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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lelandhaynesjr@gmail.com) or Sylvia Stevens at [sylviasaudersstevens@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sjoye@sc.rr.com).

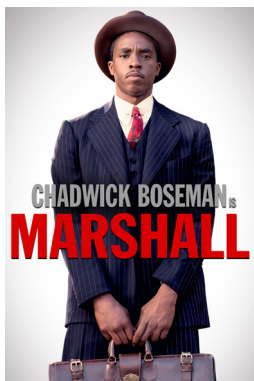
• **Solomon's Porch:** Solomon's Porch has begun an in-depth study of the Book of Genesis. Anyone interested is welcome to join in. The class meets on the second floor and is led by Rev. Adrienne Fink. For more information, contact Adrienne at [ajhamm@umcsc.org](mailto:ajhamm@umcsc.org).

## 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.

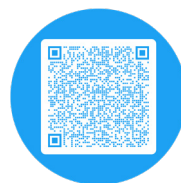
Jan. 22:  
*Marshall* (about Thurgood Marshall)



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](mailto: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](mailto:jessup.ann@gmail.com)) or Licia Jackson ([jacksonliciad@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonliciad@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](mailto: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.