

Winstead Connection



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Last month I told you that we are so close to the building being completed. While it is still in process, we are indeed in the home stretch. Just as no one knows the day or hour of Christ's coming but the Father, only God knows with certainty, the first Sunday we will be in our new building. What I can tell you is that our final joint service with West Nash will be on **Sunday, October 15th at 10 am.**

A covered dish lunch will follow. This will be our farewell to West Nash. We do not know for sure if that will be our last Sunday at West Nash, but we have planned this joint service so that we are able to say farewell and thank you before we move.

Also, within this month we will be having a congregational town hall meeting to discuss how we want to do Sunday School and worship in our new space as well as any questions or concerns you may have about our move or new building. It is preferred that you submit a question in advance, but we will also accept questions from the floor. I will send a phone tree and email when that date is finalized. Know that the Building Committee is working diligently to handle all matters relating to construction. Church Council has been simultaneously working to solidify a new mission, vision, motto, and language around what we want people outside the church to know about us and what is true of who we are right now. Our mission

statement is: *Come, grow closer to God with us!* Our vision statement is: Growing in God's grace together. Our motto will be: You are welcome here, accepted here, nurtured here. You will begin to see these changes reflected in our website, bulletin, and newsletter!

In September, we focused on receiving God's invitation. In October, we will focus on extending God's invitation to others. Our stewardship theme will be based on Matthew 9:34, "The harvest is plenty, the laborers are few." We will talk about what it means for us to work together using what we have and reach out to others outside of the church. In the September newsletter, I mentioned that the consecration of our new building would be on November 12. Due to scheduling conflicts, that has been moved to **Sunday, December 3 at 10:30 am.** We will, however, receive pledges on November 12. I will be continuing to share information via email, Facebook page, and phone tree. Stay tuned for information on how you can help as we move and more specifics on when we will begin worshipping on Airport Blvd!

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CHILDREN & YOUTH



Marty Johnson, Youth Director
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Echo Youth This Fall

Box City

We are planning to have an overnight at the new church property entitled Box City. With the theme of Micah 6:8 (NLT) "Know, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." 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 what we have!

We will 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.

We had hoped to do this in early October but since we're still waiting to get into our new building we're going to wait for a more conducive time. Keep your ears open for the date of this fun and mission learning opportunity!!

Fall Harvest Party

Sunday, October 22 @ Winstead Shelter

The youth and their families will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We will play a few games, carve

pumpkins, have some food and enjoy the fall weather with thanksgiving!! Come and invite a friend!

Trunk Or Treat

Sunday, October 29, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

One of the first community events that we hope to have at our church will be Trunk or Treat. We're inviting all families to come, decorate their trunks and have treats for the community.

We will have prizes for trunks that are decorated for Halloween. Some of the categories will be Best Theme, Most Original, Best All Around Presentation, just to mention a few. Make plans with your family to decorate your trunk for Trunk Or Treat. See you Sunday October 29 at 4:30!

Pilgrimage 2023

Pilgrimage 2023 will be November 10 - 12. We are planning to go to Rocky Mount with our sister church West Nash UMC and participate in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church's Pilgrimage 2023.

This is an annual event for our conference youth. We are planning to stay at a hotel in Rocky Mount as we spend the weekend worshipping and learning more about our relationship with God. This year we continue with "Meeting God in unexpected places."

2023 Theme

"Lord, when did we see you?:

While Experiencing Creation."

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CHILDREN & YOUTH (CONT'D)

If you would like to know more about this event or as an adult would like to join us, please let me (Marty) know.

Christmas Cookie Walk and Christmas Baskets

In December our youth will have a Christmas cookie walk as we have done for many years (even before I was here). The date for the Christmas basket silent auction and cookie walk is tentatively set for Sunday, December 10.

Make sure you have found your special and secret recipes for Christmas cookies and plan to bring those that Sunday as a youth fundraiser.

We also want to encourage every group in the church, Women of Winstead, Outreach Committee, United Methodist Men, Choir, Handbells, all of our committees and groups, to create a Christmas basket that will be in the silent auction. Bidding will begin sometime in mid-November.

Let me say thank you so very, very much for your support of these fundraisers. It is such a blessing that we can have fun and create excitement and share with one another even in the midst of a fundraiser. So get your ideas and themes together!! Then let it be said of

Winstead UMC: Romans 12:10 (EVC): "Love one another with brotherly and sisterly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor!!"



