

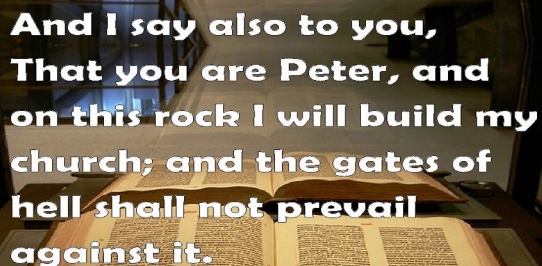
The Vine

Windsor United Methodist Church

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September 2021

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.



**And I say also to you,
That you are Peter, and
on this rock I will build my
church; and the gates of
hell shall not prevail
against it.**

—Matthew 16:18

WE ARE THE CHURCH

As people of God, the church is always at the forefront of our thoughts. In spite of Covid, earthquakes, foreign affairs at an all-time high, wildfires, and natural disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti, the wildfires in California, the floods in Tennessee, and so many other catastrophic events happening in our world, the church lives on. In the midst of all that happens, the church's work is still to make disciples for Jesus Christ

So, as Methodists, some of you may or may not be familiar with Charge Conferences. It is the time of year when we present our efforts to make disciples for Jesus Christ at our local church. This year, we will present our work for 2021 and introduce our tentative plans for 2022. We will select our leaders for the new year and those leaders who have committed to serving in 3-year classes.

The Leadership Development Team is responsible for recognizing our church's needs and contacting members to invite them to serve. We are committed to doing our part to train and support our Windsor leaders. Covid has caused us to pause;

however, we hope to move forward with our work of selecting persons to serve as we continue the work of upbuilding our church for the glory of God. We hope you are willing to move with us as we do our very best in a time when things seem so chaotic and uncertain. But the church will move on. We are the church.

Additionally, I want to take this opportunity to thank Julie Milhouse, our administrative assistant, for learning these proceedings and being so helpful in getting forms to and from everyone. She comes to us from a non-Methodist background; however, she continues to learn and be a significant source of gifts and talents.

So, whether you are serving on the United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, our Prayer Team, the choir, ushers, or the LRE visitation team, we are the church. Our work does not end; we must find ways to serve and to upbuild God's kingdom.

Where are you passionate about your faith, or what inspires you? Ministry for all of us is a means to fellowship and, more than anything, serve God in a more profound way. Plugging in is a way to stay connected to each other. Our Sunday school classes or outreach opportunities are waiting for you; remember, we are the church. So do not feel anxious about committing to serve. Do not avoid a call from a Leadership Development team member, or feel overwhelmed at the thought of a year-long commitment. In whichever way you can, remotely or in person, please be willing to serve; we are the church. No matter what is happening in our world, God is with us. As the church, His body, we must carry on the work.

Pastor Leatha Brown





Photo by
Terrence Chisholm, Soup Cellar Manager

WINDSOR RETURNS TO THE SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard

On Monday, August 2, four Windsorites returned downtown to help with the Soup Cellar Ministry at Washington Street UMC. From April 2020 until June 14, 2021, volunteers were suspended and a small group of Washington Street UMC staff and members continued the weekday noon meal service during the Covid pandemic.

Beginning mid-June of this year, Washington Street UMC invited groups such as Windsor UMC to return to help prepare and serve the noon meal to those in need. As our July serving date fell on a holiday for the Washington Street UMC ministry, the August serving was Windsor's first time to volunteer since March 2020!

The Soup Cellar continues the take-out bagged lunch service it has provided since the Covid pandemic began. Each day's volunteers are limited in number and need to wear a mask and observe pandemic protocols. Volunteers make sandwiches, pack items included in the bagged meal and hand the meal out.

Masked guests come to the serving counter one at a time to receive their bagged meal and depart so that the next guest may pick up their meal. For added protection, servers stand behind a plexiglass screen and pass the meal to the guests. The bagged meal on Windsor's serving day included a pimento cheese sandwich, pasta salad with turkey, a cup of canned mandarin oranges, cupcake and bottle of water.

Over the past months, guests coming to get a meal have significantly decreased from pre-pandemic counts of 150 guests each weekday to current figures close to 60. Windsor's crew of Ferrie Ward, Debbo Lackore, Kathy Hart and Becky Leonard served 65 men and women.



Windsor's next serving date will be **Monday, October 4**—time still to be determined. Our September serving date falls on a holiday for Washington Street UMC and the Soup Cellar will be closed.

If you are interested in helping in October, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com.

Photos by Becky Leonard



Thank You, Sarah!

Thank you to Sarah Smith for her dedication to Windsor's Soup Kitchen Ministry. For many years, Sarah has made her delicious jams and offered them to Outreach to be used as a fundraiser for the Soup Kitchen. Folks gave extra donations during our jam sales as well.

