

# The Vine

## Windsor United Methodist Church

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November 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.*

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

**2 Corinthians 9:6**

What does it mean to thrive? The Oxford English Dictionary defines thrive as to grow or develop vigorously or to prosper and flourish. When we thrive emotionally, mentally and physically, it is because we are thriving spiritually. Our relationship with Christ helps us become all God created us for. We began this year declaring a better "me." Well, how have we made strides forward to being all that God wants us to become? Are we living in survival mode or putting our best foot forward to being a thriving and productive person? When we consider what it means to thrive in Christ, we are to grow and vigorously develop our spiritual life and church. It means God wants us to prosper and flourish in all aspects of life.

We do this through our prayer, our worship, our people and our ministries. And all God asks in return is that we give back a small portion of what he has given us. God has allowed us to survive in 2023 through new members, increased attendance across our platforms, solid giving from our membership, and growing ministries. But can we thrive? I do not believe God is only expecting us to thrive in His house but in our homes and in our family relationships, and so much more.

Through God's grace, we've been able to continue Windsor's mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." We have been blessed not just to survive as a church, but I believe God has so much more for us as we grow and expect so much more. In the coming weeks, we will focus on Stewardship through sermons focused on faithfulness, offertory prayers, and meditations that help us envision what it means to be a thriving church and to answer God's call to giving toward those things that allow us to thrive.

As we prepare to continue to carry out Windsor's mission, we ask you to explore what's possible when we aim not just to survive but to thrive and to help others thrive in Christ. We invite you to give much time, prayer, and consideration to how God is calling you to support Windsor in 2024 and beyond. Prayerfully, trust God to empower you to THRIVE!

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Scripture tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

*12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.*

*This is the word of the Lord for the people of God.*

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I want to thank all of you for acknowledging and honoring me for Pastor's Appreciation month. It is my pleasure to serve you and God gets the glory and the honor always.

*Pastor Leatha Brown*





## 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 and our goal this year is 20 online boxes.

<https://sampur.se/467UUb1>

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, bar 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 12.** 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.



## 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 twelfth year sponsoring Windsor Families Helping Families. As we have done in the past few years, we will concentrate on providing gifts for the children of several families in need. Richland School District Two Outreach worker Ms. Nelly Jolley will provide the names of the children, 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](mailto: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!



Photo by Kathy Hart

## WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

By Becky Leonard

Washington Street UMC Soup Cellar began the bagged meal format for the noon meal servings 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.

Windsor UMC helps with the servings on the first Monday of the month. Windsor's September serving, however, fell on the Labor Day holiday. The Soup Cellar was closed that day in observance of the holiday and local groups provided a meal to those in need.

Windsor folks returned the following month to help with the October serving. For our October 2 serving day, Soup Cellar manager Terrence Chisolm made vegetable beef soup. Along with a cup of hot soup, the bagged meal included a tuna fish sandwich, orange, doughnut, and bottle of water. Anita Schmidt, Ferrie Ward, Debbo Lackore,

Kathy Hart and Michelle Nicholson helped serve the 118 guests who came that morning.

This serving was the largest number of people Windsor has served since September 2021, when Windsor volunteers were able to return to help serve following the Covid precautions instituted by the Soup Cellar in March 2020. Since then, we have seen the numbers served steadily increase.

Windsor's next serving day is Monday, December 4. (There will not be a regular Windsor serving day in November as Washington Street UMC has planned a special meal serving that day for the community.) If you are interested in helping on December 4, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or [fleonardz@hotmail.com](mailto:fleonardz@hotmail.com). We begin meal preparation around 9:15 a.m. and are finished serving at 12:30 p.m.



## Keep, Toss, Organize and Give Away

By Kathy Hart

It was Clean-up Day at Windsor on Saturday, September 23. Junk filled the dumpster in the backyard. Closets and cabinets were emptied of stuff that had been there for ages. Many thanks to everyone who rolled up their sleeves to help the decluttering process.

We all know the old saying, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." Here is a great example of that. The vast number of unclaimed children's books were boxed and sent with missionary Ward Smith to the Henderson Settlement, an UMC Global Ministries program in Appalachia, Kentucky, which is challenged with issues related to poverty and lack of opportunity. Nine cartons of books, including additional books from Richland 2 School District, have made their way to Kentucky. We pray that the children of the Henderson Settlement will find joy in reading through this effort.

