



The Vine

Windsor United Methodist Church

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Our Mission: To connect Christ and community and to demonstrate the love of God to all through Jesus Christ as empowered by the Holy Spirit.



I believe Windsor represents a depiction of what God plans for the entire world. We are not there yet, but well on our way. Many of you have taken part in the Prayer Posse, celebration of life parade, memorial services, virtual bingo, Sunday school classes (virtual and by phone), and Wednesday and Saturday morning prayer calls. Collectively, these things are efforts to be the church, the body of Christ, and not just a building or house of worship. I know it is our deep desire to remain in fellowship with one another and to seek God. While I appreciate the efforts of our members, who have participated without limits, I also realize that it is a step in the right direction. For this, I am grateful and applaud your continued commitment to carry out God's will. Some members have intentionally been a part of all efforts to move forward and some have only partially participated. I know and understand that, for various reasons—such as timing, health challenges and other unknown reasons—many have not been able to fellowship with us.

I believe God is calling us to higher heights, not only to be better, but to do better. Being outside of our house of worship has proven we are still the body of Christ. Although we are excited about our sharing, let us not revert to our old ways but continue to step out of our comfort zones. We do not want to miss God's voice as He leads and guides us along this journey.

The members of Windsor are so loving and kind that I know God is calling us to Kingdom building beyond ourselves. When we see people in food lines around the Midlands, do we ask ourselves what can we do to help feed the hungry? As we observe the world in a crisis of unrest because of racial injustice, do you ask what can we do? Are we willing to understand the hurt, pain and discontentment of humanity? Are we willing to go

beyond the comfort of our circle of friends? Are we willing to see beyond our own experiences of life to help close the gaps within our society? No, we can't do it all by ourselves but we have to make a start. There is a song, "if I can help somebody as I travel along, then my living shall not be in vain."

So, I pose another question for us to ponder: Are we willing to establish a friendship with someone of a different race, be it White, Black, Hispanic, etc.? In Galatians 3:28 Paul states that "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." This lets me know that we cannot fully be the church or body of Christ without accepting everyone for who they are. We are always fearful of the unknown, the unfamiliar and what we do not understand. Faith in God helps us to accept the unknown. I believe God is doing a new thing and that this is the season to embrace the challenge and change the way we view other people's perspective.

It is my prayer that one day I will have grandchildren, and I do not want them to have to face the horrific racial tensions that we are experiencing today. Further, it is my prayer that no children of any race will have to experience the racial and social tensions of today. We need to take a hard look at ourselves and embrace who we are and accept others for who they are to become a unified body in Christ.

It is not about offending because of our differences but about accepting them; it is not about tolerating others, but supporting each other; it is not about dismissing but embracing each other. We need a change in our world. Why can't that change begin with you and me — with us?

According to Robin Diangelo in her book *White Fragility*, "We may not understand everything but we must simply accept each other. All it takes to start a conversation is to hear each other and, more than that, to accept other's stories as truth because it is."

John F. Kennedy said: "If not us, who? If not now, when?" Then we must ask ourselves, if not here at Windsor, then where will the change we so desperately need occur?



Pastor Leatha Brown

Working to Safely Reopen Our Church

By Monya Havekost

Church Council held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 27, to discuss re-opening Windsor for in-person worship using the guidelines established by Bishop Holston and Conference leaders. The Bishop's earlier statement said the first possible Sunday for in-church services would be June 14. This is the link to the guidelines for helping churches re-open: <https://www.umcsc.org/restart/>.



After much discussion, Council voted to shoot for re-opening the church for a combined in-person service on Sunday, August 2. This date was selected as the best balance for the many Windsor members in at-risk populations for the virus with the desire to reopen safely for in-person worship. However, if things are looking more favorable, we may be able to open sooner. Council will have another meeting on Sunday, July 19, to re-evaluate the situation – including DHEC reports – and to address the possibility of opening sooner or potentially later if circumstances at that time call for it.

In order to reopen under the Guidelines, arrangements need to be made for wiping down doors, door handles, light switches, faucets and providing sanitizer stations and for cleaning restrooms. Social distancing will need to be maintained at all times, and members will need to wear masks. Also, we will not be able to have singing during

worship (according to studies, singing spreads a lot of droplets in the air).