Winstead
United Methodist Church MYF

ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

October 1	6:00–7:30 pm	Game Night/Banner
October 8	6:00–7:30 pm	Banner/Hoodie Design
October 15	No Youth - Lunch with West Nash UMC	
October 22	6:00-7:30 pm	Fall Harvest Party
October 29	4:30-6:30 pm	Trunk or Treat

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OUR NEW STATEMENTS

Our mission statement: *Come, grow closer to God with us!*

Our vision statement: *Growing in God's grace together.*

Our motto: *You are welcome here, accepted here, nurtured here.*

Come grow closer to God with us!

How?

We grow closer to
God through:

**our faith in Jesus
Christ**

meaningful worship

**impactful mission
and service**

radical hospitality

**discipleship of all
ages**

Why?

We believe that
God has called us
to love all people
like Jesus did
because everyone
is made in God's
image and
everyone matters
to God. There is a
place for you here.

Where?

We have just
moved into a new
neighborhood! Our
church is at 1851
Airport Blvd in
Wilson. You might
also see us at our
partner school,
Vick Elementary or
at Harris Teeter or
Food Lion stocking
the shelves with
our famous
peanuts.

Let us grow in God's grace together!

**Find more information at
winsteadumc.org**



Women of Winstead

by Sanda Hight

Women of Winstead (WOW) met at the home of Joyce Wolfe on Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 with five members in attendance. Karen Rowley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Sanda Hight gave a program on Spiritual Gifts, followed by a discussion on how we can best use our individual gifts, especially as we move into the new church, get settled, and share the Christian message to the new neighborhood.

As we enjoyed delicious refreshments, we remembered those in our church who are grieving or recovering from illness. A discussion of events for the coming months followed, being aware of our uncertain schedule at this time. A WOW tea planned for December 3 will need to be rescheduled, since the consecration service has now been planned for the same day.

The October meeting has been set for Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 at the home of Sanda Hight. Plans for the fall projects and meetings will be finalized at that time.

WOW is open to all women of the church. If you have questions about WOW, please call Karen Rowley, president.

Outreach News

By Mary Ellen Bass

The October Food Drive is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 12:30 p.m., following worship service in the parking lot at West Nash UMC.

Plan to visit our booth at the Great Gardens Fall -A-Fair, 4311 Wiggins Mill Rd., Wilson, on Saturday, October 7, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer at the booth, we will have a sign up sheet at church on Sunday's in the foyer outside the sanctuary.

Plan to visit our booth at the Whirligig Festival in Wilson on Saturday November 4th, 10 am - 5 pm and on Sunday November 5th, 12 pm to 5 pm. If you are able to help work the booth, we will have a sign up sheet for this event at church on Sunday's as well. These two events are going to be a lot of fun where we will not only sell our peanuts, BBQ sauce, and Randy Marshburn pottery, but also introduce our new church building to the community, and reach out to our neighbors in the Wilson Community as we invite them to come grow closer to God with us.

Sunday, October 8
12:30 pm
West Nash parking lot

DRIVE IN

FOOD DRIVE



Winstead History Corner

By **Sanda Hight**

Moving into our new building is within sight, and in early December, we will celebrate a service of consecration for the building.

With these two events that will take place this fall, it is fitting to reflect on the dedication/consecration services for the two former sanctuaries that served our church so well for almost seven decades.

The first sanctuary, which later became known as Hood Hall, was completed in 1954. According to our printed history book, there were only 36 members, yet that small group was able to complete the building. Much of the finishing work was done by members to cut the cost of construction. Following is an account of the service of dedication taken from the church history: "On June 27, 1954, Winstead Methodist Church was dedicated. Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Virginia, was guest speaker and presided over the Act of Dedication. The pastor, the Reverend Charles Wooten, presided over the service, with the Reverend J. F. Herbert, District Superintendent, and the Reverend Robert Bradshaw, pastor of First Methodist Church of Wilson, N.C., participating. The dedication was preceded by a fellowship supper in the education building of the church."

The second sanctuary was completed in 1986. The following is an excerpt from the Christian Advocate reporting on the consecration service: "The Winstead United Methodist Church of Wilson celebrated the Service of Consecration, Sunday, June 1, 1986. The Reverend Dr. G. Robert McKenzie, Superintendent of the Rocky Mount

District of the United Methodist Church, performed the Act of Consecrating the new sanctuary after he gave the morning sermon. He said, "This beautiful place belongs to all." He also said, "I now declare this house to be open for the worship of Almighty God." The Reverend Jean Hood, pastor of the church, had led the congregation in planning and raising funds for the new sanctuary. This sanctuary was designed after Monk's Chapel of the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh. Many of the furnishings from Monk's Chapel were transported to Wilson to be used in the new sanctuary.

As we look forward to our consecration service in December, we can be thankful for our history of faithful work and for God's presence in all we did to lead us to this new phase of Christian ministry.