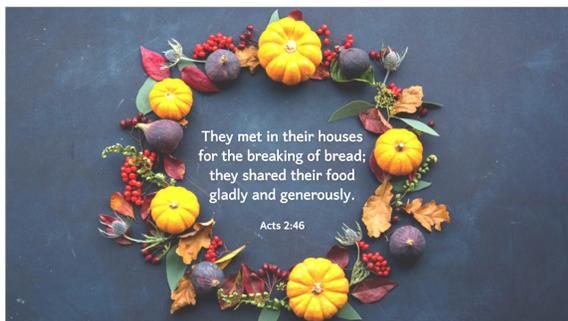


Photos by Becky Leonard

## Let Us Break Bread Together

Article and photo by Kathy Hart

When we think about it, how precious is the simple gesture of a sip of grape juice and a bite of a bread crumb, a holy sacrament, shared with other denominations, and believers from the vast corners of God's world. On World Communion Sunday we focused on the holiness of communion with God and one another near and far. To remind us of the significance of this day, the communion elements on the altar table were surrounded by flags from countries around the world. Many thanks to the Worship Team for the beautiful display.



## International Children's Sabbath

By Kathy Hart

*Luke 18:16 -But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

October 22 was a special Sunday for Windsor. Using the Children's Defense Fund logo, "Dear God, the sea is so wide and my boat is so small," Windsor's art installation of seas and tiny origami boats surrounded prayer stations at every window. Many thanks to the Worship Team for the meaningful display.

During Children's Time, the guest children read prayers out loud which were written by Marian Wright Edelman, life-long children's advocate, founder of Children's Defense Fund, author and South Carolina native.

Guest speaker, Carolyn Singletary, from Francis Burnes UMC, spoke about the Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School, a six-week summer reading enrichment program offered at her church and shared some recent data about children in South Carolina. In addition, guest speaker Jessica Agee, Principal of the Center for Knowledge at E. L. Wright, spoke regarding the opportunities of a partnership with Windsor to address the unmet needs of the school across the street.





## 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 donated to our food pantry.

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

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



## 2024 Financial Stewardship

*By Charles Shipman*

*Co-Chair Finance Team.*

As a part of Windsor's 2024 Financial Stewardship, it is the time of the year when the Finance Team looks at preparing and finalizing a church budget for 2024. We wanted to give you a heads up regarding some of the details of this process.

The Finance Team needs your help. We ask you to complete a Stewardship pledge card for 2024. These pledge cards will be used to aid us in calculating 2024 Income for the 2024 Budget.

We ask each of you to prayerfully consider completing a pledge card. During November the pledge cards will be available in several places in the Sanctuary and Narthex. There will be copies on the table as you walk in. There will be copies in the Sanctuary on the chairs in the back as you walk in. There also will be envelopes for you to use for your pledge cards. Your pledge cards go to our Financial Secretary, Calvin Edwards. He is the only member of the Finance Team that will see your pledge cards. Please feel free to drop them in the offering plates or to hand them off directly to Calvin.

Thank you for your help with this. And stay tuned for more information about Stewardship during November.

## 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 5 and December 3.**



**KILLINGSWORTH  
GALA RETURNS!**

**KILLINGSWORTH**  
transforming women

"CHANGING LIVES ONE RESIDENT AT A TIME"

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**  
Seawell's Restaurant  
1125 Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, SC 29201  
6:00 P.M. ~ 9:00 P.M.  
Online Ticket Sales Begin August 18th  
Individual-\$65.00 / Table of Eight-\$500.00  
Deadline for Ticket Sales is Friday, November 3rd  
Killingsworth Home For Women  
at [killingsworth.org](http://killingsworth.org)

