

Winstead Connection



Pastor Patrick Murphy

May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus's attitude. That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice. -Romans 15:5-6

Paul extends this blessing near the end of his letter to Christians in Rome. It follows his discourse regarding how to welcome and care for one another as Christ cares for us. A few chapters back he commands, "Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other."

Paul reminds them that no one person or group is better than another. Those who have more should help those who have less. Those who are seasoned in the faith should come alongside those who are new. Those at odds should work toward reconciliation. There should never be a sense that some are worth more than others because in Christ we become something new together.

Being the church means God's love forms the center of our lives, governing our thoughts, words, and actions. This love isn't warm fuzzies, but a *deliberate lived action*. This is something we have to work at, because like anything, Jesus's call requires nurture and exercise. And that gives glory to God.

As most of you know my wife, Brittany, is a Physical Therapist. She often sees patients who, due to various ailments, experience weakness and even atrophy in certain joints and muscles because of disuse or injury.

Atrophy is not just a matter of losing strength. To recover from it the body has to relearn that particular muscle's mechanics all over again. Once that foundation is re-laid strengthening can begin. After that therapy, maintenance begins through regular exercise. "If you don't use it you lose it," they say.

The same goes for following Jesus. If we do not regularly exercise and strengthen those aspects of our lives, they will weaken and even atrophy, which can leave us feeling disconnected and even indifferent. The exercise of discipleship requires small conscious decisions. And like healing, it doesn't happen overnight. It happens as we build up endurance over a lifetime and participate in the church.

How might God be calling us to exercise our faith? Are we loving one another and our neighbors in ways that point them to Jesus and to the church? If so, good, keep going! If not, grace abounds, and the best time to start is now.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Patrick

CHILDREN & YOUTH



*Marty Johnson,
Minister of Children & Youth
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Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 25 - 1 PM TO 3 PM

Our annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 25th from 1 to 3 pm. If you would like to help out or volunteer, please contact Marty Johnson, Linda Lane or Priscilla Morelo.

Our activities will include face painting, bracelet making, spin art, pumpkin painting, and other activities. We will have a hayride, two food trucks and a fire truck, along with our Trunk or Treat! Everyone is encouraged to dress up in costumes and there will be prizes awarded for various categories.

We really need everyone's help to donate individually wrapped candy for use during the Fall Festival. You may place your donations of individually wrapped candy in the container in the narthex.

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Winstead UMC Pumpkin Patch

October 17th -31st

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

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to work a two hour shift. We will be open Monday through Saturday (closed on Sunday) from the 17th till the 31st of October.

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 1st.

ECHO YOUTH SCHEDULE

Note the new starting time.

October 5

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

October 12

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Banner Building

October 19

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm @ West Nash

October 26

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



October Birthdays

Sandy Baker.....	1
MaryEllen Bass.....	1
Randy Marshburn.....	11
Larry Lane.....	19
Connor Griffin.....	23
Sanda Hight.....	26

October Anniversaries

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

Hand in Hand

by Sanda Hight, Chair

Thanks to all who donated to the school supplies drive for Vick Elementary School this year. We delivered a good supply of copy paper, #2 sharpened pencils, colored pencils, and other items to the school on September 18. The school is always appreciative of our donations.

Also, we have 21 Prayer Partners so far from the Vick staff. We signed the cards on the second and third Sundays in September and delivered them to the school. Please read announcements about other ways we can help with activities for the school as the year progresses. You will continue to hear more information about "Books for Vick" and other opportunities. Let us all keep our partner school in prayer.

Women of Winstead

by Sanda Hight

Women of Winstead (WOW) did not have regularly meetings during the summer months, although they were active in helping to coordinate a farewell celebration for Pastor Rachel Kwashe following worship on June 22 and a reception for Pastor Patrick Murphy and his family on September 7.

WOW began its regular meeting schedule on September 20 and will continue to meet on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 at the church. WOW will provide light refreshments for the Cluster Charge Conference on Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 at the church.

WOW discussed ideas about how to use profits from the April chicken salad for needs in the church and community. A final decision about using the profits will be discussed at the October meeting. With many needs in the church and community, WOW will make the decision with much discussion and prayer.

Plans are in progress for a tea to be held in December as an opportunity to reach out to the women in the church and community in fellowship and love during the Christmas season. More announcements will be made about this exciting event later in the fall. Also, WOW will participate in other activities as needed during the fall.

WOW is an opportunity for all women of the church to participate in fellowship, love, learning, sharing, and service to the church and community. All women of the church are encouraged to participate.

The next WOW meeting will be on Saturday, October 18, at 10:00 at the church.

Outreach

by Priscilla Morello

The Outreach Committee will have its regular quarterly meeting on Thursday, October 16, at 1:00 pm at the church. Note the change in time in order to have Pastor Patrick attend the meeting. We will discuss events and activities that are coming up during this last part of the year.

Outreach has committed to help with the Pumpkin Patch and with the Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat which will be Saturday, October 25th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Winstead Church is on a waiting list to get a booth at the Whirligig Festival. We will send an email as soon as we have further information.

As always, thank you for continuing to help others through the Drive-in Food Drive which takes place on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Grant Funds to Help with Our Annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat



It's October and time for our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 25th from 1:00-3:00 pm

We will have The Backyard Grill Food Truck and Butter's Cool Spot Ice Cream Truck to provide food at the event but we will need volunteers to

help run the games, help with the hayride and supervise the Bounce Houses. There will be a sign-up sheet at church to volunteer. Please check out the volunteer opportunities for this great community event.

We also would like folks to sign up if you are planning to have a decorated trunk for the Trunk or Treat.

Speak to Marty or Priscilla if you can help set up and work at the event. This is gonna be even bigger than last year with added bonus of Pastor Partick's Pumpkin Patch!!

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

August Expenses	\$16,666.19
August Income	<u>\$16,708.08</u>
August Budget Excess	\$ 41.89

YTD Expenses through August	\$145,879.29
YTD Income through August	<u>\$127,181.63</u>
YTD Budget Shortage through August	\$(18,697.66)

YTD Income includes \$6,000 from the Conference to help with Pastor's compensation.



OCTOBER AT WINSTEAD

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

Wednesday, October 1

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, October 5

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, October 7

10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study
2:00 pm Hand in Hand

Wednesday, October 8

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Sunday, October 12

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 Charge Conference
5:30 pm ECHO Youth
6:00 pm WAM (Worship and Music)

Monday, October 13

Cooking Peanuts

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, October 15

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)
1:00 pm Outreach Committee

Saturday, October 18

10:00 am Women of Winstead

Sunday, October 19

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)

Monday, October 20

Cooking Peanuts

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, October 22

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)

Saturday, October 25

Newsletter Deadline

1:00 pm Fall Festival

Sunday, October 26

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, October 28

10:00 am Wellness Class
2:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, October 29

5:30 pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

9:30 am Bible Study (Wolfe home)



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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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Come, grow closer to God with us!

Trustees

by Fred Hight, Chair

The Trustees have been busy with improvement to the church property.

The backflow converter has been removed, and the ditch has been covered. The lawn at the front of the church and the three pieces of land on the side of the church have been seeded, but the grass has not done as well as was expected. The church playground equipment is an ongoing project. The dead tree limbs that were hanging above the handbell trailer have been removed. The Trustees continue to monitor the needs of the property and make improvements when needed.



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