



Columbia Fireflies Faith & Family Night

Join with other Washington Streeters on Saturday, April 26th to enjoy a night of fun as we watch the Fireflies play at Segra Park (Located in Downtown Columbia; Bull Street District).

Tickets are \$10. To order them, email Dave Mills (dmills3218@sbcglobal.net)

Gates Open: 4:00 PM
 Pregame Christian Concert from Travis Greene (5x Grammy Nominated Christian Artist): 4:30 - 5:30 PM
 First Pitch: 6:05 PM
 Postgame Fireworks: 9:00 PM



Vacation Bible Shool

July 21 - 24
 9:00 AM - Noon
 for
 Ages 4 - 5th Grade

Make plans now to sign up your child or grandchild and to volunteer!

We Are Hiring

Audio and Video Technician: This position's main focus is to produce the best possible atmosphere for worship and provide the best viewing and listening experience for persons worshipping in person and for those who worship online (live and recorded services). Salary is commensurate with experience and education

Communications Coordinator: This position plays a vital role in shaping and sharing the message of WSUMC. It ensures clear, consistent, and engaging communication both within the congregation and throughout the broader community. Through strategic marketing, creative storytelling, and digital outreach, the coordinator will amplify the church's mission, strengthen engagement, and enhance visibility across multiple platforms. Salary is commensurate with experience and education.

For a detailed position description for either position, please call 803.256.2417 or email rdouglas@wsmethodist.org.

Yard Sale - May 17th

Save those treasures you want to donate because Active Faith is hosting a Yard Sale on May 17th. Please note: we aren't accepting clothes, shoes, computers, DVD's, CD's, highchairs, large furniture, cribs or car seats. All proceeds go to finance local missions.

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Welcome Table on 4/21

"Welcome Table" is an extension of our Soup Cellar ministry. As part of this ministry, every Easter Monday, with the support of volunteers from WS and Heyward St. UMC, along with several others in the community, individuals in need are served a hearty meal in Threath Hall and treated to table fellowship and conversation.

To volunteer to help with this year's Easter Welcome Table, scan the QR code or contact Jennifer Jackson (whetstonjackson@gmail.com)



Easter Egg Hunt

Washington Street Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 5
 4:00pm
 The Lides
 1400 Sherwood Road

BYOB- Bring Your Own Basket and a Snack to Share



WSUMC Calendar
 Visit our website to view our calendar of events to learn about upcoming events:
wsmethodist.org/events/



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Are You Ready for Easter?

To truly appreciate the joy of Easter, it's important to also experience the events leading up to it during Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday and commemorates the events of the last few days leading up to Jesus' death, and ultimately his resurrection. As a church, we celebrate and remember those days with worship services that offer us powerful opportunities to grow our personal faith. This year, we will begin our Holy Week reflections a bit early, with special music from our choir on April 6th. Take a look at the special events and services listed below and invite family and friends to join you as we journey together toward Easter.

Rutter's Requiem - Join us at 11:00 AM on **April 6th** for a special performance of Rutter's REQUIEM. Our marvelous choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

Palm Sunday - Holy Week starts on April 13 with Palm Sunday. It's the Sunday before Easter when we celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem for the very last time. He is greeted by believers waving palm branches as he begins his trip to the cross. On this Sunday, we invite **children to join the choir in a processional singing and waving palm branches** as they enter the sanctuary for worship. Contact Rev. Kathy (kljames@umcsc.org) if you'd like your kids to participate.

Maundy Thursday - We get the term 'Maundy' from the Latin word meaning mandate or commandment, as we remember Jesus's command to love and serve one another. We also celebrate the last supper that Jesus had with his disciples by receiving communion. This year's service will be at **6:00 PM in Christ Chapel on April 17th** and will feature a dramatic monologue from Rev. Becky.

Good Friday - We call it 'good' because we look backward at the crucifixion through the lens of Easter. This day is a proclamation of God's purpose of loving and redeeming the world through Jesus Christ. Four members of the WSUMC Players will lead us in this special service on **April 18th beginning at 6:00 PM in Christ Chapel**.

Easter Sunday - The resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. It's the foundation of our faith, as we proclaim the joyous news that Christ is risen. We'll begin the celebration with a **"Potluck" breakfast in Threath Hall at 9:30 AM**, followed by joyful worship with uplifting music featuring timpani and brass accompaniment.

We hope you'll come and join us for as many of these worship opportunities as possible. We know Holy Week means a lot of different services are offered in the span of just 7 days, but every single one of these services helps us to gather together as a community and journey with Jesus to the cross so that we can truly understand and fully embrace the life-changing power of the resurrected Christ. It's what Holy Week and Easter are all about.

Wednesday Lunches ● April 2 and April 9 ● 11:45 -12:20

Make plans to enjoy the last two Lenten lunch and fellowship meals with friends. The lunches are being prepared by United Women in Faith volunteers and feature a variety of delicious homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts each week. The cost of each meal is \$10 and all proceeds go directly to support of the WSUMC Soup Cellar Ministry.

Worship in the Chapel ● April 2 - April 9 ● 12:30 -1:00

Under the direction of Larry Hembree, members of the Washington Street UMC Drama ministry will present the final four monologues in the series "The Power of Lent" written by two Lutheran Pastors, Rev. Jeff Cottingham and Dr. Amy C. Little. These monologues will offer us time to reflect on our relationship with Jesus and one another and challenge us to grow in faith.

