

The Vine

Windsor United Methodist Church

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November 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.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Giving Thanks

We are coming to the end of our sermon series *Uncommon Giving*. This series reminds me and reveals great revelation about the importance of giving thanks found in the Bible. As I studied the scriptures and prepared for the preaching moment, I was amazed at the emphasis on giving thanks throughout the Bible. Perhaps it is because we decided not to focus only on finances. But it seems like the Bible is all about giving thanks to God for His many blessings.

Perhaps giving thanks resonates with me because of where I am in my spiritual journey. I am so thankful for relationships. There is so much violence in society. It seems people do not value their own life and the lives of others. This reality saddens me. But I choose to take the opportunity to thank God for the people in my life. Many of you have recently lost loved ones, and thinking of the losses makes us sad, but let us also choose to be thankful. Ms. Nancy Morgan’s sudden death was a reality check for me, as well as losing my relative recently. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us to give thanks in all things. So, whether life is sad or disappointing, I am choosing to thank God for His gift of relationships. Friendships, family relationships, colleagues, mentors and you, Windsor, are gifts from God almighty, and I am thankful for each of you.

Further, this is the season to be thankful as we approach Thanksgiving Day. Let’s take the month to practice giving ourselves to God and giving thanks to God for all His many blessings. Let’s give each other encouraging words and expressions of peace that are so needed worldwide.

October was Pastor’s Appreciation Month, and I want to thank all of you for your cards and gifts. I am reminded of Paul’s words to the Philippians.

Philippians 1:3-6 – I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Pastor Leatha Brown



I'm thankful for God above and for His precious gifts of warmth of love.

I'm thankful for my home and for my family too, and for the blessings I receive the whole year through.



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It's Time for Shoeboxes!

By Kara Lewis

Windsor UMC is again supporting *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child*. Join us in collecting shoebox gifts for children in the U.S. and around the world.

There are 3 giving options:

1. **Build a Shoebox Online:** Use the link below to build a shoebox on the Samaritan's Purse website. You choose the age/sex of a child and the gifts to include. Each online shoebox is \$25 with *no extra fees for shipping*. This link tracks shoeboxes sent by Windsor UMC. Our goal this year is 20 online boxes.

[Build A Shoebox Online \(samaritanaspurse.org\)](http://samaritanaspurse.org)

2. **Monetary Donations:** Make a financial gift to Windsor UMC designating it for *Shoeboxes*. Any amount is welcome and will provide extra shoebox gifts.

3. **Fill a Box:** Fill your shoebox (or plastic box with lid) with school supplies, wash cloths, hand towels, soap, toothbrushes, combs, hairclips, socks, toy cars and stuffed animals. (*No liquids, candy, military toys or toothpaste.*) Please mark the box label (boy/girl and age), attach it to the box and enclose \$10 for shipping. Leave the boxes in the church office or on the table near the sanctuary by **Sunday, November 13**. The boxes will be delivered to a local collection site.

Thank you for joining this Outreach project! If you have questions, contact Kara Lewis, 803-788-9433 or Becky Leonard, 803-466-4222.

United Women in Faith

By Anita Schmidt

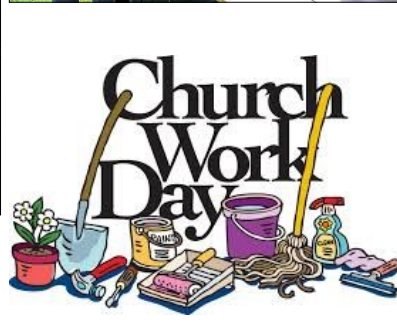
Anita Schmidt attended the 50th Annual Columbia United Women in Faith meeting on September 17 where she met with Vilma Cobb and Tiffany Phillips from Rehoboth United Women in Faith to discuss a collaboration with Windsor United Women in Faith for holding joint meetings. Rehoboth and Windsor UWF are excited to join forces and better focus on the updated UWF mission and vision of connecting with and nurturing current members and welcoming new members from other churches and faith traditions. We are excited to develop programs and activities that will positively inspire, influence and impact both local and global communities. The Windsor and Rehoboth United Women in Faith will hold their first joint meeting on Monday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Rehoboth United Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be Debra Schooler, president of the Columbia District United Women in Faith.

All women in the church are invited to attend and to bring their friends and neighbors! If you need transportation assistance, please contact Anita Schmidt at 412-552-0764.



