

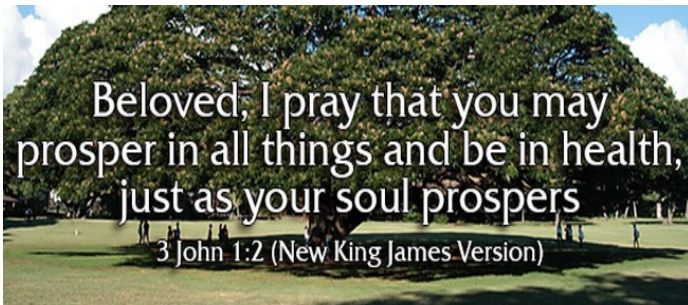
The Vine

Windsor United Methodist Church

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September 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.



¹ *The Elder, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:* ² *Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.* ³ *For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.*

God Wants Us to be Fruitful and Faithful

You eat well. You work out. You find ways to de-stress. You consider yourself “healthy.”

But when was the last time you thought about your spiritual health? This part of your well-being should be at the forefront of your mind when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle. It’s an essential component of obtaining wholeness—which also includes your physical, mental, and emotional health.

It is essential to take time to assess all parts. They are all equally important and connected to one another. Taking care of your physical health is connected with your spiritual health, just as taking care of your spiritual health has a positive effect on the health of your body. They are interchangeable. God designed it this way and you and I cannot avoid any one component of our lives if we want to have optimum health.

Of course, spirituality is not something we precisely measure, like cholesterol or blood pressure. We can gauge how spiritually healthy we are and by doing this we can help put a spotlight on

new ways to nurture ourselves. What about the health of a body of people? What about the church?

In *The Purpose Driven Church*, Rick Warren says that a church’s health is measured by its sending capacity, not its seating capacity. He contends the strength is not in numbers in the pew but in how many people are able to learn and then make other disciples. We must be able to meet people where they are. We cannot teach and preach to babes in Christ and forget the mature Christians or non-Christians. Healthy, lasting church growth is multidimensional. Church health can only occur when our message is biblical and our mission is balanced. We preach Jesus and then go out to serve.

Balance in a church does not occur naturally; in fact, we must continually correct imbalance. We must choose between quality and quantity in our church. Quality refers to the kind of disciples a church is producing. Quantity refers to the number of disciples a church is producing. If you study healthy churches, you will discover that when God finds a church that is doing a quality job of winning, nurturing, equipping, and sending out believers, He sends that church plenty of raw material. Warren says, “Why would God send a lot of prospects to a church that does not know what to do with them?”

Windsor, are we a healthy church? This is a question only we can ask ourselves and each other. Are we sending disciples to make disciples for Jesus Christ? As we continue to reset ourselves and take a closer look inward, God is calling us to be fruitful and faithful. God wants us to prosper, and I believe we are well able to be who God calls us to be in a world so desperately in need of His light and His love.

Pastor Leatha Brown





WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard

Photos by Kathy Hart and Becky Leonard

Windsor's July serving day fell on the 4th of July. Local groups provided a meal to those in need as Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar was closed in observance of the holiday. Windsor folks returned to help with the Soup Cellar serving in August. The bagged meal set-up, initiated at the beginning of the Covid pandemic in March 2020, continues for the weekday meal.

On our August 1 serving day, Soup Cellar manager Terrence Chisolm made vegetable chicken with rice soup. Although the weather is hot, Terrence continues making soup because of the nutrition provided and the guests enjoy it! Along with the soup, our bagged meal included a sliced ham sandwich, nectarine, fig newton cookies and a bottle of water. Ferrie Ward, Kathy Hart, Debbo Lackore and Becky Leonard helped serve the 84 guests who came that morning.

Windsor's next serving date won't be until Monday, October 3 as our September serving date falls on Labor Day, and is a holiday for the Soup Cellar. Local groups will provide a meal to those in need on the holiday. If you are interested in helping on October 3, 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 the serving at 12:30 p.m.



