

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.



Reflecting on a Mother's Love

Everyone should celebrate Mother's Day; it is one of the most important days of the year. I believe this to be true because everyone living has or has had, a mother. Mothers are essential to society. We could not be who we are without mothers. Everyone's experiences with family may not have been the same, but God always gives us who we need in a teacher, a close relative, or some other remarkable person along the way. Some people may have lost their mothers early in life, and others are blessed to have them for many years. But in all cases, mothers are to be cherished and celebrated.

I spoke with a friend who said that her relationship with her mother has changed over time. She senses that, at this time in their relationship, they are more friends than mother and daughter. She still respects her as her mother; however, her mother now confides her fears and hopes, much like a peer, now that she is older. She is grateful for the mutual trust they have in each other. Her mother, now ninety-six, is very vibrant and still has her faculties about her, so they can go shopping and spend quality time together. Because they often talk about her mother's fears in raising her, it has given her the opportunity to understand what she did not know as a child. She said she thought her mother was an extreme disciplinarian, but now she realizes her mother had fears that stemmed from things that happened in her childhood that she didn't want to happen for her children.

I have another friend who says her relationship with her mother is like having a sibling. Her mother had her at a young age, and they have grown together. The blessing is that they understand their roles and accept each other without the stress of trying to force their relationship into the generic mold of mother and daughter. They relate to each other better as sisters. She decided not to hold her mother responsible for the relationship she could not give her, and they are both better people as a result of the decision. God placed people in her life who filled the void of a mother along the way and we thank God for those people.

My mother left me very early in life and I miss her every day, so I intentionally share the love she gave to us as children. She was firm with us, but she was loving. My mother lost her mother at the age of nine, so there were things she did not know how to give us, but we were always surrounded by good people. As children, all we needed was her love. I remember our beach trips every summer with the Sunday school class. It was important to her that we took family trips every summer. We also went to the pool on hot summer days and had picnics. She enjoyed making sure we had a fulfilled summer and liked seeing us happy. Barbecuing outside was the highlight of the summer; my mom prepared all the food and made homemade ice cream. These memories of my mother will always be near and dear to my heart.

So, as we reflect on our mothers this Mother's Day, let it be therapeutic for you. If your mother is gone, remember her fondly. If the memories are painful, ask God to deeply heal you. If she is still with you, hold onto her ever so dearly. Mothers are essential to the life we live. A mother's love is priceless.



Pastor Leatha Brown

Windsor is Opening Up!

Windsor will continue hold a 9 a.m. worship service in the back parking lot until the sanctuary reopens at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day! Classrooms will be open for Sunday School, although some classes also will continue to be available via Zoom or telephone. Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing within the church.

Our Sunday morning service will continue to be live-streamed on YouTube and the link to the service emailed each week and also uploaded to Windsor's Facebook page. Updated meeting times for Sunday School classes will be published in *The Leaf* and sent via email.



WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard

It has been more than one year since Windsor's Soup Kitchen crew was last able to volunteer downtown at the Soup Cellar.

Washington Street UMC and the Soup Cellar are beginning discussions about when and how to invite the volunteers to consider some form of return. They know that the dining room will not be able to be opened for a while as the space is very tight. Current thinking is that the take-out service will continue for some time and are considering inviting the volunteer groups, such as Windsor UMC, to participate in the process soon. Until that time, a small, dedicated team of Washington Street and Soup Cellar staff continues to feed the hungry a bagged lunch and once a month, a hot, take-out meal is served to give the guests a little something extra.

Please check the weekly *Leaf* for updates for the possibility of Windsor's helping with the servings. You also may contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com.

Windsor UMC Responds to Methodist Student Network Food Drive

By Becky Leonard

Food insecurity is a reality for many in our community, including students at USC who skip meals so they may pay rent or utilities. To help, the Methodist Student Network at USC hosted a food drive the beginning of April and reached out to churches within the Columbia District asking for their support.

Through both food donations and monetary donations which were used to purchase additional food, our Windsor UMC family responded to this request by donating more than 800 non-perishable food items! This included canned items (vegetables, fruit, meat, ravioli, spaghetti-o's, pasta sauce and soup) as well as cereals, oatmeal, grits, rice, pasta noodles, jarred pasta sauce, peanut butter, and crackers.

Rev. Tom Wall, with the Methodist Student Network, picked up our donation on April 16 and was very appreciative of Windsor's contribution to the food drive.

Many thanks to our Windsor folks and the UMM for your generosity in helping to feed those in need!



