

# THE CONNECTION

*Sunday, March 20, 2022*

## Service of Repentance & Healing to be Held March 27

In a spiritual partnership with leaders and members of Journey Church in Columbia, SC, WSUMC will host a Service of Repentance and Healing on Sunday, March 27, at 5:00 pm the sanctuary. Hosted by the WSUMC Racial Justice Action Team, this special service will include testimonies, prayers, and the choirs from both Washington Street and Journey Church. Pastors from both churches will be leading the service. This special service will also be live-streamed on WSUMC's YouTube channel. Seating is limited, however, you may reserve a space online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/service-of-repentance-healing-tickets-287898521227](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/service-of-repentance-healing-tickets-287898521227), or you can email Jane at [jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org).

### About the Service

Recognizing that if we do not acknowledge the sins of racism in our past and present, individually and systemically, we cannot hope to understand and heal the wounds of racist comments and actions. The service will include elements of confession and repentance and the repudiation of the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice.

Social distancing is still encouraged. Masks are optional.

"When the RJAT was formed, one of our plans was to hold a Service of Repentance and Forgiveness," says RJAT Coordinator, Nancy Whittle. "The purpose is to repent of the sin of racism, white privilege and our participation in it, seek forgiveness, and to recognize the need for healing for those who suffer from racism. WSUMC is thankful to partner with Journey Church in this effort and look forward to continued opportunities to dialogue and build relationships that can lead to transformation."

Journey Church was established in 2007. Journey is a Christian church connected with the South Carolina United Methodist Church. Journey mixes a modern style with some of the traditional practices of the Christian church. They are committed to making disciples. Their core values vow for members to offer their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Their prayer is "O, Lord, draw us to the people who need us this day

and those we will need to build Your kingdom and help You do more. Amen." You can find out more about Journey Church at [www.journeycolumbia.org](http://www.journeycolumbia.org).

*We must learn to live  
together as brothers or  
perish together as fools.—  
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**SERVICE OF  
REPENTANCE  
& HEALING**

WATCH LIVE  
ONLINE

**Sunday, March 27 | 5:00 pm  
Sanctuary**

WASHINGTON STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Journey Church



# Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Sunday School Class:** is embarking on a new study led by Max Lucado in his new release *You were Made for this Moment – How the Story of Esther Inspires Us to Step Up and Stand out for God*. Are you weary from your challenges, wounded by your battles, or worried your world is spinning out of control? Have the struggles pilfered the life out of your life? If so, the book of Esther brings welcome news that God hasn't forgotten you. In this video-based Bible study, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado will help you reclaim your eternal identity as a citizen of heaven, put your hope in the God of Grand Reversals, cultivate courage for your challenging times, and discover your role in God's story. You don't need to become undone by tough times, You can become unleashed by our triumphant God. You, Friend, were made for this moment. The Aldersgate Class meets in person at 10 am before the 11 am service on the second floor of the Church School Building. Come have a cup of coffee, a donut and listen to this exciting series. All are welcome! 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, March 20, we will continue studying *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy-Jill Levine. John Evans will teach Chapter 4: Nowhere Among the Gentiles. Next Sunday, March 27, Tom Wall will lead a discussion of Chapter 5: Outer Darkness. 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:** Lent discussions of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass will continue. March 20: Chapter 3: Savior; March 27: Chapter 4: Lord; April 3: Chapter 5: Way; April 10: (Palm Sunday) Chapter 6: Presence, and Chapter 7: Conclusion: The Universal Jesus. 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 their Lent study series on Sunday, March 6th. The lessons will be led by various members and focused on how we can use this season to further our faith journey. Everyone is welcome to join us as we learn together. 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:** The Open Door Class will continue their study of Hebrews, loosely based on the book *HeBrews a Better Blend*. 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 meet in their classroom. Rev. Don Britt is leading a study on the history of the Methodist Church. 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:** March 20: "Being made in God's Image"—a study from *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley. On March 27, the youth will be making Easter goodie bags for the soup cellar. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

## Gifts

IN MEMORY OF  
**LYN NELSON BAILEY**  
to the Soup Cellar  
Given by Lane &  
Ron Bowden

IN MEMORY OF  
**LYN NELSON BAILEY**  
to WSUMC  
Given by Frances Culler



## NOTICE

Masking Is Now Optional  
Inside the Church



However, if you choose not to wear a mask, please be mindful of those around you who may choose to wear one.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Rose Dangerfield and Gayle Acock in the passing of their father, Richard Dangerfield, on March 12.



## 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).

Thom Berry  
Martha Boynton  
Heidi Conte  
Mickey Epting  
Michelle Graham  
Rev. Paul Harmon  
Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne  
Geneva Hutchinson  
Debby Joyner  
Rev. Judy King  
Martha Helen King  
Mike LeFever

Paul McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Lauren, Greg, and Nora Blair  
Middleton and family  
Genie & Ron Quinn  
Rufus Rogers  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Edee Vaughan  
Kelly Wright  
Our homebound



## Easter Hydrangeas On Sale Now!

**W**e will be selling hydrangeas for our Easter service this year. These plants come in eight-inch pots, have 5-6 blooms, and measure about 22 inches tall (including the pot.) They make splendid Easter gifts. The plants are \$30 each and can be purchased through April 4th. Please complete an order form along with your payment information.