September Playground Repair and Clean-up

Photos by Noreen Doughty





WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard

The noon meal servings at Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar continue as a bagged meal which was initiated at the beginning of the Covid pandemic in March 2020. Windsor UMC helps with the servings on the first Monday of the month.

Windsor's September serving day fell on the Labor Day holiday. Local groups provided a meal to those in need as the Soup Cellar was closed that day in observance of the holiday. Windsor folks returned to help with the October serving.

On our October 3 serving day, Soup Cellar manager Terrence Chisolm made vegetable soup with pork. Along with a cup of hot soup, the bagged meal included a sliced turkey or bologna sandwich, tangerine, cupcake and bottle of water. Anita Schmidt, Ferrie Ward, Debbo Lackore and Kathy Hart helped serve the 81 guests who came that morning.

Windsor's next serving days are Mondays, November 7 and December 5. If you are interested in helping on either day, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com. We begin meal preparation around 9:15 a.m. and are finished with serving at 12:30 p.m.

Little Free Hygiene Pantry at the Soup Cellar

The recent opening of the Little Free Hygiene Pantry provides needed items to the homeless. Windsor can help by donating hotel soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, combs/brushes, tampons and pads. With the cooler weather, clean, gently-worn winter jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters and coats are also accepted. If you would like to help, please drop off your donations at the church office during the week or bring them to the Sunday worship service, placing them in the plastic bin provided. We will take them with us to our next serving.



Photos by Kathy Hart

Windsor Food Pantry

Windsor's pantry provides food for families in need coming to our church office as well as needy families in the Skills for Life and Work Program. 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. The following list of items includes recent updates:

- white rice (1 or 2 pound bags)
- dried red, black and pinto beans (in 1 pound bags)
- spaghetti sauce/pasta noodles
- macaroni and cheese
- vegetable/canola oil
- sugar (2 or 4 pound bags)
- salt
- canned chicken, tuna, and Vienna sausage
- individual fruit cups



You may drop off your donations at the church office during the week or bring to the Sunday worship service, placing them in the plastic bin provided.

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



Windsor Families Helping Families

By Outreach Team

Thank you, Windsor, for your past tremendous support of this ministry project! This will be the Windsor Outreach Team's eleventh year sponsoring Windsor Families Helping Families. As we did last year, we will concentrate on providing gifts for the children in several families. Richland School District Two Outreach worker Ms. Nelly Jolley will provide the names of the children in need, along with their age, sex, clothing size and gift suggestions.

Information will be available by mid-November and gifts will be due back to Windsor the beginning of December. If you'd like to participate, but don't wish to shop, please consider making a monetary donation and we will shop for you – just indicate that your offering is for *Windsor Families Helping Families*.

Please call or email Becky Leonard (803-466-4222, fleonardz@hotmail.com) with any questions. You may also check the weekly *Leaf* for updates as well.

Again, thank you for your continued support of this ministry project!

'Twas the Alpine Community Trunk 'n' Treat

By Kathy Hart (revised)

'Twas the night of the 31st, when in Windsor's parking lot,
Came creatures stirring, costumed, made or bought.
The children were brought by their parents with care,
In hopes of receiving enough candy to share.

The children dressed as princesses or walking dead,
While visions of candy corn swirled in their heads.
With Windsor and Christian Faith folks working non-stop,
They kept things running without a snag or a flop.

When out on the road there arose such a clatter.
It was the arrival of the firetruck with its hook and ladder.
Children dashed to the truck with its red lights a'flashing,
Showing off their equipment, the firefighters looked dashing.

When what to the wandering eye did appear,
Decorated car trunks full of candy and folks of good cheer.
Children's bags overflowing with candy galore,
So much candy, they could open a candy store.

Corn hole, dino dig, ring toss and more games.
Entertained the young and the old who came.
Little ones enjoyed the yellow ducks in the pool.
Even the shadow puppets were weirdly cool.

Now hopping! Now jumping! Now springing with glee!
Children bounced in the bounce house happily,
Landing in the midst of bright colored balls.
Now bounce away! Bounce away! Bounce away all.

And the smoke it encircled the men like a wreath
As they served up 500 hotdogs with chips fit to eat.
Folks ate and they drank 'til their bellies were full.
No one left hungry, the men saw to that rule.

Soon it was over, the candy buckets...empty.
The Alpine Community Trunk 'n Treat was history,
And the voices exclaimed as they drove out of sight,
"Til next year, our neighbors and to all a blessed night."

Many thanks to all who participated from Windsor UMC, Christian Faith Fellowship,
E.L. Wright Middle School and Royal Scholars in this very successful event.



