

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, February 6, 2022



There are so many ways to be a part of WSUMC. It takes a village to raise a child, as it does to make a difference in today's world.

There are opportunities abound here at Washington Street. We need your talents. Where do your interests lie? Leadership? Team member? Advocate? Business savvy? Communications? Fundraising? Education? Worship ideas? Event planning? Whatever your interests...we have a place for you. Here is a list of the committees and teams active today, and we'd love to have YOU be a part of our ministries.

If you see an area that you are interested in and would like to learn more, please contact the chair of that committee or Rev. Becky Shirley at rjshirley@umcsc.org.

MINISTRY AREAS

Faith Formation

Sam Waldrep, Coordinator

Worship—Susan Caskey (Interim Chair)

Wedding Coordinators—Elizabeth Aravena, Shelley Stafford

Usher Coordinators—Tommy Betenbaugh (11:00am); Jerry Watson (9am); Susan Luthren

Communion Coordinator—Cathy Hooker

Acolyte Coordinator—Susan Brown

Altar Guild—Kathy Wright

Visual Arts Coordinator—Sam Waldrep

Sound/Video Tech—Lynn Shirley

Education, Chair TBD

Children's Church Coordinator—Mackin Wall

Sunday School Teachers (Adult & Children)

Nursery—Shelley Stafford

Church Libraries (Adult & Children)—Carol Krebs

Spiritual Enrichment—Ann Jessup

Stewardship Team—Christine Hait, Chair

Nominations & Leadership

Development—Rev. Becky Shirley, Joe Epting, Coordinators;

Class of 2022: Gwen Murphy, Tommy Betenbaugh; Class of 2023: Beth Matthews, Shelley Stafford, Eva Nance

Administration Leadership

Joe Epting/Ricky Rowe, Coordinators

Child Development Center Board—

Marshall Robinson, Chair; Current members: Felicia Yockel (CDC Director), Rev. Becky Shirley, Mackin Wall, Robbie Douglas; Class of 2022: Marshall Robinson, Amy Geddes; Class of 2023: Jan Jenkins, Kathy Wright, Alisa Liggett

Finance Committee—Eddie Sullivan, Chair; Current members: Robbie Douglas (Financial Secretary),

Neal Foster (Treasurer), Joe Epting (Lay Member), Ricky Rowe (Church Council Chair), Lee Haynes (Chair of SPPRC), Kelly Epting (Chair of Foundation); Trustee Representative: TBD; Christine Hait (Stewardship), Jamie Gerald (Chair of Good Samaritan Committee); Pamela Jenkins (Lay Member), Phil Jenkins (Lay Member); Mike Broome (Member at Large), Staff: Rev. Becky Shirley

Foundation Trustees—Pete Liggett, Chair; Class of 2022: Lanneau Lide, Robert Peeler, Sr.; Class of 2023: Kelly Epting, Chair, Thorne Barrett; Class of 2024: Chip Williams, Melinda Gibson; Trustee Chair—TBD; Foundation Treasurer—Ed Fisher; Finance Committee Chair—Eddie Sullivan; Staff: Robbie Douglas, Rev. Becky Shirley

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations

Committee (SPPRC)—Lee Haynes, Chair; Class of 2022: Kimberly McAlister, Lee Haynes, Chair; Class of 2023: TBD; Class of 2024: Pam Jenkins, Lee Smith; Joe Epting (Lay Leader), Carol Fowler (Lay Member), Rev. Becky Shirley (Staff)

Communications—Lynn Shirley, Chair;

Auxiliary Ministry Teams

Christ Courtyard Committee—Janet Cotter, Chair; *Memorial Garden Committee*, Mike Conte, Chair

Community Life

Mary Lide, Coordinator

Children & Family Ministry—

Andrea McAtee, Chairperson;

Funeral Visitation Coordination

Team—Janet Cotter, Chairperson

Gracious Goodness—Mary Lide, Chairperson

Raggio Report (video history)—Ed McClain, Chairperson

Records and History Committee—Mike Broome, Chairperson

Kitchen Hospitality Team—Mary Lide, Chairperson

Birthday Card Ministry Team—Mary Ann Betenbaugh, Shelley Stafford (Coordinators)

Good Samaritan Committee—TBD

Youth Council—Dane Waund, Chairperson

Engaging God's World

Nancy Whittle, Chairperson

Active Faith—Deborah Rowe, Chairperson

Connections (Evangelism)—Cindy Waund, Chairperson

Missions & Advocacy—Chip Williams, Chairperson

Racial Justice Action Team—Nancy Whittle, Chair

Reconciling Next Team—Jim Lane, Chairperson

Soup Cellar Ministry—Robbie Douglas, Chairperson

Sunday Dinner Team—Lee Haynes, Chairperson

CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

Chair of Church Council: Ricky Rowe

Lay Leader: Joe Epting

Lay Members of Annual Conference: Dane Waund, Darby Waund, Carol Fowler, TBD

Chair of Trustees: Pete Liggett

Chair of Finance Committee: Eddie Sullivan

Financial Secretary: Robbie Douglas

Chair of Staff/Pastor Parish Relations: Lee Haynes

Chair of Foundation Trustees: Kelly Epting

Recording Secretary: Shelley Stafford

Membership Secretary: Laurely Nance

Church Historian: Mike Broome

Treasurer: Neal Foster

Chair of Communications Team: Lynn Shirley

CDC Board Chair: Marshall Robinson

Faith Formation Coordinator: Sam Waldrep

Community Life Coordinator: Mary Lide

Engaging God's World Coordinator: Nancy Whittle

Members at Large: Janet Cotter, Jim Apple

Senior Pastor: Becky Shirley

Associate Minister of Nurture and Disciple

Development: Alston Lippert

Director of Family Ministries: Mackin Wall

Business Manager: Robbie Douglas

Director of Music Ministries: Nicholas Todd Shumate

Director of Communications: Jane Peterson

The Officers and Staff that are in bold meet as Steering Committees to review progress on goals and the implementation of initiatives.

