

Winstead Connection



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¹¹”For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremiah 29:11 is Kuda's favorite Bible verse. He felt like this Scripture was especially true for him as he wrestled with and eventually accepted his call into ministry. This verse has also been one of assurance for me. There is so much that is uncertain and beyond our control. We do not always know the fullness of God's plan for us, but God knows. In this verse, God does not tell the exiled people of Israel when or how they will experience this hope and future. He does give them the promise of knowing that God is in control and is working things out, whether or not they can see that coming to fruition before them. Winstead has had our own experience of plans changing. Adaptable could have been our word of the year because it is what we have had to be. As we have made progress on the building, we have experienced former pastors, friends, or family members move away from our denominational connection. Information has been shared on social media, pamphlets, and through word of mouth. In light of Annual Conference, I know there have been questions around what the future will hold for the

UMC. General Conference will be taking place April of 2024 in Charlotte, NC. I do not know what will happen in light of disaffiliations and change within our denomination since the last General Conference in 2019. I know that I will be there, advocating for legislation that strengthens small local churches like ours. More than that, I know that God still has a hope and a future both for Winstead and our denomination. One of the beautiful things about the appointment system is the discerning work that is facilitated by the SPRC and District Superintendent. I thought that I knew exactly what kind of church I was called to be in. But the District Superintendent in consultation with the bishop and cabinet, discerned that I was needed here. God knew exactly where I needed to be, and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for being given the opportunity to continue in ministry with you for another year. God knew the plans He had for me. God knows the plans He has for us. I look forward to seeing God's plan for us unfold as we continue to make progress on our building.

Pastor Rachel's office hours are
Monday - Thursday,
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Strengthening children and families so that all may know God better.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Marty Johnson, Youth Director
336-402-5000

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

We are looking for three to four adults to teach at least a month, at most two months, of children's Sunday School. We already have the material as we are going to continue with the "Teach Me to Worship" curriculum.

If you are interested, please contact me or call Gretchen at the church office. Let's pray that as we start the new Sunday school year we are in our new church building!

Blessings,

Marty

Summer of Service

Our next Summer of Service will be Sunday, July 16th.

We will begin at 11:30 am after our joint worship with West Nash UMC at 10:00 am. After the worship service is over Winstead and West Nash UMC will head out to Airport Boulevard to our new church property for a lunch fellowship. After the meal we will begin our project for the day - making friendship bracelets for each other and then Blessing Bags for our homebound friends.

Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to the worship service at 10:00 am and/or to the Summer of Service at 11:30 a.m.

Please register your family and those you are bringing, so that the Women of Winstead, who are providing the meal for that day, will have an idea of how much food to prepare.

See page 3 for details on items and volunteers needed. (You may drop these items off in the T-Bob building Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon)

Our last Summer of Service will be Sunday, August 20.

1 Peter 4:10,

Mr. Marty

ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

July 2

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm TBA

July 9

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Game Night

July 16

NO ECHO Youth

July 23

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Water Fight Night

July 30

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm Captain Jacks Putt Putt

Marty Johnson, Director of Youth Ministries

Office hours

Tuesday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and

Thursday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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SUMMER OF SERVICE

Event Schedule

All sessions are at the Peanut Building
Lunch provided at every session!

Sunday, July 16

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Session 2- Celebrating Homebound Friends

Activity: making friendship bracelets and care packages for homebound friends

Sunday, August 20

12:45 pm - 2:30 pm

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

SESSION 2

Items Needed for July 16

Friendship Bracelets

- Assorted beads - any size, color or design



Care Packages for Homebound

- Sugar-free Candy
- Toothbrushes
- Travel Size Toothpaste
- Packets of Kleenex
- Travel Size Hand Lotion
- Travel Size Sudoku or Wordsearch Book
- Snack Crackers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Pocket Calendars



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

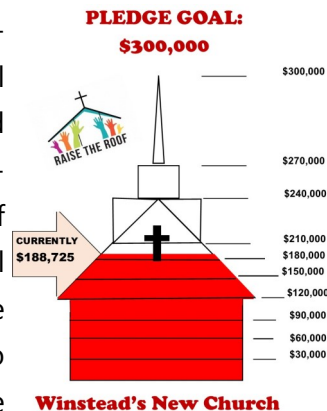
- Greeters in the parking lot to welcome & show where to park
- Workers at each workstation to help children & adults with projects
- Ambassadors to welcome and talk to new families/parents
- Volunteers to set-up and clean-up

Raise the Roof Update

Priscilla Morello, Stewardship Chair

With each monthly newsletter we are being brought closer to the time when we will occupy our new church building. How exciting is that?

