

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, January 23, 2022

A Stewardship Moment

Recently, WSUMC received a note with a donation to the Soup Cellar. It really struck a chord with us, and we wanted to share this message with our congregation. Proof. Proof that our work with our Soup Cellar ministry has been making a difference in the life of people in our community for many years. Evidence that helping your neighbor and giving the gift of food to those in our community who are in need is indeed appreciated, and that helping others is one of the ways we can live in the spirit of the Lord.

Last Sunday, when weather conditions kept a lot of members home, Rev. Shirley mentioned this letter in a Stewardship Moment during the 11:00 am service. She said, "Too often we see the world through a lens of scarcity and focus on what we don't have. Yet, our stories of faith tell us that God can use the smallest things in order to provide for us. This week we received a letter of thanks from someone who used our Soup Cellar in 1984. This ministry has served hot meals to people in need Monday through Friday for over 40 years. Here's what she writes..."

Dear Soup Cellar,

In 1984, I moved to Columbia. I came from a treatment for drugs and alcohol. I was homeless living in the Women's Shelter. Every day for two months, I took the bus or walked around town looking for a job. During that time, you fed me spiritually and with food. For that I am grateful. Enclosed is a check to help pay back for my 29 years of clean and sober. Thank you again...

Your continued gifts to WSUMC through any of the means available helps us continue to touch lives in meaningful ways. Thanks be to God for using our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to bring hope and healing in a broken world. To give today:

1. Scan the QR code to be directed to the WSUMC Giving
2. Mail a check to the church
3. Text "connect" to 73256
4. Visit wsmethodist.org/giving
5. Drop a check by the church office or in one of the offering plates outside of the sanctuary before or after the 11:00 am service



**SCAN TO GIVE
TO WSUMC**



Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Sunday School Class:** is discussing lessons on *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* by Adam Hamilton, pastor and best-selling author. Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. Please come join us, we welcome all. This discussion is led by David Anderson and Hal Hanlin. Should you have any questions, please call David A. Anderson (mobile 803-318-8821) or danderson@richardsonplowden.com.

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, January 23, we will continue our study of *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd. Cheryl Evans will cover Awakening, pp. 63-100. Next Sunday, January 30, Mary Slade will lead a discussion of Part Two: Initiation, pp. 101-152. 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: The Grace Class is simultaneously gathering in person and via Zoom during the Sunday School hour. The Grace Class will consider a podcast series "Learning How to See" by Brian McLaren from his ebook, *Why Don't They Get It: Overcoming Bias in Others and Yourself*. Participants are encouraged to listen to these sessions on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Play Music, or Stitcher before class on the following dates:

- www.cac.org/podcasts/3-seeing-is-political/ (38 mins – January 23)
- www.cac.org/podcasts/4-what-authoritarian-leaders-see/ (37 mins – January 30)
- www.cac.org/podcasts/5-what-you-focus-on-determines-what-you-miss/ (32 mins – February 6)
- www.cac.org/podcasts/6-seeing-doubt-action-and-contemplation/ (32 mins – February 13)

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.

• **The Joy Class** is continuing lessons led by various members. All are welcome to join us as we learn and grow together to prepare for the season. 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 studying the Hebrews based on the book *HeBrews a Better Blend* by Leah Adams. The class meets both in person and via zoom each week. For Zoom link information, contact Ann Jessup at jessup.ann@gmail.com.

• **The Paul Harmon Class:** The class will not meet again until Feb. 13 due to Covid concerns. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.

• **John Harper Class:** is 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:** Jan. 23—"Finding peace in a chaotic world." 2 Corinthians 13:11 and Philippians 4: 6-7. Jan. 30—"Accountability—we need each other. Ecclesiastes 4:12. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.



Gifts

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Music Ministry
Given by Susan Luthren

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Lisa &
Robbie Douglas

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Sing Along Messiah
Given by Lynn Shirley

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the WSUMC
Given by Coleen Corrigan

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to WSUMC
Given by Rick Frierson

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to WSUMC
Given by Matthew Kluge

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Music Ministry
Given by Jane & Bob Carter

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Worship Technology Fund
Given by Joan & Bob Beamer

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Chip Williams

IN HONOR OF RUFUS ROGERS
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Mrs. L. Arlen Cotter
& Family

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to WSUMC
Given by Elizabeth, Mack, and
Taylor Ouzts & Jake Bodony

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Robin
& David Anderson

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Nancy & Don Hyatt

IN HONOR OF AVA & LEILA
JACKSON
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Ben Whetstone

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Choir Fund
Given by Susan Brown

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Music Ministries
Given by Janet Cotter

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Robin & David
Anderson

Wilcox Named as Winner of The Breakthrough Leadership in Research Award from USC

Congratulations to WSUMC member Sarah Wilcox, PhD who has been named as a winner of The Breakthrough Leadership in Research Award a the University of South Carolina. Sarah is a professor, and the Director of Prevention Research Center in the Exercise Science Department of the Arnold School of Public Health.

The Breakthrough Leadership in Research Award celebrates senior faculty who take a multifaceted approach to inspiring excellence in research through mentoring under-represented minorities, collaborating with colleagues across disciplines, reaching out to the community and engaging in other unique activities. The overall objective of this award is to promote leadership qualities in support of research by not only recognizing the awardee, but also by developing a culture of future leaders in research who value and engage in a wide range of activities to benefit USC and the community.



