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THE CONNECTION

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"The WELL"

The first installment of WSUMC's new monthly service, "The WELL" took place on January 18th, offering a unique blend of Worship, Encouragement, Laughter, and Love. WSUMC holds the belief that a place of worship, regardless of faith or denomination, should be a community where people can feel the presence of God, be assured of God's care, and know that they are seen, heard, valued, and not alone. This environment should serve as a reminder that individuals are created in God's image and are loved.

Unfortunately, the traditional structure and length of most worship services often leave individuals with physical and/or mental challenges, such as dementia, autism, and anxiety, feeling isolated and out of place. Recognizing this reality, "The WELL" is a unique 30-minute service specifically designed to be welcoming and affirming for individuals living with dementia, autism, or other challenges, and their care partners. The plan is to hold this service every month on the third Thursday, in Christ Chapel from 11:00-11:30 a.m. The service is open to the entire community, and individuals of all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend. **The next service is planned for Feb. 15th.**



Rev. Becky Shirley and Myrtella Cook lead the congregation in song.

Souper Bowl of Caring

This year for Souper Bowl of Caring we are having a Conference Competition - SEC vs ACC! For all you non-sports fans, the Southeastern Conference (SEC) is home to teams like Mississippi State, University of Kentucky, and of course The University of South Carolina. The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) is home to Clemson, Duke, and the University of North Carolina to name a few. We will be holding a friendly competition to see which conference you think is better! The competition will raise money for our annual Souper Bowl Sunday held on Sunday, February 11th on the day of the big game. Souper Bowl Sunday is a youth inspired nationwide movement to organize communities to give locally to make a collective impact on hunger. The Souper Bowl of Caring slogan "Tackle Hunger" gets to the heart of the mission. The youth of Washington Street will be standing in the narthex following the worship service on **Sunday, Feb. 4th and 11th** with soup pots to help raise money for our soup cellar, which as we all know, tackles hunger for families here in our community every week.

Terrence Chisolm, the Soup Cellar Manager, will be cooking a delicious soup for us to enjoy following worship on February 11th at noon, and the youth group will be serving. Please be sure to bring some cash to contribute to this amazing mission! For questions, contact Sarah-Kate at sarahkate@wsmethodist.org.

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Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The Aldersgate Class has started a 6-week lesson plan based on the PBS series "How Jesus Became Christ." This thought-provoking series includes video segments from the series, and later discussions led by Dr. Charles Bryan. Come join us for a cup of coffee, pastry, and lively discussions. This series will run through February 11. All are welcome! 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, January 21, class president Caroline Seigler will continue leading a discussion of the framework and materials the class wants to use going forward. Previously, the class has primarily studied books, but now we need to decide if we want to study a book, and if so, what book, or if we want to concentrate on political or cultural issues. For more information about the class, contact the class president Caroline Seigler at caroline.seigler@gmail.com.

• **The Grace Class:** The class will continue with the *Work of the People*, "Magnifying the Light." On Jan. 21 the topic is "Undoing Wrath" and on the 28th we will discuss "Upsetting the Pyramid." Join us in person on the third floor, or contact Jim Lane at jlane@columbiasc.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 or meet with us in the classroom on the first floor by the elevator.

• **The Joy Class:** The Joy Class is continuing to partner with Solomon's Porch. If interested, please get in touch with Lee Haynes at lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com or Sylvia Stevens at sylviasaudersstevens@gmail.com.

• **The Open Door Class:** The class has started—*Never Quit* by Mark Ballenger. This study is based on the parable of the persistent widow from Luke, Chapter 8. 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:** For January, the Paul Harmon Class will be reading and discussing *The First Christmas, What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The book delves into how Jesus' birth stories "touch the deepest of human yearnings: for light in the darkness, for the fulfillment of our hopes, for a different kind of world." Visitors are always welcome to the class. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Joye at sjoye@sc.rr.com.

• **Solomon's Porch:** Solomon's Porch has begun an in-depth study of the Book of Genesis. Anyone interested is welcome to join in. The class meets on the second floor and is led by Rev. Adrienne Fink. For more information, contact Adrienne at ajhamm@umcsc.org.

2024 Winter/Spring Movie Discussion Group

Using our Gifts & Talents

God gives each of us unique gifts that God wants us to use. We will be watching movies this winter/spring that highlight people's gifts, how they use those gifts, whether they face opposition when they try to use their gifts, and how their gifts affect others.

