

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Washington Street Welcomes The Reverend Dr. Mike & Betsy Alexander on October 30

Join us on Sunday, October 30, for a special service followed by a catered luncheon. Reverend Mike Alexander, who served as pastor at Washington Street from 1996-2005 will be our guest pastor. Following the service, Rev. Mike and Betsy will join us in Threatt Hall for a catered Mediterranean-inspired lunch of baked Mediterranean chicken, roasted potatoes, Greek salad, fruit, pita bread, and dessert prepared by our very own Terrance Chisolm, Soup Cellar Manager. Please reserve your meal **before October 27**.



Rev. Mike and Betsy will be the host of a February trip to the Holy Land for Washington Street congregants. Plans on how to take part in this trip will be presented during the luncheon.

Please register online through Realm by scanning the QR code on this page, or you may mail a check with the number of plates wanted in the memo line. The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults; children age 4-10 are \$5 each; and children under 3 are free. If you are unable to purchase a meal for any reason but

would like to attend, please contact Rev. Becky at rjshirley@umcsc.org.

The dates for the trip are Feb. 13-23, 2023. A deposit of \$500 will be due Nov. 15. The cost of the trip is \$4,250 and includes airfare, accommodations, two meals daily and more!

WE NEED TRUNK OR TREAT PARTICIPANTS!

Last year, we had over 300 visitors to our campus taking part in our Fall Festival. Please help us make our Trunk or Treat area the best ever. We would love to have 10 more participants...you know you want to! We will have prizes for the top three trunks!

Contact Mackin at mackin@wsmethodist.org

to put your name on the list! The festival is from 4:00-6:00 pm on Oct. 29 in the parking lot of the church.



Somebody is looking for you!

Can they find you?

We are trying to build our online directory so our members can find each other! Privacy restrictions are preventing congregants from finding each other for sending communications, cards, notes, etc.

NOTE: ON NOVEMBER 1ST, WE WILL ACTIVATE ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS' INFORMATION IN REALM®. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR INFORMATION TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO OTHER MEMBERS, YOU MUST LET US KNOW NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 24! PLEASE EMAIL CHRISTINE (christine@wsmethodist.org) IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE LISTED!

Sunday School Updates

- **The Aldersgate Class:** The class continues its eight-session Study Guide and Streaming Video study on the book of Psalms. 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 DAnderson@richardsonplowden.com.
- **The Dawsey Class:** This Sunday, October 16, we will continue our study of *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Tom Wall will lead a discussion of Chapter 2: Stilling the Storm: Attending to Nature (Mark 4:35-41). Next Sunday, October 23, Jim Seigler will teach Chapter 3: The Feeding of the Five Thousand (or More): The Centrality of Bread (Luke 9: 10-17). 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.
- **The Grace Class:** This week, we will continue the 6-week series on the *Four Gospels*, but this isn't your ordinary Gospel study. This week we will focus on "Maturing Through Service: Walking Luke's Road of Riches Session", and Melanie Dobson will facilitate. Then we'll conclude next week with this lesson: "The Essential Practices of the Journey." 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:** 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.
- **The Paul Harmon Class:** On October 16, Suzanne Joye will lead a discussion on what is happening in the UMC. On October 23, the class will begin a study of *Parables from the Backside* by J.E. Kalas. We hope to discover some ideas for future studies. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.
- **The John Harper Class:** The John Harper class discusses lessons from Adult Bible Studies published by Cokesbury. October will focus on the theme of "Justice" with lessons on "Sharing with the Vulnerable" from James and Exodus, "Gifts of the Widows" from Kings and Luke, "Blinded by the Truth" from John, "Justice for the Persistent" from Luke and "Hospitality without Boundaries" from Ezekiel. For more information, contact Tracy Powers at tjpowers65@gmail.com or meet with us in the classroom on the first floor by the elevator.
- **The WSUMC Youth Class:** For the entire month of October, the youth will be reading and analyzing the book *Walk With Jesus* by Henri Nouwen. We will be going through "Stations of the Cross" to discover how Jesus lived his life and remained hopeful through His suffering. For more information, contact Mackin Wall at mackin@wsmethodist.org.

