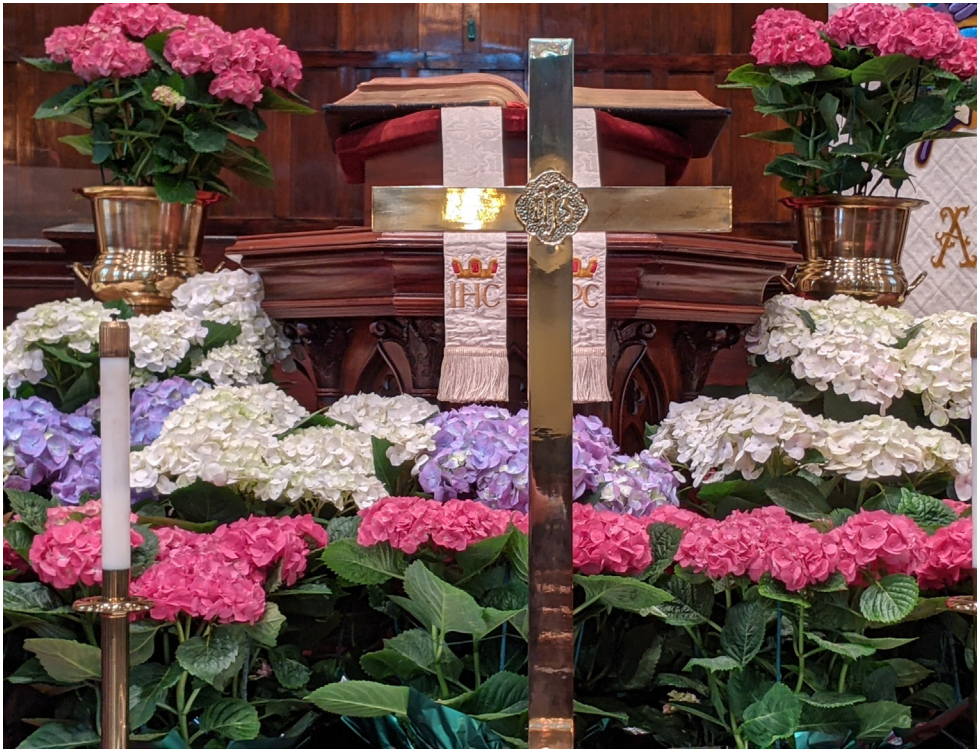


THE CONNECTION

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We're Back!

Church Council Approves Plan to Resume In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary

At its meeting on April 7th, WSUMC's Church Council approved a plan presented by the Church Reopening Team for resuming in-person worship in the sanctuary.

The Reopening Team recommended conducting the first in-person worship service in the sanctuary on **May 2nd at 11:00 a.m.** This recommendation was based on a number of factors including a decline in both COVID positivity rates and case numbers in Richland and Lexington Counties, a high number of Washington Streeters

receiving vaccines, and recent guidance from both DHEC and the Centers for Disease Control to resume in-person worship.

The Reopening Team will continue to monitor the COVID percent positive rates for a 7-day average. Should positivity rates in Richland and/or Lexington County exceed the 5-8% moderate level or if there is a named surge in the number of new cases, the Team will recommend to Church Council that this announced date be pushed back.

Attendees are strongly

encouraged to preregister. This will allow us to control the number of persons who attend in accordance with safety protocols and social distancing. Registration is available now at wsmethodist.org/worship/In-Person. The SC UMC Conference released updated protocols on March 29th for local churches. These recommendations can be found at umcsc.org/bestpractices. The Church Reopening Team is currently reviewing the protocols published last summer for WSUMC for any changes may be needed as a result of this guidance.

Additionally, the Reopening Team recommends hosting in-person Sunday School classes beginning on May 16th, pending the success of the worship services on May 2nd and 9th, and based on positivity levels equal to or less than 5-8%. Arrangements are underway to offer a hybrid approach to allow limited in person attendance with remote capability.

Details for these reopening plans for in-person worship in the sanctuary and for Sunday School will be announced as soon as they are finalized, along with the plans for continuation and transition of our outdoor services and virtual worship offerings.

A link to the complete report approved by Church Council can be found at wsmethodist.org/in-person.

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 2 @ 11:00 AM

PREREGISTER ONLINE!

LIMITED SEATING!

