

# THE CONNECTION

*Sunday, September 18, 2022*

## Special Blues Service Next Sunday!

On Sunday Sept. 25, WSUMC will host a very special "musical" service featuring blues music from world-renowned blues artist, Shrimp City Slim (aka Gary Erwin). The service will take place at 11:00 am in the sanctuary.

Rev. Becky Shirley will lead this unique service which is part of a five-week series entitled "I See You." You will experience a glorious mix of reflections of God's love for all of us, along with music that fills the soul and the spirit.

A few of the songs you will hear are "Praise Him With a Mambo," and "Lord, I'm All Ears." Shrimp City Slim hails originally from Chicago, but now lives in Charleston. His specialty is "world piano blues and original songs." A full-time musician for nearly 40 years, Slim gigs nonstop here and overseas. As a music activist/advocate, he also produces a weekly blues radio program on a commercial FM station in Charleston and organizes blues events around the state. He is delighted to join our congregation this morning. Further info: [www.shrimpcityslim.com](http://www.shrimpcityslim.com).

Please invite all of your friends, family and neighbors to this very special service. All are welcome!

## New Small Groups Planned!

Three new small groups are planned for the coming weeks. There will be both in-person and online opportunities to take part in these discussions.

Starting on **Wednesday, Sept. 21**, Christine Taylor will lead a Bible study following Rev. Becky's five-week sermon series, "I See You," that focuses on welcoming. Each Wednesday we will study the previous Sunday's sermon. The study will take place at **11:00 am in the John Harper Classroom**, and again at **7:00 pm on Zoom** for those who prefer to gather online. You may register through Realm, or by emailing Christine at [christine@wsmethodist.org](mailto:christine@wsmethodist.org). The sessions will be held weekly through Oct. 19.

On **Monday, Sept. 26**, Rev. Alston will lead discussions on

WASHINGTON STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Music  
for the Spirit**  
A SPECIAL BLUES  
MUSIC SERVICE

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY**

FEATURING  
**SHRIMP CITY SLIM**  
HIGHWAY 17

Mary Magdalene. The discussions will take place at **11:00 am in the John Harper Classroom**, and again at **7:00 pm on Zoom**. The discussion focuses on new research that has brought to light some interesting information on Mary. After presenting the findings, we will discuss how these findings might change the Church's view of women in ministry. There are two opportunities to participate, both online and in-person.

On **Monday, Oct. 10**, Rev. Alston will also lead a discussion on the *NY Times* bestselling novel, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. Again there will be two sessions, one in-person, and one through Zoom. The in-person session will be at **11:00 am in the John Harper Classroom**, with the **Zoom discussion taking place at 7:00 pm**. You may register online for either

session through Realm, or contact Rev. Alston at [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org).

This book is an enchanting story about mythical creatures, being open-minded when meeting new people, the power of love and inclusion, and the meaning of home and family. The themes in this book go along with the current sermon series, "I See You."

## Gifts



**IN HONOR OF DON BRITT**  
*to the Paul Harmon Class*  
Given by Suzanne Joye

**IN MEMORY OF STAN McCONKEY**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by John Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN MEMORY OF MARY McEACHERN**  
*to the Soup Cellar*  
Given by ?

**IN HONOR OF NELLE PETERSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Marshall Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN HONOR OF LEE HAYNES**  
*to the Soup Cellar*  
Given by Bill Westerham

**IN HONOR OF THE GRACE CLASS**  
*to the Grace Class*  
Given by Bill Westerham

**IN HONOR OF DON BRITT**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by the Paul Harmon Class

**IN HONOR OF DON BRITT**  
*to the Paul Harmon Class*  
Given by Marshall Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN HONOR OF THE WSUMC STAFF**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Marshall Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN HONOR OF LYDIA CONTE**  
*to the Free Little Hygiene Pantry*  
Given by Marshall Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN HONOR OF MARY'S MAIDEN'S**  
*to the Free Little Hygiene Pantry*  
Given by Marshall Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN HONOR OF MISSIONS**  
*to Circle #5*  
Given by Marshall Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN HONOR OF SAM WALDREP**  
*to the Flower Fund*  
Given by Marshall Colcord & Dotsy Helms

**IN MEMORY OF GLORIA TRULUCK**  
*to the Soup Cellar*  
Given by Marianne Overcash

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Blake Burnside

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Eva & Sherwood Smith

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Elizabeth Baker

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Sally Mings

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON TO WSUMC**  
Given by Richard McElroy

