

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

**Rev. Elizabeth Graves**  
Pastor



**2016**

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**Join us for**  
**Sunday School**  
9:45 a.m.

**Worship**  
11:00 a.m.



**Celebrate**  
WITH ALL THE BOUNTY  
THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD  
HAS GIVEN TO YOU.

DEUTERONOMY 26:11, NRSV



# Burkhead News

## PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN BBQ

The countdown is on, just a few more days until November 5th and our annual Chicken BBQ! The BBQ runs from 11am-7pm so plan to spend your day with all of us. Set-up for the event will be Friday afternoon, 11/4, from 1-3pm; please join us if you are available. Bring your pre-wrapped brownies and other desserts on Friday afternoon or between 9-10am on Saturday morning. Items for the bazaar also need to be brought during either of these times. Continue to spread the word as we're planning on another very successful day! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Dixon or Becky Arnott.



## SOFTBALL TEAM CLAIMS CHURCH LEAGUE TITLE!

On October 24th, your men's Softball Team routed the team from College Park Baptist (Black) by the resounding score of 18 to 4 in a game ended after 5 innings due to the mercy rule. With the win the team captures the Title in the Gold Division the season with an overall title represents the 13th season play since 1998 the last 6 seasons (Fall or 2014. Look for Jordan Slate to bring the Championship Trophy with him to the Chicken BBQ on November 5th. Congratulations to Team Members: Steve Slate, Scott Isom, Mark Brown, Rand Pope, Jordan Slate, Tanner Beck, Randy Beck, Todd Slate, Kevin Brewer, Austin Love, Caleb Edwards, Mike Hubbard, Taylor Crane and Team Photographer Mary Isom. Thank you guys for representing Burkhead on the diamond each Monday night from April to October!





The service ends, and I meet you at the sanctuary doors. Sometimes there are comments about the morning sermon, to which many of you have heard me respond, “I preach to myself, and the congregation overhears.”

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#### Church Office Hours:

**Closed Monday**

9:15 am—12:45 pm - Tuesday through Friday

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In that spirit, I’ve enjoyed preaching to myself the last three weeks. I’ve been addressing “The Four Things the Dying (Everyone) Needs to Hear.” The concept is not original to me; Ira Bock, in the book, *What Matters Most*, writes about the four simple phrases: “Please forgive me,” “I forgive you,” “Thank you,” and “I love you.” However, I always find the best wisdom of the world to be only a faint reflection of the wisdom that is found in scripture. In examining these “four phrases,” I am also reminded that trying to do what I “ought” results in a long list of personal failures. The Apostle Paul writes extensively about the law, alone, being a destructive master.

Christianity, however, can take the wisdom of the world and sanctify it. We can find the power to forgive and ask forgiveness because we have experienced and witnessed the greatest forgiveness in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am able to love and receive love, because I am created in the image of the God who is love, whose love is everlasting, and who empowers me to “Love the Lord my God with all my heart, will all my soul, and with all my might, and love my neighbor as myself.” Finally, I am able to understand what it means to say “Thank-You,” because my faith teaches me to acknowledge the gifts of God in all creation (even the human creatures I don’t agree with) every single day, beginning before my feet hit the floor in the morning.

Wrestling with these “four simple phrases,” has reminded me that our relationships with another reflect our relationship with God. When I submit to the power of God and will of God, I am reminded to recognize and be grateful for what I did not create. In receiving the forgiveness of God, I am humbled and able to offer forgiveness. When I give all my energies to loving God, I am reminded that God also loves you, and it is impossible to truly love God and hate God’s children.

**My secret: the hardest of the four statements for me to practice, the hardest one *to want to practice* is forgiveness. And so, I will share with you a poem that helps me, written by the Israeli poet, Yehuda Amichai:**

**From the place where we are right**

**Flowers will never grow**

**In the spring.**

**The place where we are right**

**Is hard and trampled**

**Like a yard**

**But doubts and loves**

**Dig up the world**

**Like a mole, a plow.**

**And a whisper will be heard in the place**

**Where the ruined**

**House once stood.**

*Elizabeth*

#### **UPCOMING MEDICARE CHANGES FOR 2017 AND AVAILABLE OPTIONS.**

There will be a session held in the Seekers classroom on **Wednesday, November 2 at 5 PM**, just prior to the Wednesday night dinner.

