

The Vine

Windsor United Methodist Church

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July 2023

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.

If any man serve me, let him follow me;
and where I am, there shall also my servant be:
if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
John 12:26



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AN HONOR TO SERVE

Everyone, I wanted to express my gratitude for serving as your pastor. I am entering my sixth year and truly believe God is at work among us. I want to share a letter in this edition of *The Vine* that confirms God's work we are doing here at Windsor.

Pastor Brown and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just wanted to send along a quick note of gratitude and encouragement. I live on the Parliament Lake Circle and was delighted to see the invitation on my mailbox to your Sunday worship and carnival. We've lived here for nearly four years now and over that time I have loved watching your church's liveliness. I loved the signs that appeared during the Covid-lockdown, the signs offering prayers for the E. L. Wright community, the fish fry and sales for the neighborhood, and the invitations to come and see. I love that it's always changing. Your outward focus into the neighborhood, service, and evangelism efforts embody what I imagine a vibrant neighborhood church ought to be, and I can only imagine you are as prayerful, welcoming, and

worshipful behind your doors as you appear to be outside your doors. You are a church which looks alive and thriving and in love with God.

I'm a pastor (priest) at my own church, so unfortunately I won't be able to join that Sunday as I'll be leading our own worship. And, with a crazy priest schedule, I have also not been able yet to darken any of your other events, although I always want to. But I want you to know that I pray for you all daily in my prayers, and pray that the Holy Spirit blesses you abundantly. And while I have my own congregation, I affectionately refer to you all as "my sweet neighborhood church."

Blessings on your ministry,
Mother Caitlyn

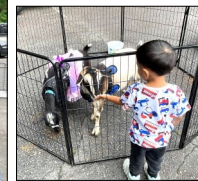
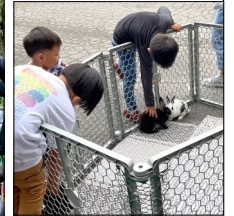
This letter should encourage us that our efforts are not unnoticed. God reminds us, "Do not be weary in well doing." All we have to do is stay faithful to God, and God will bless our ministry. It may not be the way you or I would grant the blessing, but it is God's way and God's will that we want to fulfill. So, as we start a new year, let us remember that God is with us and that it is an honor to serve God and God's people.

Pastor Leatha Brown



Spring Carnival *By Felicia McCoy*

On Sunday, May 21, Windsor had a Spring Carnival that was organized by the Worship Team. This was an event to bring more families into Windsor. We had hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cotton candy, games, a fire truck, a mobile petting zoo, the Richland County Sheriff's Department, a craft table, thread making demonstration, music and fun. Despite the weather not being the best, not only did some of the Fil-Am church members join us but we had a few neighborhood families join us on this fun-filled day. Thank you to Windsor and the Worship Team for your support to make this day happen.



Photos by
Becky Leonard



WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard

Windsor UMC helped with the noontime meal serving on the first Mondays of May and June at Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar. Having started the bagged meal format at the beginning of Covid, the Soup Cellar has retained this format for more than three years and plans to continue it in the foreseeable future.



On Windsor's May 1 serving day, 82 guests came to pick up a bagged meal of a sliced ham sandwich, orange, Rice Krispies/granola bar for dessert, a bottle of water and a cup of Terrence Chisholm's (Soup Cellar manager) homemade soup. That morning's delicious soup contained ham, small sausages, black eyed peas, vegetables and rice. Our helpers were Debbo Lackore, Noreen Doughty, Candee DePew and Becky Leonard. Prior to Covid, Candee had joined our Windsor crew to help serve.

The following month our serving day was June 5. Terrence made a ground beef with bean soup. Soup has been a daily menu item, no matter the weather, as it is nutritious and requested by the Soup Cellar guests. Along with the soup, guests received a chicken salad or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a tangerine, doughnut for dessert, and bottle of water. Ferrie Ward, Anita Schmidt, Noreen Doughty, Debbo Lackore and Candee DePew served the 102 people who came that morning to receive their bagged meal.

