Monday, Nov. 15

All day | Day Trippers to
Mepkin Abbey
5:30-6:30 pm | Missions | Zoom

Tuesday, Nov. 16

2:00-3:00 pm | Active Faith |
Zoom

Monday, Nov. 22

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

In Christian Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington
Street Church family in expressing our deepest
sympathy and Christian love to

The family and friends of
Mrs. Frances N. Grimes

who passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021

and to

Mrs. Susan Brown and family in the passing
of her husband,

Mr. Paul Brown, father of Jordan Brown
and Bess Brown Ratsimbaharison

who passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2021

and to

Terri Woodruff and family in the passing of her mother,
Merle Lynn Hensley Woodruff of Erwin, TN.

IN MEMORIAM

Frances N. Grimes
October 24, 2021

&

Paul Brown
October 28, 2021

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."