

# Winstead Connection



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It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of summer already. We have had some awfully hot weeks in July, but Farrior continues to work diligently to get us in our new building as fast as they can. Delays are inevitable and I ask that you continue to be patient regarding the exact timeline of how soon we will be able to move in. God has been faithful in our waiting this far and will continue to see us through.

As I have shared before, with my dad being a United Methodist pastor, we moved several times in my childhood. The very first memory of a church I have looks quite similar to our new church building. They had just started building when my dad was appointed there. Once it was finished, we would set up and take down folding chairs every Sunday. The lyrics for worship were on an overhead projector with transparency film. There was no stage and minimal decorations. It was nothing fancy. We left that church when I was six years old, but it solidified in me that church was a place of joy and a place where I belonged. My friends and I would run around in our dresses while our parents talked. I would sing on the top of my lungs, hearing the congregation as one echoing off the walls. The original sanctuary was still

there, in a different part of the building. Once the mold issue in the original sanctuary was taken care of, traditional services resumed in there. The few times that I slipped into that service, I felt farther away from people, disconnected, and less free to sing and dance and run. I missed our multi-purpose room worship. Most people have probably had the opposite experience. You may have worshipped in many different sanctuaries but never a space like ours. It will be different, but in a beautiful way. Our services will still look like they do now, but it will be a different feel. I invite you to continue to be excited for the new thing God is doing in us. Be open to the new possibilities God will set before us. When I think about the new building being completed, I am filled with joy and gratitude for your continued faithfulness and willingness to help our church reach people in a needed place. Let us shout for joy at the work of God's hands and we continue to get closer and closer to worshipping on Airport Road.

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

### Coming September 10

Children Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10. We are looking for three to four adults who would be willing 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 "Teach Me to Worship".

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

Blessings,

Marty

## Summer of Service

Our next Summer of Service will be Sunday, August 20 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

We will have an afternoon ice cream social at the new church property underneath the shelter. Our mission project for this last Summer of Service will be creating flower arrangements in assorted vases for Vick Elementary teachers. We also will make two large flower arrangements for Jones Elementary and Wilson Christian Academy front offices, our new neighbors at our new church building.

Get involved in whatever area you choose and feel most comfortable for our final Summer of Service!

Bring your favorite ice cream topping to share. This will give us a whole array of possibilities. Doesn't that sound good!!

See page 3 for a complete list of supplies and volunteers needed. We are going to need a lot of help with donations and people willing to step up and volunteer! So let's be the Church!

Hope to see you August 20 at the shelter at the new church property at 4:00 p.m. This would be a great opportunity to invite some friends!!

1 Peter 4:10

Mr. Marty

## ECHO Youth Schedule

Sunday, August 6

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Captain Jacks (\$10@)

Sunday, August 13

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Fall planning/games

Sunday, August 20

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Homemade ice cream

Sunday, August 27

No Youth

Marty Johnson, Director of Youth Ministries

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Thursday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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# SUMMER OF SERVICE

## SESSION 3

### Sunday, August 20

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Come enjoy ice cream and cookies at the Peanut Bldg.!

Session 3- Celebrating School Communities

Activities:

- making floral bud-vase bouquets for Vick Elementary staff, Jones Elementary and Wilson Christian Academy front offices.
- Making "Welcome Back" cards for teachers.
- Making Summer of Service keychains to take home

### Items Needed for August 20

#### Flower Vases

- Fresh cut flowers
- Assorted small vases
- Two large vases
- Ribbons to tie bows around vases

(Information on when and where to drop off donations will be on slides prior to worship service on Sunday and also in Sunday's bulletin)

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## Volunteers needed!!

We need volunteers to help ahead of time. If you would like to be involved by volunteering, please contact Marty Johnson, Jodi Ruotolo, or Priscilla Morello. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and a great and genuine blessing of Grace!

### To prepare on Saturday, August 19

- Volunteer to manage the flower collections
- Volunteer to manage the collections of vases
- Volunteers to help set up at 10:00 am @ the Peanut Hut

### 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
- Clean-up crew to help clean up after our project.

### After the event

- Volunteers to take flower arrangements to Vick Elementary, Jones Elementary or Wilson Christian Academy on Monday, August 21.