A representative will be on hand to explain the new changes for 2017 and new options available. Anyone on Medicare is encouraged to attend.

A sign up sheet is available in the main hall on the information table.

#### **Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals**

Our Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers are well underway 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. Betty Bewley will be stocking the pantry. Please check it out before you shop. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be in charge of a meal and those who are helping. 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 November menus are:

November 2	Chicken Pie
November 9	Pizza & Salad
November 16	Fried Chicken
November 23	No Meal - Thanksgiving

#### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

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

November 6	Lynn Blumenthal
November 13	Becky & Keith & Helper
November 20	Sylvia Allen & Helper
November 27	Gale Sink & Helper

#### **SEPTEMBER 2016 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Average monthly expenses	\$17,000.00
Income Sept. 2016	\$14,430.30
September income shortage	\$ 2,569.70

**BEST CHRISTMAS EVER** is scheduled for Sunday, December 18, 2016, immediately following morning worship service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the Burkhead Family Christmas celebration and potluck luncheon. Invite your family and friends and let's celebrate Christmas together. More details will follow in the December newsletter.



**November Birthdays**

- 3 Lynnee Vaught
- 9 David Disher
- 10 Hannah Friddle
- 17 Taylor Crane
- 21 Becky DuBois
- 24 Dominique Patrick
- 27 Kathy Friddle
- 29 Marilyn Baird
- 30 Guy Kelpin



**SAMARITAN MINISTRIES PENNY CAMPAIGN**

This year's goal is \$60,000. All of the money stays in the community helping your hungry and homeless neighbors. It takes just 204 pennies to buy someone a hot meal in our Soup Kitchen. Start collecting your pennies and **dollars**. Collection Day is Saturday, December 3. The penny jars are located strategically around the church, so bring your donations by November 27.

Samaritan Ministries is an interdenominational, volunteer-based Christian ministry that serves Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Our Soup Kitchen and Samaritan Inn Shelter are open 365 days and nights a year to serve people in need.

Programs include:

- Samaritan Soup Kitchen, Winston-Salem's only soup kitchen
- Samaritan Inn, an 80-bed homeless shelter for men
- Project Cornerstone, a residential substance abuse recovery program for men.



**NOVEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS--UMAR Homes**

UMAR is an agency of the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church. They provide group homes and services for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. There are 3 UMAR homes in Winston-Salem. Six residents live with UMAR staff in each home. During the month of November we will have the opportunity to learn more about the UMAR homes and see how we can be involved with them.



**SOLES4SOULS**

In the aftermath from Hurricane Matthew, many people have faced devastating losses. Many groups and organizations have rallied to provide aid. The group Soles4Souls has been collecting gently used shoes to send to Haiti which was especially hard hit by the storm. Thank you for your donations which are being delivered to First UMC in Mocksville. They are the local collection point from which the shoes will be sent to Haiti.



**CROP WALK FOR HUNGER**

A big thank you to everyone who participated in Burkhead's CROP Walk and Rock for Hunger. We gathered for a simple meal and to make a donation to the CROP Walk. Everyone had the opportunity to learn more about Hunger as they walked around the fellowship hall. Some folks then spent the next hour walking inside and outside. Thanks to the walkers, contributors, and those who helped with the set up and clean up from lunch. We collected \$670 which will help feed many hungry people here at home and around the world.



**November**  
**Anniversaries**

- 2 Marge & John Summerson
- 17 Carol & Curtis Holder





SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 11 WORSHIP SERVICE

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

WILL PRESENT THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

You do not want to miss this service!  
Invite your friends, neighbors, and family.

More detail in the December Newsletter.



Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 am  
Sunday, November 6.

So remember to set your clocks back one  
hour before going to bed after the Port-a-  
Pit Chicken BBQ and don't be late for  
church.