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Pastor



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Join us for

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Men

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

The annual Valentine's Banquet will be presented by the United Methodist Men on Saturday, February 11th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a catered meal and entertainment by Shiloh Hill, who previously performed during Music on the Hill last summer. This event is open to everyone, whether you have a Sweetheart to bring or not. Invite your friends and neighbors.



Please sign up at the information table by Sunday, February 5th. Cost is \$14 per person. Please give your money or check to Murray Sink, or pay on the night of banquet. Also, please let us know if transportation is needed. Please join us for an evening of great food and entertainment.

PINE NEEDLE SALE

Our United Methodist Men are once again selling pine needles.

Prices are \$5.00 delivered and \$4.75 for pick up at the church. Delivery and pick up dates are February 25th and March 4th.



NOTE: The bales are smaller this year, so the price has been adjusted accordingly. You will want to purchase more bales in order to get the same amount of needles as before. The Pine Needle Order form will help you figure that out. You can find a form at the information table outside Fellowship Hall, the church office, or ask that one be mailed to you.

Feel free to pick up additional forms to give to friends and neighbors. Your help and participation in UMM's only fundraising event is important to help us be able to support missions within and outside of Burkhead.





This week, as I was rushing from one meeting to another, I was delightfully surprised to run into an old friend whom I haven't seen in several years. We hurriedly compared our afternoon schedules and carved out a few minutes to share a coffee and catch up. The coffee was simply a prop serving the bigger purpose of simply sitting with one another. Lost in conversation, laughter, shared concerns, and more laughter, eventually we had to surrender our wishes to the demands of prescheduled lives,

and we ended our time together to return to other commitments. As I gathered my things to leave, I was keenly aware that I did not so much regret leaving the conversation, as I regretted leaving my friend's *presence*. Simply sharing each other's presence had been healing.

The church continues to strive to make an impact on the world. We gauge our vitality by the number of people we attract to our program ministries and worship, and at Burkhead we struggle to find new ways to go beyond our walls to minister to the world and bring new people into the community. I wonder, however, if God's call might be much simpler than we have made it. Maybe, our calling is simply to be the inviting, life-changing *presence* of Christ in the world. I suspect that if we were truly the vital *presence of Christ* we would experience the holy vitality that we have mistakenly tried to *create*. I suspect we would find Jesus' promises to be true, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people* to myself." (John 12:32)

I invite you to ponder that possibility with me in the form of a study that I am calling, "Being Church." Beginning February 21, we will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm, to consider the question of how to give our lives to Christ in such a way as to be the living presence of Christ in the world. Think of this as an open discernment team where *everyone* is invited to prayerfully commit to the questions around the future vitality of Burkhead UMC and its individual members. Participants will be invited to read books about church organization and growth as well as texts on spiritual formation and discipleship. Some weeks we will discuss specific literature concerning church vitality. Most weeks we will talk about new options for vital discipleship and ministry. Every week, we will pray, read scripture, and challenge one another to *be the presence of Christ in the world* as we learn to be the presence of Christ to one another.

I hope you will join me and your fellow disciples in sitting with each other a while. Until then, See you on Sunday!

Elizabeth

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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 Betty Bewley know. The cost remains \$6 for adults, children free. All first timers eat free. 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 February menus are:

- February 1 Chicken Pie
- February 8 Pizza and Salad
- February 15 Fried or Rosemary Chicken
- February 22* Sandwiches & salads

*Morning Glories will perform.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-End 2016

- Pledges not paid were 4.5%.
- All operating expenses were paid, including District and Conference Apportionments.

The 2016 Contribution Statements are on the sign-up table for pick up. Those not picked up by January 29 will be mailed. If you find discrepancies, please call Sandra Gaylean, Financial Secretary, at the church and leave a message, or email her at sgalyean@outlook.com before February 15 to receive a corrected copy.

2017

- We start the year with \$39,000 in the Operating Budget.
- Pledges increased by 7% over 2016.

BURKHEAD DINNER GROUPS

Do you enjoy sharing a meal with others? Do you want to get to know some Burkhead folks better? If the answer is YES, sign up to participate in a Dinner Group! The groups of approximately 8 people meet once a month to share a meal together at a place and time the group decides on. Fill out a registration form and return it to the church office or to Gale Sink. Registration forms will be included in Worship Bulletins on February 5 and 12 and on the sign-up table. The new groups will begin meeting in March. Forms are due by February 19.

