

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, April 3, 2022

A Book for its Time

by Michael Broome

A few weeks ago the WSUMC archives received a gift of an important book entitled *Southern White Ministers and the Civil Rights Movement* authored by Dr. Elaine Lehtreck. The book is published by the University Press of Mississippi and might be a book of interest to Washington Streeters.

Some years back our church historian at the time, Dr. Bob Beamer, had loaned Dr. Lehtreck an audiotape copy of a sermon by Rev. Dr. Claude Evans delivered at Washington Street Church in July of 1996. Evans felt strongly about issues of racial justice during his time as associate minister at our church in the early 1940s. His poignant sermon of July 19, 1942, regarding racial equality had even created dissension in our church and had resulted in the decision to bar Evans from further pulpit appearances. Well into retirement, Dr. Evans was invited by WSUMC to preach again more than 50 years following his controversial sermon. His message resulted this time in a standing ovation from the congregation. The 1996 sermon is the one on audiotape and returned to our archives. It is indeed gratifying to read this 1942 story regarding Dr. Evans included in Dr. Lehtreck's scholarly work on the Civil Rights Movement.

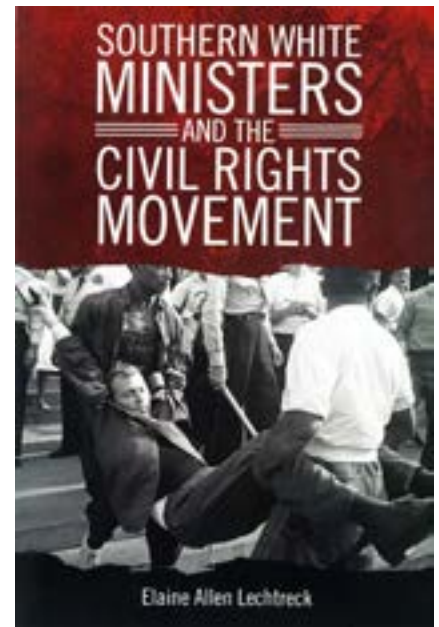
Perhaps the best way to introduce this book is to quote from a dust jacket summary:

[*Southern White Ministers and the Civil Rights Movement*] is a revelation, documenting with unusual thoroughness the white southern ministers who risked church careers, family stability, and personal safety to witness for racial justice in the years of the civil rights movement. [Lehtreck] is a gifted storyteller who places her accounts of these ministers within the troubling context of the time for such progressive figures who made moral stands—whether modest or bold—that one way or another pushed the South toward needed change.

—from Charles Reagan Wilson

Anyone wishing to read Lehtreck's book from the archives should contact Mike Broome at (803) 783-4265. Broome will be glad to meet you at the church to check out the book to you. Since the archives presently has only one copy, the check-out period will be limited to two weeks.

Dr. Lehtreck has graciously agreed to make her book available to Washington Streeters for purchase at her author's discount. The paperback version regularly sells for \$30.00, but members of our congregation can acquire it for \$20.00. WSUMC will have a limited number of books available for your purchase in three weeks or so. You may 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. You might rather designate a \$20.00 donation to WSUMC through the REALM online system. Please ensure that we know that this donation is intended to reimburse the church for Dr. Lehtreck's book. We'll wait for approximately two weeks beyond this issue of *The Connection* before we send in the book order. 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.



Nancy Whittle, Chair of Racial Justice Action Team
Mike Broome, Church Historian



Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Sunday School Class:** is studying Max Lucado's *You Were Made for this Moment – How the Story of Esther Inspires Us to Step Up and Stand Out for God*. In this video-based Bible study, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado helps you reclaim your eternal identity as a citizen of heaven, puts your hope in the God of Grand Reversals, cultivates courage for your challenging times, and helps you to 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.

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, April 3, we will finish our study of *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy-Jill Levine. Tom Summers will teach Chapter 6: Your Father the Devil and the Afterward. Next Sunday, April 10, we will begin a new book, *Freeing Jesus*, by Diana Butler Bass. We will discuss the Introduction: "Liberate Jesus." 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:** Lent discussions of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass will continue. 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@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 their Lent study series. 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. 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.

• **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:** April 3—Finding quiet time with God. April 10th—Palm Sunday. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org. **Youth Group Night:** Thursday, April 14. Meal and devotion. 5:30 pm, followed by the Maundy Thursday program, *In the Upper Room*.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF
LYN NELSON BAILEY
To WSUMC

Given by Wendy & Joe Clark

IN MEMORY OF
RICHARD DANGERFIELD
To WSUMC

Given by Wendy & Joe Clark

IN MEMORY OF
RICHARD DANGERFIELD
To the Soup Cellar
Given by Deborah
& Rick Rowe

IN MEMORY OF
LAURA HOLLADAY
To the Good Samaritan Fund
Given by David Byrum

IN MEMORY OF
MARY ANN KLUGE
To the Soup Cellar
Given by Wendy, Joe,
Bradley & Lucas Clark