# SUMMER OF SERVICE

## Session 2 - Celebrating Homebound Friends

The second session of Summer of Service, celebrating our homebound friends, was held July 18 after our joint worship service with West Nash UMC. Members of West Nash joined us for lunch and many stayed to help with the activities - making friendship bracelets and blessing bags.



Friendship bracelets start with lots of beads and enthusiastic children (some adults, too).



Lots of concentration needed to design each bracelet.



Start with a blessing bag and then go around the table to add items.



Many hands make light work.

# MUSICAL INTERLUDE



*Sandy Pittman, Minister of Music*  
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Music is a gift to the Church and of the Church. It is a way that we connect with God and one another. A big part of our worship is tradition and continuing to connect how we have worshiped God in the past with how we are worshiping God now.

Worship forms us as it draws us deeper in tune with the Triune God. Tradition is significant; however, there often needs to be some adaptations to the language so that all may understand the true meaning of the text.

In selecting music, the worship planning team seeks to maintain this balance of new songs and traditional songs. We do not want to stop singing and hearing the songs that we know and love. But we are cognizant of the fact that someone who

does not have an experience with church or even coming from a different church, may struggle to understand the words that we say and sing.

In the coming weeks, we are going to be changing more formal language into words that are easier to understand. This is done with the intent of making worship more accessible to visitors, in addition to people who might not have English as their first language. You might find yourself singing the hymns with the words that you have always used. That is completely fine. We are mindful that altering the text does not always work, but where we can, we will make small adjustments so that all people have the opportunity to consider what it is that we mean when we sing.

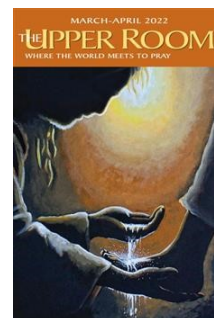
May we all continue to lift our voices in praise and worship to our God.

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## Upper Room Devotionals

Upper Room Devotionals are available in the narthex.

If you would like one mailed to you, contact Gretchen in the office. Regular and large print editions are available.





## Outreach News

**By Mary Ellen Bass**

The August Food Drive will be held on Sunday, August 13, in the parking lot at West Nash immediately following Worship Service.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to make monetary donations to the food pantries at Barnes Chapel, Mount Zion UMC, Seeds of Hope, and Hope Station to help those with food insecurities in our community.

The Outreach Team will provide refreshments for the Summer of Service Celebration on Sunday, August 20.

We will be gearing up for our booth at the 2023 Whirligig Festival that will be held on November 4th and 5th at the Whirligig Park. Watch for information in the coming months regarding volunteer needs to make this a successful event for our church. We may also consider having a booth at other area festivals this fall, so watch for more details.

For volunteer opportunities with Seeds of Hope, contact Executive Director, Jim Howard, at 252-469-3823.

The Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday, August 29, at 11:45 a.m. at the Peanut Building. A light lunch will be served.

## Women of Winstead

**by Sanda Hight**

WOW (Women of Winstead) did not have a scheduled meeting in July. They did provide approximately 60 box lunches for the second Summer of Service event at the Airport Boulevard property under the pavilion on Sunday, July 16. The event followed the joint worship service at 10 AM with West Nash UMC.

WOW will not meet in August, but regular meetings will resume in September at a time and place to be announced. All women of the church are invited to join WOW for study, service, and fellowship. Please call Karen Rowley, President, if you need more information about WOW.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

**by Marty Johnson**

On Sunday, August 20 we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. We encourage all students, teachers, school administrators, parents and professionals to bring their backpack, laptop, briefcase and other school or work place material.

Be ready to come forward so that we might bless this new school year of learning, that we might bless both parents and students.

We know that God is very interested in the everyday life that we live and we will ask God's blessing as we go through this new school year to protect, to guide, to nurture, to strengthen, so that our everyday lives might be a blessing and a witness to all, that our God is with us always!

