

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Wear Orange on Sunday, June 5!

The country has been devastated by the recent mass shootings in Uvalde, TX; Buffalo, NY; and Laguna Woods, CA. We continue to pray for victims and families. The Racial Justice Action Team is sharing an opportunity for those who want to take action on the issue of gun violence this weekend.

About Wear Orange

On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya. More than 40,000 people are killed with guns, and approximately 85,000 are shot and wounded every year. Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement.

To learn more about all the ways you can participate in Wear Orange visit www.momsdemandaction.org/WearOrange.

South Carolina and Gun Violence

GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 529 people in South Carolina die from gun suicides, and 50 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 9.8 suicides and 1.0 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. South Carolina has the 26th highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 410 people in South Carolina die by gun homicides, and 744 are wounded by gun assaults—a

rate of 8.6 homicides and 14.8 assaults per 100,000 people. South Carolina has the 10th highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In South Carolina, 81% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 76% nationwide.



CHILDREN AND TEENS' GUN DEATHS

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in South Carolina. In South Carolina, an average of 92 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 31% of these deaths are suicides and 59% are homicides. In the US, 35% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 60% are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2019, 26 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in South Carolina. 81% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.

Sources

Gun suicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020.

Gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Ted R. Miller and David Swedler analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2017.

Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, five-year average: 2016–2020, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2020, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2019; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2018–2019

Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** will be embarking on a 5-week study by Pastor Chris Hodges: *What's Next? The Journey to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, & Make a Difference*. Do you find yourself asking, "What do I do next? How do I stay motivated to grow deeper in my relationship with God when I feel complacent, intimidated, or confused? What can I do to get back on track when I hit a spiritual rut?" In *What's Next?*, best-selling author and pastor, Chris Hodges, offers a practical guide to all those looking for clarity and direction and reveals the four steps to spiritual maturity. No matter where you may be on your spiritual journey, this study is the guide that you need to find your next step and discover the joy that comes from walking the road of richer faith. The lessons are a combination of video discussion and Bible exploration, with personal study and reflection materials. Come join us for fellowship and an exciting study program in the Aldersgate Classroom on the 2nd floor of the Education 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 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 22—Jan Baker, and on June 5—Diana Westerkam will lead the class. After June 5, Rev. Jim Tuell will lead a 5-week lesson series: "The United Methodist Church Hymnal — It's History, Organization, Diversity, and Other Things." He will be discussing why the sections are in the order they are, the placement of the liturgy, and how to use the various indexes. Jim led the Grace class in a similar study a few years ago, and it was excellent. He brings his guitar and leads us in some of the hymns which brings a wonderful component. Jim will lead the class on June 12, 19, 26, July 10 and July 17. We will skip July 3 since it is the holiday weekend. Other classes on the 3rd floor have been invited to come in with us for Jim's lessons. Join in person or contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasec.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.

• **The 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:** On May 29, Reverend Alston Lippert will conclude our study of Psalms. We will not meet on June 5th. On June 12, we will join the Grace Class in their study of the Methodist Hymnal. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.

• **The John Harper Class:** is studying the Gospels using Cokesbury Adult Sunday School materials. All are welcome. Contact Tracy Powers at tjpowers65@gmail.com.

• **The WSUMC Youth Class:** The class will join the Joy class on Sunday, May 29. For more information, contact Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

June is Hot at WSUMC!

**GRADUATE SUNDAY
POT LUCK LUNCHEON
JUNE 5 | 12 NOON
THREATT HALL**

**SMALL GROUP WITH
TACO DINNER
INTERGENERATIONAL CONVERSATION ON
LGBTQIA ISSUES & THE CHURCH
JUNE 8 | 6:00-8:00 PM
THREATT HALL**

**FAMILY NIGHT!
JUNE 15 | 6:00-8:00 pm
Bible lessons, snacks, sing songs, and play games...
VBS style!**

Parents welcome to gather together
with refreshments
or you may drop off your child for
a night out!

Contact Jane at
jane@wsmethodist.org for details

Realm® Connect Help

Are you signed up? Have you downloaded the app? Confused? Let us help!

In Realm® Connect, you can search for fellow Washington Streeters, check the calendar, communicate with your groups and more!