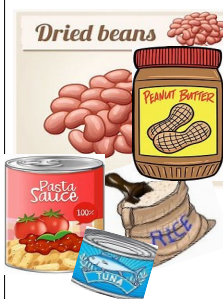
The monies raised have been used to purchase food items/supplies for monthly servings and special holiday desserts at the Soup Cellar at Washington Street UMC as well as provide an annual donation to the Soup Cellar operations. Since the Soup Cellar is not a budgeted line item for Washington Street UMC, continued operations are dependent upon donations from outside sources.

We thank Sarah for her gift of time and talent in helping feed the hungry and providing us with a delicious treat too!

Outreach Food Pantry

Windsor's pantry provides food for families in need coming to our church office as well as families in the Skills for Life and Work Program who are in need of food.

As we continue to collect food for the pantry, the 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 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. A bin has been provided for your items.

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



Curbside Delivery Returns for the 2021 Book Bag Distribution Day

Article and photos by Becky Leonard

On August 12—a very hot, humid Thursday morning—the outside entrance to Harbor Hall was ready for the second year of curbside book bag delivery! During the previous Sunday's worship service, Pastor Brown blessed the backpacks and the students receiving them. Teachers, administrators, staff and ancillary personnel including bus drivers and custodial staff also were included in her prayer.

Becky McMillion greeted each family's car with packaged drinks and cookies as they drove up to the 'curb' to receive their backpacks. Along with Becky, our welcoming team included Nelly Jolley (Richland 2 Outreach Worker Coordinator), Kathy Hart, Janice Negus and Becky Leonard. There were many smiling faces when the students and their mothers saw the backpacks that had been specially picked out for them.

Thank you to all who made Windsor's Book Bag Project possible – through both your own shopping and monetary donations – and provided backpacks and school supplies for 25 children in our Skills for Life and Work families. You helped students

in 11 families. This year's participants included: John Mullikin, Frank Harbor, Monya Havekost, Becky and Franklin Buie, Peggy Hill, Joe Thompson, Barb Hamilton, Kathy Robinson, Dianne Dixon, Josh Gray, Sue Woodard, Noreen Doughty, Kara and Gene Lewis, Kathy and Ivey Hart, Anita and Rock Schmidt, Becky McMillion, Lisa McAlpine, Becky and Fred Leonard, Joyce and Isaac Byrd, Sarah Sanchez, Janice Negus, Donna Benson, Ferrie Ward, Michelle Nicholson, Frances Huggins, Mitzi and Charles Shipman, and BSA Scout Troops 900 and 2870.

Your generosity has helped these students get a good start on what we pray is a safe and healthy school year for both them and their teachers!



With a Heart Full of Gratitude

Dear All,

I hope you and yours are well!

On behalf of our dozens of RSD2 students, I would like to sincerely thank W.U.M.C. and BSA Scout Troops 900 and 2870 for blessing our children with many precious bookbags. With your generous heart, efforts and time, you are opening a door of hope, light and love to these kids, many of which are homeless and facing, along with their families, uncertainty due to the pandemic. The backpacks and school supplies will allow them to start a successful brand-new school year.

You make our community a great place to live!

Thank you again for your support.

Love, Nelly

R2 Outreach Worker Coordinator/Skills for Life & Work Program

Thank You, Troop 900 and Troop 2870!

From the Outreach Team

Windsor's Outreach Team thanks our two BSA Scout troops, Troop 900 (male) and Troop 2870 (female) for their support of the Outreach Book Bag Project.

Each troop sponsored a middle school student and provided a backpack filled with the needed school supplies.

Troop 900 has participated in this ministry since 2016 and Troop 2870 has participated since 2019, when they were chartered by Windsor UMC.

Our Windsor Family

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

- † Tina Hathaway and family in the passing of her sister, Audrey White, on July 11 and the passing of two cousins in August.
- † A. J. Lee and family in the loss of his son-in-law, Gordon Pressly, on August 12.
- † Kathy and Ivey Hart and family in the loss of her sister's husband, Mark Rombach, on August 13.
- † Terry Mulholland and family in the loss of her brother, Tony Mulholland, on August 24.

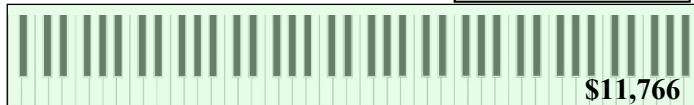
If you have a "Windsor Family" item that you would like to share with our church family, please notify the church office at windsorumc@bellsouth.net or 803-788-1858.

The Piano Fund – We've Painted Them All Green!

By Monya Havekost

All 88 keys are green! Thanks to all of you who so generously contributed, our beautiful new piano is totally paid for. Play on Rodney.