Gifts

**IN MEMORY OF
HOMER FESPERMAN**
*to the Homer Fesperman
Audio/Video Fund*
Given by Linda Fesperman

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
to the Music Ministry
Given by Gwen
& Michael Harmon

**IN MEMORY OF
MARSHALL RAMSEY**
to WSUMC
Given by Emma Lafitte

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
to the WSUMC
Given by Mary Sutherland

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
to the Music Ministry
Given by Peggy Weston

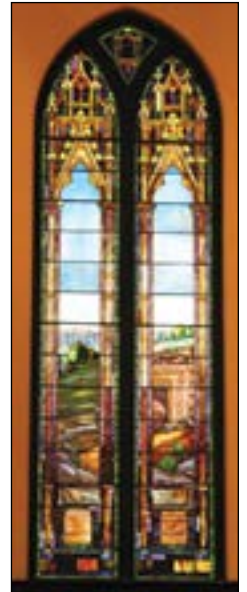
**IN MEMORY OF
MARSHALL RAMSEY**
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Peggy Weston

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
to the Music Ministry
Given by Lisa & Jeff Huneycutt

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
to the Music Ministry
Given by Susan Brown

Daytrippers Tour of Washington Street Stained Glass Windows

Daytrippers is back with a "stay here" trip! We will take a tour of the stained-glass windows of Washington Street on Wednesday, November 9, at 11:00 am. This hour-long tour will be led by Pete Liggett and includes both the history of the windows at WSUMC, as well as the religious significance of the imagery. This tour is open to everyone. After the tour, those who want to stay will have lunch in Threatt Hall may sign up to purchase lunch of grilled chicken, Greek salad, and potatoes from Tazikis. The cost is \$12. If you would prefer to bring your own lunch and join us, please do. To sign up, please email afliппert@umcsc.org to let Rev. Alston know if you would like to purchase a meal.



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

In South Carolina today, there's an urgent need for new foster homes. Epworth Children's Home, a standing partner of WSUMC, offers a foster care program to help fill this need. This program provides social, material, and financial support for foster families to nurture and encourage children in their homes. Epworth also has volunteer opportunities for people who would like to contribute in different ways.

<https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/what/foster-care-program/>

<http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/support/>

THE ELECTIONS ARE COMING... YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



Do you have questions about who is on your ballot? Want to know a candidate's views? Visit vote411.com, enter your address and get a sample ballot with links to all of the candidates running in your area, both state and local.

VOTE411 is committed to ensuring voters have the information they need to successfully participate in every election. Whether it's local, state or federal, every election is important to ensuring our laws and policies reflect the values and beliefs of our communities.



SAFE SANCTUARY

Safe Sanctuary training will be held on **Wednesday, November 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30 pm on Zoom**. If you are interested in working with our little ones, you must have taken this training session. For more information, contact Rev. Alston Lippert at allippert@umcsc.org.



**SATURDAY, OCT. 29
WASHINGTON ST. UMC
PARKING LOT
1401 WASHINGTON ST.
4:00-6:00 PM**

**GAMES, TRUNK OR TREAT, POPCORN, COTTON CANDY,
CRAFTS, CAKE WALK, INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING,
DUNKING BOOTH, CHILDREN'S COSTUME CONTESTS,
AND MORE!**



WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We Are Looking for New Choir Members!

All are welcome!

High School Aged-Adult

Wednesday Rehearsal 6:30-7:30 PM

Sunday Morning Rehearsal 9:30-10:30 AM

Worship Service 11 AM

All sight reading abilities encouraged to volunteer.

Please reach out to Nicholas Shumate, Director of Music, to have a conversation about your interest in joining the choir at nicholas@wsmethodist.org or (803) 448-7361

WSUMC Yard Sale a Huge Success!

Drum roll, please... receipts from both days total approximately \$7,078.05! I say "approximately" because we will not know the exact figure of credit card receipts until we receive the credit card purchase information from the bank, but our elementary method of writing down the number when the transaction was made showed \$1,031.75 in credit card receipts.