We will also accept donations of plants to be used in the church's cutting garden that was started in 2008 by the Active Faith Small Group. This mission has allowed us to establish a source of sustainable greenery and flowers for our beautiful church arrangements.

You may pay for the plants online at [wsmethodist.org/giving](http://wsmethodist.org/giving) (Realm Connect), by dropping the form and payment in the offering plate, or by dropping off your order form to the Church Office with your payment. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 4.** Forms are available in the office or online at [wsmethodist.org](http://wsmethodist.org).

If you do not wish to purchase a plant, you have the option to make a memorial or honorarium for \$10 per designee. These individuals will be listed in the Easter bulletin insert. Funds collected will benefit the WSUMC Flower Fund.



## Stepping Stones in Our Journey with Christ

*Sermon series runs through Palm Sunday, April 10*



*Watch for your pledge, and skills/interest form in the mail!*

## Heifer International Living Gift Market Results are In

**D**onations to Washington Street's 2021 Living Gift Market were donated to the Future of Food project in Ecuador. Our members donated a total of \$1,983.65.



Heifer International's Future of Food project aims to close the living income gap for 100,000 rural Ecuadorian families through sustainable agricultural systems. This project accelerates innovation and access to investments for farmer-owned agribusinesses that create high social, economic, and environmental value. Future of Food improves nutrition and increases incomes for 18,000 small-scale farming families in the Pichincha, Azuay, and Galapagos Provinces by 2025.

The Future of Food project responds to current demand for healthy food that is produced in an environmentally sustainable and socially friendly manner. Project activities include agro-ecological trainings on irrigation, organic fertilizer and pest control, and organic certification processes. The project applies research to innovate and adapt production and harvesting practices so farmers can efficiently respond to market demand. Their goal is to raise \$3.7 million between 2020 and 2025 reaching 18,000 families.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

*Rev. Becky J. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Jean and Kirby Leitner and their children, Leslie and Kirby, on the death of Jean's mother, Ann Gilchrist Whitmire, who passed away on Tuesday, March 15.*

As warmer weather arrives, are you ready to get outside? Would you like to connect with Washington Street members?



Some ideas have been to meet at the church and walk downtown, meet at a park, or meet in different neighborhoods. Decisions about how often to walk and what time to walk can be answered as members express interest in walking together. If you are interested in walking and catching up with church friends, contact Mary Lide at [neaudl@aol.com](mailto:neaudl@aol.com).



# EASTER EGG HUNT! AT THE LIDE'S

Saturday, April 2, 2022 | 4:00 pm.

All Washington Street children and grandchildren, nursery thru fifth grade, are invited to the Lides, 1400 Sherwood Road to find eggs. Bring a snack to share. Lemonade and water provided.

## Salkehatchie 2022!

**M**ackin Wall is helping to coordinate Washington Streeters mission in Salkehatchie this year. This year WSUMC will be participating in the program in Bishopville, SC, June 25-July 2.. Space is limited so don't wait to sign up!

Sign up online at [www.umcsc.org/salkehatchie](http://www.umcsc.org/salkehatchie). For more information, contact Mackin at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

## Mary's Maidens Valentines & Chocolate Update

**M**ary's Maidens' Valentines and Chocolates Sale was our most successful ever! The girls voted to divide the proceeds from our sale, \$259.80, between the WS Soup Cellar and Harvest Hope. Buying our fair traded chocolates from Equal Exchange helped small cocoa farmers, too.



**IN THE UPPER ROOM**

*The story of the Last Supper*  
by Georgiana Summers

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 14, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Threatt Hall**

## WSUMC Member News

• WSUMC member, **Scott Middleton**, has been named as one of *Columbia Business Monthly's* 50 Most Influential Hall of Fame recipients. Middleton, is the CEO of LTC Health Solutions. He and his family have been developing several properties on Main Street in downtown Columbia since 2014. The Middletons own downtown dining and entertainment businesses such as The Grand bar and bowling alley, The Main Course eatery and event venue, the Good Life Café, and Smoked.

Middleton is an ordained Methodist minister, having earned a master's in divinity from Emory University, and also earned a master's degree in health care administration from the University of South Carolina.

• Former WSUMC member, **Mary Brown**, was honored by the Cooperative Ministry as a founding church partner of The Cooperative Ministry. She loved her church and volunteering at The Cooperative Ministry, where she was instrumental in serving in the emergency food pantry that today honors her as "Mary's Pantry." As part of The Cooperative Ministry's 40th Anniversary, Mary was honored by having a photograph hung inside the door of Mary's Pantry. The photograph will allow tour groups to understand better who she was and the value of volunteerism. The photograph was donated by WSUMC member **Brian Murrell**.

### ATTENDANCE

(as of 3-17-22):

**March 13:** 102 (in-person); 119 (online)=**221**

**March 6:** 106 (in-person); 105 (online)=**221**

**February 27:** 94 (in-person); 139 (online) = **233**

**February 20:** 93 (in-person); 155 (online)=**248**

### GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

(as of 3-17-22):

**Church Budget:** TBD

Church Actual:

\$101,005

Soup Cellar: \$12,410

Foundation Gifts: \$250

**SCAN TO GIVE**

