



Burkhead

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

**Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel, Jr.
Pastor**



Currently we are not holding any services due to the Stay at Home order by our government officials and the recommendation of our Bishop.



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Burkhead News

Music on the Hill Canceled



Unfortunately, Music on the Hill for 2020 has been canceled, and yes, because of the virus which has been moving through the states. I tried to reschedule, but the news didn't give me much hope that we would not be endangering people if we held it and that it also would really affect our attendance. One main reason for the concerts is to get people to the church to fellowship with others, as well as enjoy the music. If we couldn't safely do that, I knew it was time to "bite the bullet" and cancel.

Betty Bewley

Wednesday Night Dinner

The Wednesday Night Dinner planned for May 13th has been cancelled. We appreciate the teams that were able to host meals. A huge thank you to everyone that supported these events by setting up, serving, cleaning up and just coming to eat and have fun. We will be back to feast and fellowship together soon!



WANTED!



Beth Dixon needs a Port-A-Pit CO-CHAIR and COMMITTEE for our annual November Fundraiser. The Dixons will be away for five to six weeks on a RV tour with friends right before the event. While away, there needs to be a committee to carry on with the planning and follow through. If there are no volunteers, the fundraiser will not happen, thus the church loses much needed money to pay on our loan that paid for the new roof and windows in the Fellowship Hall. Let Beth hear from you and say "Yes I will help!". Thanks!

**From the desk of
Rev. Dr. Carl L. Manuel, Jr.**



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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Greetings Burkhead Church family,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, as He leads us into the month of May. On the second Sunday in May we will celebrate Mother's Day. Our own Betty Bewley will be in charge of this year's Mother's Day celebration. My dear sisters and brothers of Burkhead, it seems like it has been a long time since we have seen each other in our beautiful church during Sunday School and worship services. I miss each of you and pray that we will be together again soon. Please continue to do what has been asked of us by our governor Roy Cooper until May 8, 2020. We are blessed that no member of our church has come down with the COVID-19 at this time, thank you Jesus. Continue to pray and be safe.

Remember our sick and shut in members, friends and family. Give them a call to check to see how they are doing during this health war that has struck the world.

Thank you for all of your offerings you send to the church by mail weekly. Keep up the good financial work you are doing for Burkhead.

To God be the glory for all that he has done and what he will do for all of His people in the USA and world. I will continue to preach to you through Facebook and our church web page weekly until Bishop Paul Leeland will let us open the doors of all our churches in the WNCC. What a day that will be when all sisters and brothers will be giving thanks to Him for our return to the churches in the WNCC.

Love Always,
Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel, Jr.

From the Financial Secretary's Desk:

Financial Report:

	March	Year to Date
Total Received	\$17,585	\$55,291
Total Spent	\$23,329	\$64,721

In March, we accessed funds from our Loan from the United Methodist Foundation and paid out the same amount to two construction companies — amount received and then spent was \$127,779.59.

We moved \$29,500 from the UMF Development Fund to our checking account. This was used to pay another construction company \$6,108.50. We still have a little over \$100,000 which the church council decided to keep on hand and only use if needed later.

All Memorials have been reported.

Conference and district apportionments have been paid through February 2020.

As part of the CARES Act, the US Department of Commerce created the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides federally guaranteed loans to allow small businesses to maintain their payroll during these unusual times. Burkhead UMC applied for, and has received, one of these loans through Piedmont Federal Savings Bank, for \$26,957. There is a very good chance that this loan can be turned into a grant, and we are working on making that happen. But do not let this good news lull you into thinking that we do not need your contributions – we still do! Be generous, support your Church, and stay healthy!

Members of Burkhead's Congregation:

The Staff/Pastor Relations Committee is informing the congregation that Kim Olson, our Financial Secretary, resigned April 15th. We wish her the best in her new endeavors. Fortunately, Sandra Galyean has graciously accepted our request to assist us while a replacement is found. The process of looking for candidates began Saturday, April 18th, and thus far, no luck. Please pray for the Committee that there is another Sandra Galyean in the wings. If any of you know of someone who qualifies and is interested, please let Beth Dixon know. Thanks.

