



WASHINGTON
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



June 8, 2025

12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

15If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

John 14:12-17

Order of Worship

Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Spirit of the Living God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Berry

*HYMN # 577 (UMH)

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH # 881 (UHM)

The Apostles' Creed

THE GLORIA PATRI # 70 (UHM)

MEINEKE

MORNING PRAYER (To be prayed in unison)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Be Filled with the Spirit

Allen Pote

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

Commissioning Salkehatchie Mission Team

OFFERTORY

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

Geoffrey O'Hara

Soloist: Rick Frierson

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #415 (UMH)

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:12-17

SERMON

Living On Purpose

Rev. Becky Shirley

*HYMN #388 (UMH)

Where He Leads Me

NORRIS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

* = Please stand as you are able

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).

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.

Child Development Center (CDC) News: This week, the Director of our CDC, Felicia Yockel, announced her resignation in order to pursue a new career opportunity. We wish her well in her new endeavor. Our Staff-Parish Relations Team has a team in place to cover daily operations as they start the search process. Please join us in prayer for this search.

Ministry Events This Week

Sunday - Wednesday (June 8-11) - SC UMC 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.

Thursday, June 12th - Safe Space Cook-out

Saturday, June 14th - Saturday, June 21st - Salkehatchie Week

Please also pray for the following WSUMC folks who will be working in Beaufort, SC doing home repairs on 6 houses: Jacob Schatz, Sam Schatz, Lilly Wilson, Micah Roth, McCullough Adams, Thompson Adams, Spencer Stevens, Dane Waund, Mark Catoe, Alston Lippert, Leslie Leitner, Maddy Foley, Marshall Robinson, Beth Robinson, and Susan Caskey.

Save The Date For The Following Ministry Events

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.

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 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.

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Your gift to 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, 29201
by scanning the QR you see here.



Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Beatrice McGandy
Children's Church:	Eleanor Langley Hayden Rowe
Greeter:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wish, Spencer Stevens, and Lynn Shirley
Ushers:	Emily Caskey Robbie Douglas

Contact Information

Website:	wsmethodist.org
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Stewardship Report

Attendance on 06/01: 346 (207 in person + 139 online as of 06/04)

YTD Offerings Received: \$316,684 YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$31,162

YTD Expenses: \$399,044 YTD Soup Cellar Expenses: \$33,135

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)

Anthem

Be Filled with the Spirit

(Scripture reference Colossians 3:12-17)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts as you were called to peace. Let the message of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom, teaching one another. Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness and humility being patient and gentle, forgive one another as Christ has forgiven you. Be filled with the Spirit in love, loving one another. And whatever you say, and whatever you do, do so in the name of Christ Jesus. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts as you were called to peace. Let the message of Christ dwell in you richly in all love, embracing one another. And with grace in your heart, with love and forgiveness, give thanks unto God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Unison Prayer:

Spirit of the Living God, we sometimes think that the goal of life is happiness. Yet, you have shown us that true flourishing is so much bigger than that. Help us, today, to trust that in living out your purposes for us, we will experience true joy and fulfilment. Help us to know, deep in our souls, that just as your Spirit descended on the early disciples in Jerusalem, your Spirit will equip and empower us to live on purpose and with courage. May we faithfully use our gifts to help fulfill your vision for all of humanity and creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.