Winstead Connection



Pastor Patrick Murphy

You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it on a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.

-Matthew 13-15

One of my New Testament professors would begin every class by reading a few verses from Jesus's Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew using the medieval Christian practice of *lectio divina*, which is a prayerful and patterned way of reading the Scriptures.

This wasn't always my favorite thing to do. After all I was there to learn. I could pray the Scriptures any time. But my professor's point was that savoring the Scriptures was exactly the reason we were there. He was teaching us that nothing matters if they don't become part of who we are.

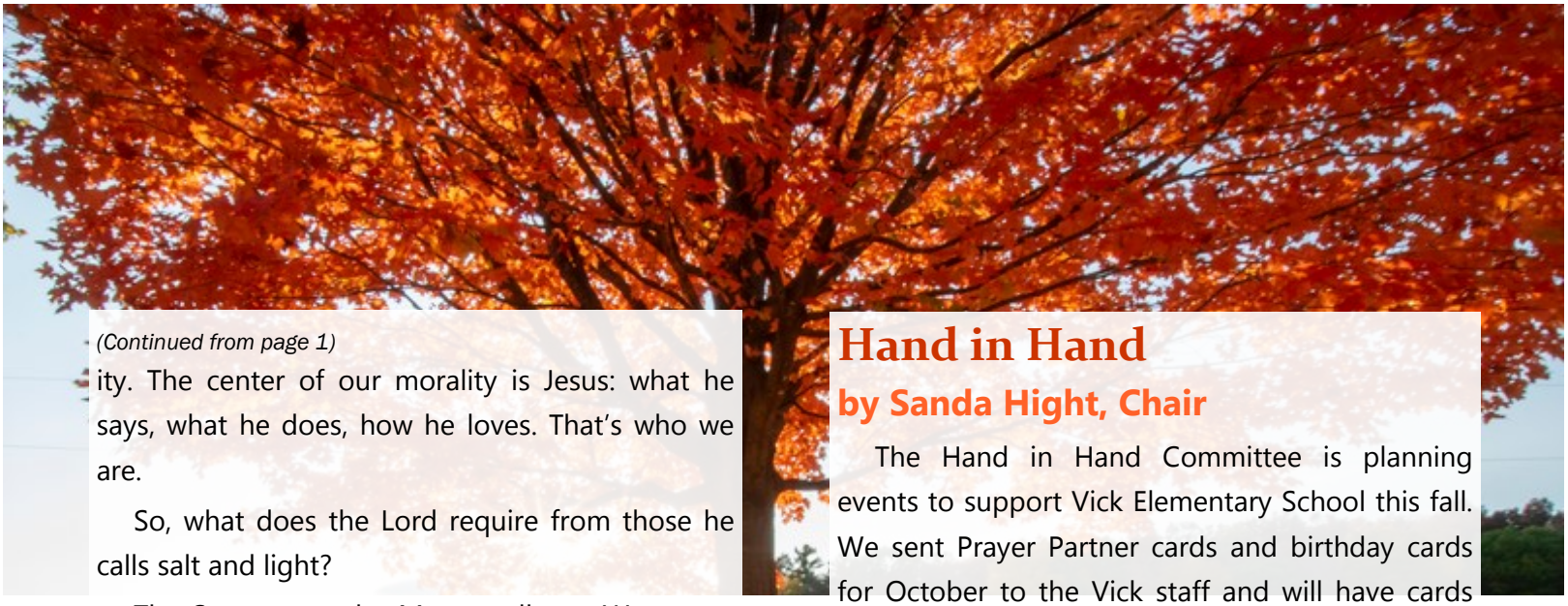
In this way his choice of the Sermon on the Mount mattered, too. Nowhere else in the Gospels does Jesus so completely teach about the kingdom of God, who belongs to it, and who his followers must be as they live it out.

As Christians we must always be prepared to answer the question of who we are in the midst of this ever-changing world. In the verses above, Jesus tells us exactly who we are: "You are the salt of the earth…You are the light of the world…" Not *you can be* or *you should be* or *you must become* or *you have* salt and light, but ***you are***.

Jesus doesn't give his followers a choice. You *are* salt. You *are* light. You are indispensable to the world as children of the living God. Salt flavors but salt also cleanses and preserves. If it loses the ability to do this it might as well be tossed in the garbage. Light has a purpose, too. It illumines darkness; it is visible. The Church must be visible in the world. Disciples cannot shrink into invisibility in the face of hard realities and still follow Jesus.