Notes of Appreciation were received from:

- Samaritan Ministries for our donation of \$208 to support their mission of providing food, shelter, and hope through Christian love every day. *"Thanks for your care & prayers."*
- Senior Services for our donation of \$1,083 to the 2019-20 Annual Fund of Senior Services benefiting Meals-on-Wheels. *"Thank you so much for this most thoughtful and generous gift! I attended Burkhead in the 70's as a child and will always be fond of it! Stay healthy!"*
Leigh Anne Groves,
Chief Development Officer
- Forsyth Prison and Jail Ministries - *"God bless you Burkhead United Methodist Church for supporting FJPM. Continue to pray for us as we pray for all of you."*
Blessings, Rev. Peggie A. Wells"

Meeting Notice

There is a **Finance Committee** meeting scheduled for **Monday, May 11th** starting at **6:30 pm**. This meeting will be held by Zoom or WebEx if we are unable to meet in person. Contact Terry Blumenthal if you have any questions.

Love is the only word to describe what we've been through together.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

31st Bill & Becky Hamilton, Jr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st Kathryn Howell
 10th Dianne May
 12th Kay Phillips
 13th Elaine Stewart
 15th Aaron Shough
 17th Anna Grace Howell
 17th Scott Howell
 25th Kent Wagstaff
 27th Robert Clark, Jr.

Please notify the church office if your anniversary or birthday has been left off or is incorrect. We want to include everyone in celebrating these occasions.

Congregational Prayers

Members: Our Church, Our Pastor - Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel & family, Our Homebound Members, Marty Butner Covington, Betty Friddle, Bobbie & Ralph Futrell, Brenda Raker-Gentry & Steve Gentry, Jean Hole, Harriet Lassing, Sean Kejriwal & Meredith Mende, Jo Nicholas, Betty & Paul Powers, Mary Lib & Aaron Shough

Family & Friends: Donna & Ted Carson, Dick Collier, Todd Craven, Nicholas Crain, Tom Dellinger & family, Allan Donley & family, Anne Donley, Drunette, Eddie & family, Chad Edwards, Susan Graham, Kimberly Howard Green, Wanda Hobson, Sarah Howell, Ed Jones, Betty & George Mack, Vanessa Maculaitis, Faye Marchant, Misty McGuire, Michael, Paul Mullican & family, Barb Odom's son & family, David Pruitt, Renee's family, Kitty Roberts, Gary & Sandy Sanders, Joan Seekins, Johnny & Sue Simpson, Chloe Smith, Daryl Smith & family, Tom Turnbull & family, Laine White

How Do We Understand Suffering From Disaster?

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A tire swing sways in the wind from Hurricane Rita over the remains of a beachfront home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in Ocean Springs, Miss.

Rita made landfall in East Texas Sept. 24, 2005, nearly four weeks after Katrina hit Louisiana and Mississippi.

Photo by Mike DuBose, UMNS

Sometimes the devastation is overwhelming. The waters rise and the rain won't stop. The ground shakes beneath our feet, or the wind blows the roofs off homes. Disease spreads, seemingly unstoppable, causing fear and anxiety, pain and loss. The problems seem insurmountable, the destruction beyond our comprehension.

When tragedy strikes, it is common for us to ask why. We turn to our faith for answers, but answers don't come easily. We wrestle with making sense of the suffering we witness, in light of our Christian faith. Questions are left unanswered. The tragedy is not explained.

In a sermon titled "*The Promise of Understanding*," John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, says we may never know. He writes, "[W]e cannot say why God suffered evil to have a place in his creation; why he, who is so infinitely good himself, who made all things 'very good,' and who rejoices in the good of all his creatures, permitted what is so entirely contrary to his own nature, and so destructive of his noblest works. 'Why are sin and its attendant pain in the world?' has been a question ever since the world began; and the world will probably end before human understandings have answered it with any certainty" (section 2.1).