Jan. 22: *Marshall* (about Thurgood Marshall)



Feb. 26: *Mr. Holland's Opus*
March 25: *Hacksaw Ridge* (warning, this movie has graphic violence and isn't for the squeamish.)

April 22: *Hidden Figures*
*May 27: TBD

You can sign up on Realm by scanning the QR code or by emailing aflippert@umcsc.org. If you have previously attended a movie discussion, you do not need to sign up again.

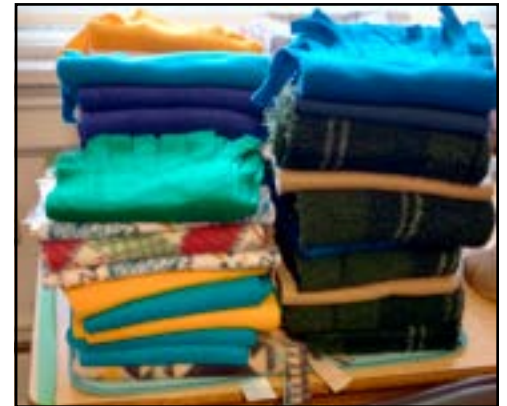


Tabitha's Table

A group of Tabitha's Table members recently made 78 fleece scarves for Soup Cellar patrons. At their January meeting, the small group decided to work on a "no-sew" project and completed the scarves in one session! The Soup Cellar team began giving them out on Monday and will continue distributing them in the coming weeks.

If you'd like to join us, we meet on the first Thursday of each month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Tabitha's Table room on the second floor, opposite the elevator. We always welcome new members -- two newcomers helped us make the winter scarves.

For more information, contact Ann Jessup (jessup.ann@gmail.com) or Licia Jackson (jacksonlicia@gmail.com).



Tabitha's Table crew poses with scarves.



Gifts

(as of 1-16-24)

IN MEMORY OF DON FOWLER
to WSUMC
Given by Laura K. Behre

IN MEMORY OF MARY SUTHERLAND
to the Foundation
Given by Beth & Phillip McCorkel

IN HONOR OF TONI WHITE
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Ann White

IN HONOR OF RUFUS ROGERS
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Janet Cotter

IN MEMORY OF RON QUINN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Shannon & Thom Berry

IN MEMORY OF RON QUINN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Robbie & Lisa Douglas

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to WSUMC
Given by Deborah & John Goodwin

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to WSUMC
Given by Heather & John Long

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Rich & Dorothy Peterson

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by William & Sally Adkins, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Lt. Col. Michael
& Joyce McCarson

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Carolyn Sue Wilson

IN MEMORY OF MARY SUTHERLAND
to the Foundation
Given by Dot & Bob Brown

IN MEMORY OF MARY SUTHERLAND
to the Foundation
Given by Carolyn Johnson

IN MEMORY OF MARY SUTHERLAND
to the Foundation
Given by Kay & Greg Hunter

IN HONOR OF LYNN SHIRLEY
to WSUMC
Given by Nancy Whittle

IN MEMORY OF MARY SUTHERLAND
to the Foundation
Given by Ed McClain & Jim Blanton

IN MEMORY OF MARY SUTHERLAND
to the Foundation
Given by Sara & Ed Fisher

IN MEMORY OF RON QUINN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Fran & Alan-Jon Zupan

IN MEMORY OF RON QUINN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Ned Self

IN MEMORY OF RON QUINN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Virginia Vaughan

IN MEMORY OF RON QUINN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Ed McClain & Jim Blanton

IN MEMORY OF RON QUINN
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Charlotte & Richard Owen

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Sara & Ed Fisher

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Charles Smith, III

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Susan & Jim Curry

IN MEMORY OF DAVID BYRUM
to the Soup Cellar
Given by Meredith M. Helms

IN HONOR OF CODY LIDGE
to WSUMC
Given by Nancy Whittle

Mary's Maidens Valentines & Chocolates Sale

Make sure you seize the opportunity to purchase a unique handmade Valentine for your loved one, and don't forget to enhance your gift with ethically traded chocolates. On Sundays, **February 4** and **February 11**, Mary's Maidens will be offering their exclusive Valentines and chocolate bars from Equal Exchange. Find us outside the Wesley Room and the Volunteer Office. The proceeds from this sale will support various projects undertaken by Mary's Maidens. In the previous year, we directed some of our funds towards assisting UNICEF in providing earthquake relief in Turkey.