Fowler Scholarship Application Now Available

By Becky Leonard



The Edgar A. Fowler Scholarship Fund was established in 1978 as a memorial to Reverend Fowler, who nourished and developed Windsor United Methodist Church in its early years. The interest earned annually from this fund is awarded as one or more scholarships to students pursuing an education in a field involving service to mankind; including, but not limited to, the ministry, counseling, mental health, social work, nursing, medicine and teaching. Other fields of study may be considered with documentation by the applicant as to how this field of study is applicable to a helping profession.

Applications are available from the church office. Completed applications should be returned to the church office and will be accepted through **Thursday, June 10**. Applicants will be notified of a decision in July. The money becomes available to recipients after July 2021.

Our Windsor Family

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Lisa McAlpine** for being chosen “Teacher of the Year” for Blythewood High School. This is a major accomplishment in a year when being a teacher was a whole new profession with new skills to learn and the patience needed.

Congratulations to **Felicia** and **Calvin McCoy** on the birth of their daughter, Karri Rose, on April 13. She joins big brother, Calvin, Jr. and big sister, Kalani!



Photo courtesy of Felicia McCoy

WINDSOR’S DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

† Jim Kyzer and family on the passing of his wife, Inge Kyzer, on April 28.

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.

Outreach Food Pantry

We continue to collect food for Windsor’s own food pantry. During this pandemic, several families have come to our church office in need of food. Windsor has been able to provide food for them out of our food pantry. Families in need in the Skills for Life and Work Program also have been assisted with their food needs from the pantry.

Requested items include:



- white rice (1 or 2 pound bags)
- dried red, black and pinto beans (in 1 pound bags)
- peanut butter
- jelly
- spaghetti sauce
- spaghetti/elbow macaroni
- canned chicken, tuna and Vienna sausage
- bar soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes and paper towels/toilet paper are also appreciated

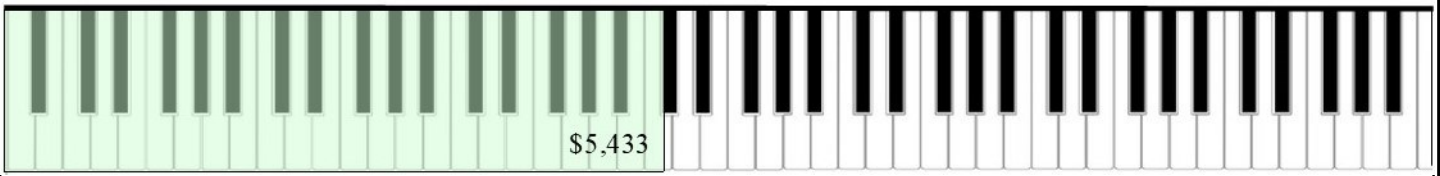
You may drop off your donations at the church office during the week or bring to the Sunday worship service once we begin in-person services. Please remember to wear a mask and social distance!

Thank you for continuing to help those in need, Windsor.

We’ve Colored in More Keys – Thank You!

Our keys are turning green and we’re looking forward to enjoying our new Yamaha GB1 Acoustic 5' Grand. We’ve reached 45 percent of our goal! The graphic below represents \$135 per key in contributions. To make a contribution, simply write Piano Fund in the memo field and list Windsor UMC as the recipient. Thank you for your contributions.

Donations received as of April 19, 2021



RICHLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Project H.O.P.E

By Becky Leonard



Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Precious Elderly) is a program of the Richland County Sheriff's Department that provides weekly telephone calls to needy elderly persons in our county. Officers assist them by finding rides, getting them specialized counseling, training them about personal safety and how to avoid being the victim of scams. The program also helps these senior citizens by putting in smoke detectors and supplying fans as a means of cooling their residence.

For the past two years, Windsor UMC has helped support this program through monetary donations. If you feel led to help with this mission, please designate your donation for *Project H.O.P.E.* Windsor will collect donations through Sunday, May 16.

If you are interested in volunteering as a weekly caller, you may call Susan Finley to learn about her experience.

Trustee Report 2020-2021

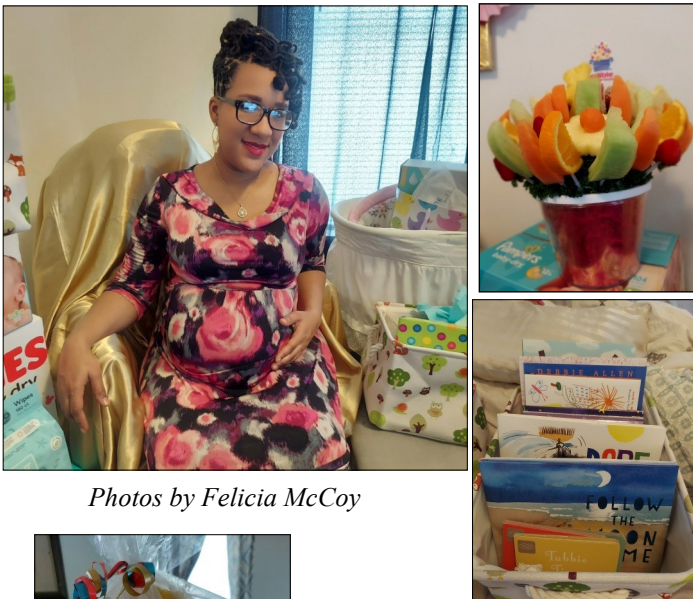
The Trustees have been busy during the pandemic in 2020 to the present day. Here is a list of tasks in process or completed:

