

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

**Rev. Elizabeth Graves**  
Pastor



# Burkhead News

## THE YARD SALE IS COMING SOON!

**September 24th**  
**8:00a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Donated items need to be in by September 20th.

(Please place in designated rooms!)

If you need items picked up please call

Katie 704-794-4054 or Gloria 804-840-3910

(HELP! WE NEED STRONG ARMS AND TRUCKS TO ASSIST!)

We need lots of help the week of the sale.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the kitchen for Volunteers!



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**Join us for**

**Sunday School**

9:45 a.m.

**Worship**

11:00 a.m.



### THE PLAN

**Wednesday September 21 - After The Church Supper**  
Volunteers will meet and set up tables and move large pieces into the room.

**Thursday, September 22 - 9:00 a.m. move everything else**  
into the Room and place on the designated tables.

**Friday, September 23 - 9:00 a.m. price the items.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE**  
**AT THE BIG SALE ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 7:00 a.m.**

### BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11, 2016

September 11 has been designated as Back-to-Church Sunday at Burkhead UMC. Summer is drawing to a close. Vacations have been taken. Children and teachers are back in school for a new year. Tree leaves are turning red, yellow and brown !!!

Immediately following morning worship, the Burkhead family will gather in the fellowship hall for a potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite dish(es) to share. Caring Hands will provide the meat dishes for the luncheon, as well as tea, coffee, and lemonade.

Let's gather together for food, fun and fellowship. Invite your family and friends to join us as we thank the Lord for His many blessings to us.





Putting pen to paper (I usually write out difficult documents by hand before I transform them to digital format), I struggle again to convey the action taken in the August 21 Burkhead congregational meeting. This is my fourth attempt at this communique, as each time I come close to completing the report, I encounter questions or comments that cause me to rethink what I heard or remember. And thus, I begin again, attempting to explain exactly what was decided or what steps were or will be taken during or in response to the August 21 gathering.

Following months of prayer, debate, congregational conversation, and struggle, Burkhead's Discernment Team (Terry Blumenthall, Barry Crotty, Beth Dixon, Becky DuBois, Rick Mende, Mike Price, Murray Sink, Aaron Shough, Beth Warren-Hicks) responded to its original charge: to present its recommendation for the best option for Burkhead's future vitality and ministry. A recommendation was presented with the following resolution asking for the congregation's affirmation and support:

**I affirm the Burkhead UMC Discernment team's recommendation that exploring a Cooperative Parish relationship with Mt. Tabor UMC is the best path for continued ministry, and I will support, through my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, the Discernment teams from both churches in the creation of a Cooperative Parish covenant.**

**(Upon completion of the covenant, the formation of a Cooperative Parish will be voted upon by each congregation in a called Church Conference.)**

From my perspective, the questions and conversation regarding the resolution revolved around three principle areas:

**1: Definition of a Cooperative Parish**

Our District Superintendent, the Reverend Dr Jeff Patterson, explained that "A Cooperative Parish can be whatever you want it to be." The point of continuing the conversation and writing the covenant is to determine what structures, etc. most fully will empower the two churches to more fully live into the mission and ministry of Christ.

I will add that according to our *UMC Book of Discipline*, provides the very broad introduction: *Local churches, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may enhance their witness to one another and to the world by showing forth the love in Jesus Christ through its forms of mutual cooperation.* (Paragraph 205)

**2. Other alternatives explored for future vitality by the Discernment Team:**

As shared in multiple settings and specifically at the two previous congregational meetings on May 15 and June 26, the Discernment Team has investigated and considered the viability of several models or possible paths to vitality. Specifically:

- **Request Change in Pastoral Profile (remaining station appointment for immediate future)**
- **Rejuvenation by means of new and expanded ministries**
- **Collaboration with church of equal size**
- **Request for two-point charge**
- **Addressing financial needs/obligations by aggressive marketing of the church property for outside users (landlord/facilities use model)**
- **Long-term Collaboration with larger membership church**
- **Merger**
- **Church Vitality/Replant Pastor**
- **Close for period of up to three months and restart with existing membership and assets**

**3. The difference between affirming the resolution and actually voting in favor of Burkhead and Mt. Tabor**

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**Church Office Hours:**

### Closed Monday

9:00 am—1:00 pm - Tuesday through Friday

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becoming a Cooperative Parish.

As several lay members reiterated, a positive vote for the resolution merely affirmed continued conversations for the purpose of drafting a Cooperative Parish covenant between Burkhead and Mt. Tabor. A Cooperative Parish will be established **only** if both churches vote to proceed with establishing a Cooperative Parish in future Church Conferences.

