

Winstead Connection



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With this month will come our first worship service in our new building. This has been a long process, spanning over a decade. I have been encouraged by your dedication, support, and commitment to us getting moved in and settled in our new church home. Throughout September and October, we talked about receiving God's invitation of grace. For this month, we are going into how we extend God's invitation to others through our prayers, service, witness, gifts, and presence. These words come from the membership vows that youth take in confirmation and adults take when joining the church. No matter how long it has been since you have taken these vows or even if you have never taken them at all, it can be a helpful way to think about how we participate in the church and our commitment to being Christ's hands and feet out in the world. In addition, we will put these vows into action through receiving pledge cards for the year ahead.

I know that we have gone through a significant amount of change in the time since I have been here and that you endured changes before then, too. The path from when you decided to build in 2007 to now has been a winding road with various challenges. But you have persevered! I am continually blessed by the faithfulness of this congregation and your commitment to being the Church

wherever we are. It was hard to know when exactly we would get our certificate of occupancy and be able to move in. As much as I wanted to plan for it, there were several unexpected delays that pushed our first service out further than we wanted it to be. I lament that it has taken this long but feel hopeful and joyful knowing that we will get to honor the legacy of the saints who have passed by beginning in our new building on All Saint's Sunday.

In preparation for Christmas, we will have our Hanging of the Greens service on November 26. On Christmas Eve we will have our Candlelight service at 11:00 pm and two additional services this year. Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent at our new normal time of 10:30 am. Then, we will add a 5:30 pm Christmas Eve service for those who like to go to bed early or want a more family-oriented service. I encourage you to extend the invitation to others to join us for any one of these services. I look forward to this coming season with all of you.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH



Marty Johnson, Youth Director
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Echo Youth

Pilgrimage 2023

Pilgrimage 2023 will be November 10th through the 12th. We are planning to head to Rocky Mount with our sister church, West Nash UMC, and participate in 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."

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

Marty Johnson, Director of Youth Ministries
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Also I want to encourage our church family to be praying for this wonderful time of Christian growth and fellowship for our young people. Please pray that God will move in a mighty way!!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

In December our youth will be doing a Christmas cookie walk as we have done for many years (even before I was here). The date for the Christmas Cookie Walk is set for Sunday, December the 10th after our 10:30 morning service.

So make sure that you have found all your special and secret recipes for Christmas cookies and begin planning on bringing those on that Sunday as a youth fundraiser.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Christmas Baskets winners will be announced on Sunday, December 17 after the Christmas cantata. We 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 plan on creating a Christmas basket that we can have in our silent auction.

The Christmas baskets need to be brought to the church by Sunday, November 26.

Let me say ahead of time thank you so very, very much for your support in these fundraisers. It is such a blessing that we can have fun, create excitement and share with one another even in the

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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!!

Youth Pumpkin Carving!



ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE	
November 5	
6:00–7:30 pm	Pilgrimage Banner
November 10 - 12	
	Pilgrimage
November 19	
6:00–7:30 pm	
November 26	No Youth
December 10	
11:30 am	Cookie Walk
December 17	
After Cantata	Christmas Basket winners announced

Grace Notes & Friends to Present Advent Concert

For many years, First Christian Church (207 N Tarboro Street) has sponsored a series of concerts in the weeks leading up to Christmas to give the Wilson community a break from the stress, a place of peace and calm away from the hustle and bustle. The Advent Series is comprised of four free noonday concerts each Wednesday during Advent, featuring both secular and sacred melodies of Christmas.

Grace Notes & Friends will be presenting the December 6 concert of Christmas carols and other familiar seasonal tunes at 12 noon at First Christian Church. Come, listen to the music of Christmas, and enjoy a respite from the hurried pace of the season!

Additional concerts in the Advent Series are Nov. 29 - Caleb Skinner, Dec. 13 - Shelley Maddox, and Dec. 20 - Jake Mauk. Enjoy them all!

EQUIPPING OUR NEW SPACE



How do you install 90 lb. organ speakers near the ceiling? VERY carefully!



Then install TV monitors over the organ. Yikes!



There will also be a monitor over the door so that those in the chancel area can see it.