Please know that when we open God's House again, we realize that some may still not be comfortable in returning yet. We will continue to offer a weekly video from our pastor as well as weekly virtual Sunday School classes for as long as needed.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2020 GRADUATES!



Photo courtesy of Brianna Hinson

Congratulations to Brianna Hinson, daughter of Kelly Kirchman, Jeffrey Hinson and Kara Boone, and granddaughter of Laxton Hinson and the late Ruth Hinson, and Sarah Kirchman. Bri is a 2020 honors graduate of Ridgeview High School. Her honors include National Technical Honor Society; National Art Honor Society; Career and Technical Education completer; Allied Health Sciences; student council and the South Carolina AHEC Scholars Program.

Bri is headed to Winthrop University where she will major in biology with a pre-med track.

Photo courtesy of Phil Latham



Crawford Latham, daughter of Phillip and Christine Latham graduated with honors from Spring Valley High School on June 1, 2020. Crawford played tennis for SV and performed as a solo artist playing classical guitar music for award ceremonies as well as at the SV Chamber Music Festival.

Crawford will attend the University of South Carolina Honors College where she will be a pre-med major.



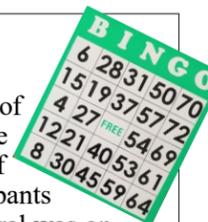
Photo courtesy of Monya Havekost

Channing Joye, Monya Havekost's grandson, graduated from Porter-Gaud in Charleston on May 23. He will be a Capstone Scholar at the University of South Carolina this fall, majoring in business.

B.I.N.G.O. and Virtual Bingo was Its Name

By Kathy Hart

On Friday night, June 26, 14 Windsor folks, using the GoToMeeting platform, played four rounds of virtual Bingo. Winners, Denise Lane, Peggy Hill, Vera Creque and Lisa McAlpine, won one of the COVID-19 in-demand prizes, including a 24-roll package of Charmin toilet paper or a 24-roll package of Angel Soft toilet paper or a package of Rosy Riveter paper towels or Purell hand sanitizer. Other participants included Frank Hill, Becky McMillion, Libby and Mac Horton, and Becky and Fred Leonard. Bingo central was on Suzanne and Robert Frierson's back porch. Ivey Hart served as GoToMeeting host and Kathy Hart served as mistress of ceremony. Stay tuned for more virtual fun. Plans are in the works for a Family Feud night.



TROOP 900/TROOP 2870 NEWS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Troop 900 Events and Activities

By Russell Vereen, Troop 900 Scoutmaster

Advancement

Even though we have not been able to meet in person since March, scouts continued to work on the Personal Management merit badge through virtual Zoom sessions. In all, eight scouts should complete the merit badge before the end of June.

Troop Committee members conducted a virtual Board of Review and advanced one of our scouts to Life rank.

Summer Camp News

Members of Troop 900 will attend Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain, Georgia, from June 28 to July 3. Camp Rainey Mountain is a beautiful facility in northeastern Georgia in the Chattahoochee National Forest. The facilities and the staff are top-notch. This will be the fourth time our Troop has attended camp there.



Camp Rainey Mountain has been very diligent in making changes to their standard procedures and safety measures to account for COVID-19 sanitation and social distancing requirements. All attendees are required to go through testing and screening protocols in order to attend camp. Every effort is being made to ensure the safety of campers while still providing a great summer camp experience.

Scouts Return from Keys Adventure

By Ed Gatzke, Troop 2870 Scoutmaster

Scouts from Troop 2870 recently ventured to the Florida Keys for an island adventure at the BSA Sea Base high adventure camp. The scouts paddled eight-seat canoes six miles across open water to camp on Big Munson Island. While on Big Munson Island, the group participated in a conservation service project. As a barrier island, the beaches accumulate floating debris. Bags of litter were collected to be disposed of back on the mainland.



Our scouts took part in shark fishing, kayaking, snorkeling, and deep-sea fishing. Later this summer, Troop 2870 will hold social-distancing activities such as river tubing and kayaking.

