

Holy Week at Washington Street

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the Christianity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus's entrance into the city of Jerusalem, and concludes with his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

As a prelude to WSUMC's Holy Week events, children (nursery through 5th grade) are invited to participate in the annual *Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, at 4:00 pm.* Children from one of our sister churches, Wesley UMC, are joining us for this year's Easter Egg Hunt which will be held at the Lide's home. The Lide's have hosted this fun event since 1989. For directions to their home, contact Mary Lide (neaudl@aol.com).

As Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem just before his death on the Cross, people cut palm branches, waved them in the air, and laid them on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city on a donkey. The palm branches represented goodness and were symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death. Remembering this triumphal entry, all 3-year-olds through 5th graders are invited to participate in a palm waving processional during our **11:00 am worship service on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.** *If your child would like to participate, email Sarah-Kate (sarahkate@wsmethodist.org) and plan to meet Sarah-Kate and Sam Waldrep outside the Wesley Room 10 minutes before the service begins to line up and receive palm branches to wave during the procession.*

On **Maundy Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 pm** in **Christ Chapel**, we will remember Jesus's Journey to the Cross and share in a special communion service remembering the Last Supper. The word "maundy" is derived from the Latin word for command and is a reference to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "love one another as I have loved you." If you are not able to attend this service in person, but would like to have us bring communion to your home, please contact Rev. Becky (rjshirley@umcsc.org).

We will gather together again in **Christ Chapel on Good Friday, at 7:30 pm** for a Tenebrae service with witnesses of the Passion of Christ. The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae which includes the gradual extinguishing of candles



and a "strepituous" or "loud noise" taking place in total darkness near the end of the service as we remember Christ's passion.

We will spend Holy Saturday contemplating what Jesus's life, death and resurrection mean for our personal lives and for the world. On **Easter Sunday** morning we will begin our celebration of Jesus's triumph over death and His Resurrection as we gather for a congregation-wide **Easter Breakfast at 10:00 am in Threatt Hall.** Breakfast will be provided by some of our adult Sunday school classes, so if you are involved in an adult Sunday School class, please contact your class leader for details. Our 11:00 am service of worship will feature special music helping us feel the joy of the good news of Christ's Resurrection, and, as usual, persons who are not able to attend this service in person may participate via livestream on YouTube (youtube.com/c/WashingtonStreetUMC). This year's Easter Sunday activities will also include a photo booth available from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, and again for 30 minutes after the service of worship. We are grateful to WSUMC young adult, McKenzie Powers, who is a freshman at USC, but also a professional photographer, for providing this opportunity to all our Easter Sunday worshippers. We hope you will make plans to join us for all of these special services and that you will invite your family and friends and join us as well.

Summer Service Opportunity— Salkehatchie Style!

Salkehatchie Summer Service is a pioneering servant ministry that began in 1978 at selected sites in South Carolina involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures in upgrading housing. The dedication and love given and experienced by participants in Salkethachie camps helps families feel comfortable and secure in their homes while the participants themselves experience personal growth and develop lasting friendships.

Participants must be at least 14 years old by the beginning of the camp they attend. A list of camp locations and dates and registration information is available now at www.umcsc.org/salkehatchie. Sarah-Kate, Beth Robinson and Susan Caskey among other WSUMC adults will be leading a team of WSUMC youth as part of the Penn Center camp at St. Helena Island, June 10-17. To participate or receive more information, contact Sarah-Kate (sarahkate@wsmethodist.org)

**JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY
TO HELP US CELEBRATE JOHN
HOLLADAY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY IN THE
WESLEY ROOM!**

WSUMC CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

The WSUMC Youth Group will be held on April 16, April 23, and April 30 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm with dinner provided. Youth group volunteers are: Beth Robinson, Michael Oehler, and Sophie Farthing.

