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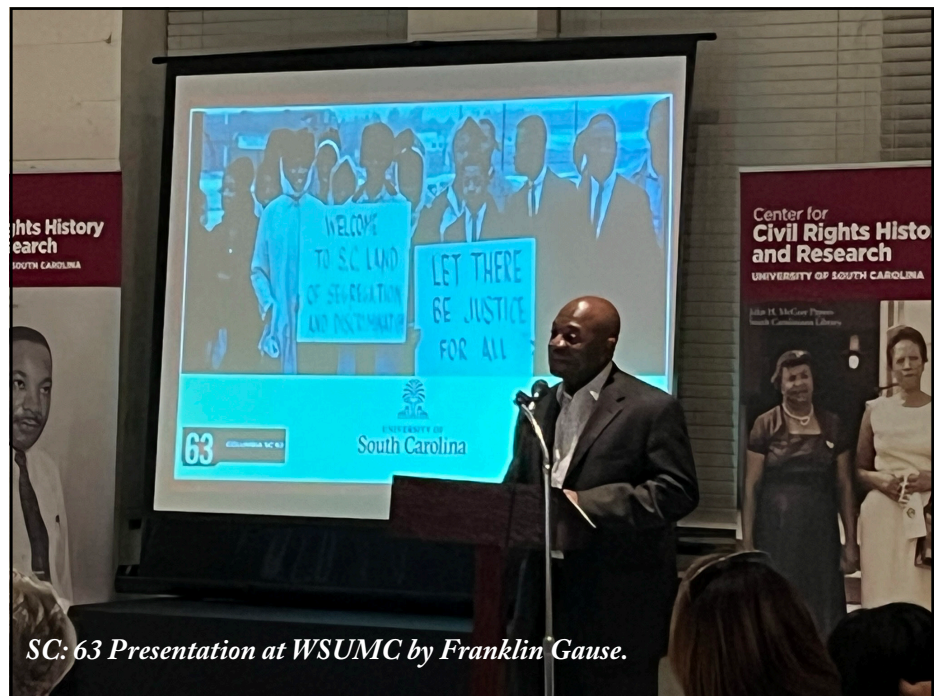
## Unsung Heroes of the Civil Rights Movement in Columbia

On November 13, 2022, the Racial Justice Action Team (RJAT) partnered with the USC Center for Civil Rights History and Research to host Columbia SC63: Our Story Matters exhibit and presentation. Franklin Gause, Community Outreach Director for the Center, wrote the following to describe the events on Main Street and highlight some of the key moments by the local people “who demanded change”:

“Columbia’s Main Street was the stage for several defining moments during the Civil Rights Movement. A young domestic worker was ejected from a city bus for trying to exit off the front instead of the back at the corner of Main and Washington, sit-ins, marches, and protests filled the SC State House at the state’s seat of government, which anchors Main Street.”

As we participate in Black History Month, I want to highlight two unsung heroes who were “ordinary people doing extraordinary things” at great risk to themselves and their families.

Sarah Mae Flemming (June 28, 1933-June 16, 1993) was a 20-year-old black woman from Eastover, SC, who worked in Columbia. On June 22, 1954, after work, she boarded an SCE&G bus and sat in a “whites-only seat.” According to the *Columbia Star* newspaper, dated June 25, 2020, the bus driver ordered her to move. At this time, bus drivers were “deputized to enforce segregation laws that governed public transportation.” Ms. Flemming moved towards the “whites-only” exit. The driver hit her and ejected her from the bus at the corner of Main and Washington. This event occurred before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat.



*SC: 63 Presentation at WSUMC by Franklin Gause.*

A lawsuit was filed for her by the NAACP. After dismissal and appeals, in July, 1955, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the “mandates in *Brown v Board of Education* applied to public transportation.” Her case was later cited in the US Supreme Court case that ruled that “segregation in public transportation was unconstitutional.”

Ms. Flemming’s courage was recognized and honored by the COMET, Columbia SC 63, Historic Columbia, Richland Library, and Midlands area municipalities 66 years later. They launched the Saving Sarah’s Seat awareness campaign. June 22, 2020, was declared Sarah Mae Flemming day, and from June 22 to August 22, “posters of her likeness and story would be



Attendees at the SC: 63 presentation

present in a seat on every COMET bus.” Let us remember the courage of this remarkable woman who suffered humiliation and physical pain to make a difference in the Civil Rights movement in Columbia.

