



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

**Rev. Julie O'Neal  
Pastor**



**Worship Service is at 10:00 am each Sunday in the fellowship hall. Wear your mask and bring your Bible and water. Virtual worship is available through our website and Facebook page.**



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# Burkhead News

## Food Drive Continues

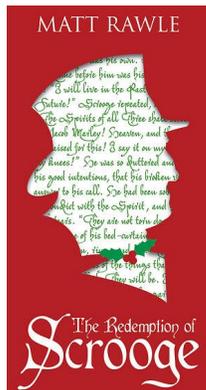
Even though there hasn't recently been a lot of talk about the Burkhead Food Drive, it is continuing because more people today are needing our help. In the past we asked for nonperishable foods, but we have gradually moved to monetary donations. However, nonperishable foods are still welcomed by Catholic Charities and the Storehouse for Jesus, and this is easier for some of us to remember. When you go to the grocery, remember our old motto: **"Buy 2. One for you and one for our food drive."**



The Covid-19 virus has put more people out of work which means more people are hungry. Schools are not in session which means more children are not getting their breakfast and lunch. Sunday Sandwiches for H.O.P.E. helps, but help is needed each and every week. Please do what you can during these cold winter months by remembering the needs of many. Thanks for what you can do.

## Advent Bible Study

Make plans to attend a **Tuesday evening Bible study** during the Advent season. Durwood Howell will lead a video based study and discussion titled **"The Redemption of Scrooge: Connecting Christ and Culture"**.



Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Pastor and author Matt Rawle believes so as he discovers the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol". Rawle dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge, we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith. **Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd** for lively discussion and fellowship. Let's (safely) say "HUMBUG!" together to 2020!

## Who Do You Love?

I came upon this quote by James Finley today. He says, “in the light of eternity, we’re here for a very short time, really. We are here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. Love is our origin, love is our ground, and love is our destiny.”

This statement is easy to understand, yet so hard to put into practice. It is not hard to love the people who love us. We may be easily hurt by family and friends, and we may get really mad at people who are close to us; but they are not hard to love. It is harder to love people that we do not know very well. If we do not know people individually, then it is easy to lump folks into convenient groups of stereotype. We all do this because our minds are wired to categorize. Categories of people are projected on individuals and if they fit a certain stereotype, then we may respond to them in certain ways. We do this with all kinds of people. If we look at someone and they seem to be attractive and nice, this is known as the halo effect. We make judgments about how desirable that person is by the way they dress, look, and conduct themselves - really without knowing them at all. We do the opposite as well. Studies show that people with African-American sounding names are less likely to get a job interview than persons with conventional Anglo names. The Harvard Business School published a report that stated “minorities who ‘whiten’ their resumes get more job interviews.” So if you belong to a group that is viewed favorably, you might benefit with some level of privilege. Groups that are looked down upon are, however, often discriminated against.



My point is that it is natural to look at people we do not know and place them into categories; some good, some neutral and some quite negative. As a result, it is hard for us to love neighbors who do not fit a positive category. We are often fine with people who look like us or purport to hold the same views; but the “other” is a different story. Jesus doesn’t want us just to love the neighbors who are like us. He states clearly that our neighbor includes people who are not like us at all. The only way we can truly do this is to get to know our neighbors beyond the categories we project on them. This is hard, because there are categories of people I tend to project a lot of my baggage on to. If you’ve lived a long time you’re going to subconsciously view people in a certain way. I think the first step is to be aware of the prejudged orientation of putting people into categories. When we say to ourselves “that person is black,” or “that person is redneck,” we should dig deeper into what that means for us. Are we allowing our projected category to get in the way of knowing the true image of God in the person?

So my challenge for you this week is to take an honest self-inventory and ask yourself what types of people do you have difficulty loving. Who do you look down on because that individual belongs to a category of people you don’t like very much? Categories can be based on race, socioeconomic status, political perspective, or personal appearance. Be aware that in order to truly love our neighbor, we have to get beyond categories in order to know the person. Our prejudices can get in the way of seeing the image of God in some people. The ministry of Jesus is always asking us, “who do you love? “If we are to love God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, then we must learn to love our neighbor; even the neighbor who is very different from us.

