

Small Groups—Adam Hamilton's Workshop & "Who Is Your Neighbor?" Movie Series

Several WSUMC group leaders took part in a small group training session, "Re-Thinking Small Groups" on June 22. The group used a video seminar from Adam Hamilton's church, The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, where he preaches to more than 8,000 per week. The group studied new techniques for leading small groups and have been brainstorming a "small group kick-off" for the fall, stay tuned for more information!

From left to right: Suzanne Joy, Rev. Becky Shirley, Christine Hait, Christine Taylor, Ann Jessup, Licia Jackson, Rev. Alston Lippert, and Sarah-Kate Gravely.



From left, Mona, Ute Wachsmann-Linnan, Christine Taylor, Fran Zupan, Alan-Jon Zupan, Ben Schooler, and Debra Schooler.

The first movie discussion in the "Who Is Your Neighbor" series was held on June 26, and was very successful. Sixteen individuals participated in this hybrid discussion held both online and in the Wesley Room to talk about the movie, "A Man Called Otto." The next movie discussion is July 24 when we will gather to discuss the documentary on Mr. Rogers, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" The movie is available on Netflix and other streaming sources.

Email christine@wsmethodist.org to join in the fun!

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

WATCH THE DOCUMENTARY
"WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?"
& JOIN US FOR A GREAT DISCUSSION!

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM

JULY 24 | 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

WESLEY ROOM & ZOOM

SIGN UP ON REALM OR EMAIL
CHRISTINE@WSMETHODIST.ORG



Gifts (as of 7-6-23)

IN MEMORY OF JIMMY DAWKINS
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Janice Raye Brooks

IN MEMORY OF JIMMY DAWKINS
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Roger Tomkins

IN MEMORY OF DEBBY JOYNER
to the Minister's Discretionary Fund
Given by Suzanne C. Hurley

IN HONOR OF ARLETTA RALEY
to Sing Along Messiah
Given by Virginia Vaughan

IN HONOR OF NICHOLAS TODD SHUMATE & THE MUSIC MINISTRY
to Sing-Along Messiah
Given by Robin & David Anderson

Prayer List

Betsy Alexander
Karen Basso
Martha Boynton
David Byrum
Mickey Epting
Pat Griffin
Betsy Halloren
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson

Jean Kanes
Martha Helen King
Lin Fesperman Lord
Paul McClanahan
Sharon McCullough
David Middleton
Shawn Powers
Genie & Ron Quinn
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

RECONCILING NEXT'S SUMMER PRIDE STUDIES!

WED., JULY 26TH
6:00-7:00 pm
Wesley Room
& Zoom

**Reclaiming Church:
A Call to Action for
Religious Rejects**
by J.J. Warren



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AMAZON OR OTHER BOOK
RETAILERS!

Email Jim Lane
at jlane@columbiasc.edu to sign up!

FRIDAY UNWIND!



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626 Meeting St.
West Columbia, SC 29169



Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The Aldersgate Class has embarked on a new study of the book, *Luke*, by best-selling author and pastor, Adam Hamilton. In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, Hamilton explores the life of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories, we find Jesus's care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus's concern for those considered unimportant, we hear an encouraging and inspiring word for our lives today. This lesson series is being led by Hal Hanlin and David Anderson. Please join us in the Aldersgate classroom for a donut, coffee, and excellent fellowship as we dive into the Gospel of Luke. 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, July 9, we will continue our study of *Do I Stay Christian?* by Brian D. McLaren. Hunter Rentz will teach pages 42-59, Chapter 5: "Because of Christianity's Real Master (Money)," Chapter 6: "Because of the White Christian Old Boys' Network (White Patriarchy)," and Chapter 7: "Because Christianity is Stuck (Toxic Theology)." Next Sunday, July 16, members of the class who went on a mission trip to the U.S.-Mexico border, will talk about that trip. The 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 Caroline Seigler at caroline.seigler@gmail.com.

• **The Grace Class:** On Sunday, July 9, Deborah Rowe will facilitate "Finding Joy and Hope in Life's Challenges." On Sunday, July 16, Jim Lane will lead the class (topic TBD), and on July 23, Ute Wachsmann-Linnan will lead the class with an introduction to the film series "The Chosen." Join us in person on the third floor or contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasec.edu for the Zoom link. We gather Sunday mornings at 9:45 am for fellowship and at 10:00 am for spiritual reflection.

• **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.

[com](#) or meet with us in the classroom on the first floor by the elevator.

• **The Joy Class:** The class is currently partnering with Solomon's Porch studying the gospel of Acts and spending time with our neighbors. If interested, please contact Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaundersstevens@gmail.com for more information.

• **The Open Door Class:** This Sunday, July 9, the class will continue with its new book study, Timothy Keller's *The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. The book reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic and challenges both the devout and the skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way. Visitors are always welcome! The class meets in person on the third floor and via Zoom each week. For Zoom link information, contact Ann Jessup at jessup.ann@gmail.com.

• **The Paul Harmon Class:** The class is participating in a study from *The Great Courses* titled "How Jesus Became God" by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina. 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 on the third floor. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.

• **Solomon's Porch:** The class meets in the old Traxler classroom on the second floor and is led by Christine Taylor. The class is currently studying the book of Acts. Anyone interested is welcome to join! For more information, contact Christine at christine@wsmethodist.org.

• **The Youth Class:** The Youth Sunday School will continue with the curriculum by Illustrated Ministry called Mini Revolutions which connects to the liturgical calendar. Grades 6-12 are welcome to join in on Sundays at 10:00 am in the Youth Room on the third floor. Contact Sarah-Kate for more information at sarahkate@wsmethodist.org.

A prayer for our VBS kids...VBS starts Monday, June 10!

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime. Amen.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

MONDAY | JULY 10

9:00 am-12:00 pm | VBS | Churchwide

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

TUESDAY | JULY 11

9:00 am-12:00 pm | VBS | Churchwide

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar*
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Group Meeting | Room varies

WEDNESDAY | JULY 12

9:00 am-12:00 pm | VBS | Churchwide

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

THURSDAY | JULY 13

9:00 am-12:00 pm | VBS | Church-wide

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

FRIDAY | JULY 14

9:00 am-12:00 pm | VBS | Church-wide

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

SUNDAY | JULY 16

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & livestream

MONDAY | JULY 17

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

TUESDAY | JULY 18

11:30 am-12:30 pm | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 pm | NA Meeting | Soup Cellar*
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Group Meeting | Room varies*

WEDNESDAY | JULY 19

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

THURSDAY | JULY 20

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

FRIDAY | JULY 21

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

SUNDAY | JULY 23

11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & livestream

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MONDAY | JULY 24

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

7:00-8:00 pm | Who is My Neighbor? A Summer Movie Discussion—"Won't You Be My Neighbor" | Wesley Room & Zoom

TUESDAY | JULY 25

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

5:00-6:00 pm | RJAT Meeting | Zoom
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Group Meeting | Room varies*

WEDNESDAY | JULY 26

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

6:00-7:00 pm | Reconciling Next Book Discussion—Reclaiming Church | Wesley Room & Zoom

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of 7-6-23

General Budget: \$866,231

Church	\$
Soup Cellar	\$
Foundation	\$

ATTENDANCE (as of 6-7-23)

July 2: 118 (in person); 90 (online) = 208
June 25: 138 (in-person); 165 (online) = 303
June 18: 161 (in-person); 177 (online) = 338
June 11: 132 (in-person); 240 (online) = 372

Sing-Along Messiah

Monday, December 11, 2023
7:00 pm
Sanctuary

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