

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.



Life is a Journey

I am confident after the scare and tragedies of Covid, everyone is feeling a little less fearful about hitting the roads for summer break. People are ready to be released from what sometimes feels like house arrest. But many people may be asking where should I go, when and how should I travel. So this summer, I am doing a preaching theme called *Road Trips* because summer is all about vacations, travel and getaways. So as you think about your travel for summer, I invite you to reminisce about your spiritual journey as a child. After all, life is a journey.

As I was thinking about summertime, and coming up with this theme, I thought I would share a significant part of my spiritual journey. I recall the most important concern I had as a kid was missing the friends I didn't get to see during summer break. But I had another group of friends I enjoyed during the summer, who were my Vacation Bible School friends.

Vacation Bible School was a week-long event where we learned the Bible, arts and crafts, music and finished with snacks at the end of the evening. But that week defined my life in more ways than I can explain. We did not just attend our church's VBS, but also my neighbor's VBS. We attended my auntie's VBS and, if my mom knew of any other VBS, we were there. VBS was an opportunity to make new friends from different churches and other communities. We not only met new friends but the curriculum aided in teaching us about being better Christians and knowing Jesus' love for us. I recognize who I am because of that great community one week every summer. It did not matter whose church; it felt like home, and we all were welcome.

As children, life was simple, but as young adults VBS now became our responsibility. We became

teachers and helpers, and were expected to assist in the kitchen as young adults. Staying at home because you are no longer a child was not an option in my family. VBS was one of the bedrocks of our foundation. As I think about it, those were the good old days. But what about the good new days?

One of my most significant joyous occasions was becoming a mom and being able to take my little son to VBS. My prayer was that he would have that same sense of community. I wanted his faith journey filled with the same simplicities, but profound in learning opportunities. VBS would be a solid foundation for my son as well. It still proves to be a source of his spiritual journey, based on our conversations. But as time moves on and life goes on, I wonder what will happen for the next generation. I know some churches still have VBS. But life seems so busy now, and we are learning how to live with Covid. We have almost become numb to the cares and concerns hurting our communities. I wonder what will happen to the next generation. Now, we barely know our neighbors because people are moving about so fast. We are not looking out for one another. We want what we want for our self gratification.

Further, as the journey of life continues, I miss VBS. I miss the community coming together for a healthy dose of faith. I miss breaking bread together, and I miss every class making its presentation by presenting a skit, a song, or a review of the lesson. VBS is an example of all the simple, but profound, things in life that make us who we are. As fond memories make us melancholy about the past, we should be inspired to make new memories. Simply put, although I cannot remain a youth or even a young adult, my desire to do God's will grows in me as I age.

It is VBS for me, but what about you? What are some memories that inspire you? As you think about those details that help make you who you are today, ask yourself how you can go and make new memories by sharing your experiences and faith with others. Perhaps all of us can learn new ways to do old things as we move down the road called life.

Pastor Leatha Brown



WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard

Photos by Kathy Hart and Becky Leonard

Windsor folks returned to help with the Soup Cellar servings at Washington Street UMC on May 2 and June 6. The servings continue with the bagged meal set up which was initiated at the beginning of the COVID pandemic in March 2020. At that time, all volunteer help was suspended and the noon meal operation was kept going by a small group of dedicated Washington Street UMC staff and members. The bagged take-out meal was instituted and other safety protocols were made. Those changes remain in effect with the current servings. While volunteer groups such as Windsor have been able to return to help since June 2021, the number of helpers has been limited to four.

On our May 2 serving date, Soup Cellar manager Terrence Chisolm made vegetable beef with rice soup. Though the weather is much warmer, Terrence continues making soup because of the nutrition provided and the guests request it! Along with the soup, our bagged meal included a sliced turkey or chicken salad sandwich, navel orange or mixed fruit cup, cupcake for dessert and a bottle of water. Ferrie Ward, Kathy Hart, Debbo Lackore and Becky Leonard helped serve the 81 guests who came that morning.