Little Free Hygiene Pantry at the Soup Cellar

Continue to save your hotel bar soaps, shampoos and conditioners! The Little Free Hygiene Pantry is a Girl Scout project providing needed items for the Soup Cellar guests. Along with 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 Sunday worship service, placing them in the plastic bin provided (please label them for Soup Kitchen). Thank you, Windsor, for helping those in need!



Windsor Food Pantry

Windsor's pantry provides food and hygiene items 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 highlight a need for a specific food item. However, we appreciate your donation of any of the following items:



- white rice (1 or 2 pound bags)
- dried red, black and pinto beans (in 1 pound bags)
- spaghetti sauce/pasta noodles
- vegetable oil

A Note from Nelly Jolley

WUMC Food Pantry represents one of the biggest blessings for our Richland 2 neediest children and families. Even in the darkest times of this pandemic, thanks to God and to you, our food pantry has always, always been filled with wonderful food.

God bless you all for that. We are beyond grateful for all the efforts, love and commitment to continue providing these valuable services to our families.

Our Windsor Family

WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY to...

- † The Brockinton family on the passing of long-time member, Col. William "Ed" Brockinton, on July 2.
- † Libby and Mac Horton and family on the passing of Libby's brother, Kenny McCowan, on July 29 in Lancaster, S.C.
- † Becky McMillion and Lisa McAlpine and their family on the passing of Becky's sister, Bonnie Norman, who passed away in Arkansas on July 29.
- † DaLoni Clark and family on the passing of his grandmother, LouVern Clark, who passed away in Illinois on July 30.
- † The Kyzer family on the passing of long-time member, Jim Kyzer, on August 3.
- † John and Donna Woodard and family on the passing of John's mother, Sue Woodard, on August 26.

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.

Never Too Old to Try Something New

By Kathy Hart

It was 3:50 p.m. on Sunday when I pulled into Atria Forest Lake, an assisted-living facility on Forest Drive. A familiar face sat waiting in a rocking chair under the portico. Her precious dog sat calmly on her lap. After we greeted each other, we headed inside. The loud speaker announced it was time for our worship/Sunday school time. Through Lay Servant ministries, I am blessed to spend time twice a month with a gathering of residents and a few dogs.

Once assembled, I began with a prayer and then read the scripture about the young prophet, Jeremiah and his fear of doing what God called him to do by making an excuse that he was “too young.” Thinking about modern-day Jeremiahs, we raised up young people in the news like Malala from Pakistan and David Hogg from the Parkland, Florida school shooting who possess a strong passion to champion an issue in spite of their young ages and the personal danger surrounding them.

Since it happened to be National Senior Citizens Day, we talked about our excuses of being “too old” to do what God wants us to do. We raised up senior citizens like Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter who, until recently, tirelessly volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. And then I reminded them no one is too old to try something new. With attentive eyes and eager hands, they followed me as we sang and signed, *Jesus Loves Me*. God’s spirit was in the room. They began learning to finger spell their first names in sign language when the warning bell chimed for 5 p.m. supper. We ended in prayer. I left with uplifted joy in my heart and so thankful for the past hour.

At one point I thought I was “too old” to be a Lay Servant, but there is no age requirement. I thought I was “not good enough” to be a Lay Servant, but God calls us in spite of our skills and talents and equips us. Jeremiah 1:9-10 states: ⁹*Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”* I am so thankful that I answered God’s call to become a Lay Servant. I rejoice in the opportunity to build and plant.

This is the time to put away the lame excuses about not being a Lay Servant and take the courageous step forward.

After taking the basic course, many advanced courses help you strengthen your relationship with God and build your confidence and skills in preaching, teaching, praying in public, and understanding United Methodist history, etc. In the classes, you will meet other UMC brothers and sisters in Christ from the Columbia District.