100% Received!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
The United Methodist Church

Sarah Circle

By Janice Negus

United Methodist Women will now meet on Thursdays. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. in Harbor Hall. This change from monthly Tuesday meetings will give an opportunity for other women to join and bring in new ideas for development and growth. There also will be fewer time conflicts with the Skills for Work and Life classes.

The September 9 program will be led by Joy Stone. We will plan our budget and schedule for the year. The charity is Free Medical Clinic. Please bring peanut butter or cheese crackers and paper products.

Peggy Hill and Janice Negus will be the hostesses for our Thursday, October 14 meeting. We will play bingo. Defenders for Children is the charity with a monetary donation requested.

Becky McMillion and Pat Christiansen are the hostesses for the November 11 meeting. The charity is TBA. All women of the church are welcome. Come join us! Bring your ideas so that we will have a great, productive, fun and interesting year. If you do not share your ideas we do not know what your interests are or what you would like to do.

Please remember to wear your mask at meetings and maintain social distancing.

Be the Bridge Bible Study

By Kathy Hart

The Bible Study group studying Latasha Morrison's book, *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, finished 13 weeks of reading and discussing and are eagerly exploring ways to better live out God's greatest Commandment as Jesus responded, To love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself."

Many thanks to the brave facilitators who guided the weekly zoom classes: Jayne Varnes, Susan Finley, Kathy Hart, Nancy Morgan, Felicia McCoy, Leatha Brown, Karen Rick.

Reflections from three class members:

I have participated with a great group of people studying the book *Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison. It is about racial reconciliation. There is a lot of information in the book about how to go about accomplishing this. At times some of the discussions were painful, but they made me think about so many important things in my life. I resolved some issues with my family. I learned about many of the ways discrimination has grown. I finished the book with a much better understanding of others. But, the most important thing I have gained is the strengthening of my relationship with God. I also count the people that are in the group as new friends. Jayne Varnes

The Build the Bridge group provided an opportunity to connect with other members of our congregation during this difficult time. In this supportive environment, we were able to share our personal perspectives and experiences and "see" racism through one another's eyes. The author of our text provided a practical step-by-step process for addressing racism. This has helped me see how I can now expand my heart and mind to personally encourage racial unity — what our text's author calls "the work of the gospel." Nancy Morgan

Be the Bridge has opened my eyes even more and given me a fresh perspective on the racial divide that still plagues this country. So many of us have been subject to this racial divide and *Be the Bridge* offers us a means and process by which to deal with our own prejudices, hate and anger that has resulted from the false theory of white supremacy (God created all of us equal) and racism. For me, personally, *Be the Bridge* is "a timely resource for a world in need of healing" as stated by Jonathan Eng, Campus Pastor and Justice Advocate at Gateway Church, Austin, Texas. John Russell



TROOP 900/TROOP 2870 NEWS



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Troop 900 Events and Activities

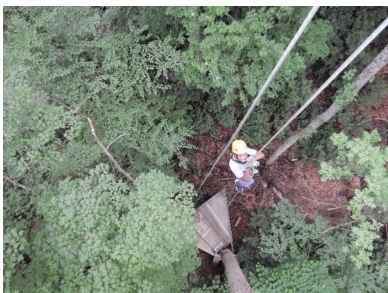
Articles and photos by Russell Vereen, Troop 900 Scoutmaster

Program / Events

The big event for the summer was a trip to The Gorge Zipline in Saluda, NC over the weekend of July 10. Nestled against the mountain overlooking the Green River Gorge, the zipline is the steepest and fastest in America. It consists of 11 zip line sections spanning 1.25 miles with a vertical descent of 1100 feet from start to finish. Travelling up that Saturday morning, there were scattered showers in the area. But, when our tour time came in the early afternoon, we luckily avoided any interruptions of our trek. The trek involved traversing each zip line section as a group which allowed for us to talk about the experience all along the way. Our scouts were looking for a little adventure and they found it!

Advancement

Since April of this year, three scouts have completed the work phase of their Eagle Project. The scouts built a brick paver patio with BBQ pit at a local church, cleaned classrooms, held a book drive for a local church learning center and refurbished a playground at St. Lawrence Place for the Homeless No More organization. Three more scouts are putting project proposals together with plans for completion in the fall. It has been a very active time for the troop.



UNITED METHODIST MEN WORK DAY

By Ivey Hart

The Windsor Methodist Men are planning a Work Day at Killingsworth for Saturday, September 18. We will work on the outside and have lunch together. We have invited others to assist. Please contact Dave Christiansen for details.

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 **7:30 a.m.** Please join us for food and fellowship at our next meeting on **Sunday, September 5.**



Time to Start Thinking About BBQ!

By Monya Havekost

Support the United Methodist Men by buying tickets for their November 13 Boston Butts sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Price remains at \$35 with curbside pickup. I highly endorse this awesome BBQ as one less thing I have to contribute to Thanksgiving dinner, and my family loves it! Contact Charles Shipman, 803-662-4713 to order, or buy a ticket from any UMM member.



