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Join us for
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Worship
11:00 a.m.



Burkhead News

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY DEDICATION



Saturday, May 6 — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Open Arms Community
437 E. Sprague Street

Join us as we dedicate the Little Free Library and welcome the community to use it! There will be refreshments, crafts, stories, and fun! Please join us! We will have similar dedications at the other two locations at a future time.

Volunteers are needed for the Dedication on May 6 and for Story Times on Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 at Open Arms. Thursday story times will begin May 11. Sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen if you can help. We also need volunteers for story times at Burkhead and the Potter's House beginning this summer.

Contact Gale Sink if you would like to help with story times. The libraries are finished and being erected and they should be a wonderful addition to the neighborhoods at Burkhead, Open Arms Community, and the Potter's House. Thanks to all who helped with the construction phase and those who have donated books. There will be an ongoing need for books, both children and adult, so please continue to donate books.

End of Year Books for Old Town Elementary School



A big Thank You to everyone who donated money to help purchase books for every second grader at Old Town Elementary School. The books have been purchased through Scholastic Book Fair and will be taken to Old Town soon. One hundred and fifteen books were purchased. It is a wonderful way we help promote literacy and bring books into homes which have limited access as every child gets his or her own brand new book to read and keep.



The Spirit Gives Life



When It Rains... Grace Pours

As the old saying (and the Mike Cross song) goes; *Life is what happens when you are making other plans*. Approaching my last three months sharing ministry at Burkhead UMC, I planned to keep asking the question I’ve been asking since I arrived; “What does it mean to be the church of Jesus Christ in the world” I planned to explore that question in the bi-weekly study *Being Church*, exploring how we

specifically can be Christ’s faithful presence, taking the church disciplines of communion, reconciliation, proclamation, giving and prayer into the world. I did **NOT** plan to bring my interim ministry here to a close by taking what has essentially been a family medical leave. Nonetheless, at every juncture, I have been reassured that where there is chaos, there is God, and when it rains chaos, God pours out grace.

April 3rd, after a week believing he had overstretched the muscles around his ankle or was wrestling with a bout of gout, my husband, Jamie, was diagnosed with an aggressive staph infection that required emergency surgery and resulted in the surgeon removing a 10 ½ centimeter area of muscle from the area around his Achilles tendon. The early prognosis led us to make plans for amputation or a year-long series of surgeries. Those were plans we were pleased to change, as healing progressed even faster than the surgeons expected or appointments were changed, resulting in consultations with a surgeon working with newer techniques with ninety percent success rate.

Nonetheless, whereas I was expecting to move quickly back to a successful culmination of my ministry with the Burkhead congregation, Jamie’s full recovery would require my full attention. Plans changed again, only for us to more fully experience the grace poured out upon us by the faith community. I have been overwhelmed by the love, support and patience that the Burkhead congregation and staff has proffered. *When it rained, grace was poured out upon us*. Whereas I expected to lead a study on being the presence of Christ in the world, the Burkhead family and Jamie’s congregation practiced the presence of Christ in their love and support.

This discovery, however, does not mean the surprises and plan changes have ended. This week my primary physician called in surgeons and informed me that I needed surgery within the next few weeks to stop the progression of an abdominal hernia that developed—most likely exacerbated by the repetitive lifting of

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wheelchairs, etc. Suffice it to say, life is happening despite my plans! I would love to announce plans for the next two months, but that doesn't seem possible at this point. Therefore, I will simply reiterate, that the past month has been a celebration of grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit. As you prepare for the coming of a new pastor, please know that this is God's church, and God will use each one in the congregation to prepare the way for God's presence to be made known in new and profound ways; whether we plan it or not.

Grace and peace!

Elizabeth

MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM BATTLES MOTHER NATURE

Your Men's Softball Team got its Spring Season underway on April 10th one week late due to rain. However, the team won two games that evening and currently stands at 2-0 on the young season after getting rained out again on April 24th. The team will play through mid-June at which point it will play in a season ending Tournament to determine the Church League Champion. Check your Sunday bulletin for weekly results of the 10-team League and for locations of that week's game. Go Team!

May Schedule:

- May 1- 7:30 pm vs. Augsburg at WP 1
- May 8- 8:30 pm vs. Reynolda at WP 1
- May 15-7:30 pm vs. First Pres. at WP 2
- May 22-7:30 pm vs. C.P. Black at WP 3
- May 29- no game (Holiday)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

We are almost at the end of the year for our Wednesday Night dinners. Many thanks to all the people who pitched in to help buy the food, prepare the food and put it on the table, and clean up – especially Taylor who religiously washed dishes almost every time. Without all of us pitching in, we would not be able to get these meals on the table. The question is: Do we want to continue the dinners next fall? I need to hear from you “yes” or “no.” The “yes” answer would mean that you are willing to jump in and **1) host a meal or 2) help prepare a meal or 3) just help clean up and dry dishes after a meal.**

This year we have had the person in charge of the meal doing everything and a couple have expressed the feeling that if they can't get any help, they are not willing to be in charge of a meal next year. This might mean that a favorite meal may not be offered next year or even have any meals. Contact Betty Bewley at bbewley600@gmail.com or call me at 336-765-6488 or tell me Sunday after church.

