

Winstead Connection



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We are a people steeped in tradition even as we continue celebrating historic firsts like our first Maundy Thursday cantata and Easter service in our new building. Because we recognize that we are connected in faith with other churches, United Methodist and non-United Methodist, several clergy have come together to continue Wilson's celebration of Lent with weekly services at 12:10 every Wednesday starting on February 21 at Winstead! The new pastor at First Christian, Scott Schieber will be preaching, and I will lead the rest of the service. We will then have a light lunch after. If you would like to participate in the service or are willing to help with the lunch, let me know. Each service will be held at a different church and the full schedule will be available soon. Last year, our mission focus was relieving medical debt. This year, our mission focus will be preventing homelessness in Wilson.

On January 21, the Scripture reading from Job ended with Job saying, "I repent with dust and ashes." This is a theme we will be circling back to during the season of Lent. Our two final weeks of the "Can I Be Honest?" series will be around God's love for us and how we love our enemies. In Lent, we are encouraged to think about how we express our love for God and our desire to grow closer to God together. Sometimes that means intentionally

giving up from something that is hindering your spiritual life while other times it may be adding a practice, or a mix of both.

This year, I challenge you to set an alarm or try to remember to pray for the church at 6:51 pm every day. This is based off of a 24-hour clock, which would be 18:51. If you are wondering what to pray here are some suggestions:

"God, bless all those on our prayer list. You know their names, their needs, and every situation."

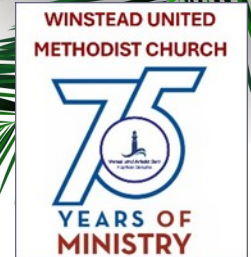
"God, continue to guide us."

"God, continue to provide for us."

"God, help us share your light and love with those around us."

"God, grant us courage to invite someone to grow closer to You through our church."

If you have more time, go through the prayer list and lift each name to God. For the sick, pray for healing. For those who are on the prayer list for other reasons, lift them and their families to God knowing that God knows exactly what they need. For the mourning, pray for comfort. And remember to lift up Vick Elementary, first responders, health care workers, and military personnel as well.



CHILDREN & YOUTH



Marty Johnson, Youth Director
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Sunday School News

Sunday School resumed on Sunday, January 7. We are grateful for our new curriculum, "Discipleship Journey for Kids," Our teachers are doing a great job. Each week we send out a parent prompt - a 90 second video telling parents what the kids studied in Sunday School. This video is to prompt parents to talk with their children about their discipleship journey. Winstead believes that we are in partnership with our children's parents and grandparents as part of a team that shares our experiences with Christ so that we might help our children grow to be disciples that make disciples.

Please keep our teachers and their helpers in your prayers. Winstead Church, you are very important to what God wants our church to be and do! So without your PRAYERS, we have no divine power. Prayers make all the difference!!

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Lighthouse Friends

Thursday, March 21

On January 18 we started a new ministry called Lighthouse Friends. This is an intergenerational event that welcomes newcomers to our church.

Thank you so much to Priscilla Morello for her guidance and leadership and to the many, many helpers from our church family.. See all the fun in pictures on page 8.

If you have questions or would like to know more about this, please contact me, Marty Johnson, or Priscilla Morello.

The next Lighthouse Friends will be Thursday, March 21. To sign up, go to the church website (winsteadumc.org), find Lighthouse Friends and fill out the form for you and your friends. We look forward to seeing you in March.

Parents Night Out

Friday, February, 9

The cost will be \$5 per family. Please check out Priscilla's article on Parents Night Out (pg. 7) for more details.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 11

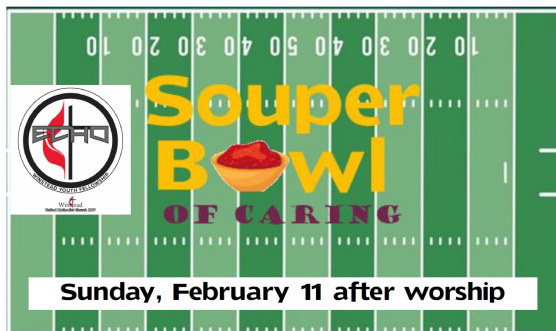
On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, right after the morning worship service, Winstead's Youth will have a Super Bowl Chili COOK-OFF.

