

Winstead Connection



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From the Pastor

I'm sure you've had the experience of being visited by someone from a church. They knock on your door with a pamphlet or Bible Track in their hand and a smile on their face. To be honest I'm not sure whether to open the door and invite them in or turn out the lights, pull down the shades, and hide. Whatever my response might be, you have to admire these folks for their determination and willingness.

In a couple of weeks I'll be preaching from the Gospel of Luke where Jesus sends out 70 messengers. They were sent out with the task of preparing the towns and villages that Jesus was intending to visit. We're not sure exactly what the full script was he gave the 70, other than whenever they came to house they were to give this greeting – "Peace to this house."

I like that. We all could use some peace in our homes. Peace to quiet the unspoken anxieties

that wake us up in the middle of the night. Peace to still the storms of disputes that can arise in our families. Peace to the hopelessness that may creep into the once peaceful sanctuary of "Home Sweet Home."

Peace to this house! I like that. And you know what? I believe there are a lot of other people who would like that to, no, who are longing to hear this Good News greeting at their door even today. I wonder what amazing results we would witness if we simply took the message of the 70 to the homes around us today?

I'm looking forward to being with you over the next couple of months. PEACE!

Read more about Pastor Bob's background in his bio on the webpage under the "About Winstead" tab.

<https://winsteadumc.org/about/staff-and-lay-leadership/>

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CHILDREN & YOUTH



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We want to plan a fun Sunday School trip to the water park in Kinston for all those in Sunday School (children and youth). If anyone is interested in going and chaperoning, it would be greatly appreciated. No date has been set, but we're open for suggestions. Please contact me if you are interested!

Serving Jesus One Step at a Time

This year's "Summer of Service" VBS was June 18- 21. It began on Wednesday when we had breakfast with Jesus. Peter shared with us how Jesus shared a breakfast with the other disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. We learned how to be thankful for all of our friends in Christ. We all learned how to sing, "Gonna Serve." The song instilled in us a desire to serve Jesus each day. With that in mind the children decorated serving trays, one to keep and one to give away, using finger paint, stickers, markers, and other artistic means with the words "Serve God" written on them.

On Thursday we had lunch with Jesus, where Zaccheus told us all about having lunch with the Savior. Zaccheus reminded us that we are to "love our neighbors as ourselves."

On Friday Martha shared with us what it was like to have Jesus for dinner. Martha reminded us that sometimes we are so worried about "things" that we forget to worship the one true God, Jesus. With this the children's project was to make a

stepping stone with the title of "Step to Jesus," reminding all of us that in each day we need to step to Jesus.

On Saturday we celebrated and gave praise for what Jesus has done for each of us! The children shared with their parents their projects that they had made. Then they sang "Gonna Serve" with wonderful hand motions to go with it. We closed with our theme verse for the week "Gods' children did not come to be served but to serve others" (Mark 10: 45) along with our shout for the week "Serving Jesus One Step at a Time!"

We had a wonderful time with the children. I would like to thank all those who provided food and helped with supervision. A special thank you to Lance Downing and Linda Lane for playing Peter and Martha. Big thank you to Randy Marshburn for helping with the stepping stones. Last but not least my very wonderful co-leader with our Summer of Service VBS Jodi Ruotolo!

Also, I would like to thank Winstead United Methodist Church family for its support both financially and spiritually!

Blessings, Mr. Marty

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SUMMER OF SERVICE VBS



**Serving Jesus
One Step at a Time**

ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

July 6	No Youth - Happy 4th
July 13	
3:00 - 8:00 pm	Fun Night Putt Putt
July 20	
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Ice Cream Fun
July 27	
6:00 - 7:30	Mystery Night



DID YOU KNOW



Beginning July 1
the cost for peanuts will be
\$30.00 per case and \$3.00 per jar.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR RACHEL



On Sunday, June 22, Winstead said farewell to Pastor Rachel with a celebration that included good food, good fellowship, and good stories.