Our Windsor Family

CONGRATULATIONS!



Photo courtesy of Isaac Byrd

Joyce and Isaac Byrd welcomed their sixth grandson on Sunday, June 21—John Hudson Byrd, 9 lbs. 4 oz., 21.5 in. He joins his two big brothers, Bennett (4) and Oliver (2). They live in Charlotte, NC with their parents, John and Catherine Byrd. Big brother, Bennett, carefully welcomed his new baby brother.

If you have a "Windsor Family" item that you would like to share with our church family, please notify the church office at windsorumc@bellsouth.net or 803-788-1858.

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY to...

- † Terry Mulholland and family on the passing of her mother, Delphene Mulholland, who passed away on May 1.
- † Family and friends of Annie Rose Welch, a frequent guest at many of Windsor's services and gatherings, who passed away on May 9.
- † Rev. Walter Brown and family on the passing of both his brother and sister from COVID-19.
- † Mark and Pastor Leatha Brown and family on the passing of Mark's brother-in-law, Thomas Morrison, who passed away on June 28.
- † L.B. Hardwick and family on the passing of his sister-in-law, Shelby Williams, who passed away on June 29.

WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard



Volunteer activities remain suspended at Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar for Windsor's July serving. Windsor's next serving date is currently scheduled for August 3. Please check the weekly *Leaf* for updates to this date due to restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 virus or contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com. If we are able to serve a noon meal at Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar, food preparations would begin at **10:00 AM** and the serving would end at 12:30 PM.

In early April, Washington Street UMC suspended volunteer activities at the Soup Cellar due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 virus. Since that time, a dedicated team of Washington Street and Soup Cellar staff have continued to feed the hungry. Those in need received a bagged lunch consisting of two sandwiches, a snack and a bottle of water. Guests came in one at a time to pick up the bagged meal and then departed so that the next guest could get their meal. The Monday through Friday lunch crowd varied between 85 and 130 guests.

The number of guests declined in May, reaching a low of 59 and a high of 110. To counter the boredom of the two-sandwich bagged lunch, two additional meals were added to the rotation. One meal continues with the two sandwiches, a second meal includes a lidded Styrofoam bowl of soup and one sandwich and the third meal includes a lidded bowl of pasta salad and sandwich. All three meals include a piece of fruit (apple, banana, orange), dessert treat and bottle of water. Guests continue to pick up their meals one at a time.



Thank You, Sarah Smith

Sarah Smith has made her delicious strawberry jam! When Windsor's doors reopen for worship services, we plan to have the jam available for sale. Using funds raised through jam sales, Windsor is able to make both a monetary donation to Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar as well as fund the supplies needed for the monthly pasta preparation and any special desserts that Windsor serves.

We thank Sarah for her generosity in making the jam and the Windsor congregation for its support of this fundraiser.



Help Restock Our Food Pantry!

Since mid-March, Windsor's Food Pantry has helped a number of families with food assistance. We thank those who continued to help supply the pantry during this time, especially since supplies have been low and quantities restricted in the stores.

Would you like to help? A couple of items, here and there, will go a long way in replenishing our pantry! The following is a list of items which we have found to be helpful to those in need.

Once Windsor's physical doors reopen, please bring your donated items to the bins provided outside of the sanctuary and Harbor Hall. Thank you!

Needed items:

- dried black, red or pinto beans in 1 lb. bags
- rice in 1 or 2 lb. bags
- canned tuna, chicken or Vienna sausage
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta noodles (elbow, spaghetti)
- macaroni and cheese
- peanut butter
- crackers
- individual serving packs of applesauce or fruit cups

Witnessing Signs of Windsor's Faithfulness

Article and photo by Kathy Hart

Yard signs with the entire Lord's Prayer are installed on Windsor's property along the Alpine Road side of the church, as a witnessing effort to the neighborhood. They are readable by folks driving to and from I-20. Drive by and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray.