VISITING TEAM

Is your gift one of friendship and caring? Sign up to be a part of Burkhead's Visiting Team. There is a sign up sheet on the information table if you would like to be a part of this ministry. If you have questions, contact Peggy Bishop.

COMMUNITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are trying to decide when to start our next study. We want to know whether you want to begin in February or March. Please sign the sheet on the information table and indicate your preference. We look forward to inviting women from the community to join us as we learn more about the Bible and grow spiritually together. Watch for the dates and the study information soon!

NEW PROCEDURES for getting information to Ginny and to our Financial Secretary, Sandra, have been established. There are now boxes on the bottom row of the Mailboxes by the kitchen door that are named "**Reimbursement Checks**", "**Financial Secretary**", and "**Office**". If you need to be reimbursed for any church expense, you will find the "Burkhead UMC Disbursement Request" forms in the Financial Secretary's box. Please fill one out, attach the documentation, and return it to the same box. When your check is ready, it will be in the "Reimbursement Checks" box. You may also leave any other items that you need to give to the Financial Secretary in her box. A small box of paper clips is in the "Reimbursement Checks" box for your use in attaching items.

If you need to leave anything for Ginny, please place it in the "Office" box.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

- February 5 - Barry C. & Helper
- February 12 Lynn B. & Helper
- February 19 Becky & Keith A. & Helper
- February 26 Gale S. & Helper

WE OFFER OUR LOVE AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY . . .

- to the family of Brenda Barlow following the death of her Mother, Evelyn Kinder, on January 18 in Salisbury, and
- to the family of Doris Niifong who died January 27. Doris was a long-time member of Burkhead and former organist. A memorial service was held at Burkhead January 29.

May the presence and peace of God be with them in the days to come as they cope with the loss of their loved ones.



February Birthdays

- 2 Jennifer Gentry
Bill Stewart
- 3 Greg Lisle
Michael Price
- 11 Brenda Barlow
John Pershing
- 16 Steven Thomas
- 17 Marge Summerson
- 18 Brenda Raker-Gentry
- 19 Richard Rogers
- 22 Jane Rogers



We have
No February
Anniversaries

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR FAMILIES

As I was investigating the Backpack Program in the schools, I came across a service we at Burkhead UMC could provide. There is a Food Ministry that gives out Food on Saturdays at Ibrahim Elementary School. This group says that their are other needs for household supplies that are not provided by them. People need toilet paper, soap, dish detergent, diapers, and tissues. **For the month of February**, our Outreach Committee is asking our members to bring toilet paper to donate to this cause. You will find a collection box in the hallway across from the information table. Let's help these folks out. You have probably noticed that these items are costly! So let's pitch in and help ease the burdens of these people in need. **Each month I will post a new item to collect.** God Bless you all and thanks for your generosity!



Katie Moore



From Catholic Charities

Dear Burkhead Friends,
We would like to thank you for the generous donation to support those in need in your local area. We deeply appreciate your generosity. It is truly wonderful to have received this gift in support of our neighbors in need. Our local office serves all of God's people on the basis of their need and we are able to carry out this charitable ministry because of partners like you and your congregation. Thank you all so much.
Also, I would like to ask that you include this ministry in your prayers.
Sincerely,

Gerard A. Carter, PhD.
Executive Director

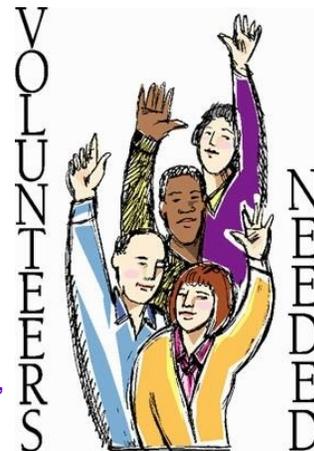
From Samaritan Ministries

Dear Burkhead Friends,
Thank you for participating in this year's Penny Campaign. We don't yet know how much money we collected toward our goal, but we are heartened by the support we've received from the community.
As we look back and celebrate 35 years of ministry, we're grateful for our volunteers, our staff, our guests who both challenge and inspire us, and you, the generous donors who make it all possible for us to do God's work.

