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**United Methodist Church**  
5250 Silas Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

**Rev. Elizabeth Graves**  
Pastor



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**Join us for**

**Sunday School**

9:45 a.m.

**Worship**

11:00 a.m.



# Burkhead News



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 9

Passion/Palm Sunday

9:30 am Prayer Chapel

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service  
Stations of the Cross

April 14

7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 16

Easter Sunday

† 9:15 am Resurrection Prayer Breakfast

11:00 am Worship Service



† Sign up for the Resurrection Prayer Breakfast at the church information table or call the church office .



Wonderful, patient Ginny—Ginny Carswell, Burkhead's secretary. She has been waiting for my article, patiently waiting despite the fact that the rest of the newsletter is ready to go to press and to fill the email boxes of the Burkhead faith community. She waits, not knowing that I've drafted countless first paragraphs on countless topics, only to roll my eyes, because every false start is leaving me bored and frustrated. I know I should have something interesting—maybe even profound?—to say about the Easter season or... well, something. Confession: I

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### **Closed Monday**

9:00 am—1:00 pm - Tuesday through Friday

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cannot think of a single interesting thing to write that I haven't already shared in person on Sunday morning, on Wednesday night, or in the bimonthly Tuesday evening *Being Church* study. Whatever I might share about the season or my perspective on the world and faith seem plain boring; and if it bores me, how will it affect you, my dear reader?

I do not contend that my life or ministry at Burkhead is boring! In contrast to my lack luster attempts at this newsletter article, sharing dynamic worship and study experiences with the Burkhead congregation has been personally energizing and spiritually enriching. The Lenten season has afforded the opportunity to focus on the spiritual disciples and Lenten scriptures and then to work through them with other Burkhead disciples. For those life-giving opportunities, I am extremely grateful to the Burkhead faith family. Specifically, the Tuesday evening study has challenged me to focus on the ways we practice the presence of God, then take the presence of Christ into the world with the prayer that our witness will make others hungry to learn about this *amazing grace*.

So, I suppose the most interesting thing I have to say has nothing to do with any kind of pastoral wisdom, but a simple report and word of thanksgiving; the Burkhead faith community is actively *practicing the presence of God* and empowering one another to go into the world to share the presence of Christ. Every Thursday morning, women are engaging scripture and sharing the impact of God's word in their lives. Every Sunday morning, I continue to be amazed at the way Guy Kelpin seamlessly weaves the music into the overall fabric of worship, highlighting the scripture and, along with Tom Turnbull, providing us the very song our hearts long to cry out. On Wednesday and Tuesday evenings, I am humbled by the honesty and vulnerability given and received as we study the scriptures and traditions of the church that form our lives and guide our discipleship. Week after week, members of Burkhead are engaging in outreach to *the poor, the hungry, the naked, the stranger*. And of course, in the days in between, when my *ministry* seems more administrative than pastoral, the church office staff remind me of the holiness of doing the *work* of the church as Sandra Galyean, our financial secretary, patiently researches another question for me or answers the same question, "one more time." And even when I have missed deadlines, brought in

another last-minute request, or forgotten an important date, I am encouraged, even pampered, by an always kind and cheerful Ginny Carswell whose very presence is a witness to her faith.

No great wisdom, no earth-shaking revelation, this month I'm simply thankful to share space and faith with all that makes up Burkhead. If you haven't experienced the presence of Christ at Burkhead lately, I pray you will reacquaint yourself with the disciples that gather here; see you on Sunday.

*Elizabeth*

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

(Helpers should report at 10:45 a.m.)

- April 2 Barry Crotty & Helper
- April 9 Becky Arnott & Helper
- April 16 Lynn & Terry Blumenthal
- April 23 Gale Sink & Helper
- April 30 Barry Crotty & Helper

**BURKHEAD'S UNSUNG HEROES**

Yearly we recognize someone who has contributed his/her time and talent to Burkhead. And, to that person we say, "Many thanks." However, there are many more who could be recognized.



Look around you.... Who do you see and what are they doing? Maybe they are greeting at the door on Sunday mornings. Or are they handing out bulletins? Are they visiting shut-ins? (That would be hard for us to see.) Or serving in the nursery? Serving communion?

Are they writing a poem to cheer us up? Is someone responsible for taking a count in your class? Maybe they lock up the church after events and on Sundays. Maybe you were only able to buy a ticket or two to the Chicken BBQ – that helped. Did they greet a visitor? Or just quietly served on a committee?