As we continue with our work and ministry as the body of Christ, I urge you to continue your giving both to the general work of Winstead United Methodist Church but also to the Raise the Roof campaign so that we will be in the best possible position to reach out to our new community in the coming months.



We have raised \$188,725 so far!

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Stewardship Fundraising Update:

The Fundraising Dream Team, which met some time ago to come up with fundraising ideas, had several suggestions that we, as a congregation, might consider.

One of those ideas was to have a Church/Community Yard Sale at the new property. We will talk about this at the next Church Council meeting in August. Depending on when we can move into the new building, we may want to schedule this for some time in the fall to invite the community to come see our new facility, meet our people, and maybe even find a bargain or two!

We bring this to your attention now so that if you furniture, knick-knacks, tools, etc., that you might be willing to donate - please hang onto them in anticipation of this fundraiser. Thank you.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

By Priscilla Morello

Thank you, Fred Hight, for making the announcement on Sunday, June 25th to the Winstead congregation that Pastor Rachel Kwashe has been reappointed for another year.

In the United Methodist Church, ministers are appointed or reappointed annually by the Bishop and announced at the Annual Conference in June of each year. One of the duties of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is to assess the ministry and work of the pastor and make recommendation to the Bishop and the Cabinet for reappointment or to request the pastor be appointed elsewhere.

Our SPRC members overwhelmingly gave high marks for all the diligent work and ministry Pastor Rachel has poured into our congregation, our community, and our vision for a new church building.

It is with great joy that we say to Pastor Rachel Kwashe, Welcome Back! We look forward to your continued good leadership and spiritual guidance as we move forward in ministry. God Bless You!



SPRC members please note the change in date for our next meeting. We will meet on ***Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm*** at Priscilla Morello's home. This change is being made to take care of business that will need to be brought before the Church Council on Tuesday, August 22.

SUMMER OF SERVICE SESSION 1

The first session of Summer of Service, celebrating God's creations, was a big success. After lunch provided by the United Methodist Men, everyone made bird feeders and bird houses, and got to take them home. Extra ones were given to Seeds of Hope for their community garden.



Julia Newton from Seeds of Hope Wilson talked to us about the importance of birds in the garden.



We made bird feeders.



We made even bigger bird feeders.



We made small bird feeders.



We made bird houses.

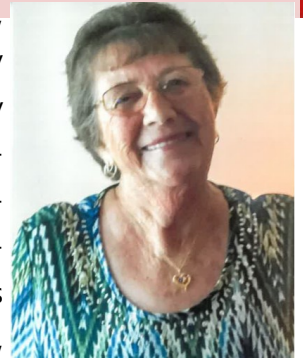


In Memoriam

Fayette Smith Bowman

September 9, 1938 — June 8, 2023

Fayette Smith Bowman, 84, of Wilson passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Thursday. Her funeral was Saturday, June 10, at Joyner’s Funeral Home. Interment was in Evergreen Memorial Park, Wilson. The Reverend Mike Safley officiated.



Fayette served faithfully in a ministerial role with her husband for 38 years. She enjoyed baking, gardening, birdwatching, singing and painting. The greatest joy of her life was spending time with her family, whom she loved greatly.

Fayette is survived by her four children, daughters, Gail Mahan (Mike) of Wilson and Rhonda Hanssen (Rich) of Tanzania, Africa; sons, Wally Bowman (Karen) of Zebulon and Marty Bowman (Cindy) of Cape Carteret; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years, Rev. John Martin Bowman; parents, Daniel and Hattie Whittaker Smith and grandson John Brock.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Condolences directed to Joyner’s Funeral Home and Crematory at www.joyners.net.

New Address

Winstead members visited with Sue Morris at her new residence in Raleigh. If you would like to visit or send cards, her new address is:

Sue Morris
Apt. 102A
501 E. Whitaker Mill Road
Raleigh, NC 27608



Summer Book Club

By Pastor Rachel

The Summer Book Club continues reading “Liturgy of the Ordinary” by Tish Hall Warren, meeting at Joyce Wolfe’s home, 4803 Wimbledon Ct. in Wilson at 7:00 pm.

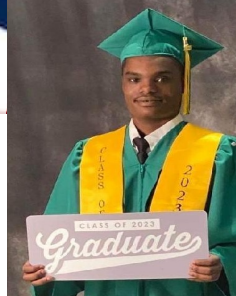
Our reading schedule will be as follows:

- July 5: Discuss chapters 5 and 6
- July 12: Discuss chapter 7
- July 19: Discuss chapter 8
- July 26: Discuss chapter 9
- August 2: Discuss chapters 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!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Nazir Quan Wells who graduated from Great Achievements Academy High School in Wilson.



