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# THE CONNECTION

April 28, 2024

## WSUMC's Columbia College Day!



*A huge "Thank you" goes out to Janet Cotter and her team of Columbia College alumni; retired faculty and staff; and other CC friends for putting together the fabulous reception last Sunday as we welcomed CC's new president, Dr. John Dozier and his family. The team included Betty Cribbs, Wendy Clark, Janelle Rivers, Carol Fowler, Rozanna Pfeiffer, Mike and Charlotte Broome (display), Kathy Rogers, Beth Matthews, Ricky and Kristie Rowe, Elaine Ferraro, Carol McConkey, Christine Hait, Rev. Becky Shirley, Sam Waldrep, Robbie Douglas, and Jerry Sumpter. If we have inadvertently left someone out, please let us know!*

**Do you have a 2024 graduate in your midst?**

**SEND NO LATER THAN MAY 20!**

*Help us congratulate them! If you have a child or grandchild graduating this year...we want to know! We will recognize them at the May 26th service.*

**Send us a photo of your grad (high school or college) along with their name; school graduating from, and degree (if applicable).**

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# Sunday School Updates

• **The Aldersgate Class:** The class will finish the series *The Chosen: Season One* this week. We discuss what's next in the coming weeks. Come join us for a donut, coffee and lively discussions regarding this series and the depictions of the various events as depicted in the Gospels. 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, April 28, we will continue our discussion of *The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism*. Mary Edmonds will lead a discussion of Chapter Nine. Next Sunday, May 5, Tom Summers will lead a discussion of Chapter Ten. Class members who join from home use FreeConferenceCall and 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](mailto:caroline.seigler@gmail.com).

• **The Grace Class:** The Grace Class will be doing topic of choice. Leaders for the next two weeks are: April 28, Heidi Conte; May 5, Jan Baker. 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 continues 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 Open Door is currently studying Max Lucado's *In the Footsteps of the Savior*. This series gives the reader glimpses of the Holy Land during Jesus's ministry. Visitors are always welcome! The class meets in person on the third floor and via Zoom each week. For the Zoom link information, contact Ann Jessup at [jessup.ann@gmail.com](mailto:jessup.ann@gmail.com).

• **The Paul Harmon Class:** The class continues lessons with Dr. Mike Broome on "Reflections on Religion and Southern Literature." Some of the writers we will study are Rick Bragg, Bailey White, Fannie Flagg, Flannery O'Connor, Harper Lee, Maya Angelou, William Faulkner, and John Crowe Ransom. Visitors are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sally Mings at [sallymings@gmail.com](mailto:sallymings@gmail.com).

• **Solomon's Porch:** Solomon's Porch continues with their 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).

## Prayer List

Ann Bell  
John Benfield  
Ron Bowden  
Carol Breneman  
Sue Dillon  
Mickey Epting  
Nancy Epting  
Carl Evans  
Pat Griffin  
Karen Horne  
Lisa Johnson

Jean Kaness  
Lin Fesperman Lord  
Beverly McClanahan  
Paul McClanahan  
Sharon McCullough  
Ellen Parker  
Shawn Powers  
Genie Quinn  
Peggy Ward  
Nancy Williams  
Our homebound

## Active Faith Spreads Community Love

We're delighted to share heartwarming feedback from our recent Aldersgate Special Needs Residents Pizza Party. Sam Waldrep received two heartfelt thank-you notes that truly capture the spirit of our community involvement.

*From the four special men at Tommy's House:*

"Thank you for the wonderful pizza party, games, and gift cards. We truly enjoyed spending time with you. Your support means the world to us at Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry." Each of them signed the card with gratitude.

*A touching message from one of the resident's mothers:*

"A big thank you to you and your friends for brightening our special guys' day with pizzas and gift cards. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. We hope to see you soon. May God bless you."

Active Faith proudly sponsored the Concert for Ukraine with a \$1500 contribution, covering the musician's fees. Additionally, we've extended financial assistance to the Koala Closet at Columbia College. Funds have been allocated to the Circle of Welcome family, including Ann Sinclair, Kay Ayers Garren, and Andrea McAtee, who will utilize them as needed.

