

Winstead Connection



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Friends, we are so close to the building being completed. If you have been inside lately, you can attest to just how beautifully everything is coming together. You might have heard that we were stalled with the building because of electrical panel boxes that had not come in. It is with great joy that I can share that they have finally arrived! It will still take time to put on the finishing touches but then we will begin the hard and rewarding task of making a new place our new church home. We will have our grand opening and consecration service on Sunday, November 12, though we are confident that we will be in the building before then. Having that service in November will allow us time to get settled. Throughout September, I will be preaching on times in which people have received God's invitation and responded. These scriptures will challenge us to consider the invitation that we have received to grow closer to God together.

This summer Church Council has had two days of retreat to focus in on our mission and our hopes for the future. Out of that final meeting, we developed the mission statement: "Come grow closer to God with us." This statement is meant to be an invitation that encompasses the wide breadth of what we do as a church. We grow clos-

er to God through meaningful worship, impactful mission and service, and discipleship of all ages. As we look towards being in our new building, we are extending that invitation to the community to grow with us.

At our August 22nd meeting of Church Council, we discussed and voted on adding a tagline of "Growing God's Grace in each Other's Lives" to the mission statement. I encouraged everyone to think and pray about it and come back together later. This special called Church Council will be on September 14 at 6:30 (location TBD). Church council meetings are open to everyone so if you would like to give feedback on the mission statement or tagline, come to that meeting ready to share your ideas and also listen. We are better together, and we need each other.

This is an exciting time in the life of our church. As Isaiah 40:31 says, "let us run and not grow weary. Let us walk and not be faint." These coming weeks and months will be busy ones. Know that God has gone ahead of us. He has been with us and continues to be with us. We can do all things through Christ, who gives us strength (Phil 4:19).

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

September 2023

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Marty Johnson, Youth Director
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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday September 10th. We are looking for three to four more adults who are willing to teach at least one or 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 Marty or 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!

SUMMER OF SERVICE

I want to thank everyone who was involved with our Summer of Service. There are just too many to mention and I probably would leave someone out. Thankfully there have been many of you who have stepped up to help in so many ways. This has truly been a church-wide event. Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this such a great success.

Not only are we having church at a different location, not only are we in the process of building a new church, but we are continuing to worship together. In the midst of this busy summer we continue to be the church in reaching out and reaching in to our community.

Our first Summer of Service was June 11th. We began with a wonderful fellowship meal of hot dogs and trimmings provided by the United Methodist Men, followed by an awesome time of building bird houses and feeders. We were happy to have Julia Newton with us to share information about birds and their nature habitats.

During our Summer of Service on July 16th, again everyone had a wonderful time making friendship bracelets and Blessing Bags for our homebound friends. We had a wonderful meal provided by the Outreach Committee followed by a time of sharing with Pastor Rachel. We were blessed to have invited the congregation from West Nash UMC to share with us. This was one simple way to say thank you for their hospitality as they allow us to worship in their sanctuary.

Our final Summer of Service was held on August 20th. We had an Ice Cream Social for this event. What a wonderful time of fellowship and enjoying homemade ice cream made by several of our church members. We had a great crowd and a lot of fun putting together bud vases for the teachers of Vick Elementary School. We also made a large floral vase for the front office of Vick and our soon-to-be new neighbors Jones Elementary and Wilson Christian Academy.

Again I want to thank everyone who helped out in many, many ways as our church continues to reach out into our community of Wilson.

Blessings, Mr. Marty

1 Peter 4:10

CHILDREN & YOUTH (CONTINUED)



COMING EVENTS FOR ECHO YOUTH THIS FALL

MESSY GAMES

We will kick off the fall with our Annual Messy Games on September 10th.

BOX CITY

We are planning to have an overnight event in early October entitled Box City. With the theme of Micah 6:8, we will join our brothers and sisters who are homeless and sometimes live in Box City. We will learn more about those not only in our city but around the world who do not have... as we do!

We'll have games and activities that will help us understand and be more conscious of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than we are.