Entering Lay Servant Ministries is a process that requires approval from your pastor and Charge Conference or Church Council. For more information go to: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/getting-started-lay-servant-ministries>. For fillable application forms go to UMCSC.org. Under the Ministries tab, go to Laity, then click Lay Servant Ministries. See the FORM section. For more information, please feel free to contact me. Forms are due on Julie Milhouse’s desk by September 12 in preparation of Charge Conference.



This is a reminder for current Lay Servants to complete your Renewal forms.

Thoughts on Giving

By Susan Finley

How do we feel about our material things? Maybe we say we worked so hard for what we have. Maybe we say how fortunate we are to have inherited things from our relatives. Maybe we say how fortunate we are to have a spouse we can depend on for his or her material support. Maybe we say it is a struggle to keep our material things. There probably are more responses, but I think you get the point.

I was taught and came to believe that everything we have was given to us by God. The Bible teaches us that with many scriptures. Jesus told the rich, young ruler to sell his possessions and give to the poor. And it is easier for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God’s Kingdom. And the earth and its fullness belong to God.

As I write this, Windsor’s expenses are more than its income. Windsor is an incredibly giving and God-loving church. Windsor does so much to meet the needs of the community that I sometimes don’t realize it until a non-member reminds me. But it is true. My challenge is that all of us take some time to think about these things.

- Do you believe that ALL that we have is given to us by God?
- How much of what we have do we give back to God? It’s His anyway!
- How much do you love God’s church and specifically His church that we call Windsor?

Then pray. Just pray. God will lead you in answering these questions.

26 Filled Bookbags! Windsor's 2022 Distribution Day

By Becky Leonard

Photos by Anita Schmidt and Becky Leonard



Thursday, August 11 was a pleasantly cooler summer morning as we set up 26 backpacks filled with school supplies on tables outside the entrance to Harbor Hall. During the previous Sunday's worship service, Pastor Brown blessed both the backpacks and the students receiving them. She included teachers, staff, and all school personnel in her prayer for a safe and healthy school year.

Becky McMillion had individually packaged drinks and fruit snacks ready for the families coming to pick up their bookbags. Our welcoming team also included Nelly Jolley (Richland 2 Outreach Worker Coordinator), Kathy Hart, Anita Schmidt and Becky Leonard. We saw happy, excited faces when the students and their parents spotted the backpacks that had been specially picked out for them.

Thank you to all who made Windsor's Bookbag Project possible – through both your own shopping and monetary donations – and provided backpacks and needed school supplies for 26 children in the Skills for Life and Work families. You helped students in 12 families, from grades pre-K through a high school senior. This year's participants included: John Mullikin, Frank Harbor, Monya Havekost, Peggy Hill, Donna and John Woodard, Noreen Doughty, Kara and Gene Lewis, Kathy and Ivey Hart, Anita and Rock Schmidt, Becky McMillion, Lisa McAlpine, Becky and Fred Leonard, Joyce and Isaac Byrd, Janice Negus, Donna Benson, Nancy and Mel Wolff, Suzanne and Robert Frierson, Michelle Nicholson, Mitzi and Charles Shipman, Debbo and Dan Lackore, Pastor and Mark Brown, Saturday Blessings members and BSA Scout Troops 900 and 2870. Your generosity has helped these students get a good start on what we pray is a safe and healthy school year for both them and their teachers!



Message of Gratitude

Dear Windsor United Methodist Church, BSA Troop 900 and Troop 2870,

From the bottom of our hearts, many, many thanks for your prayers, thoughts and wonderful bookbags, school supplies, gifts, drinks and snacks for our neediest children and families.

What a beautiful day! It was filled with so much fun, excitement and beautiful smiling faces. Thanks for all the planning, organization and extra love you put in each bookbag. You are amazing!

As we start another school year, one without the restrictions of COVID, please continue praying for our children, schools and community to have a great school year protected and led by God.

Love and gratitude,

Nelly

R2 Outreach Worker Coordinator/Skills for Life & Work Program

Thank You, Troop 900 and Troop 2870!

