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**SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, 2022**

WSUMC Sanctuary | 11:00 am

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SCAN TO ORDER ONLINE



# THE CONNECTION

*Sunday, August 21, 2022*

## Sunday Dinner Team Plans BIG Breakfast for Soup Cellar Customers

The Sunday Dinner Team is hosting a big breakfast for our customers and others experiencing food insecurities on **Saturday, August 27, from 8:30 to 10:30 am.**

Terrence Chisolm, Soup Cellar Manager, along with volunteers, will be cooking up a wonderful, hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, blueberry muffins, and Starbucks coffee. Water is being donated by our friends at Heyward Street United Methodist Church. Volunteers are being recruited to help with set up and tear down, as well as helping greet and serve our guests. You can sign up online by scanning the QR code, or you can email Jane Peterson at [jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org).

We are also asking for donations of blueberry muffins (1 dozen per person) from the congregation and the community. Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be made to

the church by check or by donating online and noting "Sunday Dinner" in the memo line.

The team is planning two more events before the first of the year. A fried-chicken lunch sponsored by Publix will be held on Monday, October 17, from 11:30-1:00 pm. Plans are in the works to have various services on hand for our guests, including haircuts, blood pressure and diabetes checks. Another breakfast is being planned for mid-December. Details on this event will be announced at a later date.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Lee Haynes at [lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com](mailto:lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com).



## Breakfast at Washington Street

The Sunday Dinner team will hold a breakfast for those who are experiencing food insecurity on Saturday, August 27, from 8:30-10:30 am in Threatt Hall.

To volunteer or make a donation, contact Jane at [jane@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jane@wsmethodist.org)



# PHILIPPIANS

## Congregational Study

Join us as we read through Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. This will be a slow read for us as we join together in a sermon series entitled "Courage" based on passages from Philippians. The study begins on August 18th, and continues through until Sept. 16.

### CONGREGATIONAL STUDY



Some days there will be more for you to read, while other days will only have two or three verses. This is intentional. Here's some advice:

- Sit and savor it. Don't rush. Don't just check the box for the day. On the days when there are only a few verses, read them multiple times. Paul's letter is very short, but it is packed with a lot of dense ideas.

- Read with a pen. Don't be afraid to underline words or passages. Take notes.

- Ask questions. If something confuses you or bugs you, don't just close the book; Ask a question! Write your question in the margin, ask a pastor, a friend, or Google.

- We read it in context. Remember, this is a letter! It would have been read in one sitting, probably out loud—not in bite-sized chunks.

- Read for 5 days then at the end of the week take the daily digest, and read it all together in one sitting, ideally out loud with other people. It'll shift your perspective! Remember, you aren't reading alone.

We're doing this together, and your pastors will provide support along the way. Sign up and download the study guide at [www.wsmethodist.org/philippians](http://www.wsmethodist.org/philippians) or scan the QR code above.

## Online & In Person Bible Study of Philippians

As an extra bonus, consider signing up for the one of the weekly Bible studies taking place on Wednesdays, August 24th through Sept. 14, on Philippians led by Rev. Alston. There are two opportunities to participate: Wednesday mornings from 11:00

### SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY ONLINE



### SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON



am to 12:15 pm in the John Harper Classroom and on Wednesday evenings on Zoom from 7:00-8:15 pm. To sign up for this Bible Study email Rev. Alston at [afippert@umcsc.org](mailto:afippert@umcsc.org) or register on Realm® by scanning the appropriate QR code.

# Committee/Team Highlights

- *The Reconciling Next Team*: discussed suggestions on how to become more open and involved with individuals. These suggestions were made because of the Intergenerational Dialogue session on LGBTQIA+ issues and the church.

- \* To provide a more visible, intentional space for LGBTQIA+ individuals that is explicitly queer-friendly where multi-generational conversations could be held. This will be starting on August 28, and will take place in the Holroyd Prayer Room during the Sunday School hour.

- \* The possibility of planning a weekday gathering that is spiritual, but not religious.

- \* Provide a support network (or events) for parents of LGBTQIA+ children.

- \* To be visible advocates at Statehouse events continuing to share our stance on issues of justice and equality in numerous ways (letters, articles on church events, etc.).