Windsor's next serving days will be July 3 and August 7. If you are interested in helping in July or August, 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.

Photos by Debbo Lackore and Becky Leonard



Windsor Food Pantry

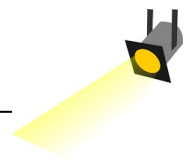
As the price of food goes up, so does the number of families who are faced with food insecurity. Windsor's food pantry helps families who come to the church office in need of food as well as some of those who attend the Skills for Work and Life Program on our church campus.

If you would like to help, please consider donating food items from the following list or donating funds (designating Food Pantry) so that we may purchase the food. Thank you to those who have and continue to donate to our food pantry.

For the next two months, we are requesting donations of canned Vienna sausage, vegetable/canola oil and white rice in 1 or 2 pound bags, however, any of the foods on the following list would be appreciated! Bins are located outside the sanctuary or you may drop off your food items at the church office.

- white rice (1 or 2 pound bags)
- boxed macaroni and cheese
- spaghetti sauce
- canned chicken/tuna/Vienna sausage
- individual fruit cups
- bar soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes and paper towels/toilet paper are also appreciated
- dried red, black and pinto beans (in 1 pound bags)
- vegetable/canola oil

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



Spotlight on Windsor’s Church Organist/Pianist – Rodney Mills

By Donna Woodard

This month, we are spotlighting our organist/pianist whose talent gives glory to God through his musical ministry.

Rodney Mills was born in 1966 into a musical family. His father, Donald Mills, played both the piano and organ and was a choir director and music teacher. His mother, Marion Mills, was a singer.

Rodney is the middle of three children. At age 8, each child studied piano as well as string instruments—cello, viola, and violin. His brother and sister didn't maintain an interest past the end of lessons and, though Rodney didn't continue the viola much past his early teens, he continued to love and play the piano as well as the organ. Having been trained in the classics, classical music remains a favorite to play and listen to. He loves Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Debussy and....well how much time do you have?

Rodney said, “If I had to name a favorite pianist, my love and appreciation for music seems to be ever expanding into various genres. Whether it’s classical, sacred, worship and praise, jazz, pop, ambient etc., I've come across pieces that can bring me to tears from their beauty. It makes me perceive music to be a language that can reach the Divine.”

Aside from music, Rodney has always had a passion to know how things work. He remembers being around seven years old when he took his first radio apart to get to the bottom of where those sounds were coming from. Rodney studied auto mechanics in high school and went on to become a professional auto and autobody technician. He was married for 10 years from 1990-2000 and has two sons and two daughters. They pursued various degrees and different fields of work. He didn't think he could be more thankful, pleased, and proud. That is until this last March 2023, when his first granddaughter came into the world!



Backpack Project for 2023-2024 School Year!

By the Outreach Team

School starts early this year – Tuesday, August 8! Outreach looks forward to our annual backpack project helping children in need whose families are involved in the Skills for Life and Work Program.

This year, Ms. Nelly Jolley, Outreach worker for Richland 2 School District, has a list of 20 students that we can help with needed school supplies along with their schools, grades and color choices to make it easier to choose a backpack for them. Filled backpacks will be due back to Windsor by Sunday, July 23.

If you would like to participate, please contact Becky Leonard at fleonardz@hotmail.com or 803-466-4222. Financial donations are also appreciated and we will do the shopping for you!