From the Outreach Team

Windsor's Outreach Team thanks BSA Troop 900 (male) and Troop 2870 (female) for their continued support of the Outreach Bookbag Project.

Participating since 2016, Troop 900 sponsored a high school student this year. Troop 2870 has participated since 2019 and this year sponsored a middle school student. Each troop provided backpack filled with the student's needed school supplies.

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

On Saturday, July 30, the Troop held an Eagle Court of Honor for Jacob Arceneaux and Zachary Vereen. Both scouts had their Eagle Board of Review on July 12 so it was only fitting to celebrate this accomplishment together. Achieving scouting's highest honor represents the culmination of their youth scouting careers. Surrounded by friends, family and fellow scouts, they pledged the Eagle Scout Promise and were awarded their Eagle Scout Medal. Both scouts are headed to the University of South Carolina this fall.



Thank You

And a special thank you to Windsor United Methodist Church, Troop 900's Charter Organization that was instrumental in 21 of the 26 Eagle Scouts from Troop 900 earning their Eagle rank. We are grateful and blessed to have had your support!



Photos courtesy of
Russell Vereen

Troop 2870 Events and Activities

By Ed Gatzke, Troop 2870 Scoutmaster

Troop 2870 ventured to Camp Barstow for summer camp. Parents scrambled to cover when scoutmaster Ed Gatzke tested positive for Covid and could not attend.

Scouts Brooklyn Keath and Susana Vandelay were invited to join the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society. Abby Ely was successful in her Sea Base experience, living on Munson Island in the Florida Keys for a week while snorkeling, fishing, and kayaking. Ava Phelps spent 21 days in New Mexico backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch, spending a few days in quarantine delay with her crew. Ellie Gatzke completed her Eagle Scout project—constructing two wheelchair accessible picnic tables at Saluda Riverwalk Park.

Troop 2870 started the fall with a fun trip to Sesquicentennial State Park at the end of August to canoe, hike, lounge in the splash pad, and watch movies by the campfire.



Troop 2870 won the spirit stick at
Camp Barstow Summer Camp

Troop 2870 Eagle Scouts at the Eagle
Court of Honor for Emily Bailey
L to R: Ellie Gatzke, Emily Bailey,
Aidan King, Ava Phelps



Financial Summary through July 31, 2022

	Income through July 31, 2022	Expenses through July 31, 2022	2022 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 118,721.10		\$ 231,356.00	51%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 136,868.48	\$ 253,790.00	54%
Apportionments		14,589.84	26,748.00	55%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		1,727.73	7,455.00	23%
Outreach		1,130.00	5,050.00	22%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		687.44	6,020.00	11%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 118,721.10	\$ 155,003.49	\$ 299,063.00	52%



**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

July 1 to July 31, 2022	50
August 1 to August 31, 2022	53

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

Sunday School

July 1 to July 31, 2022	18
August 1 to August 31, 2022	25

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

Thank You from the Trustees!

By Dan Lackore

On Saturday, July 9, several Windsor members met at the church for general cleaning and beautification of our campus. With nothing more than a list and that morning's consideration of required chores, these fine folks addressed neglected areas needing attention. Participants were Isaac Byrd, Dave Christiansen, Steve Finley, Robert Frierson, Ivey Hart, Monya Havekost, Dan Lackore, Wayne Nanney and Charles Shipman.

The challenges were met with enthusiasm and a fun-filled spirit. Bottles of window cleaner, ladders and light bulbs, paper and cloth towels, hedge trimmers and rakes, pruning shears, tarps, hammers and saws, a couple of pressure washers and a good bit of determination and elbow grease were the tools that helped in the efforts of the mission at hand.

After roof gutters were cleared out, hours of cutting/clipping bushes and trees, raking and then cleaning up debris from all corners of the property, a pile of yard debris measuring 6 feet high by 10 feet wide was left by the curb for pick up. There was sweating and hydrating.