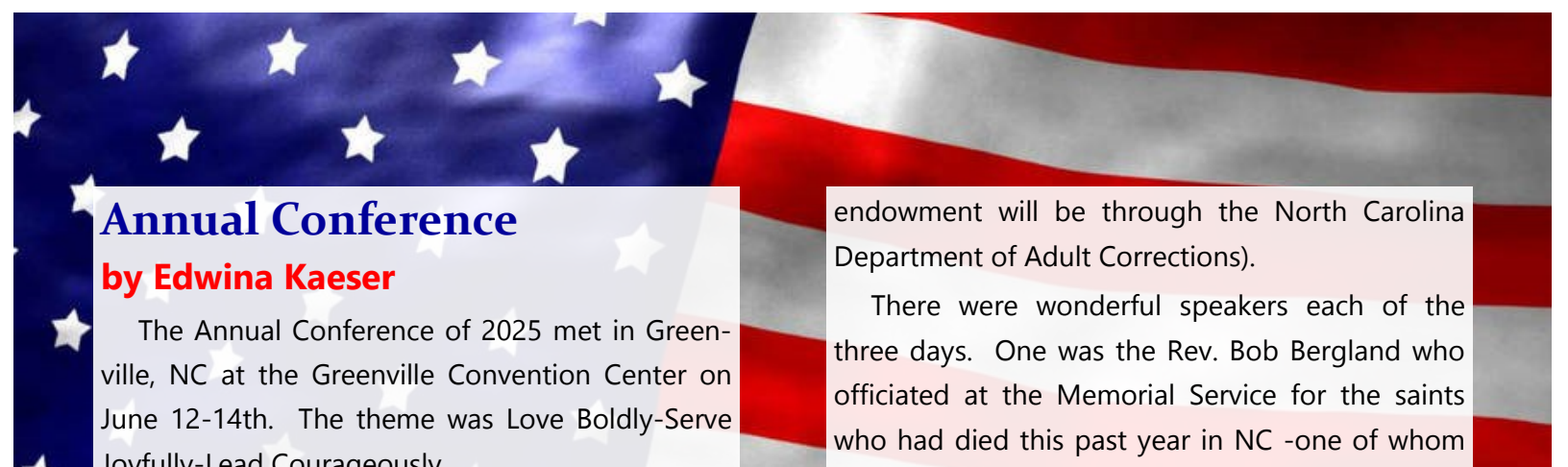


Thank You!

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for your heartwarming send-off and your generous gift. I feel deeply blessed by you and remain grateful for the time we had together. I have felt so loved by you from the very beginning. I could not have envisioned a better place to be. There were challenges, but I can honestly say that it was all worth it because of the opportunity to get to know all of you. It was my joy to see God working through you. I will remember you always and hold you in my heart. Thank you, again. I am incredibly grateful.

Pastor Rachel



Annual Conference

by **Edwina Kaeser**

The Annual Conference of 2025 met in Greenville, NC at the Greenville Convention Center on June 12-14th. The theme was Love Boldly-Serve Joyfully-Lead Courageously.

It was my first time attending the North Carolina Conference. It was an uplifting, learning experience. The first two days we met 9 to 5 first for worship, then went over constitutional amendments. Two were voted on Thursday afternoon and the second two on Friday afternoon. The four amendments passed after members were able to speak for or against each. I know this sounds all pretty boring but it really wasn't. I learned so much about all the different ministries of our United Methodist Church and Fellowship: camping ministries, Methodist Children's Home (which we have often done offerings to help), The Duke Endowment and all the tremendous work it helps us do in NC (a ministry that is returning through the

endowment will be through the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections).

There were wonderful speakers each of the three days. One was the Rev. Bob Bergland who officiated at the Memorial Service for the saints who had died this past year in NC -one of whom was his own father. He shared with us his discussion with his dad as part of his remembrance about becoming a pastor in a family full of pastors! I think it will be a joy having him with us as our Interim Pastor in July and August.

