

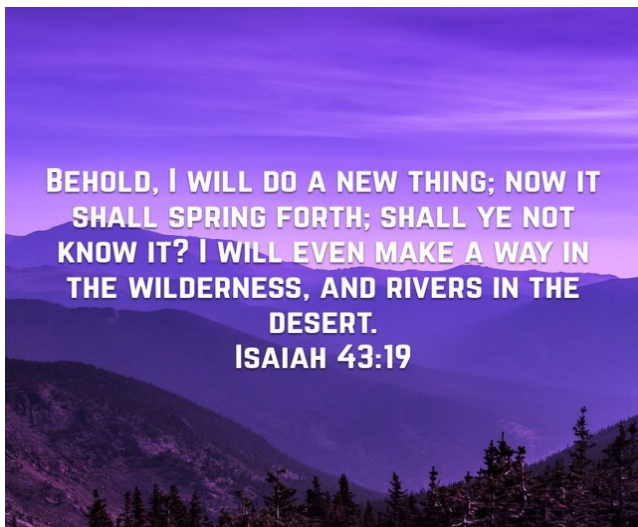
The Vine

Windsor United Methodist Church

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January 2022

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.



A NEW BEGINNING - BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING ... ISAIAH 43:19

What does a new beginning look like to you? I imagine it all depends on one's focus and priorities. I believe, no matter who you are, a fresh start sounds compelling. At the beginning of every year, most people take the opportunity to make new year's resolutions. The problem occurs when we make the resolutions without committing. We say what we would like to happen, but we never research to see what it will take to complete the solutions as a reality. For example, we say we will lose weight, but we never change our diet or incorporate exercise. If we make the slightest change, we do not discipline ourselves to see its manifestation. We quit before we get started. Our reality and our resolutions are not on the same page, so we falter because we are not up to the

challenge our minds tell us we need. I wonder what would happen if our minds and hearts were in concert with one another about our desires for a new beginning?

For me, this year will be the beginning of a fresh start. I vow to think differently, respond to life, and not react to its many changes. I am choosing to seek the mind of Christ for all my decisions. Despite all the media influence, different political perspectives and intellectual persuasions, I prefer the wisdom of God to guide me. For me, it seems the world is changing too fast to keep up with. So, why not slow down and see what matters to God? After all, it is not about us anyway but about doing what honors God every day and year to year. As we grow in the knowledge of God, I am convinced that to be God's vehicles of love and grace, we must consult God for all things.

We can get stuck waiting for normal to return. Let's take this opportunity to see ourselves responding in ways we have never imagined. Our life can be full of the wonder of God rather than worry and frustration. Let's weigh in on praising God and not focus our attention on our problems and frustrations. When we encounter problems, let us take the opportunity to thank God for His solutions instead of trying to come up with our answers. I plan to make this my best year ever. I plan to wake up every day seeking God for that day's blessings. This is a time for a new beginning; join me in this journey, the Lord's new venture for us in the year 2022.

Pastor Leatha Brown



LUNCH ON THE LAWN

Windsor family, Pastor Brown would like to have lunch with you. You can schedule lunch with your Pastor at noon, Tuesday through Friday. If you provide the lawn, she will provide the lunch. Please call the office at 803-788-1858 to schedule your lunch day.



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

In the last few months, two scouts have completed the final step on the trail to Eagle – the Eagle Scout Board of Review. In November, Charles Davis earned the Rank of Eagle. In December, Samuel Gibson earned the Rank of Eagle. Both scouts did an outstanding job and were commended by the members of their Review Board. We have several other scouts working on the final requirements for Eagle, so stay tuned for more updates!



Charles Davis and his mother, Kim Davis.

Photos courtesy of Russell Vereen



Samuel Gibson with Scoutmaster Russell Vereen and his parents, Alex and Connie Gibson.



Shoebox Thanks

By Kara Lewis

Many, many thanks for your participation in Operation Christmas Child. Windsor UMC donated actual boxes or cash so we could provide 47 shoebox gifts for children in the US and around the world! Thank you.



United Methodist Women Meeting Women of Windsor (WoW)!

