



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



May 11, 2025

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet.

You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16

Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

PRELUDE *Arietta and Three Variations* J, Pachelbel

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN #89 (UMH)** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:13-16

ANTHEM *You Are the Light* Tom Fettke

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Follow Jesus* Asa Everett/arr. Dennis Allen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Michael Oehler

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 *Who at My Door is Standing?* arr. Allen Pote
Soloist: Bob Evans

***DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)** MEINEKE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH # 887**

***THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***HYMN # 451 (UMH)** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

SERMON What is a "Purpose"? Rev. Becky Shirley

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 2173 (TFWS)** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE JESUS SHINE

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Marche Sortie* T. DuBois

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing
* = Please stand as you are able

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Flora Kathryn Kennedy by Robbie and Lisa Douglas.

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.

Happy Mother's Day

Special prayers are lifted today for all the women who have nurtured us with motherly love and grace.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 18TH

Our candidates for confirmation this year are Jacob Schatz and Lilly Wilson. They will be confirmed during the worship service on May 18th. To encourage their continued growth in faith, the Open Door Class invites you to place cards and gifts of love in the bins located outside the church office.

Ministry Events This Week

Monday, May 12 - Pop-Up Movie Discussion - Conclave

Pope Francis has died and there is a conclave to pick the next pope. Please join us as we discuss the movie CONCLAVE which looks at how a pope is chosen. This group will meet at 7:00 both in the Wesley room and Zoom. All are welcome!

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! Email Christine Hait for more info. (chris.hait@gmail.com).

Thursday, May 15th - WELL - 11 AM - Chapel

Join us and invite family and friends to come with you to participate in this special monthly service. We gather at 11:00 AM for 30-minutes of worship in the Chapel. This service is filled with hymn singing as we hear a brief "Jesus story" and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is an especially welcoming service for persons living with dementia and their caregivers.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

Saturday, May 17th - Active Faith Yard Sale - 7 AM to 1 PM - Threath Hall

Proceeds benefit local charities. Donations being accepted May 10th - 16th, Mon - Fri 1between 10 AM & 3 PM and on Saturday between 10 AM & 2 PM.

Monday, May 19 - Movie Discussion - Origin

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.

Sunday, June 8 - Wednesday June 11 - SC Annual Conference

Please be in prayer for the delegates who will be attending this year's annual conference in Greenville, SC. Delegates from WSUMC, in addition to our 3 clergy are: Charles Joye, Marcia Lane, Cody Lidge, Ben & Debra Schooler, Lynn Shirley, Leland Spencer

Thursday, June 5th - YoPro - Pizza & Game Night - 6 PM - Youth Room

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 Plough
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

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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:	Hedi Ankeny Kara Rottman
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Lynn Shirley Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Ricky Rowe Susan Caskey

Contact Information

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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 05/07: (170 in person + online as of 05/04)

YTD Offerings Received: \$268,689 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$21,027

YTD Expenses: \$361,767 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$25,515

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)

The Basics: An introduction to Christianity from a

United Methodist perspective

This class is for people who are new to Christianity, new to United Methodism, or anyone who wants to review the basics! We will meet this summer on a Friday night and Saturday, that will be scheduled around those who are interested in participating. If you are interested, email Kathy James at kljames@umcsc.org or sign up at the table outside the sanctuary on May 25 or June 8.

Disciple Bible Study

This 32-34 week study is a wonderful opportunity to grow deeper in your relationship with God as you study the Bible in Christian community. There are four Disciple Bible studies. The first one is required for participation in the remaining three, which can be studied in any order.

- Disciple Bible Study (34 weeks) covers 70% of the Bible and is the foundational course for Disciple.
- Disciple Two (32 weeks) covers Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts.
- Disciple Three (32 weeks) covers the Prophets and the Letters of Paul.
- Disciple Four (32 weeks) covers Old Testament Writings with special focus on the Psalms, and the Gospel of John, along with John's letters, and ending with Revelation.

If you are interested in hearing more about Disciple, including which ones will begin this Fall and when the study will meet, you can email Alston Lippert at aflippert@umcsc.org or sign up at the table outside the sanctuary beginning on May 25.

Volunteers Needed

The Social Justice Action Team will provide a cookout meal to homeless LGBTQ+ individuals on Thursday, June 12. The event will be hosted by Reformation Lutheran Church as part of their Safe Space Dinners. The SJAT is

looking for two WSers, with a servant heart, who would like to donate their time and their grilling expertise to grill hotdogs & hamburgers from 5-6:15 pm that evening at Reformation Lutheran (parking lot), 1118 Union Street downtown. Contact Jim Lane (jlane@columbiasc.edu) or Nancy Whittle (ncwhittle@aol.com)



Communion for the Homebound

"Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him..." These words mean so much to many, who are no longer able to physically attend church. Recognizing the reality that these homebound members are unable to come to church, we are inviting you to help us take the church to them.

One way of taking church to the homebound is through volunteer visitors and Communion stewards who deliver both the sacrament and a sense of community to those who are confined to their homes.

Of course, our clergy have been and will continue to also share the sacrament with persons who are unable to attend worship services in person, but we recognize that our homebound and hospitalized members also miss friends and the fellowship of other church members. By receiving visits and Communion from volunteers who visit their homes, or hospital or nursing home rooms, the homebound church members develop new friendships and make meaningful connections. Bringing together the sacrament and different members of our WSUMC community together is part of what makes Communion Holy.

This is why our United Methodist Book of Worship provides a special liturgy for laity to use in assisting the pastors in the sharing of bread and cup with those who are unwillingly absent.

We will hold an **information and training session on Sunday, June 1 at 12:30 - 1:30 in the Chapel**. We'll share with you everything you need to know including instructions on how this ministry will be organized and encouragement. If this sounds like something God may be calling you to do or you would like to learn more about how this ministry will be organized, email Rev Becky (rjshirley@umcsc.org).