There are many things to share but I want to keep this short for the newsletter. Please speak with me if you would like to know the Constitutional Amendments that were passed. I purchased the book "Never Alone: Sharing the Gift of Community in a Lonely World" by the Rev. Michael Adam Beck. He spoke the first morning on the many ways smaller fellowships can reach out to the community around us.

Thank you for giving me a chance to share my experience as your Alternate Lay Delegate.

Finance Report

Financial information will no longer be reflected in the weekly bulletin. It will now be reported in the monthly newsletter. Please take time to review the financial state of our church. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Gretchen Hunt or Linda Lane.

General Budget Year to Date Totals

Average Monthly Expenses	\$19,833.98
Average Monthly Income	<u>\$14,388.14</u>
Average Monthly General Budget Shortage	\$5,445.84
YTD Expenses through May	\$99,169.91
YTD Income through May	<u>\$71,940.69</u>
YTD General Budget Shortage through May	\$27,229.22

Outreach

by Priscilla Morello



We're planning to make 50 boxes for 3-6 yr old boys and 50 boxes for 3-6 yr old girls.

Needed items for each agape box

The congregation is asked to provide:

- 1 box of crayons (24 pack)
- 1 pack of markers (8-10)
- 1 comb
- 3 prs. Socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 small toy
- 1 small book
- 1 beanie baby for each boy or 1 small doll for each girl

The grant will provide:

- 1 small coloring book
- 1 notepad
- 1 small ball (for each boy)
- 1 matchbox car (for each boy)
- 1 cap or toboggan
- 1 pr of gloves

We'll be setting up the sanctuary on Friday, July 25, from 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Speak to Priscilla if you can help set up.

We'll be meeting at 9:30 am at church on Saturday, July 26, to be ready to assemble the kits from 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Speak to Priscilla if you can help on Saturday.

Women of Winstead

by Sandra Hight

WOW (Women of Winstead) coordinated a light meal for the going-away celebration for Pastor Rachel following the worship service on June 22. Most of those who attended the worship service stayed for the celebration. Members of WOW, with help from other members of the congregation, provided food and beverages, set up and decorated for the event, and cleaned up afterward. Special thanks goes to Dwayne Jones, who made two beautiful flower arrangements with flowers and greenery donated by individuals from the congregation. Also, thanks to all who donated food and beverages and to Faye Jones for making three delicious cakes for the event.



Part of WOW's purpose is service to the church in numerous ways. This celebration gave WOW the opportunity to practice hospitality for the special occasion. The food, conversation, sharing, special talents, and physical work involved made the occasion meaningful and memorable to all who attended.

WOW will resume meetings in September but will be available during July and August for service for other occasions as needed. All women of the church are invited to participate in WOW. If you have questions, please contact Karen Rowley, president of WOW.

JULY AT WINSTEAD

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

Tuesday, July 1

10:00 am Wellness Class
10:00 am Worship Planning

Friday, July 4

Office Closed

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, July 8

10:00 am Wellness Class

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Drive-In Food Drive
3:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, July 15

10:00 am Wellness Class

Thursday, July 17

3:00 pm Outreach Meeting

Sunday, July 20

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, July 22

10:00 am Wellness Class

Friday, July 25

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, July 26

10:00 am Christmas in July (pg. 6)

Sunday, July 27

9:30 am Sunday School for All
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth

Tuesday, July 29

10:00 am Wellness Class



July Birthdays

Malary Rowe.....	13
Bridget Boaz.....	16
Gretchen Hunt.....	17
Walter Edwards	21
Debbie Williams.....	21
Nazir Wells.....	27

July Anniversaries

Danny & Peggy Wilson	15
Larry & Linda Lane.....	21

Wear Your Name Tag

Please wear your name tag each Sunday. Find yours in the cabinet in the Narthex and return it after the service so it is available next week. If you don't have a name tag, contact the office.



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Come, grow closer to God with us!

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Sunday Schedule

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10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm ECHO Youth
6:00 pm WAM (Children's Choir)

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Sunday, July 13
Leave your items on the table
in the foyer.



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