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

## Financial Report:

	<b>October</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Total Received	\$ 6,933	\$161,392
Total Spent	\$17,925	\$194,080

**\*END OF YEAR DEADLINE FOR 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS\***

Please remember that the **IRS requires that all 2020 donations of cash or check be received by the church office by the end of office hours on Thursday, December 31, 2020 or be placed in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 27, 2020. Mailed contributions must be post marked on or before December 31, 2020.** Thank you for helping us adhere to these IRS regulations. If you have any questions about your total contributions for the year, please contact Michelle Calderon at the church office, #336-765-6590 ext. 4. If I am not in the office, please leave me a message and I will respond as soon as possible.

**Appreciated stock or mutual funds** that the donor has held for a year or longer make a great gift to the church. By donating the stock rather than selling it and then donating the proceeds, donors can avoid capital gains taxes AND receive the charitable deductibility for the value of their gift. We have closed our brokerage account, so if anyone would like to sell stock for a gift to the church we have two recommendations for you: the first one is that you could have your broker sell it and have a check written to Burkhead United Methodist Church. This will give you more control over when you sell your stock and for how much. The second option you have is to have the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina process the stock gift which they will do as a courtesy service on the church's behalf at NO COST to the donor. Contact Suzanne Atkins at the Foundation ([satkins@umfwnc.org](mailto:satkins@umfwnc.org), 704-817-3990) so your stock gift can be processed before the end of the calendar year.

Please remember to **return your 2021 Pledge Cards to the Financial Office** as soon as possible.

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**Office Hours: Closed Monday**

**Tuesday through Friday: 10 am to 2 pm**

**Lectionary Readings for December**

6th \*Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2,8-13;  
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

13th Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126;  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;  
\*John 1:6-8,19-28

20th \*2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Luke 1:47-55;  
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

27th Isaiah 61:10-62:3; \*Psalm 148;  
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

(\*Lector reading; Sermon lesson)

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1st John & Shirley Hedrick, Jr.  
10th Will & Chrissy Sherrill

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3rd Jonathan Hedrick  
8th John Summerson  
9th Peggy Bishop  
9th Scott Smith  
9th Steve Smith  
10th Will Sherrill  
14th Bill Hamilton, Jr.  
14th Michael Taylor  
19th Jim Ray  
21st Wanda Eller  
22nd Ann Chipman  
23rd Lynn Blumenthal  
23rd Durwood Howell  
24th Sylvia Allen  
27th Carol Russell  
28th Glenda Ketchie  
29th Susan Disher  
29th Paul Kelpin  
30th Lib Jones

*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.*

## Life Line Health Screenings



Burkhead United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, a preventive health screening event on **Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020**. Five screenings will be offered that 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 (a predictor of heart disease); atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for both men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. You can register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129: call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word circle to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).

## January Red Cross Blood Drive



Mark your calendar for our next Blood Drive at Burkhead. Schedule your appointment for **January 14th from 1:30 to 6 pm** by calling the church office or the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Use Sponsor Code: Burkhead. Thank you!

## Congregational Prayers

Members: Our Church, Our Pastor - Rev. Julie O'Neal & her family, Our Homebound Members, Becky Arnott & family, Brenda Barlow, Marty Butner Covington, Barry Crotty, Betty Friddle, Bobbie & Ralph Futrell, Steve Gentry, Jean Hole, Durwood & Joni Howell, Harriet Lassing, Kay Phillips, Betty & Paul Powers, Mike Price, Brenda Raker-Gentry, Jane Rogers

