



**Burkhead**

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

**Rev. Julie O'Neal  
Pastor**



**Join us for virtual  
worship through  
our website or  
Facebook page.  
We have an  
outdoor service  
each Sunday  
at 10:00 am.  
Bring your Bible,  
lawn chair, mask  
and water please.**



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# Burkhead News

## I Need a Hug

By Marilyn Baird  
9-13-2020



I'm frustrated!  
I'm aggravated!  
This virus is driving me crazier, it's true.  
But what can I do?  
I know – I need more patience and guidance from You!  
At church we sit outside, bump elbows and shrug.  
It's like sweeping the dirt under the rug.  
But, Dear Lord, I need a hug!  
Sometimes I walk around in a fog;  
I linger around my mailbox hoping to see a neighbor  
walking her dog!!  
Yes, I know that getting rid of the virus will take more  
time –  
So Lord, forgive me when I whine.  
Most days I try to be smug –  
But, Dear Lord – I need a hug!!

### Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign

For more than 35 years, Samaritan Ministries has been helping the hungry and homeless in our community. **Now it's our turn to help!** Here are some of their suggestions:

- Pray for God's presence in our ministries
- Donate to the Penny Campaign
- Contribute online at [samaritanforsyth.org](http://samaritanforsyth.org)
- Prepare and hand out boxed lunches\*
- Prepare and serve dinner to guests\*
- Pickup donations from grocery stores and deliver to Samaritan Ministries\*
- Donations of food are always welcome!

\*All volunteers, staff and guests follow the 3 W's at all times.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

I believe that members of a church can view their connection to the church in three different ways. They might say, "This is my church," or, "This is our church," or "This is God's church." It's possible to say and mean each of these declarations at different points in our lives, but I think it is critical to understand which view describes your own perspective now.

If your perspective is that Burkhead is your church, you are right! It is, and I'm glad it is. If it is your church then you will let others know that you have some claim on it, that it is important to you. You will want to support it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. You are proud of your church and you want to be sure that decisions are made in the way that you would have them made.

If you believe that Burkhead is our church, you are right! That means that the fellowship that you experience with your co-members is so important to you that you want to participate with them in worship, in learning experiences, in decisions about our church, and in the camaraderie that accompanies a joint experience. You will understand that, as in a family, we work together so that the most good can be accomplished given the gifts of each member. From Bible studies to fellowship dinners, your participation hinges upon the common desires of those who attend the church now and on their families and friends.

If you view Burkhead as God's church, you are rare and you are right! In worship, God is our audience, and we pray that all that we do as a church will be pleasing to God. There will be activities of the congregation that will be for our benefit, but all of our plans will be focused on benefiting the children of God of all ages and races and needs, without regard to whether we ourselves know them. The plans that are made within the walls of Burkhead are God's, for we know that unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain (Psalm 127:1). Furthermore, as God's kingdom shall know no end, this brick and mortar is inconsequential compared to the enormity of God's great and eternal acts through Jesus Christ.

So, whose church is it, anyway?

Julie O'Neal, October 2020



### **Please make note of these important meetings:**

Thursday, October 22nd at 7 pm - Virtual Missional Network Gathering

Sunday, October 25th at 5 pm - Church Charge Conference in Fellowship Hall and by phone

Lynn Blumenthal recently mentioned a link that gives us the opportunity to listen to public high school students speaking about current issues. The high school forum has been going on for 20 years. There are student representatives from every public high school in our county. Here is the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egNVOnWQMGo>. Enjoy! Thank you for sharing this information with us Lynn!

**From the Financial Secretary's Desk:**

## Financial Report:

	August	Year-to-Date
Total Received	\$39,842	\$158,706
Total Spent	\$20,963	\$151,953

We have converted our construction loan to a conventional loan as of September. We made our first payment for October 1st. Hurray!!

**Notes of Thanks**

- From Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte - *Please let your congregation know of our humble gratitude for the ongoing generosity. So many people in need will be fed through your gift. Please pray for us.* Sincerely, Gerry
- From Samaritan Ministries for our \$200 donation - *We're grateful for your congregation's support.* Sincerely, Jan
- From Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries for our \$100 donation - *Blessings on your generous outreach and support of ministries!* Gratefully, Jone
- From Crisis Control Ministries for our \$300 donation - *May God continue to bless your work and mission! Thanks for the support!* Gratefully, George
- From Senior Services for our \$100 donation - *Thank you for your continued support during this uncertain time for many of our participants. We are so grateful to you and the entire Burkhead United Methodist family. Thank you again!* Sincerely, Melissa

**Lectionary Readings for October**

- 4th \*Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19;  
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- 11th \*Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23;  
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- 18th Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;  
\*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;  
Matthew 22:15-22
- 25th Deuteronomy 34:1-12;  
Psalm 90:1-6,13-17;  
\*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;  
Matthew 22:34-46

These scriptures will be used during our Sunday Worship Services. They are offered so everyone may read and study them throughout the week.

Starting **October 6th**, join Julie for a **discussion on selected lectionary passages** for the next Sunday. We will meet in the **Fellowship Hall** each **Tuesday at 6:30 pm**. Bring your Bible!