Each and every person who attends Burkhead and supports it with their time and talent and money is an "Unsung Hero." It would be nice to be able to name all of them but that would mean listing every person's name because, you see, everybody at Burkhead does their part and deserved the title "Hero."

**THANKS, Heroes!**

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals**

Our Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers continue with much success. The cost remains \$6 for adults, children free. All first timers eat free. Betty Bewley will be stocking the pantry. Please check it out before you shop. You may sign up at the information center or call the church office no later than Monday of each week and leave a message. Our April menus are:

- April 5 Sandwich Bar
- April 12 No Meal – Holy Week
- April 19 Baked Chicken & Rice
- April 26 Hot Dogs

**FINANCIAL UPDATE—FEBRUARY 2017**

- Total Funds Received: \$17,645
- Total Annual Budget Funds Received: \$14,717
- Total Annual Budget Funds Spent: \$20,080
- End of February Operating Balance: \$35,663

**EASTER MISSION GIFTS**

In honor of or in memory of friends or loved ones at Easter we may make donations to missions for our Food Drive and Open Arms. Forms are available in bulletins for Sunday, April 2 and 9. The deadline to have names listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday is April 9.

*Burkhead United Methodist Church*  
 5250 Silas Creek Pkwy.  
 Presents  
*"Music on the Hill"*  
**SAVE THESE DATES**  
**July 9**  
**July 23**  
**August 6**  
**August 20**



**April Anniversaries**

- 8 Mary Elizabeth & Aaron Shough
- 21 Jane & Richard Rogers
- 30 Kathy & Rod Fiddle



**April Birthdays**

- 1 Betty Bewley  
Bruce Griset, Jr.
- 2 Dorothy Fulk  
John Griset  
Catherine Patrick
- 3 Meredith Mende
- 6 Betty Powers
- 11 Rick Mende
- 13 Jack Jordan
- 20 Allison Raker
- 21 Beth Warren-Hicks
- 23 Jo Ann Burton



**Memorial Gifts**

February 28—March 28



In memory of **Evelyn Kinder:**  
(Brenda Barlow's Mother)  
by John & Shirley Hedrick  
Larry Parks

I hope everyone has had a chance to see the beautiful **Little Free Libraries** that are in the fellowship hall. Thank you to Murray Sink, Barry Crotty, Greg Lisle, Curt Hicks, Lynn Blumenthal, Gale Sink, Lulu Moore, and Beth and Isabel Warren-Hicks for building, painting, and decorating the libraries. Also, thanks to Lib Jones for providing snacks for the volunteers.

One LFL will be placed at Burkhead for the neighborhood to access. The second one will be placed at Open Arms Community on Sprague Street, and the third one will be placed at The Potter's House on 25th Street. Now we are recruiting readers who will be willing to read at story times for children at those locations. Please let Gale Sink know if you would be willing to help some children become more literate.



**2017 MEN'S SPIRITUAL RALLY**

Saturday, April 29 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
CROSSNORE Children's Home Campus  
1001 Reynolda Road • Winston Salem NC

**Am I my brother's keeper?**

Flyers and information for registering at the information table.  
Website to register: [wnccumm.org/register](http://wnccumm.org/register)



*We would like to thank Pastor Elizabeth and all our church members for the prayers, cards, flowers, visits and the meals they prepared for us following my recent knee surgery. We are convinced that all your kindnesses have contributed to my speedy recovery. Thanks to all.*

*Peg and Mike*

From Samaritan Ministries



Dear Burkhead:

Thank you for your recent gift to Samaritan Ministries. Many people may think of our shelter guests as permanent fixtures of the landscape, but more and more, our shelter is a waystation for people who are going through difficult transitions. Your gifts mean that we have enough staff to spend time with guests, to counsel and encourage them and help them find the right path. Thanks for your prayers, your gifts and your generosity. They help plant the seeds for new beginnings of all kinds.

Grace and peace,  
Sonjia Kurosky, Executive Director

## BURKHEAD REACHES OUT

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12: 9-13—This is the scripture passage the Outreach Committee has been studying and praying with this month. As we reach out into the world, this is why we do what we do. Join us as we read, pray, and serve!

Undie Sunday Collection - During March we participated in the Undie Sunday collection for the Salvation Army's Center of Hope. This is the only homeless shelter in town that takes families and parents with children. New socks and underwear make a big difference to children without a permanent home. Thanks to your generosity, 218 babies can have a clean diaper; 79 children will have a clean pair of socks to wear, and 113 children will have a new pair of underwear. Thank you for loving homeless children.

