

The Vine

Windsor United Methodist Church

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July 2025

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.

July 1, 2025

I can't believe it's already July, and I've been at Windsor UMC for one year. It feels like I've been here longer than that, and I say that positively. The year has flown by, and in that time, together, a lot of ministry has been done. Beginning with the Outreach Backpack Drive, Windsor provided bookbags filled with school supplies for children in need. In September and October, I taught a study on our United Methodist heritage and what we believe as Methodists and we filled 15 blue flood buckets in response to the devastating flooding from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The Fall into Faith Festival, co-hosted with Christian Faith Fellowship, was a big community success. The United Methodist Men served six hundred hot dogs; even Bishop Leonard Fairley and Mrs. Fairley stopped in. Later in the month, the men sold pork ribs and pork butts.

In November, we remembered All Saints Sunday and recognized the great cloud of witnesses who had gone before us. November thirtieth was the first Sunday of Advent. We celebrated by telling the story of the Chrismon Tree. Through Windsor Families Helping Families, 17 children had a happier Christmas and we participated in Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. There was an Advent book study on how the Grinch's heart grew three sizes, based on the Dr. Seuss story, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. I introduced to Windsor a "Blue Christmas" service, which, although sparsely attended, the ones who came said the worship experience deeply moved them. The Sounds of the Spirit Choir brought the Christmas spirit by singing Christmas carols to the residents at Forest Lake Manor and Terra Bella. The Advent season came to a beautiful conclusion with the evening Candlelight Christmas Eve service as we rejoiced at the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Lenten season was busy. It started with the Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday pancake supper that the United Methodist Men prepared, followed the next day by the solemn Ash Wednesday service. Two groups met for the Lenten book study *The Third Day Living the Resurrection* by Bishop Tom Berlin. The daytime group enjoyed the study, followed by homemade soup (cooked by yours truly) and sandwiches brought by folks each week. The evening group met for dinner and book study at Lizard's Thicket. Both groups had in-depth discussions of the material and had wonderful fellowship.

Holy Week was jam-packed with a Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday prayer vigil, a joint Easter sunrise with Pastor Jake and the Fil-Am Friendship Ministry of Christ, with breakfast provided by the United Methodist Men (do you all see a theme emerging?) Those UMM fellas can cook! After that, I managed to take a little time away at the beach. And here we are in July! I wish you a happy and safe Fourth! And for another year of blessed ministry to the glory of God.

Pastor Claire



We're taking a poll. Email us and let us know if you read *The Vine*.

Thank you.



Windsor UMC and Fil-Am Friendship Ministry of Christ Joint Worship Service and Picnic - July 6

A joint worship service with Fil-Am will be held on Sunday, July 6, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. A picnic will follow the service in Harbor Hall with hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks being provided. Please bring picnic side items such as potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, and desserts to complete the meal. It will be an excellent time for worship, fellowship and food!



Backpack Project for 2025-2026 School Year!

By the Outreach Team

Wednesday, August 6 – School Starts! Outreach looks forward to our annual backpack project helping children in need whose families are involved in the Skills for Life and Work Program. Along with the needed school supplies for each student's school and grade level, Ms. Nelly Jolley, Outreach Specialist for Richland 2 School District, will give us their color choices to make it easier to choose a backpack for them.

Please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com if you would like to participate. We are asking for the filled backpacks to be returned to Windsor before Sunday, July 20.

Watch for more information in the weekly *Leaf* during July.



Carolina Springs Students at Windsor

Article and photos by Becky Leonard

During Windsor's Sunday, May 4 Worship Service, the congregation was treated to two songs performed by chorus students in Ara-Viktoria's classes at Carolina Springs Middle School, which is located in Lexington. The Worship and Music Team hosted a reception following the service for the students, their families and Windsor members. We appreciate the group's beautiful singing and the long drive they made to be a part of Windsor's service!





WINDSOR SOUP KITCHEN AT WASHINGTON STREET UMC

Article and photos by Becky Leonard

Windsor UMC continues to help with the Soup Cellar servings at Washington Street UMC. If you would like to participate in a serving or have any questions, please contact Becky Leonard.

The Soup Cellar first opened its doors in October 1979, serving a simple, nutritious meal to those in need in downtown Columbia. Changes to the noon-time meal have occurred over the course of the past 45 years. Their current bagged meal format arose as a necessity to be able to continue to safely provide a meal to those in need during Covid. The Soup Cellar has retained this bagged meal format for five years and plans to continue it in the foreseeable future.