By Joy Stone

The Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, January 13, at the Olive Garden on Two Notch Rd. at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Pat Christiansen at 803-788-7539 or graggie4@aol.com by January 11; we need this for a head count to reserve the alcove for our meeting. Please bring paper products and baby wipes for the Children's Garden to the Church Annex by Sunday, January 16. All are welcome to attend, and anyone may donate.



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 meetings on **Sundays, January 2 and February 6.**

WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

Article and photos by Becky Leonard

For more than 14 months, from April 2020 until June 14, 2021, the Soup Cellar Ministry at Washington Street UMC continued serving the noon meal during the COVID pandemic with the help of a small group of dedicated Washington Street UMC staff and members. Beginning mid-June 2021, volunteers, on a limited basis, were invited to return. The volunteers included groups such as Windsor UMC.

The noon meal has been a take-out bagged lunch since the beginning of COVID. Each day's volunteers are limited in number and are required 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 to receive their bagged meal and depart. For added protection, servers stand behind a plexiglass screen and pass the meal to the guests.

Windsorites helped prepare and serve food on the first Mondays of November and December 2021. Our November 1 soup kitchen crew included Ferrie Ward, Anita Schmidt, Candee Depew (who volunteered with us pre-COVID) and Becky Leonard. On that sunny morning, 60 folks were served a bagged meal consisting of a ham sandwich, cup of homemade soup, a clementine orange or cup of mixed fruit, a cupcake and a bottle of water.

Our December 6 serving day was cool and cloudy. Seventy-five men and women came through the Soup Cellar doors to receive their bagged lunch of chicken vegetable soup, two sandwiches (ham and peanut butter), an orange, a cupcake and a bottle of water. Ferrie Ward, Kathy Hart, Debbo Lackore and Becky Leonard helped that morning.

The numbers of those being served have generally been in the 70s with some servings later in the month approaching 95.

Our next serving date will be Monday, February 7. There is no serving on Windsor's Monday in January due to the New Year's holiday at the Soup Cellar. If you are interested in helping in February, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com. We begin meal preparation around 9:30 a.m. and are finished with the serving at 12:30 p.m.



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

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.

Windsor Families Helping Families

By the Outreach Team

Thank you for helping to make this Christmas much brighter for the 21 children in ten families in need. As this pandemic continues, the need is even greater. The children and their families, which were selected by Ms. Nelly Jolley, outreach worker for Richland School District 2, have all faced hardships this year – among them major health issues and loss of a parent from COVID-19. One mom commented that she had not been able to buy anything for her children this Christmas.

As in years past, our two Scout Troops, 900 and 2870, each sponsored one of the older children on Ms. Jolley's list. We began by helping 15 children, but with the generous donations and support, Windsor was able to help an additional six children! Thank you, Windsor, for your support, donations and sponsorship of this year's Windsor Families Helping Families. We worked together to provide much needed shoes and clothing, and wish list items of toys, art supplies and sporting equipment for the children.

Thursday, December 9, was our gift distribution day. The sun was out as most of the moms were able to come to pick up their family's gifts. Some family members helped pick up the gifts for those moms who were at work. The mothers were greeted in the annex garage with Christmas music, the beautifully wrapped gifts, elves Janice Negus and Donna Benson, and helpers Kathy Hart and Becky Leonard. Pastor Brown and her dog, Coco, joined in as well. Along with gifts, each family received a Christmas card from Pastor Brown.

Masks were worn and we socially distanced where possible as the gifts were loaded into the vehicles. In keeping with the festive occasion, our Windsor group sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to each mom. With Nelly Jolley as interpreter, we were able to converse with those moms who needed a little extra help with English. They were very grateful for the blessings received through this Windsor ministry.

Our thanks to the many who made this ministry project possible: Kara and Gene Lewis, Kathy and Ivey Hart, Michelle Nicholson, Janice Negus, Donna Benson, Libby and Mac Horton, Nancy and Mel Wolff, Debbo and Dan Lackore, Dottie Myers, Anita and Rock Schmidt, Jean Robinson, Monya Havekost, Peggy Hill, Verlie Patrick, Frances Huggins, Joyce and Isaac Byrd, Becky McMillion, Lisa McAlpine, Becky and Fred Leonard, Saturday Blessings (Diana Stout, Melanie Nanney, Terry Mulholland, Sheila LaFex, Denise Lane, Ferrie Ward, Joy Stone and Pat Christiansen), Generations Sunday School Class and Bible Study, and BSA Troop 900 and Troop 2870. This was the

sixth year Troop 900 participated and the third year for our female Troop 2870. We thank them for their tremendous support.