October Birthdays

MaryEllen Bass.....	1
Pastor Rachel Kwashi.....	6
Randy Marshburn.....	11
Louise Rech.....	15
Larry Lane.....	19
Connor Griffin.....	23
Sanda Hight.....	26

October Anniversaries

Clarence & Jean Proctor.....	5
Paul & Audrey Miller.....	13
Carey & Cathy Griffin.....	17
Gabe & Jodi Ruotolo.....	28
Harry & Diane Barker.....	31



Hand in Hand Ministry

By Sanda Hight

September was busy for Hand in Hand activities. The fall school supplies drive was successful with so many donations of supplies to Vick Elementary. We delivered approximately 27 bags of much needed supplies. This does not count a good number of supplies donated directly to the school. Thanks to everyone who donated this year. Your generosity will be felt by the Vick students and staff as they go about their work.

Also, thanks to all who signed Prayer Partner cards for September. All cards have been delivered, along with birthday cards for Prayer Partners who had a birthday in September. We know that the staff members look forward to a card each month with a short message and signatures from so many adults and children in our congregation. Look for cards ready to be signed for October on the second and third Sundays.

"Books for Vick" is in the works again this year. We are waiting for news about a grant that will

help with funds to purchase books. The Hand in Hand Committee is busy selecting book titles and checking to be sure that the books we select are appropriate and available. If you would like to donate to "Books for Vick" this year, you may leave a check made out to the church with "Books for Vick" on the memo line. The students at Vick are slowly developing a library of their own books at home. This project encourages lifetime reading skills and habits and reinforces what they have learned at school.

Please continue to check the bulletin, screen announcements on Sunday, and the newsletter for additional ways to be a part of the Hand in Hand outreach. We continue to have this golden opportunity to share our love with our partner school and to support the community and families in the Vick neighborhood.

The next Hand in Hand meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3 at 2:00 at the home of Sanda Hight. Please continue to keep the staff, students, and families of Vick Elementary in prayer.

Grant Opportunity

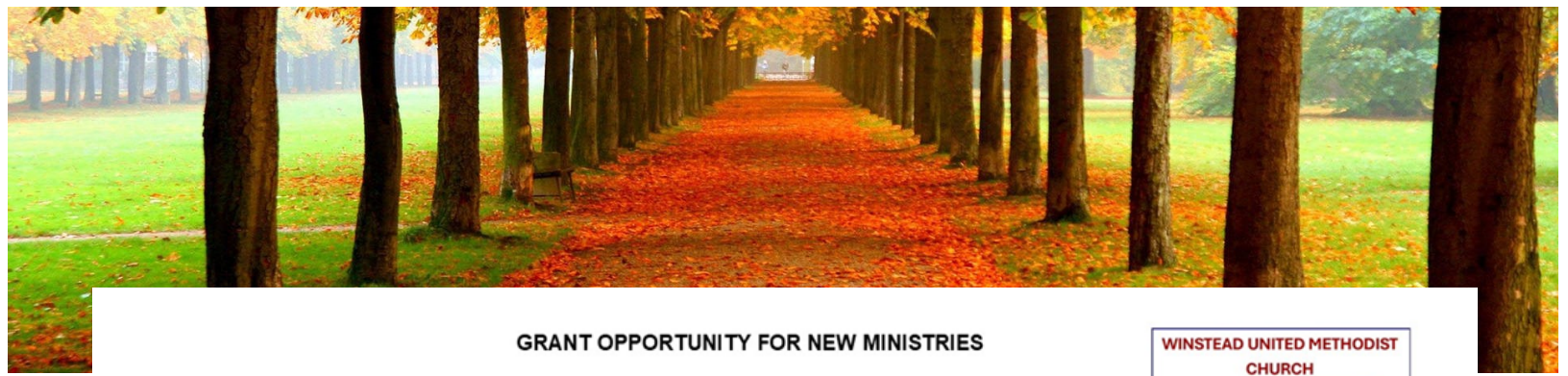
By Priscilla Morello, Church Council member and Grant Writer

Dear Church,

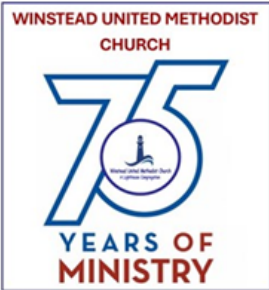
The Church Council has done a wonderful job of representing you as we consider what our new mission statement will be and how we will move forward in ministry. As the council leaders talked about what they would like to see, a number of ministries were lifted up as possibilities. About that same time, news of a possible grant opportunity for 2024 became known and so we are asking for your input.

