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Rev. Elizabeth Graves
Pastor



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Join us for

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.



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Advent Devotions

Wednesday Dec. 6th –20th
5:30 pm

Community Advent Bible Study

Thursday, December 7th-2st
9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent

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



December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent
11:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary

December 24

4th Sunday of Advent

11:00 Chancel Choir Cantata—Sanctuary
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



*Sounds
of the
Season*





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year my dear sisters and brothers of the Burkhead United Methodist Church.

I know that the Lord made it possible for each of you to have a blessed and beautiful Thanksgiving. As we now wait for the birthday celebration of God’s only Son Jesus, and makes our entrance into the New Year of 2018. As He leads us in the season of Advent, let us all remember the real meaning of the season. A time to give to all people and bring peace into His world as we get ready to celebrate another birthday of Jesus .

Christmas for me is a very important part of my journey

with God and His Son, as I reflect on the gift that God gave to this world. That is the gift of Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. The story of this gift to the world was told some two thousand years ago, when the world received the first gift which is the meaning of Christmas today. It was a cold night in a stable with animals; Jesus laid in a manger on a bed of hay. Angels sent from on high told of the gift and told people to come and to worship the new born King. The King that the angels from on high was talking about, is the King who has been with each of us and this church this year, the King that the angels were talking about is the one who feeds us when we are hungry for his food, and will protect each of us as we leave 2017 and enter 2018. We are blessed during this Advent season to be able to celebrate this glorious season that comes once a year during the month of December. Jesus was not born like babies we know today, but had a different type of birth on that cold winter night. His birth has and always will go down in history as the Holy Ghost presented His only Son, the one who still has all power in His hands during this Advent season.

“Mary had a baby, we didn’t know who he was, our eyes were blind we could not see. Sweet little Jesus boy born long time ago. “Love came down at Christmas and I know that love is mine. Both Advent songs we sing and hear in stores while we get ready for December 25th.

As we wait for the New Year of 2018, join me in prayer for a great New Year in Christ name. Continue to pray for the church and its members. Ask Jesus to send new members to join His house so that when they see His star in the east in their own lives, they will follow Jesus make disciples and transform the world. Step out on faith during the New Year, and never forget the same one who brought joy and peace in your life in 2017 the same will do that and more in 2018.

I look forward to seeing each of you at all of the Advent events at Burkhead and the ones we will have in the community.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Rev. Dr. Carl L. Manuel, Jr.,
Senior Pastor

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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 3	Gale S & Judy V
December 10	Lynn B & Barry C
December 17	Becky & Keith A
December 24	Beth D & ?
December 31	Barry C on stand by
January 7	TBA
January 14	TBA
January 21	TBA
January 28	TBA

FINANCE

Extra "2018 Pledge Cards" are available on the table outside the sanctuary for your use, if you have not returned your commitment card yet. These may be turned into the office, placed in the offering plate, or handed to Beth Dixon, Treasurer.

Please remember that the IRS requires that all 2017 donations of cash or checks be received by the church office or placed in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 31, 2017. Envelopes with mailed contributions must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2017. Thank you for helping us adhere to these IRS regulations.

Community Advent Bible Study

Everyone is invited to participate in a special Advent Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Carl will be teaching this class based on the Adam Hamilton study called, The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem. This a four week study which begins Thursday, Nov. 30 and ends Thursday, Dec. 21. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us! This is a great way to help you focus on what Christmas is really about.

Nativities from Near and Far

Stop by to visit our display of beautiful nativities during the month of December. There will be a special area for "visiting" nativities, shared by the congregation for a part of the season. If you have a Nativity set you would like to share with everyone, let Gale Sink know. The room will be open during church activities. Visit often to enjoy these depictions of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL CHRISTAMS TREE

On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 5:30 p.m., we plan to decorate the Fellowship Hall Christmas Tree. Remember, this is the Christmas Tree that has your faces on it! Decorations should be in place by 6:00 p.m., so sign up for the Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and let's enjoy a meal together!! The Crotty's are in charge of this Wednesday night meal—so, you know it will be delicious.