So think about it – **What do YOU want? A meal? No meal? And are you willing to help?** May menus:

- May 3 Pizza & Salad
- May 10 Fried or Rosemary Chicken
- May 17 Sandwich Bar

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

- Total Funds Received: \$18,576.97
- Total Annual Budget Funds Received: \$17,372
- Total Annual Budget Funds Spent: \$15,194
- End of March Operating Balance: \$40,406

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

- May 7 Lynn B. & Helper
- May 14 Becky & Keith A.
- May 21 TBA
- May 28 TBA



Congratulations to Justin Pruitt, son of Anne Bewley & Drew Pruitt, grandson of Betty Bewley, who is graduating from Weddington High School (Charlotte) in June. In the fall he will be attending Appalachian State University where he has been recruited to play on their soccer team. He plans to major in business.

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 1 Kathryn Howell
- 13 Elaine Stewart
- 15 Aaron Shough
- 17 Anna Grace Howell
- 17 Scott Howell



Happy Birthday

May Anniversaries

- 31 Bill & Becky Hamilton



Congratulations !

To

Sarah Anne Blumenthal

Graduate of

Wake Forest University

We will celebrate Sarah's graduation on Sunday, May 14, following worship service. More good news is that her grandparents (Lynn's folks) will celebrate with us. We wish to congratulate her and share words of wisdom as she enters graduate school.

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for being such a wonderful daughter. You have impressed and excelled in the classroom, in the lab, on the stage, and everywhere else on campus and off. You have been the perfectly balanced Wake Forest student, intelligent, fun, caring, and curious. The campus will miss you, your friends will miss you, and we will miss you. But none will ever forget you.

Love,

Mom & Dad

OUTREACH NEWS AND UPDATES

The Outreach Committee continues to lead and provide opportunities for Burkhead to serve beyond our walls. Look for opportunities to give of yourself and join our church family as we share God's love with others!

Kingdom Meals for Open Arms--Contact Peg Price if you would like to help with this meal we provide every other month on the first Wednesday of the month.

Backpack Program--Contact Katie Moore if you would like to help with this program. **Speas Elementary School**—Help is needed on Friday mornings for 1 hour to distribute backpack weekend meal packs to the classrooms. **Ibrahim Elementary School** --Deliver boxes of backpack meals to Ibrahim the 3rd Thursday of the month. Donate to our Item of the Month collection for the Ibrahim school food pantry. For May, we will collect paper towels. They will be given out to the families who come to the weekend food pantry. *Thank you to everyone who donated trash bags during April.*

H.O.P.E.--Contact Beth Dixon if you would like to help make sandwiches on the first and fourth Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. We make sandwiches and assemble the 100 lunches we do which are part of the 1200 lunches H.O.P.E. distributes on Sunday afternoons to hungry children. Help is also needed to deliver the packed coolers to Meltdown Restaurant on Sunday morning.

Baking Ministry--Contact Gloria McGurk if you would like to help bake for various ministries on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am. In April, the bakers made apple and pumpkin bars for H.O.P.E. lunches. In May, we will be making desserts for a Memorial Day cookout at the Bethesda Center for the Homeless. Join us for a fun time!

Shepherd's Center Used Book Sale
Help support the Shepherd's Center fundraiser and find some good reads! Thursday, May 4-Saturday, May 6 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Education Building. Admission is free. Time is 9 am-9 pm Thursday and Friday and 9 am-2 pm on Saturday. You can check out the great programs the Shepherd's Center offers on their website shepherdscenter.org.

Family Game and/or Movie Nights
The Outreach Committee is looking for a person or two to organize a quarterly Game and/or movie night to which we can invite the community. If you would be interested in working on this, contact a member of the Outreach Committee. We would like to see the first one happen in May or June.

CROSSNORE SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S HOME MIRACLE GROUNDS 5K AND FRESH FEST (FORMERLY THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME)

Come for food, fun, entertainment, and to learn more about the Crossnore Children's Home and Farm on Saturday, May 20. The one mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 9:00 and the 5K Race begins at 9:30. The runs will start and finish on the Crossnore School and Children's Home grounds.

- 5K Registration through May 17 is \$30 and day of race registration is \$40.
- 1 Mile Fun Run Registration through May 17 is \$20 and day of race registration is \$30.

Following the race, join in the Fresh Fest activities--food, fun, entertainment. Check out the Crossnore School and Children's Home Winston-Salem website for information and event registration. If you would like to volunteer to help on May 20, contact Kim King at 336-721-7600 or kking@crossnore.org.

Miracle Grounds Farm Store

Miracle Grounds is now open on the Crossnore Campus selling produce, locally sourced foods and crafts. The strawberry patch is now open for business! \$14 gallon--pre-pick and \$12 gallon--u pick. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 am-2 pm and Saturday 8 am-12 noon. Call 336-721-7624 for strawberry information and store hours.



Have a blessed Mother's Day,

Sunday, May 14, 2017



MILITARY APPRECIATION

This month we celebrate Memorial Day on May 29. It is a time to remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. It is also a good time to find a veteran or current military service man or woman and express your gratitude. During May, you will have opportunities to write letters and make cards which will be sent to Operation Gratitude. We will also have the opportunity to make paracord "survival bracelets" which will be included in care packages sent to current military, veterans, and first responders. Be sure to watch for the opportunities on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings to thank a service man or woman or veteran and join in. Let's see how many letters, cards and bracelets we can send to Operation Gratitude this month!