IN MEMORY OF
ANN GILCHRIST WHITMIRE
To WSUMC
Given by Wendy & Joe Clark

IN HONOR OF
JOHN HOLLADAY
To the Good Samaritan Fund
Given by David Byrum

IN MEMORY OF
RICHARD DANGERFIELD
to WSUMC
Given by Ed McClain

Good Friday Service



Friday, April 15

7:00 pm | Christ Chapel

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
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

Bishop Holston Appoints New Columbia DS

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston has appointed the Reverend Fran M. Elrod to succeed the Reverend Dr. Cathy Jamieson as superintendent of the Columbia District following the 2022 Annual Conference. Rev. Elrod will also serve as secretary of the Cabinet. She was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and graduated from Columbia College in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Rev. Elrod has served as senior pastor of Clemson UMC in Clemson, SC since 2018. Rev. Dr. Jamieson has served the Columbia District as superintendent since 2014. The transition will be effective on July 1, 2022. Watch for upcoming details on plans to celebrate Rev. Dr. Jamieson's ministry in the district and a district welcoming event for Rev. Elrod.

Small Group Offerings After Easter 2022

We have been focused on being intentional in our relationship with God during Lent with the sermon series, "The Stepping Stones of Faith." To continue that focus after Easter, we will be offering the following small groups that will enable you to continue to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining one.

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 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? is a book by Philip Yancey that 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 on Mondays from 10:30 am–12:00 pm in the John Harper Classroom. It will begin April 18, and end May 23. This book and this small group are an invitation to communicate with God who wants a relationship with us. Sign up on Realm Connect or by emailing afippert@umcsc.org. You do not have to read the book to participate, but it's a wonderful book that you will learn much from.

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 in reading and discussing James and finding for ourselves its importance. This group will meet 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 afippert@umcsc.org.

Wednesday evening online small group led by Ann Jessup. This is a continuing group that welcomes new participants. It meets from 7:00–8:00 pm via Zoom. The next study will begin on April 27. To sign up and get the Zoom link, email jessup.ann@gmail.com.

A Heart-Felt Thank You

Dear WSUMC friends,

On behalf of Judy King, thank you for making her 80th birthday so remarkable. Your kindness resulted in over 60 cards, all with special greetings and reminisces of your relationship to her.

I am deeply grateful for the outpouring of love shown to her.

Judy and I continue to appreciate, not only your prayers, but also for the many ways you continue to support us.

Thank you dear friends.

Love,
Paula Walters and Judy King
3-24-22



April Birthdays

April 1

John Beerman
Heidi Conte
Sanders Sullivan

April 2

Michael Brown
Jaya Ruffin
Hilary Stone

April 3

Kathi Knight
Grace Lee
Jim Walsh

April 4

Gwen Murphy
Kathryn Powers

April 5

Camden Marze

April 6

David Hefelfinger
Nancy Higgins
Frances Robertson

April 7

Cheryl Evans
Buddy Gasque
Ellis Hall
John Holladay
Grace Lesesne
Darby Waund

April 8

Vivian Akre

Emily Caskey
Robert Coleman
Will McCook
Sara Middleton
Matt Stevenson

April 9

Jennifer Campbell
Mindy Gibson
John Owen
Caroline Owens

April 10

Katie Bond
Elaine McElyea
Winn Rogers
Emelia Venner

April 11

Allison Boggs
Lisa Clark
Ava Jackson
Suzanne Joye

April 13

Bruce Beck

April 14

Melanie Dobson
Maryjane Hicks
Heather McCraw

April 15

Jackson Case
Ed Fisher
T. Paul Jones

April 16

Elizabeth Aravena
Martha Boynton
Bennett Carnes

April 17

Gayle Page
Claire Worre
Jan Jenkins

April 18

Law Power

April 19

Jennifer Rozier

April 20

Cate Knoche
Celia Price

April 21

Colon Greene
Betsy Halloran
Laura Hogan
Hope Hornsby
Nikki Morton

April 22

Maggie Melogy
Marsha Plummer
David Quinn

April 23

Alexa Burch
David Horton
Kirby Leitner

April 24

Tom Geny
Parker Stalvey

April 25

Emily Apple
Debbie Edens
Will Owens

April 26

Paul Brockington
Josh Gibbs
Alan-Jon Zupan

April 27

Pam Boulware
Evan Hefelfinger
Jane Peterson
Mason Pope

April 28

Michael Broome
Ashley Brown
Kevin Eckard

April 29

Scott Baldwin
Norah Jane Raley
Blair South

April 30

Jean DeWitt
Suzanne Sanders

Stepping Stones in Our Journey with Christ

STEWARDSHIP 2022
Six Steps to a Generous Life

Join us for an

EASTER EGG DYING PARTY

We will be dying Easter eggs to give out to our
Soup Cellar guests on Easter Monday
in the Soup Cellar

Saturday, April 16 | 10:00-11:30 am

Threath Hall

ATTENDANCE

(as of 3-31-22):

March 20: 113 (in-person); 186 (online)=299

March 13: 102 (in-person); 112 (online)=214

March 6: 106 (in-person); 179 (online)=285

February 27: 94 (in-person); 126 (online) = 220

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE

(as of 3-31-22):

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual:

\$119,365

Soup Cellar: \$15,559

Foundation Gifts: \$250



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