- Removed two trees that were down behind the annex. This was done by church members.
- Repaired three water damaged areas on the backside of the education building due to leaking roof vent boots. This seems to have solved the ongoing leaks into the kitchen during heavy rain.
- Installed lights in the front and back of the church to improve visibility at night.
- Removed three dead pine trees on the church grounds.
- Department of Transportation repaired a sink hole outside of the storm drain in front of the church.
- Still waiting for the East Richland Sewer Company to finish sewer line replacement which will close off the line going under the church.
- Replaced range in the parsonage kitchen.
- Repaired garage door opener in the parsonage.
- Gutters cleaned and trees trimmed that were on the left side of the parsonage.
- In the process of putting galvanized pest screens under the overhang of the education building to prevent unwanted pests from entering the building.

Felicia McCoy Baby Shower

By Kathy Hart

To prepare for the new chapter in the McCoy family, a joyful Zoom baby shower was held for Felicia McCoy on March 29.



Photos by Felicia McCoy



2021 Maundy Thursday Service (via Zoom)

By Kathy Hart

A reader's theatre version of the Last Supper was held by Zoom on Maundy Thursday. Men from Windsor and Rehoboth United Methodist churches dressed as the twelve disciples to present monologues by candlelight from their homes. Many thanks to Mark Catoe, Mark Brown, Ivey Hart, John Mullikin, Doug Meade, Isaac Byrd, Forrest Horn, Bill Rose, Frank Hill, Calvin Edwards, John Russell, and Dan Lackore.



TROOP 900/TROOP 2870 NEWS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Troop 900 Events and Activities

By Russell Vereen, Troop 900 Scoutmaster

Program / Events

The first campout of the spring was held at Santee State Park on March 20. Our focus for this outing was simply to spend some quality time together as a troop and enjoy the outdoors. Even though it was quite windy, the scouts enjoyed a walk along the shoreline and exploring the nature trails in the park.

After everyone had finished their trail meal dinner, we enjoyed our traditional cobbler for dessert and a roaring campfire. Even the rain that came during the night didn't dampen our spirits!

We are currently planning outings for late April and mid-May.



*Photos courtesy of
Russell Vereen*

Advancement

Currently two scouts are working on their Eagle Project. Both will schedule workdays in May. Three more scouts are putting project proposals together with plans for completion over the summer. We expect several more projects in the fall. It is a very active time for the troop.

Troop 2870 Events and Activities

By Ed Gatzke, Troop 2870 Scoutmaster

Members of Troop 2870 completed nearly 30 miles backpacking over four days on the Appalachian Trail in preparation for their upcoming Summer 2021 Philmont trek. Recent activities have included camping at Santee State Park and backpacking on the Peak to Prosperity section of the Palmetto Trail. Upcoming events include outings to Table Rock State Park, DuPont Forest, and summer camp at Camp Barstow on Lake Murray.



In April, Philmont Crew members backpacked four days on the Appalachian Trail from Fontana Dam to Nantahala Outdoor Center.

Financial Summary through March 31, 2021

	Income through March 31, 2021	Expenses through March 31, 2021	2021 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 89,213.00		\$ 326,594.00	27%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 53,170.65	\$ 251,374.00	21%
Apportionments		8,771.10	29,237.00	30%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		12,504.01	34,560.00	36%
Outreach		250.00	5,050.00	5%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		172.86	6,373.00	3%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 89,213.00	\$ 74,868.62	\$ 326,594.00	23%
Estimate of Giving for 2021			\$ 326,594.00	



