

# 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 Threath 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [DAAnderson@richardsonplowden.com](mailto:DAAnderson@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](mailto: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@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:** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

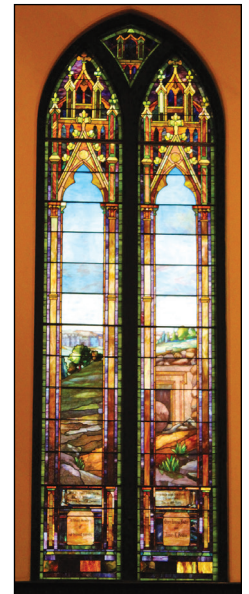
**IN MEMORY OF  
MARSHALL RAMSEY**  
*to the Soup Cellar*  
Given by Peggy Weston

**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 [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@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/>

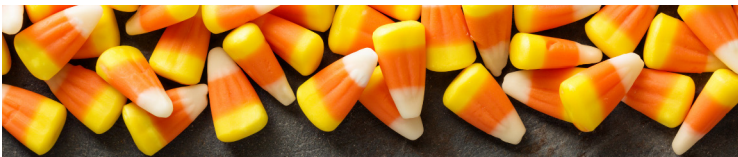
<http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/support/>

**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](http://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.



The children in the 2's thru 5's Sunday school classes are preparing a Halloween surprise for Washington Street's college students. Parents or grandparents of WS college students, please send a current mailing address for your student to Mary Lide at [neaudl@aol.com](mailto:neaudl@aol.com) by OCT 23!

MARY'S MAIDENS IS COLLECTING FOR



**unicef** 

unite for children

GIVE YOUR DONATIONS TO ONE OF MARY'S MAIDENS  
WANDERING THE HALLS & IN THE NARTHEX ON OCT. 30

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:nicholas@wsmethodist.org) or (803) 448-7361

## WSUMC Yard Sale a Huge Success!

**D**rum 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](mailto: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

**D**aytrippers 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 [aflippert@umcsc.org](mailto:aflippert@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



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

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

**SCAN TO GIVE**

# 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.



**CANDY NEEDED FOR THE  
FALL FESTIVAL!**

**BRING BAGGED, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED  
CANDY TO THE MISSION GARDEN  
IN THE BACK HALL**

*friends  
Thanks  
giving*

**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](mailto: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 | Threatt Hall  
1:30-2:30 | 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 |  
Threatt 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](mailto: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 Threatt  
Edee Vaughan  
Paula Walters  
Jim Ward  
Nancy Williams  
Our homebound



**She Sings, all volunteer women's chorus concert, returns!**

**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.*



She Sings