Sam and I want to take this time to thank all of you for

your help and your support. Whether it was sorting and pricing, wrapping purchased items or taking them to a car—it was all needed and greatly appreciated.

We received many compliments from the shoppers who enjoyed how everything was organized and displayed and the ease of checking out, paying and having item taken out for them. So, pat yourself on the back and know that you are appreciated.--Debra Rowe.

United Women in Faith Bake Sale is November 20!

In March 2022, United Methodist Women became United Women in Faith. This name change includes an array of new and improved programs for both future current members. We welcome new women to join us and put their love in action for women, children, and youth. The new programs are the results of research conducted over the past five years with input from more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other Christian traditions. The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and to expand options for membership and engagement. The organization remains incorporated in New York as United Methodist Women and is doing business as United Women in Faith.

At Washington Street, United Methodist Women's circles have begun meeting and planning projects for the year.

A focus of helping women this year will be the MicroLoan program for women through the Methodist Church in Pijal, Ecuador. During the pandemic, \$50.00 grants were provided by the UMW at the national level to women entrepreneurs in various countries including Ecuador. Five women received the grants in Pijal and decided to consider the money loans,

not grants, so the money could be repaid and support more women. Now the Methodist church in Pijal hosts a group of ten entrepreneurial women who gather monthly for a devotion and to talk about improving their business.

We will be having our Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Sunday, November 20, from 9:30-12:30 in the Wesley Room. A portion of the proceeds from this sale will be given to the Methodist Church in Pijal to continue the MicroLoan program.

Questions? Contact Mary Lide at neaudl@aol.com.





**ORDER YOUR ROSE TODAY
FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY!**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
DOWNLOAD THE FORM OR PICK
UP A FORM ON THE TABLE IN THE
VOLUNTEER OFFICE
ORDERS DUE OCT. 26



*All Saints Sunday
Nov. 6, 2022*

MAKE PLANS NOW! Daytrippers Head to Mepkin Abbey

Daytrippers are on the move again! We're heading back to Mepkin Abbey this year to see their famous Crèche Festival on Thursday, December 1. This will be an all day trip, so come prepared. There is no charge for the exhibit, and we will have box lunches for those attending. We plan to carpool from the church. If there is a large enough of a group, we will rent a van. If you are interested in going, please email Rev. Alston Lippert at alflippert@umcsc.org **no later than Monday, Nov. 28.**

SAVE THE DATE!

ON SUNDAY, DEC. 18, THE
WSUMC CHOIR WILL PERFORM
THEIR ANNUAL CANTATA
DURING THE 11:00 AM SERVICE.
MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND
AND BRING A FRIEND OR
NEIGHBOR TO THIS
GLORIOUS EVENT.



**"Requiem"
by Gabriel Fauré
All Saints Concert**

**Shandon Methodist Church
SUNDAY, NOV. 6
Sanctuary | 4:00 p.m.**

Join us for an All Saints Sunday concert by the combined choirs of Shandon UMC, Washington Street UMC, Trenholm Road UMC, Cayce UMC, and Salem Street UMC. The concert will feature Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* in the Sanctuary at Shandon UMC, located at 3407 Devine Street. Nicholas Todd Shumate will conduct the choirs, and Debbie Bauer will assist at the organ. This program will be presented in memory of church members who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

ATTENDANCE (as of 10-14-22):

Oct. 9: 126 (in-person); 95 (online) = 221
Oct. 2: 165 (in-person); 65 (online) = 230
Sept. 25: 161 (in-person); 194 (online) = 355
Sept. 18: 141 (in-person); 85 (online) = 226



SCAN TO GIVE

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 10-12-22):

Church Budget	\$865,000
Church Actual	\$419,209
Soup Cellar	\$53,769
Foundation	\$23,030

Come All Ye Thankful!

What are you thankful for?

- Take a paper leaf and in one word or a few words, write what you are thankful for.
- Hang it on the tree.
- Walk around the tree and see what your fellow Washington Streeters are thankful for!

The tree is located outside of Christ Chapel and was beautifully crafted by Sam Waldrep. Please take a moment and add your "thankful" message to our tree. Then, take a moment and add a bell to the cross in memory of a loved one.