Recent events have ramped up anxiety, confusion, and fear. Elections loom again. Important questions are being asked. Will we be alright? Will benefits for our poor neighbors be cut further? Will our children go without adequate funding for their education? Will information about disease and health be censored? Will prices keep rising? These questions shouldn't appeal to our sense of partisan identity, but rather to our sense of moral-

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ity. The center of our morality is Jesus: what he says, what he does, how he loves. That's who we are.

So, what does the Lord require from those he calls salt and light?

The Sermon on the Mount tells us: We are to live the compassionate way of Jesus Christ no matter what. We are called to care for what He cares about. Do as he does, visibly! Our baptismal vows flesh this out even further. We covenant to reject the evil powers of this world and repent of our sin, to accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, and to accept Jesus Christ alone as Lord.

Brothers and sisters, you are salt and light. You are. Let us always do that which shows we love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

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Hand in Hand

by Sanda Hight, Chair

The Hand in Hand Committee is planning events to support Vick Elementary School this fall. We sent Prayer Partner cards and birthday cards for October to the Vick staff and will have cards ready for the congregation to sign on Nov. 1- 7 in the narthex. Thanks to our church family for being so faithful in connecting with the Vick staff through messages on the Prayer Partner cards.

Members of our congregation will help the Vick staff on Picture Day, which will be on Friday, Nov. 13. Helping on Picture Day is a great way to establish relationships with the students and staff at Vick by talking with them and sending greetings from our congregation. Almost every Vick student and staff member will have a chance to talk with members of the Winstead family on that day.

Plans for this year's "Books for Vick" are underway. We will be ordering books soon and preparing them for delivery. A book-wrapping event is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 at the church at 9:00. Members of our church family will gather to wrap books and celebrate the opportunity to share gifts with the students and staff at Vick and demonstrate the love of Christmas with them. A date for delivering the books to Vick will be determined in December. As always, we are so thankful for the support from our congregation through monetary donations, prayers, and time spent in support of Christian love for the Vick community.

Please continue to keep the students, staff, and families at Vick in prayer.

Children & Youth



Marty Johnson,
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Pilgrimage 2026 - November 13 - 15

Cost is $50 dollars per youth.

Please sign up as soon as possible.

We will again be going with West Nash UMC Youth group. Any questions or concerns, please contact Marty Johnson.

Christmas Baskets

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Time for you and your church group to come up with a theme to make a Christmas Basket for our youth fundraiser.

It can be anything you wish - something you think might be a nice Christmas gift. It doesn't even have to be in a basket. You can present it any way that you would like.

Bring your basket on Sunday, November 29. The silent auction for the baskets will begin that morning. It will continue until our churchwide Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13 at 5:30 pm.

At 5:30 pm on December 13, the silent auction will end and we will announce the winners during the party.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Marty Johnson. Thank you in advance for your gracious participation.

Pumpkin Patch!