Churches throughout the Columbia area help Monday through Friday with the preparation and serving of the noon-time meal. Windsor UMC helps on the first Monday of the month. 158 guests came through on Windsor's May 5 serving day. The meal included a cup of vegetable, chicken and rice soup, along with either a tuna salad, bologna, turkey sub or peanut butter and jelly sandwich. An orange, can of sparkling water, and dessert item (donut, cupcake or cookie), completed the meal. Michelle Nicholson, Debbo Lackore, Patty Fowler, Tremaine Sails-Dunbar, Candee DePew and Becky Leonard were the serving crew that morning.



On June 2, Windsor again served more than 150 guests with 152 guests coming through to pick up a meal. This meal included a cup of vegetable beef soup, turkey or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, an orange, a donut and can of Pepsi. The morning's serving crew included Michelle Nicholson, Debbo Lackore, Patty Fowler, Candee DePew, and Tremaine Sails-Dunbar.

Windsor's next serving days will be July 7 and August 4. If you are interested in helping on either of these days, please contact Becky Leonard at 803-466-4222 or fleonardz@hotmail.com. We begin meal preparation around 9:15 a.m. and finish serving at 12:30 p.m.



Windsor Food Pantry

Windsor's Food Pantry is a blessing to families who face food insecurity. The food pantry helps those who come to the church office in need of food as well as some attending the Skills for Work and Life Program on our church campus.

Outreach thanks all who have supported our food pantry. If you would like to help, please consider donating food items from the following list or donating funds so that we may purchase the food (please indicate your donation is for *Food Pantry*.) You may also direct your online donation to the Windsor Food Pantry.

Donations of canned tuna, vegetable oil and white rice in 1- or 2-pound bags are needed, 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 black or small red beans (in 1 pound bags)
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta noodles (angel hair and elbow)
- vegetable oil
- salt
- canned tuna, chicken and Vienna sausage
- individual fruit/applesauce cups
- Ajax liquid dish detergent and toilet paper are also appreciated.

Thank you for helping those in need, Windsor.



Windsor's Food Pantry Receives Hunger Ministries Grant

In June, the Outreach Area of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church awarded Windsor's Food Pantry a \$1,000 Hunger Ministries Grant.

Outreach is very appreciative of this financial support to help feed those in need!

Meals from Latino Community Development

Thank you to Latino Community Development which provided four boxes of shelf-stable, pre-packaged meal items for Windsor's Food Pantry. Hot water is added to each package to make the meal.

In total, the boxes contained 36 pasta with sauce dinner meals and 108 cinnamon apple oatmeal breakfast meals. Latino Community Development received the food boxes from a packing event held in Charlotte.

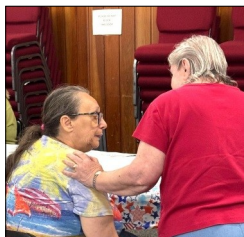


A Multitude of Flavors—Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

The June 28 Ice Cream Social was a tasty success! Not only did Windsor enjoy delicious ice cream churned by John Woodard, but the event raised close to \$1,000 to go towards funding Windsor's apportionments to the UMC conference.

Seven different flavors of ice cream were available to try, along with a variety of toppings and homemade brownies from Kathy Robinson. Quart containers of the ice cream were available for purchase at the social. There may be a few remaining quarts for sale, please contact Donna Woodard.

Many thanks to Donna and John Woodard and the Worship and Music Team for organizing this delicious and fun event in support of Windsor.

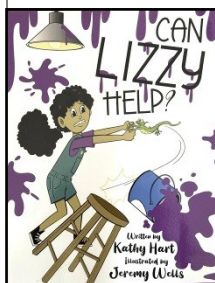


*Photos by Pastor Claire and
Becky Leonard*



Our Windsor Family

CONGRATULATIONS!



We have an author in our midst! Kathy Hart has written *Can Lizzy Help?* about a child who is angry that she's too young to attend Salkehatchie to help repair homes. Find out what happens when Lizzy and her dad take on a special project of their own. Kathy's book is available in print and as an e-book [here](#) on the SC Advocate website.

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.



Flower Vase Donations

The Worship Team needs flower vases. We would be grateful for donations of any unused vases or vases in good shape which you would like to donate—preferably, large vases that can accommodate altar flower arrangements.