Following extensive questions and conversation, a balloted vote resulted in an 85% affirmative vote. That being said, in moving forward, it is important to remind one another what is entailed in practicing the vows of our membership when we are not in unanimous agreement. What does it mean that we have already vowed to support the church and its membership with our *prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness* when there is disagreement? It seems to me that the work of moving forward may require more courage and commitment to the mission of the church than your work thus far. The majority of the concerns and recommendations revolved around communication. Specifically, the following covenantal tenants were agreed upon:

- Functioning as a Covenant Congregation
  - ◊ Supporting the work of the body
  - ◊ Communicating with one another. (In Wesleyan theology, this is related to *Holy Conferencing*.)
- Intentionally practicing clear communication between the Discernment Team and the congregation
- Covenant to speak the truth and only what you **know** is the truth (not what you heard someone speculate)
- Commitment to clearly communicate directly to the Discernment Team
  - ◊ Communicate questions directly
  - ◊ Communicate prayers and support to the Discernment Team
- Exercise sensitivity to those of differing opinion
- Applaud the Discernment Team for their ministry

Ultimately, faithfulness to the Body of Christ requires both courage and a spirit of submission. It takes great courage to venture into unknown territory in order to fully pursue Christ's mission with no assurance of where that will take us. Faith in the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church body also requires a spirit of submission as we practice sacrificing our own wills to the wisdom of the larger church even when we disagree. However, Christ assured the disciples that the Holy Spirit would "teach them everything" they would need to faithfully surrender their lives to the mission of *making disciples*. Thanks be to God that Christ always has and continues to *go before us*.

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS BEGINNING**

Wednesday night meals begin September 14 at 6 p.m. Please be sure to sign up ahead of time. 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. Leaders, please remember you are also responsible for the clean up afterwards. See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

September meals are:

- Sept. 14 Sandwich Bar & Salad
- Sept. 21 Baked Chicken & Rice
- Sept. 28 Hot Dogs

**FINANCIAL UPDATE - JULY**

Income for July was	\$13,038.05
Average monthly expenses	\$17,000.00

**SOFTBALL TEAM STARTS FALL SEASON**

The Fall Season of City Church League softball has started with the team winning its first three games of the young season. Play started August 8th and will continue through October 17th with a season ending Tournament determining the overall Champion, which might mean games played as late as November! Brrrrrrrr! All games are on Monday night and the league consists of 9 other churches including the first three victims of College Park Gold, Ardmore Baptist, and Holy Family Catholic. See your Sunday bulletin for weekly results and information. Go Team!

**MISSION BUILDING TEAM**

Plans are being made for a fall building team to go to West Virginia. If you would like to learn more, sign up on the list at the information table. A meeting will be set soon. A date for the trip will be set when the group gets organized.

*\*This was inadvertently omitted from the August Newsletter.*

**WE EXTEND OUR LOVE AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY . . .**

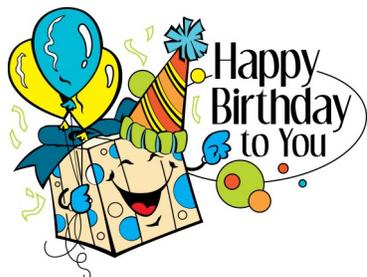
. . . to Nancy Boyles and family following the death of her husband of 59 years Dr. Robert Boyles on July 14.

May the presence and peace of God be with this family in these days as they cope with the loss of their loved one.



### September Birthdays

- 2 Evan Burton
- 8 Cameron Jordan  
Judy LaPrade  
Diane Womack
- 11 Steve Gentry
- 19 Gale Sink
- 24 Katharine Llanaj
- 25 Thornie Worley
- 28 Russ DuBois  
Larry Hurst
- 30 Barbara Griset



## Memorial Gifts

August 2016



In memory of **Dr. Robert Boyles**

by: Marilyn Baird

COMMUNITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
 The dates and the study for the fall are in the process of being set.  
 Save Thursday mornings for our wonderful ladies' study time!



From Catholic Charities Diocese

Dear Burkhead Partners,

We are grateful for your recent donation to support the food pantry in your local area. Your gift does make a difference and will provide help to those in need and hope to those in despair. Thank you so much for supporting our outreach to those who are hungry.

Sincerely

Gerard A. Carter, Ph.D.  
Executive Director//CEO

From Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Dear Burkhead Friends,

I and the entire Big Brothers Big Sisters family want to thank you for hosting such a wonderful activity. The kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves. From the fishing and kayaking, to the delicious food, to the added bonus of school supplies; it was more than we could have asked for.

As the children on our wait list wait to be matched, it's important that they have opportunities to experience new things and know genuine kindness. You and the members of your church family provided that for us, so Thank You! Attached are a few pictures from the event. I hope that you enjoy them.

