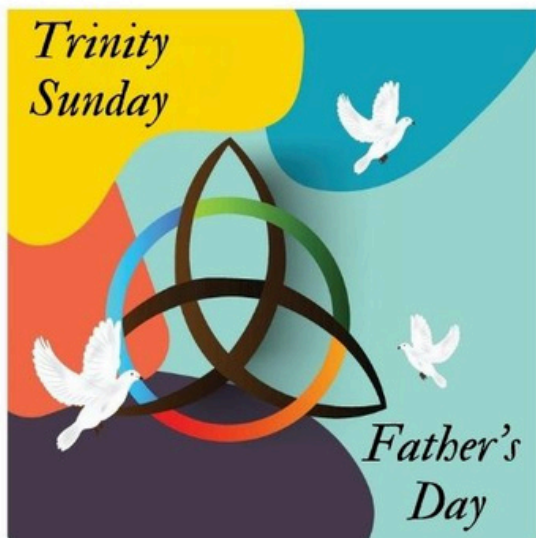




WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



June 15, 2025

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. 18 Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you.

Matthew 28:16-20
Common English Bible

Order of Worship

Trinity Sunday

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

One Voice

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jay Parmley

*HYMN # 2234 (TFWS)

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

LANCASHIRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH # 881 (UHM)

The Apostles' Creed

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UHM)

MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Before the Throne of God Above

Dan Forrest

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Joel Jones

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

SC Annual Conference Report

Leland Spencer

OFFERTORY

God of the Deep

Craig Courtney

Soloist: Jacob Cordes

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #440 (UMH)

Let There Be Light

CONCORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

Relationships Matter

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #370 (UMH)

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

* = Please stand as you are able

Alter Flowers

The altar flowers today are given to the honor and glory of God and include roses given by Lutheran Services of the Carolinas in honor of our Circle of Welcome team members and congregational support.

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.

Sing with the Choir

Come sing in the choir! This friendly group would love to have you join us. During the summer months, our rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30. You will be provided with listening copies of the music. Contact Catherine Nance for more info (catherine@wsmethodist.org).

Ministry Events This Week

Thursday, June 19th - 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

Monday, June 23rd - Movie Discussion (Lady Bird) - 7 PM

Join us this summer as we discuss movies that deal with the complex relationships between parents and children. This group meets in the Wesley room and via ZOOM. Email aflippert@umcsc.org for ZOOM link.

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

On the Go with God! Vacation Bible School will be July 21-24 from 9 am to noon for children aged 4 through 5th grade. Youth may serve as helpers. Join Scout the Pup and bring your friends as we learn together that God is with us wherever we go! Registration forms will be available outside the sanctuary beginning Sunday, June 15. Scan the QR code to check out our VBS website, to register online and get a sneak peek.



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 Plaugh
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

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:	Eleanor Langley Hayden Rowe
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes, Lynn Shirley
Ushers:	Hal Hanlin Susan Luthren

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 06/08: 289 (167 in person + 122 online as of 06/11)

YTD Offerings Received: \$337,658 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$34,013

YTD Expenses: \$435,797 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$37,401

YTD Gifts to WSUMC Foundation: \$0

Worship Leadership Team

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

Celebrating Juneteenth!

Next week the nation celebrates and honors Juneteenth on Thursday, June 19. President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation at midnight on January 1, 1863, legally freeing Black enslaved people. Watch parties were held by enslaved and free African Americans in homes and churches as they waited for the news.

Since the nation was still at war, Black enslaved people could not be freed in places still held by the Confederacy. It was several months after the war was won by the Union that Black enslaved people in the Confederate state of Texas learned they were free. Freedom came on June 19, 1865 when Union troops arrived in Texas and declared that 250,000 + enslaved Black people were legally free. The day became known as Juneteenth and was made into a national holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. This was the first time a new federal holiday was established since 1983 when Martin Luther King Jr. Day was enacted.

Let us honor and celebrate Juneteenth as we remember those who fought and died for freedom. Let us speak out and take action against racism and the attempt to erase African American history from American History.

(Taken from the UMC General Commission on Religion and Race article "The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth") link to article for more information: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

Social Justice Action Team, Nancy Whittle and Jim Lane Co-Chairs

Anthem

Before the Throne of God Above

(Scripture references:

Revelation 7:15-17, Isaiah 49:16, Romans 3:21-26, Colossians 3:3,
and Hebrews 7:25.)

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love", Who ever lives and
pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is
written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no
tongue can bid me thence depart. When Satan tempts me to
despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him
there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior
died, my sinful soul is counted free; For God the Just is satisfied to
look on Him and pardon me. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless Righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace! One with Himself, I cannot die. My
soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.