A couple of falling apart Salkehatchie tables were torn down and removed from the backyard. Pew benches were cleaned and treated, chandelier lights were replaced, windows were cleaned along with removing spider webs, and dirt dauber nests were cleared off the buildings. The Annex was treated and cleared of exterior mold and mildew.

Our church buildings and grounds now look fresher and more inviting. The abilities of these workers, met with the spirit of determination in executing these tasks, have been and will be noticed by neighbors as well as our members and visitors.

All glory to God for what he has done. The Trustees are very pleased so many of you came to answer this call. Thanks!

Tutoring is Back

Mayte Velasco Nicolas from Richland Library is ready to restart the Tuesday tutoring program, *Mano a Mano*, aimed to improve reading skills in young students. She is seeking Windsor volunteers. The students will be from grades K-5. Volunteer training will be held on Tuesday, September 6 at 4 p.m. in Harbor Hall. Student assessments are scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 and first tutoring sessions begin Tuesday, September 20 at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Harbor Hall. All reading materials will be provided by Richland Library. If you have questions, please call or email Mayte at 803-983-0368 or mnicolas@richlandlibrary.com.

Calendar September 2022

Saturday, September 3

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, September 4

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, September 5

7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8



Tuesday, September 6

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

4:00 PM Volunteer Tutor Training - HH

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, September 8

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Saturday, September 10

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, September 11

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

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Epworth Work Day Offering

10:30 AM Filipino American Church - HH/K

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

Monday, September 12

9:00 AM Homeschool Co-op - HH, All classrooms

7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

3:30 PM Richland Library Student Testing - HH

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, September 15

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

6:00 PM Finance Meeting - HH

Friday, September 16

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

Saturday, September 17

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, September 18

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, September 19

9:00 AM Homeschool Co-op - HH, All classrooms

7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, September 20

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, September 21

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, September 22

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting - HH

Saturday, September 24

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

Sunday, September 25

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, September 26

9:00 AM Homeschool Co-op - HH, All classrooms

7:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, September 27

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

6:00 PM Rev. Cox Reset Class - HH

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Rm 9

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

Thursday, September 29

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

7:00 PM Richland Herb Society - Rm 10

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.



Wayne Nanney	5
Fred Leonard	6
Peggy Hill	12
Laxton Hinson	13
Quilles Brown	18
Doug Meade	24
Barbara Hamilton	25



Gail VanValkenburg	8
Walter Brown	11
Dottie Myers	14
Susan Finley	16
Marion Zissett	17
Sonny Hershey	19
Dolores White	19
Terry Kitchens	20
Kim Hinson	21
Martha Walters	22



Windsor's Little Free Library

Photos and article by Kathy Hart

During the summer E. L. Wright's message sign posted a reminder to students about the Summer Reading List to be found on the school's website. That sign made me think about the students without computers, library cards, extra funds, and transportation. That prompted an email to Effie Holden, the Media Specialist at E.L. Wright Middle School. I asked her if a Little Free Library would be helpful. Readers can take a book and share a book. She said yes, of course. The Trustees gave permission to plant one on Windsor's property where students could easily get to it. The construction cost was minimal with the use of leftover wood. Flyers were posted in nearby locations.

The current books inside are from the Summer Reading List. With school back in session, we are adding books donated by E.L. Wright and you. With parents waiting in our parking lot on school day afternoons, we are adding some magazines and quality best sellers for them as well. Flyers will be handed out so they are aware of the Little Free Library's purpose.

Just so you know, Windsor is part of the global Little Free Library organization, and we now have a charter number and a small plaque. Soon, you will be able to see a pin showing where this Little Free Library is located on an online world map. We are planning a time for blessing this project and welcome anyone to attend. Watch for date in *The Leaf*.

Many thanks to everyone who has sent books to include. We are exploring the idea of creating a Little Free Library in Windsor's education wing, available to everyone who enters to take a book and share a book. For more information, contact Kathy Hart at 803-318-2646 or kathyivey@sc.rr.com.



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