



# WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**May 25, 2025**

When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. That evening his disciples came and said to him, “This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”

He said, “Bring them here to me.” He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

**Matthew 14: 13-21**

# Order of Worship

## 6th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Jenkins

\*HYMN # 2191 (TFWS)

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH # 881 (UHM)

The Apostles' Creed

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UHM)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

*Voices of Praise*

Craig Courtney

*From the heart of the crowd come the voices of praise. Praise to the King! Out of every tongue come the voices of praise, or praise to the King, Hosanna!*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Alston Lippert

*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.*

MINISTRY MOMENT

Disciple 1 and Disciple 2

OFFERTORY

*You Say*

Lauren Daigle

Soloist: Taylor Goodwin

\*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

MEINEKE

\*HYMN #599 (UMH)

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

BREAD OF LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

Purpose is Present

Rev. Alston Lippert

\*HYMN #157 (UMH)

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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

\* = Please stand as you are able

## 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:

- 1 - Please fill out the tear-off section of this bulletin and place in the offering plate during the service.
- 2- Pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter, "Connections", to learn about Sunday School classes, events and volunteer opportunities. Copies are available on the credenza just outside the sanctuary doors.

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Ann and Harvey Jessup with grateful hearts for the Two's and Three's teachers - Tommy Betenbaugh, Cathy Hooker, Eleanore Langley and Mary Lide - Jesus's hands and feet loving our littlest lambs.

### Sing with the Choir

Come sing in the choir! This friendly group would love to have you part of us. During the summer months, our rehearsals are Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30. You will be provided with listening copies of the music. We would love to have you!

### Ministry Events This Week

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Church Offices Closed**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioning of Ecuador Mission Team**

### Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - YoPro - Pizza & Game Night - 6 PM - Youth Room**

YoPro is a growing group of Young Professionals who get together for food and fellowship while growing in faith, making new friends and engaging in volunteer service. You don't have to be a member of WSUMC to participate. If you're between the ages of 25 and 45, you're invited! Contact Rev. Kathy James (kljames@umcsc.org) for more info. Childcare is available upon request.

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Wear Orange Sunday**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Commissioning of Salkehatchie Mission Team**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> - 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, Jay Parmley, Ben & Debra Schooler, Lynn Shirley, and Leland Spencer.

**July 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - Vacation Bible School - Road Trip**

Save the date for VBS Road Trip on the go with God. For children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For details, contact Rev. Kathy (kljames@umcsc.org).

## In Our Prayers

Ann Bell	Nancy Epting	Robin Johnson	Sharon McCullough
Ron Bowden	Carl Evans	Sam Mathews	Ellen Parker
Jerry Bundy	Pat Griffin	Paul McClanahan	Joe Plough
Truman Duggin	Karen Horne	Patrick McClanahan	Our Homebound
Mickey Epting	Lisa 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  
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#### Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Beatrice McGandy
Children's Church:	McCullough Adams Hayden Rowe
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	John Pannell
Ushers:	Ricky Rowe Lee Smith

#### Contact Information

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### Stewardship Report

Attendance on 05/18: 322 (165 in person + 157 online as of 05/22)

YTD Offerings Received: \$303,618      YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$28,497

YTD Expenses: \$393,835      YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$32,809

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](mailto: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](mailto:aflippert@umcsc.org) or sign up at the table outside the sanctuary beginning on May 25.

## **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 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](mailto:rjshirley@umcsc.org)).

## **ARMS ARE FOR HUGGING**

Please mark your calendars to wear orange on Sunday, June 8.

This is Moms Demand Action's yearly promotion to support gun safety. Washington Streeters are eager for information on how they can make a difference in gun safety and gun legislation. BeSmart, the protection arm of Moms, will have an info table set up in the narthex before and after the 11 o'clock service on the 8th. Stop by and learn more. While there, sign up for Mom's Demand Action and Everytown and possibly win a Wear Orange T-shirt.

**Protect kids not guns!**

## **Mission Trip to Ecuador**

Washington Street United Methodist Church is in a Covenant Relationship with Sara Flores, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving in church development and community ministries in Ecuador, working with the Evangelical United Methodist Church of Ecuador. This partnership means we provide financial support and faithful prayers for Sara, her husband Dankin and the people they serve in Ecuador. Several members of Washington Street UMC also travel to Ecuador each Summer to assist Sara and Dankin in serving the needs of the people in their community. Once again the mission trip is being coordinated by Rev. Tom Wall, Making Wall and Pato Aravena. A total of 15 volunteers will join them this year on June 4-14. While there, they will assist with a medical clinic and a dental clinic, host a Vacation Bible school, distribute reading glasses, and help with the construction of a new church and community building. Please keep this mission in your prayers. Team members are: Melanie Dobson, Elijah Hughes, Kay Ayers Garren, John Pannell, Mary Edmonds, Gail Ward-Besser, Renee Lawson, Allyson Tjaarda, Debbie Miller, Caroline Rucker, Julius Stephens, Ron Neuberg, Robin Spires, Chip William, and Demi Garvin, Tom and Mackin Wall and Pato Aravena.