Reverend Claude Evans (1917-2007), a white man in his early 20’s, was appointed to Washington Street Methodist Church as Associate Pastor in 1940 after he graduated from Duke Divinity School. He was to preach on Sunday evenings when Senior Pastor, J.O. Smith, was away. He also worked with the youth. On a Sunday evening, July 27, 1942, he preached a sermon entitled “This Conflict of Race” that caused a “storm.” The church was crowded with members and soldiers from Fort Jackson. The service aired on WIS Radio. The sermon was based on Acts 17:26: “(God) hath made of one blood, all the nations of men, for to dwell on the face of the earth.” One of the points that Evans made related to this scripture was that “there is no such thing as a superior race... so God did not make one race to be superior over other races.” “Blacks with far fewer opportunities, often work harder, study longer and surpass whites.” He asks: “So who is the best scientist in the world? I asked. George Washington Carver, I answered. So, who is the greatest singer in the world? I asked. Marian Anderson, I answered. So, who is the greatest pugilist in the world? I asked. Joe Lewis, I answered. And if you don’t believe this, you can challenge him to a fight.”

There was silence in the sanctuary and after the sermon, one of the Church stewards “met him at the altar, saying, ‘Claude, you have made the greatest mistake of your life.’ Rev. Smith was called back from his vacation, and a meeting of the Stewards was called for Tuesday evening. Eighty-seven out of 90 members attended, and all were men. Many spoke against Evans. He described that he was “tearful and trembling”. Rev. Smith “defended his right to preach this message and to consider his youth”. Eighty-four Stewards voted to ban him from ever again preaching from the pulpit at Washington Street. He said he “died a little that day,” yet went on to be a country preacher, editor of *The Methodist Advocate*, and chaplain at Southern Methodist University.

He was invited to preach a service of reconciliation at Washington Street on July 21, 1996, by Rick Hepfer, Chair of Church and Society Committee., and was welcomed by

Rev. Mike Alexander. His sermon was entitled “Exodus-Wilderness-Promised Land.” In that sermon, he talked about the sermon he preached in 1942 and shared the words above. Exodus, his leaving; Wilderness, the years between 1942 and 1996; and the Promised Land in 1996 when he preached again at Washington Street Church. He later described that what happened in 1942 “bent him in the direction that directed his ministry.” He stated that “when the twig bends the tree grows.” Let us remember Rev. Claude Evans for his courage and deep compassion for racial justice.

The stories of Ms. Sarah Mae Flemming and Rev. Claude Evans remind us that we are surrounded by history. When I walk down Washington St. from the church to Main St., I feel her presence and am thankful for knowing her story. When I sit in the sanctuary of WSUMC, I feel his presence and can almost see him preaching his sermon. Stories speak to us and help us understand history so that we can make the future better.

Many thanks to the USC Center for Civil Rights History and Research for bringing the stories to life and keeping the journey for justice alive. The RJAT is planning to partner with the Center in late April to host a guided tour of Main St. to hear more stories. Stay tuned for further information on this event.

—Nancy Whittle, RJAT Chair

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## Getting to Know...

# Sarah-Kate Gravely

By Fran Zupan

Speaking as a gay person, Sarah-Kate Gravely said that when she moved to Columbia, Washington Street “was the first place I saw that was open. Washington Street is not afraid to be welcoming.”

Our new director of children & family ministries, Sarah-Kate said that when she was director of Christian education at Virginia Wingard UMC, she attended an intergenerational discussion of the inclusion of LGBTQIA persons here at Washington Street. The discussion was hosted by Washington Street's Reconciling Next team last June. LGBTQIA stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (or questioning), intersex, and asexual (or allies).

Sarah-Kate also connected with people at Washington Street involved in Columbia's gay pride parade.

“I felt like these were people I would be able to connect with really well,” she said.

Sarah-Kate grew up near the small town of Martinsville, Virginia. She said she is a “tried-and-true Methodist.”

“I grew up Methodist, was confirmed Methodist, went to a Methodist college and my first job was at a Methodist summer camp.”

Born Sarah Katlin, high school friends started calling her Sarah-Kate, and the nickname stuck. Some people even shortened it further to S.K.

“I will answer to S.K. as well,” she said.

Sarah-Kate majored in literature and creative writing and minored in religion at Emory and Henry College, in southwestern Virginia. She lived in the Religious Life House, where she was on the worship team and led Bible studies. She graduated in 2011.