A "Friends Thanksgiving" event for young adults has been planned for November 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Traxler Room. Meat provided. Bring a side or dessert to share.

To sign up or for more information contact Christine Taylor at christine@wsmethodist.org

November Birthdays

NOVEMBER 3

Natalie Hefelfinger
Jennifer Warner

NOVEMBER 4

Dane Waund

NOVEMBER 5

Neal Foster

NOVEMBER 6

Milton Harrelson

NOVEMBER 8

Elizabeth Ouzts
Lauren Middleton

NOVEMBER 9

Wilma Winslow

NOVEMBER 11

Donna Bryan
Madison Haynes
James Boulware

NOVEMBER 12

Benjamin Bledsoe
James Gerald
Elizabeth Price

NOVEMBER 13

Charles Jackson
Nancy Williams
Samuel Anderson

NOVEMBER 14

William Barr
Laurin Clark

NOVEMBER 15

Kimberly McAlister

NOVEMBER 17

Helen Mills
Rozanna Pfeiffer

NOVEMBER 18

Christopher Lee

NOVEMBER 21

Marsha Ward
Jeffrey Schatz

NOVEMBER 22

Dottie Hanlin

NOVEMBER 24

Ellen Osborne

NOVEMBER 25

Nicholas Shumate

NOVEMBER 28

John Beals

NOVEMBER 29

Eric Smith
Lillian Buchanan

NOVEMBER 30

John Carnes
Caroline Seigler
Joe Plough



The Racial Justice Action Team

presents

SC63: Our Story Matters Presentation and Exhibit

Sunday, November 13

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Washington Street UMC

1401 Washington St., Columbia, SC

Threath Hall

Taco dinner provided

Winter Gear Drive!

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH

**Coats
Hats
Scarfs
Gloves
Blankets**

**WE ARE COLLECTING WINTER GEAR FOR OUR
SOUP CELLAR PATRONS. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR
DONATIONS IN THE MISSION GARDEN ACROSS
FROM THREATH HALL**

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**denotes non-member event/meeting*

Monday, October 17

11:30-1:00 pm | Welcome Table Soup
Cellar Luncheon | Threath Hall
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar*
5:45-8:45 pm | Columbia Choral
Society*

Tuesday, October 18

11:30-12:30 | Soup Cellar serving |
Soup Cellar
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Meeting |
Disciple Conference Room
7:00-8:00 pm | Christian Nationalism
Small Group | John Harper Classroom
& Zoom

Wednesday, October 19

10:00-11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
Wesley Room
11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving |
Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup
Cellar*

7:00-8:00 pm | I See You | Zoom

Thursday, October 20

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

Friday, October 21

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

Sunday, October 23

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service |
Sanctuary & Livestream
2:00-4:00 pm | Charge Conference |
Chapel

Monday, October 24

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

5:45-9:15 pm | Columbia Choral
Society*

Tuesday, October 25

11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving |
Soup Cellar
5:00-6:00 pm | RJAT Meeting | Zoom
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Meeting |
Disciple Conference Room
7:00-8:00 pm | Christian Nationalism
Small Group | John Harper Classroom
& Zoom

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving |
Soup Cellar
7:00-8:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber
Orchestra | Choir Room*

Friday, October 28

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

Saturday, October 29

4:00-6:00 pm | Fall Festival | Parking lot

Sunday, October 30

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Services with
guest pastor Rev. Dr. Mike Alexander
12:00-2:00 pm | Catered Luncheon/
Information on trip to the Holy Land |
Threath Hall

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

Betsy Alexander
Ann Bell
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Laura Collins
Jimmy Dawkins
Dr. Walter Dean

Marion Edmonds
Mickey Epting
Rev. Paul Harmon
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 Threath
Edee Vaughan
Paula Walters
Jim Ward
Nancy Williams
Our homebound



Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church | 3200 Trenholm Road

Free, donations accepted to benefit Sister Care

Several Washington Street choir members are in the chorus. Yasmin Bradshaw, former choir member, is a guest conductor.

The program will include a tribute to the late Angela Powers, beloved Director of Music at Washington Street.

