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Join us for

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.



Burkhead News



Advent Devotions

Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22
12:15 — 12:45

December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent
11:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
12:15 Sandwiches & Advent workshop

December 7 Wednesday

6:00 Fellowship Dinner & Program

December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent

11:00 Chancel Choir Cantata—Sanctuary
3:00 Christmas Caroling—Meet at Church

December 14 Wednesday

6:00 Pancake Supper by UMM & Program

December 18 4th Sunday of Advent

11:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
12:00 Best Christmas Ever—Fellowship Hall

December 24

6:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25

11:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary





"In the end is the beginning," wrote T.S. Elliot in his poem "The Four Quartets." The movement of seasons, nature, life and death give witness to the constancy of life, death, and rebirth. No where do we see and feel this more vividly in the church than during this time of year; we usher in a new church year with Advent, close out the secular calendar, and enter a new year by declaring our resolutions for a better life in the year ahead.

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2016 has been a year of introspection at Burkhead, and 2017 provides the opportunity to give ourselves with renewed vigor to the call of discipleship.

In the end is the beginning; we have ended the search for another congregation to systemically yoke with Burkhead, and we have resolved to recognize what gifts and graces Burkhead has that can be fully developed.

In the end is the beginning; I challenge Burkhead congregants to ask themselves "what behaviors or attitudes need to die in order to make room for a new life of ministry?"

In the end is the beginning; what old activities no longer serve the purpose of making disciples of Christ, and how will allowing them to die provide time for more meaningful outreach to the community?

In the end is the beginning; what new behaviors or spiritual disciplines can each of us *begin* that will bring an *end* to what is unhealthy in our lives? Examples: purposeful observance of a weekly Sabbath; faithful practice of daily prayer and scripture reading; honoring God's creation and our call to stewardship; healthy lifestyle changes, etc.

Christians do not enter into a new year with the same blithe regard for New Year's resolutions that are forgotten before the next full moon. Christians enter the new year defined by the Christ of the resurrection, reminding ourselves that the death of unhealthy behaviors, attitudes, or even unrealistic dreams can be a gift as they make room for new growth, fresh perspectives, and rebirth.

May the New Church year be a time of revelation; revealing what has or must die and what new discipleship ventures God chooses to bring to life.

Elizabeth

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Our Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers continue with much success. The cooking teams can always use more help and if you would like to be a member on one of the teams please let Brenda Raker-Gentry know. Our Dec/Jan menus are:

December 7	Chicken & Rice
December 14	Pancake Meal by UMM
December 21	No Meal (Christmas)
December 28	No Meal (Christmas)
January 4	Pizza & Salad
January 11	Fried or Rosemary Chicken
January 18	Sandwich Bar
January 25	Baked Chicken & Rice

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

December 4	Lynn B. & Helper
December 11	Gale S. & Helper
December 18	Becky & Keith A. & Helper
December 25	Sylvia A. & Helper
January 1	TBA
January 8	TBA
January 15	TBA
January 22	TBA
January 29	TBA

FINANCIAL UPDATE

An update on the pledge campaign:

Current total is \$165,210. \$14,896 from the Totherow Music account will be added.

This will bring the total to \$180,106. We need \$25,362 more to meet our 2017 total.

Thanks be to God and to all of those who have pledged!

MISSION BUILDING TEAM

This year we have had major flooding in Eastern North Carolina and West Virginia. Is there any interest for Burkhead to have a Mission Building Team go to either of these areas? On December 14th, after the pancake meal, there will be a meeting for those who would consider being part of a team.

If you are interested and cannot attend on the 14th, give Barry Crotty a call.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

On Sunday, Dec. 4, following worship, join us for a sandwich lunch and Advent crafting. There will be things to do for all ages! Make something for yourself, your home, to give as a gift--come to participate in the Advent season! As we prepare our hearts and minds, let us prepare to decorate and share with others the gifts of our hands. We will also be making things to share with our shut-ins this Christmas season. Bring a friend to enjoy this special afternoon with!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Take a break from the hectic side of the holidays and join us for a devotion and prayer time on Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22. The time is 12:15-12:45 to allow folks to come on their lunch hour. Feel free to bring a sandwich along. We will have drinks and dessert available following the service.

Also, we will have the Nativity room open where you can see nativities from many places.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join you as we take a break to keep us centered on the reason we celebrate and to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah.

NATIVITIES FROM NEAR AND FAR

Plan to visit the Nativity room (on the Children's wing) to see a display of nativities from many places. The room will be open following worship, advent devotions, and Wednesday night fellowship meals during December. All around the world, Christ's birth is remembered. Take note of the materials used to make the nativities as well as the cultural differences in the dress and the animals of various places. Make sure to bring your friends and family members to spend time with these depictions of the birth of our Savior.



December Birthdays

- 3 Jonathan Hedrick
John Summerson
- 9 Peggy Bishop
- 10 Andrew Ketchie
Will Sherrill
- 19 Jim Ray, Sr.
- 21 Wanda Eller
- 22 Ann Chipman
- 23 Lynn Blumenthal
Durwood Howell
- 24 Sylvia Allen
- 28 Glenda Ketchie
- 29 Susan Disher
- 30 Lib Jones



December Anniversaries

- 1 Shirley & John Hedrick
- 10 Chrissy & Will Sherrill



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Burkhead United Methodist Men will be holding our 29th annual pine needle sale in 2017. This is our major fund raiser for the year and we need everyone to participate as fully as they are able. Order forms will go out the week of January 2, 2017 and will be available at the information table outside the kitchen for church members to use or distribute (we don't mail order forms to church members in order to save a few pennies in postage). Orders will be accepted on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Last year we had to turn away a few orders so don't delay in sending yours in.