When It's Cold Outside...

Many in our community lack a warm coat to wear. During the month of January, look through your closets for coats you no longer wear and drop them off at any A Cleaner World location. When they release the information about the distribution days, we will see if we can get a group together to help with the coat distribution. The distribution is coordinated by the Salvation Army.



December Birthdays

- 3 Jonanthan Hedrick
- 8 John Summerson
- 9 Peggy Bishop
- 9 Scott Smith
- 9 Steve Smith
- 10 Andrew Ketchie
- 19 Jim Ray Sr.
- 21 Wanda Eller
- 22 Ann Chipman
- 23 Lynn Blumenthal
- 23 Durwood Howell
- 24 Sylvia Allen
- 27 Carol Russell
- 28 Glenda Ketchie
- 29 Susan Disher
- 29 Paul Kelpin
- 30 Lib Jones



December Anniversaries

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



Memorial Gifts



In memory of **Lovie Lawson**
by Murray and Gale Sink
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Craver

In memory of **Nancy Hicken**
(Joni Howell's mother)
By Joh & Shirley Hedrick
Lib Jones
Betty Bewley

ROBIN MANKA AND RICK MENDE ARE SO HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE the marriage of our daughter, Meredith Mende, to Sean Kejriwal. They were wed on Friday, November 17, in New York. After the ceremony at City Hall, festivities included a wonderful luncheon at Otto Restaurant in Manhattan, and a party for family and close friends later in the evening in Brooklyn. Meredith and Sean will be taking a honeymoon trip after the first of the year, and will live at 168 Meserole Street, Apt 2A in Brooklyn, NY 11206. We invite the Burkhead family to share our joy and our prayers for much love and many years of happiness for the newlyweds.



“Christmas Cantata”

The Burkhead Choir will present a selection of Christmas music celebrating the birth of Christ on Sunday, December 24, at 11 a.m. Please join us in this annual celebration.



BEST CHRISTMAS EVER #12

BEST CHRISTMAS EVER is scheduled for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (around noon). We will share a potluck luncheon. "Caring Hands" will provide the meat (chicken and ham), plus coffee and tea. Please bring your favorite (and best) dish to share with the Burkhead family. Invite your family and friends to join us for our family celebration of Christmas and enjoy food, fellowship and fun together. Christmas caroling will be after the meal. Come dressed to go caroling.

All are invited

Baking Ministry

Our Baking Ministry has changed the name and function. We will now be the Special Needs Cooking and Baking Ministry. We will help prepare for special events planned by the Church. Meeting dates will be on an as needed basis and the dates will be published and volunteers will be notified.

Our first project is to prepare a meal for the Wake Forest Wesley Foundation on January 25th. The plan at this time is to prepare "Sloppy Joe's" and have members of the congregation prepare side dishes. We will publish details in early

January.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in our baking in 2017. It has been fun! I look forward to providing more opportunities for us to serve in 2018. Article on H.O.P.E.

H.O.P.E. Sandwich Making

H.O.P.E. sandwich making is going good. February of next year we will have been making 100 sandwiches for one year. The fellowship of the church members who participate grows each Sunday. There is a lot of laughing and giggling which is good for us. Knowing we are helping feed 1,200 children each Sunday makes us feel good inside the heart. Sunday, December 3 will be our last sandwich making Sunday for 2017. We start again on January 7, 2018. Gosh! 2017 has flown by. Our sandwich making again will be the first and last Sundays of each month. For first quarter of 2018, they are January 7 and 28, February 4 and 25, and March 4 and 25. If any of you would like to join in the fun, let me know - Beth Dixon.