Sarah Wilcox, PhD



PRAYER LIST

The Prayer Team wants you to know that you can email us with any prayer concerns any time. Please email wsumcprayers@gmail.com.

Lyn Bailey
 Thom Berry
 Martha Boynton
 Martha Brooker
 Heidi Conte
 Mickey Epting
 Bud Harrelson
 Karen Horne
 Geneva Hutchinson
 Lisa Johnson
 Debby Joyner
 Rev. Judy King

Mike LeFever
 Paul McClanahan
 David Middleton
 Lauren, Greg, and Nora
 Blair Middleton and family
 Rick Rowe
 Boyd Saunders
 Stephanie Saunders
 Sarah Threatt
 Marjorie Tuell
 Our homebound

WSUMC Adds Two Wish Lists to Its AmazonSmile Account

Christmas is over, but not WSUMC's giving program with Amazon Smile. Two



wish lists have been created so that you can give items needed to our missions, and to the church as well...it's like giving twice! The Soup Cellar is asking for large cans of vegetables, and the Ecuador Mission Committee is asking for toiletries for their trip this summer. Both lists are now active through AmazonSmile. When you purchase your item(s), you can have them ship directly to the church, and not only to we get your donated item, but we receive a portion of the sale price as well!

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone or tablet. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.

Join AmazonSmile—Simply sign up by selecting WSUMC as your favorite charity. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to WSUMC when you shop!

NOTE: AmazonSmile in the app is not available for iPads and other tablet devices. To shop AmazonSmile on your tablet, type smile.amazon.com into the browser.

Valentine & Chocolate Sale

Mary's Maidens

Sunday, Feb. 9 & Feb. 13



For sale from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the hallway between the Wesley Room and Volunteer Office

ECUADOR MISSION

COLLECTING:

- bar soap • toothpaste • toothbrushes (adult & children) • washcloths • floss • lotion
- chapstick/lip balm • sunscreen

SCAN TO DONATE TO ECUADOR




SOUP CELLAR MISSION




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February 1 Bruce Adams Jan Baker Rachel Penny	February 7 Lori Murray Cindy Waund	February 13 Lois Lovelace Duke Tom Moses	February 18 Nicholas Brown Emily Franklin Daniel Hanlin Cotter Parker	February 23 Joey Mixson
February 2 Phyllis Eledge Shannon Herin Erin Thompson	February 8 Bryson Davis Blair Hawk Melanie Johnson	February 14 Joe Epting Ue Le	February 19 Andy Colucci Ana Sofia Hait Robert McKeown	February 24 Jennifer Jackson Greg Middleton
February 3 Marshall Colcord Gene Fisher	February 9 Frank Harrison Rafael Melo	February 15 Diane Farr Laura Warner	February 20 Janelle Beamer Abby Alexander Craven	February 25 John Halloran Mara Harrison Ellie Oehler Abigail Sease
February 4 Caleb Harrison Alisa Liggett Jake Steinhilper	February 10 Don Britt Freeman Hamilton	February 16 Gloria Apple Aiden Crawford-Caciur Dawn Haynes Beth Robinson	February 21 John Finch Suzanne Sutphin	February 26 Maddy Foley Donna Freeman Amanda Teague
February 5 Analee Burch Rose Dangerfield Ashley Reece	February 11 Riley Middleton Judge Rembert Samuel Schatz	February 17 Alexandra Brooks Will DeWitt Bart Lehman	February 22 John Finck Joy Foley Amy Geddes Lee Haynes Travis Luthren Ashton Presley Sabrina Walker	February 27 William Brown, Jr. Mark Dodds Scott Middleton Aida Rogers Jeff Venner
February 6 Stewart Hall Patti Johnson Forest Kinnett Patrick Plunkett Dawn Pompeii	February 12 Forrest Jenkins, III Jean Kaness Luci Mackie Lathan Robinson Rebecca Swift			February 28 Geoff Bonham
				February 29 Kevin Duggan

February Birthdays

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Saturday, January 22

1:30-2:30 pm | Records & History Committee | Wesley Room

Monday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 26

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

Tuesday, February 1

4:00-5:00 pm | Reconciling Next | Zoom

6:00-7:00 | SPPRC | Zoom

Sunday, February 6

10:00-12:00 pm | Chocolate & Valentines Sales (Mary's Maidens) | Wesley Room & Volunteer Office Hallway

Tuesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 13

10:00-12:00 pm | Chocolate & Valentines Sales (Mary's Maidens) | Wesley Room & Volunteer Office Hallway
4:00-5:00 pm | Mary's Maidens | Threatt Hall

Monday, February 21

7:00 am-5:00 pm | CDC In-Service Day/Parent's Conferences | 2-3's Classroom | Threatt Hall

Monday, February 28

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

Tuesday, March 2

4:00-5:00 pm | Reconciling Next | Zoom

In Christian Sympathy

Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Mr. John Holladay and family in the passing of his wife, Mrs. Laura J. Holladay.



ATTENDANCE:

IN-PERSON:

December 26: 56
January 2: 62
January 9: 77
January 16: 27

ONLINE (full service)

December 26: 84
January 2: 120
January 9: 72
January 23: 114

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

(as of 1-20-22):

Church Budget: TBD—

PENDING FINANCE

COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Church Actual: \$20,954
Soup Cellar: \$795
Foundation Gifts: \$100

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