### Upcoming Events and Initiatives

Mark your calendars! Our annual Undie Sunday event is set for September. And look out for our end-of-summer sale featuring long and short-sleeved t-shirts and umbrellas, available for pre-order in early Fall.

Exciting news! We're planning a Creche Festival during the Christmas holidays. Stay tuned for more details.



## Gifts

(as of 4-25-24)

IN HONOR OF DIANA WESTERKAM

to Killingsworth

Given by Shannon &  
Thom Berry

IN HONOR OF JANET COTTER

to WSUMC

Given by Judy &  
Gary Cannon

IN MEMORY OF JUNE DERRICK

to the Soup Cellar

Given by William H. Hendrix,  
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## Meet & Greets Planned— Rev. Kathy James: Director of Family Ministries

We're excited to introduce Rev. Kathy James as our new Director of Family Ministries! To help everyone get acquainted, we've scheduled 'Meet and Greet' sessions just for you.

### Two Convenient Parent/Volunteer Sessions

Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 pm; or Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 pm.

Location: Youth Room, 3rd Floor

You only need to attend one session. Kathy is eager to learn about our current programs and understand how we can better serve the needs of our children and youth now and in the future.

### Youth 'Meet and Greet' with Kathy James

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet Kathy and share what church events and activities are meaningful to you.

Date: Sunday, May 19th

Time: After the Worship service

Location: Youth Room, 3rd Floor

Lunch will be served.

For any questions about these events, feel free to reach out to Swann Adams, Age-Level Ministries Chair:

Phone: 803-609-4135

Email: [swann.adams@sc.edu](mailto:swann.adams@sc.edu)

## Spotlight on... The Diana Westerkam Circle

Our Circle is made up of a great group of warm, welcoming women who really enjoy learning, laughing, and sharing fellowship time together. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am in the John Harper Classroom. We are currently the only Circle at WSUMC that meets in the morning.

Our mission focus for this year is The Killingsworth Home, which is a Christian residential home for women who are emerging from crisis situations and trying to change their lives for the better. It is located here in Columbia, has strong ties to our church, and is sponsored and supported by United Women in Faith, locally and nationally.

At our meetings, we begin with a short devotional shared by one of our members, followed by any business we need to discuss and anything members would like to share with the group. Then we have a lesson shared with us by our wonderful teacher, Rev. Diana Westerkam, for whom our Circle is named.

Diana's lessons are very interesting, inspiring, and thought-provoking. We always learn something new, or are challenged to look at scriptural passages or themes from a different perspective and often in ways we hadn't thought of before. Diana encourages interaction and there is usually plenty of lively discussion around the table during her lessons. We are truly blessed to have Diana as our teacher!

If you are looking for a Circle, especially a morning Circle, please visit and check us out. We would love to have you join us!

*Submitted by: Betty Cribbs, Leader  
Circle 6—The Diana Westerkam Circle*



**Young Adult Zoom  
Meet & Greet**

**Thursday, May 2  
7:00 pm**

Contact Rev. Becky for  
the Zoom link at  
[rjshirley@umcsc.org](mailto:rjshirley@umcsc.org)

*A chance to meet  
other young adults  
here at WSUMC!*

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**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