One of her professors, Dr. Kathleen Chamberlain, helped awaken her love of literature, especially poetry. Because her classes were small—30 students max—“teachers had time to talk with students,” Sarah-Kate said.

She loves novels by Jane Austin, but Virginia Woolf is her favorite author. Her favorite writing by Woolf is “A Room of One's Own,” an extended essay that triggered the emergence of the first feminist movements in the world.

Sarah-Kate likes Virginia Woolf so much that she has a tattoo of the author on her right thigh. And the upper half of her right arm has tattoo symbols from poetry: a peach for “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock” by T.S. Eliot, stampeding horses for “The Charge of the Light Brigade” by Alfred Lord Tennyson, and a sailing ship for “Wynken, Blynken and Nod” by Eugene Field.

Sarah-Kate also has a black-capped chickadee tattoo on her shoulder, a reference to Matthew 6:26.

Sarah-Kate will have tattoos put on her lower arm – called her lower sleeve – sometime this year. She has decided what these tattoos will look like, but “that's for me to know and you all to find out.” she said, smiling. “I love my tattoos, and I love

sharing their stories with others.”

She and her older sister, Jessica, have similar pinky swear tattoos on the back of their calves. Hers says, “no matter where,” and Jessica's says “no matter what.”

After college, Sarah-Kate went to work as program director at Camp Alta Mons, the outdoor ministry of the Valley Ridge District of the United Methodist Church in Shawsville, Virginia. Although the camp is available for retreats and other programs during the winter, Sarah-Kate was the only person who lived on the 400-acre property year-round.

In winter, she welcomed groups to the camp and facilitated groups using the high ropes and low ropes courses. She also maintained the camp's junior Olympic swimming pool. During the summer, she oversaw the camp's thematic program, while engaging with the community to help increase the number of campers.

“I lived in a little cabin, with no cell service and no internet,” Sarah-Kate said. “I saw a lot of bears. I saw a lot of deer and hiked to the waterfall on campus over and over.”

After four years, Sarah-Kate left Alta Mons. She cleaned swimming pools for several years – motel pools and people's personal pools. Because she had a commercial pool license from working at the summer camp, she understood the chemistry involved in cleaning the pools.

In 2016, Sarah-Kate married Jackie Sanchez, who had been a counselor at the summer camp,

“We dated for three years,” Sarah-Kate said, “and our seventh wedding anniversary is this year in May.”

Jackie is a lead case manager at Lutheran Services Carolinas where she works to connect refugee children from Latin America with family members in the States. She also is working on a master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina.

Sarah-Kate's parents, who are retired, moved to Columbia last year to be closer to her and her sister, who lives in Charleston. Her parents attend Asbury Memorial UMC.

Sarah-Kate has a mini schnoodle-mini schnauzer, mini poodle mix—named Potter. She also has cats named Abraham and Noah.

Sarah-Kate's goal this year is to camp once a month in a different state park. In January, she camped at Calhoun Falls State Park in Abbeville County. After she visits all 47 state parks, she will be eligible to receive an Ultimate Outsiders T-shirt from S.C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism.



# Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The class is completing a study of Max Lucado's book *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win your Heart*. On February 26, we will embark on a 12-week study by Sandra L. Richter (Ph.D., Harvard University), Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College. This study, "The Epic of Eden" is designed to take participants on a journey into a deeper understanding of the Old Testament. Imagine traveling to a different place, a different time, and a different culture. We all come to this journey from different places—how much we already know about the Bible, our current time commitments, and the depth to which we want to dive into this study. The Old Testament of the Bible can feel like a junk drawer—a disorganized collection of important stuff we don't want to lose, yet don't know what to do with. From the Pentateuch to patriarchs, and from kings to prophets, it can feel like a puzzle we've tried to put together but wind up putting back in the box because it is too complicated. Dr. Richter will lead us through a video study and text to show us how Old Testament understanding leads to fresh depths of New Testament faith for everyday life in the real world. Our class meets in the Aldersgate classroom on the 2nd floor 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, February 19, we will continue our study of *Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount* by Richard Rohr. Mary Slade will teach Chapter Two: "Not Business as Usual." Next Sunday, February 25, Carl Evans will lead a discussion of Chapter Three: "Finding the Jesus Who Preached the Sermon." The class meets in the Dawsey Classroom on the 2nd floor. Class members who desire to 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 [maryslade4@gmail.com](mailto:maryslade4@gmail.com).