- \* Use the recent Racial Justice Action Team letter writing campaign format as a guide for future such actions, and provide organized "push back" on hurtful and hateful stances in government and in the community.

- \* Possible plans to host a coffee once a month to get to know people in a more personal way in Threatt Hall, or an off-site location at some other time of the day/week.

- \* Having a service of LGBTQIA+ Repentance and Healing planned for Thursday, Oct. 13.

- \* Continue with our recognition of the Transgender Day of Remembrance (Nov. 20). As a visible witness, the church banner and ribbons will be displayed on the Bull Street fence during the month of November. Jim will lead this effort and noted the number of documented transgender individuals who were murdered rose from 44 to 58 last year.

- *Active Faith* is accepting items for the Yard Sale scheduled for Oct. 8 in Threatt Hall. Large items such as furniture (no holes or rips, please) may be brought to the church after Labor Day. Items may be placed in Threatt Hall. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: BOOKS** (except children's); **CRIBS, CAR SEATS, CLOTHES** or **SHOES**.

Plans are also in the works for a Crèche Festival on Dec. 3 featuring a collection of nativity scenes from around the world. Watch for more details to come!

## Gifts



**IN MEMORY OF LUKE A. NANCE JR.**

*to the Soup Cellar*

**Lynda & John Galloway**

**IN HONOR OF SAM WALDREP**

*to Aldersgate Special Needs*

**Given by Ann Jessup**

# Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The class is continuing its study by well-known Bible scholars, N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird, *The New Testament You Never Knew: Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God..* These scholars team up to take you on a tour of the story behind the explosive story of the New Testament. You will discover things you never knew about Jesus' baptism and journey into the wilderness, the meaning behind the parables and miracles, the significance of his death and resurrection, the incredible expansion of the early church into the Greco-Roman world, and how the transforming mission of Jesus can still turn the world upside down today. Come join us for fellowship and an exciting study program. We are located in the Aldersgate Classroom on the 2nd floor of the Education building. For questions call David A. Anderson at 803.318.8821 or [danderson@richardsonplowden.com](mailto:danderson@richardsonplowden.com).

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, August 21, we will begin a new book, *White Too Long* by Robert P. Jones. Carl Evans will lead a discussion of Chapter 1, "Seeing: Our Current Moment." Next Sunday, August 28, Mary Slade will teach Chapter 2, "Remembering: The Theology of White Supremacy." The class is using a hybrid model to meet. Some members meet in the classroom. Class starts at 10:00 a.m. Class members who join from home use FreeConferenceCall. Class members should call in between 9:50 and 10:00 am. 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 Grace Class is continuing "topic of choice" with various members leading the class each week through Labor Day. Diana Westerkam will be leading the class on August 21. Lynn Shirley will lead the class August 28 on "Finding Christian Truths in Secular and Modern Music," complete with a selection of three or four of his favorites. 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 continuing its study of *New Testament Stories from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Visitors are always welcomed! 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:** The class will not meet on August 21. On August 28, the class will begin a study of Borg's *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. 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:** August 21—"How Does God Respond to the Disciples' Failures?" John 20:1-23; August 28—"Hurts of the Heart" John 18. For more information, contact Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).

# 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  
Laura Collins  
Heidi Conte  
Mickey Epting  
Rev. Paul Harmon  
Karen Horne  
Lisa Johnson  
Debby Joyner  
Rev. Judy King  
Martha Helen King  
Mike LeFever

Malcolm Lemons  
Paul McClanahan  
David Middleton  
Genie & Ron Quinn  
Frances "Tut" Robertson  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threatt  
Edee Vaughan  
Jim Ward  
Our homebound

Starts Sunday, Aug. 28!

## Announcing... S.A.F.E. Space

Safe, affirming fellowship for everyone

A gathering space for LBGQTQIA+ Individuals & Allies

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am

Holroyd Prayer Room  
hosted by the Reconciling Next Team

For more information contact Jim Lane at [jlane@columbiasc.edu](mailto:jlane@columbiasc.edu)

WASHINGTON STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The Grace Class is making you an offer you can't refuse!