The Remarkable Ladies of the Home Touch Sunday School Class

By Kathy Hart

The nasty COVID-19 virus thrust us into a different world of extreme social distancing. Our in-person church services cancelled indefinitely. Summer camps and activities cancelled. Vacations postponed. Children home-schooled. Restaurants closed. Family reunions are on FaceTime and Skype. Wearing face masks is the new fashion statement.

Even in the midst of the uncertainty of our future, our creative juices are flowing and we've mastered some newfound skills and new ways of doing things. I am thanking God for this. Just six months ago, we never imagined online church services and virtual Sunday school classes or Conference Call Sunday school classes, and now I ask why not?

For the past six weeks, every Sunday morning at 10, four ladies join me for the Home Touch Sunday school. It's like a conference call, except my iPhone makes it possible for me to connect and merge a handful of people without them having to secure an App or punch in a long telephone number and passcode. They just answer their phone when I call. It is a blessing for me to get to know the ladies of this class. They have stories to tell, memories to share and lessons to be learned. There is never a moment of silence. Thank you Mary, Sue, Ferrie and Jayne for being the remarkable ladies of the Home Touch Sunday School class.



Windsor's Progressive Mystery Storytelling Project

By Kathy Hart

It's time to engage your creative writing skills for a little fun. We are looking for 16 volunteers to be part of a four person team. Each team will have a team captain who will begin the story. The captain will email/send it to team member two, who will have 3-4 days to add to the story. Then, they will email/send to team member three, who will have 3-4 days to add to the story. Member three sends to member four who will repeat process and return it to the Captain, who will edit and complete the story. By the end, there will be four completed stories to be read at the In-person Tailgate Party right before we return to in-person church services. Contact Kathy Hart at 803-318-2646 to volunteer or for more information.



UMW Sarah Circle

By Janice Negus

The United Methodist Women's Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Harbor Hall. The hostesses will be Sarah Smith and Nancy Wolff. Our mission this month is the Free Medical Clinic. To help support them, please bring paper products, cheese crackers or peanut butter crackers. All women of the church are welcome. We hope you will join us.



Saturday Blessings

By Diana Stout

Saturday Blessings, individually and as a group, miss seeing and being with our Windsor UMC family! Please, let us know if we can do anything for you in these troubling times. Call the member closest to you and make your request known. We are meeting, while practicing safe social distancing guidelines, every Friday at noon at the picnic tables behind the church. We can spread out using the many tables under the shelter and enjoy the fellowship time with each other. This has been such a welcomed blessing and we invite you to join us. Please, let Diana Stout or Melanie Nanney know if you want to meet with us, and we can go over details with you.



Our group recently made a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. We are looking forward to making both casseroles and soup as soon as we are allowed. The United Methodist Men have asked if we want to share a November 14 date for our Blessings Galore Vendors' Fair. The men will be distributing pre-ordered BBQ pork butts at this time. We unanimously agreed to begin planning our annual vendors' fair. Although we don't know exactly what it will look like this year, we will be contacting vendors to invite them to join us on this date. If you want to craft or paint or sew something to sell, now is the time to get creative! In the mean time, please stay safe, and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers!

Financial Summary through June 25, 2020	Income through June 25, 2020	Expenses through June 25, 2020	2020 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 128,061.59		\$ 284,788.00	45%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 97,315.68	\$ 249,954.00	39%
Apportionments		20,146.20	33,577.00	60%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		7,918.94	17,910.00	44%
Outreach		700.00	5,050.00	14%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		1,166.97	4,923.00	24%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 128,061.59	\$ 127,247.79	\$ 311,414.00	41%
Estimate of Giving for 2020			\$ 311,414.00	



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
FRIENDS AND FAMILY
SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Call the church office with the names of those you wish added to this list.

**All Troops from Fort Jackson
deployed to
Iraq and Afghanistan**

**All Troops overseas and
away from their homes**

**All Windsor families facing activation,
deployment and homecoming**

**God Bless
America!**

Average Attendance Sunday School	
May 1 through May 31, 2020	38
June 1 through June 30, 2020	37
Sunday School figures reflect those participating in Zoom, GoToMeeting and conference call classes.	
Face-to-face worship services continued to be cancelled during May and June due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	

Windsor's Prayer Posse
By Kathy Hart

The Windsor Prayer Posse visited the front yards of some Windsor family members. It's easy and safe to do. We travel in our own cars, wear masks and social distance. On Monday, June 15, we visited Mary Nichols, Inge Kyzer, Frances Huggins and Dolores White. With a bag full of goodies and cards, we greeted our Windsor family with hidden smiles, love posters and prayers. Next, the Prayer Posse visited three fathers on Father's Day, L.B. Hardwick, Frank Harbor and Laxton Hinson.



