

# THE CONNECTION

*Sunday, May 15, 2022*

## Let's Eat!

*Our first luncheon since 2020!*



**G**raduate Sunday, June 5, 2022, will be the first time we have gathered for a congregation-wide luncheon since 2020! Hard to believe it's been that long.

We will be celebrating our high school and college graduates with a short photo presentation honoring our graduates, and a wonderful church-wide pot luck lunch. We are asking for each family to bring a main dish, sides, and dessert. Drinks will be provided. If you have any questions about the meal, please contact Mary Lide at [neaudl@aol.com](mailto:neaudl@aol.com).

If you have a family member graduating from high school or college, we would love to have you be a part of our presentation. *Send up to seven (7) images of your graduate, from birth to current to Jane Peterson at [jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org)*. Also send in the school graduating from, and degree if applicable, or any future plans you would like to share. If you do not have the capability to email photos,

you may drop them off at the church and we will scan and return them to you.

During and after the meal and fellowship, we invite you to take advantage of letting us update your membership information in Realm Connect. We recognize the challenge of getting set up for some folks, and we want to make it easy for you. Lynn Shirley and Jane Peterson will be set up in the back of Threatt Hall to help. They will update your basic information, and set up your privacy settings to that those who need to find you to contact you, can. You can also opt in to basic news, announcements and emails that are sent through Realm, as well as check the event calendar, download resources from your groups, and more. We will be setting up a few small group training sessions that you will be able to sign up for at that time as well.

McKenzie Powers will be on hand to take photos of you and your family to put into the Realm Connect system, helping us create a Church Directory in the near future. We will also make those images available for you to download and use as you wish. We hope that you are as excited to get together as we are!



# INTERGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION ON LGBTQ+ ISSUES AND THE CHURCH

**JUNE 8**  
6:00-8:00 PM



**THREATT HALL**  
**TACO DINNER SERVED**



The Reconciling Next Team is hosting an intergenerational conversation about LGBTQ+ issues and the church on Wednesday evening, June 8, from 6:00-8:00 pm. From youth to seniors, we want you to be a part of this conversation! A taco meal will be provided for participants.

At the Pride Festival 2021, responses were sought to these questions:

1) How did the Christians in your life respond to your

coming out? and;

2) What is something you wish straight Christians knew?

We will review the responses we received, have table discussions, and use this information to help us, as a reconciling congregation, plan our ministry to LBGTOIA+ persons in our church, and in our community moving forward. This is important work, particularly at this time in the United Methodist Church. We hope you will save this date and join us on June 8th.

## Legacy Bricks Available for Order



Engraved bricks for Christ Chapel Courtyard are now available. This is a beautiful and lasting way to honor or remember a person or persons. A named brick creates a legacy record when laid in the walkway in the Courtyard of this historic

church. Order forms are available in the church office, or online at [wsmethodist.org/facility/forms-and-policies](http://wsmethodist.org/facility/forms-and-policies).

This opportunity is open until May 30. For more information, contact Janet Cotter at 803-782-0752.

### ATTENDANCE (as of 5-11-22):

**May 8:** 133 (in-person); 122 (online) = **255**

**May 1:** 118 (in-person); 92 (online) = **210**

**April 23:** 88 (in-person); 105 (online) = **193**

**April 17:** 236 (in-person); 184 (online) = **420**

### GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 5-11-22):

**Church Budget: TBD**  
Church Actual: \$196,994  
Soup Cellar: \$22,454  
Foundation Gifts: \$250



**SCAN TO GIVE**

A Service of Appreciation and Farewell

for

Columbia District Superintendent

Reverend Dr. Cathy Jamieson



will be

Sunday, May 22, 3:00 pm

at

Washington Street United Methodist Church

1401 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201

If you wish to give a love offering to Cathy, you may mail or bring to the farewell. Please make checks payable to Rev. Cathy Jamieson and mail to The Columbia District Office, 4908 Colonial Drive, Suite 124, Columbia, SC 29205.

Refreshments will be served.

# Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The class is continuing its study of the prophet Elijah through a series by Reverend Chris Hodges. 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 that contribute to it, and will offer you a Biblical approach to wellness—mind, body, and soul. The 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](mailto:danderson@richardsonplowden.com).

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, May 15, we will continue our study of *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. John Evans will lead a discussion of Chapter 5, "Way." Next Sunday, May 22, Hunter Rentz will teach Chapter 6, "Presence." 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:** The class is being led by members for the next few weeks on the topic of their choice. On May 15—Melanie Dobson; On May 22—Jan Baker. Join in person or contact Jim Lane at [jlane@columbiasc.edu](mailto: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](mailto:lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com) or Sylvia Stevens at [sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jessup.ann@gmail.com).