January Birthdays

- 1 Barry Crotty
- 2 Jean Alexander
- 2 Cristy Crotty
- 5 Barbara Pappas
- 7 Mel Wagstaff, Sr.
- 9 Ralph Futrell
- 10 Paul Tothorow
- 11 Joni Howell
- 12 John Patrick
- 17 Charlotte Strom
- 18 Rod Friddle
- 18 Kaycee Thomas
- 25 Nancy Boyles



No January Anniversaries

Special Opportunities to Give During this Christmas Season

Angel Tree--Stop by the tree in the hall and pick the name of a child in need to buy a gift for. Wrap the gift and attach the tag and place it under the tree. Please sign the list so we know the child has been chosen. Return the gift by the date on the tag.

Salvation Army Christmas Assistance Toy Sorting--It takes a lot of help to get the gifts sorted and bagged up for the 3000+ children who will receive gifts on Christmas morning. Sign up to join with your Burkhead friends for a few hours to lend a hand. We will go together on Tuesday, December 5 from 1-4 pm. The new location this year is 910 Trade Street NW. Dress warmly as it is a warehouse.

Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry Cookie Project--All Forsyth County prisoners are hoping to get a bag of Christmas cookies this holiday, delivered by Ministry volunteer Carolers. If you would like to bake and donate some cookies, they need 2500 "sturdy", large (about 3 in. in diameter) cookies. Please have them at the church between Dec. 10-14. Please sign up so we can let them know how many cookies we will donate.

Burkhead Food Drive--The need for food in our community remains high. During this season, remember those who are hungry and donate to the Burkhead Food Drive for Storehouse for Jesus and Catholic Charities.

2017 Outreach at a Glance

Many thanks to those who have participated in the many opportunities Burkhead Church has been a part of this year as we shared God's love with our community and our world. This is not a comprehensive list, but I just wanted to remind you all of some of the ways we have "reached out" this year. The H.O.P.E. volunteers made 100 bag lunches twice each month. The Backpack volunteers delivered Backpack meals to the children at Speas Elementary School every Friday during the school year. We sponsored an Item of the Month drive for the Ibrahim Elementary School Food Pantry. The Baking Ministry group met to bake for many groups such as the SECU Family House, Open Arms Community, Hospice Home, Samaritan Ministries, the Bethesda Center, and other projects. Our Literacy Project built and placed three Little Free Libraries in the community. Books have been donated for the project and a weekly Reading program has been set up at Open Arms Community. A group of about 25 children and a group of volunteers come together to read and be read to each week, along with getting a meal, books to read, and fun field trip opportunities to bring their reading to life. We visited a spray park, a Library, and the fire station. We have gone to a play, attended a concert, attended the Bookmarks Festival, and went to the Museum of Anthropology. At the end of the summer, we took the children who had earned the most points on a train trip to Charlotte. During December, we have a storyteller coming to visit and each of the children will receive a new book as a Christmas gift. In addition, we have provided a meal every other month for the Hispanic Bible Study that meets at Open Arms Community. The volunteers met to prepare the casseroles for this project throughout the year. We participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring with our donation going to the Samaritan Soup Kitchen. We wrote letters to military personnel and veterans through Operation Gratitude. We provided new books for every second grade student at Old Town Elementary School. At the end of the summer, we collected school supplies for children at the Potter's House and Open Arms Community. We filled Christmas shoeboxes for Project Agape in Armenia. We fed the JV football team at Mt. Tabor High School this fall. Now that the Christmas season is upon us, we will be helping out in various ways throughout the community.

I wanted to just remind you about all the lives that the people of Burkhead have touched through the Outreach Projects and the volunteers from Burkhead. Thank you all for the time and resources you have shared this year. If you have not yet found the way in which you wish to share your time and talents, speak to a member of the Outreach Committee, or even volunteer to join the committee. New members are welcome!

I especially want to say a big Thank You to those who have served so selflessly on the Outreach Committee during 2017--Peg Price, Beth Dixon, Gloria McGurk, Katie Moore, Lib Jones, and Joni Howell. Also thank you to Pastor Carl who has supported our efforts.

Gale Sink
Outreach Chair