• **The Grace Class:** The class is studying the book, *Do I Stay Christian?* by Brian McClaren. This study continues through Feb. 26. 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 Open Door Class is finishing a study of the overviews of the gospels of Matthew and John from *The Bible Project*. This is in preparation for our Lenten study—*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton. This study will begin next week. 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:** For the next several weeks we will be participating in a study from *The Great Courses* titled "How Jesus Became God" by Professor Bart D. Ehrman at the University of North Carolina where he is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor. Dr. Ehrman is a New Testament scholar who focuses on the origins and history of early Christianity. We are enjoying the lessons and our discussions. All are welcome. For more information contact Suzanne Joye at [suzjoye@icloud.com](mailto:suzjoye@icloud.com).

• **The John Harper Class:** The John Harper class discusses lessons from Adult Bible Studies published by Cokesbury. 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 Youth Class:** Youth Sunday School Class is provided at 10:00 am in the Youth Room (on the third floor). Youth leaders use engaging curriculum that helps create dialogue for young adults about their faith. If you have other questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah-Kate Gravely at [sarahkate@wsmethodist.org](mailto:sarahkate@wsmethodist.org). Members of Washington Street are encouraged to sign up to volunteer as Sunday school leaders. The class is being currently being led by Sarah-Kate, and Jean Leitner.

• **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** A new class has started and is meeting in the Traxler Classroom. The class is led by Christine Taylor. The class is doing a slow-read through the Gospel of Luke. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join! For more information, contact Christine at [christine@wsmethodist.org](mailto:christine@wsmethodist.org).

## In Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Betty Bowers in the death of her brother, Charles Gooding, who died on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

## Prayer List

Betsy Alexander	Martha Helen King
Martha Boynton	Paul McClanahan
David Byrum	David Middleton
Wendy Clark	Shawn Powers
Mickey Epting	Genie & Ron Quinn
Pat Griffin	Rick Rowe
Rev. Paul Harmon	Jim Webber
Karen Horne	Nancy Williams
Lisa Johnson	Mary Anne Young
Debby Joyner	Our homebound
Jean Kanes	



# Committee Corner

(News & updates from WSUMC teams & committees)

## CHURCH & SOCIETY

### *Reconciling Next Ministry Team*

The committee met on Tuesday, Feb. 7. We welcomed two new members to the team. Wayne Hall and Denise Wellman from St. Mark Methodist Church. They have expressed interest in joining in on our efforts as part of our Reconciling Next Ministry team. Upcoming annual events were discussed:

- Pride Month door display and LOVE banners will be visible on the streets in June for Pride Month.
- Participation in the upcoming Columbia Pride Festival, Oct 19-23, 2023 (service, parade, festival)
- Transgender Day of Remembrance public witness will take place in November.
- Discussion of Educational Events – Jim Lane reminded the team that there was a need to focus on some educational opportunities for church members and guests this year. Jim shared a brief review of the educational resources pulled from the Reconciling Ministries Network ([www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org)) website as possible options. Several team members will be responsible for bringing recommendations back to the team in March. Denise Wellman and Sophie Farthing offered to assist with this. A recommendation will be shared in March.

—Jim Lane, Chair

## ADMINISTRATION

### *Communications & Technology*

This year, your Communications Committee, with an expanded role and a new name, will continue to play a role in the various areas in which we communicate, both internally and outside the walls of Washington Street. Previously, ad-hoc efforts within the church addressed technology needs (through the Trustees, the 11:00 am Sound-Video team, individual Sunday School classes, etc.). This year the Communications Committee will facilitate all technology needs and assessments, requests, and usages. Thus, the new committee has been renamed as Communications and Technology. I like to use the shortened CommTech label.

We see ourselves not as gatekeepers, but as enablers for smoother, more seamless communication and use of technology, in addition to filling the more traditional roles of reviewing communication channels and content. The evaluation, education about, and uses of Realm Connect fall into our domain. We hope to help you use Realm Connect as your primary way to access the church directory, review meeting notices, find information about special events and registering, making financial contributions, and sending emails to church groups. Hands-on sessions with Realm Connect will be offered. Here you will be able to bring your questions, problems or requests to just “get started.” Look for information in upcoming editions of *The Connection*.

Not all of you will have the same needs to communicate

concerning: 1) requesting a room, 2) needing/using technology in a meeting, 3) looking up a member's address/email/phone, or 4) making an online contribution. If you do, we want to make this as smooth as possible – along with providing a resource for review of church communications (written, digital signage, etc.) Please reach out to us if you have questions or ideas.