October in Pictures



Children's Sunday School students enjoy a snack.

Winstead's booth at the Fall-a-Fair on October 7. We sold peanuts and BBQ sauce, and invited all to church at our new location.



Happy Birthday, Pastor Rachel! The Thursday morning Bible study supplied the birthday (coffee) cake!

November Birthdays

Audrey Miller	3
Marie Stutts.....	3
Danny Wilson.....	7
Ray Williams	8
Clarence Proctor	13
Becky Holland	15
Edwina Kaeser	16
Margaret Brinkley	18
Chase Ferrell	21
Olivia Brock	27
Claudine Perkins	27

Winstead History Corner

By Sanda Hight

We all know about the first 74 years of Winstead history. Now it is our turn to contribute to the next phase as we move into a new facility, a new neighborhood, and a new opportunity to witness to our faith in a new time.

Following are six important ways that our congregation can contribute to the next phase of Winstead history as a witness to our Christian faith.

1. Make a commitment to our own personal and spiritual growth with regular church attendance, daily devotionals, Bible and book studies, prayer, and numerous other ways that help us grow in our faith as Christians. Keep God at the center of our lives.

2. Serve on boards and committees within the church and contribute to the mission and service of our church.

3. Develop your own church archive of photographs, clippings, and other records that document the life and work of our church. They may be useful in the future.

4. Be involved in children's and youth ministries in any way you can. Talk to them, encourage them in their faith, and contribute to their activities as much as you can. Our precious children and youth are the future of our church and are contributing to church history as they grow up.

5. Work at what our conference calls "Radical Hospitality," welcoming all who enter our church and making our church a safe, friendly, and nurturing place to be.

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History Corner

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6. Support our pastor, other staff members, and congregation in Christian love so that we can reach out in love to the community.

These six points will ensure that we support our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as we contribute to our next phase of Winstead history.

Women of Winstead

by Sanda Hight

Women of Winstead (WOW) continues to look for opportunities to serve our church. Rather than meet on the regular meeting day on October 21, several members of WOW helped with moving by unpacking kitchen items and starting to organize the new kitchen in our new facility on Airport Boulevard. Others helped with unpacking items and taking them into other areas of the church.

October and November are proving to be a busy time for our congregation as we make the transition to the new building. As we move into November, we will be continuing with other ways to serve by putting together a gift basket for the youth fund raiser and planning activities for the Christmas season.

The regular meeting date for November is Saturday, November 18 at a place to be announced later. All women of the congregation are encouraged and invited to be a part of WOW for fellowship, study, and service to the church and the community.

Hand in Hand Ministry

By Sanda Hight

Our work with Hand in Hand continues to be busy as it is each fall. Thanks to members of our congregation, Prayer Partner cards were signed and delivered in mid-October. We will have cards for November ready to sign in early November. We are thankful for the opportunity to send our love and greetings to the staff at Vick Elementary School in this on-going way.

Once again, we were asked to help with fall picture day at Vick. Peggie Shultz, Peggy Wilson, Priscilla Morello, and Sanda Hight assisted the photographers and teachers with supervising the students and encouraging them to smile for the camera. The four helpers interacted with each student in the school on this special day.

Our "Books for Vick" project is still in progress. We have received a \$1,500 grant from the North Carolina Community Foundation. With this help and other resources, we plan to place a book in each student's hand in late December as a way to encourage reading and curiosity in the lives of the Vick students. We anticipate that the cost of books this year will be about \$4,000. If you would like to donate to "Books for Vick," please give directly to the church and write "Books for Vick" on the memo line of your check.

The next Hand in Hand meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7 at 2:00 in the home of Sanda Hight.

Please continue to keep the staff and students in prayer for safety and academic success.

STEWARDSHIP AT WINSTEAD

Dear church,

We are at a crossroads...not yet in our new building, yet on the verge of being in a new place of ministry.

It has been a long journey... in trust, in prayers, in years, in dreams, in funds.

And we are at the time of year where we consider the financial support we will give to this new ministry in this new place.

One of the passages for this occasion comes from 2 Chronicles where scripture tells us that the people of God gave in abundance to the work of God in that time and place.