**"For God gave us
a spirit not of fear
but of power and
love and self-
control."**

— 2 TIMOTHY 1:7



SC Annual Conference 2025

Rev. Claire Van Den Berg and Windsor's Lay Delegate, Kathy Hart, attended the South Carolina Annual Conference in Greenville, SC. Ivey Hart worked at the Salkehatchie table, sharing information about the numerous summer camps across the state.



Photo courtesy of
Pastor Claire Van Den Berg



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will NOT meet Monday, July 7, but be on the lookout for our next event. Please reach out to Melanie Nanney at 803-530-3134 if you are interested in joining us or have any questions.



United
Women
in Faith



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, July 6 and August 3.



Financial Summary through May 31, 2025

	Income through May 31, 2025	Expenses through May 31, 2025	2025 Budget	Percent of Total
Regular Income (offering, Sunday school, fees, other)	\$ 98,988.52		\$ 202,000.00	49%
Administration (buildings, staff, & staff expenses)		\$ 103,723.89	\$ 248,569.00	42%
Apportionments		0.00	0.00	0%
Nurture (worship, communications, education, family ministries, music ministry & youth)		594.04	2,816.00	21%
Outreach		0.00	0.00	0%
Witness (evangelism & LRE)		0.00	415.00	0%
Total Regular Income & Expenses	\$ 98,988.52	\$ 104,317.93	\$ 251,800.00	41%



**God Bless
America!**

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



Average Attendance

10 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary

May 1 to May 31, 2025 48

June 1 to June 30, 2025 39

10 a.m. Worship Service—YouTube

May 1 to May 31, 2025 36

June 1 to June 30, 2025 35

Sunday School

May 1 to May 31, 2025 9

June 1 to June 30, 2025 9

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

Terra Bella Worship Service

May 1 to May 31, 2025 8

June 1 to June 30, 2025 4

Prayer For The 4th Of July

Dear God,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for the freedom we celebrate on the 4th of July. We ask for your blessings on our country and our people.

Help our leaders make wise decisions.

Keep our soldiers safe. Give us peace and unity.

Let us always remember to be kind to each other, to help when we can, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We give you all the glory and praise.

Amen.

**“He gives power
to the weak and
strength to the
powerless.”**

— ISAIAH 40:29



Use the QR code for electronic giving with Vanco.



Calendar July 2025



Tuesday, July 1

1:00 PM Bible Study - Classroom 10
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED



Saturday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 6

7:30 AM UMM Breakfast - Lizard's Thicket
9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
10:00 AM Joint Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Church Picnic - HH/Pavilion
6:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 7

6:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 8

1:00 PM Bible Study - Classroom 10
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, July 12

8:00 AM Fil-UMM Meeting - Classroom 10
3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal - HH

Sunday, July 13

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
9:00 AM Filipino American Church - HH
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
6:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 14

6:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 15

1:00 PM Bible Study - Classroom 10
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, July 19

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

Sunday, July 20

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
9:00 AM Filipino American Church - HH
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
6:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 21

6:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 22

1:00 PM Bible Study - Classroom 10
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Classroom 9

Thursday, July 24

8:00 AM Back pack Disrtbution - HH,K
6:00 PM SPRC Meeting - Annex

Saturday, July 26

3:00 PM Fil-Am Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 PM Fil-Am Prayer Meeting

Sunday, July 27

9:00 AM Sunday School (see *Leaf* for details)
9:00 AM Filipino American Church - HH
10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
6:00 PM BSA Troop 2870 - HH/Pavilion

Monday, July 28

6:30 PM Al Anon - Rm 8

Tuesday, July 29

1:00 PM Bible Study - Classroom 10
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Classroom 9

Thursday, July 31

6:00 PM Richland Herb Society - Classroom 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.



July

Calvin McCoy, Sr.	1
Melvin Wolff	2
Isaac Byrd	9
Al Robinson	12
Michelle Nicholson	16
Inez Nicholson	24
John Mullikin	25
Becky Buie	27
Jim Hinson	28
Kara Lewis	31



August

Tremaine Sails-Dunbar	5
Becky Leonard	8
Rodney Mills	8
Sarah Smith	11
Anne Richardson	22
Mary Nichols	25
William Frierson	25
Marilyn Summers	27
Calvin Edwards	29
Gene Lewis	31
Monya Havekost	31



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