



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



April 27, 2025

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: “In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man’s death.”

Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 5:27-32

Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alston Lippert

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

The Strife is O'er

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise Wellman

*HYMN #304 (UMH) *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

REGENT SQUARE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH # 887

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

Resurrection Anthem

arr. Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Kathy James

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Suite Bergasque
Thompson Adams, Piano

Frederick Chopin

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN # 317 (UMH) *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

O FILII ET FILIAE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

SERMON

Holy Work

Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #318 (UMH)

Christ is Risen

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

* = Please stand as you are able

New Sermon Series Starting Next Week: On Purpose

"What Was I Made For?" by Billie Eilish won Best Original song at the Oscars in 2024. This question has resonated with millions as we seek meaning and purpose, a direction for our gifts and passions. But how do we find our purpose? What is "purpose" and how does it change over our life? Join us next week and invite friends to come with you as we begin a 6 week sermon series exploring these questions and seek to discover what it is that God wants to do with the story of our lives.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith & Serve in Love

WELCOME! We are glad you are here to worship with us! If you'd like to learn more or get more connected to this community of faith, please fill out the tear-off section of this bulletin.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

If you have a high school or college senior in your family,
Please let Kathy James know (kljames@umcsc.com)
as we prepare for Graduate Sunday, May 4th!

Ministry Events This Week

Today - 4:30 PM - Youth Group Senior Sunday

Youth, parents and the choir will meet in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor for a Karaoke Party to celebrate the church's high school seniors!

Today- Young Professionals - Lunch - After Worship

Meet us in the main parking lot after church to go to lunch together.
First-time attendees will be our guests!

April 27th - May 4th - QueerFish Art Exhibition

"Re-imagining the Church" - 10 AM - 1 PM

This art exhibition will be held on the main floor of WSUMC outside the Chapel as local LGBTQ+ artists cultivate hope and understanding by re-imagining the Church as a more loving and inclusive community. Their aim is to foster an environment that embraces diversity and promotes unity.

Monday, April 28 - Movie Discussion - The Holdovers

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.

Thursday, May 1st - The Agape Table - 6 PM - Chapel

Join us for a roundtable discussion on how to build community in the church amidst theological, sexual, and gender diversity. How do we look more like Jesus in the midst of these differences? A reception will follow the discussion.

Saturday, May 3rd - Sole-Mate - 9 AM

Join the fun and fellowship of walking with our group in nature! Meet at Harbison State Forest.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Saturday, May 14th - Reading Club - 6 PM - Open Door Classroom

This month's book is Redwood Court by DeLana R.A. Dameron.
All are welcome!

June 14-21 Salkehatchie Summer Service-2025 Penn Center Camp.

A mission camp for teenagers (14 and older) and adults. You can register for the camp at Salkehatchie.org. The last day to register is May 1. Scholarships are available. Contact Susan Caskey at 803-463-6138 or turnitbluesue17@gmail.com for more information.

July 21st - 24th - Vacation Bible School - Road Trip

Save the date for VBS Road Trip on the go with God. For children ages 4 through 5th grade.

In Our Prayers

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

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:	Rosemary Aravena
Children's Church:	McCullough Adams Allison Bertram
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Lynn Shirley John Pannell
Ushers:	James Boulware Emily Caskey

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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Phone:	803-256-2417
Email:	info@wsmethodist.org
Office Hours:	Monday -Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 04/23: 539 (318 in person + 221 online as of 04/24)

YTD Offerings Received: \$228,196 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$18,490

YTD Expenses: \$295,167 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$23,533

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)



INCLUSIVE THEATRE Co. SC

**Join Washington Street's Inclusive Theatre Company
of SC**

as it presents the musical:

"Annie Kids"

Saturday, May 3 and Sunday May 4.

The 45-minute performance is at 2pm in Threatt Hall.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Tickets will be available at the door or scan QR code below



The production features youth of all abilities along with adult mentors performing together. Based on the popular comic strip, follow Annie as she charms everyone's hearts despite her next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City.

This production receives support from SC Arts Commission, City of Columbia and BlueCross and BlueShield of SC.

**The Mission of ITCSC:
Embracing and
respecting the
uniqueness of all people,
we create artistic
opportunities for young
artists and families.**

Spring Cleaning? Donate to WSUMC!

**Decluttering? Donate your gently used items to
WSUMC's Active Faith Ministry!**

**Collection runs May 10–16
(ends at noon on May 16).**



Drop-Off Hours:

Mon–Fri: 10 AM – 3 PM | Sat: 10 AM - 2 PM |

Sun: During church hours

(Call ahead if you need unloading assistance).

(FOBS NEEDED ON SATURDAY FOR ENTRY)



**Accepted Items: Small furniture, home décor,
kitchenware, toys, tools, jewelry, linens & more!**



**Not Accepted: Clothing, shoes, mattresses, cribs, car
seats, books (except children's).**



Event Highlights:

- ◆ **Preview Night: May 16, 5–6 PM (**
Free for donors | \$5 public)
- ◆ **Mega Yard Sale: May 17, 7 AM – 1 PM**
 - ◆ **Half-Price Sale: May 18**



Proceeds benefit local charities.

Leftovers donated to charity.

**Questions? Contact Jane Peterson:
janepeterson18@gmail.com or text 803-414-4888.
Thank you for supporting this mission!**