

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.



Have you ever had to reset your computer? You keep receiving a message saying the system needs to update, but you ignore the signs a reset is necessary. It is saying that the old software is dated, and an upgrade will keep you running smoothly. As technology changes, if we don't take the time to acknowledge our old software is no longer supported, our computers begin to slow down and soon die because we don't upgrade to accommodate the current needs. Eventually, we need to reset or run the risk of malfunctioning.

The same problems can occur within our families and even our churches. If we are not aware of required attention in areas or start neglecting our growing propensities, we become irrelevant. We took in twelve members in 2019, and we were excited. We were learning how to be Windsor together and ready for all the possibilities of ministry. We were experiencing some growing pains. But it was a great problem to have as new members joined our church family. We needed to reboot our system to keep us efficient. I remember going to charge conference at Rehoboth that year and proudly saying we had an increase in our membership. But then COVID happened.

Like many other churches, we did not know what to do. After a time of being closed, we reopened our doors. But how do we go right back to the way things were before? How do we gain the momentum we had in 2019 and move forward? The dreaded COVID gave us a deeper perspective on what is most important. From every walk of life, analysts and professionals tell us we are not the same people we were just twenty-four months ago. Mental and emotional anguish exists amid many families having private and public struggles. We need to recenter ourselves. We need a reset. Our Bishop, district superintendent, and others began to speak with

us about ministering to people who may or may not know what and why we feel disconnected. With so many people questioning their faith, in many instances, we prayed for answers. I am pleased to say God was not asleep and has not forgotten us. God wants to bless this church family. He also knows how to reset our church. Our Nomination Development ministry talked about what was needed and, after prayer and conversation, Reverend Robert Cox is the answer God has placed in our path. Please find his bio below:

Pastor Robert Cox retired from active ministry in 2018 after serving two years in the North Carolina Conference and 24 years in the South Carolina Conference. Prior to attending Duke Divinity School and entering the ministry, he managed movie theatres, served in the U.S. Navy, earned his Master of Accounting, and was the Corporate Controller for South Carolina's largest moving company.

Robert brought years of business training and experience to the role of pastor. About four years before retirement, he began teaching church administration at local church and district training events.

With the onset of the COVID pandemic and personal meetings and events no longer possible, he created a Church Administration Website and a monthly newsletter that now has over 300 subscribers. He continues to teach and coach church administration via Zoom classes and individual consulting.

Reverend Robert Cox has agreed to work with our church family as a teacher and coach. He will be with us Sunday, May 22, at our 10 a.m. worship service to share his ideas and also share in a fellowship meal immediately after worship. I am excited, along with our leadership, to welcome him as we commit to the work of *Church Reset*. It is not an overnight fix, but necessary for a healthy and whole vital church to emerge and evolve. Please join us for this journey called *Church Reset*.



Pastor Leatha Brown

TROOP 900/TROOP 2870 NEWS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Troop 2870 Events and Activities

Article and photos by Ed Gatzke, Troop 2870 Scoutmaster

In March, Troop 2870 attended the District Camporee at Poinsett State Park. The troop spent a recent Saturday exploring Riverbanks Zoo and hiking the Saluda River Walk. At the end of April, the troop plans a campout and waterfall hike at Jones Gap State Park. The girls are going to summer camp at Camp Barstow in June. Ava Phelps, the troop's first Eagle Scout, is headed to Philmont Scout Ranch this summer for a 21-day backpacking trip in the mountains of New Mexico. Troop 2870 has changed their meeting time to 7 p.m. on Sunday nights.



Troop 900 Events and Activities

By Russell Vereen, Troop 900 Scoutmaster

Advancement - Trail to Eagle

Over the weekend of March 5, scout Michael Gaither completed his Eagle Project workday. He chose to plant new red maple trees at the entrance to his high school. The original trees had to be removed several years ago to accommodate construction, and the front area was left unkempt for some time. The beautification effort was much appreciated by Principal Sherman. Michael is now awaiting his Eagle Board of Review which should happen the second week of May.