Eighty-three guests received a meal on our June 6 serving day. This serving included a special brownie treat provided by members of the Generations Sunday School class. Many thanks to Mitzi Shipman and Kathy Robinson for the homemade treat! Along with the brownie, the take-out meal included Terrence's vegetable with hamburger soup, a bologna or chicken sandwich, navel orange, and bottle of water. Anita Schmidt, Ferrie Ward, Kathy Hart and Debbo Lackore helped that morning.

Windsor's next serving date won't be until Monday, August 1 as our July serving date falls on the 4th of July, a Soup Cellar holiday. Other local groups will provide a meal to those in need. If you are interested in helping on August 1, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com. We begin meal preparation around 9:15 a.m. and are finished serving at 12:30 p.m.

Soup Cellar News: Little Free Hygiene Pantry!

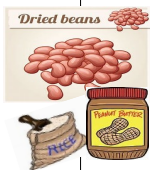
Start saving your hotel bar soaps, shampoos and conditioners! The Soup Cellar has set up a hygiene pantry with needed items for their guests. In addition to the hotel items listed, they also are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, combs/brushes, tampons and pads. If you would like to help, please drop off your donations at the church office during the week or bring to the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service, placing them in the plastic bin provided—please label them for Soup Kitchen—and we will take them with us to the serving.

Thank you, Windsor, for helping those in need!



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. Each week in *The Leaf* we will highlight a need for a specific food item. However, we appreciate your donation of any of the requested food items. These 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 them 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.

Slides and Socks Make Their Way to E. L. Wright Middle School

By Becky Leonard

Windsor UMC delivered 36 pairs of slides and 67 pairs of socks to E. L. Wright Middle School this May! And, Royal Scholars joined with us in this project, providing an additional 9 pairs of slides and 48 pairs of socks!



Principal Malinda Taylor was very appreciative of the WUMC slide/sock donation.

Photo by Jordyn Baker

Earlier this spring, Pastor Brown learned of a critical footwear need for some of the students. In some cases, their footwear was in such poor condition that their shoes fell apart during the school day. Windsor's donation helped stock the school's shoe closet and supply those students in need with adequate footwear.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible by providing slides, socks and monetary donations used to purchase more slides. Thanks to your generosity, there are additional funds remaining and these will be used to purchase more slides and socks after the start of the new school year when the school has assessed their shoe closet sizing needs.



Note from Jordyn Baker, Social Worker at E.L.Wright Middle School

Thank you so much! This donation is so needed and wonderful!



Dear Reverend Brown and Windsor UMC Members,

The faculty and staff of E. L. Wright Middle School are extremely grateful and appreciative for the generosity in the giving of the card and apples to our staff as a gift for the end of the year! Also, we would like to thank you for the donation of slides that were donated for our children! Each gift was distributed to appropriate staff members who were very grateful for such a generous thought. And, each slide was given to a child that was in need of comfortable shoes.

Once again, we always appreciate the great privilege we have working with you to support our staff and our students. Thank you for your contributions which are a success for E. L. Wright Middle School!

Thank you again. We look forward to working with you in the future as we continue to improve the lives of our children.

Sincerely, Malinda D. Taylor, Principal



E. L. WRIGHT TEACHER APPRECIATION PROJECT

By Kathy Hart

It is amazing how much a personal card or letter means to someone, especially when it comes with a juicy Honey Crisp apple and wrapped up like a present. Many thanks to Becky Leonard, Becky McMillion, Dan Lackore, Lisa McAlpine, Mark Brown, Pastor Leatha Brown, Michelle Nicholson, Peggy Hill, Sylvia Ash, Kristen Hill, Ivey Hart, Kathy Hart, Susan Finley, Pat Christiansen, Dave Christiansen, Charles Shipman, Mitzi Shipman, Terry Kitchens, Linda Jackson and Barb Hamilton for spreading words of appreciation to the E. L. Wright faculty and staff.



The Good Red Road

By Kathy Hart, member of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference Native American Committee

As Windsor journeys on our Summer Road Trip sermon series, you will notice "The Good Red Road" as the topic for one of the Sundays. We will welcome a guest speaker to talk about "The Good Red Road," a term used by many different Native American tribal communities to represent one who is walking the road of balance, living right and following the rules of the Creator. May this excerpt from a Sioux prayer open our hearts.

Grandfather Great Spirit, fill us with the Light.