Invite friends, neighbors, and family and let's begin this new school year with God's gracious blessing.

**Seeds of Hope Wilson  
is on Facebook.  
[https://www.facebook.com/  
seedsofhopewilson/](https://www.facebook.com/seedsofhopewilson/)**

# FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

## A Message from the Finance Chair and the Stewardship Chair

First of all we want to thank everyone for your continued support of Raise the Roof. We have received a total of \$190,325 so far – That means we only need about \$10,000 more in RTR donations to reach our goal of \$200,000 by the end of 2023.

And, with your help, the total goal of \$300,000 will be realized by the end of 2024.

### From Linda Lane:

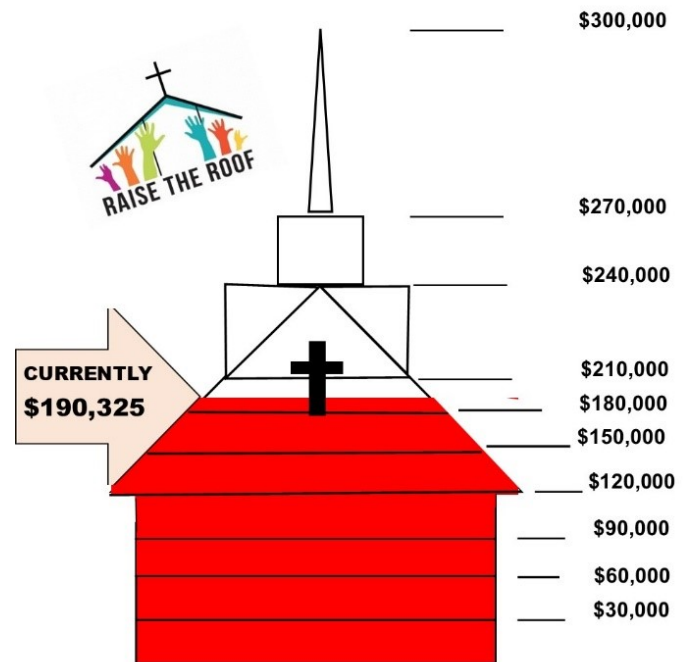
I would like to thank each and every one who has supported Winstead UMC this year and in years past, not only monetarily, but with your time, presence, witness, and prayers.

Since we are halfway through 2023, I wanted to let the Winstead UMC family know where we are financially.

As we see from the graphic, the Raise the Roof campaign is going well. However, our donations to the General Operating Budget are down through the month of June.

Priscilla adds that we have our regular bills and obligations that need to be met and we should be committing to regular monthly giving to be able to carry out our work and ministry.

## PLEDGE GOAL: \$300,000



## Winstead's New Church

Linda and Priscilla both urge you to pray first and foremost about how you may help, financially and otherwise, for the remainder of the year.

Let us move into our new church home and community this fall with anticipation and renewed commitment!