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Emma Laffitte

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Mr. & Mrs. J. Hagood Morrison

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to the Soup Cellar*  
Given by Margaret Bowden

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON**  
*to WSUMC*  
Given by Barbara & Osmund Dixon

**IN MEMORY OF BUD HARRELSON**  
*to the Soup Cellar*  
Given by Margaret Bowden

**IN MEMORY OF BUD HARRELSON**  
*to the Soup Cellar*  
Given by Lane & Ron Bowden

**IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER**  
*to the Choir Fund*  
Given by Rick Frierson & Susan Luthren

## Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The Aldersgate Class is continuing its eight-session Study Guide and Streaming Video study on the book of Psalms. Experience fresh connections to contemporary worship and devotional practices in this eight-session video-based study with well-known scholar Sandra Richter. Indulge in the biblical study of Psalms, letting Sandra Richter do the heavy lifting of research and translation, which in turn allows you to engage the Bible in a deeply sensitive way. This study will help answer the ever-present question, "so what does this have to do with me today?" You will discover:

- How to bridge the gap between the culture and practices of ancient Israel and today
- How you can trust God with all your emotions: grief, anger, praise, fear, and hope
- How and why do the people of Israel use the Psalms in worship
- Why the book of Psalms is critical in our devotional lives today
- How the Psalms can empower your prayer life.

This study includes group discussion questions, video outlines, and notes, independent study, illuminated manuscript activities, and an in-depth breakdown of specific Psalms. Our class meets in the Aldersgate Class at 10:00 am with coffee and a pastry. If you have any questions, please call David A. Anderson at 803-318-8821 or email him at [DAAnderson@richardsonplowden.com](mailto:DAAnderson@richardsonplowden.com).

• **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, September 18, we will continue our study of *White Too Long* by Robert P. Jones. Tom Summers will lead a discussion of Chapter 5, "Mapping: The White Supremacy Gene in American Christianity." Next Sunday, September 25, Grant Jackson will teach Chapter 6, "Telling: Stories of Change." The 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 class is continuing a study based on a series on the Gospels from *The Work of the People: What We Do in Worship and Why* by Marlea Gilbert, Christopher Grundy, Eric T. Myers, and Stephanie Perdew. On Sept. 18, Kathy Wright will lead the discussion of "Waking and Facing Change: Climbing Matthew's Great Mountain Session." On Sept. 25, the topic will be "Moving Through Trials: Crossing Mark's Stormy Sea." 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 welcome! 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 Paul Harmon Class is continuing our study of Borg's *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. Sally Mings is leading our discussion. 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:** The class discusses lessons from Adult Bible Studies published by Cokesbury. The September unit includes a lesson from Exodus "To appreciate God's means of provision in times of dire need" and one from Deuteronomy "To understand that freedom entails." For more information, contact Tracy Powers at [tjpowers65@gmail.com](mailto:tjpowers65@gmail.com).

• **The WSUMC Youth Class:** The youth will be studying the following scripture to help students understand who Jesus really is and how we are called to be like Him. Sept. 18-Mark 1:1, and John 1:9-15; Sept. 25-Mark 21-22, Mark 2:13-17, and Mark 3:13-19 For more information, contact Mackin Wall at [mackin@wsmethodist.org](mailto:mackin@wsmethodist.org).



# Getting to Know—Nicholas Todd Shumate

By Fran Zupan

Nicholas Todd Shumate arrives at Chapin High School between 7:00 and 7:30 am each morning. The choral director's first class is at 8:25 am, and he teaches until 3:45, with a 30-minute break for lunch. He typically has an after-school rehearsal on Monday or Thursday from 7 until 9 p.m., after sports and band practices are held.

Nicholas teaches five different choirs:

The Chamber Singers, for 11th- and 12th-graders, require an audition.

HiLights Show Choir, for grades 10 through 12, also requires an audition. All numbers are choreographed.

A male choir, Singers, for grades 9 through 12.

Concert Choir for 10th- through 12th-grade females.

Chorus for ninth-grade females.

Although he was the adult choir director at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Columbia, in 2021, Nicholas "was looking for a new challenge" and he applied to be music director at Washington Street.

"Oftentimes in careers, you need something new to reinvigorate you," he said. "I wanted to be able to do different types of repertoire that we can do here at Washington Street."

He started the job here in March of last year.