Give us the strength to understand, and the eyes to see.

Teach us to walk the soft Earth as relatives to all that live. Amen

Thank You for Supporting Project H.O.P.E (Helping Our Precious Elderly)

By the Outreach Team



Thank you to those who contributed funds for our Project H.O.P.E. campaign. Windsor has helped support this Richland County Sheriff's Department program for the past four years with monetary donations.

Among the services this program provides are weekly telephone calls to needy elderly persons in our county. It helps these senior citizens by putting in smoke detectors and supplying fans as a means of cooling their residence. In addition, officers assist in finding rides, getting them specialized counseling, providing personal safety training and teaching them how to avoid being the victim of scams. If you are interested in volunteering as a weekly caller, you may call Susan Finley to learn about her experience.

Thank You from Royal Scholars Homeschool Academy

Thank you to Windsor for your support of Royal Scholars Homeschool Academy. You have provided us with a space where we can educate our children. Royal Scholars has completed its first year and we are so excited! With the help of our wonderful board and Windsor UMC we were able to accomplish so much in such a short amount of time. We were able to have a successful play, we had a wonderful tea party, we started a garden behind the annex, we went on several field trips, we were able to have some great experiences, and our children were able to learn so much this year. We had two fundraisers and two service projects that went extremely well. The money raised from our fundraisers allowed us to provide our families with quality programs while keeping costs low. We did very well last year and we look forward to doing even better this coming year.

We would like to give a special thank you to The Men of Windsor who have not only contributed their time, but also made a generous contribution to Royal Scholars, which will go toward our STEM and Robotics program in the fall. We appreciate you for all that you have done to help us be successful.

If you would like to be a part of our continued growth for this coming year we would appreciate the help in any shape or form. Thank you, once again, Windsor, for being such a blessing to Royal Scholars.

Felicia McCoy and Kiyana Thomas
Co-Founders Royal Scholars Homeschool Academy

Bookbag Project for 2022-2023 School Year!

By the Outreach Team

Outreach looks forward to our annual backpack project helping children in need whose families are involved in the Skills for Life and Work Program. Along with the needed school supplies for the students' schools and grade levels, Ms. Nelly Jolley, Outreach worker for Richland 2 School District, will give us their color choices to make it easier to choose a backpack for them.

Watch for more information in the weekly Leaf in July.



Photos courtesy of Felicia McCoy

TROOP 900/TROOP 2870 NEWS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Troop 900 Events and Activities

Photos and article by Russell Vereen, Troop 900 Scoutmaster

Advancement - Trail to Eagle

Over the weekends of May 21 and June 3, scout Zachary Vereen held his Eagle Project workdays in support of Pawmetto Lifeline animal rescue. Zachary and his crew of volunteers built a new dog activity ramp for the play yard and provided \$300 in facility supply donations. The 18-ft long ramp was assembled in sections at Windsor UMC and then transported to the shelter for final installation. Zachary is now awaiting his Eagle Board of Review which should happen by the end of summer.



Program/ Events

On Saturday, May 28, the Troop held a Court of Honor/Scout Celebration ceremony. Since November 2021, six scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Another three Life Rank scouts also were recognized for their scouting accomplishments. With most of these scouts also graduating from high school this year, a group ceremony was very appropriate as they are like a band of brothers. Congratulations to Eagle Scouts Charles Davis, James Gibson, Hayden Pendergrass, Colby Linn, Carl Solomon, and Michael Gaither. Mission accomplished!



Troop 2870 Events and Activities

By Ed Gatzke, Troop 2870 Scoutmaster

Troop 2870 is headed to summer camp on Lake Murray at Camp Barstow. Scouts will be participating in many fun activities and earning merit badges in areas from swimming to first aid.

Two of our scouts recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Aidan King and Emily Bailey! Aidan organized a landscaping project at Epworth Children's Home and Emily ran renovation of a teaching garden at Pontiac Elementary School.

Our Senior Patrol Leader, Abby Ely, is spending a week on Munson Island on a Sea Base adventure in the Florida Keys. Our first Eagle Scout, Ava Phelps, is currently on a 21-day backpacking adventure at Philmont Scout Camp in the mountains of New Mexico. Troop 2870 plans to go tubing in downtown Columbia in July.