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



*The front doors and windows are in!*



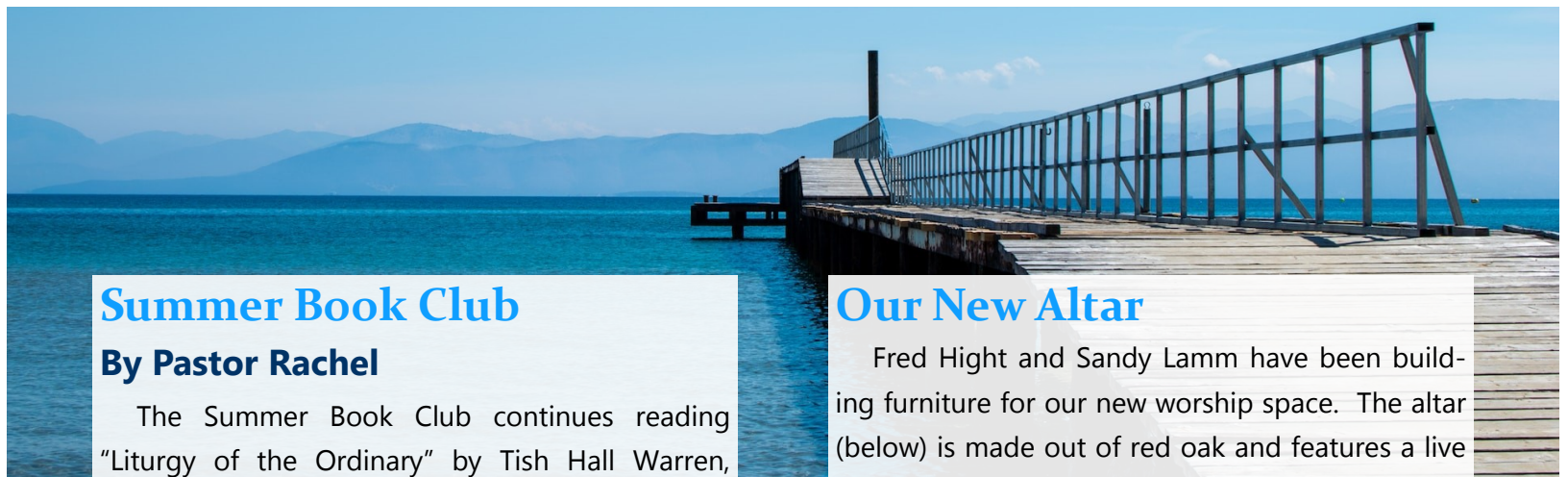
*The parking lot is ready to be paved.*



*The kitchen is taking shape.*







## 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.

The last session will be August 2, discussing chapters 10-11. You are still welcome to join .

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!

## Hand in Hand Ministry

### By Sanda Hight

The Hand in Hand Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 1 at 2:00 at the home of Sanda Hight to begin planning activities to support Vick Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year. Two back-to-school activities will take place in August. The committee will once again provide a back-to-school breakfast for the staff on Monday, August 21, at which time information about our Hand in Hand partnership will be shared with the staff.

Also, during August, our congregation will be invited to participate in the fall school supplies drive for the students and staff. A list of needed supplies and other information about the drive will be shared in the bulletin and on the screen prior to worship during August. Please consider donating school supplies again this year to help the school with much needed supplies for a successful year.

## Our New Altar

Fred Hight and Sandy Lamm have been building furniture for our new worship space. The altar (below) is made out of red oak and features a live edge. They will also build the pulpit out of red oak from a design suggested by Pastor Rachel.

Once both pieces are constructed, they will be finished at the same time to ensure they match.



# IN MEMORIAM

Wayne Elwin Sidelinger, of Wilson, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 23, 2023.

Wayne was born in Monson, Maine on February 19, 1928 to Claude Sidelinger and Hazel Grover Sidelinger. Growing up in a small community in northern Maine, Wayne excelled in summer and winter sports. He was active in civic and social clubs that continued throughout his life.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945 at the age of 17 and served in Quantico, VA. After being honorably discharged in 1948, Wayne met his future wife Eloise Hill, originally from Johnston County, NC, while attending Ben Franklin University in Washington, DC. It was there he began working for Sherwin Williams Paint Company.

Wayne and Eloise were married on September 30, 1950 in Washington, DC. Within days of marriage, Wayne was recalled to active duty, stationed at Cherry Point and served until 1952.

In 1952, they moved to Wilson, making the decision to stay in the South to be close to Eloise's family. Wayne and Eloise were devoted to their four children. They enjoyed dancing, entertaining and planning events for various organizations in the community. Wayne also began honing his craft of restoring antique furniture in his home workshop.

In 1965, Wayne and Eloise opened The Antique Barn in Wilson. They made frequent trips to Maine to purchase antiques. In 1980, they expanded the business as The Antique Barn & Hobby Shop and worked until it closed in 2018. Wayne has always loved trains and was well-known for his skills as a railroad modeler. The train layout that he and the

Wilson Area Railroad Modelers built and operated brought visitors from all over the country.