"It was a very interesting start to a job," he said. The church broadcast prerecorded services and held an occasional outdoor service. Nicholas met with the church's paid soloists to hear them sing and then planned music the best he could for the voices and service locations he had.

Because of COVID, he still hasn't met many of the choir members, he said.

Nicholas grew up in Rock Hill, the youngest of four boys. He first became heavily involved in music at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill. The high school choir was the best in the state, he said.

"We sang things in high school that most people don't get to do in their lifetime," he said. In 10th grade, the choir sang the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah, with the soloists coming from the high school.

Nicholas said he decided he wanted to be a music educator and conductor his sophomore year in high school, although he briefly considered law school after watching the CBS series "JAG" and fantasizing about becoming a military lawyer.

Nicholas graduated from Limestone College with a bachelor's degree in music education. He went straight to graduate school at Winthrop University in order to gain more experience and confidence in rehearsing choirs. At Limestone, he only had 60 days of teaching; at Winthrop he conducted undergraduate students daily.

"You can read a lot of books about teaching and directing choirs, but the only good way to learn how to teach is to be in front of students," he said.

When Nicholas applied for the job at Chapin High, he had never heard of the town of Chapin. But two undergraduate students at Winthrop were Chapin alumni, and one of them told him the choral director's job was opening.

That was nine years ago. This year he's also teaching a theater class. Plans are to offer two productions, including a musical next spring.

"We're figuring it out as we go along," he said. "Years ago Chapin had a really strong theater program. The hope is to rebuild the program so that a full-time theater director can be hired."

Because none of the Chapin schools have a performance space that's acoustically suitable, the schools hold their concerts at Chapin Presbyterian Church for a week in December and then again in May.

With the help of parents and students, they clear the entire "stage" in the sanctuary on Sunday night, leaving only the piano. They bring in risers and lift them onto the stage.

On Monday night, the high school choirs have their dress rehearsal. Tuesday evening, the middle school choirs perform. Thursday the intermediate choir, made up of 5th- and 6th-graders, performs, and Friday night, the high school choirs perform.

Saturday morning at 10:00 am, they "strike the stage," leaving everything as it was the previous Sunday.

Nicholas enjoys playing tennis and golf when he can. He took up tennis in middle school and played on the men's tennis team at Limestone.

Nicholas likes hanging out with friends. Two of his closest, local friends are Sarah High, choral director at Swansea High School and director of music at Salem UMC, and Craig Coelho, choral director at Gilbert High School and director of music at Cayce UMC.

A self-professed "foodie," Nicholas likes to try new restaurants. Favorites include Colas Restaurant, Arabesque on Devine and Tazza Kitchen Trenholm Plaza.

He said he likes to laugh and often listens to comedy radio on Pandora while driving.

Nicholas is Midlands site coordinator and a committee chair for the S.C. Region Choir. He also is coordinator of the High School Honor Choir for the S.C. American Choral Directors Association. Both are volunteer jobs, but Nicholas said he does the work because without choral directors pitching in, these events for students wouldn't exist.

Washington Streeters have been welcoming and kind, Nicholas said.

"Everyone has gone out of their way to help me," he said, mentioning especially Harvey and Ann Jessup whose daughter Hannah was an undergraduate student in the choral program at Winthrop when he was a graduate student.





# 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).

Betsy Alexander  
Martha Boynton  
David Byrum  
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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  
Rick Rowe  
Boyd Saunders  
Stephanie Saunders  
Sarah Threath  
Edee Vaughan  
Jim Ward  
Nancy Williams  
Our homebound

## ATTENDANCE (as of 9-15-22):

Sept. 11: 144 (in-person); 124 (online) = 273  
Sept. 4: 124 (in-person); 134 (online) = 258  
August 28: 156 (in-person); 82 (online) = 238  
August 21: 134 (in-person); 153 (online) = 287

## GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 9-14-22):

**Church Budget \$865,000**  
Church Actual \$382,432  
Soup Cellar \$51,674  
Foundation \$23,030



SCAN TO GIVE



## OOPS!

In the last issue of *The Connection*, Nov. 17 was incorrectly noted as the date of "Hanging of the Greens." The actual date for that is **Sunday, Nov. 24.** That is also the date of our 2022 Advent Festival.

# Wednesday Bible Study

Let's get to know God and one another more fully!