TRUNK OR TREAT

In late October we will have a Trunk or Treat event at the church property for fellowship and fun. We're inviting all families to come and decorate their trunks and have treats for the community. We are hoping to be in our new facility by this time. This will be one of the first opportunities we will have of reaching out to our community. We will have prizes for trunks that are decorated for Halloween/ Fall festival. Some of the categories will be Best Theme, Most Original, Best All Around presentation, just to mention a few. So make your plans with your family to decorate your trunk for TRUNK OR TREAT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pilgrimage- November 10-12, 2023

Cookie Walk- December 10, 2023

Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter!



ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

September 3

NO ECHO Youth

September 10

6:00–7:30 pm- Messy Games –Airport Rd

September 17

6:00-7:30 pm -Discipleship

September 24

6:00-7:00 pm - 7 Questions

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SUMMER OF SERVICE SESSION 3



MUSICAL INTERLUDE



Sandy Pittman, Minister of Music
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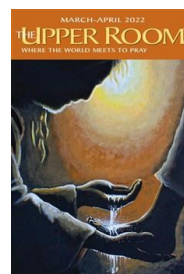
For the next couple of months, I would like to focus on different elements of worship. This month, I want to highlight the prelude and the postlude. Think of these two elements as bookends for our corporate worship time. The main purpose of the prelude is to provide worshippers with an opportunity to enter the sacred space as individuals and come together with others to focus on the presence of God. It is a time to leave the cares, worries, and troubles of life outside the doors of the church and begin to listen to the voice of God as God speaks to each one individually and to the congregation collectively. The main purpose of the postlude is to prepare the worshippers to enter back into the world. It provides a time for each individual to take what he or she has heard from God during the time of corporate worship and prepare to share the word of God with the world.

For decades, churches have used the prelude and the postlude as a time of “walking music.” Preludes have been used to gather the people in and postludes have been used to send people out. In our format of worship, the prelude is not the first event that occurs in worship. Because of this, the congregation is accustomed to being still and focusing on hearing God’s voice. However, the postlude has traditionally been a time for gathering up items that have been brought into the worship space, catching up with friends, and leaving the sanctuary. I would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to be still and listen to God’s voice as God prepares you to leave the sacred space and enter back into the world.

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

Through the generous support of our church members, Winstead recently donated \$400 each to the Food Pantries at Barnes Chapel, Hope Station, Mount Zion UMC, and Seeds of Hope to help feed the hungry in our community.

Members of the Outreach Team and the congregation prepared and served homemade ice cream and cookies for the last Summer of Service celebration on August 20th. Thank you to all who helped and to those who came out and enjoyed the delicious ice cream, fellowship, and activities.

Winstead will again have a booth at the Whirligig Festival on November 4th and 5th. We will be sharing information about our church and selling our almost famous peanuts and BBQ Sauce.

We need lots of volunteers to help make this a successful event. Watch for more information in the coming weeks for volunteer needs and opportunities.

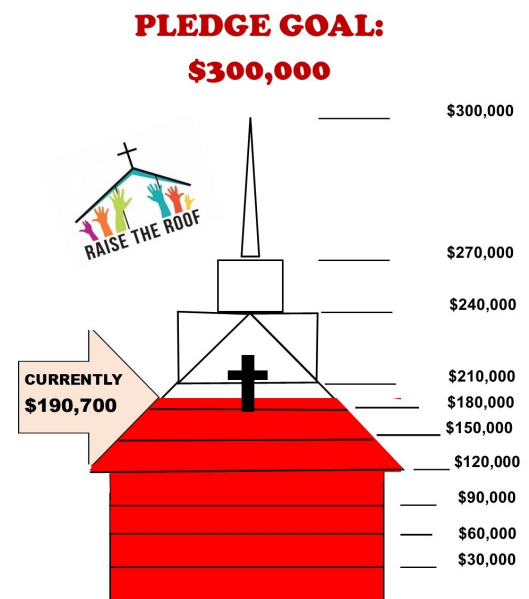
The Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday, August 29, at 11:45 a.m. at the Peanut Building. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

The September Food Drive will be held on Sunday, September 10, following Worship Service at 12:30 in the parking lot at West Nash.