*Habitat  
for Humanity  
Repair Day*

**Interested In Joining Us?**

**CONTACT  
ANDREA MCATEE  
WITH YOUR AVAILABILITY  
[acmcatee21@gmail.com](mailto:acmcatee21@gmail.com)**

**Saturday, May 4th—Repair  
Thursday, May 16th—New Construction  
10 total volunteers are needed!**

# May Birthdays

<b>MAY 1</b> Graham Reich	<b>MAY 5</b> Laurel Sharp	<b>MAY 14</b> Mary Anne Young Mandy Halloran	<b>MAY 19</b> Knox Buchanan	<b>MAY 24</b> Susanne Reich	<b>MAY 31</b> Hayden Rowe
<b>MAY 2</b> Lane Bowden Christine Hait	<b>MAY 6</b> Ken Hooker Mark Armstrong	<b>MAY 15</b> James Farr	<b>MAY 20</b> Arletta Raley	<b>MAY 25</b> Carol Duggan Evelyn Middleton	James Oehler Lachlan Werner
<b>MAY 3</b> Fran Zupan Kathleen Lee	<b>MAY 7</b> Lanneau Lide	<b>MAY 18</b> Pat Griffin Stephanie Saunders	<b>MAY 21</b> Chris Watson	<b>MAY 26</b> Jane Wall	
<b>MAY 4</b> Ann Fishburne May Ramsey	<b>MAY 8</b> Ute Wachsmann-Linnan		<b>MAY 22</b> Ed Geddes	<b>MAY 29</b> John Evans Molly Allen	
	<b>MAY 10</b> Sarah-Kate Gravely		<b>MAY 23</b> Tim Franklin Malissa Burnette		

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

*Subject to change*

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

### Sunday, April 28

**All day—CDC Spring Fling Set up/Threath Hall and Kitchen**

8:00 am-7:00 pm | General Conference in Charlotte, NC

**9:00 am- 12:30 pm | Vase Collection | Back hallway**

**11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Live stream**

**12:00-12:40 pm | Personal Prayer and Sharing | Christ Chapel**

**12:05-12:35 pm | Communications and Tech workshop for iPhone | John Harper Classroom**  
**3:00-5:00 pm | United Women Faith Tea Party Fundraiser for Killingsworth | Threath Hall**  
**5:15-7:30 pm | Disciple Group | John Harper Classroom**

### Monday, April 29

**All Day | CDC Spring Fling/Threath Hall and Kitchen**

8:00 am-7:00 pm | General Conference in Charlotte, NC

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

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

### Tuesday, April 30

8:00 am-7:00 pm | General Conference in Charlotte, NC

**10:00-11:00 am | Staff Meeting | Wesley Room**

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

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

6:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room

**6:00-7:30 pm | Meet & Greet with Kathy James | Youth Room**

6:30-8:00 pm | Private Meeting | Room varies

### Wednesday, May 1

8:00 am-7:00 pm | General Conference in Charlotte, NC

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

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

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

### Thursday, May 2

8:00 am-7:00 pm | General Conference in Charlotte, NC

10:30-11:30 am | Tai-Chi Class | Joy Classroom

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

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

6:15-9:00 pm | Palmetto Chamber Orchestra | Choir Room

**7:00-8:00 pm | Young Adult Meet & Greet | Zoom (contact Rev. Becky for Zoom link)**

### Friday, May 3

8:00 am-7:00 pm | General Conference in Charlotte, NC

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

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

### Saturday, May 4

**9:00-11:00 am | Special Council Meeting | Solomon's Porch**

10:30 am-12:30 pm | Papa Tank | Christ Chapel

### Sunday, May 5

**11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Live stream**

**12:05-12:35 pm | Communications and Tech workshop for Android phones | John Harper Classroom**

**5:15-7:30 pm | Disciple Group | John Harper Classroom**

### Monday, May 6

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

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

5:30-7:30 pm | SC Reconciling Council | Zoom

### Tuesday, May 7

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

**10:00-11:00 am | Programming Staff Meeting**

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

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

6:00-9:00 pm | Palmetto Mastersingers | Choir Room

**6:00-7:00 pm | Reconciling Ministries | Zoom**

**6:30-7:00 pm | Charles Pfeiffer Circle | Off campus**

6:30-8:00 pm | Private Meeting | Room varies

### Wednesday, May 8

**8:00 am-5:00 pm | CDC Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Program (includes setup/cleanup) | Threath Hall/ Kitchen**

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

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

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

### Thursday, May 9

**All day—CDC Prep for Mother's Day Lunch**

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

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

### Friday, May 10

**8:00 am-5:00 pm | CDC Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Program (includes setup/cleanup) | Threath Hall/ Kitchen**

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

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

### Sunday, May 12

**11:00 am-12:00 pm | Worship Service | Sanctuary & Live stream**

**12:00-12:40 pm | Personal Prayer and Sharing | Christ Chapel**

**5:15-7:30 pm | Disciple Group | John Harper Classroom**

*Check the WSUMC website or Realm for the most up-to-date calendar*



**SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE—**  
**PENN CENTER**  
**JUNE 15-22, 2024**

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