Thank you all, for the love shown to these families in need. You helped to make their Christmas special knowing that others care about them.

Dear WUMC family, Boy Scout Troop 900 and Boy Scout Troop 2870,
Once again, we are blown away by your generosity with our neediest R2 children. Thank you so much!
During these uncertain times your love and solidarity is reflected in each present, gift cards and beautiful details for our kids and families. Only you can make the impossible possible. What a wonderful source of hope and inspiration you all are!
Thank you for believing in us, for creating unforgettable memories in our children and for giving the gift of hope to so many!
With infinite love and gratitude,
Nelly

Photos by
Becky Leonard and
Julie Milhouse



**UMM Christmas Dinner
December 9**

Photos by Becky Leonard

Saturday Blessings



Saturday, November 13



Financial Summary through November 30, 2021

	Income through Nov 30, 2021	Expenses through Nov 30, 2021	2021 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 250,066.24		\$ 326,594.00	77%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 207,805.08	\$ 251,374.00	83%
Apportionments		29,237.00	29,237.00	100%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		13,942.99	34,560.00	40%
Outreach		3,650.00	5,050.00	72%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		2,434.28	6,373.00	38%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 250,066.24	\$ 257,069.35	\$ 326,594.00	79%
Estimate of Giving for 2021			\$ 326,594.00	



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**All Troops overseas and
away from their homes
All Windsor families facing activation,
deployment and homecoming**



**God Bless
America!**

Average Attendance

10 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary	
November 1 to November 30, 2021	43
December 1 to December 31, 2021	43

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

Sunday School

November 1 to November 30, 2021	20
December 1 to December 31, 2021	23

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

Our Windsor Family

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

- † Dolores White and family on the passing of her brother, Roy Shealy, on November 10 and the passing of his wife, Sara, on December 28.
- † Pastor Brown and family on the passing of her cousin, Alexander L. Sanders, on November 30.
- † Pastor Brown and family on the passing of her cousin, Lou Ann Williams, on December 2.
- † Suzanne Frierson and family on the passing of her mother, Susan Mitchell, on December 17.

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

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things *new*
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.

Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

— Amen —



December 26 Service



Calendar January 2022



Saturday, January 1

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, January 2

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
3:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Leader Meeting - Rm 7

Monday, January 3

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

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

Thursday, January 6

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Saturday, January 8

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, January 9

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, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

Thursday, January 13

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
11:30 AM UMW– Sarah Circle - Olive Garden

Saturday, January 15

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, January 16

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, January 17

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

Tuesday, January 18

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, January 19

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

Thursday, January 20

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Friday, January 21

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

Saturday, January 22

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, January 23

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, January 24

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

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

Thursday, January 27

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Saturday, January 29

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, January 30

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, January 31

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

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.



Bradley Meade	3
Tina Hathaway	3
Barbara Catoe	6
Sonya Hunter	9
Jayne Varnes	12
Charles Shipman	17
Joyce Byrd	20
Janice Negus	25
Diana Stout	27
Shah Hussain	31



Nancy Wolff	3
Brianna Hinson	6
Rev. Franklin Buie	7
Ed Brockinton	11
Ben Catoe	13

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Thank you, God

Windsor folks shared their thankfulness at Thanksgiving by posting thank you notes on the cross in the narthex.

We are thankful to God:

For all who try to Follow Jesus!

Knowing "He" is always with me!!!

For family and good friends.

For having Christ all in my life.

For Sunday school class.

For our great grandson.

For my precious daughters.

For my husband, my friends and my dog.

For the ability to worship God freely.

For so much more than this post-it can hold!

For the doctors who are treating my grandson.

For my salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For meeting Barb. I never imagined meeting a new friend.

Glad and blessed with a family and a great church family.

That my husband was home from New Mexico for the weekend.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for all your blessings; for the strength you give me each day and for all the people around who make life more meaningful. Amen.

For my health.

For my daughter.

For Pastor Brown.

For my whole family.

For Libby and Mac.

For God's mercy.

For Grear and Cliff.

For my life and kids.

For everything!



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