Sunday, September 10
12:30 pm
West Nash parking lot

DRIVE IN
FOOD
DRIVE

Raise the Roof Update



Winstead's New Church



Women of Winstead

by **Sanda Hight**



Women of Winstead (WOW) will resume regular meetings in the fall. The September meeting will be on Saturday, September 16 at 10 am at Joyce Wolfe's home. WOW will be planning activities for the remaining months of this year. Please join WOW and be part of the service and fellowship of the women of the church. As we get closer to moving into our new church facility, we will need ideas and help from the women of the church to make the transition exciting and active in service. If you have questions about WOW, please contact Karen Rowley, president of WOW.

have the September cards ready for short messages and signatures on September 10 and 17. We will also send a birthday card to each Prayer Partner during the school year. Please keep in mind this year's Books for Vick. Once again, we are planning to give each student at the school a book to take home just before the Christmas break. We have invited the teachers to suggest book titles that would be appropriate for the students' grade level. More information about this year's Books for Vick will be available in the coming months. We consider it a privilege to have such a long-lasting partnership to help our public schools. Please continue to keep the students and staff in prayers for safety and academic success and growth. The next Hand in Hand meeting will be on September 5 at 2:00 at the home of Sanda Hight.

Hand in Hand Ministry

By **Sanda Hight**

The Hand in Hand Committee met on August 1 to plan ways to support our partner school, Vick Elementary. The first activity of the new school year was a back-to-school breakfast for the staff, which was held on Monday, August 21. At the breakfast, we distributed Prayer Partner forms for staff members who are interested in participating. So far, we have received participation forms from 25 staff members. Once again, we will invite our congregation to sign Prayer Partner cards each month to send to our Prayer Partners. We will



Staff Breakfast at Vick Elementary

WINSTEAD HISTORY CORNER



By Sanda Hight

As we get closer to moving into our new church facility, we want to remember our heritage at the Tarboro Street location and be thankful for those who founded the church and worked faithfully to worship, study, teach, celebrate, support those in need, and spread the Christian message in Wilson for the first 74 years of the church's existence. We are near the beginning of another journey in our new location. We want to be thinking of creative ways to preserve our church's history as we continue our faith journey. There is much excitement as we get nearer to moving and getting settled. Please continue to check the newsletter and announcements at Sunday worship about ways we plan to record our history and to be a vital presence in our new neighborhood.



Trustees Committee Update

By Fred Hight

We finally located the time capsule at our former church on Tarboro Street last month. The trustees will make a decision as to where to bury it at the new property. We sold the church bus a few weeks ago for \$3,000, and that money has been directed to the driveway fund. I am certain the Trustees will be busy during the next few months and in the years to follow when we move into our new facility on Airport Boulevard. We look forward to working with the leadership of the church in this endeavor.



SEPTEMBER AT WINSTEAD

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

Sunday, September 3

11:30 am Worship

Monday, September 4

Labor Day - Office Closed

6:30 pm Men's Small Group

Tuesday, September 5

2:00 pm Bible Study

2:00 pm Hand in Hand

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, September 9

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 10

8:30 am UMM Breakfast

10:00 am Sunday School for All

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship

11:30 am Worship

12:30 pm Drive-in Food Drive

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, September 12

2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, September 13

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 14

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

6:30 pm Called Church Council

Saturday, September 16

10:00 am Women of Winstead (Wolfe home)

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am Sunday School for All

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship

11:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, September 19

2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, September 20

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 21

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, September 24

10:00 am Sunday School for All

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship

11:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Monday, September 25

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 26

2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, September 27

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 28

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Coming in October

Tuesday, October 10

6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

September Birthdays

Jennifer Wilson	5
Katelyn Wilson	6
Gary Bass	7
Vurgia Windham	7
John Perkins	8
Ray Brinkley	10
Elijah Kirby	12
Sandy Pittman	16
Harriett Bennett	19
Ruby Newcombe	20
Elizabeth Lamb	21
Jean Proctor	21
Barry Shultz	22
Cooper Pitt	24
Joyce M Wells	24

September Anniversaries

Cooper & Brenda Pitt	8
Barry & Peggie Shultz	12



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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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Flowers for Vick Elementary School staff, prepared during the Winstead Summer of Service August event.