April 2 - The Power of Involvement (monologues from A Woman at the Palm Procession and Peter's Accuser)
 April 9 - The Power of Sacrifice (monologues from Mary, Jesus' Mother, and Joseph of Arimathea)



Movie Discussion: The Holdovers

You are invited to watch *The Holdovers* on your own or with friends.

After viewing the film, plan to join Rev. Alston on April 28th at 7 PM in the Wesley room or via Zoom for a discussion of the ways the theme “Overcoming Perceptions” is played out in this film and how it intersects with our faith. To register and to receive the ZOOM link, email aflippert@umcsc.org

Youth Events in April

Rev. Kathy James meets with youth in **grades 6-12 on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 4:30-6:00 PM** in the Youth Room located at the top of the stairs on the 3rd floor.

A key focus of our approach to youth ministry is the belief that practicing faith is just as important as knowing what we believe. So, in addition to talking about the Bible and praying together, we offer opportunities for youth to discover their unique gifts and discuss ways they can practice their faith.

With this focus in mind, on **April 13th** we will join with youth from Columbia UMC and Wesley UMC to **discuss Healthy Relationships** with a representative from SisterCare.

Then, on **April 27**-we will focus on the gift of Christian friendships as youth, parents and WSUMC's choir join in a **Karaoke Party** to recognize and celebrate our high school seniors!

Social Justice Action

A small group of Washington Streeters attended a protest at the SC State House on March 19th to show their support for Ukraine. They joined about 25 community members who had gathered for the event.




In addition to showing their support with signs and flags, the participants signed a letter of support for Ukraine noting that the letter was to be delivered to Senators Graham and Scott and to Rep. Joe Wilson that afternoon.



MenNMinistry
Bishop's Leadership Event

Sunday, April 6 | 4 p.m.

Ashland United Methodist Church
2600 Ashland Road, Columbia
(also via Zoom)



Bishop Leonard Fairley, resident bishop of the SC Conference of the UMC, is inviting all South Carolina UMC men to join him in revitalizing men's ministry and refocusing our leadership to strengthen our connection with other ministry groups including:

- Scouting
- Disaster Response
- Volunteers in Mission
- Salkehatchie Service
- UM Wesley Foundations at colleges & universities
- Camps & Retreat Ministry
- Prison Ministry



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Sunday School Updates

Aldersgate Class: Located on the 2nd floor
Contact: David Anderson (danderson@richardsonplowden.com)

We will be studying *The Third Day*, by Bishop Tom Berlin. This study traces events around Mary Magdelene, Simon Peter, and Thomas, along with Paul and disciples at Emmaus, and how the Resurrection transforms their lives and will consist of video and discussion components. Newcomers are welcome!

Dawsey Class: Located on the 2nd floor
Contact: Anne Sinclair (asinclair1@bellsouth.net)

During March, the class will be studying *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels* by Matthew Rawle. During Class, members who join from home use FreeConferenceCall and should call in between 9:50 and 10 am The call-in number is (701) 802-5115. The access code is 7252934. Newcomers are welcome!

Grace Class: Located on the 3rd floor
Contact: Jim Lane (jlane@columbiasc.edu)

We will be discussing the book *Turning over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power* by Kathy Escobar. All are welcome.

John Harper Class: located on the 1st floor
Contact: Boyd Saunders (jboysaunders@aol.com)

This winter, using the Cokesbury Adult Bible lessons, the class will follow the theme “Following Jesus.” Lessons each week will encourage participants to consider what compels us to follow Jesus, what it means to be part of Jesus' beloved community, and how we are partners in Jesus' mission.

Paul Harmon Class: Located on the 3rd floor
Contact: Sally Mings (sallymings@gmail.com)

The Paul Harmon Class is currently engaged in a study of the Gospel of John led by WSUMC member John Adams. Please join us for a great discussion.

Solomon's Porch: Located on the 2nd floor
Contact: Rev. Adrienne Fink (ajhamm@gmail.com) *Valter Dean*

During Lent, we will be discussing *Entering the Passion of Jesus, a Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by AJ Levine. This book explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. Newcomers are welcome to join us for a great discussion.

Sole-Mates Walking Group

Sole-Mates Walking Group enjoyed conversation and the beautiful scenery at Riverfront Park and Canal on Saturday, March 16th.

Make plans to join us on our next walk. We will gather at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 5th at the Saluda Riverwalk, 650 Candi Lane (near the Zoo).

For more info, contact Sara Wilcox (swilcox927@gmail.com).



Artist's Gift To Enhance Worship

The Worship Team has joined with WS artist Wayne Hall to create a meaningful and beautiful new artistic cross to be used during our worship services. We will “unveil” the new cross on Palm Sunday, April 13th during the 11:00 AM service of worship.

The Cross was created in keeping with the sermon series: “Unleashing Hope” that Rev. Becky presented during the weeks leading up to Lent. During one of her sermons in the series, Rev. Becky asked those present to write down one word that conjures up sentiments of hope. Wayne etched onto 40 blocks of wood the words the congregation shared that day. He then used those blocks of wood to form the spine of the cross he created.

YoPro on the Go

“YoPro” stands for Young Professionals - a mix of adults in their mid 20s to early 40s who gather together for fun, fellowship, meals and engagement in mission and service projects. Their first mission event was held on Saturday, March 22nd as they partnered with Keep the Midlands Beautiful to pick up litter along Shop Road.

All young professionals are invited to join in on the following events planned for April:

Thursday, April 3, 6-8 PM - Game Night with Pizza in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor. Childcare will be provided.

Sunday, April 27 after worship YoPro Lunch. Meet in the main parking lot after worship to go to lunch together. First time attendees will be our guests!