To Olivia Brock (granddaughter of Danny and Peggy Wilson) and Penelope Bass (granddaughter of Gary and MaryEllen Bass)



who participated in Hunter's Dance Spring Recital.



To Larry & Linda Lane's grandsons who graduated from Leesville Road High School in Raleigh. Connor Barnes, left, will be attending NC State in the Engineering Program.

Isaac Edwards, right, will go to Appalachian State University in Environmental Management.



To Amelia Kirby, daughter of Ryan & Helen Kirby, for most improved reading.

To Elijah Kirby, son of Ryan & Helen Kirby, for highest average in band and male athlete of the year.



To Josiah Kirby, son of Ryan & Helen Kirby, for 4th Quarter A/B Honor Roll, Outstanding in Art and two 5s on his EOG tests.



To Tessa Kirby, daughter of Ryan & Helen Kirby, 4th Quarter A honor roll, A honor roll all year, two 5s on her EOGs, and Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award

To Penelope Bass (daughter of Shane and Morgan Bass) for making the A/B Honor Roll for the entire year and had the Highest Average in Science Award for her class.





Hand in Hand Ministry

By Sanda Hight

The Hand in Hand outreach provided freeze pops for all the students at Vick on the last day of school. We also provided desserts for the staff end-of-year lunch on June 7.

Hand in Hand activities will resume at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year in August. Please check the church bulletins and the newsletters for opportunities to support the students and staff as the next school year begins. There will be plenty of needs and opportunities as we engage in support of Vick again next year.

Also, continue to be in prayer for the staff as they plan for the next school year at their workshops and other training sessions during the summer. We also want to pray for rest and safety for the students and their families during the summer months and for any programs that are ongoing during June, July, and August.

Outreach News

By Mary Ellen Bass

The July Food Drive will be held on Sunday, July 9, in the parking lot at West Nash immediately following Worship Service.

Seeds of Hope would like to have volunteers to help at their booth on Saturday mornings at the Farmer's Market. Help is needed on July 8, July 29, August 12, and August 26 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. This includes set-up and take-down times. If you can help, let me know and I will connect you with Jim Howard, Director.

Plan to join in the fun, food, and fellowship at the Summer of Service celebration on July 16 at the Peanut Building. If you can help with the activities, let Marty know.

Women of Winstead

by Sanda Hight

WOW (Women of Winstead) will not meet in July or August. They will, however, provide a meal for the second Summer of Service celebration, which will be held on July 16 after worship at the Airport Boulevard property.

Regular meetings will resume in September. Please check the bulletin and newsletter for information about WOW activities. All women of the church are invited to be a part of WOW.



Women of Winstead

DID YOU KNOW



The Wilson County Public Library offers Notary Public services free of charge on a limited schedule at the Main, Black Creek, and Lucama branches. All signing parties need to bring a government-issued picture ID, and all signing parties need to be present. It is advised to call ahead of time to make sure a notary will be available.

252-237-5355 (Main library)
252-237-3715 (Black Creek library)
252-239-0046 (Lucama library)

JULY AT WINSTEAD

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

Sunday, July 2

10:00 am Adult Sunday School
11:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Monday, July 3

6:30 pm Men's Small Group

Tuesday, July 4

*Happy Independence Day
Office Closed*

Wednesday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 9

10:00 am Adult Sunday School
11:30 am Worship
12:30 pm Drive-in Food Drive
6:00 pm ECHO Youth Game Night

Wednesday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 16

10:00 am Worship with West Nash UMC
11:30 am Summer of Service (pg. 3)
Note the change of time.

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

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

Sunday, July 23

10:00 am Adult Sunday School
11:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth Water Fight

Tuesday, July 25

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, July 26

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

Sunday, July 30

10:00 am Adult Sunday School
11:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth Captain Jacks Putt Putt

Coming in August

August 5

9:00 am Church Council Visioning

August 20

12:45 pm Summer of Service (pg. 3)

August 22

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

July Birthdays

Nancy Boykin.....	4
Scott Jenkins.....	7
Malary Rowe.....	13
Bridget Boaz.....	16
Gretchen Hunt.....	17
Walter Edwards.....	21
Debbie Williams.....	21
Nazir Wells.....	27

July Anniversaries

Scott & Mandy Jenkins.....	14
Danny & Peggy Wilson.....	15
Larry & Linda Lane.....	21

Thank You!

Thank you so much to my church family for giving me such love and support following my recent shoulder surgery. Cards, calls, texts, food, flowers--you all are the best!! Love Priscilla.



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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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Sunday, July 9
12:30 pm
West Nash parking lot

DRIVE IN

FOOD
DRIVE