Prayer List

Betsy Alexander
Karen Basso
Ann Bell
Mickey Bell
Ron Bowden
Mickey Epting
Nancy Epting
Carl Evans
Pat Griffin
Betsy Halloren
Rev. Paul Harmon
Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson
Jean Kanes
Martha Helen King
Beverly McClanahan
Paul McClanahan
Sharon McCullough
Ellen Parker
Shawn Powers
Genie Quinn
Tara Spires
Nancy Williams
Our homebound

February Birthdays

FEBRUARY 1

Jan Baker
Bruce Adams

FEBRUARY 3

J. Marshall Colcord

FEBRUARY 4

Alisa Liggett

FEBRUARY 5

Rose Dangerfield

FEBRUARY 6

Stewart Hall

FEBRUARY 7

Cindy Waund
Jay Parmley

FEBRUARY 8

Melanie Johnson

FEBRUARY 10

Don Britt
Samuel Schatz

FEBRUARY 11

Jean Kanes

FEBRUARY 12

Lathan Robinson

FEBRUARY 13

Lois Duke
Matt Fargher

FEBRUARY 14

Joe Epting

FEBRUARY 15

V. Diane Farr

FEBRUARY 16

Beth Robinson

FEBRUARY 16

Gloria Apple
Dawn Haynes

FEBRUARY 17

Ned Self

FEBRUARY 18

Emily Franklin
Daniel Hanlin

FEBRUARY 19

Ana Sofia Hait

FEBRUARY 20

Janelle Beamer

FEBRUARY 22

Sabrina Walker
Leland Haynes
Joy Foley
Travis Luthren
Amy Geddes

FEBRUARY 23

Catherine Nance

FEBRUARY 24

Jennifer Jackson
Greg Middleton

FEBRUARY 25

John Halloran
Ellie Oehler

FEBRUARY 26

Maddy Foley

FEBRUARY 27

William Brown
Scott Middleton
Aida Rogers

FEBRUARY 28

Geoff Bonham

FEBRUARY 29

Kevin Duggan

WSUMC Meetings & Events

Subject to change

*denotes non-member event; blue type indicates WSUMC events or meetings. Child Dev. Ctr. events are in bold italic.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 p.m. | NA Meeting | Soup
Cellar*

**7:00-8:00 p.m. | Movie
Discussion—Marshall | Wesley
Room & Zoom**

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 p.m. | NA Meeting | Soup
Cellar*
6:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers
| Choir Room*
6:30-8:00 pm | Private Group Meeting |
Room varies*

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 p.m. | NA Meeting | Soup
Cellar*
**6:30-7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
Choir Room**

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 p.m. | NA Meeting | Soup
Cellar*
6:15-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber
Orchestra | Choir Room*

FRIDAY | JAN. 26

**WSUMC Youth Weekend
Revolution! | Township
Auditorium/WSUMC Youth Room**
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 p.m. | NA Meeting | Soup
Cellar*

SATURDAY | JAN. 27

**WSUMC Youth Weekend
Revolution! | Township
Auditorium/WSUMC Youth Room**
**11:00 am - 4:00 pm | Youth Lunch
(Revolution) | Threatt Hall**
**11:00 a.m. | Services for Ron Quinn
| Sanctuary (reception following) |
Wesley Room**

SUNDAY | JAN. 28

**11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Worship
Services | Sanctuary & Livestream**
**4:30-6:00 p.m. | Youth Group |
Youth Room**
**5:15-7:30 p.m. | Disciple Group |
John Harper Classroom**

MONDAY | JAN. 29

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Soup Cellar
Serving | Soup Cellar
1:30-2:30 p.m. | NA Meeting | Soup
Cellar*

Revolution!

Calling all teens!
Revolution is coming
up on January 26th,
27th, and 28th at the Township
Auditorium! Each year at
Revolution, youth from
all around South Carolina
experience a powerful weekend
of fun, worship, and messages.

We will discuss how we are called to love and live in unity with one another. The theme for this year is "We Are One" based on Ephesians 4:2-6. We will explore what it means to live a Christ-centered life. Revolution requires a lot of planning, so be sure you have signed up to attend! Sarah-Kate will be in touch with parents of only youth who have signed up to attend throughout the weekend to send updates about pick up and drop off times. Email or chat with Sarah-Kate to sign up at sarahkate@wsmethodist.org.



Active Faith is collecting vases! Jan. 21 & Jan. 28

All proceeds from the sale of vases are
earmarked for Active Faith missions.



Please place in the
appropriate box by the
Bull St. entrance. Vases
will be sold to a local
vendor.