Program/ Events

Our outing for March was to Inner Peaks Climbing, an indoor facility in Charlotte. The facility had a variety of climbing options from low wall "bouldering" to more than thirty different 50-foot-high climbing trails along the facility walls. Several sections of nearly horizontal rock faces were obviously the biggest challenge to master. After an afternoon of climbing, it was back to Columbia for overnight camping at Sesqui.

With the extended daylight hours, scouts were able to get in some play time of football, frisbee, and card games. After dinner, we had a small campfire with marshmallow roasting topped off by a Dutch oven tropical cobbler. Another great time spent in adventure and fellowship.



Photos by Russell Vereen



Photos by Demarius Gaither



WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

Article and photos by Becky Leonard

Windsor helped with the Soup Cellar servings at Washington Street UMC on March 7 and April 4. Since June 2021, the Soup Cellar has welcomed back volunteer groups on a limited basis. At the beginning of the COVID pandemic in March 2020, 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. Most of the changes made in 2020 remain in effect. Bagged take-out meals replaced the sit-down meal. Guests come to the serving counter one at a time to receive their bagged meal and depart 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. Guests (and serving crew) were required to wear masks, however, since mid-March 2022, masks are now optional. Volunteer groups, including Windsor UMC, make sandwiches, pack items included in the bagged meal and hand the meal out.

Soup Cellar manager Terrence Chisolm made chicken noodle soup for March 7. Along with the hot soup, our bagged meal included a turkey/cheese or bologna/cheese sandwich, orange, cupcake or chocolate pudding for dessert and a bottle of water. Kathy Hart helped for a short time that morning and Windsor's serving crew of Ferrie Ward, Debbo Lackore, Becky Leonard and Pastor Brown completed the food preparation and handed out the meal to the 78 folks who came through the Soup Cellar doors.

Seventy-three folks received a meal on our April 4 serving day. Similar to March's bagged lunch, the meal included Terrence's vegetable beef soup, a turkey sandwich, navel orange, cupcake or granola bar and a bottle of water. Ferrie Ward, Debbo Lackore, Kathy Hart and Becky Leonard helped that morning. While masks were optional for the guests, nearly all of them chose to wear them as they came in to pick up their lunch.

Windsor's next serving dates will be Mondays, May 2 and June 6. We begin meal preparation around 9:15 a.m. and are finished with the serving at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping in May or June, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com.



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.





Ash Wednesday and the Creed Bible Study

By Kathy Hart



From ashes to hydrangeas, the Lenten season at Windsor was busy. Two Ash Wednesday services were held on March 2. Pastor Brown introduced the Bible Study *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. For six weeks, twenty-one folks read, discussed, questioned, prayed and spoke the ancient words of the Apostles' Creed. Classes were held on Wednesday mornings and evenings ending on April 13.

"That is one of the best books about Christianity and it gave me a better understanding about Christianity than any book that I have read in a long time. I never understood the concept of the Holy Spirit fully until I read this book." John Mullikin

"This study was a powerful way to be refreshed as a Christian. It is truly a witness of who we are as Christians." Pastor Leatha Brown

"The sharing of personal stories by everyone around the table brought the words and meaning of the Apostles' Creed to life. It also reminded me that although we say, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty..." I am united with Christians everywhere in our beliefs." Kathy Hart

"It was an investigation, exploration and reflection on the Apostles' Creed. We studied it on an individual level and a collective level. We brought the many into one. I would say that we all walked away with a clearer and deeper understanding of the Creed and of each other along our learning journey." Michelle Nicholson

In addition to those mentioned above, participants included Susan Finley, Frances Huggins, Noreen Doughty, Reverend Norma Edwards, Calvin Edwards, John Russell, Sylvia Ash, Frank Harbor, Julie Milhouse, Kathy Robinson, Charles Shipman, Donna Woodard, Nancy Morgan, Isaac and Joyce Byrd, Joe Thompson and Barb Hamilton. A special thanks to Ivey Hart and Calvin Edwards who delivered our box lunches every week.

