

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Let's Eat!

Our first luncheon since 2020!



Graduate 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.

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*. 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.

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.



• **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.

• **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.

• **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 for the Zoom link to gather Sunday mornings at 9:45 am for fellowship, and at 10:00 am for spiritual reflection.

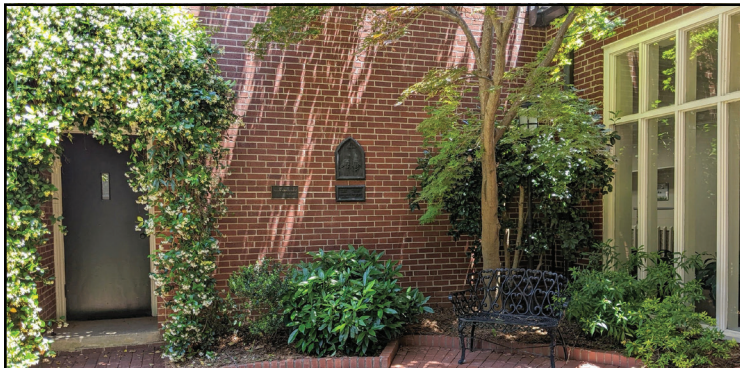
• **The Joy Class:** The lessons are being led by various members and focused on how we can use this season to further our faith journey. Everyone is welcome to join us as we learn together. If you are interested, please contact Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com 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:** 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.

• **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:** 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.



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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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

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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.

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

Christ 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.