Sincerely

**Shamika Starke**  
School Based Program Specialist  
Big Brothers Big Sisters Services, Inc.



MUSIC ON THE HILL

A big thank you to the members of Burkhead who provided financially so we could provide a wonderful gift of music to the community this summer with our Music on the Hill Concerts! Also, a big thank you to the people who served on the Concert Committee and all of those who volunteered on the various committees to make each concert run smoothly. We had lots of community participation and a lot of good feedback from those who attended. Many people asked us to continue them. It would be great to continue with some musical offerings throughout the year. The music was all wonderful. It was a great way to spend a summer evening and get to know some of the neighborhood folks. Thank you, again, to the fine members of Burkhead who are always ready to reach out to others. If you would like to help with continuing our concert series, please let Elizabeth Graves know.



*Save the Date*  
*November 5*  
*Annual*  
*Port-a-Pit Barbeue*  
*Chicken*

**September**  
**Anniversaries**

- 14 John & Dominique  
Patrick
- 22 John & Frances  
Pershing

GIVING THE CHILDREN A GOOD START

A big thank you to the members of Burkhead for all of the school supplies you donated to Open Arms Community. Many children were able to start school this week with the supplies they needed.

Thank you for donating 35 backpacks, 110 packs of notebook paper, 130 spiral notebooks, 46 pencil boxes, 25 boxes of colored pencils, 33 boxes of markers, 200 pencils, and 68 other assorted school supplies!

Remember to say a prayer for the children to have a good year and a prayer of thanks for all of the teachers and other school personnel who give so much to the children.

OPEN ARMS WORK DAYS SCHEDULED

Exciting changes have been taking place at Open Arms Community this summer as the old kitchen was torn out and a new kitchen is being installed! With this, a lot of moving about and reorganizing needs to be done. They are working hard so that programs can soon resume. We have been asked to come and lend a hand with the reorganizing, so we have set up two work days to go and help. Wednesday, Sept. 7 we will work from 10-12 in the morning and on Thursday, Sept. 8 we will work from 7-9 pm. Open Arms Community is located at 437 E. Sprague St. in Winston-Salem. It is a big white house with a white picket fence. There is parking behind the building. If you have questions, contact Gale Sink at 336-945-0378.



### A TASTE OF MISSION IN SEPTEMBER--CHILDHOOD HUNGER AWARENESS

The month of September is designated as Hunger Awareness Month. Here at Burkhead, we want to lift up the needs of children that are hungry and some of the ways those needs are being met in our community. On Wednesday, September 14, at the Wednesday night fellowship dinner, we will have a speaker telling about the needs in our community and ways we can help. Be sure to sign up and learn how you can become part of the solution.

#### *Time to Launch!*

It's launch time for *The Foundry*, a new worship service designed specifically for college-aged and young adults in the Winston-Salem area that gathers each Tuesday evening from 7-8pm. It is launching on Tuesday, September 13th at the campus of Burkhead United Methodist Church and will be led by leaders from both Mount Tabor UMC and Burkhead UMC. *The Foundry* is designed to not only provide a great worship experience with relevant messages and inspiring modern worship music, but also provide exciting social and service opportunities on a regular basis. *The Foundry* is a place for all to draw closer to our loving God.

Do you know young adults in the Winston-Salem area? Please help share the news:

- ⇒ Share the news by inviting your friends and family to experience this new worship experience.
- ⇒ Help *The Foundry* leadership share the news by providing the Burkhead UMC with the names, addresses, and emails (as much information as you can access), so that we may send personal invitations and share news of upcoming events.

Will you be part of this exciting new ministry?

- ⇒ Pray every day for God's blessing, the Holy Spirit's leadership, and the passion of Christ to be poured out on everyone involved with our encountered by *The Foundry*
- ⇒ Speak to Elizabeth about the many ways you can support this ministry to young adults with your *prayers, presence, gifts, service, and ministry.*

***September 13, 7:00pm, listen and you will hear, "Ready, Set, Launch!"***



### **Burkhead to Offer Life Line Screening**

Burkhead United Methodist Church will be offering Life Line Screening on Saturday, October 8. It is open to anyone who wants to participate. If you are interested you will need to contact them (See below) to schedule an appointment.

**Life Line Screening** is a preventive health event offering five (5) different screenings that take 60-90 minutes to complete. The tests scan for potential health problems related to:

- blocked arteries** which is a leading cause of stroke;
- abdominal aortic aneurysms** which can lead to a ruptured aorta;
- hardening of the arteries in the legs** which is a strong predictor of heart disease;
- atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat** which is closely tied to stroke risk; and
- a bone density screening**, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

The cost for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening is \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit:**

**[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)**.