Grace and peace,
Sonjia Kurosky, Executive Director

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

GALE SINK



The Outreach Committee will be inviting us to participate in on-going and new ministries we will be undertaking during 2017. One I will be leading is H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Eat). Teams will be needed to put together lunches on two Sunday mornings a month at Burkhead. The teams will meet at 9:00 a.m. The teams will put together sandwiches which will be placed in separate bags with fruit or yogurt, dessert and napkin. The lunch bags will then be placed in coolers and one of us will deliver them to the Meltdown Restaurant (located close to the Wake Forest Stadium). If you wish to participate or are interested, there is a sign-up sheet, along with others, on the table in the hall outside the kitchen where you can sign up. Looking forward to working with those who wish to help with H.O.P.E.

Beth Dixon

Kingdom Meals for Open Arms Community

Why Kingdom Meals? Meals served at Open Arms help to build the Kingdom of God. Burkhead has committed to provide a meal for Open Arms Community every other month for their Wednesday night Bible study. We are looking for volunteers to help shop for food, assemble casseroles, and deliver the meal to Open Arms. You may remember that Open Arms Community is an Outreach Ministry of the Yadkin Valley District of the UMC. It is located on Sprague St. and provides programs for children and adults, provides assistance to neighborhood folks, and gets to know the families and develop relationships with them. If you can help with this project, sign up on the sheet in the hall outside the kitchen.

Burkhead Bakers

It's time to put on your apron and join the fun as the Burkhead Bakers meet one Saturday a month to bake for various ministries and groups around town. Some possible baking projects include making brownies for H.O.P.E., making cookies for the SECU House, making desserts for the Ronald McDonald House or a homeless shelter, and so on. If you are interested in this ministry, sign up on the sheet on the table in the hall outside the kitchen.



Little Free Libraries

Having good literacy skills has been directly related to future employment, self-esteem, health and welfare. Literacy begins with young children being read to before they learn to read by themselves. Access to books is key to this development.

Little Free Libraries bring books to neighborhoods, build social community, and encourage reading by all. Little Free Libraries are book exchange boxes in places accessible to everyone.

We are building a Little Free Library for Open Arms Community and the Potter's House (an outreach ministry on 25th St.) Murray Sink is heading up building these libraries and he can use your help! Building will begin on Saturday, February 4 at 9 am at the church. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the hall outside the kitchen. Indicate that you want to help with construction.

After the Little Free Libraries are completed and installed, we will begin having story times for children at these locations. Children in low income households often do not get read to as the parents may not have the time or skills to put in to this activity. Readers are needed! Sign the sheet in the hall and indicate you would like to be a story time reader.



The **Yadkin Valley District Leadership Conference** has been rescheduled for **SUNDAY, February 5, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Burkhead UMC, 5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem.** There will be **five** break-out groups at this event for Lay Leaders, Finance personnel (treasurer, finance chair, etc.), Older Adult Coordinators, members of the Trustees, as well as members of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations committees. At the end of our time, Rev Rene Wilt will lead a workshop for everyone on how to run a committee meeting. No advance reservations are necessary, but we do want to tailor this event to meet your needs. If you have burning questions you need answered pertaining to any of the five topics, please email Amy at ajohnson@wnccumc.org.



New Year's Day – 2017

Can you believe it ---
 The New Year is here!!
 So – I'm searching for
 Words of hope and good cheer.
 Most of the news we hear
 Tells us of something bad –
 But we need to think
 Of the blessings we've had.
 We have family, church,
 food, homes, and good friends.
 Our "good List" is so long
 It seems it never ends.
 2016 is gone;
 2017 gives us a new start.
 Let's face tomorrow
 With hope in our heart.
 As we read from Isaiah
 We learn of the past.
 God spoke through the prophet
 Words that should last.
 He said – we should trust God,
 Should be faithful and obey.
 Those words are still true –
 Even today!
 So, let's renew our faith;
 And try to do our part
 To spread the word of God
 With love in our heart!



*By Marilyn Baird
 12-31-16*