

# The Vine

## Windsor United Methodist Church

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November 2021

*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.*



### Seasons - Ecclesiastes 3:1

I can hardly believe it is November of 2021 already. It seems like it was just Christmas a few weeks ago, and now it is almost Christmas again. The solar calendar says we are approaching the end of the year; however, the Christian Calendar reflects the beginning of a new Christian year.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we first observe All Saints Day. All Saints Day is the first day of November immediately following the solar calendar's observation of Halloween. All Saints Day is a Christian celebration in honor of all the saints from Christian history. Western Christianity is observed on November 1 by the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church and other Protestant denominations. The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth.

All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance for all the Christian people who died during the past year. This past year, many of us have lost a loved one or dear friend; so here at Windsor, we invite you to pin a bell on the All Saints banner in their memory. The All Saints banner will be at the narthex entrance until we present it in the sanctuary.

As we move into November, we observe Thanksgiving, a time when family and friends come

together, usually with a meal, to give thanks for each other and God's blessings upon us all year long.

Then, we end with Christ the King Sunday. Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian calendar—this year, November 21—before the beginning of Advent that starts the new Church Year. We begin our new Christian year with the Advent season. Advent can be summed up with this prayer, "God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." —Matthew Kelly

For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent. Scholars believe Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), His baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and His first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer and fasting to prepare for the Resurrection celebration. This is known as Easter. Now, we can know the whole story, and His story is indeed our story, and all this happens in the seasons of the year.

This year, as we start, let it be a new beginning for all of us in many ways. But, most especially in our walk with Christ, let us walk in the newness of Christ for all the world to see His light shining in our lives.

*Pastor Leatha Brown*



### LUNCH ON THE LAWN

Windsor family, Pastor Brown would like to have lunch with you. You can schedule lunch with your Pastor at noon, Tuesday through Friday. If you provide the lawn, she will provide the lunch. Please call the office at 803-788-1858 to schedule your lunch day.





## 20 Flood Buckets Filled!

*Article and photos by Becky Leonard*

September's daily TV news showed heart-wrenching images of the aftermath of Category 4 Hurricane Ida and the resulting flash floods across the southern and eastern US. Additional flooding was occurring across other parts of the country. Families lost everything and were thankful to God to be alive. For those whose homes were not destroyed, they were faced with the overwhelming task of cleaning up.

Requests for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) flood buckets came in. Windsor responded to this call by filling 20 buckets! Each bucket contained 14 UMCOR designated items, including dish gloves, laundry detergent, concentrated household cleaner, dish soap, a scrub brush, scouring pads, a clothesline and clothespins, 33–45 -gallon heavy-duty trash bags, work gloves, insect repellent, air freshener, handiwipes, and N95 dust masks (we all know what these are as a result of Covid!)—plus the 5-gallon bucket and lid.

Becky McMillion, Anita Schmidt, Kathy Hart and Becky Leonard gathered on October 1 to sort the supplies and fill each bucket with the designated items. Blessings were bestowed upon the buckets and those who would receive them by Pastor Brown during Windsor's October 3 worship service. The following day, the blue flood buckets were delivered to the UMC Conference Office, and will be sent, along with additional donated buckets, to locations in need.

Thank you to everyone who supplied cleaning items and financial donations needed to fill the 20 blue flood buckets. Participants included: Frank Harbor, Noreen Doughty, Becky McMillion, Lisa McAlpine, Janice Negus, Donna Benson, Ferrie Ward, Sarah Smith, Michelle Nicholson, Frances Huggins, Debbo and Dan Lackore, Anita and Rock Schmidt, Monya Havekost, Kathy and Ivey Hart, Joe Thompson, Kara and Gene Lewis, Verlie Patrick, Jean Robinson, Melanie and Wayne Nanney, Suzanne and Robert Frierson, Peggy Hill, Rev. Dr. Norma and Calvin Edwards, Becky and Fred Leonard, and Saturday Blessings (Diana Stout, Melanie Nanney, Terry Mulholland, Denise Lane, Ferrie Ward, Sheila LaFex, Joy Stone and Libby Horton).

Thank you, Windsor, for your generosity and your continuing care and concern of those in need of help.



## 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 tenth year sponsoring Windsor Families Helping Families. This year, Richland School District Two Outreach worker Ms. Nelly Jolley will provide the names of children in need, along with their age, sex, clothing size and gift suggestions.

Information should be available mid-November and gifts will be due back to Windsor by Sunday, December 5. 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, [bleonardz@hotmail.com](mailto:bleonardz@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!

## Hanging of the Greens

*By Kathy Hart*

The Worship team will hold the Hanging of the Greens event on Saturday, November 27 at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to trim the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary, set-up the creche on the altar table and set-up the Advent wreath display for the weekly Advent candle lighting. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Hart.