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Youth

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Bring your favorite pot of chili recipe to kitchen that morning. After the service you are invited to make a donation for a bowl so that you can test all the chilies you would like. The donation will be split between Winstead Youth and the Community Soup Kitchen of Wilson.

You will also get a contest sheet to vote for the Best Overall Chili, Most Unusual Chili and Hottest Chili. Each category winner will get a prize.

Come out, have a great time and fellowship, and enjoy a good bowl of chili!!

Youth Lock-In

Friday, March 1

On Friday, March 1, the youth of Winstead UMC and West Nashville will be holding a lock-in at Winstead. The lock-in will start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night and end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. All youth are encouraged to invite a friend to come. We'll be playing games, having contests, enjoying snacks and having a good time in fellowship. Any questions or concerns, please contact Marty Johnson.

ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

February 4	6:00–7:30 pm	Planning for Lock-In
February 11	11:30 am	Souper Bowl of Caring Chili Cook-Off
February 18	6:00–7:30 pm	Lent: What is it all about?
February 25	6:00–7:30 pm	GaGa Ball
March 1	Friday 8:00 pm to Saturday 8:00 am	Lock-In

Sunday, February 11

11:30 pm

Parking Lot

DRIVE IN

FOOD DRIVE

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

by **Peggie Shultz**

I want to give you ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle. This month it's recycling - not your everyday household items, but those larger ones like electronics and batteries. Here's who accepts what locally. Because policies change over time, call before you haul out any large items.

- **Best Buy** (3401 Raleigh Road Pkwy) - computers, smartphones, radios, TVs, ink and toner cartridges, video games, cameras, appliances and GPS units. Best Buy will haul old TVs, fitness equipment, and appliances away for a nominal fee when you buy new ones.
- **Lowes** (2501 Forest Hills Rd.) - Rechargeable batteries, plastic bags, CFL bulbs, cellphones, plastic planter pots and cases in the garden center.
- **Home Depot** (1020 Shoppes at Midway Dr., Knightdale) - old lithium-ion batteries. plastic bags.
- **Staples** (2342 Forest Hills Rd.) - electronics, technology, writing instruments, phone cases, ink and toner cartridges, and more. Check their website (staples.com).
- **Walmart** (2500 Forest Hills Rd.) - used cell phones, Bluetooth speakers, laptops, gaming consoles, tablets. Simply input info about the device on the Walmart website, get an offer for it, then ship it for free via FedEx or UPS using a preprinted label.
- **Advance Auto Parts** (1405 Tarboro St. and 3805 Nash St.) - Car batteries and you get a \$10 store credit.



- **Apple Store** - (Crabtree Valley Mall, Raleigh) iPhone, iPad, Macbook, or Apple Watch at a store or online. Apple gives store credit (will also recycle other brands of electronics for free).
- **Habitat ReStore** (626 Ward Blvd.) - appliances, furniture, various household items, and building materials. Habitat resells these items and uses the proceeds to build affordable homes for families.
- **Amazon** - old electronics and devices, including Bluetooth speakers and headphones, home security devices, wireless routers, and gaming systems. You may get gift cards for gently used electronics that it can refurbish and sell. Search for "Amazon Trade-In."
- **H&M** (Crabtree Valley Mall) - Bedding, unmatched socks, old T-shirts—all linens. When you drop off a bag of used clothing at H&M, the company will give you a coupon toward your next purchase at their store.
- **Nespresso** (The Streets at Southpoint, Durham) - Fill a Nespresso recycling bag (available for free at any Nespresso store or online) with used capsules and drop them off at any UPS store (2302 Nash St.).
- **Peanut Building** - Return your empty peanut jars and we will reuse them for peanuts for the volunteers. (Or reuse them for other things around your house - jams, leftovers, gifts for family and friends.)

Come to the Handbell Festival

by Joyce Wolfe

The amazing sound of hundreds of handbells and chimes all ringing together...

That's what you'll hear when area handbell ensembles gather for a handbell festival on Saturday, February 24 at Winstead UMC. The groups have been learning the music on their own, and will come together to polish the music in massed rehearsals on Festival day at 9:00 am.

At 2:00 pm, the Festival ensembles will present a free concert for the community in the sanctuary at Winstead UMC. The music will include seasonal Lenten selections as well as new and familiar songs of the church. Several ensembles will present solo music as well.

You won't want to miss this Handbell Festival Concert! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 24 at 2:00 pm!

