

Winstead Connection



Pastor Patrick Murphy

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

My family and I have been praying in advance for this new season of ministry that we will share. No doubt the timing of this transition feels strange given the normal flow of our life as United Methodists, and yet the truth remains that all time is *God's* time. Reflecting on the conversations I've already enjoyed with some of you, I know we share trust that God has good things in store for us in this new season.

We are coming to you by way of Knightdale, after four good years of leading the congregation there through a major transition in their life together. We come looking forward to fostering new relationships with you, engaging opportunities to participate in Christ's mission, and growing together in discipleship as part of the Winstead family.

I am a native of Elizabethtown down in Bladen County, while Brittany hails from Coats in Harnett County, not far from Campbell University. We both have strong roots in rural North Carolina going back centuries, and are cradle Methodists like some of you. We have two sons, Finley (6), and Asher (almost 3), who are everything you'd expect in two little boys. They are our joy. Apart from our

Christian faith, we have competing religious affiliations when it comes to sports, as I stand firmly in the Duke camp while Brittany stands strong for that other blue at UNC. I tell you this because like good barbecue these things matter much to us North Carolinians!

Joking aside, I am convinced that God is never finished with any of us, and that discipleship requires a lifelong commitment to being open, curious, and faithful to the work of the Holy Spirit within us. As we worship, study, serve, and build relationships in our community we become more of what God has in mind for the world through Jesus Christ.

Discipleship, after all, isn't a work that can be done alone. As Christians we believe that everyone *has* a gift and that everyone *is* a gift in and of themselves. It does indeed take all of us discovering how our piece of the puzzle, if you will, fits into the bigger picture of God's mission. We feel grateful to be joining our lives to yours in this good and holy work. See you soon!

In Christ, Pastor Patrick

Pastor Patrick is in the office
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CHILDREN & YOUTH



*Marty Johnson,
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Blessing of the Backpacks

Thank You!!

On Sunday, August 24, we had the blessing of the backpacks. I wish to thank all those who were involved, especially our Sunday School Superintendent, Jodi Ruotolo. Thank you also to Helen Kirby, Eli, Savannah Jo, and Zane for leading in the reading. And lastly, thank you to our wonderful Winstead family for your love, support and blessings to our children, youth, administrators, teachers, and all those who are a part of teaching our children.

Blessings!

Youth and Children Sunday School

Sunday School for 2025 will begin on September 7 @ 9:30 am. We are very grateful for our Sunday School teachers and their commitment to sharing the Word of God and teaching the Word of God to our children and youth.

ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

September 7

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm No Youth

September 14

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Messy Games

September 21

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm ECHO Disciples God's Word

September 28

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm ECHO Disciples Praying

Our children will continue their journey through the Bible with this year taking us through the New Testament. The children will be learning stories of Jesus and the apostles, like Peter, Paul and John.

Our youth will be using Creative Bible Lessons of the Old Testament.

Please be in prayer for our teachers and our students, as we begin a new school year and new Sunday School year.

If you would be interested in helping teach, please contact me (Mr. Marty) or Jodi Ruotolo, our Sunday School Superintendent.

Up Coming Fall Events

Fall Festival Trunk or Treat

Saturday October 25 - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Pumpkin Patch

October 17 -31

If you would like to know more about this or volunteer to help out, please contact Marty Johnson or Linda Lane.

Pilgrimage 2025

November 7-9 in Rocky Mount, NC

Cost is \$75 dollars per person or \$200 for a family of 3 or more. Payment is due by Wednesday October 1.

Marty Johnson, Minister of Children & Youth
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History Corner

By Sanda Hight

Items from the Winstead history are being stored in locations in the church. Photograph albums and loose photographs are in a file cabinet in the church. Also, all architectural plans for previous buildings, as well as plans for the buildings on Airport Boulevard, are in storage at the church. Other items of history are in the process of being stored at locations at the church. Members of the congregation who need access to old church photographs or newspaper clippings for a display or program, access to architectural plans, or access to any other items from the Winstead archive may contact the church historian, Sanda Hight, or the church office for information. We want to preserve the Winstead history for future generations.

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 each week. If you don't have a name tag, contact the office.

Trustees

by Fred Hight, Chair

New trenches have been dug for the electrical line for the digital sign and have passed city inspection. The lock on the pastor's study door has been changed.



September Birthdays

Jennifer Wilson	5
Katelyn Wilson	6
Gary Bass	7
Asher Murphy	8
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

Finance Report

By Linda Lane, Chair

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 Totals

July Expenses	\$18,074.72
July Income	<u>\$23,347.00</u>
July Budget Excess	\$ 5,272.28
YTD Expenses through July	\$135,213.10
YTD Income through July	<u>\$110,473.55</u>
YTD Budget Shortage through July	\$ (27,739.55)

Staff Parish Relations Committee

By Peggie Shultz, Chair

Meet the Pastor

On September 1 we welcome our new pastor, Patrick Murphy, and his family.

Sign-up in the Narthex to meet the pastor. Meetings are currently schedule for Wednesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 4. This will give you a chance to learn more about him and for him to learn about you and your vision for Winstead.

More meetings will be scheduled in following weeks at various times so that everyone has a chance to talk with Patrick in a small group.