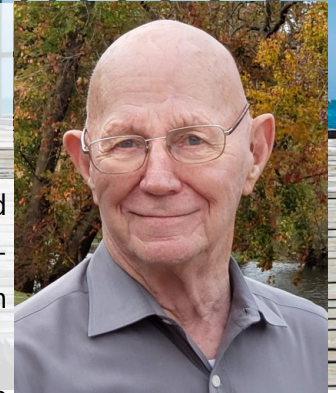
Wayne was passionate about civic duty. He was a member of the Wilson Jaycees, Wilson County Antique Dealers Association, a Life Member of the Wilson Evening Optimist Club, a founding member of the Wilson Area Railroad Modelers and the Golden East Railroad Modelers. He was Scout Master of BSA Troop 89 at Winstead UMC for many years.

Wayne is survived by his sons Steve Sidelinger and wife, Charla of Wilson, Michael Sidelinger and wife Adrianna of Shallotte, Lyndon Sidelinger of Roswell, GA, and daughter Nancy Sidelinger Herring and husband, Jamie of Reidsville, and grandchildren Richard and wife Elizabeth, Beck and wife Jaquasha, Lauren, Sarah Catherine, Emilie, Carolyn, Troy and Victoria and great grandsons Walker and Kenai.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his brother Max, granddaughter Sara Elizabeth and wife Eloise.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Winstead United Methodist Church building fund, 2302 Nash St. N, Suite E #275, Wilson, NC 27896; the Golden East Railroad Modelers, 1100 N. Wesleyan Blvd, Suite 1030, Rocky Mount, NC 27804; or the Wilson Evening Optimist Club, 3216 Edinburgh Drive, Wilson, NC 27896.

A memorial service was held at West Nash United Methodist Church on July 29. Internment was at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.





# WINSTEAD HISTORY CORNER

## By Sanda Hight

Winstead United Methodist Church has a history. The history began in 1949, and it is still being made.

As we get closer to moving into our building on Airport Boulevard, we need to put our church's history into perspective, just as we are finishing the physical building, thinking about the moving process, and planning outreach activities to engage our community in the exciting move.

Following are just a few important historical points that will help us focus on the big picture of our church, its origins, purpose, and vision that the founders had in mind in 1949 when the history began.

- The founders had a vision of a place for members of the community to grow in their faith and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Spreading the gospel was always the most important task.
- The leaders of Winstead Church have had to be problem solvers since 1949, coming up with ways to keep the church moving and evolving. Three published history pamphlets record how the church has been on the move, overcoming obstacles and solving problems while continuing to be focused on the vision set by the founders. As we prepare to move to the new building, we will find ways to celebrate the past and find excitement in the future.
- The building on Airport Boulevard will be the SIXTH structure in the history of the church.

We want to remember all the buildings in which we have carried on the work of our church: the original 3-room building built in 1949, the first sanctuary, the Fannie Perry Education Building, the second sanctuary finished in 1986, the peanut building finished in 2021, and now the building that is presently being completed on Airport Boulevard. Let us not forget our temporary meeting place, West Nash United Methodist Church during the building of the new structure. It is also part of our history. All this is history on the move.

- Our history has a good record of all the pastors who have served the church, 20 in all, ranging from Pastor Norman Vaughan to Pastor Rachel Kwashe, all of whom have been faithful to the vision of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community. We have pictures of all of them, stories of their time at our church, and memories of their contribution to the church's history.
- The history of Winstead United Methodist Church is not complete. It is still being made as we continue to "live and breathe and have our being" and to share the love of Jesus Christ with the community.

Stay tuned. There will be more in the Winstead History Corner as we celebrate the past and make our church's history in the future.

See the back cover for a photo of the current history compilations. We will begin a new book to take us through our 75th anniversary in 2024.

