

THE CONNECTION

Sunday, October 30, 2022

New Officers for 2023 Elected

The annual Charge Conference was held on Sunday, October 23 in Christ Chapel. The following nominations were announced and confirmed during the conference. New leadership/areas are listed in boldface.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair of Church Council: Lee Haynes

Lay Leader: Kimberly McAlister

Chair of Trustees: Pete Liggett

Chair of Finance Committee: Joe Epting

Financial Secretary: Robbie Douglas

Chair of Staff/Pastor Parish Relations: **Lee Smith**

Chair of Foundation Trustees: Kelly Epting

Recording Secretary: Shelley Stafford

Membership Secretary: Laurely Nance (Tracy Powers, vice-secretary)

Church Historian: Mike Broome

Treasurer: Neal Foster

Chair of Communications: Lynn Shirley

CDC Board Chair: Susan Hefelfinger

Community Life Coordinator: Mary Lide

Church & Society Coordinator (*formerly Engaging God's World*): **Cindy Cox**

Worship Ministries (*formerly part of Faith Formation*): **Sam Waldrep**

Faith Formation Ministry—TBD

Lay Members to Annual Conference: Licia and Grant Jackson, **Debra and Ben Schooler, Sam Waldrep** (Carol Fowler, alternate)

Members at Large: Janet Cotter, Jim Apple

Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Shirley

Associate Pastor: Rev. Alston Lippert

Director of Engagement: Christine Taylor

Director of Family Ministries: TBD

Business Manager: Robbie Douglas

Director of Communications: Jane Peterson

Director of Music Ministries: Nicholas Todd Shumate

TEAMS AND COMMITTEES

Nominations & Leadership Development

Pastor: Rev. Becky Shirley

Lay Leader: Kimberly McAlister

Class of 2023: Beth Matthews, Shelley Stafford, Eva Nance

Class of 2025: Ricky Rowe, Lynn Shirley

Child Development Center Board (CDC)

Class of 2023: Jan Jenkins, Kathy Wright, Alisa Liggett

Class of 2025: Erin Oehler, Susan Hefelfinger (Chair), and TBD

CDC Director: Felicia Yokel

Church Business Administrator: Robbie Douglas

Senior Pastor: Rev. Becky Shirley

Church Staff Liaison: TBD

Finance Committee

Class of 2025: Joe Epting (Chair)

Financial Secretary: Robbie Douglas

Treasurer: Neal Foster

Lay Leader: Kimberly McAlister

Church Council Chair: Lee Haynes

SPPRC Chair: Lee Smith

Chair of Foundation: Kelly Epting

Trustee Representative: Pete Liggett

Stewardship Chair: Christine Hait

Good Samaritan Chair: Jamie Gerald

Member at Large: Mike Broome

Staff: Robbie Douglas, Rev. Becky Shirley

Foundation Trustees

Class of 2023: Kelly Epting (Chair); Thorne Barrett

Class of 2024: Chip Williams, Melinda Gibson

Class of 2025: Lanneau Lide, Robert Peeler, Sr.

Class of 2026: Harvey Jessup, Ricky Rowe

Trustee Chair: Pete Liggett

Foundation Treasurer: Ed Fisher

Finance Committee Chair: Joe Epting

Staff: Robbie Douglas, Rev. Becky Shirley

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2024: Pam Jenkins, Lee Smith

Class of 2025: Ann Jessup, Hal Hanlin, David Anderson

Lay Leader: Kimberly McAlister

Lay Delegate: Carol Fowler

Staff: Rev. Becky Shirley

Trustees

(Auxilliary Ministry Teams related to Trustees: Christ Chapel Courtyard Committee (Janet Cotter, Chair); Memorial Garden Committee (Mike Conte, Chair)
 Class of 2023: Charles Garren, Pete Liggett (Chair), Ray Cobb
 Class of 2024: Janet Cotter, Mike Conte, Susan Brown
 Class of 2025: Sally Mings, **Marshall Robinson**, Neal Woods
 Staff: Robbie Douglas, Rev. Becky Shirley

***Ministry Areas** (each area includes standing and open invitation committees)

**The members of the WSUMC Church Council voted at the October 2022 meeting to establish a revisioning team for the purpose of facilitating the development of a renewed forward-focused ministry plan. The revisioning team's work will take place during the first quarter of 2023 and will include drafting a proposal for a simplified ministry structure. The goal of the new structure is to help us more readily meet emerging ministry needs and at the same time, facilitate more volunteer engagement. As we prepare for this work to being, we are asking current volunteers working in the following ministry areas to continue serving and at the same time, we want to invite anyone who feels called to serve in these areas to contact the ministry area coordinator. To that end, listed below you will see the ministry area coordinators and a list of particular focus areas in which ongoing ministries are taking place.*

Community Life Ministries—Mary Lide, Coordinator

Funeral Visitation
 Gracious Goodness
 Kitchen Ministry
 Caring Card Ministry
 Church Family Ministry Events (meals, celebrations, etc.)