Windsor will hold Worship services at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 26.



## Poinsettias

Windsor will purchase five very large-size poinsettias for the Advent season. If you are interested in remembering a loved one, please contribute to the poinsettia fund. Please place a check or cash in an envelope in the offering plate. With your contribution, send a note spelling out who you would like to honor or memorialize. As is customary, a listing will be handed out during Advent once the Poinsettias arrive. For more information, contact Kathy Hart.



## WINDSOR RETURNS FOR A SECOND SOUP KITCHEN SERVING SINCE THE COVID PANDEMIC BEGAN

Article and photos by Becky Leonard

Four Windsorites returned downtown to help on October 4 with the Soup Cellar Ministry at Washington Street UMC. This was the second time that Windsor volunteers have helped since the Covid pandemic began (Windsor's July and September 2021 servings fell on holidays for the church and the Soup Cellar was closed). For more than 14 months, from April 2020 until June 14, 2021, a small group of dedicated Washington Street UMC staff and members continued the weekday noon meal service, thereby keeping the Soup Cellar ministry going. Volunteers, on a limited basis, were invited to return mid-June 2021.

Since the beginning of Covid, the noon meal has consisted of a take-out bagged lunch service. Each day's volunteers are limited in number and need to wear a mask and observe pandemic protocols. Volunteers make sandwiches, pack items included in the bagged meal and hand the meal out. Masked guests come to the serving counter one at a time to receive their bagged meal and depart so that the next guest may pick up their meal. For added protection, servers stand behind a plexiglass screen and pass the meal to the guests.



Our October 4 bagged meal included a ham sandwich, soup with vegetables and diced pork patties, a clementine orange, homemade brownies and bottle of water. We thank members of Windsor's Generations Sunday School class (Dianne Dixon, Mitzi Shipman, and Kathy Robinson and her granddaughter) who baked more than seven dozen brownies for the Soup Kitchen guests.

Over the past two months, the number of guests arriving to receive a meal has begun to climb. For the October serving, Windsor's crew of Ferrie Ward, Debbo Lackore, Kathy Hart and Becky Leonard served 73 men and women. In August, the number of guests were in the 60s while in mid-September, a few of the servings fed more than 90 guests.

Windsor's next serving dates will be Mondays, November 1 and December 6 — time still to be determined. If you are interested in helping in November or December, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com.



### Thank You, Generations Sunday School Class!

Thank you to members of Windsor's Generations Sunday School Class for the delicious brownies to include in the bagged lunches of our October 4 Soup Kitchen serving. Dianne Dixon, Mitzi Shipman, and Kathy Robinson and her granddaughter made more than seven dozen of the treats the day before our serving. The bagged meal handed out to the guests includes a sweet item and it is especially nice to include something homemade.

Prior to Covid, Generations provided brownies for many of our monthly servings and we thank them for continuing to think of those in need.



### Windsor Food Pantry

Windsor's pantry provides food for families in need coming to our church office as well as families in the Skills for Life and Work Program who are in need of food.

As we continue to collect food for the pantry, the requested items include:

- white rice (1 or 2 pound bags)
- peanut butter
- spaghetti sauce
- canned chicken/tuna/Vienna sausage
- bar soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes and paper towels/toilet paper are also appreciated
- dried red, black and pinto beans (in 1 pound bags)
- jelly
- spaghetti/elbow macaroni

You may drop off your donations at the church office during the week or bring to the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. A bin has been provided for your items.

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

## Our Windsor Family

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

† David and Jayne Varnes and family in the passing of David's father, Raul Alamar, on October 20, 2021.

*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](mailto:windsorumc@bellsouth.net) or 803-788-1858.*

**UMM Christmas Dinner  
December 9, 2021**



### 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 meeting on **Sunday, November 7, 2021.**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
The United Methodist Church

### Sarah Circle

*By Janice Negus*

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Harbor Hall. The hostesses are Pat Christiansen and Becky McMillion. We will collect new or slightly used twin and queen size sheets for members of the Skills for Life and Work Program.

In December, a luncheon will be held at Joy Stone's home at a date and time to be determined. We will donate to charities of our choice.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN  
SMOKED BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021**

**PRE-PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM UMM**

**CONTACT PERSON: CHARLES SHIPMAN, 803-662-4713  
\$35**

**CURBSIDE PICK-UP: 10 AM — 1 PM**



### Vendors' Fair 2021 - Wares to Sell?

*By Diana Stout*

Saturday Blessings will sponsor our annual Vendors' Fair with a twist or two on Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the front parking lot. You may sell new or used items. We will have spaces earmarked for vendors based on confirmation of attendance. We will social-distance and wear masks as the county and church ordinances dictate at the time. The cost of a parking space is \$20. If you need an additional table (please bring your own if possible), we can provide one for \$10. Other donations are not being solicited. All proceeds will be used for our mission projects.