Please keep our scouts in your prayers as they have fun adventures this summer.

Church Reset!

Rev. Robert Cox, our coach for Windsor's *Church Reset!*, met with those who signed up to participate on Tuesday, June 28. With the exception of July, when he will meet only with SPRC and the Trustees on Tuesday, July 26 at 6 p.m., the group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in Harbor Hall.



Financial Summary through May 31, 2022

	Income through May 31, 2022	Expenses through May 31, 2022	2022 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 84,171.86		\$ 231,356.00	36%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 99,711.27	\$ 253,790.00	39%
Apportionments		9,726.56	26,748.00	36%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		1,692.48	7,455.00	23%
Outreach		780.00	5,050.00	15%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		571.44	6,020.00	9%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 84,171.86	\$ 112,481.75	\$ 299,063.00	38%



**God Bless
America!**

**Pray for Our
Military,
Law Enforcement Members,
First Responders,
Healthcare Workers
and their families.
The people of Ukraine.**



Average Attendance

10 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary

May 1 to May 31, 2022 60

June 1 to June 30, 2022 61

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

Sunday School

May 1 to May 31, 2022 23

June 1 to June 30, 2022 23

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

Parsonage Sale

The Trustees met in June and discussed selling the parsonage. At that meeting, the Trustees voted to begin this process. The plan was presented to Church Council on June 16. Church Council agreed that selling the parsonage was in the best interest of the church. Following the United Methodist Church Discipline and approval by the District Superintendent to sell, a Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, July 7, at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All church members may attend but only Church Council members will be able to vote. Questions are welcomed and congregants may ask questions of any Church Council or Trustee member.

Trustee Work Day – July 9

The Trustees will hold a work day for some cleaning and updating at the church. There are several things on a list that could be done in a few hours with help from the congregation. Saturday, July 9 from 8-10 a.m. is scheduled but, in case of rain, or to complete additional tasks, the following Saturday, July 16, is scheduled.

Our Windsor Family

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY to...

† Kathy Robinson and family on the passing of her mother-in-law, Gloria Taylor Robinson, on May 29.

† Dianne Dixon and family on the passing of her mother, Loretta Joyce Bergmann, on June 6.

*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.*

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

On Sunday, June 12, we welcomed **Kristen Hill** as a member of Windsor's family. Welcome to Windsor, **Kristen!**

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, July 3 and August 7.**



Calendar July 2022

Saturday, July 2

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 3

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast –Lizard’s Thicket

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

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:30 AM Filipino American Church - HH/K

7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 4



7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 5

6:00 PM Charge Conference - Sanctuary

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Thursday, July 7

6:00 PM Charge Conference - Sanctuary

Saturday, July 9

8:00 AM Trustee Church Work Day

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 10

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

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:30 AM Filipino American Church - HH/K

7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 11

7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Friday, July 15

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

Saturday, July 16

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 17

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

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:30 AM Filipino American Church - HH

7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 18

7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Saturday, July 23

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 24

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

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:30 AM Filipino American Church - HH

7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 25

7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 26

6:00 PM Church Rest for SPRC and Trustee - HH

6:00 PM Church Rest for SPRC and Trustee - HH

Thursday, July 28

7:00 PM Richland Herb Society - Room 10

Saturday, July 30

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, July 31

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

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:30 AM Filipino American Church - HH

7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/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.



July

Calvin McCoy, Sr.	1
Dave Varnes	1
Melvin Wolff	2
Isaac Byrd	9
Al Robinson	12
Michelle Nicholson	16
Dottie Cronise	18
Jennifer Deudkoontod	23
Inez Nicholson	24
John Mullikin	25
Becky Buie	27
Jim Hinson	28
Mark Brown	28
Kara Lewis	31



August

Becky Leonard	8
Rodney Mills	8
Sarah Smith	11
Sylvia Ash	13
Jim Kyzer	20
Anne Richardson	22
Mac Horton	25
Mary Nichols	25
William Frierson	25
Carla Schwab	25
Marilyn Summers	27
Calvin Edwards	29
Verlie Patrick	29
Gene Lewis	31
Monya Havekost	31
Anita Schmidt	31

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