

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Make Lent 2022 Your Best Lent Yet! Join us for 40 Fantastic Days of Lent!

Lent is a 40-day season (not including Sundays) in which Christians traditionally engage in self-reflection using practices or disciplines which help us grow closer to Christ and live a more generous and abundant life. As we enter this Holy season, our Sunday morning worship sermon series, "Stepping Stones in Our Journey with Christ," will be centered around six spiritual practices that help us experience and express the presence of Christ at work in our lives and the world. In the series, we will focus on the purpose and power of prayer; deepening our engagement with scripture; what it means to be stewards of time, talent, and treasures; and our call to worship.

During the services, as worshipers enter the sanctuary they will be invited to pick up a stone as a concrete symbol of each sermon's theme. Curious about what we will do with these stones? Come to worship or watch the services online and find out. If you cannot attend the services in person, contact us by phone or email (803-256-2417 or jane@wsmethodist.org), and

we will help you participate in this Lenten "stepping stone" journey.

In addition to the Sunday morning services, Rev. Becky and Rev. Alston will be leading small group discussion sessions to encourage discussion and further exploration of each week's sermon topic. These small group sessions will focus on "*Living Intentionally: Growing in Faith*" and will be held at the following times:

Mondays online from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom, led by Rev. Alston. You may sign up via Realm or contact Rev. Alston for the link to participate.

Tuesdays from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Meeting **in-person in the Wesley Room** led by Rev. Becky.

Also, join us for Lenten Services every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the Chapel. These Lenten Services will run through April 6.

Guest preachers will include: The Rev. Dr. Carl Evans (3/9), The Rev. Tom Wall (3/23), and The Rev. Diana Westerkam (3/30), among others.

Jackson Girls to Compete at the Equestrian National

Ava and Leila Jackson competed in Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) regional competition in Statesboro, GA, in February. This is a draw circuit where they ride a horse that they may or may not know. They both had first place rides and will compete at Nationals in Harrisburg, PA, in April. Ava (11th grade) will compete in individual Western Reining and Horsemanship and Leila (8th grade) will compete in Western Ranch and Horsemanship with her middle school team! Prayers appreciated for Ava, Leila and their team, FlameKissed.



Ava Jackson



Leila Jackson



Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Sunday School Class:** will continue with *The Power and Significance of The Prayer Jesus Thought*. 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, March 6, we will continue studying *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy-Jill Levine. Grant Jackson will teach Chapter 2: Hate Father and Mother. Next Sunday, March 13, Carl Evans will lead a discussion of Chapter 3: Slave of All. 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:** Beginning March 6, Christine Hait will lead the class for Lent in a discussion of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. This study will take us through April 10. 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** will be beginning 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 or Sylvia Stevens at 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.

• **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:** The youth class welcomes a guest teacher this Sunday. Next Sunday, March 13, the youth will join the John Harper Class for their lesson. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.



Gifts



IN MEMORY OF BY COLLINS
to WSUMC

Given by Ed McClain
IN MEMORY OF LYN BAILEY
to WSUMC

Given by Ed McClain
IN HONOR OF
ELIZABETH ARAVENA
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Deborah
& Rick Rowe

IN MEMORY OF
LAURA HOLLADAY
to WSUMC

Given by Sara & Ed Fisher

IN MEMORY OF
MARY BETH KLUGE
to WSUMC
Given by Nancy Whittle



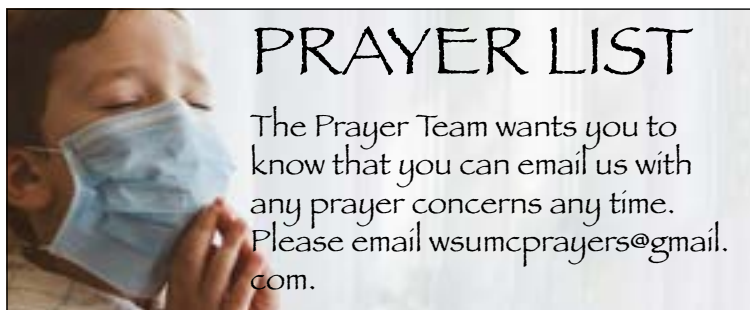
by Georgiana Summers

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

DISCIPLES NEEDED!

We need a total of 12 disciples to join "Jesus" at the table for this dramatic presentation on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 pm.
There are NO LINES to memorize!

