



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



February 23, 2025

Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 CEB

Order of Worship

7th Sunday after Epiphany

- PRELUDE *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* Arr. Paul Manz
- WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Becky Shirley
- RINGING OF THE BELL
- CHORAL INTROIT *Majesty*
- *CALL TO WORSHIP Jane Peterson
- *HYMN #102 (UMH) *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 23
- *THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH) MEINEKE
- PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Alston Lippert
- THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ANTHEM *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg
- CHILDREN'S MOMENT Lisa Voegeli
- Following the Children's moments, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a short time of music. Afterwards, children ages 3-5 will be escorted by a Children's Church leader to Children's Church in the 2-3-year-old Sunday school room, where they may be picked up after the worship service. Older children will return to their seats in the congregation.
- OFFERTORY *Somebody's Knockin' at My Door* Moses Hogan
Soloist: Malcolm Lemons
- *DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH) LASST UNS ERFREUEN
- *HYMN #368 (UMH) *My Hope is Built* THE SOLID ROCK
- SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
- SERMON Hope When We're Grieving Rev. Becky Shirley
- *HYMN #178 (UMH) *Hope of the World* VICAR
- *BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE
- *POSTLUDE *Fugue in G* J.S. Bach

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing

* = Please stand as you are able

Congratulations

The rose on the pulpit today is in celebration of the birth of Charles Haywood Peterson, III (Woody) on February 20, 2025. He is the son of Chipper and Rachael Peterson. Proud grandparents are Jane and Charlie Peterson.

Hydrangea Sale

Active Faith will be selling hydrangeas to enhance our Easter service on April 20th. Volunteers will take orders at the table beside the narthex on March 16, 23, 30, and April 6. Forms will be available for you to designate a person/s you wish to honor or memorialize. Plants can be picked up after the Easter service. Watch for more details!

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

WELCOME! We are glad you are here to worship with us! No matter where you are from, who you love or what you look like, know that God loves you and there is a place here for you! If you'd like to learn more or get more connected to this community of faith and where God is leading us, please fill out the blue tear-off section of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the service.

Ministry Events This Week

February 23, 2025 at 4:30 pm - Youth Group 6th to 12th Grades


Join Rev. Kathy for fun and fellowship in the youth room on the 3rd floor.

February 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm - Movie Discussion - Queen of Katwe

All are welcome to this discussion of how the characters in this movie overcome perceptions. Meet at the church or join via ZOOM. Email Rev. Alston at aflippert@umcsc.org to register & get info.


Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Lenten Study on Forgiveness and Reconciliation

This six week class will meet in the John Harper Room with a ZOOM option. Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson will lead this study. The group will meet from 6:00-7:15 pm on the following Thursdays: Feb 27, Mar 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10. To register scan this QR code  or email Melanie Dobson at melanie.dobson@lr.edu.

Weekly Devotional Journey - Booklet & Small Group Discussions

Dr. Catherine Nance has written a beautiful Lenten Journey devotional as a gift to WSUMC. You may pick up a printed copy at the entrance to the sanctuary today or downloaded a digital copy from the church website.

If you'd like to join with others to discuss and share reflections on the devotionals, sign up for either one of the following weekly discussion groups: Wednesdays, 1:15-2:00 pm, March 5 - April 9 or Mondays, 5:30-6:15 pm, March 10 - April 14. To register for either group and to indicate which small group time you wish to attend, email Rev. Alston (aflippert@umcsc.org) or scan this QR code. 

Wednesdays, March 5 - April 9, 2025 Lenten Lunch and Worship

Enjoy a Lenten lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink 11:45 am to 12:30 pm followed by a 30 minute service in the chapel featuring dramatic reflections on the blessings of Lent. Cost of lunch is \$10.00. All proceeds will go to the Soup Cellar.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 5, 2025

Children are invited to come and Easter Eggs. More details to come.

Columbia Fireflies Faith & Family Night April 26th

Segra Park (Located in Downtown Columbia; Bull Street District), 4 pm: Gates Open, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm: Pre-Game Christian Concert from Travis Greene (5x Grammy Nominated Christian Artist & Pastor of Forward City Church on Two Notch Rd.), 6:05 pm: First Pitch, 9 pm: Postgame Fireworks.

In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Pat Griffin	Jim Lewis	Sharon McCullough
Ron Bowden	Karen Horne	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plaugh
Nancy Epting	Robin Johnson	Patrick McClanahan	Our Homebound
Carl Evans	Ann Joyner		

Making Disciples of Jesus for the Transformation of the World

The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach neighbors near and far. We welcome and affirm all who seek the love and mercy of Christ, regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth.

Thank you for your Financial Support

Your Gifts help make ministry happen every day!

You may give by texting CONNECTIONS to 73256
Your gift to 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, 29201
by scanning the QR you see here.



Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Lucy Woods
Children's Church:	Hayden Rowe Allison Coombe
Greeter:	Jim Lane Shelley Stafford
Sound/Video/Projection:	Spencer Stevens John Pannell
Ushers:	Lanneau Lide Lee Smith

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 02/16: 270 (134 in person + 136 online as of 02/19)

YTD Offerings Received: \$89,733

YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$4,826

YTD Expenses: \$112,875

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YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0

Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
Associate Pastor for Nurture:	Rev. Alston Lippert	aflippert@umcsc.org
Director of Music Ministries:	Dr. Catherine Nance	catherine@wsmethodist.org
Organist:	David Turner	david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON

What is Lent? It is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Week (the week before Easter). Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

COME WORSHIP WITH US AND FELLOWSHIP WITH US



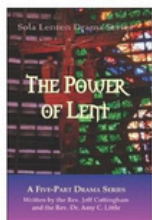
ASH WEDNESDAY March 5th
Imposition of Ashes - 12:30 PM in Christ Chapel

WEDNESDAY SOUP/SANDWICH LUNCH & WORSHIP

March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9

LUNCH served in Threatt Hall 11:45-12:30 PM

WORSHIP in Christ Chapel 12:30 - 1:00 PM



Worship services will feature soloists and special music along with a series of Lenten dramas presented by members of WSUMC's drama group “Washington Street Players”.

The dramas focus on the Power of Lent and feature pairings of two characters each week from the story of Jesus' Passion; bearing witness to what they saw, heard, and felt. Each pair of biblical characters reflects upon a similar theme for the week, showing how the same events brought about very different reactions to Jesus and his identity.

SUNDAY, April 6 - Special Music Service - Rutter's Requiem

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service - April 17 - Christ Chapel - 6:00 PM

Good Friday Service - April 18 - Christ Chapel - 6:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20th

POTLUCK BREAKFAST in Threatt Hall 9:45 AM and

WORSHIP with special music at 11:00 AM