

# THE CONNECTION

*Sunday, June 12, 2022*



**T**his past Sunday, more than 100 people participated in our first pot luck luncheon since the start of the Covid virus.

We celebrated the graduation of our seniors, Darby Waund, Allyn Anderson, Lydia Conte, Layton Powers and McKenzie Powers. The food was flowing and the fellowship was wonderful as we gathered in celebration.

A short video of our graduates was presented and is available to view on our YouTube channel.

## Summer VBS Nights (Parents' Night Out)

**I**n lieu of a week-long VBS this year, WSUMC will be holding a series of Summer VBS Nights (Parents' Night Out). Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Mackin Wall, along with the help of several other members, will be coordinating this year's event. Summer VBS Nights are open to ages 4 to 12. Nursery for ages newborn to 3 years will also be available!

Planned for June 15, July 6, and August 3, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, the evening will be fun-filled with music and songs led by Pato Aravena, story time, pizza, movies, games and more! We will be set up in the 2's and 3's classroom for infants to age 3, and in Threath Hall for older children. There will be activities for all age groups.

Parents are welcome to stay and gather for light refreshments in the Wesley Room, or drop your children off for a night out on the town!

Please bring diapers, wipes, and a change of clothes for those who may need them.

Please contact Mackin at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org) or 803-256-2417, ext. 115, for more information.



## Our Heartfelt Sympathies

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Jim Lane and Justin Dagit, and Bob Lane in the death of Jim and Bob's father, Theo Lane.



## 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).

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  
Frances "Tut" Robertson  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Edee Vaughan  
Our homebound



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Please contact either Lynn Shirley at [wmlynnsc@gmail.com](mailto:wmlynnsc@gmail.com) or Jane Peterson at [jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org) to get you started!

### ATTENDANCE (as of 6-9-22):

**June 5:** 107 (in-person);  
112 (online) = **219**  
**May 29:** 80 (in-person);  
150 (online) = **230**  
**May 22:** 121 (in-person);  
150 (online) = **271**  
**May 15:** 96 (in-person);  
150 (online) = **246**

### GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 6-9-22):

Church Budget:  
\$865,000  
Church Actual:  
\$241,546  
Soup Cellar: \$33,219  
Foundation Gifts: \$250

**SCAN TO GIVE**



## Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** is studying 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](mailto:danderson@richardsonplowden.com).

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, June 12, we will continue our study of *Christ in Crisis? Reclaiming Jesus in a Time of Fear, Hate, and Violence*, by Jim Wallis. Carl Evans will teach Chapter 1, "What About Jesus?" Next Sunday, June 19, the class will discuss Chapter 2, "The Neighbor Question." 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:** Rev. Jim Tuell will lead a 5-week lesson series entitled "The United Methodist Church Hymnal — Its History, Organization, Diversity, and Other Things" on June 12, 19, 26, July 10, and July 17. 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. We will skip July 3 since it is the holiday weekend. These classes will be held in Christ Chapel as well as through Zoom. Several other classes will be participating. 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.

• **The Open Door Class:** The class is starting a new series: *Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers and Fresh Food Makers* by Margaret Feinberg. All are welcome to join. 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:** will be joining the Grace Class for the Methodist Hymnal study beginning June 12th. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at [sjoye@sc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:tjpowers65@gmail.com).

• **The WSUMC Youth Class:** the class will study God's Covenant with Noah – Genesis 9: 8-17. On June 19, the class will be reading and discussing The Tower of Babel - Genesis 11: 1-9. For more information, contact Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

# Gifts



**IN MEMORY OF**  
**GENEVA HUTCHINSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
**Given by Eugene Platt**

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**MARTHA A. BROOKER &**  
**INGRID WINKLER WILLIAMS**  
*to the Foundation*  
**Given by Peggy Weston**



*with sympathy*

*Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Buzzy and Karen Deas in the loss of Buzzy's father, Bobby F. Deas, Sr.*

*Please remember Buzzy and Karen, and Buzzy's mom in your prayers.*

## New "Mission" Partnership with Cooperative Ministries

The Missions Committee is partnering with the The Cooperative Ministry to provide shelf stable milk, such as Natrel, for families in the food assistance program at The Cooperative Ministry. WSUMC members can participate by purchasing milk through AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) or through Walmart and have it shipped directly to the church. As with other AmazonSmile purchases, the church will receive a portion of the sale price, as well as get the item for donation.