Transform a Child's Future

Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives. On Sunday, May 9th, 2021, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



Last month, the Sunday Dinner had to cancel its previously scheduled "Sunday Brunch on the Grounds" due to the prediction of inclement weather. The team has reorganized and will hold an enhanced event on April 25 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church parking lot. Brunch will be served to those who need a meal and with the addition of several participating health organizations.

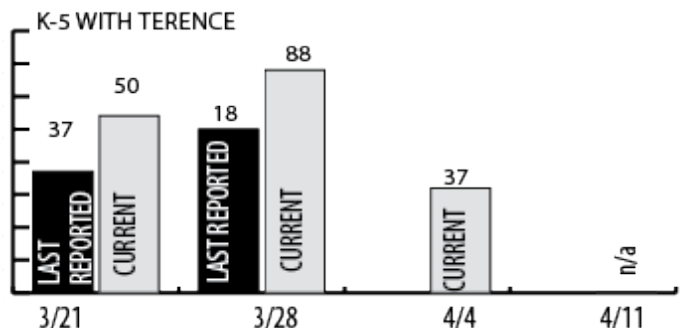
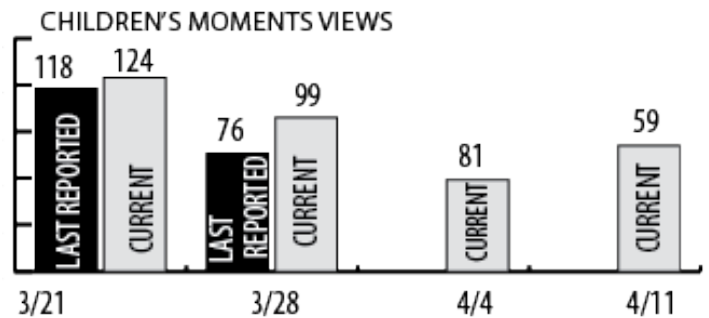
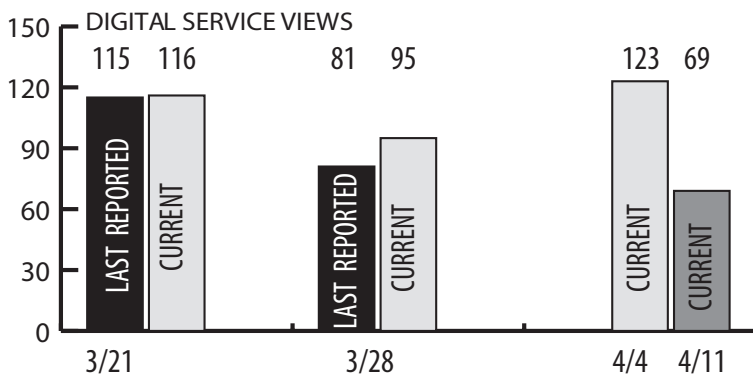
Participants include SCDHEC who will be administering the COVID-19 vaccine and CAN Community Health offering rapid HIV and HepC screening.

The brunch will be served by local vendor Denean the Coffee Queen's Mobile Cafe, whose food truck can frequently be seen serving our soldiers at Fort Jackson. Denean Amberly, owner of The Coffee Queen, LLC is a retired veteran. It is her mission to "provide a delicious, healthier beverage to North America's coffee and tea drinkers using our certified organic products and services."

Thanks to a discretionary grant from Richland County, WSUMC will be able to continue its mission throughout 2021. WSUMC hopes that in the near future, they can return to their original, in-person Sunday Dinners. The team plans to hold another Sunday Dinner event sometime in June.

ONLINE VIEWS ATTENDANCE/GIVING

EASTER OUTDOOR SERVICE VIEWS: 26
MAUNDY THURSDAY DIGITAL VIEWS: 69
OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE FOR 3/21: 47
OUTDOOR ATTENDANCE FOR EASTER 4/4: 142
GIVING TO DATE (FROM 3/31 to 4/13): Church: \$25,234;
 Foundation: \$0; Soup Cellar: \$1,850



Outdoor Service Series

April 18, 2021 | 3:00 pm

Parking lot

Pre-register online

wsmethodist.org/outdoorserviceseries/



MASKS REQUIRED | BE PREPARED TO
SOCIALLY DISTANCE
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

Prayer List

Pete Bailey
Martha Brooker
Sally Christian
Mickey Epting
Charles Garren
Bud Harrelson
Karen Horne
Geneva Hutchinson
Lisa Johnson

