

# Winstead Connection



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June is here and we have a lot of exciting things in store for us. One of the things that I love to do in the summer is to read. I have a never-ending list of books that I want to read but haven't yet in addition to a lengthy on-hold list at the library. I know many of you who also love to read, which gave me the idea for us to have our own summer book club!

Over the course of the past nine months, I have been in the residency phase of the ordination process. I have been required to read several books. But one of my favorites that we just finished is called *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. This is a book about everyday things like brushing your teeth and eating leftovers. The author, Tish Harrison Warren, talks about how what we do within each day can remind us of who God is and how He calls us to live.

The past few years have been anything but ordinary. As a church, we have been through a roller coaster of events from COVID to selling the building to starting on a new building. Now we are closer than we have ever been before to getting into our new building and to having a new beginning that you all have waited for year after year.

So why read a book called *Liturgy of the Ordinary*? One thing that I have found to be true no matter how chaotic or extraordinary our circumstances are, is that there are things that we must do to keep going, like sleeping and finding our car keys before work. If we can see God in the things that we do every day regardless of where we physically are, I think that we will be better prepared to not only recognize how God is moving in our life and in the lives of others, but also how to worship in a new place.

This is also a great summer book because it shows you how you can be attentive in worshipping God even if there's a Sunday when you're at the beach or a Sunday in which you are visiting family. You are invited to participate in our new summer book club around this book starting on **Wednesday, June 14** at the home of Joyce Wolfe at **7:00 pm**. This will be something you can drop in for or attend all sessions. My sermons will also be modeled around the topics of this book. Hope to see you there!

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*Strengthening children and families so that all may know God better.*

# CHILDREN & YOUTH



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## Children's Sunday School

Just a reminder that children's Sunday School will take a summer break and will resume on Sunday, September 10.

The adult Sunday school that meets in the conference room will continue throughout the summer.

## Summer of Service

Our Summer of Service activities will be held on Sundays - June 11, July 16 and August 20. These will be church-wide mission ministry opportunities. We will be emphasizing SERVING God through mission, and outreach through SERVING others!

All sessions will begin with a meal after worship. We will gather together at 12:45 pm at the new church property underneath the pavilion.

Volunteers will show you where to park. Then head to the pavilion picnic tables for our meal and fellowship with other church families and friends. This is a great opportunity for you to invite friends and families to come and have fellowship together and then participate in a mission activity. There is no cost.

For our first date, we ask that you register online before Friday, June 9 to help us plan. Go to our web page ([winsteadumc.org](http://winsteadumc.org)) to register.

During the meal we will hear from different areas of our church family – maybe we'll sing, too.

After lunch we will begin our mission activity that everyone can do. Each mission project will take about 1 hour to complete.

The mission project for Sunday June 11 will be milk carton birdhouses and popsicle-stick bird feeders. See page 4 for a complete list of items needed. You may drop these items off in West Nash Fellowship Hall prior to our worship service each Sunday or at the T-Bob building Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Items needed for future mission projects will be in the newsletter each month, on the website and in the church bulletin.

We are excited about the possibilities this summer and involving our whole to be Jesus' helping hands in the community.

1 Peter 4:10,

Mr. Marty

## ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

June 4	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	TBA
June 11	NO YOUTH	
June 18	NO YOUTH	Happy Father's Day
June 25	4:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Captain Jacks Putt Putt

# SEEDS OF HOPE FOOD CLOSET

The Food Closet has been such a blessing to the community around Vick Elementary. It is continually utilized, and we need your help to continue to refill it. Below you will find an exhaustive list of our greatest needs right now. We have also put together a list of things that would be helpful for around the garden and ways that you can help!

Donations may be dropped off and placed in the food closet anytime, or dropped off at the house on Tuesday and Saturday mornings, 8:00 -10:00 am.