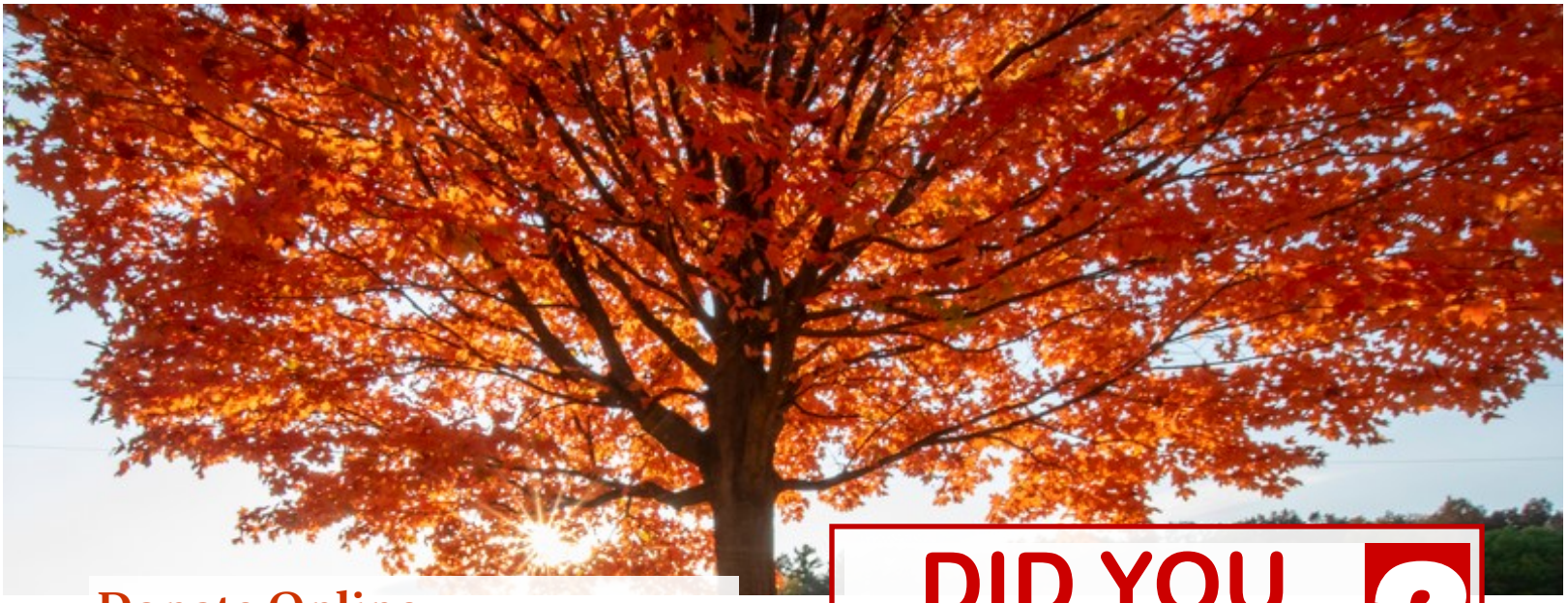






ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 1
5:30 - 7:00 pm Youth @ West Nash
Sunday, November 8
5:30 - 7:00 pm Youth @ West Nash
Sunday, November 15
No ECHO
Sunday, November 22
5:30 - 7:00 pm Youth @ West Nash
Sunday, November 29
No ECHO



Donate Online

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings online, please scan this QR code.

DID YOU KNOW ?

In September, shipments of peanuts across the US topped 5,000 cases since tracking began in 2012. Shipments are made year round with the busiest times being November and December. Want to sent some peanuts to friends or family? Contact the office.



November Birthdays

Audrey Miller	3
Danny Wilson	7
Ray Williams	8
Becky Holland	15
Edwina Kaeser	16
Margaret Brinkley	18
Thomas Baker	23
Olivia Brock	27
Claudine Perkins	27

Finance Report

By Linda Lane, Chair

Please take time to review the financial state of our church. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Gretchen Hunt or Linda Lane.

General Budget Totals

September

Expenses	21,996.35
Income	14,454.08
Budget Shortage	$ (7,542.27)
YTD Expenses	204,132.38
YTD Income	138,744.09
YTD Budget Shortage	$(65,388.29)

Outreach Committee

Priscilla Morello, Chair



THANK YOU WINSTEAD FRIENDS for making Seeds of Hope's Dia de los Muertos Festival such a success! To the following people we say thank you for helping us to get set up, volunteering at the booths, cleaning up after the event and making the whole day go so smoothly!!:

Fred Hight, Randy Marshburn and Sandy Lamm for getting the bell trailer and church van in place; to Ray Brinkley for helping us get set up; and to Pastor Patrick, Denise Lamm, Peggy Wilson and Priscilla Morello for volunteering at the Food Donation station and the Seeds of Hope Welcome Table. And to the folks who made food donations, including Winstead members: Nancy Elliott, Edwina Kaeser, and Denise Lamm—THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Winstead Church remains faithful to the work that Seeds of Hope Wilson is doing out in the community and we continually see the difference we are making in people's lives.

A special thank to WOW (Women of Winstead) for making a monetary donation of $300 for Seeds of Hope's Food Pantry. There is great need in the neighborhood around Seeds of Hope and many people count on the Neighborly Food Closet to help meet their food needs.

Whirligig Festival
WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

WHIRLIGIG FESTIVAL TIME!!
SATURDAY + SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th + 8th

We Need Volunteers to help at the Winstead Church Booth both Saturday and Sunday.

