

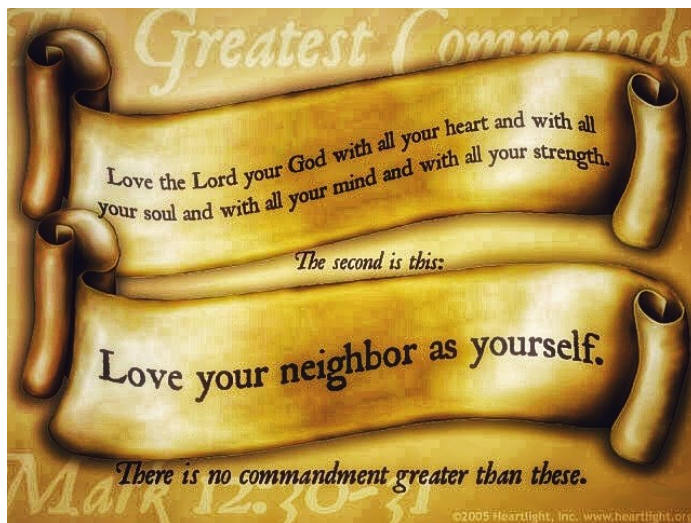
The Vine

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.



GOOD NEIGHBORS

Mark 12:30-31, 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Good neighbors have always been more than just a cliché. I remember my childhood neighbors and my parents being friendly. Our neighborhood was more like an extended family. But it is easy to be nice to people we know. That was the way of the world during my young days. Well, the world we live in now is so different.

All neighborhoods have their personalities. Some tend to be more open to getting to know each other, while some prefer to stay to themselves. Regardless of the community you live in, being a good neighbor requires us to follow basic human courtesy and kind guidelines.

The ultimate goal is to live in peace and harmony. Even though that's not always possible, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are to do

whatever it takes to prevent hostilities and long-lasting hard feelings. Good neighbors go out of their way to be just that "good neighbors."

Further, we follow the golden rule, do unto others as you would have them do to you. We respect each other's personal space. If our neighbors have needs and we know about them, we try our best to assist with their necessities. We lovingly enjoy performing random acts of kindness.

This article brings me to my main point. Windsor, we have been good neighbors to our school across the street. I have been in countless meetings where the name Windsor is mentioned with great gratitude for the generosity we continue to display to E.L. Wright and others. They want us to know how much our kindness means to them.

Scripture says, "Who is my neighbor, those who do the will of the Father." Without hesitation, we can say that E.L. Wright cares for and teaches the community's children. For years Windsor has shown our support and appreciation to the staff, faculty and students of E.L. Wright by providing treats and movie tickets to the students, personally written thank you cards and gifts cards to the teachers. We share parking lots as needed. In addition, Windsor continues to house the Skills for Life and Work (formerly ESOL) classes for Richland County School District 2. We provide a weekly food pantry, school bags, shoes and Christmas presents for the families of students who come to learn English. We volunteer as mentors and tutors for students needing extra help.

We are good neighbors. Thank you for going the extra mile to be all God requires of us. In 2022 let us continue to serve as we bring glory to God.

Pastor Leatha Brown



TROOP 900/TROOP 2870 NEWS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Troop 900 Events and Activities

By Russell Vereen, Troop 900 Scoutmaster

Advancement - Trail to Eagle

In the first months of 2022, two scouts have completed the final step on the trail to Eagle – the Eagle Scout Board of Review. In January, Hayden Pendergrass earned the Rank of Eagle. In February, Colby Linn earned the Rank of Eagle. Both scouts did an outstanding job and were commended by the members of their Review Board. Hayden aspires to one day become a lawyer and Colby is planning to join the Coast Guard. Congratulations to these young men!



Hayden Pendergrass with his parents.



Colby Linn with Scoutmaster Russell Vereen

Photos courtesy of Russell Vereen

Service - Scouting for Food

Troop 900 has completed another successful Scouting for Food drive. Scouts distributed door hangers throughout the Briarwood neighborhood on Saturday, February 5. The following Saturday, scouts arrived bright and early and cheerfully collected bags of donations placed on the porches of the Briarwood neighborhood homes. In total, more than 670 items were collected and donated to Windsor United Methodist Church's food pantry.