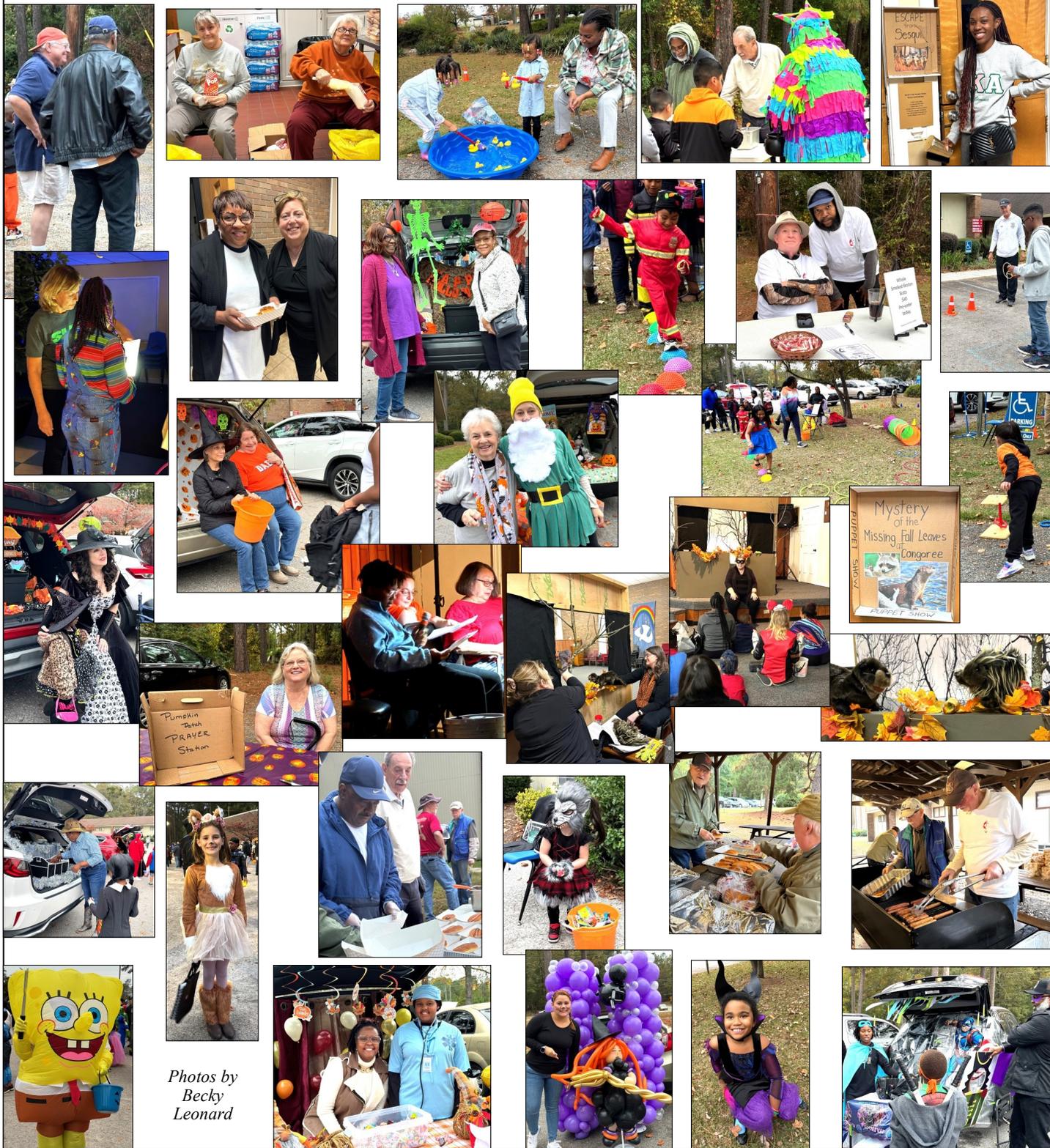
*An  
Night to  
Remember*





# Fall Into Faith By Kathy Hart

Once again, the Windsor parking lot was bursting with costumed children ready to play games, eat hotdogs and get as much candy as possible. This year, some new features were added. For preschool and elementary ages, an original puppet play, *The Mystery of the Missing Fall Leaves*, was written by Kathy Hart and featured puppets of animals found in Congaree National Park. Middle school and older children enjoyed *Escape from Sesqui*, an escape room featuring puzzles to help players find the password to escape from Sesquicentennial State Park. A craft project of re-purposing small, emptied water bottles into pumpkins added to the fun and less trash. The Pumpkin Patch Prayer Station offered a place for guests to add a prayer request to the pumpkin patch. Many thanks to all the volunteers. We had 550 people join us this year!