A sign-up sheet is at church for members to sign-up for the following shifts:

SATURDAY:

8:30-11:00	Filled
11:00-1:00	Need 3 volunteers
1:00-3:00	Need 3 volunteers
3:00-5:00 and pack up	Need 3 volunteers

SUNDAY:

10:30—Set up	Priscilla Morello
11:00-1:00	Need 3 volunteers
1:00-3:00	Need 3 volunteers
3:00-5:00	Need 3 volunteers

5:00—Break Down Booth and clean up

1.) Linda Lane
2.) Sandy Lamm
3.) P. Morello
4.)
5.)

PLEASE CALL PRISCILLA MORELLO AT 252-236-8673 TO VOLUNTEER.

Women of Winstead

by Sanda Hight

Women of Winstead (WOW) met on October 17 with five members present.

The decision as to how to use profits from the April 2026 chicken salad sale was made at the meeting. A total of $1200 will be donated to church and community needs.

- $300 to the old church stained-glass window restoration fund
- $300 to CHEW
- $300 to Hope Pantry at Mount Zion United Methodist Church
- $300 to Seeds of Hope Community Food Pantry

Thanks to church and community members for ordering chicken salad and helping make these donations possible. Also, thanks to all who donated ingredients and funds to purchase ingredients for the sale.

Plans for the remainder of this year include the follow activities and opportunities for service.

- A fall chicken salad sale will take place in November. Kitchen set-up will be on Wednesday, Nov. 18, starting at 9:00 in the church kitchen. Chicken salad preparation will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19, starting at 9:00 in the church kitchen. Chicken salad will be available for pickup on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 1:00 - 5:00 in the church kitchen and on Friday, Nov. 20 from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Chicken salad that has not been picked up by Friday will be available on Sunday, Nov. 22 after the worship service. ORDERS THAT ARE NOT PICKED UP ON SUNDAY WILL BE SOLD TO SOMEONE ELSE OR GIVEN AWAY. Announcements about the sale will start on Nov. 1, and order forms will be made available on Nov. 1. The cost of one pound of chicken salad will be $10. If you would like to donate cooked, diced chicken for the sale, please sign the form located in the narthex. If you would like to donate money to go toward the sale, please see a member of WOW. All checks for the sale should be made out to Winstead United Methodist Women.
- All women of the Church are invited to attend a Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 6 at the church at 3:00. Look for more information about the tea in the December newsletter and on worship screen announcements and bulletins.
- WOW will place a basket in the youth silent auction in December. This year's basket theme will be "Soup for the Soul." More information about the basket will be discussed at the November WOW meeting. The completed basket is due on Nov. 29.
- The November WOW meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 14 this year. This date is one week earlier than in previous years so that final plans can be made for the November chicken salad sale.



November at Winstead

See the online calendar for the most current information - winsteadumc.org/events

Sunday, November 1
9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm ECHO Youth

Monday, November 2
Cooking Peanuts

Tuesday, November 3
10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study
2:00 pm Hand in Hand
7:00 pm Worship Team Planning

Wednesday, November 4
5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5
9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)
7:00 pm Paul Study with Pastor Patrick

Saturday, November 7
9:00 am Whirligig Festival

Sunday, November 8
9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Drive-In Food Drive
12:00 pm Whirligig Festival
5:30 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, November 10
10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11
5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12
9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)
7:00 pm Paul Study with Pastor Patrick

Nov. 13 - 15 - Youth Pilgrimage

Saturday, November 14
10:00 am Women of Winstead

Sunday, November 15
9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship

Monday, November 16
Cooking Peanuts

Tuesday, November 17
10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Ministry Board

Wednesday, November 18
5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
9:00 am Preparing Chicken Salad
9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)
1:00-5:00 pm Chicken Salad Pickup

Friday, November 20
9:00 am - 1 pm Chicken Salad Pickup

Sunday, November 22
9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm ECHO Youth
6:00 pm Education Discipleship Meeting

Tuesday, November 24
10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25
Newsletter Deadline
5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Thursday, November 26
9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, November 29
9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship

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Minister of Children & Youth.....
.....Marty Johnson
Organist & Handbell Choir Director.....
..... Joyce Wolfe
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Lay Leader .....Sandy Lamm

Come, grow closer to God with us!

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Sunday Schedule
9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm ECHO Youth

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Sunday, November 8
Leave your items on the table in the foyer.

DRIVE IN FOOD DRIVE