

# THE CONNECTION

*Sunday, January 9, 2022*

## Email Scams Making the Rounds



**H**ere we go again! In the last few weeks, several Washington Street members have been sent phishing or scam emails. It may come from someone who is posing as a member, or as Rev. Shirley. Please know and be aware of where the email address is coming from. Always remember that Rev. Shirley uses a UMCSC address not a Gmail, Yahoo, AOL, or any other service.

These emails are normally asking for some kind of favor or gift cards. **DO NOT RESPOND** to these emails. Mark them as scam or phishing so that your “host” knows to block the address. Reverend Shirley will never ask you for something like this in any email.

Stay diligent!

## Active Faith Starts Two Collections This January

**A**ctive Faith is hosting two collections this month. First is the popular Undie Sundays. Congregants are asked to donate new underwear for both children and adults. These items are being collected for Cooperative Ministries and may be dropped off during office hours on weekdays, and on

Sundays. The collection ends January 30.

The group is also asking for donations of floral containers, vases and baskets to distribute to local florists who may be experiencing difficulty receiving products for use during the hectic Valentines holiday. This collection also ends on January 30.



**Mom said we need to bring undies to Church!**

We will have a laundry basket outside the office door to receive these donations, January 2- 30.

Collecting for both children & adult

**THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY**

Active Faith Small Group



Active Faith is collecting used vases, baskets, and any other floral container during the month of January for local floral shops that are experiencing supply shortages.

Place your clean, used floral containers in the box located by the Mission Garden in the back hallway.

Active Faith Small Group

# 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 9, we will begin a new book *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd. Sue Dillon will teach the Introduction to the 20th Anniversary Edition and Part One: Awakening (pp. 11-32). Next week, January 16, Janelle Rivers will continue Awakening (pp. 32-63). 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:

1. [www.cac.org/podcasts/why-cant-we-see/](http://www.cac.org/podcasts/why-cant-we-see/) (37 mins – January 9)
2. [www.cac.org/podcasts/2-seeing-is-a-social-act/](http://www.cac.org/podcasts/2-seeing-is-a-social-act/) (38 mins – January 16)
3. [www.cac.org/podcasts/3-seeing-is-political/](http://www.cac.org/podcasts/3-seeing-is-political/) (38 mins – January 23)
4. [www.cac.org/podcasts/4-what-authoritarian-leaders-see/](http://www.cac.org/podcasts/4-what-authoritarian-leaders-see/) (37 mins – January 30)
5. [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)
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:** Beth Matthews will be leading the class on January 9. The group will be discussing the Epilogue of their current book, *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton. Check the website for updates for Jan. 16. 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:** January 9th, Reverend Don Britt will begin a series of lessons on the history of Methodism and the Methodist Church today. All are welcome to join us. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at [sjoye@sc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:tjpowers65@gmail.com).

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** On January 9th, the Youth group will be discussing 2 Corinthians—Grace and Peace. God's comfort in times of trouble; being strong in Christ and forgiveness. On January 16th, the discussion will be "Purpose"—Psalm 138:8 and Philippians 1:6. When you let go of what you think your life should be, then you can discover God's plans for you. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).



## Children's Church is now open for ages 2-3

Children may leave after Children's Moments with Ms. Mackin to go to the 2 & 3-year-old classroom where they can be picked up after the service.



## Gifts



**IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER**

to WSUMC

Given by Laura K. Behre

**IN MEMORY OF PAUL BROWN**

to WSUMC

Given by Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord

**IN MEMORY OF RICK HEPFER**

to WSUMC

Given by Ellen Breazel

**IN HONOR OF JACKSON & FISHER CASE**

to WSUMC

Given by Barrett Fisher Case

**IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM H. & LUCILLE C. FERGUSON**

to WSUMC

Given by Sharon Zaffiro

**IN MEMORY OF DOUG BOWLING**

to WSUMC

Given by Anonymous

**IN HONOR OF STAFF & MEMBERS**

to WSUMC

Given by Paula Walters

**IN MEMORY OF MILES BIGHAM**

to WSUMC

Given by Anonymous

## Prayer List

Lyn Bailey  
Thom Berry  
Martha Boynton  
Martha Brooker  
Heidi Conte  
Mickey Epting  
Bud Harrelson  
Laura Holladay  
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







# RECONCILING NEXT MINISTRIES TEAM



## Reconciling Next Ministries Team Reviews its Accomplishments

The Reconciling Next Ministries Team met recently to discuss their accomplishments and goals they had set for 2020-2021.