The Greater Wilson Area Church Musicians Guild

HANDBELL FESTIVAL CONCERT

Saturday February 24 2 PM	Winstead United Methodist Church 1851 Airport Blvd Wilson, NC 27893
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Come and enjoy the combined efforts of 6 different handbell ensembles from the greater Wilson area as they present the music they have worked on during the festival.

All are welcome!



Women of Winstead

by Sanda Hight

WOW (Women of Winstead) met on Saturday January 20 at 10:00 at the church with 6 members present. Karen Rowley, president of WOW, led the meeting. Sanda Hight gave a program, which was followed by discussion and sharing of ideas.

Plans are being made for the annual chicken salad sale sponsored by WOW, which will take place in late April this year. The exact date will be announced through the March newsletter, the screen announcements prior to Sunday worship, in the worship bulletins, and on the church website. We will be preparing the chicken salad in our new kitchen this year. Please plan to help with the

chicken sale this year in any way you can, and, as always, place orders for your family and people you know. Details about the sale will be announced as soon as possible.

Valentine cards from WOW will be sent to our homebound members before Valentine's Day as a way of sharing our love for each other.

Now that we have our new church location, we would like for more women to participate in WOW for study, fellowship, and service to the church and community. All women of the church are invited to participate in this vital organization of our church. Meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 at the church. Contact Karen Rowley if you have questions about WOW.

Hand in Hand Ministry

By Sanda Hight

The Hand in Hand Committee met on January 10 to plan activities to support Vick Elementary School in the coming weeks. Prayer Partner cards with many signatures from our congregation and birthday cards for January have been delivered. Valentine cards for Prayer Partners will be ready for signing on February 11. Thanks to all who send greetings to our Vick family.

The Hand in Hand Committee will be coordinating a Black History event for students in grades three, four, and five to be held on February 9. The event will be sponsored by the Gentlemen's Agree organization in Wilson. Lisa Henderson, an attorney and Wilson native, will speak to the students about Samuel H. Vick and his contribution to education and business in Wilson.



Plans for "Books for Vick" for the 2024-2025 school year are already being made. Look for more announcements as the year progresses about how you can be involved in giving a book to each student at Vick next winter.

The next Hand in Hand Committee meeting will be on Tuesday February 6 at 2:00 at the home of Sanda Hight.

Please keep the students and staff at Vick in prayer for safety and academic success.

Musical Interlude

by Sandy Pittman

I am so excited to introduce a new musical ensemble to Winstead UMC, the Men's Ensemble. This group is aimed to bring together the musical talents and voices of our dedicated male members to enrich our worship experience. This ensemble provides an opportunity for men within our congregation to come together, share their passion for singing, and serve the church community in a meaningful way.



The current members of the Men's Ensemble are: (L to R) Jeff Creech, Chris Pittman, Dwayne Jones, and Wayne Holland; however, this group is open to all interested men, regardless of musical background or experience. The Men's Ensemble will be presenting a diverse selection of music including traditional hymns, contemporary Christian music, and southern gospel music.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting new group or you know someone who may be interested, please let me know. I will be delighted to talk with you. This is such a wonderful new addition to our musical offerings here at Winstead UMC.

The Men's Ensemble will present "Jesus Saves" in worship on Sunday, February 18.

NC Conference Grant

By Priscilla Morello



Parents, set aside Friday, February 9 as a time to drop the kids off at church and enjoy some time for yourselves. Winstead is starting a new ministry—**Parents' Night Out**. This first night will be for Winstead member families and their recommended friends. The cost is \$5.00 per family. We are limiting the number of children to 24 and families need to pre-register by Monday, February 5, by calling Priscilla Morello at 252-236-8673.

DATE: Friday, February 9, 2024

TIME: 6:00-9:00 pm

PLACE: Winstead United Methodist Church

AGE OF PARTICIPATING CHILDREN: Kindergarten – 5th Grade

COST: \$5.00 per Family

VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR THE PROGRAM:

Mr. Marty and Middle School + Older Students

Adult Volunteers from church as coordinated by Ms. Priscilla

FEBRUARY 9 THEME: **CARNIVAL**

Lighthouse Friends

The first Lighthouse Friends held on January 18 was a huge success! We had over 30 participants and lived up to the motto on our logo: Enjoying Fun, Faith, Food. (See pg. 8 for pictures.)



Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to Mary Ellen Bass who brought a wonderful assortment of props for the Photo Booth and helped get everyone in a joyful mood. And to Tessa Kirby who painted the Lighthouse scene. The next Lighthouse Friends will meet on **Thursday, March 21**. We look forward to seeing you there.



Art work by Tessa Kirby

Outreach Committee

By Priscilla Morello

The cans used for our “constructed” lighthouse were picked up by Barnes Chapel volunteers for their food ministry. Thank you to everyone who contributed a wonderful assortment of canned food. It was a fun project to do and the food will be well appreciated by our ministry partners at Barnes Chapel.

Our next Drive-in Food Drive will be on February 11 after worship. Please bring your items that Sunday to be picked up by volunteers from Barnes Chapel.



LIGHTHOUSE FRIENDS



Starting the "construction" of the lighthouse.





Winstead History Corner

By Sanda Hight

Last November our church began its 75th year in ministry. As we move toward the 75th anniversary of our church in November of this year, we want to focus on our church's contribution to the spiritual life of our community, the pastors who led, the members who worshiped and taught the children about our faith, and the examples of outreach and service the Winstead gave to the community.

Each church newsletter during this anniversary year will highlight some aspect of our church's history. In February we want to remember and celebrate the work of our pastors. The church history includes a file on each pastor which includes pictures and other documentation of our pastors' time at our church. If you have pictures or other information that would be appropriate to be kept in a pastor's file, please take the items to the church office or give them to Sanda Hight, who will place them in the church history. Following is a list of all the pastors who have served Winstead United Methodist Church.

William Norman Vaughan
Lawrence A. Green
Charles Wesley Wooten
Wallace Martin Ellis
Ernest E. Edmonds
Amos Henry Stone
Thomas Arnold Pope
Grady Lee Kinley
John D. Aycock
Robert W. Morgan
Jesse V. Bone
Jean Livingston Hood
William Rickman Pinner
James L. Summey
Arnold Gene Cobb
John. W. Wenberg, Jr.
David Haley
Paul Dunham
George W. Loveland
Rachel Price Kwashe

Next month, the newsletter focus will be on the founding members of the church: the Winstead family and other charter members.

From the Office

Be sure to fill out a room request for each event that is not regularly scheduled. This allows the bulletin, online calendar and newsletter to be accurate. It will also insure that the space is available when you need it. Forms are in the pocket on the office door.

Pastor Rachel's office hours are
Monday - Wednesday, 9:30 am - Noon
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FEBRUARY AT WINSTEAD

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

Thursday, February 1

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Friday, February 2

9:00 am Men's Ensemble

Sunday, February 4

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

6:00 pm WAM Children's Choir

Tuesday, February 6

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

2:00 pm Hand in Hand (pg. 6)

Wednesday, February 7

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 8

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Friday, February 9

9:00 am Men's Ensemble

6:00 pm Parents' Night Out (pg. 7)

Sunday, February 11

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Drive-in Food Drive

11:30 am Souper Bowl of Caring (pg. 2)

6:00 pm WAM Children's Choir

Tuesday, February 13

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 15

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Friday, February 16

9:00 am Men's Ensemble

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

6:00 pm WAM Children's Choir

Tuesday, February 20

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

Wednesday, February 21

12:10 pm Community Lenten Service
@ Winstead (pg. 1)

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 22

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Friday, February 23

9:00 am Men's Ensemble

Saturday, February 24

9:00 am Handbell Festival Workshop

2:00 pm Handbell Festival Concert (pg. 5)

Sunday, February 25

Newsletter Deadline

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

6:00 pm ECHO Youth

6:00 pm WAM Children's Choir

Tuesday, February 27

2:00 pm Bible Study (Williams home)

Wednesday, February 28

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 29

7:00 pm Seeds of Hope Family Feud for Families

Friday, March 1 - Saturday, March 2

Youth Lock-In (pg. 3)



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Pastor Rev. Rachel Kwashe
Director of Youth Ministries
Marty Johnson
Minister of Music
Sandy Pittman
Handbell Choir Director
Joyce Wolfe
Church Musician
Faye Jones
Children's Choir Director
Becky Holland
Office Administrator
Gretchen Hunt
Lay Leader
Sandy Lamm

Come, grow closer to God with us!

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Sunday School for all
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth
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February Birthdays

Linda Lane	6
Colton Griffin.....	8
Denise Lamm	10
Jodi Ruotolo	10
Austin Newcombe.....	14
Sara Ann Pollock.....	20
Sue Morris	21

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