

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Email Scams Making the Rounds



Here 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

Active 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



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.



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 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.

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/ (37 mins – January 9)
2. www.cac.org/podcasts/2-seeing-is-a-social-act/ (38 mins – January 16)
3. www.cac.org/podcasts/3-seeing-is-political/ (38 mins – January 23)
4. 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/ (32 mins – February 6)
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:** 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.

• **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.

• **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 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.



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

PROUD MEMBER OF



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

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

NOTE NEW
START DATE!



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

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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[wsmethodist.org/
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