UMCOR Health and Hygiene Kits - On Sunday, March 26, a special collection was taken for UMCOR. This is our United Methodist agency that responds to disasters around the world. Along with that special collection, we were asked to donate Health and Hygiene Kits because the supplies have been depleted with the recent hurricanes, floods, and fires. Burkhead assembled kits using the Ash Wednesday offering money to send to the Mission Resource Center. Thanks to Katie Moore, Gloria McGurk, and Lib Jones for taking on this project. Thank you for loving those affected by disaster.

Books for Old Town Second Graders - Having books to call their own helps children become more literate and therefore increases their opportunities in life. For many years, the people of Burkhead have participated in giving the Second Graders at Old Town Elementary School a new book to call their own to read over the summer. Your donations are needed to buy the books. There are 106 Second Graders this year. We have already received some donations, but we need at least \$200 more to purchase the books. You may place your donations in the offering plate with "Old Town Books" in the memo line. Books will be purchased later this month to give to the school. Thank you for giving the gift of literacy to children.

Once again you have outdone yourself during the month of March and donated a load of toiletries for the Ibrahim Food Ministry headed by our neighbor Lutheran Church of the Epiphany. I deliver your items to that church and pile them in the bin each week. Then the head of their food ministry, Jackie and Jim Pierson, take these items over to Ibrahim Elementary School on Saturdays and give them to the 50 families who have been chosen to receive food. Due to Burkhead UMC's Outreach Program and you kind people, these folks can now have the supplies they could use for daily living. They are truly thankful for your generous donations.

The item for the month of April is tall garbage bags. (13 gal. size) The collection box is labeled and stationed on the sign up table.

Again, thank you for all of your help!

*Katie Moore*



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Baking Ministry project in March. Our birthday cake decorating was a big success and lots of fun! We delivered 22 decorated cakes to Samaritan Ministries. They were happy to receive them and will hand them out to their guests when they have a birthday. We were told they love deserts!

Our next baking session will be on April 22. We will be making special deserts for HOPE. Please join us for this fun fellowship while helping the hungry in our community.

See you there.

We have completed three Sundays, February 26, March 5 and 26, of sandwich making for H. O. P. E. (Help Our People Eat). We committed Burkhead to making 100 sandwiches two Sundays a month, the 1st and 4th.. Each sandwich along with yogurt or a piece of fruit, dessert, and napkin are placed in a paper bag and stapled for delivery after 12 on Sunday to one of H.O.P.E.'s delivery sites.

What is H.O.P.E.

H.O.P.E. is a community-wide effort to use the resources of the interfaith and college communities to assemble and distribute healthy meals to children in their own neighborhoods on Sundays, the one day not covered by the federal lunch program or the backpack program. They use a large green truck with a sound system like an ice cream truck to deliver meals plus collected produce to sites in food deserts where children are hungry and families don't have access to fresh produce.

The group of Burkhead members that are doing this are having a great time fellowshiping, making sandwiches, bagging, laughing and feeding those in need. There is always room for more members to join in the fun to help our people eat (H.O.P.E.) It would be great to have more help so that a member would make sandwiches once a month. So I ask each of you to pray and find out if God says, "Why don't you give it a try". As Mikie says, "You may like it". Just give Beth Dixon a call at 998-6349 or email me at [bethddixon@me.com](mailto:bethddixon@me.com).

*Love in Christ, Beth Dixon*

**OPEN ARMS MINISTRY – ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO HELP!**

When: Monday, May 1, 2017 at 1 p.m.

Where: Burkhead Kitchen

Please come and help us prepare chicken casseroles for the Community Hispanic Bible Study which will be held at Open Arms on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All ingredients and supplies will be provided, but we need individuals to help assemble the casseroles. Don't miss this opportunity to help our church serve Christ in the world.

## Hope du Jour

**When eating out  
is more than a meal.**

Dine out on Tuesday, May 2, and 10% of your meal cost will be donated to Crisis Control Ministry. Find a complete list of the many participating restaurants and search for those closest to you by going to [hopedujour.org](http://hopedujour.org).



Second Harvest Food Bank  
Empty Bowls  
April 26, 2017  
Benton Convention Center  
11a.m. – 2p.m. Drop in anytime!  
\$25 in advance - \$35 at the door

Ticket price includes lunch and a pottery bowl.

- **A tasty soup lunch** |  
Provided by the area's top restaurants
- **Beautiful handcrafted and painted pottery bowls** |  
Crafted by area artists
- **A fabulous silent auction** |  
Made possible by generous area artists  
**The Empty Bowls Store**