Safe Sanctuary Policy: Everyone in connection with children and youth is encouraged to attend an upcoming Safe Sanctuaries Policy Training on May 7th from 2:00-5:00 pm at Lexington UMC. This will be an opportunity for local churches to have their policies evaluated to ensure they align with the UMC commitment to make our congregations safe places to live out God's call. Recommended attendees for this training are pastors, trustees, Staff-Parish Relations Committee members, children and youth, Sunday School Teachers, church council chairpersons and lay leaders. Reach out to Sarah-Kate for more info!

Bible Buddies Program: This summer, we are planning a Bible Buddies Program where children from nursery through 5th grade will get to adopt their own Bible Buddy stuffed animal, receive a certificate of adoption, and get a bible story book to read to their Bible Buddy throughout the summer. In order to have enough Bible Buddies ordered, we will be posting info for signups very soon! The adoption night will be on **June 4th**. *The deadline to sign your child up for a Bible Buddy will be May 7th! Contact Sarah-Kate to register!*

RJAT to host Civil Rights Walking Tour Downtown

On Sunday, April 30th, from 4:30-5:30 pm, the Racial Justice Action Team (RJAT) is partnering with Columbia 63: Our Story Matters to host a guided Civil Rights walking tour of Main St.

The tour takes visitors on a journey of some of Columbia's Civil Rights noteworthy and moving stories. Currently, eight markers, and various other installations, serve as reminders of pivotal incidents that occurred along Main St.

The walking tour will begin at the African American monument on the Sumter Street side of the statehouse grounds. The tour will leave from there, and everyone will walk down Main Street where the tour will end at City Hall on the corner of Main and Laurel streets. This walk is approximately seven blocks and the tour will last approximately one hour. The starting point is also symbolized by a green marker on the interactive tour map featured on the Columbia SC 63 website.

After the tour, we will gather in Boyd Plaza in front of the Museum on Main St. for refreshments and conversation.

We encourage you to join us on this tour to hear the stories and feel the history along Main St. All are welcome regardless



of registration. However, if you and your loved ones know for certain that you are interested in joining this tour, please contact Nancy Whittle at ncwhittle@aol.com to register, or scan the QR code found on this page to register through WSUMC's Realm app.

Early registration will allow the Columbia SC 63 team to bring enough guides so that everyone will be able to hear the history and enjoy the tour! All are welcome.

Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** Come join the Aldersgate Class as we study the Old Testament with Sandra L. Richter (Ph.D., Harvard University), and Professor of Old Testament, Wheaton College. 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. Come join us for coffee and a pastry and listen to this exciting series. Our class meets in the Aldersgate classroom on the 2nd floor at 10:00 am. 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, April 2, we will continue our study of *Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount* by Richard Rohr. Caroline Seigler will teach Chapter 8: "The 'Happy Attitudes': Salt and Light." Next Sunday, April 9, the class will attend the potluck Easter breakfast in Threatt Hall. The Dawsey class meets on the second floor. Class starts at 10:00 am. 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:** For the rest of Lent, we will discuss the "I Am" statements of Jesus in response to Becky's sermons from the previous week. On April 4, we will discuss "I am the resurrection and the life." Easter Sunday we will attend the Easter breakfast in Threatt Hall. We will do the last part, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," on April 17. Join us 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 leelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for more information.

• **The Open Door Class:** On Palm Sunday, the Open Door Class will continue its study of Adam Hamilton's book *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws*. On Easter Sunday, our class will join the other adult classes at the Easter Brunch during the Sunday school hour. Please bring something to share. 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:** 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 to join us. 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. 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 Youth Class:** The Youth Sunday School class is using a curriculum by *Illustrated Ministry* called Mini Revolutions that connects to the liturgical calendar. The class is led by Sarah-Kate, Beth Robinson and Susan Caskey, and Jean Leitner. Grades 6th-12th are welcome to join in on Sundays at 10:00 am in the Youth Room.

• **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. Easter Sunday, the class will attend the Easter breakfast in Threatt Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to join! For more information, contact Christine at christine@wsmethodist.org.