## I SEE YOU:

A 5-Week sermon series with a focus on welcoming

**John Harper Classroom**  
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

**Online**  
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Join Christine Taylor, our new Director of Congregational and Volunteer Ministry!

Each Wednesday, we will study the week's sermon text

September 21 --- Luke 13:10-17  
September 28 --- Mark 10: 46-52  
October 5 --- Revelation 7:9-17  
October 12 --- John 4 Selection  
October 19 --- Reading TBD



Sign up on Realm or email [Christine@wsmethodist.org](mailto:Christine@wsmethodist.org)

# Service of Repentance & Healing

FOR THE HARM INFLICTED ON LGBTQIA+ PERSONS

PROUD MEMBER OF



WASHINGTON STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022  
6:00-7:00 pm  
Sanctuary

## In Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Kay Ross and Richard McEachern in the death of Kay's father, Lowell Ross on September 1.

Announcing...

## S.A.F.E. Space

Safe, affirming fellowship for everyone

A gathering space for LGBTQIA+ 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)



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

\*denotes non-member event/meeting

## Monday, Sept. 19

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*  
5:30-6:30 pm | Trustees Meeting | Wesley Room  
5:45-9:15 pm | Columbia Choral Society | Choir Room\*

## Tuesday, Sept. 20

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
6:00-8:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room\*  
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Meeting | Disciple Conference Room\*

## Wednesday, Sept. 21

10:00 am | Staff Meeting | Wesley Room  
11:00 am-12:15 pm | Bible Study-"I See You" | John Harper Classroom  
11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*  
7:00-8:00 pm | Bible Study-"I See You" | Zoom

## Thursday, Sept. 22

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
7:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber Orchestra | Choir Room\*

## Friday, Sept. 23

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*

## Sunday, Sept. 25

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Blues for the Spirit service | Sanctuary & Livestream

## Monday, Sept. 26

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Small Group—Mary Magdalene | John Harper Classroom  
11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*  
7:00-8:00 pm | Small Group—Mary Magdalene | Zoom

## Tuesday, Sept. 27

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
7:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber Orchestra | Choir Room\*  
5:00-6:00 pm | RJAT Meeting | Zoom  
6:00-8:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room\*  
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Meeting | Disciple Conference Room

## Wednesday, Sept. 28

11:00 am-12:15 pm | Bible Study—"I See You" w/Christine Taylor | John Harper Classroom  
11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*  
7:00-8:15 pm | Bible Study—"I See You" w/Christine Taylor | Zoom

## Thursday, Sept. 29

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
7:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber Orchestra | Choir Room\*

## Friday, Sept. 30

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*

## Sunday, Oct. 2

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Services | Sanctuary & Livestream  
1:00-4:00 pm | Mothers Demand Action | Threath Hall\*

## Monday, Oct. 3

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*  
5:45-9:15 pm | Columbia Choral Society | Choir Room\*

## Tuesday, Oct. 4

10:00-11:00 am | Circle 6 | John Harper Classroom  
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Meeting | Disciple Conference Room



## Mary Magdalene

Rev. Alston will be leading a discussion on Mary Magdalene that will focus on new research that has brought to light some interesting information on Mary. After presenting the findings, we will discuss what that has meant for Christianity and what it might mean going forward.

**TWO CHANCES TO PARTICIPATE!**  
**Monday, September 26**  
11:00 am | John Harper Classroom  
&  
7:00 pm on Zoom

For more information or a Zoom link, please email [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org) or sign up on Realm®

## Online Discussion

The General Board of Church & Society is hosting a discussion on how the agency can assist in advancing the rights of the LGBTQIA community and ensure the protection of those rights. Interested parties may join in an introductory meeting Thursday, September 29th, at 3pm EST to discuss what is taking place at the federal level and to learn more about what is taking place throughout the connection.

You may join in on the Zoom meeting here:

[www.us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqd-](http://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/91014420000)

[CspjwvHdbNtXh64sJXraDua6HMhryg.](https://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/91014420000)

For any questions, please contact Rev. Kendal L. McBroom, Director of Civil and Human Rights, The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, [kmcbroom@umcjustice.org](mailto:kmcbroom@umcjustice.org), or 202-488-5657.




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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**FOR WSUMC'S BOOTH AT THE PRIDE FESTIVAL**  
**OCT. 15, 2022**

**OCT. 14-15**  
**COLUMBIA'S PRIDE FESTIVAL**  
**DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA**  
**12-6 PM**



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