The Windsor Prayer Posse is shown visiting L.B. Hardwick. Posse teams included Kathy and Ivey Hart, Becky McMillion, Lisa McAlpine, Gene Lewis, Charles Shipman, Denise Lane, Janice Negus, Donna Benson, Terry Mulholland, Kathy Robinson, Ferrie Ward, Chuck Ward and Pastor Leatha Brown.
Photo by Ann Long



Thanks to support by the Uncommon Men Sunday School class, four ceiling fans were installed by Richard Lane and Dave Christiansen in the picnic pavilion behind Windsor.
Photo by Monya Havekost

Calendar July 2020

As of the printing of the July calendar, face-to-face worship services, meetings and gatherings are suspended through August 2.

Wednesday, July 1

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Friday, July 3



Saturday, July 4

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)



Sunday, July 5

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Troop Meeting - Outside

3:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Leader Meeting - Outside

Monday, July 6

6:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Leaders Meeting - Outside

Tuesday, July 7

6:30 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Outside

Wednesday, July 8

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Saturday, July 11

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 12

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Troop Meeting - Outside

Tuesday, July 14

6:30 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Outside

Wednesday, July 15

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Saturday, July 18

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 19

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Troop Meeting - Outside

TBD Church Council Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

6:30 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Outside

Wednesday, July 22

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Saturday, July 25

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 26

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Troop Meeting - Outside

Tuesday, July 28

6:30 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Outside

Wednesday, July 29

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

**THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR
NOTICE**

If you have any additions, changes
and/or corrections to the calendar, please
notify Julie in the office (803-788-1858).
Thank You.

Calendar August 2020

Due to the coronavirus, a meaningful August calendar cannot be created. The weekly *Leaf* and additional email announcements will continue to provide updates to re-opening and building usage.



Calvin McCoy	1
Dave Varnes	1
Melvin Wolff	2
Isaac Byrd	9
Al Robinson	12
Michelle Nicholson	16
Jennifer Deudkoontod	23
Inez Nicholson	24
John Mullikin	25
Becky Buie	27
Jim Hinson	28
Mark Brown	28
Kara Lewis	31



Becky Leonard	8
Rodney Mills	9
Sarah Smith	11
Sara White	14
Jim Kyzer	20
Anne Richardson	22
Mac Horton	25
Mary Nichols	25
William Frierson	25
Carla Schwab	25
Marilyn Summers	27
Verlie Patrick	29
Gene Lewis	31
Monya Havekost	31



Helping Epworth Children's Home

By Becky Leonard

Since the June 2 fire at the Maintenance Shed (which stored all of the supplies for the children), Epworth has received a generous outpouring of love and support through financial aid and donations of items on their wish list. Many at Windsor have expressed a desire to help.

If you would like to participate in the Windsor UMC effort, please consider making a monetary donation to Windsor UMC and send it to the Windsor church office. Be sure to note that your donation is for *Epworth Children's Home*. Knowing that Windsor is such a giving church, we are sure that we can reach our \$1,000 goal!

FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE TEAM

By Doug Meade, Chair, Finance Team

On behalf of Windsor's Finance Team, we want to thank the church – that is, you – for your support of Windsor while we have not been able to worship and interact in person. Because of this support, we have been able to pay our regular bills and continue our support for missions and outreach, albeit in different forms. Not only have we stayed on pace for our regular budget, but your additional giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund has allowed Pastor Brown to provide financial support for a number of individuals and families in our congregation and community.

Please continue to remember Windsor, and all of our friends and family, in your prayers. As we work through this period, I look forward to seeing what challenges and opportunities Windsor will have for us to spread God's love – our love. To God be the glory!



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