You may scan one of the QR codes below to be sent directly to the web page to purchase the item.

**Natrel- whole**



Walmart-6 pk.

**Natrel- 2%**



Walmart-6 pk.

**Natrel- whole**



Amazon (12 pk)

**Natrel- 2%**



Amazon (12 pk)

## A letter from our friends in Ecuador...

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Quito, Ecuador. Always I remember you with love.

On this occasion I want to share some thoughts about children. June 1 was celebrated as the day of children in Ecuador. (You may read the newsletter in its entirety online at <https://wsmethodist.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Ecuador-June-2022-2.pdf>)

Also, I want to share that my heart is filled with joy to know that people from many homes and churches are praying and are surrounding me and my husband with blessings. I am honored with your support and friendship, and more than that, I know you are my family and my partners in mission.

I thank God for each of you and the connection that enables Global Ministries to send and support persons like me to serve with people and churches around the world.

Today I would like to thank you for your donations that make it possible for me to continue to serve in Ecuador and for many other missionaries to remain in places that God has led us to walk with his people. Without your support, this would not be possible, for which I am grateful.

To support my work in mission you can send your donations to Global Ministries through the Avance:

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-1519-flores-sara.aspx>

With love and gratitude,

Sara Flores  
UMC GBGM Missionary serving in Ecuador  
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# June Birthdays

## June 1

Margie Moore  
Meredith Knoche

## June 2

R. Austin Hanlin  
Clifford Turner  
Jean Leitner

## June 3

Nancy Epting  
Eddie Sullivan  
Karen Carr

## June 4

Cynthia Tuten

## June 5

Sharon McEntire  
Greylan Smoak  
Susan Luthren

## June 7

Vickie Voegeli  
Elaine Cranston  
Sandra Wheeler

## June 8

Ellen Carruth  
Judith Bledsoe  
Payton Horton

## June 9

Sam Mathews  
Bob Beamer

## June 10

Tracy Taylor  
Robert McEntire  
Jan Cagle

## June 12

Boyd Saunders  
Kristie Rowe  
Doug Warner

## June 13

Jimmy Dawkins

## June 14

Keith Ellis  
Dotsy Helms

## June 16

Cal Franklin  
Joey Floyd

## June 17

Cathy Hooker  
Joyce Pruett

## June 18

James Carter

## June 19

Susan Burbage  
Alice Ballard  
Mary Coleman Smith

## June 20

Kirby Leitner

## June 22

Deborah Rowe

## June 23

Charlotte Jones  
Emmi-Elizabeth Lee

## June 24

Edee Vaughan  
Douglas Robinson  
Sasi Balasundaram  
Nancy Whittle

## June 25

Ben Epting  
John Epting

## June 26

Emily McCook

## June 27

Nelle Peterson  
Jerry Watson  
Blake Buchanan

## June 28

Ron Osborne

## June 29

Sue Connolly-Nelson

## June 30

Ron Bowden  
Chris Riley



## YOU'RE INVITED!

Please come to a Dedication Ceremony for a new Little Free Hygiene Pantry at WSUMC. Cookies and Punch will be served in the Soup Cellar following the 11:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, June 12, 2022

This is a Girl Scout Gold Award Project by Lydia Conte, Ambassador, Troop 776

*If possible, please consider bringing any of the following products to support continued efforts to keep the pantry stocked with travel sized versions of the following: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, dental floss, combs/brushes, tampons, and pads.*