WARM CLOTHING NEEDED FOR OUR SOUP CELLAR PATRONS!

SOCKS • BLANKETS • COATS/JACKETS
 • GLOVES • SCARVES

Please drop them off in the Mission Garden

Gifts



IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
 to the Music Ministry
 Given by Janice & Paul Harmon

IN MEMORY OF GLORIA TRULUCK
 to the Soup Cellar
 Given by Sherry & Ron Wilson

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
 to the Music Ministry
 Given by the John Harper Class

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES "TUT" ROBERTSON
 to WSUMC
 Given by Sally R. Shull

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

IN MEMORY OF MARION EDMONDS
 to WSUMC
 Given by Chris Kirby

IN HONOR OF JIM LANE
 to the Grace Sunday School Class
 Given by Mr. & Mrs. James B. Roths

IN MEMORY OF JOAN BEAMER
 to the Ministers Discretionary Fund
 Given by Kathy Rogers

Church & Society Ministries (Engaging God's World)—

Cindy Cox, Coordinator

Active Faith
 Missions & Advocacy Team
 Racial Justice Action Team
 Reconciling Next Team
 Soup Cellar Ministry Team
 Welcome Table Team
 Circle of Welcome

Faith Formation—Coordinator TBD

Children's Ministries
 Adult Small Groups
 Youth Ministries
 Sunday School Classes (all ages)
 Children's Church

Worship Ministries—Sam Waldrep, Coordinator

Worship Visual Arts
 Wedding Coordinators
 Children's Sermon Leaders
 Altar Guild
 Worship Service Ushers
 Acolytes/Crucifers
 Music Ministries

Many other volunteer ministry opportunities are also open in each of these areas. During our November Stewardship Emphasis Weeks, we plan to publicize more specific ways for members to connect and engage in all ministry areas.

THE LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A ROSE FOR ALL SAINTS IS THIS SUNDAY! ACTIVE FAITH WILL BE SET UP OUTSIDE OF THE NARTHEX TO TAKE YOUR ORDER.





BAKE SALE

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20**

**9:30 am-12:30 pm
Wesley Room**

A portion of the proceeds from this sale will be given to the Methodist Church in Pijal to continue the MicroLoan program.

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	Martha Helen King
Ann Bell	Mike LeFever
Martha Boynton	Paul McClanahan
David Byrum	David Middleton
Laura Collins	Shawn Powers
Jimmy Dawkins	Genie & Ron Quinn
Dr. Walter Dean	Rick Rowe
Mickey Epting	Sarah Threatt
Rev. Paul Harmon	Edee Vaughan
Karen Horne	Paula Walters
Lisa Johnson	Jim Ward
Debby Joyner	Nancy Williams
Rev. Judy King	Our homebound

Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** On Oct. 30, we will begin two Lenten Series studies. The first is a 4-week study by Rev. Adam Hamilton on "Prepare the Way for the Lord," a study on John the Baptist announcing the arrival of Jesus. Then we will move to another 4-week series based on a message from Max Lucado "Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here," which will bring us to the end of this year. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in a short video and lively discussions. 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 30, we will continue our study of *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Hunter Rentz will lead a discussion of Chapter 4: A Bleeding Woman and a Dead Girl: The Importance of Women's Bodies (Matthew 9:18-26). Next Sunday, November 6, we will have our annual potluck brunch. 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@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 or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for more information.

• **The Open Door Class:** The Open Door will finish *New Testament Stories from the Backside* on October 30 and November 1. A new study will be announced in the next *Connection*. 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:** The Paul Harmon Class will not meet on October 30. On November 6, Rebecca Elswick will lead our discussion of Chapter 2 in *Parables from the Backside* by Kalas. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.

• **The John Harper Class:** The class finishes its October 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. In November the theme is "Faithful Conversions." Lessons focus on "Showing Respect for Other Faith Traditions" from Acts, "Working for Abiding Peace" from Kings, "Lessons from Other Faith Traditions" from Exodus and "Sensitivity Training" from Romans. 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:** The youth are continuing 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.

New Wednesday Small Groups Starting Soon!

Three Simple Rules:

A Wesleyan Way of Living

by Rueben P. Job

with Christine Taylor

Nov. 2, 9, & 16

11:00 am (in-person)

John Harper Classroom

7:00 pm (Zoom)

Register on Realm®

or email christine@wsmethodist.org

Advent Study

The Angels of Christmas

by Susan Robb

with Ann Jessup

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 21

7:00 pm via Zoom

email jessup.ann@gmail.com

to sign up and receive Zoom link



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

Threatt Hall

Taco dinner provided

DAYTRIPPERS!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
"STAY-TRIP"**

WSUMC Stained Glass Tour

hosted by Pete Liggett

11:00 am-12:00 pm

followed by a box lunch
in Threatt Hall (or bring your own)
Price TBD

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
MONKS CORNER, SC**

Mepkin Abbey

hosted by Rev. Alston Lippert

9:00 am-6:00 pm

Box lunches will be available at \$12 ea.
purchase lunch of grilled chicken, Greek salad,
and potatoes from Tazikis.