Women of Winstead

by Sanda Hight

WOW (Women of Winstead) will resume meetings in September after a summer break. The next WOW meeting will be on Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 at the church. All women of the church are invited to become a part of WOW to become more involved in service and fellowship.

WOW will be coordinating food and beverages for a reception for our new pastor, Patrick Murphy, and his family. The reception will follow



the worship service on Sunday, September 7. We hope that all those who attend the worship service will stay for the reception. Members of WOW will be contacting members of the congregation about providing food and beverages for this special occasion.

WOW will also provide light refreshments for the cluster Charge Conference, which will be held at Winstead on Sunday, October 12 at 3:00.

If you have questions about joining WOW, please contact Karen Rowley, president of WOW.

HAND IN HAND

By Sanda Hight, Chair

Hand in Hand activities for the 2025-2026 school year have begun. The Hand in Hand Committee met on August 5 to make plans for fall activities for Vick Elementary.

The Hand and Hand Committee/Outreach Committee provided a back-to-school luncheon for the Vick staff on August 13. The staff was excited about sharing a meal together and making plans to welcome students on the first day of the school. At the luncheon, the Hand in Hand Committee told the staff about our Hand in Hand partnership and invited the staff to participate as Prayer Partners with our congregation again this year. We will sign cards from our congregation on Sunday September 14 and again on Sunday, September 21. We invite all members of the congregation to send greetings to the participating staff members again this year.

Also, our school supplies drive is under way. Please consider donating #2 sharpened pencils, copy paper, and colored pencils (12 packs) to the school this year. Place your donations in the bin marked "School Supplies for Vick" in the narthex. We will take all donations to the school in late

September. These donations will be a great help to the students and staff this year.

Please continue to pray for safety for the students and staff at Vick and for academic success this year. Under the leadership of Principal Annette Faison, the school has made progress in recent years. We hope our partnership will continue to make a difference in their success. Also, remember to pray for the families of the students as they take care of their children and guide them in their school life at Vick.

The Hand in Hand Committee is making decisions about titles for this year's "Books for Vick" donations. Please be prepared to help with this book donation program again this year if you can. The Vick students are year by year building their own home libraries as the result of our "Books for Vick" donation and donations from other sources. Announcements will be made throughout the fall about ways you can help with "Books for Vick."

The next Hand in Hand meeting will be on September 2 at 2:00 at the home of Sanda Hight.



On Sunday, August 10, Winstead recognized Joyce Wells for 35 years of service to the Peanut Ministry. Joyce was instrumental in the success of the project and delivered peanuts with her sister and others for many years. Thank you, Joyce!



Harry Barker (L) and Joyce Wells

Dear Friends,

It seems that I am unable to say the right thing at the right time, especially when I am surprised. Now I want to thank all of you for the beautiful flowers given me for my 35 years of work with the very small beginning "Peanut" group started by Aubrey Anderson. Aubrey would be so surprised and pleased at how much it has grown and how many are involved in this project which has been a blessing for the church.

I believe that only me and Clarence and Jean Proctor are left from the beginning group. It has been a pleasure for me to be a part of this group, but it is time to move on. My hope is that this work continues to be successful.

Sincerely,
Joyce Wells

Thank You!



Church,

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank each of you for the food, flowers, cards, visits, prayers, support and love during the passing of our Mom.

Your kind words, thoughtfulness & presence have brought us much comfort. Mom cherished being a part of this church and thought of everyone as her family. She will be missed, but we know she is pain-free and walking with God!

We are truly grateful for our church family and for the continued support and love shown. May God bless each of you as you ALL were a blessing to Mom.

With love,

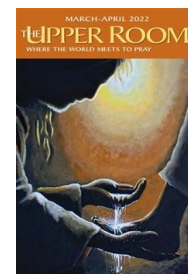
The Jean Griffin family



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.



SEPTEMBER AT WINSTEAD

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

Monday, September 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

10:00 am Wellness Class

2:00 pm Hand in Hand

Wednesday, September 3

1:00 pm Meet the Pastor

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 4

3:00 pm Meet the Pastor

7:00 pm Meet the Pastor

Sunday, September 7

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Reception

Monday, September 8

Cooking Peanuts

Tuesday, September 9

10:00 am Wellness Class

Wednesday, September 10

4:00 pm SPRC Meeting

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Drive-In Food Drive

5:30 pm ECHO Youth

6:00 pm WAM (Worship and Music)

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 am Wellness Class

Wednesday, September 17

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Saturday, September 20

10:00 am Women of Winstead

Sunday, September 21

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship

5:30 pm ECHO Youth

6:00 pm WAM (Worship and Music)

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 am Wellness Class

6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday, September 24

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25

Newsletter Deadline

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, September 28

9:30 am Sunday School for All

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Worship

5:30 pm ECHO Youth

6:00 pm WAM (Worship and Music)

Tuesday, September 30

10:00 am Wellness Class

3:00 pm Finance Committee

The office is in need of postage stamps.
Donations would be appreciated.



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Interim Pastor

Rev. Patrick Murphy

Minister of Children & Youth

Marty Johnson

Minister of Music

Sandy Pittman

Organist & Handbell Choir Director

Joyce Wolfe

Church Musician

Faye Jones

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
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Worship
5:30 pm ECHO Youth
6:00 pm WAM (Children's Choir)

Pastor: Rev. Patrick Murphy
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Sunday, September 14
Leave your items on the table
in the foyer.



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