During the luncheon on June 5, Lynn Shirley and Jane Peterson will be on hand to help you get started in Realm® Connect. We'll check your information, set your privacy so you can be "found," and more. McKenzie Powers will also be on hand to take your photo to be used to help create our online directory through Realm® Connect.

We know it's confusing, and we will be there to help get you started. We will be signing folks up for further "training," if interested, and show you the benefits of using the Realm® Connect app both online and on your phone.

We'll see you then!



Gifts



**IN MEMORY OF
INGRID WILLIAMS**

to WSUMC

Given by Mary Riley

**IN MEMORY OF
GENEVA HUTCHINSON**

to WSUMC

**Given by Cynthia Thibalt
& Doris Bailey**

**IN MEMORY OF
GENEVA HUTCHINSON**

to WSUMC

Given by Eddie H. Goff

**IN MEMORY OF
REBECCA CALLCOTT &
NAN SELF**

to the Soup Cellar

**Given by
W. Hardy Callcott &
Nancy Spencer**

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

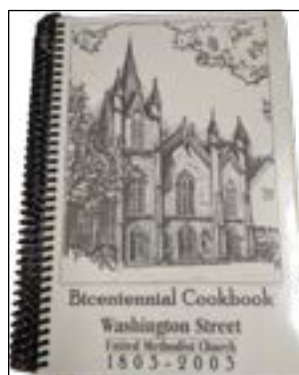
Martha Helen King
Mike LeFever
Paul McClanahan
David Middleton
Genie & Ron Quinn
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Sarah Threatt
Edee Vaughan
Kelly Wright
Our homebound

SAVE THE DATE!

OCT. 8 2022

**Small or boxed items only. Large items &
furniture will be accepted starting on
Sept. 29**

A Recipe for the Ages...



Many of us own a copy of the WSUMC Bicentennial Cookbook. Created in 2003, there is a wealth of wonderful recipes inside. I was fortunate to be in on the process back then with Mary Lide. Other individuals on the team were Susan Brown, Jean DeWitt, Mary Anne DeWitt, Barbara Graves, Dottie Hanlin, Licia Jackson, and

Ed McClain. These cookbooks are still available after several printings and are only \$20. It is double-bound and is over 400 pages! You can purchase one in the Church Office.

As our date for our first luncheon together since the outbreak of Covid-19 approaches, I thought it would be fun to randomly select a recipe from the cookbook to include in this issue of *The Connection*. I don't know many who don't like a good potato salad, so here is a recipe for potato salad from longtime member Kelly Epting that sounds wonderful.

Not only will you find some great recipes, but wonderful stories and images from days gone by. — Jane Peterson

Creamy Roasted Potato Salad

3 pounds small red potatoes, cut into eighths
2 onions, cut into fourths
6 garlic cloves
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup lemon juice
3 tablespoons chives, chopped
1/4 cup parsley, chopped
2 tablespoons capers, drained
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper

Roast potatoes: Combine potatoes, onion, garlic and oil; tossing to coat with oil. Place in a jellyroll pan. Bake at 400°, stirring once for 30-40 minutes or until tender and browned. Drain and cool.

Toss salad: Combine mayonnaise and remaining ingredients in a large serving bowl. Add potato mixture, tossing gently to coat. Serve warm or cover and chill. Serves 6.





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

ATTENDANCE (as of 5-25-22):

May 22: 121 (in-person);
112 (online) = **233**

May 15: 96 (in-person);
124 (online) = **220**

May 8: 133 (in-person);
143 (online) = **276**

May 1: 118 (in-person);
99 (online) = **217**

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 5-25-22):

Church Budget: TBD

Church Actual:

\$210,733

Soup Cellar: \$30,184

Foundation Gifts: \$250

SCAN TO GIVE



Acolytes bring the light of Christ's spirit into the worship service. Children who are rising 3rd through 8th grades are eligible to serve as acolytes. Training for prospective acolytes will be held in the coming weeks.

Please contact Susan Brown at 803-422-9394 or by email at sbrown13@sc.rr.com if your child would like to serve.

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC TO CELEBRATE BACK TO SCHOOL & BACK TO CHURCH!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 @ SESQUICENTENNIAL PARK
DETAILS TO COME!



AVAILABLE NOW!

Engraved bricks for Christ Chapel Courtyard are now available for order. 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.