Family & Friends: Ruby Anderson's family, Kendrick, Liza & Baby Beall, Concepcion Cabrera, Mary Caldwell, Ashley Campbell's family, Mary Chapman, Dick Collier, Tera Cordle, Todd Craven, Daniela, Sandy Deems, Nicholas Delgado, Allan Donley & family, Anne Donley, Lori Duckworth, Eddie & family, Chad Edwards, Elijah, Susan Elliott, Connie Espenschied's family, Bonnie Flynn, friends in Switzerland, Owen Giljames, Gwen, Pat Harris, Barbara Harward, Lisa Hay, Billy & Maggie Herring, Vetta Holley's family, Sarah Howell, Janet Jones' family, Ava Joyce, Kaylee, Kitty, Richard Lisle, Betty & George Mack, Vanessa Maculaitis, Faye Marchant, Julie & Greg McKenna, Piper, Rick Randall, Steve Reyes, Gary & Zoe Ruhl, Betty Simpson & family, JohnnieRae Smith, Stucker family, Chris Thore, Velma, Alvin White's family

**SPARK** is very grateful for the generous office space and the kindness that comes with being in Burkhead's company. SPARK officially began operating in September. Within three short months' connections have been made, grants have been written, service projects have been created and meaningfully completed, and steady growth forward has been incredible. Please see SPARK's vision and mission below.

**Vision:** Through partnering with local organizations and sacred spaces SPARK fans community's flame by serving and meeting every person where they are.

**Mission:** SPARK designs and manages community service experiences in order to help our neighbors in need and spread kindness to all.

SPARK has created service opportunities with Dress For Success, a local nonprofit that provides women in transition with mentorship, empowerment and support. A local high school men's basketball team served with SPARK in the Northwoods neighborhood, which is working to house the homeless, especially medically compromised during this time. This service project was in collaboration with City with Dwellings. SPARK is partnering with Love Out Loud W-S to design and organize service opportunities for the city's *30 Days of Serving* from Nov 20 - Dec 19. On November 21st, a local girl scout troop dug, planted and transplanted Liriope at the outside of the sanctuary at Burkhead in service with SPARK. SPARK was thrilled to give back to Burkhead in this way!

With thanksgiving for Burkhead.

Amber T Harris, SPARK's Founder and Burkhead's neighbor

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**30 Days of Serving** has begun and culminates with the in-person event of **Christmas for the City**. More information is available at: <http://www.christmasforthecity.com/30days>. Join the Mission!

### **30 Days of Serving – Nov 20-Dec 19**

This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “30-Days of Service” that happened in 2010 and led to many of the connections that formed who and what Love Out Loud is today! This 30 Day initiative fits squarely in our mission to *transform our city with the love of Jesus by connecting & mobilizing people and resources*. Here are the broad strokes:

- We will have a “Cause a Day” and encourage people to engage with or donate to initiatives and efforts about which they are passionate. BASE is our online platform where you will find all of these efforts: <https://volunteer.loveoutloudws.com>.

### **Christmas for the City – Saturday, Dec 19**

- **A drive-through (or reverse!) parade:** families and communities members will be invited to drive through the Fairgrounds (remaining in their cars) with community partners (churches, nonprofits, community organizations and businesses) “loving on the city” in a variety of ways: giveaways, music and arts, mascots....”stationary floats,” if you will.
- **A short service and prayer vigil:** after making their way through the reverse parade, cars will enter the midway area of the Fairgrounds (where The Drive has been happening) for a short 20-25-minute service—which will be very “unproduced” but, we pray, deeply meaningful and an opportunity to bring our community together. We will utilize the outdoor stage as well as the dual screens that have been set up for the drive-in movies.

# December 2020

**Join us Sundays at 10 am for Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:30 pm - Advent Bible Study 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 am - H.O.P.E. 10:00 am - Worship Service with Communion	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	<b>8</b> 8 am to 3 pm - Drop off for School Supplies 6:30 pm - Advent Bible Study 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 am - Worship Service	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30 am - Lifeline Health Screenings 6:30 pm - Advent Bible Study 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Deadline for Newsletter Articles</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00 am - Worship Service	<b>21</b> <b>First Day of Winter</b> 7:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm - Advent Bible Study 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>1st Sunday after Christmas Day</b> 10:00 am - Worship Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Watch Night</b>	<b>The Church Office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st. Please enjoy your holidays!</b>	