The short answer is: We do not know why disease, pandemics, natural disasters, and other suffering are part of our world.

Did God do this?

While Wesley admits we cannot know the complete answer, he clearly states that suffering does not come from God. God is “*infinitely good*”, Wesley writes, “*made all things good*” and “*rejoices in the good of all his creatures.*”

Our good God does not send suffering. According to Wesley, it is “*entirely contrary to [God’s] own nature, and so destructive of his noblest works.*” Suffering is not punishment for sin or a judgment from God. We suffer, and the world suffers, because we are human and part of a system of processes and a physical environment where things go wrong.

God with us

In another sermon titled “*On Divine Providence*”, Wesley again writes of God’s love for humanity and that God desires good for us. He then adds how God is always with us, even in the midst of tragedy.

Wesley shares,

“[God] hath expressly declared, that as his ‘eyes are over all the earth’ [see Psalm 34:15; 83:18], so he ‘is loving to every man, and his mercy is over all his works’ [Psalm 145:9]. Consequently, he is concerned every moment for what befalls every creature upon earth; and more especially for everything that befalls any of the children of men. It is hard, indeed, to comprehend this; nay, it is hard to believe it, considering the complicated wickedness, and the complicated misery, which we see on every side. But believe it we must” (paragraph 13).

This is good news. While we cannot fully comprehend the why, we know that God is with those who suffer. Note that Wesley says God cares for “*every creature*”. We are never alone in our suffering.

In our experience, we know that tragedies happen to Christians and non-Christians alike. As Jesus said, “*[God] makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous*” (Matthew 5:45). The good news we proclaim is that God is with us through it all.

A different question

When Jesus and his disciples encounter a man born blind, the disciples ask Jesus the question we are asking “*Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?*” (John 9:2). Jesus, why does seemingly arbitrary suffering occur?

Jesus’ answer, “*Neither he nor his parents*”, tells us that the disciples are asking the wrong question. “*This happened*”, Jesus continues, “*so that God’s mighty works might be displayed in him*” (John 9:3). Jesus asserts that it is in our response to suffering that God is found, in moments of everyday grace and in grand and sweeping gestures of care and solidarity with the suffering. God’s mighty works are found in hospitals and nursing homes and shelters.

Jesus is calling his disciples and us to a ministry. We are to join Jesus in displaying God’s mighty works. We are an extension of God’s presence in the midst of the tragedy as we come beside those who are suffering in ways we don’t comprehend. We are to be agents of healing, working to restore God’s order to people’s lives and communities. We are to be representatives of the day of resurrection to come, as we seek to rebuild and renew.

In our United Methodist congregations, we join together in these ministries. We assemble cleaning kits and work alongside those who shovel the muck from floodwaters from the floors of their homes. We rebuild homes. We stand in the gap alongside the suffering. We support our local food banks, take care of one another’s cars, visit those who are imprisoned, and so much more. We are also active in our communities, working to change systems that inflict suffering on people in our communities.

In the aftermath of tragedy, we give witness to the love of God. In our outpouring of support, we proclaim the value of every human life. When we send supplies through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, we witness to God’s provision. When medical professionals bind up wounds, Jesus is shown as a healer. When homes are rebuilt, we proclaim resurrection. As we grieve with those in mourning, we share the love of God.

We may not know why things happen, but we embrace the ministries of healing, renewal and reconciliation to which Jesus calls us, and in doing so, God’s mighty works are revealed.

May 2020

Our current Stay-at-Home Order has been extended until May 8th.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 May Friendship Day	2
3 8:30 am - H.O.P.E.	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 National Day of Prayer 	8	9
10 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 	11 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting by Zoom	12	13 6:30 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry 6:45 pm - Choir	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day 
17	18	19	20 6:45 pm - Choir	21 1:00 pm - Outreach meeting	22	23
24	25  <i>Memorial DAY</i>	26 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	27 6:30 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry 6:45 pm - Choir	28	29	30
31 8:30 am - H.O.P.E.  <i>Pentecost SUNDAY</i>						