

THE CONNECTION

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

2022 Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Campaign Committee—Robbie Douglas, Joe Epting, Carol Fowler, Christine Hait (Chair), Rev. Alston Lippert, Jane Peterson, Rev. Becky Shirley, and Eddie Sullivan—is grateful to the members of Washington Street for their support of the 2022 Stewardship Campaign.

As we gather together as a church to celebrate Easter, we celebrate the faithful stewardship that Washington Street members provide. During recent Ministry Moments, members of the church highlighted the various forms stewardship takes in our church: Christine Hait spoke about the centrality of prayer in the life of the church; Mackin Wall emphasized Bible study and distributed Bibles to our third graders; Alan Zupan related the history of the Soup Cellar, where Washington Street through the act of feeding those in need gives witness to the love of Christ; Joe Epting promoted financial giving as a proud tradition at Washington Street; Mary Lide celebrated the helping hands that make the Church's commitment to service possible, and Susan Caskey made a strong connection between worship and stewardship.

Thank you to these members and to all of our members whose commitment to following Christ is evident in their faithful stewardship of our beloved church. Our church is truly blessed.

It is not too late to complete a pledge card and a skills/interests inventory form. Stewardship, in all its forms, is an ongoing commitment that members make to Washington Street. No matter the amount, members can pledge, and no matter what skills and interests members have, their contributions are welcomed and needed. Happy Easter to all!



Children & Youth Fellowship

Several events with our youth and young children have taken place recently, and we wanted to share some wonderful photos of some of our WSUMC kids having a wonderful time in fellowship with each other at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to Mackin Wall, and Mary Lide for spearheading these great events!



PENNIES for Lent



Our youth always have fun!



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

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

New Small Groups Start Next Week!

- **Connecting Traditional Spiritual Practices and Anti-Racism** is a 6-week online small group led by Rev. Becky and Rev. Mary Johnson. It will be held Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm beginning April 27 and ending June 1. To sign up and get the Zoom link, please email jane@wsmethodist.org.
- **Prayer: Does it Make any Difference?** A book by Philip Yancey will serve as the basis of this small group. This 6-session video-based offering will help us with our prayer life which is vital to our relationship with God. It will be led by Rev. Alston, Mondays from 10:30 am–12:00 pm in the John Harper Classroom. It will begin April 18, and end May 23. Sign up on Realm Connect or by emailing aflippert@umcsc.org.
- **The Epistle of James** is a 6-week small group in which we will read through and discuss this epistle so that we can increase our understanding. This epistle is short and has many quotable lines like “faith without works is dead.” While it is a favorite of many people, it is not without controversy. Martin Luther called it “an epistle of straw, compared to these others [epistles], for it has nothing of the nature of the Gospel about it.” (Luther’s Works 35, 362) Join Rev. Alston on Zoom on Monday evenings from 7:00–8:00 pm beginning April 18, and ending May 23. Sign up on Realm Connect or by emailing aflippert@umcsc.org.
- **Wednesday evening online small group** led by Ann Jessup. The 6-week study is based on Adam Hamilton’s *The Lord’s Prayer*. It meets from 7:00–8:00 pm via Zoom, and begins on April 27. To sign up and get the Zoom link, email jessup.ann@gmail.com.

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SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER SOON!**

www.umcsc.org/salkehatchie/



Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The class will embark on a new study series by Reverend Chris Hodges. In this five-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Chris Hodges explores the story of the prophet Elijah to reveal how everyone is susceptible to depression. Even when we're walking closely with God, we can still stumble and get lost in the wilderness of tangled emotions. But Elijah's story reveals that we don't have to stay there! We serve a God who meets us in the darkness. Drawing on his trademark blend of Bible-based wisdom, practical application, and personal vulnerability, Pastor Hodges will help you examine the causes of depression, the factors contribute to it, and will offer you a Biblical approach to wellness-mind, body, and soul. Class begins shortly after 10:00 am before the 11:00 am worship service on the second floor of the church building. Should you have any questions, please call David A. Anderson (mobile 803-318-8821) or danderson@richardsonplowden.com.

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, April 17, we will continue our study of *Freeing Jesus*, by Diana Butler Bass. Tom Wall will teach Chapter 1, Friend. Next Sunday, April 24, Hunter Rentz will lead a discussion of Chapter 2, Teacher. 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:** This Sunday, the Grace Class will enjoy a fellowship brunch with the Joy Class and the Youth Class. Nancy Whittle will be in the classroom for those joining online. For future class information check the website at wsmethodist.org/sunday-school. 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:** The lessons are being 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:** will be studying the seven "I Am" statements Jesus made in the book of John over the next several weeks. Visitors are always welcome. 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 meet in their classroom. Rev. Alston Lippert will be teaching the class for the next few weeks. 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. All are welcome. Contact Tracy Powers at tjpowers65@gmail.com.