In case of rain, we will postpone the event until the following Saturday, November 20, at the same time.

We encourage you to preorder your BBQ butt from our men's group. Shop with us when you come to get dinner! Contact Diana Stout, 803-603-6964, Melanie Nanney, 803-530-3134, or Terry Mulholland, 803-422-6614, to secure a parking spot or answer any questions you have.

We hope to hear from you soon!



### UNITED METHODIST MEN

*By Monya Havekost*

The United Methodist Men have been working to assist Killingsworth Home. With additional support from Windsor, they would like to continue their efforts by providing the following items that the Killingsworth manager has indicated are ongoing needs:

Lint Rollers	Postage Stamps	Copy Paper (8.5 x 11)
Salt and Pepper	Coffee (Regular)	Sugar
Paper Towels	Paper Plates	Plastic Utensils
Disposable Cups	Napkins	Toilet Paper
Kleenex Tissue	Aluminum Foil	Trash Bags (13 gallon and 33 gallon)
Ziploc Bags (all sizes)	Clear Plastic Covered Containers (shoebox size or larger)	

If you are able to help, please drop items off during the week at the church office.

For questions, contact Dave Christiansen, 803-788-7539.





# What's Very Old is New Again at Windsor UMC

By Kathy Hart

Traditionally, Windsor is known for having a Fall Festival or a Trunk and Treat to celebrate October 31 with the neighborhood. Covid hasn't stopped our tradition of doing something on the corner of Alpine Road and Windsor Lake Boulevard and, this year, we created a Fall-themed, drive-thru series of shadow puppet displays. Commonly thought to be a children's type of theatrical entertainment, shadow plays probably originated in China during the Han dynasty two thousand years ago. An original form of animation, flat images are manipulated by the puppeteers between a bright light and a translucent screen, on the other side of which is the audience. Many thanks to the Windsor puppeteers: Ferrie Ward, Jim Hinson, Kim Hinson, Michelle Nicholson, Anita Schmidt and Kristen Hill.

Housed in eight separate large shadow boxes, cars easily drove slowly through the parking lot to view each shadow puppet display while listening to an original piece of music, "The Eight Nights of Box and Treat," cleverly composed, sung, and recorded by Windsor's musical director, Daloni Clark. We are so blessed to have such a talented and giving musical director. Thank you, Daloni.

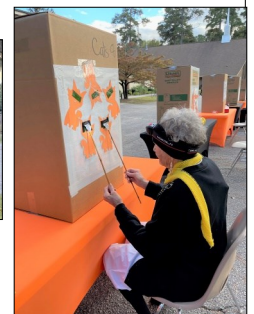
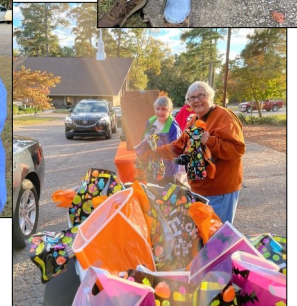
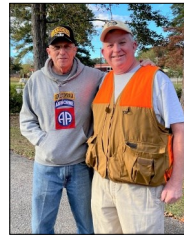
Also, a big thank you to our entrance and exit traffic managers: Wayne Nanney, Rock Schmidt, and Dave Christiansen. It was a big job because the line of cars went around the corner.

It wouldn't be October 31 without candy and Windsor members emptied the local store shelves. Thank you for all your candy contributions. Each child got a bag full and, to top it off, each car received a \$10 gift card to Burger King. (This takes the place of the hotdogs we traditionally served.) Many thanks to our front-line candy and gift card distributors and candy runners: Janice Negus, Donna Benson, Peggy Hill, Fred Leonard, Kathy Robinson and Mitzi Shipman.

This was a perfect opportunity to invite young families to Windsor. Each car received a flyer with the lyrics to the song and information about Windsor UMC along with Pastor's business card. Many thanks to Nancy Morgan for handling the tedious job of stapling cards to the flyers.

Bag stuffing, set-up, take-down, sound crew and general support are sometimes thankless tasks, but not at Windsor. We love you Joe Thompson, Becky Leonard, Ferrie Ward, Ivey Hart, Melinda Huggins, Linda Jackson, Stephen Jackson, Pastor Brown and all the cast and crew. Thank you in a big way.