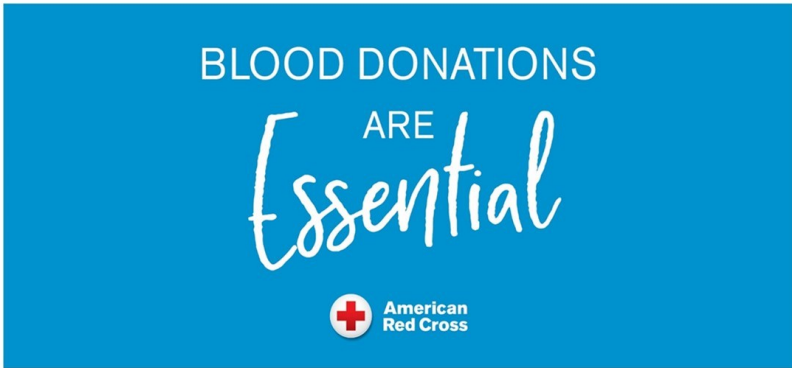


UNITED METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST MEETING

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, August 6 and September 3.**



May 21 Worship Service



BLOOD DRIVE

Windsor United Methodist Church
9500 Windsor Lake Blvd. Columbia, SC 29223



Monday, July 24, 2023
3:00PM – 7:00PM

To make an appointment, please scan the QR code on the left or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **WindsorUMC**

All donors will receive an exclusive Shark Week t-shirt from Discovery, while supplies last!

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:
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Windsor to Host Blood Drive—Monday, July 24 Sign Up Today!

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Windsor on Monday, July 24, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Harbor Hall. The drive is open to the public and you may sign-up online at the American Red Cross website using this link

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=WindsorUMC>

Informational flyers to help with signing up are available on a table outside the Sanctuary. You also may call 1-800-733-2767 (1-800 RED CROSS) to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Please contact Becky Leonard at bleonardz@hotmail.com or 803-466-4222 with any questions.

Every two seconds someone needs blood.

Co-workers, neighbors and friends can donate!

Financial Summary through May 31, 2023

	Income through May 31, 2023	Expenses through May 31, 2023	2023 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 107,293.10		\$ 213,550.00	50%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 92,698.46	\$ 219,792.00	42%
Apportionments		1,034.68	2,845.00	36%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		762.54	3,796.00	20%
Outreach		200.00	TBA	over
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		309.57	850.00	36%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 107,293.10	\$ 95,005.25	\$ 227,283.00	42%



**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
 May 1 to May 31, 2023 53
 June 1 to June 30, 2023 49

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

Sunday School
 May 1 to May 31, 2023 13
 June 1 to June 30, 2023 15

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

Our Windsor Family

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

REEVES FAMILY

On May 7, Windsor welcomed the extended Reeves family, including Tyrone and Darnella Reeves, Daisy Reeves, Minnie Rideout, Trey Wilmore, Na'mya Wilmore, Kymear Young Reeves and Kyaira Young Reeves.

HARVEY FAMILY

Windsor welcomed the Harvey family who joined Windsor on June 11. Please welcome Richard and Rochelle.

WINDSOR'S

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

- † Nancy and Mel Wolff and family on the passing of Nancy's brother, Jerry Frye, on May 4.
- † Joe Thompson and family on the passing of Joe's sister, Winona Nelson, on June 13.

*If you have a "Windsor Family" item
that you would like to share with our
church family, please notify the church
office at
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Calendar July 2023

Saturday, July 1

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

Sunday, July 2

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast - Lizard's Thicket
9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
9:00 AM Filipino American Church - HH
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pav, Rm. 7&8

Monday, July 3

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 4



Saturday, July 8

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
11:00 AM Secret Sisters - HH
3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

Sunday, July 9

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
9:00 AM Filipino American Church - HH
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pav, Rm. 7&8

Monday, July 10

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 11

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, July 15

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

Sunday, July 16

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
9:00 AM Filipino American Church - HH
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00 AM New Members Class-Sanctuary
7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pav, Rm. 7&8

Monday, July 17

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, July 22

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting - HH

Sunday, July 23

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
9:00 AM Filipino American Church - HH
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
7:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pav, Rm. 7&8

Monday, July 24

3:00 PM Windsor UMC Blood Drive - HH
7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 25

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, July 27

8:00 AM Book Bag Distribution - HH

Saturday, July 29

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)
3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

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
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
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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