Collected items from Troop 900 and Troop 2870 were combined to amass nearly 2000 items total. Mrs. Becky Leonard and Ms. Nelly Jolley (a Richland 2 outreach worker) were onsite and able to facilitate providing necessities to 35 families as well as restock the food pantry closet. Troop 900 would like to thank all the volunteers who participated and the neighborhood families who dug deep to make their contributions.





WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

Article and photos by Becky Leonard

Windsor's first serving of 2022 at Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar was in February. We did not serve in January as the New Year's holiday coincided with our regular first Monday of the month serving day.

Terrence Chisolm, Soup Cellar manager, made hot vegetable beef soup for February 7 — a cold and rainy day. Our bagged meal also included a turkey sandwich, crackers, applesauce, granola bar for dessert and a bottle of water. Windsor's four-person serving crew of Ferrie Ward, Kathy Hart, Debbo Lackore and Becky Leonard handed out the noon-time meal to the 85 folks who came through the Soup Cellar doors.

Since June 2021, the Soup Cellar has welcomed back volunteer groups on a limited basis. At the beginning of the COVID pandemic, all volunteers were suspended and the noon meal operation was kept going by a small group of dedicated Washington Street UMC staff and members. Adjustments were made to be able to continue serving a meal to those in need. Those changes are still in effect. Bagged take-out meals replace the sit-down meal. Masks are required of guests and serving crew. Each guest comes to the serving counter one at a time to receive their bagged meal and departs so that the next guest can get their meal. For added protection, servers stand behind a plexiglass screen and pass the meal to the guests. Volunteer groups, including Windsor UMC, make sandwiches, pack items included in the bagged meal and hand the meal out.

While numbers of those being served in spring 2020 began in the low 60s, they have climbed with some days now serving more than 100 people.

Windsor's next serving dates will be Mondays, March 7 and April 4. We begin meal preparation around 9:15 a.m. and are finished with serving at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping in March or April, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com.

Dear Soup Cellar,

In 1984, I moved to Columbia. I came from a treatment for drugs and alcohol. I was homeless living in the Women's Shelter. Every day for two months, I took the bus or walked around town looking for a job. During that time you fed me spiritually and with food. For that I am grateful. Enclosed is a check to help pay back for my 29 years of clean and sober.

Thank you again.

Hope

The adjacent letter was recently received by the Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar Ministry. Ferrie Ward began serving at the Soup Cellar in 1982. Most likely, she served the author of this letter in 1984.



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.



Thank you BSA Troop 900 and BSA Troop 2870!

Many thanks to the scouts of Troop 900 and Troop 2870. For this year's Scouting for Food drive, they designated their collections to Windsor's Food Pantry. Scouting for Food is a

national service project of Boy Scouts of America and takes place in our area in February. The 2022 campaign began on Saturday, February 5 with the scouts distributing informational door hangers to neighborhood homes and ended Saturday, February 12 with the collection of bags filled with donated food items. The scouts, adult leaders and family members all helped to make this a successful campaign, collecting more than 1,800 food items! Through their efforts and the very generous donations of our neighbors, 35 families were able to receive food and Windsor's Food Pantry was filled.

We thank Troop 900 and Troop 2870 for their support of the Windsor Food Pantry and joining us in helping those in need.



UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial

By Joy Stone

Tuesday, March 8 is International Women's Day! The United Methodist Women will have their Call to Prayer and Self Denial program on that day at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. All women are welcome to attend by using this link: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/voices-from-the-field>. Registration is required. This year's theme is *Voices from the Field: Deaconess & Home Missioner Ministry* with the focus on the Eastern U.S. and Canada.

Sarah Circle will have a Call-related program on Thursday, March 17 at 10:30 a. m. in Harbor Hall. Please join us; all are welcome. Donations for this Call go to professional training and education for deaconesses and home missioners, equipping them for their call to God's service.