The estimated count of groups/cars was 117 with more than 400 people in total. Co-directors, Charles Shipman, aka. "Captain Underpants" and Kathy Hart, aka. "geriatric Wonder Woman," are thrilled by the success of this evangelism event and feel blessed to be members of such a giving and fun-loving congregation.



Photos by Becky Leonard

## Financial Summary through September 30, 2021

	Income through Sept 30, 2021	Expenses through Sept 30, 2021	2021 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 215,048.24		\$ 326,594.00	66%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 165,450.96	\$ 251,374.00	66%
Apportionments		26,313.30	29,237.00	90%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		13,056.46	34,560.00	38%
Outreach		1,925.00	5,050.00	38%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		710.74	6,373.00	11%
<b>Total Regular Income &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 215,048.24</b>	<b>\$ 207,456.46</b>	<b>\$ 326,594.00</b>	<b>64%</b>
Estimate of Giving for 2021			\$ 326,594.00	



### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**All Troops overseas and  
away from their homes  
All Windsor families facing activation,  
deployment and homecoming**



**God Bless  
America!**

### Average Attendance

<b>10 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary</b>	
September 1 to September 30, 2021	39
October 1 to October 31, 2021	42

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

#### Sunday School

September 1 to September 30, 2021	23
October 1 to October 31, 2021	22

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

### Time change on November 7.

Remember to change your clocks back an hour  
on Sunday, November 7.



## It's Time for Shoeboxes!

*By Kara Lewis*

Windsor UMC is continuing its support for "Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child." Join us in collecting shoebox gifts for children in the US and around the world. In addition to toys, clothes and other fun items, a gospel story will be added to each box. There are three giving options:

**1.Fill a Box:** Fill your shoebox (or plastic box with lid) with items such as school supplies, wash cloths, hand towels, soap, toothbrushes, combs, hairclips, socks, toy cars and stuffed animals. [Note: liquids, candy, military toys, and toothpaste are not allowed.] Brochures, box labels, and empty shoeboxes are available in the church office and outside the sanctuary. Please mark the label either boy or girl; select the correct age; attach the label to the box; enclose \$9 for shipping; and leave the boxes in the church office or table outside the sanctuary by the Sunday, November 14 deadline. They will be delivered to a local collection site.

**2.Monetary Donation:** Make a financial donation to Windsor UMC designating it for "Shoeboxes." Any amount is welcome. Your gift will provide additional shoeboxes.

**3.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 gift items to include. Each online shoebox is \$25 and does not have additional shipping fees. This link tracks shoeboxes sent by Windsor UMC. Our goal this year is 40 online boxes. <https://sampur.se/3zxswOm>

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



# Calendar November 2021

## Monday, November 1

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion  
6:00 PM Kiwanis Aktion Club - HH  
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10  
7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 2

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Wednesday, November 3

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms  
9:45 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)  
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - Pavilion

## Thursday, November 4

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Saturday, November 6

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)



## Sunday, November 7

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast - Lizard's Thicket  
9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)  
**10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary**  
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH  
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

## Monday, November 8

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion  
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10  
7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 9

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Wednesday, November 10

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms  
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

## Thursday, November 11

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms  
10:30 AM UMW - Sarah Circle - HH  
7:00 PM Briarwood HOA Meeting - HH

## Saturday, November 13

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)  
9:00 AM Vendors' Fair - Parking Lot  
10:00 AM BBQ Boston butt pickup - curbside

## Sunday, November 14

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)  
**10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary**  
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH  
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

## Monday, November 15

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion  
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10  
7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 16

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Wednesday, November 17

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms  
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

## Thursday, November 18

9:00 AM SL&WP - All Classrooms

## Friday, November 19

9:00 AM Briarwood HOA Board Meeting - Rm 10

## Saturday, November 20

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)

## Sunday, November 21

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)  
**10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary**  
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH  
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

## Monday, November 22

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion  
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10  
7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, November 23

9:00 AM SL&WP - Thanksgiving Break

## Wednesday, November 24

9:00 AM SL&WP - Thanksgiving Break  
7:00 PM BSA Troop 900 Meeting - HH/Pavilion

## Thursday, November 25



## Saturday, November 27

8:30 AM Prayer Group (Conference call)  
**9:30 AM Hanging of the Green**

## Sunday, November 28

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)  
**10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary**  
1:30 PM Filipino American Church - HH  
3:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 Meeting - Pavilion

## Monday, November 29

9:00 AM Homeschool CoOp - HH/Pavilion  
6:30 PM LRE - Rm 10  
7:30 PM AI Anon - Rm 8

## Tuesday, 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
Libby Horton	14
Ferrie Ward	15
Mark Catoe	15
Phillip Latham	17
Robert Frierson	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
James Stone	9
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
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