Please look over this congregational survey (on next page, pg. 8) and be prepared over the next couple of Sundays to fill out this form which will be in the bulletin. Let us know your priorities and whether you are interested in volunteering for or attending these ministries or events.

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GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW MINISTRIES



Winstead has an opportunity to receive a \$10,000 grant to help us with new ministries in our new church home. We will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary in 2024 and so we are calling this

NEW INITIATIVES FOR OUR 75th YEAR OF MINISTRY!

We will designate a grant coordinator to oversee these programs and will pay resource people to provide services (such as a Parent’s Night Out Childcare Coordinator, and an Instructor for the Wellness Program for Senior Adults). There will also be funds to offset the cost of meals, advertising literature, and actual costs of items for the Community Celebration Events.

BUT WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU... Please rank the programs as to the ones you would most like to see and then indicate if you would be willing to volunteer for and/or attend these programs:

RANK 1 - 6

1 = highest priority
6 = lowest priority

VOLUNTEER ATTEND

<p>___ SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENTS</p> <p>Church-wide effort to invite the community to Winstead: In April--might include Blessing of the Pets, Petting Zoo, Corn Hole Tournament, Food, Bouncy Houses, etc.</p> <p>In October--might include Fall festival activities, maybe a Chili-Cook Off, Pony rides, etc.</p>	<p>___</p> <p>___</p> <p>___</p> <p>___</p>	<p>___</p> <p>___</p> <p>___</p> <p>___</p>
<p>___ QUARTERLY COMMUNITY DINNER & FEATURED PROGRAM</p> <p>This would be a dinner where people have to register in advance and programs would be informational or some form of entertainment</p>	<p>___</p>	<p>___</p>
<p>___ QUARTERLY “PARENTS NIGHT OUT” (FRIDAY DATE NIGHT)</p> <p>This would be a pre-registration event for church members and people in the community who have children. The parent(s) would bring their child(ren) to Winstead for a 3-hour designated play time. There would be a paid childcare worker as well as volunteers from Winstead to look after the children.</p>	<p>___</p>	<p>___</p>
<p>___ BI-MONTHLY – SATURDAY OF SERVICE (SOS)</p> <p>Every other month there would be 3 or 4 designated community ministries where church members and people from the community could volunteer for 3 or so hours. Advance online registration would be required. (Places such as: Seeds of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, The Maggie Society (pet rescue), etc.) The task would be spelled out for each place and whether it is a family friendly (children welcome) event.</p>	<p>___</p>	<p>___</p>
<p>___ MONTHLY MESSY CHURCH</p> <p>Winstead has already committed to this monthly ministry which is aimed at families who may not attend church regularly. It is a family friendly format that includes a meal, crafts, activities & devotional centered around a monthly theme. Right now, we are anticipating offering this on Wednesday nights.</p>	<p>___</p>	<p>___</p>
<p>___ WEEKLY WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR SENIOR ADULTS</p> <p>Develop a weekly (9-week sessions) program of light exercise and healthy eating tips for members of the community as well as church members.</p>	<p>___</p>	<p>___</p>

OCTOBER AT WINSTEAD

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

Sunday, October 1

10:00 am Sunday School for All
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Monday, October 2

6:30 pm Men's Small Group

Tuesday, October 3

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)
2:00 pm Hand in Hand (pg. 7)

Wednesday, October 4

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 5

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Saturday, October 7

10:00 am Great Gardens Fall-a-Fair (pg. 5),
4311 Wiggins Mill Rd.

Sunday, October 8

10:00 am Sunday School for All
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am Worship
12:30 pm Drive-in Food Drive
5:00 pm Congregational Meeting
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, October 10

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)
6:30 pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 12

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, October 15

10:00 am Joint Worship with West Nash UMC
11:00 am Pot Luck Lunch

Tuesday, October 17

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

Wednesday, October 18

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 19

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Saturday, October 21

10:00 am Women of Winstead (Hight home)
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Sunday, October 22

10:00 am Sunday School for All
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, October 24

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

Wednesday, October 25

Newsletter Deadline

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 26

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, October 29

10:00 am Sunday School for All
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am Worship
4:30 pm Trunk or Treat (pg. 2)

Tuesday, October 31

2:00 pm Bible Study

Coming in November

Saturday, November 4

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Whirligig Festival

Sunday, November 5

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Whirligig Festival

November 10-12

ECHO Youth Pilgrimage

The Upper Room
daily devotional guides
are available in the narthex.



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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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Volunteers Needed

Winstead will have a booth at the Great Gardens Fall-a-Fair on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will be selling our peanuts and bar-b-que sauce.

More importantly we will be greeting everyone to let them know we are now in the neighborhood and inviting them to join us for worship.

If you can volunteer, contact MaryEllen Bass.