## Protein/Main Course Items

- Tuna or chicken, canned
- Ramen noodles/other instant noodles
- Pork & beans, beans & franks, Vienna sausages
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned soups/stews
- Shelf stable milk, individual serving boxes (plain and chocolate) or dry milk

## Carbs

- Rice
- Spaghetti/pasta
- Can beans (any kind)
- Can baked beans
- Dry beans (any type)
- Macaroni and cheese dinner, box or pouch
- Oatmeal, individual serving packets
- Saltine crackers/Nabs
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Applesauce, single serving 6 pks
- Raisins/dry fruit (in plastic because of ants)

## Extras

- Granola bars/energy bars
- Nuts (peanuts, almonds, etc.)
- Sweetened condensed milk

- Jell-O/pudding
- Hot cocoa, individual packets
- Instant coffee/iced tea, small jars or individual packets
- Can openers

## Personal Hygiene Items

- Bar soap, individually wrapped or liquid soap
- Baby wipes/adult wipes/cleaning wipes
- Toothpaste/dental floss/plackers/mouthwash
- Toothbrushes/toothbrush holders
- Menstrual pads, 28-36 pk
- Razors/shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Band aids/first aid items





# SUMMER OF SERVICE

## Items Needed for June 11 Milk Carton Birdhouse



## Event Schedule

All sessions are at the Peanut Building  
12:45 pm – 2:30 pm  
Lunch provided at every session!

### Sunday, June 11

Session 1- Celebrating God's Creation  
Activity: making bird feeders and bird houses

### Sunday, July 16

Session 2- Celebrating Homebound Friends  
Activity: making friendship bracelets and care packages for homebound friends

### Sunday, August 20

Session 3- celebrating school communities  
Activity: making floral bud-vase bouquets & "Welcome Back To School" cards to share with Vick Elementary, Jones Elementary and Wilson Christian Academy

- Cardboard ½ gallon milk cartons
- Plastic ½ gallon milk containers
- Acrylic paint—various colors
- Paint brushes
- Various stickers
- Dowels for a bird perch
- Cork stoppers—to secure perches

## Popsicle-Stick Birdfeeder

- Popsicle sticks—various colors
- Twine—any color
- Birdseed—deluxe blend
- Quart size zip-lock bags
- Sandwich zip-lock bags



## Volunteers needed!!

### To help prepare before the event

- Help line up materials
- Decide on lay-out of workspace
- Sort through and organize donations of materials

### To work the day of the event

- Greeters in the parking lot to welcome & show where to park
- Workers at each workstation to help children & adults with projects
- Ambassadors to welcome and talk to new families/parents
- Volunteers to set-up and clean-up

# OUTREACH NEWS

## By Mary Ellen Bass

The Outreach Team met for our quarterly meeting on 5/23/23 at the Peanut Building. Sanda provided an update on Hand in Hand activities. Pastor Rachel provided an update on Seeds of Hope activities. They are in need of volunteers to help staff the booth at the farmers market on the 2nd and last Saturdays, now through August. Volunteers will be paired with a member of Seeds of Hope. If you can help, contact Executive Director Jim Howard, at [jshowardiv@yahoo.com](mailto:jshowardiv@yahoo.com), or at 252-469-3823. Also, a list of food and hygiene items needed by Seeds of Hope is on page 3.

Many thanks to our church members for your continued generosity of food and monetary donations during our monthly food drives. The HOPE Pantry at Mt. Zion UMC and the Seeds of Hope

Neighborly Food Closet will soon be in need of food items. (See pg. 3.) Winstead will be sending a monetary donation to these and to Barnes Chapel from funds donated during our Food Drives.

The June Food Drive will be on June 11, following Worship Service. Information will be forthcoming if Barnes Chapel will collect the Food at West Nash parking lot or at the peanut building Summer of Service celebration.

Members of Outreach are encouraged to help with the Summer of Service activities on June 11, July 16, and August 20. Marty shared a list of items and tasks needed for the Summer of Service activities that will be shared with the congregation. See page 4.

The next quarterly Outreach Meeting is scheduled for August 29 at 11:45 a.m.



Pastor Rachel and representatives from Barnes Chapel Church load the van after the Drive-In Food Drive.

**Sunday, June 11**

**12:30 pm**

**Location TBA**

**DRIVE IN**

**FOOD  
DRIVE**



## Hand in Hand Ministry

**By Sanda Hight**

Thanks to all the help of our church family, we are coming to the end of a busy and successful year of activities and support for Vick Elementary School. The strawberry shortcake and peanuts treat on May 3 to observe Teacher Appreciation Week was well received by all the Vick staff. All Prayer Partner Cards for the year have been delivered, and all but a few birthday cards for the year have been sent. We will treat the students once more with freeze pops near the end of the school year.

During the summer months, the Hand in Hand Committee will continue to plan for "Books for Vick" for the next school year by applying for grants to help with funds to purchase books.