Active Faith's Recent Supply Drives Successful

Thanks to all of you, WSUMC's Active Faith team was able to donate a barrel full of men's, women's and children's underwear and socks to the Cooperative Ministries. The drive ran through the month of January and has become a yearly drive that Active Faith supports. The barrel in the hallway was overflowing with donations.

We were also able to collect hundreds, literally, of vases, baskets and other floral arranging vessels. Active Faith plans to sell these vases to local florists who are in need of supplies for Valentines. The money raised will be used by the Active Faith Ministry Team for local missions. For more information contact, Deborah Rowe or Sam Waldrep.



Mary's Maidens to Sell Chocolate & Valentines

The girls in Mary's Maidens are offering handmade Valentines and chocolates for you to remember the special people in your life. Valentines are one dollar each.

Chocolate bars and minis are one to five dollars. By purchasing the chocolates from Equal Exchange, you are supporting small farmer cooperatives and fairly traded goods.

We hope to see you Sunday February 6 and Sunday February 13 between 9:30 and 12:00 in the hallway outside the Wesley Room.

Please email Mary Lide at neaudl@aol.com if Covid is limiting your church attendance and you would like to purchase cards and/or chocolates.



**HOMER FESPERMAN
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY
FUND**

Providing funding for online worship experiences for WSUMC. Give today!
(please note Fesperman Fund in memo section)

Established by Linda Fesperman & Lin Fesperman Lord in honor of
Homer V. Fesperman.

Gifts



**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Barbra
& Clarence Jones

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Candace
& Brian Cain

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Mary Anne Hanner

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Gwen
& Mike Harmon

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to WSUMC
Given by Ed McClain

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Sing-Along Messiah
Given by Susan Caskey

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Dawn
& Lee Haynes

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Music Ministries
Given by Carole McConkey

**IN MEMORY OF
LAURA HOLLADAY**
to WSUMC
Given by Ed McClain

**IN MEMORY OF
LAURA HOLLADAY**
to WSUMC
Given by Peggy Weston

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Helen
& Dennis Gaffney

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Shari Dooley

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Mary Freeman

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Jil Nilsen

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Music Ministries
Given by Anne Sinclair
& Julian Ruffin

**IN MEMORY OF
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to the Music Ministries
Given by Helen
& Dennis Gaffney

**IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE**
to the Music Ministries
Given by Mary
& Mark Sheehan



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Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Sunday School Class:** will continue with *The Power and Significance of The Prayer Jesus Thought*. Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know-and really pray-the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of the its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. This study is based upon his latest book *The Lord's Prayer* by Adam Hamilton, copy right 2021 Abingdon Press. The Class just completed the first two lessons and we will have 4 additional weeks of study on this eye opening series. The series discusses each line of the Lord's Prayer and provides an informative perspective as we study this prayer and the meaning that it has for our Christian Journey. We welcome all for this in person experience each Sunday prior to the 11:00 am service. Our class normally starts shortly after 10:00 am. Should you have any questions, please call David A. Anderson (mobile 803-318-8821) or danderson@richardsonplowden.com.

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, February 6, we will continue our study of *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd. Carl Evans will teach Part Three: Grounding, pp. 153-190. Next Sunday, February 13, Caroline Seigler will lead a discussion of Part Three: Grounding, pp.190-226. 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/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@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 or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for more information.

• **Open Door Class:** will continue its study of Hebrews through February. 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 March 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:** February 6th & 11th — The youth will be reading excerpts from *The Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne. Living life like Jesus — how can we step out of comfort zone to serve others? To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

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.

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 Threath
Marjorie Tuell
Our homebound

ATTENDANCE (as of 2-3-22):

Jan. 30: 71 (In-Person);
85 (Online) as of 2-3-22)

Jan. 23: 68 (In-Person);
145 (Online)

Jan. 16: 27 (In-Person);
158 (Online)

Jan. 9: 77 (In-Person);
82 (Online)

Jan. 2: 56 (In-Person);
136 (Online)

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 1-20-22):

Church Budget: TBD—
PENDING FINANCE
COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Church Actual: \$33,832
Soup Cellar: \$2,670
Foundation Gifts: \$225

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, February 6

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

Monday, Feb. 7

5:00-6:00 pm | Service of Repentance Meeting | Zoom

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
4:00-5:30 pm | Mary's Maidens | Threath Hall

Tuesday, February 15

5:30-6:30 pm | Foundation Board Meeting
7:00-8:00 pm | Circle 5 | Wesley Room & Zoom

Thursday, February 17

5:30-6:30 pm | Missions Committee | Zoom