Rehearsals will begin at the end of March. There will only be four rehearsals in the afternoon/early evenings.
Please contact Jane at jane@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
Heidi Conte
Mickey Epting
Michelle Graham
Rev. Paul Harmon
Bud Harrelson
Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Lisa Johnson
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

SERVICE OF
REPENTANCE & HEALING
In-Person & Online

 **WASHINGTON STREET**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

 **Journey Church**

Sunday, March 27 | 5:00 pm
Washington St. UMC
1401 Washington St., Columbia
wsmethodist.org • 803-256-2417

Children & Family Ministries Updates

- Children's Sunday School, the Nursery, and Children's church will begin again this Sunday, March 6th.
- **Nursery volunteers needed!** Contact Shelley Stafford at stafford652@gmail.com.
- Rev. Becky will be handing out **3rd grade Bibles** during the 11:00 am service on March 13th. Those receiving a Bible include Emily McCook (4th grade), Alma Louise Aravena (3rd grade), and Lucy McAtee (3rd grade).
- The WSUMC **Easter Egg Hunt** is planned for Saturday, April 2nd, at 4:00 pm at the Lide's house. Contact Mary Lide, or check Realm for the address.
- There will be a **Youth Group Game Night** on Wednesday, March 16th, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Room.
- **Salkehatchie 2022!** June 25th - July 2nd. WSUMC is going to the Bishopville camp. Contact Mackin ASAP if interested. Registration opened on March 1st.

ATTENDANCE (as of 3-2-22):

February 27: 94 (in-person);
108 (online)=202
February 20: 93 (in-person);
151 (online)=244
February 13: 78 (in-person);
155 (online)=222
February 6
86 (in-person); 138
(online)=224

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 3-3-22):

Church Budget: TBD
Church Actual: \$69,069
Soup Cellar: \$11,600
Foundation Gifts: \$250



SCAN TO GIVE →

YOUTH SKI TRIP 2022! BANNER ELK, NC!



*Top: Spencer Stevens, Matthew Benfield, McKenzie Powers, Natalie Hefelfinger, Mackin Wall, Lydia Conte, Lily Cate Buchanan, Layne Powers, Kirby Leitner.
Bottom: Sam Schatz, Matthew Benfield, Natalie Hefelfinger, Mackin Wall, Lydia Conte, Layne Powers.*

Special Upcoming Lent & Easter Services

Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm
Lenten Services | Christ Chapel
(through April 6)

Weekly Online & In-Person Book Studies & Discussions
with Rev. Shirley, Ann Jessup & Rev. Alston Lippert

Palm Sunday Service • Sunday, April 10 • 11:00 am
• Sanctuary

In the Upper Room by Georgiana Summers
• A special Maundy Thursday dramatic presentation
• April 14 • 7:00 pm • Sanctuary

"Stations of the Cross" • Good Friday Service • April 15
• 7:00 pm • Chapel

Active Faith Raises Money for Local Missions

A local florist purchased almost all of the collected vases and baskets that were donated by our congregation. We collected \$220 from this sale which will be used for our local missions.

Thanks to Carol Fowler for the suggestion and to Sam Waldrep for the implementation.

March Birthdays

March 1

Gwen Harmon
Alex Morris
Lawton Powers
Kate Robinson
Linda Young

March 3

Ellen Deyo
Regan Hendrix
Johnson Pope

March 4

Roxie Floyd
Bill Pope

March 6

Roger Allen
Andi Davis
Elizabeth Krasowski
Jennifer Murphy
Cannon Murray
W Sharp

March 7

Angela Child
Everett Epting
M. Jon Guzior
Robin Shook

March 8

Ron Binder
Kelly Epting
Jane Luckstone
Inez Tennenbaum
Barbara Ann Walker

March 9

Lauren Clark
Sheri Edwards

March 10

Hope Cooper
Julian Ruffin

March 11

Cayla Everly
Betty Moore
Ella Stalvey

March 12

Judy Bistany
John Galloway
Layne Powers

March 13

Gryphon Chiorazzi
Alex Young

March 14

Tommy Gibbs
Brian O'Daniel
Josh Rozier
Toni White

March 15

Larry Crossett

March 16

Nell Huffman

March 17

Megan Anderson
Mary Elizabeth Brooks
M.J. Fox
Jessica Hall
Doug Wessinger

March 18

Amy Dodds
Robbie Douglas
Phil Hedrick
Sarah Hudgins
Judy King

March 19

Susan Cordoni
Steve Hait

March 20

Carol Fowler
Harmon Geddes
Marley McCraw
Janelle Rivers
Mandy Westerkam

March 21

Mary Grace Burnside

March 22

Lake Barrett
Carol Baum

March 24

Mickey Bell
Jon Heischman
Carter Johnson
Barbara Windham

March 25

Geneva Hutchinson
Alan Wall

March 26

Carlton Andrews
Charlie Jones

March 27

Wendy Franklin
Mary Leigh McEachern
Cheryl Roberts

March 28

Michelle Beck
Genie Quinn
Kay Ross

March 29

Scott Baldwin
Betty Hopkins

March 30

Leslie Eaves
Madison Fusco

March 31

Robert Clarkson
Christopher Cordoni
Andrew Epting
Jim Webber



WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Stepping Stones in Our Journey
with Christ*



STEWARDSHIP 2022
Six Steps to a Generous Life

Sermon series runs through Palm Sunday, April 10

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



HEARTS & SOLES

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.

**Our first official Ecuador
meeting with the team will be
held on Sunday, March 27th, at
9:00 am in the
Wesley Room.**