

WINDSOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Leaf

November 4, 2026

Prayers and Concerns – Please pray for:

Julie Byrd, Emeria Taylor, friend of Monya, Paul Robinson, Pat Christiansen, Barbara Hamilton, Mary Alice Morris, sister of Marlene Nelson, Linda Friar, Tommy Friar, Julia Prosser, niece of Linda Friar, Steven Grandy, Barbara Hamilton's brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ellie, L.B. Hardwick, Al Robinson, Becky McMillion, Marlene Nelson, Mitzi Shipman, Kathy Robinson, Barbara Costa, friend of Karen Taylor, Frank Harbor, Dolores White, George Ruppe. All military, law enforcement, first responders and elected officials. World peace.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The November 8 altar flowers are given by Patty Fowler in memory of her father, Rev. Ed Fowler.

Pumpkin Patch Prayer Station: A significant part of Windsor's *Fall into Faith Festival*.

Windsor UMC celebrated our long-standing, annual fall festival on October 31with more than 550 persons attending. We are very thankful to the Christian Faith Fellowship congregation for joining us to make it a successful event every year.

Costumed festival-goers came to enjoy the festive trunks, the outdoor games, and free hotdogs. In addition, one hundred and forty preschoolers hunted for eggs in the Congaree Swamp Egg Hunt. Twenty-five teams searched for the missing screech owl in the middle schooler's Sesqui Escape Room. So many adults stepped to the lively 1971 music at the Sandhill's Hiking Trail Cake Walk that the delicious home-made desserts ran out early.

In the midst of it all, Rev. Claire Van Den Berg and Susan Finley welcomed 100 festival-goers at the Pumpkin Patch Prayer Station who scripted their own personal prayers on a piece of paper. Prayers were short but meaningful. What did our neighbors pray for? Many prayed for their families. Some wanted God's help in their own lives, in their marriages, in maintaining a sober life, in finishing school, in finding a good paying job, and in recovery of an illness. Let's hold our neighbors in prayer when we say our daily prayers.







Windsor's 2nd Annual Friendsgiving!
All are invited to the 2nd Annual Friendsgiving, Thursday, November 26, at 1 p.m. in Harbor Hall. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish or dessert to share. We have a sign-up sheet, so we don't end up with eight green bean casseroles. For more information, talk to Melanie Nanney or Michelle Nicholson.

A look at Jesus's Linage, an Advent Bible Study

With people interested in their own ancestry, we found a perfect Advent Bible Study—The Christmas Family Tree by Rev. Benjamin Crismon. The study begins December 2 in Harbor Hall and on the following three Wednesday's at 11 a.m. with a soup and sandwich lunch at noon. This is a hot-off-the-press Abingdon Press publication which invites readers to enter the Advent season by tracing the surprising, grace-filled ancestry of Jesus. Rev. Crismon is an elder in the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Books can be purchased for $15.98 with free delivery through Amazon. Books are also available through Christian Family Bookstore and Cokesbury Bookstore for a lower price but with additional shipping charges and December delivery dates. For more information, contact Kathy Hart or Rev. Claire Van De Berg.

Windsor United Methodist Men Fundraiser – Annual BBQ Pork Butt and Rib Sale
Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 14, 11 a.m.– 2 p.m. when the UMM of Windsor will conduct the Annual BBQ Butt and Rib sale. We've successfully been doing the fundraiser for several years now. It is the largest fundraiser we undertake.

The butts are $45 each (whole) and the Ribs are $20 per half rack. Hash is $10 per quart. This carry-out only. This also is pre-order. We won't be able to take walk-ups! We pre-order these items cooked and delivered. Tickets are available through any UMM member.

2026 Christmas Love Offering
The holiday season is quickly approaching. This is a time to reflect on our many blessings. We have a wonderful Pastor, outstanding Musical Director, talented Pianist, and a truly dedicated Administrative Assistant who keeps everything running behind the scenes. They all work hard to ensure that we have an uplifting and inspirational church service. In the true spirit of thanksgiving, we would like to recognize our Pastor and staff with a Christmas Love Offering. This is a monetary gift to show our appreciation for their dedication and service to Windsor throughout the year. Please consider donating to the Christmas Love Offering. You can do this through online giving at windsorumc.org, regular mail, or during church service offering time. Please designate Christmas Love Offering on your donation or check. Thank you in advance for your generosity! **Please note that the new deadline to donate is NOVEMBER 29** This will allow us to present gift before rather than after the holiday.

Save the Date – Killingsworth Annual Gala!
Killingsworth's Annual Gala will be held on Thursday, November 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Moore Building on the SC State Fair grounds. Purchase tickets or become a sponsor on the Killingsworth website.

Advent Art Project Needs Recycled Containers
Kathy Hart is seeking emptied small plastic containers for an Advent project. She welcomes your ready-to-be-recycled, approximately seven-inch size plastic containers for hand soap, mustard, soda and mouth wash. Please wash out and bring to church. There will be a labeled wicker basket on the Volunteer table. Thank you.



Outreach

It's Time for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes!

There are several ways to participate:

ONLINE: Windsor UMC online link https://sampur.se/4rYUtLF

or use the QR Code. Each box is $30.

TRADITIONAL shoeboxes: See the volunteer table this Sunday for empty clear shoeboxes (or use your own). **Please return filled shoebox to Windsor by Sunday, November 15.**

DONATE FUNDS: Please indicate Shoeboxes on your check and we will create additional shoeboxes with all of the donated funds.

Thank you, Windsor. Contact Becky Leonard at fleonardz@hotmail.com with any questions.

Food Pantry Needs

Windsor's food pantry is in need of canned tuna, canned chicken, and vegetable oil and 1-pound bags of white rice, dried red beans (kidney beans are fine) and dried black beans. Bins are located outside the sanctuary for your donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please indicate that your offering is for the FOOD PANTRY in the memo section of your check. Donations are also accepted online and can be directed to WINDSOR FOOD PANTRY. Many thanks to those who have donated to our food pantry!

Epworth Children's Home Needs

Epworth Children's Home continues to need our help. They need diaper of various sizes, but Epworth also needs feminine hygiene products. A bin is located outside of the sanctuary for your donations.

Sunday School Classes

The Uncommon Men class meets Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Annex. All men are invited to join.
The Women in Christ class meets Sundays at 9 a.m. via Zoom and in Classroom 7. Contact person: Linda Jackson.

Birthdays

Frank Harbor 11/07, Robert Frierson 11/07, Ferrie Ward, 11/15, Julie Milhouse 11/18, Felicia McCoy 11/19, L. B. Hardwick 11/23, Melinda Huggins 12/2, Terry Mulholland 12/5, Norma Edwards 12/13, Janet Hussain 12/14, Donna Woodward 12/15, Myong Woods 12/20, Steve McMillion 12/21, Lisa McAlpine 12/22, Steve Kitchens 12/22, Flourice Hussain 12/23, Barbara Hansen 12/24, Merry Fredericks 12/24, Kathy Williams 12/25, Jim Van Valkenburg 12/26, Calvin McCoy, Jr. 12/30, Dianne Dixon 12/31

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