For March's mission, please bring Kleenex, paper products and cleaning supplies to be donated to the Family Shelter.



UMW Sarah Circle Meetings

By Pat Christiansen

The Sarah Circle met on Thursday, February 10 at 10:30 a.m. in Harbor Hall. Attendees were Pat Christiansen, Monya Havekost, Peggy Hill, Frances Huggins, Becky McMillion, Jan Negus, Anita Schmidt and Joy Stone. We collected paper products, sugar and cleaning supplies for the Women's Shelter. For January's mission, we collected 12 packages of baby wipes, three rolls of paper towels and four boxes of facial tissue for the Children's Garden. Pledge cards were distributed for the UMW budget. We discussed this year's Call to Prayer and Denial program, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom on International Women's Day, Tuesday, March 8. Hostesses Becky and Peggy led us in a Valentine's card project and ended in a devotion with a prayer. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Harbor Hall.



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, March 6 and April 3.**



Three Ash Wednesday Events at Windsor UMC

By Kathy Hart

After two years of being in a pandemic, life feels complicated and lonesome at the same time. Some days we feel trampled on or blown around like dust in the wind from the whims of our daily life. Ashes are an ancient symbol of our humanity. In Genesis 2:7, we read that God formed human beings out of the dust (ashes) of the earth. In Genesis 3:19, we are reminded that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. During Lent we focus on fasting from the things that separate us most from loving God, loving others, and even loving ourselves.

Please wear a face mask for the imposition of ashes. Windsor UMC is offering three Ash Wednesday events on March 2, including the 11 a.m. worship service in Harbor Hall, the “Ashes to Go” drive-thru from 2:30 – 4 p.m. in the front parking lot and the 6 p.m. short worship service in Harbor Hall. Everyone is welcome.



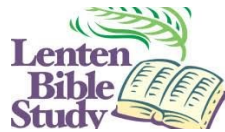
March 2, Ash Wednesday

11 a.m. - noon Ash Wednesday service in Harbor Hall **Registration needed.** Box lunch \$5.00

2:30 - 4 p.m. Afternoon Drive-thru Imposition of ashes

6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Imposition of ashes in Harbor Hall **Registration needed.**

Registration is needed for box lunch orders for the 11 a.m. service and to determine the interest in a 6 p.m. service. Please contact Kathy Hart at 803-318-2646 or kathyivey@sc.rr.com to register.



WINDSOR UMC SPRINGS INTO ACTION WITH BIBLE STUDIES



2022 LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES, *CREED* BY ADAM HAMILTON

Wednesdays—March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6 and April 13

11 a.m. – noon Harbor Hall (in-person) and via Zoom **Registration needed.** Box lunch \$5.00

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Annex (in-person) and via Zoom **Registration needed.**

Registration is for the purpose of securing the right number of copies of *Creed* by Adam Hamilton books and for box lunch orders for the 11 a.m. class. Please contact Kathy Hart at 803-318-2646 or kathyivey@sc.rr.com to register.

Recruiting Volunteers for Palm Sunday Weekend Drive-Thru Drama

By Kathy Hart

For the first time in three years, Rehoboth UMC invited Windsor UMC to participate in the community Drive-Thru Drama happening on Friday, April 8 and/or Saturday, April 9. New Covid protocols are in place to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Contact Kathy Hart at 803-318-2646 for more information about this powerful evangelism experience. No rehearsal needed. Costumes are provided.

Drive-Thru Drama

Everyone is invited to bring a friend and drive thru Rehoboth UMC's parking lot on Friday, April 8 or Saturday, April 9 to witness the re-enactment of Jesus' last week on earth. Cars will be admitted from the Two Notch entrance beginning at 7 p.m.