Photos by  
Becky  
Leonard

## Financial Summary through September 30, 2023

	Income through September 30, 2023	Expenses through September 30, 2023	2023 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 174,704.32		\$ 213,550.00	82%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 171,212.59	\$ 219,792.00	78%
Apportionments		2,069.36	2,845.00	73%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		1,651.49	3,796.00	44%
Outreach		200.00	TBA	over
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		635.15	850.00	75%
<b>Total Regular Income &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 174,704.32</b>	<b>\$ 175,768.59</b>	<b>\$ 227,283.00</b>	<b>77%</b>



**God Bless  
America!**

**Please Pray for:  
Our Military,  
Law Enforcement Members,  
First Responders,  
Healthcare Workers  
and their families.  
People affected by the ongoing  
violence, fire, hurricanes, tornadoes  
and other bad weather.**



### Average Attendance

<b>10 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary</b>	
September 1 to September 30, 2023	46
October 1 to October 31, 2023	50

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

### Sunday School

September 1 to September 30, 2023	14
October 1 to October 31, 2023	13

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

## Our Windsor Family

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Windsor welcomes Linda Fryer who joined Windsor on October 8.

### WINDSOR'S DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

- † Charmaine and George Ruppe and family on the passing of Charmaine's sister, Audrey Connor, on October 5.
- † Mrs. Elma Brown and family on the passing of her husband, Rev. Walter Brown, Jr., on October 8.

*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.*



### TIME CHANGE ON NOVEMBER 5

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 5.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN  
BOSTON BUTT & RIBS FUNDRAISER  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**PRE-PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM UMM  
CONTACT PERSON: IVEY HART 803-413-3492  
BOSTON BUTTS - \$40 & 1/2 RACK RIBS - \$20  
CURBSIDE PICK-UP: 10 AM — 1 PM**



# Calendar November 2023

## Wednesday, November 1

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Thursday, November 2

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Saturday, November 4

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH



## Sunday, November 5

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/Pavilion

## Monday, November 6

9:00 AM WCLA CoOp - All Classrms, HH/Pav

6:00 PM United Women in Faith -HH

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 7

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

1:00 PM Bible Study - HH

3:00 PM Richland Library - Rms 5&10

## Wednesday, November 8

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Thursday, November 9

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

6:00 PM Briarwood HOA General Meeting - HH

## Saturday, November 11

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

## Sunday, November 12

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/Pavilion

## Monday, November 13

9:00 AM WCLA CoOp - All Classrms, HH/Pav

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 14

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

1:00 PM Bible Study - HH

3:00 PM Richland Library - Rms 5&10

## Wednesday, November 15

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Thursday, November 16

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Friday, November 17

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

## Saturday, November 18

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

## **10:00 AM UMM Pork Butt/Rib Pick-Up**

3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

## Sunday, November 19

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/Pavilion

## Monday, November 20

9:00 AM WCLA CoOp - All Classrms, HH/Pav

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 21

9:00 AM SL&WP - Thanksgiving Break

1:00 PM Bible Study - HH

3:00 PM Richland Library - Thanksgiving Break

## Wednesday, November 22

9:00 AM SL&WP - Thanksgiving Break

## Thursday, November 23



9:00 AM SL&WP - Thanksgiving Break

## Saturday, November 25

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting - HH

## Sunday, November 26

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/Pavilion

## Monday, November 27

9:00 AM WCLA CoOp - All Classrms, HH/Pav

7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 28

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

1:00 PM Bible Study - HH

6:00 PM *Church Reset* with Rev Cox - HH

## Wednesday, November 29

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Thursday, November 30

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

6:00 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.



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

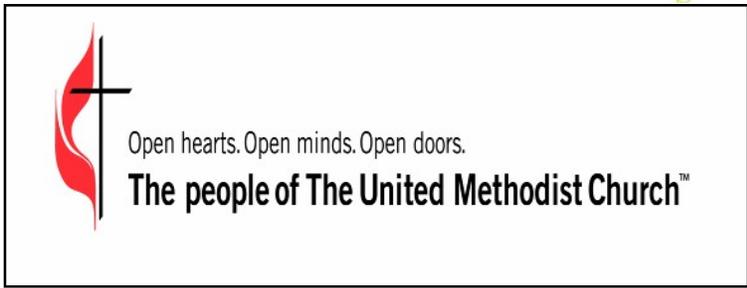


Melinda Huggins	2
Pastor Leatha Brown	5
Terry Mulholland	5
Norma Edwards	13
Janet Hussain	14
Donna Woodard	15
Myong Woods	20
Steve McMillion	21
Lisa McAlpine	22
Steve Kitchens	22
Flourice Hussain	23
Barbara Hansen	24
Merry Fredericks	24
Kathy Williams	25
Jim VanValkenburg	26
Calvin McCoy, Jr.	30
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