This year's committee consists of Lynn Shirley, Chair; Jane Peterson (staff); Eleanore Langley, Grant Jackson, Ed McClain, Tracy Powers, Christine Taylor (staff), Pato Aravena, and Susan Caskey.

—Lynn Shirley, Chair

## Children & Youth

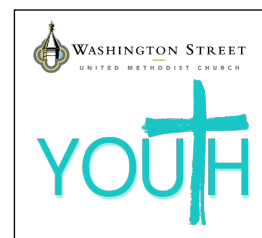
• **Shrove Tuesday:** Everyone's invited to a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 21, at 6:00 pm in Threath Hall.** The Youth Group will be hosting and cooking. Come enjoy pancakes and games to celebrate Fat Tuesday with us! If you want to help with this event, please get in touch with Sarah-Kate at [sarahkate@wsmethodist.org](mailto:sarahkate@wsmethodist.org).

• **Young Person's Ash Wednesday Service:** Children and youth are welcome to begin their Lenten Journey with a special kid friendly service on **Wednesday, February 22, at 6:00 pm in Christ Chapel.** This service will have kid-friendly liturgy and provide the opportunity to young people to receive ashes.

### • Lent for

**Families:** Sarah-Kate will be distributing "Lent for Families" packets on **Sunday, February 19, and Sunday, February 26,** to help families engage in

dialogue with younger children throughout the Lenten Season. The materials were created by Illustrated Ministry and include activities and coloring pages as well as devotions that families can engage in together. The theme of the Lenten Packets is "This Is My Body" and includes devotions on how Jesus grew up, how Jesus took naps, and how Jesus got thirsty! If you would like to use one of these special Lenten Packets, be sure to reach out to Sarah-Kate ([sarahkate@wsmethodist.org](mailto:sarahkate@wsmethodist.org)) to grab a packet on one of the listed Sundays!



## Lent for Families

A special packet for families with children. Devotions include: Jesus Grew Up, Jesus Took Naps, Jesus got Thirsty!

See Sarah-Kate for a Lent for Families packet or pick one up on Sunday, Feb. 19th, or Feb. 26th

"This is My Body" program by

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## New Members!

Please welcome our newest WSUMC members who joined our congregation on Sunday, Feb. 12, during the 11:00 am service.



Karen Basso



Beth Baxter



Jennifer & Jim Laughlin



Sophie Farthing



## A Special Missions Request

### Hospice volunteers needed across more than a dozen counties

Hi, Missions committee friends!

I don't know how many of you have had a chance to meet **Adrienne Fink**. She and her six-year-old daughter, Lydia, have been attending Washington Street for about six months. Adrienne is a UMC Deacon (she is friends with Taylor Pafford) and is a chaplain at Prisma hospice. She brought the need for hospice volunteers to my attention, and I am sharing the information with the congregation to see if anyone would like to join Dr. Ute and me in this mission. If so, I will organize a group meeting with our volunteer coordinator to explain the responsibilities and begin the process of joining together to help with this mission. Please let me know if you would be interested in learning more about this. Feel free to share with others! — *Andrea McAtee*

#### About the program

Prisma Health's hospice programs are in need of volunteers in nearly every county served by the organization. Coordinators in each region are searching for volunteers who represent the diversity in our communities, as well as those who speak Spanish.

Hospice volunteers cannot feed, bathe, move or assist medically, but they can help with:

- short periods of relief for the caregiver;
- companionship and socialization;
- reading to or conversing with patients;
- help going outside
- light meal preparation and/or housework

#### What are the requirements?

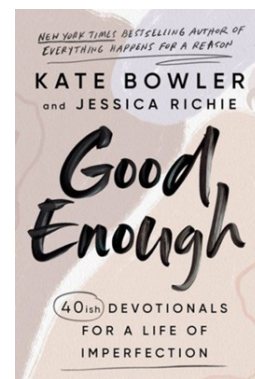
Volunteers participate in standard new team member onboarding, follow mandates on flu and COVID-19 vaccines, complete in-person training such as handwashing protocols, and take all appropriate Learning Hub courses. They will also have access to hospice-specific materials through a well-established e-learning series that includes topics such as the hospice history and mission, patient rights, grief and loss, communication with patient and caregiver, spiritual care, family dynamics, ethics and Alzheimer's disease.