The team, which includes Jim Lane (leader), Nancy Whittle, Tom Summers, Jane Peterson, Jennifer Jackson, Grant Jackson, Jr., Gary Parish (Reformation Lutheran representative), Andrea McAtee, Mackin Wall, Addie Lee, Alston Lippert, and Rev. Becky Shirley, were able to continue meeting monthly over Zoom, and even with some restrictions due to Covid, feel they met many of their goals. Here are the educational and social events held since the Reconciling Next Team was formed.

### **RNT Educational/Social Events in 2020**

- June – Book Discussion – *Love Without Limits*
- July – Book Discussion – *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*
- August – worked on Racial Justice initiatives
- September – Racial Justice Calendar focus
- October – *Gen SILENT* film viewing and discussion
- November – Book Discussion - *Changing the Message: Cruelty to Persons who are Gay and Incompatible with Christian Teaching*
- November – Public Witness – Transgender Day of Remembrance – Banner/Ribbons on Bull St. fence
- December – RNT Happy Hour – Dec. 3, 5:30 pm

### **RNT Educational/Social Events in 2021**

- February – Valentine's Day Happy Hour (7 attendees)
- March – Discussion and viewing of the documentary, *Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric* (14 attendees)
- June – Shared inclusive language documents with all SS classes and church leaders
- August – A.N.G.E.L.S. Ride@50+ Zoom program with AARP leaders (12 attendees)
- September – *Pray Away* documentary viewing and discussion (18 attendees); began monthly happy hours (Third Fridays, 6 pm) with Reformation Lutheran Church
- October – LGBTQ Public Witness – Youth Rainbow Door displays on Washington Street; WSUMC participation in Pride parade and booth at Pride festival (1st time) with a graffiti wall where information was gained from festival attendees
- November – Transgender Day of Remembrance Public Witness – 44 ribbons on the banner on Bull Street fence to memorialize transgender persons killed in the last year in the US; follow up Zoom discussion on the information gained from the graffiti wall.

The team continues to meet monthly and is just beginning plans for educational and social events for 2022.



You must have completed Safe Sanctuary training prior to working with our little ones!

## Children's Church & Nursery Volunteers Needed!

\*If you are interested in helping out with our young children during Sunday School and/or church in the nursery or 2-3-year-old room, please contact Mackin Wall  
[mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP

starts January 12, 2022

7:00-8:00 pm | Zoom  
with Ann Jessup

*How to Age Without Getting Old*

by Joyce Meyer

*Steps you can take today to  
stay young for the rest of your life*

Register on Realm or email [jessup.ann@gmail.com](mailto:jessup.ann@gmail.com)



NOTE NEW  
START DATE!

JOYCE MEYER

INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR

HOW  
TO AGE  
*without*  
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OLD

THE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TODAY TO  
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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

*Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff  
and Washington Street Church family in  
expressing our deepest sympathy and  
Christian love to Ann and Harvey Jessup in  
the passing of her mother,  
Mary Beth Kluge,  
grandmother of Harvey, Jr.  
and Hannah Jessup.*

Reminder!

The deadline to put a \$100 deposit down for  
the 2022 Ecuador mission trip is  
January 15th.

Questions? Contact Mackin Wall at  
[mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org)

### ATTENDANCE:

#### IN-PERSON:

December 5: 124  
December 12: 145  
December 19: 165  
December 26: 56  
January 2: 62

#### ONLINE (full service)

December 5: 40  
December 12: 90  
December 19: 105  
December 26: 38  
Jan. 2: 68

### GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

#### (as of 12-31-21):

Church:

Budget: \$808,281

Actual: \$726,498

Soup Cellar: \$79,512

Foundation Gifts: \$131,250



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giving](https://wsmethodist.org/giving)

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Sunday, January 9

4:00-5:00 pm | Mary's Maidens | Threatt Hall

### Monday, January 10

6:00-8:00 pm | Middle School Youth Small Group | Youth Room

### Tuesday, January 11

7:00-8:00 pm | Circle 5 | Zoom

### Wednesday, January 12

7:00-8:00 pm | Wednesday Night Group Study | How to Age Without Getting Old | Zoom

### Thursday, January 13

6:00-8:00 pm | High School Small Group | Youth Room

### Monday, January 17

**CDC & Office closed for MLK**

### Tuesday, January 18

10:00-11:00 am | Staff Meeting | Wesley Room

### Wednesday, January 19

7:00-8:00 pm | Wednesday Night Group Study | How to Age Without Getting Old | Zoom

### 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

10:00-11:00 am | Circle 6 | John Harper Classroom

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

6:00-7:00 | SPPRC | Zoom

### Sunday, February 6

10:00-12:00 pm | Chocolate & Valentines Sales (Mary's Maidens) | Hallways

### Tuesday, February 8

10:30-11:30 am | Circle 3 | Wesley Room

5:30-6:30 pm | Circle 9 | Holroyd Prayer Room