Gifts

IN MEMORY OF SARAH THREATT
to WSUMC

Given by James
& Elvira Luckstone

IN HONOR OF DONNA BRYAN
to the Soup Cellar

Given by The Paul Harmon Class

IN HONOR ACTIVE FAITH
to Active Faith

Given by Rev. Toni White

IN MEMORY OF MITCHELL HUGGINS
to WSUMC

Given by Debbie Fendley

IN MEMORY OF JAMES CHRISTIAN
to WSUMC

Given by Beverly & Paul
McClanahan



Drive 'N Drop



Drive into our parking lot to drop off your donation! A volunteer will take your donations directly from your car!

A supply drive for the Richland County Dept. of Social Services Foster Care Program

NEEDS: diapers (all sizes), unscented baby wipes, new packages of children's underwear and socks (all sizes, boy, and girl), toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.

**Friday, April 28
12:00-4:00 pm &
Saturday, April 29
9:00 am-1:00 pm**



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

*Subject to change. *Denotes non-member event; blue type indicates WSUMC events. Please contact Jammie Watters at jammie@wsmethodist.org to schedule an event.*

SUNDAY | APRIL 2

11:00 am-2:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Livestream

12:30-2:00 pm | John Holladay 100th Birthday Celebration | Wesley Room

MONDAY | APRIL 3

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 | Trustee Meeting | Wesley Room

5:45-8:45 pm | Columbia Choral Society Rehearsal | Choir Room*

TUESDAY | APRIL 4

10:00-11:00 am | Circle 6 | John Harper Classroom

6:00-8:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room*

6:00-7:00 pm | RNT Meeting | Zoom

6:30-7:30 pm | Charles Pfeiffer Circle | John Harper Classroom

6:30-8:00 pm | Private Group Meeting | Room Varies*

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 5

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar Serving | Soup Cellar

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

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Choir Practice | Choir Room

THURSDAY | APRIL 6

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

7:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber Orchestra | Choir Room*

7:00-8:00 pm | Lenten Study with Christine Taylor (ON-LINE)

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Maundy Thursday Service | Christ Chapel

FRIDAY | APRIL 7

8:00 am - 5:00 pm | Church Office Closed

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar Serving | Soup Cellar

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

7:30-8:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service | Christ Chapel

SATURDAY | APRIL 8

1:30-3:00 pm | Records and History Committee Meeting | Wesley Room

SUNDAY | APR 09, 2023

9:30-11:00 am | Photo Booth | Christ Chapel Courtyard

10:00-11:00 am | Easter Breakfast | Threath Hall

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Easter Worship Service | Sanctuary | Livestream

12:00-12:30 | Photo Booth | Christ Chapel Courtyard

Prayer List

Betsy Alexander

David Byrum

Jimmy Dawkins

Judy Ellington

Mickey Epting

Pat Griffin

Rev. Paul Harmon

Karen Horne

Lisa Johnson

Debby Joyner

Jean Kanes

Martha Helen King

Paul McClanahan

Sharon McCullough

David Middleton

Shawn Powers

Genie & Ron Quinn

Rick Rowe

Jim Webber

Nancy Williams

Mary Anne Young

Our homebound

with heartfelt sympathy

HOLDING YOU CLOSE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Vickie & Lisa Voegeli in the death of Vickie's son, Justin Tyler Couch, on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

March 26: 138 (in-person) 172 (online) = 310;

March 19: 167 (in-person); 122 (online) = 289

March 12: 129 (in-person); 119 (online) = 248;

March 5: 135 (in-person); 139 (online*) = 274

**combined numbers from sermon-only and livestream views*

LENT ONLINE VIEWS/REACH

(Facebook + YouTube)

March 26: 184

March 15: 196

March 8: 224

March 1: 275

Feb. 22: 236

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 3-27-23

Church: \$170,327

Soup Cellar: \$16,968

Foundation: \$542

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The "WELCOME" Table

**EASTER MONDAY
SOUP CELLAR LUNCH**

Monday, April 10

**11:30 am to 1:00 pm | Threath Hall
DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**COOKIES/BROWNIES, HARD-BOILED
EGGS (DYING OPTIONAL)**



email: jane@wsmethodist.org
if you are able to
donate an item.