*Photos by Noreen Doughty
and Becky Leonard*

Charge Conference and UMM Hamburger Lunch

Photos by Noreen Doughty



October 2, 2022



**Windsor United Methodist Church
Men's Fundraiser**

Call to order &
reserve a
Boston Pork Butt
803-788-1858
(Windsor UMC office)
Last day to order is
Saturday, Nov. 5



\$40 each

Pick up your order on
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Windsor United Methodist Church
9500 Windsor Lake Blvd.**

Columbia, SC 29223



Thank You

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who completed their Estimate of Giving card for 2023. If you have not received one, please contact the church office at 803-788-1858 and one will be mailed to you.

Charles Shipman, Finance Co-Chair



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, November 6 and December 4.**



Financial Summary through September 30, 2022

	Income through September 30, 2022	Expenses through September 30, 2022	2022 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 152,620.39		\$ 231,356.00	66%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 174,798.31	\$ 253,790.00	69%
Apportionments		19,453.12	26,748.00	73%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		1,465.44	7,455.00	20%
Outreach		1,530.00	5,050.00	30%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		783.44	6,020.00	13%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 152,620.39	\$ 198,030.31	\$ 299,063.00	66%



**God Bless
America!**

**Please 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	
September 1 to September 30, 2022	51
October 1 to October 31, 2022	50

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

Sunday School

September 1 to September 30, 2022	18
October 1 to October 31, 2022	17

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

Time change on November 6

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 6.



Our Windsor Family

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

- † Becky and Fred Leonard and family on the passing of Becky's father, John Wylie, on September 3 in Utah.
- † The Morgan family on the passing of a long time member, Ms. Nancy Morgan, on October 20.

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.



October 2, 2022

Photos by Kathy Hart



Calendar November 2022

Tuesday, November 1

8:00 AM Mexican Consulate - Rm 1,3,11 & HH
 9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 3:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 4:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, November 2

8:00 AM Mexican Consulate - Rm 1,3,11 & HH
 9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, November 3

8:00 AM Mexican Consulate - Rm 1,3,11 & HH
 9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Friday, November 4

8:00 AM Mexican Consulate - Rm 1,3,11 & HH

Saturday, November 5

7:30 AM Reserved
 8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)



Sunday, November 6

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, November 7

9:00 AM Homeschool Co-op - HH, All classrooms
 6:30 PM Women in Faith - Rehoboth UMC
 7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, November 8

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 1:00 PM Bible Study - Annex
 3:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 4:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, November 9

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, November 10

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 7:00 PM Briarwood Neighborhood Meeting - HH

Saturday, November 12

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
 10:00 AM - 1 P.M. Boston Butt Pickup

Sunday, November 13

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, November 14

9:00 AM Homeschool Co-op - HH, All classrooms
 7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, November 15

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 1:00 PM Bible Study - Annex
 3:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 4:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, November 16

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, November 17

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 6:00 PM Finance Meeting - HH

Friday, November 18

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

Saturday, November 19

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, November 20

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, November 21

9:00 AM Homeschool Co-op - HH, All classrooms
 7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, November 22

9:00 AM SL&WP - Thanksgiving Break
 1:00 PM Bible Study - Annex
 3:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, November 23

9:00 AM SL&WP - Thanksgiving Break



Thursday, November 24

Saturday, November 26

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, November 27

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, November 28

9:00 AM Homeschool Co-op - HH, All classrooms
 7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms
 1:00 PM Bible Study - Annex
 3:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 4:30 PM Richland Library Tutoring - Rm 5&10
 6:00 PM Church Reset Class - HH
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, November 30

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.



Frank Harbor	7
Mitchell Brown	7
Robert Frierson	7
Libby Horton	14
Ferrie Ward	15
Mark Catoe	15
Phillip Latham	17
Felicia McCoy	19
John Russell	19
Christine Latham	20
L.B. Hardwick	23
Jean Robinson	24
Mary Beth Grimes	26
Vera Creque	28
Vicki Inman	29



Melinda Huggins	2
Pastor Leatha Brown	5
Terry Mulholland	5
Norma Edwards	13
Janet Hussain	14
Myong Woods	20
Steve McMillion	21
Lisa McAlpine	22
Steve Kitchens	22
Flourice Hussain	23
Barbara Hansen	24
Merry Fredericks	24
Kathy Williams	25
Jim VanValkenburg	26
Calvin McCoy, Jr.	30
Dianne Dixon	31



*And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us, and we have
seen his glory, glory as of the
only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth. John 1:14*



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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