The Vick staff continues to be appreciative for the support, gifts, and prayers from our congregation. Let us all remember to be in prayer for safety and success for Vick for the remainder of this school year.

## Summer Book Club

**By Pastor Rachel**

Starting on Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 pm, we will begin a summer book club! We will be reading "Liturgy of the Ordinary" by Tish Hall Warren. I recommend either getting it used from Amazon or another site. I've seen some good deals on eBay as well. We will meet at Joyce Wolfe's home, 4803 Wimbledon Ct. in Wilson.

Our reading schedule will be as follows:

June 14: Discuss chapters 1 and 2

June 21: Discuss chapter 3

June 28: Discuss chapter 4

July 5: Discuss chapter 5 and 6

July 12: Discuss chapter 7

July 19: Discuss chapter 8

July 26: Discuss chapter 9

August 2: Discuss chapter 10-11

This is something where you can come to as many or as few sessions as you are able. You can also bring a friend! If you need help getting a book, let me know!

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## Women of Winstead

**by Sanda Hight**

WOW (Women of Winstead) met on Saturday, May 20 at Farmer in the Dail in Snow Hill for breakfast, fellowship, and recapping the most recent activities. Five members were present. The group reviewed the chicken salad sale project, which was held in late March. The net profit of \$1082. 49 was divided between "Raise the Roof" and the Seeds of Hope Community Pantry. Again,

thanks to all who donated funds or ingredients, to those who worked to prepare the chicken salad, and especially to church and community members who purchased the chicken salad this year.

WOW will not meet in June and July but will be available to help wherever there is a need in our church. The next WOW meeting will be in August at a time and place to be announced.

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



**Sunday, May 3**



**May 17**



**May 20 - Chancel area**

# JUNE AT WINSTEAD

See the online calendar for the most current information - [winsteadumc.org/calendar](http://winsteadumc.org/calendar)

## Saturday, June 3

9:30 am Church Council Visioning (Mt. Zion UMC)

## Sunday, June 4

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship Time

11:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

## Monday, June 5

6:30 pm Men's Small Group

## Tuesday, June 6

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams Home)

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Sunday, June 11

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship Time

11:30 am Worship

12:30 pm Drive-in Food Drive

12:45 pm Summer of Service (pg. 4)

## Tuesday, June 13

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams Home)

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Wednesday, June 14

7:00 pm Summer Book Club (pg. 6)

## June 15-17

### Annual Conference

## Sunday, June 18

### Happy Father's Day

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship Time

11:30 am Worship

6:00 pm No ECHO Youth

## Tuesday, June 20

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams Home)

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Wednesday, June 21

7:00 pm Summer Book Club (pg. 6)

## Sunday, June 25

### Newsletter Deadline

10:00 am Sunday School for All

11:00 am Fellowship Time

11:30 am Worship

4:00 pm Hymn Festival (Forest Hills Baptist Church, 1407 Forest Hills Rd.)

4:00 pm Youth at Captain Jack's Putt Putt

## Tuesday, June 27

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams Home)

## Wednesday, June 28

7:00 pm Summer Book Club (pg. 6)

## Coming in July

### July 16

12:45 pm Summer of Service (pg. 4)

## June Birthdays

Tex Brown.....	5
Butch Tedder .....	8
Cathy Griffin.....	10
Jake Wolfe.....	13
Nathan Jenkins.....	16
Amelia Kirby .....	21
Paul Miller.....	22
Don Taylor .....	24
Dr. Andrew Preston.....	25
Jim Gillenwater.....	29

## June Anniversaries

Austin & Ruby Newcombe .....	1
Pastors Kuda & Rachel Kwasha .....	4
Robin & Gretchen Hunt.....	15
Chad & Tonya Ferrell .....	17
Ricky & Jennifer Wilson .....	17
Ray & Debbie Williams .....	20
Wayne & Becky Holland.....	22
Bill & Karen Rowley .....	27
Malary & Janice Rowe.....	28





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### Sunday Schedule

10:00 am Sunday School for all  
11:30 am Worship  
6:00 pm ECHO Youth  
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Grace Notes, Winstead's handbell ensemble, was represented as 70 handbell ringers took the field at the Durham Bulls baseball game on Saturday, April 29, to ring the National Anthem for the Durham Bulls. Pictured are Jayne Barnes and Joyce Wolfe. Several friends and family members were also on hand to support the ringers and enjoy the game.

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