Financial Summary through July 31, 2021

	Income through July 31, 2021	Expenses through July 31, 2021	2021 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 176,678.12		\$ 326,594.00	54%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 129,948.95	\$ 251,374.00	52%
Apportionments		20,465.90	29,237.00	70%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		12,773.82	34,560.00	37%
Outreach		1,600.00	5,050.00	32%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		600.74	6,373.00	9%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 176,678.12	\$ 165,389.41	\$ 326,594.00	51%
Estimate of Giving for 2021			\$ 326,594.00	



**God Bless
America!**

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**

Average Attendance

10 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary

July 1 to July 31, 2021 46

August 1 to August 31, 2021 43

**All Sanctuary worship services are held with COVID
-19 protocols in place.**

Sunday School

July 1 to July 31, 2021 23

August 1 to August 31, 2021 22

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

Wednesday Midday Bible Study

Fruit of the Spirit (Lenten Series) 9

Be the Bridge (Racial Reconciliation) 13

**Figures reflect average number of persons participating in
the Wednesday Midday Zoom Bible Studies**



October 31 Drive-thru

By Kathy Hart

Covid may continue to TRICK us but nothing will stop Windsor UMC from providing TREATS for the children in the neighborhood. Get your costumes and candy ready because we will need your help again this year! If you are ready to have some drive-thru fun, contact the Great Pumpkin, Charles Shipman at 803-622-4713 or Wonder Woman, Kathy Hart at 803-318-2646.



What is a Lay Servant?

By Kathy Hart

Read this before you look away. This might be the very nudge you needed to find ways to serve your church and God. A certified lay servant is a professing member of a local church or charge, who desires to serve the Church and who receives specific training to witness to the Christian faith through spoken communication, to lead within a church and community, and to provide caring ministry. Lay Servant courses are 10 hours long and are on a variety of subjects, Praying in Public, Leading a Bible Study, Planning Worship, etc. Everyone starts with the Basic Course. Lay Servant academies also are a great way to meet other Methodists from South Carolina. This year, talk to Pastor Brown if you are interested. Applicants need the Pastor's approval and are presented at Charge Conference on October 14 for approval.

What: Lay Servant Ministries Fall School

Where: Grace UMC on Harbison Blvd. in Irmo.

When: Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
and Sunday, November 14, 1:30 -5 p.m.



Calendar September 2021

Wednesday, September 1

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

Thursday, September 2

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Saturday, September 4

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, September 5

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast - Lizard's Thicket
9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion



Monday, September 6

Office Closed

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion
6:00 PM Kiwanis Aktion Club - HH
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10
7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - HH/Pavilion
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Thursday, September 9

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
10:30 AM UMW - Sarah Circle - HH

Saturday, September 11

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, September 12

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

Monday, September 13

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10
7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, September 14

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, September 15

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - HH/Pavilion
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Thursday, September 16

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Friday, September 17

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

Saturday, September 18

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
9:00 AM UMM Work Day at Killingsworth

Sunday, September 19

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

Monday, September 20

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10
7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, September 21

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, September 22

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - HH/Pavilion
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Thursday, September 23

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM Richland Herb Society - Rm 10

Saturday, September 25

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, September 26

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

Monday, September 27

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10
7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, September 28

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - HH/Pavilion
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Thursday, September 30

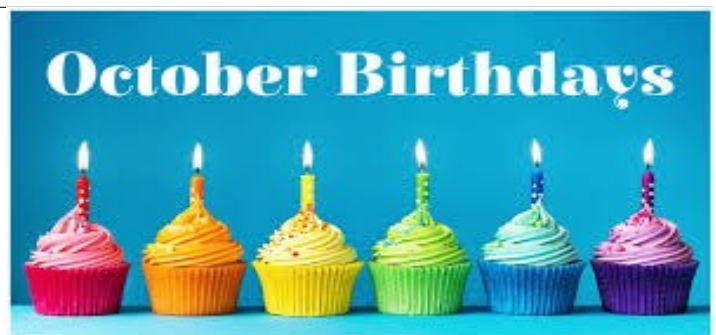
9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

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.



Wayne Nanney	5
Fred Leonard	6
Peggy Hill	12
Laxton Hinson	13
Quilles Brown	18
Doug Meade	24
Barbara Hamilton	25



Gail VanValkenburg	8
Walter Brown	11
Dottie Myers	14
Susan Finley	16
Marion Zissett	17
Sonny Hershey	19
Dolores White	19
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Kim Hinson	21
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Photos by Calvin Edwards

UNITED METHODIST MEN PROJECT



Windsor's UMM, Ivey Hart, Fred Leonard, Dave Christiansen, Calvin Edwards, Dan Lackore, and Kathy Hart repaired the handicap ramp in the back of the Annex.



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