Rev. Judy King
Beverly McClanahan
Angela Powers
Rick Rowe
Boyd Saunders
Stephanie Saunders
Nan Self
Sarah Threatt
Our homebound

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE TO THE
FIRST YEAR TEACHERS' CLOSET!
PLEASE BRING ALL DONATED ITEMS TO
THE TRAXLER CLASS BY APRIL 30!
ALL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
to WSUMC
Given by Susan Caskey

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

As COVID 19 continues in our lives, we rejoice in our ability to gather and study together online and through conference calls. We hope that very soon we will be able to gather together in our normal classrooms at the church, until then...we'll see you online!

• **The Dawsey Class:** Sue Dillon will lead the class discussion on Chapter 6 "Doubt as Descent" and Chapter 7 "Doubt as Dissent" from the book *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It*, written by Brian McLaren. FreeConferenceCall.com. Class members should call in before 9:30 a.m., but not before 9:15 a.m. The call-in number is (425) 436-6321. The access code is 326159#.

• **The Grace Class:** The Grace Class is exploring a film series from *The Work Of The People* titled *Hospitality and The Stranger: Welcoming The Divine* through the end of May. This series of videos is about those we might consider other, stranger, foreigner, and alien. The curriculum, written by Phuc Luu, challenges that salvation might not lie in the familiar, but that which comes to us as different, as the other and the stranger. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom. All are welcome, and if interested in joining us, contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasc.edu for the link.

• **The Joy Class** is enjoying our weekly virtual gathering where various members lead the lessons. We are focusing on exploring where 2021 is calling us to grow and serve. All are invited and welcome to join us as we support each other on our journeys. If you would like to join us, please contact Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for an invitation.

• **Open Door Class:** This week we will finish our study on sentences that lead to wisdom. On April 25, we will begin a new study: *How Happiness Happens* by Max Lucado. All are welcome to join. All are welcome to join. For Zoom dial-in information, please contact Ann Jessup at jessup.ann@gmail.com.

• **YASS, John Harper, and Paul Harmon Class** will finish discussing the disciples, particularly Judas Iscariot and Peter on April 18. The topic for April 25 is to be determined. All are welcome. For information, or to get a Zoom invitation, email Reverend Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org.

• **WSUMC Youth Class:** April 18th - No Sunday School - Service Sunday; April 25th - No Sunday School - Youth are encouraged to sign up to volunteer at the Sunday Brunch; May 2nd - 'Tough Times' How does God lead us through the tough times in our lives? 2 Corinthians 4: 7-9. To participate, please email Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.



Easter Hydrangeas Live On!

Thank you to all the hydrangea donors. They made our virtual and in-person worship services especially beautiful. Seven hydrangeas were also planted in our bed near the Soup Cellar entrance to help complete it.

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transforming women

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

LOCATION:

Windemere Golf Club
1101 Longtown Road E
Blythewood, SC 29016

GREENS FEE:

Individual: \$80.00
Team: \$320.00

Check-in: 8:00AM
Shotgun Start: 9:00AM



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Title Sponsor \$2,500
Platinum Sponsor \$1,000
Lunch Sponsor \$500
Beverage Cart Sponsor \$250
Golf Hole Sponsor \$100
Goodie Bag Sponsor \$75
Prize Sponsor \$50

Registration fees include: Green fee, cart fee, lunch, and chances to win prizes!



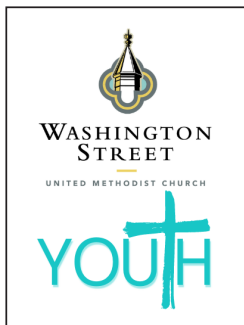
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www.killingsworth.org/events



Youth News

The youth group will be painting pots and planting flowers this Sunday from 12:30 - 2:00 pm to distribute to various members of our congregation as well as a few nursing homes in our community.

Coming soon...

- May 3rd at 6:00 pm: Middle School Small Group paint night
- May 6th at 6:00 pm: High School Small Group movie night
- May 14th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Game night (all ages)



Drive n' Drop for babies!



Benefiting Nazareth Baptist Church Food Pantry
which provides basic necessities for the working poor, the elderly,
and those impacted financially by the pandemic.

Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday, May 15, 2021 | 9:00 am to Noon



Troop 776

Financial donations also gladly accepted. Give online at wsmethodist.org/giving