*When you wish someone joy, you wish them peace, love, prosperity, happiness... all the good things.*

~ Maya Angelou

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## Congregational Prayers

**Members:** Our Church, Our Pastor - Rev. Julie O'Neal, Our Homebound Members, Brenda Barlow, Marty Butner Covington, Betty Friddle, Bobbie & Ralph Futrell, Steve Gentry, Jean Hole, Durwood & Joni Howell, Harriet Lassing, Mitch Mende & Ali Gonzalez, Betty & Paul Powers, Brenda Raker-Gentry, Jane Rogers

**Family & Friends:** Kendrick, Liza & Baby Beall, Concepcion Cabrera, Mary Caldwell, Ashley Campbell's family, Mary Chapman, Dick Collier, Tera Cordle, Todd Craven, Nicholas Delgado, Allan Donley & family, Anne Donley, Cathy DuBois, Lori Duckworth, Eddie & family, Chad Edwards, Joe Elliott, Kimberly Howard Green, Pat Harris, Barbara Harward, Sarah Howell, Ava Joyce, Sue Kaye, Richard Lisle, Betty & George Mack, Vanessa Maculaitis, Faye Marchant, Julie & Greg McKenna, Rick Randall, Chris Thore, Velma

There will be a **Memorial Service** for **Marge Summerson Saturday, October 3rd at Noon at Greenwood Cemetery in Bedford, VA.** You may call Jan, her daughter, at 919-889-8076 with questions.

Also John, Sr. has moved to Arbor Acres. Please keep the family in your prayers.

It is my pleasure to announce that **Joy Allen** will be taking the position of **Yadkin Valley District Administrator.** Joy has served as the Conference Center Receptionist since February 2019. We look forward to her joining the Yadkin Valley District team.

It has been our joy to work with and come to know Kara. We wish her well as she moves to the mountains.

This transition will be occurring over the next few weeks and should be in place by mid-October.

Blessings,  
Sam

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3rd Durwood & Joni Howell  
24th Guy & Abby Kelpin  
29th Daryl & Beth Dixon

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st Rod Baird III  
4th Jean Hole  
5th Jane Ray  
5th Chrissy Sherrill  
11th Heather Hugosson  
16th Hayden Wright  
17th Paul Powers  
25th Frances Pershing  
30th Sue McGee

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

Any North Carolina registered voter qualified to vote in an election may request and receive a mail-in absentee ballot for any election in which Absentee voting is allowed.

No special circumstance or reason is needed. Go to <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voting-Options/Absentee-Voting> for more information.



## WNCC Annual Conference, 2020 Saturday, August 8, 2020

For anyone who has ever been a delegate to the Western North Carolina Conference Annual Conference, there are certain indelible images:

- The pageantry of opening worship: bishops, pastors, and acolytes processing into Stuart Auditorium as the voices of thousands of United Methodists raise the roof;
- The solemnity of the memorial service for pastors and their spouses who have “graduated to the Church Eternal”;
- The mid-afternoon drowsies that arrive in the warm auditorium, as still another committee report is presented;
- The energetic (a polite term) debates over resolutions;
- The joy over the licensing of new local pastors, the commissioning of new provisional deacons and elders, and the ordination of new deacons and elders in full connection;
- The hugs and greetings of old friends who haven’t seen each other for months or years.

In contrast, this year’s Annual Conference was a very “2020 event.” Instead of spending several days at Lake Junaluska, we spent about 90 minutes in front of a screen, watching a compressed, largely pre-recorded series of presentations. A video worship service, featuring a variety of western NC United Methodists, opened the conference. It was followed by a time of remembrance for the pastors and pastors’ spouses who passed this year. Required reports were presented from around the conference.

Votes included approval of the budget, pension and health benefit programs, and new conference leaders. They included the sad approval of the closing of seventeen churches that are no longer able to continue. They also included accepting the disassociation of seven churches that are leaving the United Methodist Church “for reasons of conscience . . . related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals . . . or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues.. ” Required votes were taken, without debate, by secure internet and by mail.

It was safe, and it practical, and it was not at all traditional. And yet, we gathered -- virtually. We worshiped. We sang “And Are We Yet Alive?” We conducted the business of the conference. Meanwhile, we prayed for the return of a day when virtual conferences are no longer necessary.

Note: Anyone who is interested can watch the recording of the live streamed Annual Conference at <https://www.wnccumc.org/streamac>.

- Kathy Lisle

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- we are holding **outdoor worship** services in addition to streaming it on our Facebook page? Please bring your own chair, Bible, mask & water to safely join us as weather permits.
- our bulletins, newsletters, worship services, calendar, and much more can be found on our website - **www.burkheadumc.org**?
- we have a Facebook page where you can keep up and share stories with church members and friends? Join the fun at **www.facebook.com/burkheadumc**.

# October 2020

**Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am for our Outdoor Worship Service.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00 am - H.O.P.E. 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service with Communion 5:00 pm - "What Now" Discussion 6:30 pm - Nominations Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm - Lectionary Discussion 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service	<b>12</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> 7:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm - Lectionary Discussion 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Laity Sunday</b> 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service 2:30 pm - Virtual Laity Award Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm - Lectionary Discussion 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm - Virtual Missional Network Gathering	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00 am - H.O.P.E. 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service 5:00 pm - Church Charge Conference	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm - Lectionary Discussion 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>28</b> <b>Deadline for Newsletter Articles</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Reformation Day</b>  <b>Happy Halloween</b> 