We today are called, indeed commanded, by God to respond to God's work to be done in this new place. And like our forebears, we are invited to respond generously to bring in "abundantly the tithe of everything" (2 Chronicles 31:5c)

Please consider all that God has bestowed upon you and make a commitment to generously further God's work at Winstead United Methodist Church this coming year.

This chart shows what a 10% amount would be each week depending on your annual and weekly income. It also shows what lesser percentages of giving would be. Perhaps you are giving all you can possibly give for this season in your life. But we in leadership at Winstead encourage you to consider doing three things:

1. Pray about what you have given in the past
2. Pray about what more you might be able to donate to the ministry of the church
3. Consider making a regular weekly and or monthly donation so that Winstead can move forward with the ministries God has for us to do.

We will be giving you the opportunity to make a pledge for the 2024 year by passing out pledge cards in the next couple of weeks. We will have a time of dedication of those pledges on Sunday, November 19, 2023 in our new sanctuary. God is calling us to commit ourselves to support our church's ministry. We are counting on each family to make a commitment that is worthy of the work God has for us to do.

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Priscilla Morello, Stewardship Chair

Annual Income (Household)	Weekly Income	Weekly Giving as a Percentage of Income					
		1.0%	2.0%	3.0%	5.0%	7.5%	10.0%
\$10,400	\$200	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$10	\$15	\$20
\$20,800	\$400	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$20	\$30	\$40
\$31,200	\$600	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$30	\$45	\$60
\$41,600	\$800	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$40	\$60	\$80
\$52,000	\$1,000	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$75	\$100
\$62,400	\$1,200	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$60	\$90	\$120
\$72,800	\$1,400	\$14	\$28	\$42	\$70	\$105	\$140
\$83,200	\$1,600	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$80	\$120	\$160
\$93,600	\$1,800	\$18	\$36	\$54	\$90	\$135	\$180
\$104,000	\$2,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$100	\$150	\$200
\$156,000	\$3,000	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$150	\$225	\$300
\$208,000	\$4,000	\$40	\$80	\$120	\$200	\$300	\$400
\$260,000	\$5,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$375	\$375	\$500
\$312,000	\$6,000	\$60	\$120	\$180	\$450	\$450	\$600

IN MEMORIAM

Louise Schmunk Rech

Louise S. Rech, 97, passed away on Tuesday, October 10. Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 15, what would have been her 98th birthday, at Joyner's Funeral Home. Chaplain Jim Powell officiated.

Louise was a long-time and faithful member of Winstead United Methodist Church and a skilled seamstress. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and will be missed dearly.

Louise is survived by her sons, Gregory Rech of Conway, S.C., Karl Rech and wife, Arlene of Wilson, David Rech of Knoxville, TN, and Brian Rech of Wilson; grandchildren, Erika Stillman and husband, Steve, Adam Rech and wife, Rachel, Jessica Rech, Justin Rech and wife, Julie, Lauren Burbage and husband George, and Todd Starbuck and wife, Greta; great-grandchildren, Ashley Stillman, Nicholas Stillman, Lawrence Rech, Bella Lucas, Joshua Rech, Jennifer Rech, Josephine Rech, Morgan Burbage, Bradley Burbage, Makenzie Burbage, Paige Starbuck, and Lily Starbuck; special niece, Kathy Dillon of Syracuse, NY; and numerous nephews.

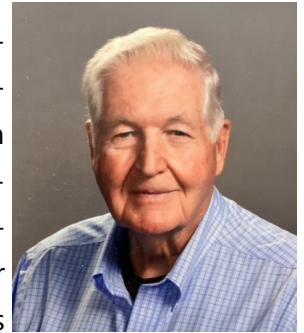
Louise was preceded in death by her loving husband, Carlton Rech and son, Jeffrey Rech.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Wilson, 2130 Forest Hills Rd. W, Suite A, Wilson, NC 27893.



Thomas Ellyson Starnes, Jr.

LtCol (R) Thomas Ellyson Starnes Jr, age 85, passed away on Tuesday, October 10 in O'Fallon, Illinois. His graveside service, including military honors, will be held on Wednesday, November 1, at 3 pm in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, 3888 US-70, Goldsboro, NC. Pastors Tanner White and Anderson Barnes will officiate.