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** Easter Sunday, the youth will gather with the Grace and Joy classes to enjoy fellowship and brunch. For future Sundays, please check the website at wsmethodist.org, or contact Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

Hosted by The Fellowship Team of Reformation Lutheran Church
and The Reconciling Next Team of Washington Street United Methodist Church

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

FRIDAY UNWIND

3RD FRIDAYS AT 6:00 PM

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY; DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE
CONTACT JIM LANE AT jlane@columbiasc.edu
TO REQUEST ZOOM MEETING ID



Gifts

IN MEMORY OF NANCY AYERS

to UMCOR for Ukraine Relief

Given by Nancy Higgins

THE SOUP CELLAR NEEDS SNACKS!

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING THE GIFT OF FOOD
ORDER ONLINE THROUGH AMAZON SMILE*
OR FROM YOUR LOCAL STORE

*PURCHASE THROUGH AMAZONSMILE AND WE EARN A PORTION. SHIP DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT THE AMAZON WISH LIST!

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
David Byrum
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
Genie & Ron Quinn
Rufus Rogers
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Sarah Threatt
Edee Vaughan
Kelly Wright
Our homebound

Easter Hydrangeas Given in Memory or Honor...

Given by:	In Memory of:	Given by:	In Honor of:
Harvey & Ann Jessup	Mary Beth Kluge Tom Jessup Virginia Jessup Ted Edwards Loryane Ward Mr. & Mrs. Edward Morgan, Jr.	Diana & Bill Westerkam	Nancy Whittle Arletta Railey
Jim & Marsha Ward Joe & Kelly Epting	Paul Brown Mary Wright, Dan's Mother Weldon Kincaide, Kelly's Father Carol Clements Sister Byrum Stan McConkey Elizabeth Shirley L. Arlen Cotter Rev. & Mrs. Ralph T. Lowrimore My Parents Clay Nebhut Saunders Lanny House Saunders Lyn Bailey Jane Fisher Williams Carol H. Clements Ralph Barrett Dr. & Mrs. Charles Epting	Nancy Whittle & Sandra Howell Ed McClain & Jim Blanton Alan-Jon & Fran Zupan Carole McConkey Don & Tricia Britt Thom and Shannon Berry	Lynn Shirley Lily Roberts, our granddaughter Judy King Dotsy Helms & Marshall Colcord The people of Ukraine Rev. Alston Lippert Rev. Becky Shirley Geneva Hutchinson Alma Louise, Rosemary, Teddy, Helen, Laura, and Chip Sara & Ed Fisher & family My children & their spouses Lynn Shirley Tracy Powers The parents of girls participating in Mary's Maidens
Susan Brown Dan & Kelly Wright		Mary & Lanneau Lide	
Sam Waldrep		Nelle Peterson	
Carole McConkey Lynn Shirley Janet Cotter & Family Phil & Pam Jenkins		Kathy Wright Betty Cribbs Mary Lide & Kathy Wright	
Martha Boynton Boyd & Stephanie Saunders		Additional contributions: Martha Boynton	Rick Rowe and Sam Waldrep
Thom & Shannon Berry Chip Williams Deborah Rowe Nelle Peterson		Susan Byrd Matthews	Rev. Becky Shirley Rev. Alston Lippert Rev. Diana Westerkam
C. Grant & Licia Jackson			
Christine Hait			
Jim and Sally Mings Susan Byrd Matthews			
Diana & Bill Westerkam			

SOUTHERN WHITE MINISTERS AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

by Elaine Allen Lehtreck

Books are available for \$20.00 each (author's discounted price). Purchase online through Realm Connect, noting Civil Rights Book in the memo line, leave your check for \$20.00 made payable to WSUMC in Robbie Douglas's box in the church office, or mail your check to the church and mark the envelope to Robbie's attention. Please indicate "Civil Rights Book" on the memo line of your check. When the books are available, we'll so inform those who have provided payment. You may obtain your copy at the church, or you may ask that a copy be mailed to you.



ATTENDANCE (as of 4-13-22):

April 10: 113 (in-person); 63 (online) = 176
 April 3: 100 (in-person); 90 (online) = 190
 March 27: 113 (in-person); 95 (online) = 208
 March 20: 117 (in-person); 117 (online)=234

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

(as of 4-13-22):

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual: \$143,906

Soup Cellar: \$16,964

Foundation Gifts: \$250

SCAN TO GIVE