Stay tuned for a summer Bible Study announcement.

Palm Sunday's Observance

By Kathy Hart

As Rodney Mills played the familiar hymn, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* on Windsor's organ, worshippers

processed, waving their palm fronds and laying them at the foot of the cross. Pictured are Terry and Steve Kitchens.



Children's Time

By Kathy Hart

In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Children's Time returned to Windsor's worship service beginning April 24. Volunteers are needed to bring a simple, short Biblical message to the children before they leave to attend Children's Church. Contact Kathy Hart at 803-318-2646 or kathyivey@sc.rr.com.

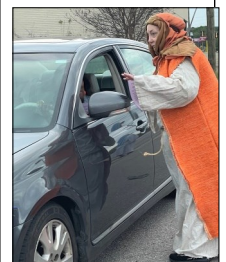


Drive-Thru Drama Returns

By Kathy Hart

"Welcome to Jerusalem!" is what I said to two hundred and ninety-one people as they pulled into the entrance of the Drive-Thru Drama. The windy, chilly weather of April 8 and 9 didn't stop the new energy and excitement felt by everyone at the Drive-Thru Drama. Depicting scenes of the final week of Christ's life on earth from the Last Supper to the Resurrection is a powerful experience for both the performers and the viewers as they drive through the Rehoboth UMC parking lot. From across the parking lot, the roar of the large mob yelling "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" could be heard. The trial scene was both chilling and loud. The Windsor drive-thru participants included Linda Jackson, Becky Leonard, Kathy Hart, Ivey Hart, Lisa McAlpine, Rev. Leatha Brown, Mark Brown, John Woodard, Peggy Hill, Kristin Hill, and Debbo Lackore. Next year is going to be even better. Plans are already underway to add additional scenes. Mark your calendars now for Palm Sunday weekend in 2023.

Photos by Becky Leonard





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 **Friday, June 10**. Applicants will be notified of a decision in July. The funds become available to recipients after July 2022.



Movie and Road Trip

By Kathy Hart



Mark your calendars for this two-part event. On Tuesday, May 17 at 11 a.m., join us in Harbor Hall for the showing of *A Man Named Pearl*, a feature film about topiary artist Pearl Fryer. and his personal story of how one man faced racial prejudice in his hometown. A \$5 Chick-Fil-A box lunch will be served. Then on Tuesday, May 24, join us as we venture to Bishopville to enjoy a prayerful stroll through Pearl Fryer's topiary gardens. Cars will leave Windsor UMC at 10 a.m. Lunch will be at the rustic Harry and Harry 2 Restaurant in Bishopville. Please sign up for one or both May events. We need two more volunteers to drive their cars. Contact Kathy Hart for more information at 803-318-2646.

Lay Servant Ministries Courses

By Kathy Hart

The Columbia District In-person Lay Servant Ministries announces their course selections for the Spring Training School. Classes will be held Friday night, May 13 and all-day Saturday, May 14 at Union UMC in Irmo. For first-timers, the Basic Course is being offered. Please talk to Pastor Brown immediately if you are interested. Deadline for registration is May 6. For future information, examples of some of the many offerings are shown below. The fee is \$35 for meals. You are responsible for ordering your books before class begins. Contact Witness Chair, Kathy Hart for more information.

- BASIC LAY SERVANT COURSE: Lay Servant Ministries- Basic Course ISBN# 978-088177-626-3

Additional Courses:

- LEADING WORSHIP: *Worshipping with United Methodists* (Revised) ISBN# 978-0-687-3352-8
- LIFE TOGETHER IN THE UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION (UNITED METHODIST POLITY): *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church* ISBN# 9780687335312
- LEADING MISSIONAL GROUPS: *Transforming Community* ISBN# 978-0-88177-754-3
- TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM: *Transforming Evangelism* ISBN# 978-0-88177-485-6
- AGING & MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: *Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century* (Print Book) ISBN# 9780881775402

Ramping Up

If you read the April *Advocate* article regarding the joint effort of Hospice of York, Chester and Lancaster counties and Bethel UMC, you know they are turning their empty parsonage into a Hospice shelter for homeless adults suffering from terminal illnesses with no homes or support systems. Because the word is out that we developed an UMVIM team willing to build a handicap ramp in a weekend, we were asked to come and build a ramp inside the garage of the parsonage. Bethel UMC Church treated us to breakfast and lunch on Saturday, April 30.