# AUGUST AT WINSTEAD

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

## Tuesday, August 1

2:00 pm Hand in Hand

## Wednesday, August 2

7:00 pm Summer Book Club (pg. 9)

## Saturday, August 5

10:00 am Vision Team (Mt. Zion UMC)

## Sunday, August 6

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

11:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

## Monday, August 7

6:30 pm Men's Small Group

## Sunday, August 13

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

11:30 am Worship

12:30 pm Drive-in Food Drive

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

## Tuesday, August 15

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting (Morello home)

## Sunday, August 20

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

11:30 am Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks

4:00 pm Summer of Service (pg. 3)

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

## Tuesday, August 22

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Eagle Farm)

## Wednesday, August 23

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, August 25

### Newsletter Deadline

## Sunday, August 27

10:00 am Adult Sunday School

11:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

## Tuesday, August 29

11:45 am Outreach Meeting

## Wednesday, August 30

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Coming in September

### September 10

10:00 am Sunday School for All

Sunday, August 13

12:30 pm

West Nash parking lot

# DRIVE IN

# FOOD DRIVE

## August Birthdays

Ophelia Taylor.....	3
Peggie Shultz.....	6
Madison Ferrell .....	8
Josiah Kirby .....	9
Brenda Pitt .....	13
Winnie McVey.....	14
Kathy Creech.....	19
Patricia Murray.....	21
Carey Griffin.....	23
Lisa Tedder .....	27



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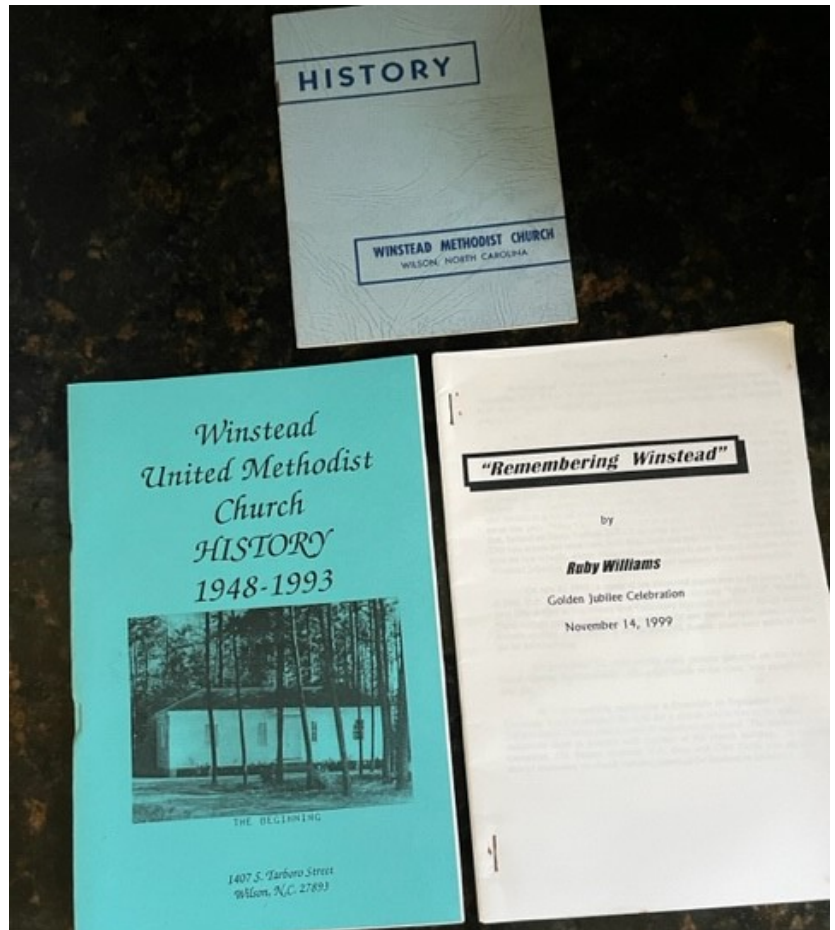
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### Sunday Schedule

10:00 am Sunday School for all  
11:30 am Worship  
6:00 pm ECHO Youth  
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Church history booklets that cover 1948 - 1956 (top), 1948 - 1993 (left), and 1949 - 1999 (right). See the story on page 8.