The two delivery and pick-up days will be Saturday February 25th and Saturday March 4, 2017. Orders can be picked up on those days between 9AM and Noon, or by special arrangement with the UMM.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

Please donate them to the First Annual Burkhead Holiday Decor Sale!

Christmas Trees, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Wreaths, Garlands, Linens, Holiday Decor of all types will be accepted (and appreciated!!!)..All Holidays are included!

Ask your family & friends to donate too!

You can go ahead and bring them at your convenience and place them in the Senior High room by the back entrance of the church.

We'll have a sale next Fall and we're planning to renovate the Parlor with the proceeds!

Please contact Beth Warren-Hicks with questions: beth.warren@hanes.com

Remember...

As we enter this season of Advent, let us remember those among us who are not as blessed as we are. We have several ways in which we can do this:

Support the BUMC Food Drive with nonperishable foods or money to the Food Drive. Remember the Storehouse for Jesus also accepts clothing.

Drop your pennies in the Samaritan Penny Campaign jars at church.

Drop your change in the Salvation Army's red kettles.

Contact by mail or phone someone you know who isn't feeling "on top of the world" for any reason: sick, loss of loved one, lonely and just needs a card or phone call.

We are called on to reach out to others but with our busy life styles, it is so easy to forget – let it slip our mind. Make yourself a note and post it where you **can't** miss it, to call a friend.



CARING HANDS HAS scheduled the 12th annual “Best Christmas Ever” for Sunday, December 18, 2016, immediately following conclusion of morning worship service. Lunch will be potluck. Caring Hands will provide the meats – fried chicken and ham – for the meal. Please bring your favorite dish(es) to share. Coffee, tea, lemonade, and water will also be provided. Let’s make the 2016 Burkhead family celebration of Christmas our truly best ever.

A TASTE OF MISSION IN DECEMBER--SHARE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

During December, there are many ways to reach out to others. Check the angel tree in the hallway for the name of a child to buy a gift for. We have children from the Hispanic Ministry and Carter High School. Please attach the angel card to your wrapped gift and return it to the church by Wednesday, December 14.

You may also bring unwrapped gifts appropriate for teens which will go to the Potter's House or unwrapped toys to go to the Salvation Army toy drive.

Help bring a smile to someone in need this Christmas!



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

In January, help us build the Little Free Libraries that will be put at Open Arms Community and the Potter's House. We will be bringing books to children and adults in areas where they are not always available. In addition to placing the libraries in the community, we will be setting up story times in the future. If you want to help build the libraries, contact Murray Sink. If you are interested in helping with story times, let Gale Sink know.

Community Women's Bible Study

We completed our fall study on First, Second, and Third John and discussed what to do next. Some women wanted a winter study and some wanted to wait until spring for the next one. So, there will be a sign-up sheet on the information table to tell us your preference. A decision will be made when we see how everyone responds. Please let us know what you would prefer



January Birthdays

- 1 Barry Crotty
- 2 Jean Alexander
Cristy Crotty
- 5 Barabara Pappas
Gretchen Rodda
- 7 Mel Wagstaff Sr.
- 9 Ralph Futrell
- 10 Paula Totherow
- 11 Joni Howell
- 12 John Patrick
- 18 Rod Friddle
Kaycee Thomas
- 25 Nancy Boyles



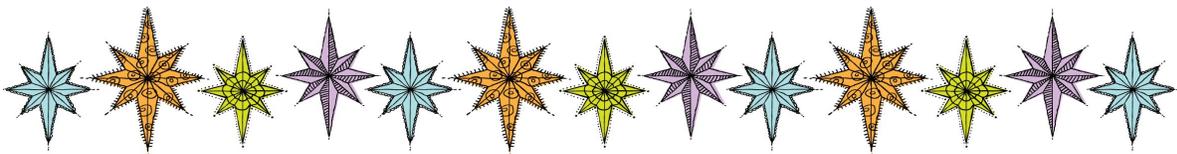
No January Anniversaries

Outreach Committee News

During 2016, we have had the opportunity to learn about and participate in many ministries. We gave you a "Taste of Mission" each month. Now we have the opportunity to go deeper. With money from the 2015 barbecue, we will begin some on-going ministries. We will be participating in the Backpack Program which sends food home with children on the weekends. We will also be starting a Baking Ministry which will help Project H.O.P.E. as well as other needs we see. Another ongoing project will be providing meals for Open Arms Community. Finally, the Little Free Libraries and story times will begin in 2017. (See related article.) Additionally, a Mission Building Team will be going to West Virginia in the spring. (See related article.) Exciting plans are underway for the coming year! Prayerfully consider how you can be in Ministry to the community and the world! If you have ideas for ways the people of Burkhead can be in Ministry to the community or the world, let a member of the Outreach Committee know. If you wish to volunteer for one of the above ministries, we will have sign up sheets in January.

As chair of the Outreach Committee, I would like to thank Beth Dixon and Joni Howell for their hard work all year on the committee and to welcome and thank Mike and Peg Price who joined the committee this fall. If anyone else feels called to serve on the Outreach Committee for the coming year, please let me know. New members of the committee are welcome! My sincere thanks to all of the members of Burkhead who have given of themselves to minister to God's people this year.

Gale Sink



“Christmas Cantata”

The Burkhead Choir will present a selection of Christmas music celebrating the birth of Christ on Sunday, December 11, at 11 a.m. Please join us in this annual celebration.



*Christmast Eve Candelight
Communion Service
6 pm*