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

9 a.m. Worship Service—Parking Lot
April 1 to April 30, 2021 32

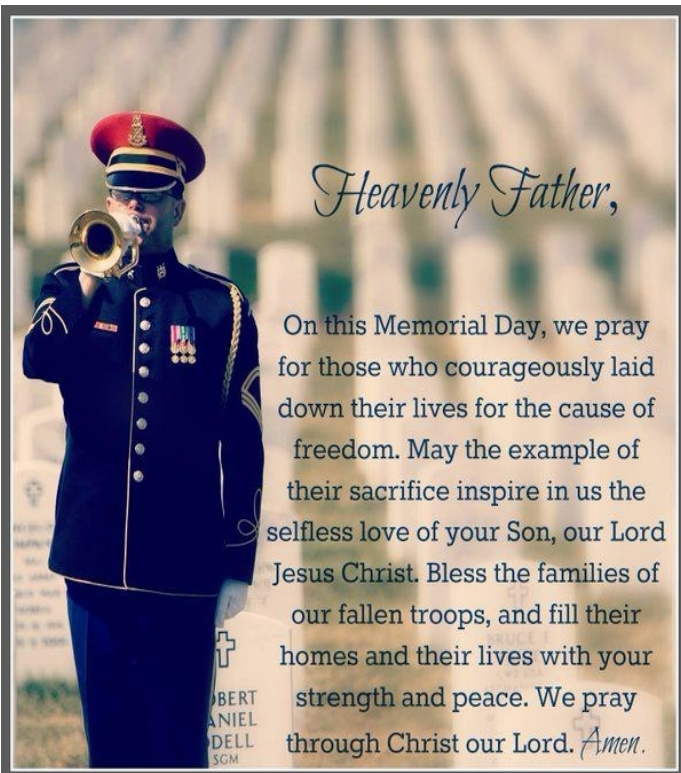
**Face-to-face worship services resumed April 4
in the back parking lot.**

**All parking lot worship services were held with
COVID-19 protocols in place.**

Sunday School

March 1 to March 31, 2021 33
April 1 to April 30, 2021 26

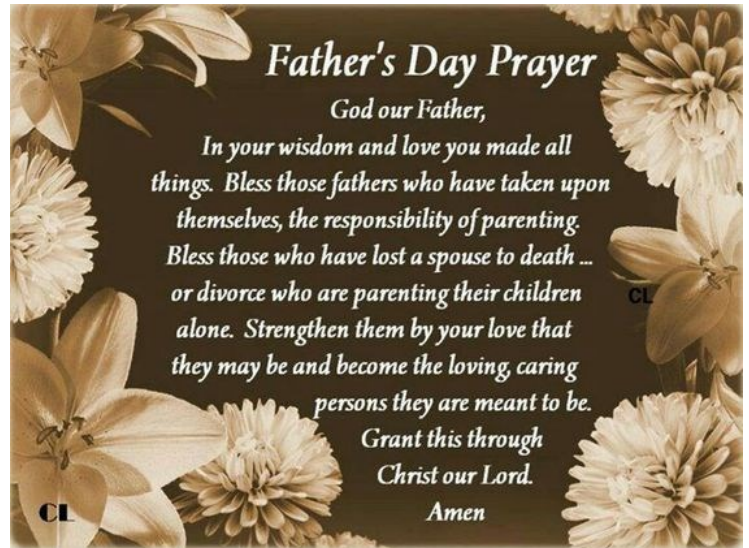
**Sunday School figures reflect those participating in
Zoom, GoToMeeting and conference call classes.**



Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ROBERT
DANIEL
DELL
SGM



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

*Grant this through
Christ our Lord.*

Amen



UNITED METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST MEETING

All men are invited to join Windsor's United Methodist Men the first Sunday of the month at Lizard's Thicket on Two Notch Road near I-20. We meet at **7:15 a.m.** Please join us for food and fellowship at our next meetings on **Sunday, May 2 and June 6.**

Calendar May 2021

Saturday, May 1

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, May 2

7:15 AM UMM Breakfast - Lizard's Thicket

9:00 AM Worship Service - Back parking lot and via YouTube

10:30 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

Wednesday, May 5

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 6

6:30 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

Saturday, May 8

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)



Sunday, May 9

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

Tuesday, May 11

11:30 AM UMW Sarah Circle - Zoom meeting

Wednesday, May 12

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 13

6:30 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

Saturday, May 15

7:00 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, May 16

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

Wednesday, May 19

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 20

6:30 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

Saturday, May 22

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, May 23

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

Sunday, May 23

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

Wednesday, May 26

9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 30

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

Monday, May 31



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 June 2021

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



May

Dave Christiansen	1
Sharon Wing	5
Lane Hinson	10
Joy Stone	14
Debbo Lackore	19
Marlene Nelson	21
Katy Hinson Bearden	22
Mitzi Shipman	23
Molly Walters	26
Kathy Robinson	27
Irene Nicholson	28
John Schwab	29
Linda Jackson	31

June

Joe Thompson	3
Melanie Nanney	5
Richard Taylor	6
Denise Lane	6
Frances Huggins	7
John Dixon	9
Michael Grimes	10
Charmaine Ruppe	11
Nancy Morgan	23
Karen Taylor	26
Nancy Hartley	28
Becky McMillion	29



April Outdoor Worship Services

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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