If you are interested in reading an online (PDF) version of *The South Carolina United Methodist Advocate*, please email Lynn Shirley at [wmlynnsc@gmail.com](mailto:wmlynnsc@gmail.com)

**NO LATER THAN August 30** to be included in this offer!

The Grace Class is sponsoring this opportunity for WSUMC Members.

**YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6-8 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM!**

# Summer VBS/Parent's Night Out a Success... Plans to Continue Announced for Fall!



**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**  
**Friday, September 16**  
**5:30-7:30 pm | Threatt Hall**  
**Dinner, games, crafts, and a movie!**  
**Ages 4-12**  
 Nursery available for newborns to 3 years.

*Above: Lucy Woods and friends welcome everyone to WSUMC's VBS/ Parents' Night Out. Right: Susan Caskey and some of our participants enjoy fellowship together while doing an art project.*



## ATTENDANCE (as of 8-18-22):

**August 14:** 148 (in-person); 111 (online) = 259

**August 7:** 134 (in-person); 78 (online) = 212

**July 31:** 82 (in-person); 116 (online) = **198**

**July 24:** 132 (in-person) 125 (online) = 257

## GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 8-18-22):

<b>Church Budget</b>	<b>\$865,000</b>
Church Actual	\$347,105
Soup Cellar	\$47,519
Foundation	\$22,930

**SCAN TO GIVE**



## BE A TUTOR!

This is an opportunity to help children be the best they can be!

Richland one is looking for tutors for 1st and 2nd graders in reading for an hour each week. In 2015, "Reading Matters" began as a "multi-denominational program to pair reading tutors with 1st and 2nd graders" in Richland 1 schools. Two of the schools, Arden and Hyatt Park feed into Alcorn Middle School, and tutoring at these schools would extend our mission work in that area. Tutoring will occur during the school day.

**The deadline to sign up is August, 22.** Volunteers are required to attend a training session led by Richland One. Training dates are: August 23, 2022, at 6:30 pm and August 25, 2022, at 6:30 PM.



A background check is required and is paid for by Richland One. A brochure is available by scanning the QR code above. We will also have a sign-up table at the church-wide Celebration Luncheon on August 21st. If you have questions, feel free to **contact The Reverend Susan Heath at (803) 361-3982.**

# SEPTEMBER

# Birthdays

**September 1**  
Linda W. Ruggiero  
Linda Hester

**September 8**  
Larry McElyea  
McKenzie Powers

**September 12**  
Susan Caskey  
Richard Owen  
Caroline Chappell  
Betty Cribbs

**September 19**  
Virginia Vaughan  
Lisa Douglas

**September 24**  
O. Kirk Graham

**September 2**  
Grace Ostmeyer  
Ann Bell

**September 9**  
Charlotte Owen  
Janet Hopkins

**September 20**  
Peggy Weston  
Sally Christian

**September 25**  
Vivian Hall  
Emily Rutter

**September 4**  
Leena McRoberts

**September 10**  
Robin Anderson  
Dave Middleton

**September 13**  
Eleanore Langley  
Shawn Powers

**September 22**  
Bobbi Gregory  
Barrett Case  
Caroline Warner  
John Radford  
Ally Cannon

**September 26**  
Carolyn Cosby

**September 5**  
Bauer Haynes

**September 11**  
Tommy Betenbaugh  
Harvey Jessup

**September 15**  
Elizabeth Anne Matthews  
Bill Dudley  
Beth Matthews

**September 23**  
Martha Railey

**September 27**  
R. Preston Horton  
Sara Wilcox

**September 6**  
Courtney Foster  
Tom Wall

**Brian Murrell**

**September 16**  
Rufus Rogers  
Patsy Collingwood

**September 28**  
John Cosby  
Lois Ann Tuell

**September 7**  
Lucy Woods

**September 29**  
Keith Murphy

*Happy Birthday from all of us at WSU/MC!*



YARD  
SALE

**OCT. 8, 2022**

**7:00 am-1:00 pm**

***Preview night—Friday, Oct. 7***  
***\$5 admission | Free for donors***

- Now accepting boxed items
- No large items or furniture accepted until after Labor Day!
- NO BOOKS (except children's)
- NO CRIBS OR CARSEATS