For some of us who still like to build stuff to help people, but the idea of a week-long Salkehatchie camp in the blistering summer heat is no longer appealing or even physically do-able, we developed an UMVIM team who can go anywhere for short term projects during cooler times of the year. If you are interested in joining the team for future ramp projects, please contact Kathy Hart.

Photo courtesy of
Kathy Hart



UMVIM team is pictured standing on their completed ramp (L to R): Doug Hartley, Kathy Hart, Eryn Price, Ivey Hart, Tony Jackson and Fred Leonard.

Financial Summary through March 31, 2022

	Income through March 31, 2022	Expenses through March 31, 2022	2022 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 46,912.57		\$ 231,356.00	20%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 55,510.21	\$ 253,790.00	22%
Apportionments		4,863.28	26,748.00	18%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		135.53	7,455.00	2%
Outreach		305.00	5,050.00	6%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		266.64	6,020.00	4%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 46,912.57	\$ 61,080.66	\$ 299,063.00	20%



**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	
March 1 to March 31, 2022	38
April 1 to April 30, 2022	59

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

Sunday School

March 1 to March 31, 2022	23
April 1 to April 30, 2022	24

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

Easter Sunday 2022

Photos by Noreen Doughty



Our Windsor Family

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

† Peggy Hill and family on the passing of her cousin, Burt Lyle, on March 1.

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, April 24, we welcomed **Tremaine Sails** as a member of Windsor's family. Welcome to Windsor, **Tremaine!**

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, June 5. and July 3.**



Calendar May 2022

Sunday, May 1

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, May 2

9:00 AM Royal HS CoOp - HH/Rm 3,4,5 Pavilion
 9:15 AM Soup Kitchen - Washington Street UMC
 6:30 PM Kiwanis Aktion Club - HH
 7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, May 3

9:00 AM SL&WP- All Classrooms

Wednesday, May 4

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, May 5

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Saturday, May 7

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)



Sunday, May 8

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, May 9

9:00 AM Royal HS CoOp - HH/Rm 3,4,5 Pavilion
 7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, May 10

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Wednesday, May 11

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, May 12

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 10:30 AM UMW– Sarah Circle - HH
 7:00 PM Briarwood Neighborhood Meetings- HH

Saturday, May 14

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, May 15

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, May 16

9:00 AM Royal HS CoOp - HH/Rm 3,4,5 Pavilion
 7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 11:00 AM Movie - HH

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, May 19

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Friday, May 20

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

Saturday, May 21

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
 2:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Court of Honor Ceremony/Reception - Sanctuary/HH

Sunday, May 22

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Fellowship Meal - HH
 1:00 PM Filipino American Church - HH
 7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

Monday, May 23

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, May 24

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 10:00 AM Road Trip to Bishopville, SC

Wednesday, May 25

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 28

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
 1:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Court Honor- HH/Sanct

Sunday, May 29

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, May 30



7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, May 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.



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

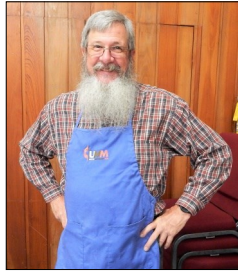
Joe Thompson	3
Melanie Nanney	5
Richard Taylor	6
Denise Lane	6
Frances Huggins	7
John Dixon	9
Michael Grimes	10
Charmaine Ruppe	11
Nancy Morgan	23
Karen Taylor	26
Becky McMillion	29

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