Volunteers may work 1-4 hours, once or twice a week, days, nights and/or weekends. Team members who volunteer can also access PTO hours for volunteering.

About 90% of what volunteers do is provide respite care for caregivers. They typically stay in a home or facility for one to three hours and can come to one person's home regularly or as needed. Volunteers may also serve in an administrative capacity.

## Lenten Book Group

Looking for a Lenten practice? Interested in a book group at WSUMC? Come join us! We'll be walking through *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler. Each of the 40ish devotionals have a reflection, a blessing or prayer, and a way to practice this concept in your life.



This book is not your average Lenten devotional. Kate Bowler says plainly in the introduction—you can read one each day in order, or you can skip around as you please, doing the best you can. This book group will meet once each month during Lent to discuss our own journey through this book—whether that is a meticulous one-passage each day, or an out of order adventure.

We'll meet on February 23, March 16th, and April 6th. The in-person group will meet at 11:00 am in the Traxler Room, and a Zoom group will meet at 7:00 pm. Both groups will be led by Christine Taylor. Sign up on Realm or email [christine@wsmethodist.org](mailto:christine@wsmethodist.org).



## Lenten Lunches & Services

Wednesdays @ 11:45 am lunch

\$8 per person

12:30 pm service

Threatt Hall/Chapel

Starts Feb. 22 with Ash Wednesday  
continues through March 29

March 1—A service of music

March 8—Rev. Becky portrays Mary Magdalene

March 15—A service of music

March 22—Rev. Becky portrays Pilate's wife

March 29—A service of music

# UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Subject to change. \*Denotes non-member event; **blue type** indicates WSUMC events with an open invitation to attend. Please contact Jammie Watters at [jammie@wsmethodist.org](mailto:jammie@wsmethodist.org) to schedule an event.

**Weekdays through March 31 | Active Faith First-Year Teachers Closet | Drop off in the 1st-2nd Grade Classroom; 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Sundays**

## **SUNDAY | FEB. 19**

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Live stream  
12:30 -1:30 pm | Active Faith | John Harper Classroom  
4:30-6:00 pm | Youth Group | Youth Room

## **MONDAY | FEB. 20**

7:00 am-6:00 pm | CDC Parent/Teacher Conferences | Multiple locations on campus  
11:30 am-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 Rehearsal | Choir Room\*

## **TUESDAY | FEB. 21**

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 | Shrove Pancake Supper | Threath Hall  
6:00-8:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room\*  
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Group Meeting | Room varies\*  
6:30-7:30 pm | Circle 9 | Open Door Classroom

## **WEDNESDAY | FEB. 22**

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar Serving | Soup Cellar  
11:30 am-1:00 pm | Lenten Lunch & Service | Threath Hall Christ Chapel  
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar\*

## **THURSDAY | FEB. 23**

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Lenten Study With Christine Taylor (in-person) | Traxler Classroom  
11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar Serving | Soup Cellar  
6:00-7:30 pm | Church Council Meeting | Zoom  
7:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber Orchestra | Choir Room\*  
7:00-8:00 pm | Lenten Study with Christine Taylor (online) | Zoom

## **FRIDAY | FEB. 24**

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

## **SUNDAY | FEB. 26**

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Live stream  
4:30-6:00 pm | Youth Group | Youth Room

## **MONDAY | FEB. 27**

11:30 am-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 Rehearsal | Choir Room\*

**THIS TUESDAY!**

**SHROVE TUESDAY**

**Pancake Supper!**

**Tuesday, Feb. 21st**  
**@ 6:00pm**  
**Threath Hall**



**FIRST YEAR TEACHERS CLOTHES CLOSET**

Please consider donating gently used men's and women's clothing for the First Year Teachers Clothes Closet at Columbia College. Please drop off your donations to the 1st & 2nd grade classroom through March 31.



### **ATTENDANCE (as of 2-15-23):**

Feb. 12: 143 (in-person); 102 (online) = 245  
Feb. 5: 156 (in person); 122 (online) = 278  
Jan. 29: 158 (in person); 114 (online) = 272  
Jan. 22: 135 (in-person); 136 (online) = 271

### **GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE (as of 2-15-23):**

<b>Church Budget</b>	<b>\$ TBD</b>
<b>Church Actual</b>	<b>\$110,111</b>
<b>Soup Cellar</b>	<b>\$6,861</b>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>\$500</b>