• **The Paul Harmon Class:** Reverend Lippert will continue leading our very inspirational study of Psalms. All are welcome. 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. All are welcome. Contact Tracy Powers at [tjpowers65@gmail.com](mailto:tjpowers65@gmail.com).

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** For the month of May, the youth will be reading and discussing chapters from *The Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne, and how it relates to scripture and our lives today. For more information, contact Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).



# Gifts

**IN MEMORY OF NOEMI CARRASCO**  
to the Flower Fund  
**Given by Pato & Elizabeth Aravena**

**IN MEMORY OF MS. OLGA COTHRAN**  
to the Soup Cellar  
**Given by Susan Lasseter**

**IN MEMORY OF MS. INGRID WILLIAMS**  
to WSUMC  
**Given by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brunson**

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to WSUMC  
**Given by Jean-Marie & Terry Taylor**

**IN MEMORY OF MS. OLGA COTHRAN**  
to the Soup Cellar  
**Given by Linda West**

**IN MEMORY OF MS. INGRID WILLIAMS**  
to the Organ Fund  
**Given by Annie & Richard Blencowe**

**IN MEMORY OF INGRID WILLIAMS**  
to WSUMC  
**Given by Sally Shull**

**IN MEMORY OF INGRID WILLIAMS**  
to WSUMC  
**Given by Caroline Marchant**

# 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).*

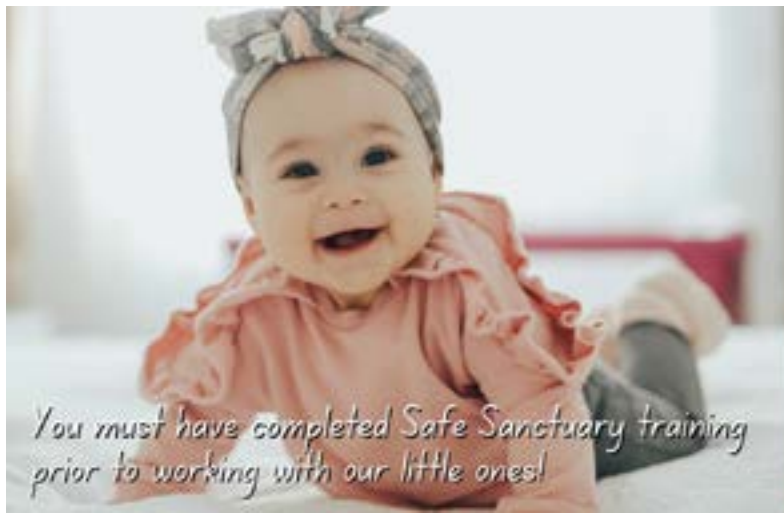
Thom Berry  
Martha Boynton  
David Byrum  
Heidi Conte  
Jimmy Dawkins  
Mickey Epting  
Rev. Paul Harmon  
Bud Harrelson  
Karen Horne  
Lisa Johnson  
Debby Joyner  
Rev. Judy King

Martha Helen King  
Mike LeFever  
Paul McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Genie & Ron Quinn  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Edee Vaughan  
Kelly Wright  
Our homebound

# Christ Courtyard Gets a Face Lift

**C**hrist Chapel Courtyard has just had a much-needed spring cleaning and trimming. Many thanks are due to Chip Teague, Hal Hanlin, and Jamie Gerald for their dedicated work on this project.

Also take note that this June marks the 20th anniversary of our Christ Chapel Courtyard!



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

## 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*



## Mother's Day Photo Opportunity Deemed a Success

**A** big thank you to McKenzie Powers who took hundreds of photographs of 12 families this past Sunday! Check out the insert in this issue for some of the results!

Join us for another photo opp on June 5 during the Graduate Sunday Luncheon! We will be using these photos to create an online directory in Realm for our members.

## Ecuador Mission 2022



The Ecuador Mission team is collecting toiletries for the trip to Ecuador this summer.

### Collecting:

- bar soap • toothpaste
- toothbrushes (adult & children)
- washcloths • floss
- lotion • chapstick/lip balm
- sunscreen

Please bring your items to the church and place them in the appropriate giving barrel in the back hallway, or use our Ecuador Wish List on AmazonSmile and have it directly shipped to the church. It's like donating twice! Just scan the QR Code to be directed to the list! (You must sign in to AmazonSmile to access the list).



Questions? Contact Mackin Wall at  
mackin@wsmethodist.org

# Summer Family Nights

June 15th, July 6th, and August 3rd  
6:00-8:00 pm

Bible lessons, snacks, sing songs, and play games...VBS style!

There will be refreshments, so the parents are welcome to stay and hang out with one other or drop their child off.

