

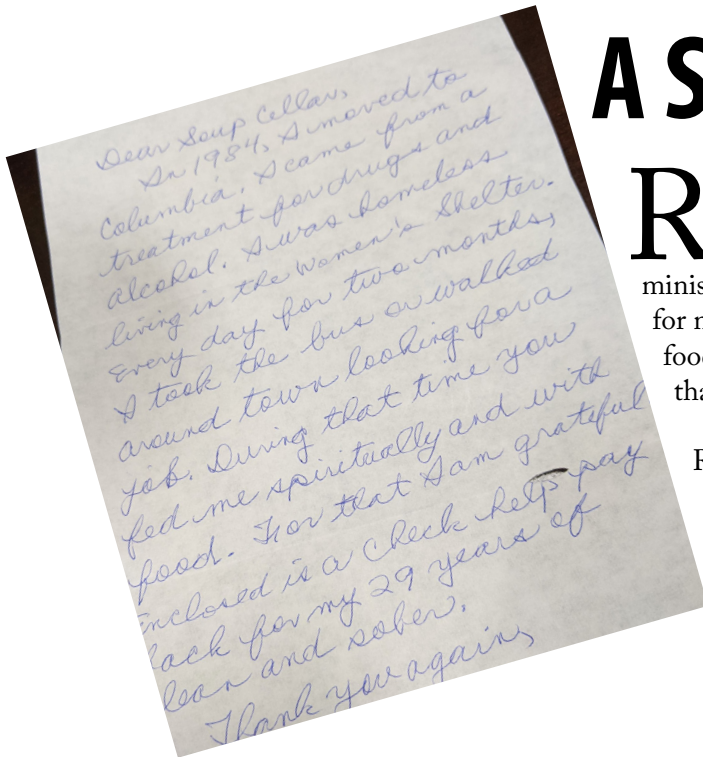
# THE CONNECTION

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.cac.org/podcasts/3-seeing-is-political/) (38 mins – January 23)
- [www.cac.org/podcasts/4-what-authoritarian-leaders-see/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.cac.org/podcasts/6-seeing-doubt-action-and-contemplation/) (32 mins – February 13)

Join in person or contact Jim Lane at [jlane@columbiasec.edu](mailto: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.

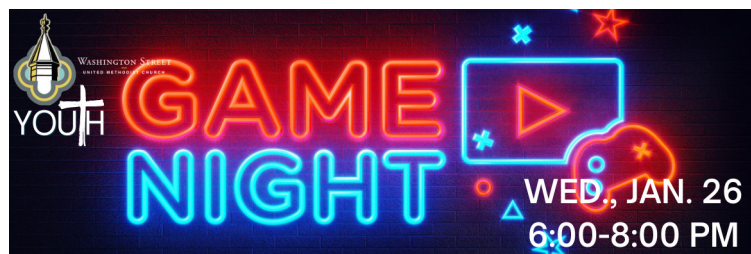
• **The Joy Class** is continuing lessons led by various members. All are welcome to join us as we learn and grow together to prepare for the season. If you are interested, please contact Lee Haynes at [lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com](mailto:lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com) or Sylvia Stevens at [sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com](mailto:sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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



**SCAN TO DONATE TO THE SOUP CELLAR**



**February 1**

Bruce Adams  
Jan Baker  
Rachel Penny

**February 2**

Phyllis Eledge Shannon  
Herin  
Erin Thompson

**February 3**

Marshall Colcord  
Gene Fisher

**February 4**

Caleb Harrison  
Alisa Liggett  
Jake Steinhilper

**February 5**

Analee Burch  
Rose Dangerfield  
Ashley Reece

**February 6**

Stewart Hall  
Patti Johnson  
Forest Kinnett  
Patrick Plunkett  
Dawn Pompeii

**February 7**

Lori Murray  
Cindy Waund

**February 8**

Bryson Davis  
Blair Hawk  
Melanie Johnson

**February 9**

Frank Harrison  
Rafael Melo

**February 10**

Don Britt  
Freeman Hamilton  
Riley Middleton

**February 11**

Judge Rembert  
Samuel Schatz

**February 12**

Forrest Jenkins, III  
Jean Kanen  
Luci Mackie  
Lathan Robinson  
Rebecca Swift

**February 13**

Lois Lovelace Duke  
Tom Moses

**February 14**

Joe Epting  
Ue Le

**February 15**

Diane Farr  
Laura Warner

**February 16**

Gloria Apple  
Aiden Crawford-Caciur  
Dawn Haynes  
Beth Robinson

**February 17**

Alexandra Brooks  
Will DeWitt  
Bart Lehman  
Dan Rose  
Ned Self  
Mike Steinhilper

**February 18**

Nicholas Brown  
Emily Franklin  
Daniel Hanlin  
Cotter Parker

**February 19**

Andy Colucci  
Ana Sofia Hait  
Robert McKeown

**February 20**

Janelle Beamer  
Abby Alexander  
Craven  
Whitney Workman  
Thorne Young

**February 21**

John Finch  
Suzanne Sutphin

**February 22**

Joy Foley  
Amy Geddes  
Lee Haynes  
Travis Luthren  
Ashton Presley  
Sabrina Walker

**February 23**

Joey Mixson

**February 24**

Jennifer Jackson  
Greg Middleton

**February 25**

John Halloran  
Mara Harrison  
Ellie Oehler  
Abigail Sease

**February 26**

Maddy Foley  
Donna Freeman  
Amanda Teague

**February 27**

William Brown, Jr.  
Mark Dodds  
Scott Middleton  
Aida Rogers  
Jeff Venner

**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 pm | 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 | Threath Hall

**Monday, February 21**

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

Laura Holladay

Jan. 15, 2022

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

**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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