There will be a Memorial Celebration of Life held at the Hillsborough United Methodist Church in Tampa Florida on Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 pm. The celebration will be simulcast on the HUMC YOUTUBE channel. Reception will follow the service.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Virginia Starnes; daughter, Tanya Byrn and husband David of Tampa, Florida; stepson, Craig Herring and wife, Rita of O'Fallon Illinois; granddaughter, Erin Arent of Tampa Florida; grandsons, David Byrn Jr., Taylor Herring, and Andrew Mullinax, and great grandchildren, Daniel Arent, Sebastian Arent, Emmanuelle Byrn, Benjamin Arent, Henry Arent, and Everly Arent.

Tom's top priority in everything was his walk as a follower of Christ. He took every opportunity that was available to be a servant of Christ and to make apostles of others, assuming many leadership roles within his church families.

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Tom Starnes

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Tom's love of country was a constant in his approach to life. He served for over twenty-two years in the United States Air Force including a combat tour in Viet Nam. To Tom, love of country included action and sacrifice, and not just passive appreciation of all the blessings made available to us in this great country.

Following his military career, Tom spent over thirty years self-employed in almost every aspect of the residential construction trade, to include being a general contractor responsible for building whole neighborhoods, while serving even as the friendly neighborhood handy man.

We will greatly miss our "Grumpy," husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Well done, good and faithful servant - now go unto your God.

Donations may be sent to Hillsborough United Methodist Church, Thrift Store, 9008 Harney Road, Tampa, Florida 33637.

On the Calendar for December

Sunday, December 3

10:30 am Consecration Service

Wednesday, December 6

12:00 pm Grace Notes & Friends at Advent Series (pg. 3), First Christian Church

Sunday, December 10

11:30 am Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 17

5:00 pm Christmas Cantata, reception to follow. Christmas basket winners announced.

Sunday, December 24

10:30 am Worship

5:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

11:00 pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, November 12

11:30 pm

Peanut Building

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Outreach News

By Mary Ellen Bass

Thank you to everyone who helped with our booth at the Great Gardens Fall-A-Fair on October 7. We made a profit of \$166 selling our peanuts, BBQ sauce, and peanut brittle.

Next up we will be hosting a booth at the Whirligig Festival on Saturday, November 4th, and Sunday, November 5th. Thanks to everyone who signed up to work at the booth or helped in any way. Our booth # is 703, same as last year, on Douglas Street by Imagination Station. The Festival will be from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 12 pm to 5 pm on Sunday. We will sell our peanuts, BBQ sauce, pottery, peanut brittle, and cheese straws.

The November Food Drive will be on Sunday, November 12, following Worship Service at our new church location.

The Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday, November 28, at 11:45 a.m. at our new church. This will be our last meeting for 2023. Bring a bag lunch.

NOVEMBER AT WINSTEAD

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

Wednesday, November 1

4:00 pm Trustees Meeting
5:30 pm Grace Notes Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, November 4

10:00 am Whirligig Festival (pg. 9)

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Whirligig Festival (pg. 9)
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Monday, November 6

6:30 pm Men's Small Group

Tuesday, November 7

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)
2:00 pm Hand in Hand (pg. 6)
6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 pm Choir Practice

November 10-12

ECHO Youth Pilgrimage

Sunday, November 12

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
11:30 pm Drive-in Food Drive

Tuesday, November 14

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

Wednesday, November 15

5:30 pm Grace Notes Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 16

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Saturday, November 18

10:00 am Women of Winstead (pg. 5)

Sunday, November 19

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Charge Conference (First UMC)
4:00 pm Handbell rehearsal
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Monday, November 20

6:30 pm SPRC (Morello home)

Tuesday, November 21

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)
5:30 pm Grace Notes Practice

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving

Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, November 26

Silent Auction Baskets Due

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship
10:30 am Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, November 28

11:45 am Outreach Meeting (pg. 9)
2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

Wednesday, November 29

5:30 pm Grace Notes Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 30

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)



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