Email Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org to take part in either of this trips

*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



TWO UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS!



GLORIA

Antonio Vivaldi

WASHINGTON STREET SANCTUARY CHOIR
NICHOLAS TODD SHUMATE, CONDUCTOR

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 2022
11:00 AM | SANCTUARY



WASHINGTON STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



"Requiem"

Gabriel Fauré

Shandon United Methodist Church
Sunday, Nov. 6 | Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.

Combined choirs of:
Cayce UMC • Salem Street UMC
Shandon UMC • Trenholm Road UMC
Washington Street UMC

Nicholas Todd Shumate, Conductor

Debbie Bauer, organ
Anna Flynn, soprano
Craig Coelho, baritone
Kyle Collins, baritone

This program will be presented in memory of church members who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

KILLINGSWORTH
transforming women

Stay at Home Gala

Celebrating 75 Years of Love in Action

Thursday, November 10th @ 7PM

Killingsworth Inc. is celebrating its 75th Anniversary Gala via zoom on Thursday, October 10, 2022 at 7:00pm.

with
Rev. Fran Elrod
Catherine Warden
& our own
Rev. Becky Shirley!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

*denotes non-member event/meeting

Monday, Oct. 31

11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar*
2:00-3:00 pm | Columbia Choral Society | Choir Room*
5:45-8:45 pm | Columbia Choral Society | Choir Room*

Tuesday, Nov. 1

10:00-11:00 am | Circle 6 | John Harper Classroom
11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
6:00-8:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room*
6:00-7:00 pm | SPPRC Staff Evaluations | Zoom
6:30-8:30 pm | Private Meeting | Disciple Conference Room*
7:00-8:00 pm | Circle 5 | Wesley Room

Wednesday, Nov. 2

10:00-11:00 am | Staff Meeting | Wesley Room
11:00 am-12:00 pm | Three Simple Rules Small Group | John Harper Classroom

11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar*
5:30-6:30 pm | Safe Sanctuary Training | Zoom
7:00-8:00 pm | Three Simple Rules Small Group (Zoom)

Thursday, Nov. 3

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

Friday, Nov. 4

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

Sunday, Nov. 5

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Services | Sanctuary & Livestream

Monday, Nov. 7

11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar
5:45-8:45 pm | Columbia Choral Society | Choir Room*

Tuesday, Nov. 8

10:30-11:30 am | Circle 3 | Wesley Room
11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
5:30-6:30 pm | Circle 9 | Holroyd Prayer Room
6:00-8:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room*
6:30-8:30 pm | Private Meeting | Disciple Conference Room

Wednesday, Nov. 9

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Three Simple Rules Small Group | John Harper Classroom
11:00 am-2:00 pm | Daytrippers Stained Glass Tour | Church-wide with box lunch
11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar*
7:00-8:00 pm | Three Simple Rules Small Group | Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 10

11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
5:30-6:30 pm | Circle 2 | Zoom & Wesley Room
7:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber Orchestra | Choir Room*

Friday, Nov. 11

11:30-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar*
5:00-7:00 pm | Parents' Night Out | Threatt Hall & Youth Room

Saturday, Nov. 12

7:00 am-5:00 pm | Columbia Women in Faith District Officer Training | Church-wide*

Sunday, Nov. 13

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Services | Sanctuary & Livestream
5:00-7:00 pm | SC 63: Our Story Matters Exhibit | Threatt Hall

Events in teal represent WSUMC events with an open invitation to attend.



Advent Celebration

Crafts for children, youth, and adults including making Advent Wreaths*

Fellowship, fun, and singing Christmas carols

*\$10 cost per Advent Wreath kit

Register & pay online in Realm® Connect

or email Mary Lide at neaudl@aol.com

(Checks may be mailed to the church. Please write Advent in the memo field)

Dinner Available

\$5/adult and \$2.50/child (3-11 years)

Baked potatoes, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad, cookies, and a drink

Greenery Donations Needed:

Drop off your "greenery" donations in Threatt Hall on Nov. 27.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

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, this training session is required. For more information, contact Rev. Alston Lippert at alflippert@umcsc.org.

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.



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ATTENDANCE (as of 10-26-22):

Oct. 23: 18 (in-person); 66 (online) = 204
Oct. 16: 122 (in-person); 102 (online) = 224
Oct. 9: 126 (in-person); 102 (online) = 228
Oct. 2: 165 (in-person); 103 (online) = 268



GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 10-26-22):

Church Budget	\$865,000
Church Actual	\$476,680
Soup Cellar	\$58,167
Foundation	\$23,760