Financial Summary through January 31, 2022

	Income through Jan 31, 2022	Expenses through Jan 31, 2022	2022 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 14,146.22		\$ 326,594.00	4%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 17,548.42	\$ 251,374.00	7%
Apportionments			29,237.00	0%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)			34,560.00	0%
Outreach			5,050.00	0%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		116.00	6,373.00	2%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 14,146.22	\$ 17,664.42	\$ 326,594.00	5%
Estimate of Giving for 2022			\$ 326,594.00	



**God Bless
America!**

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



Average Attendance

10 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary

January 1 to January 31, 2022 32

February 1 to February 28, 2022 43

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

Sunday School

January 1 to January 31, 2022 17

February 1 to February 28, 2022 24

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



Our Windsor Family

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY to...

- † Julie Milhouse and family on the passing of her father, Willie James Milhouse, on January 25.
- † John and Shirley Poole and family on the passing of their grandson, Nicholas Ryan Poole, on January 26.
- † Mac and Libby Horton and family on the passing of Mac's brother, Beecher Horton, on January 30.

*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.*

Calendar March 2022

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, March 2

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

11:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service - HH

2:30 PM Drive-thru Imposition of ashes

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service - HH

Thursday, March 3

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Saturday, March 5

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, March 6

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, March 7

9:00 AM Royal HS CoOp - HH/Rm 3,4,5 Pav

9:15 AM Soup Kitchen - Washington Street UMC

6:30 PM Kiwanis Aktion Club - HH

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, March 9

9:00 AM SL&WP - No Class

11:00 AM Bible Study - HH (in-person, Zoom)

6:00 PM Bible Study - Annex (in-person, Zoom)

Thursday, March 10

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Saturday, March 12

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, March 13

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, March 14

9:00 AM Royal HS CoOp - HH/Rm 3,4,5 Pavilion

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, March 15

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, March 16

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

11:00 AM Bible Study - HH (in-person, Zoom)

6:00 PM Bible Study - Annex (in-person, Zoom)

Thursday, March 17

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

10:30 AM UMW- Sarah Circle - HH

Friday, March 18

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meetings

12:00 PM Royal HS CoOp

Saturday, March 19

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, March 20

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, March 21

9:00 AM Royal HS CoOp - HH/Rm 3,4,5 Pavilion

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, March 23

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

11:00 AM Bible Study - HH (in-person, Zoom)

6:00 PM Bible Study - Annex (in-person, Zoom)

Thursday, March 24

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Friday, March 25

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

Saturday, March 26

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, March 27

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, March 28

9:00 AM Royal HS CoOp - HH/Rm 3,4,5,Pavilion

6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, March 29

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, March 30

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

11:00 AM Bible Study - HH (in-person, Zoom)

6:00 PM Bible Study - Annex (in-person, Zoom)

Thursday, March 31

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

**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.



March

Ivey Hart	1
Pat Christiansen	8
Richard Lane	10
Norma Thompson	11
George Ruppe	11
Linda Hershey	12
Kathy Hart	14
Sharon Emory	19
Stephanie Kitchens	20
Bea Stout	22
Crawford Latham	26
Sam Frierson	26
David Williams	28



April

Steve Finley	3
Betsy Meade	4
Kris Hartley	9
Kalani McCoy	12
Suzanne Frierson	12
Megan Stout	13
Nicholas Kitchens	18
Dan Lackore	27

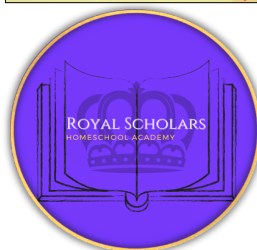


Royal Scholars

Article and photos by Felicia McCoy

Royal Scholars is on a roll in 2022! We have so many things going on and Windsor UMC is the reason we have made it this far by giving us the space to educate our children. If you are not familiar with Royal Scholars, we are a non-profit homeschool organization on a mission to provide quality Afro-centered programming for our scholars which includes classes, events, field trips, an accountability association, and mom meet-ups.

We have an upcoming event, A Royal Brunch (tea party) on Friday, April 22 from 2 – 4 p.m. in Harbor Hall. This event will be open to all homeschool families and the focus will be on etiquette, but we won't leave out the fun. If you would like to support us in any way or have any ideas that will help to make our event great, please contact Felicia McCoy or Kathy Hart.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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