



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

**Rev. Julie O'Neal  
Pastor**



**JOIN US**  
**Sunday School**  
**classes at**  
**9:15 & 9:30 am**  
**Fellowship Time**  
**10:15 to 10:25 am**  
**Worship Service**  
**10:30 am in**  
**our Sanctuary**  
**Virtual worship is**  
**available through**  
**our website and**  
**Facebook page.**

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## Burkhead News

January 2, 2022, Burkhead UMC began hosting “**The Benediction Project**” on our hillside facing Silas Creek Parkway where it will reside for 40 days. The sculpture, a public art project by Charlie Brouwer, is made of Black Locust wood and was first exhibited in 2019 in the New River Valley of Virginia. Now, in connection with his exhibition at SECCA, the artist has moved the project to Winston-Salem.

Mr. Brouwer has placed the sculpture “The Benediction Project” at several places of worship or faith community houses throughout the city as a blessing to the community around the facility where it is displayed. It was most recently at First Baptist with other locations including Beloved Community, St. Paul’s Episcopal, Augsburg Lutheran, Temple Emmanuel and the Community Mosque.



## Assess UMC News

During the final months of 2021, the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church asked each of the congregations to use a new assessment process in order to ascertain what type of plans and goals those churches and pastors should aim towards. I am very glad to have had the assistance of a core group of members of the Burkhead congregation who took the time to respond to an online survey asking their priorities for the church and pastor, then meeting twice for an extended period of time in order to pull together and review the suggestions which had been made.

Given all the important insights into the views of and future of Burkhead UMC, the Assessment Committee and I would like to make available some of the most pressing plans which have been formulated. Please feel free to see me to discuss, ask for clarification, or offer additional opinions.

Julie O'Neal, 336-929-6001

### Suggested action items:

Alleviate fear of potential/eventual closing through affirmation of what the church is doing currently and increasing those successes. Replace the "illness" imagery with healthy connections to church, both within this congregation and others in the area. Substitute "what's happening that's good?" for implications of loss and "less-than."

*"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Matthew 24:36*

- **The pastor will routinely affirm during worship (as well as with handwritten notes of thanks and calls or e-mails when appropriate) the good works that are continuing and expanding Burkhead's "mission to be an open, committed, caring community of followers of Jesus Christ."**

COVID and its concomitant precautions have taken a toll on our ability to gather as well as to visit members. Cautiously move forward in our attempts to meet in small groups in and outside of church.

*"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10*

- **The pastor will accompany, when able, those who are visiting the homebound members and will continue to visit hospitalized members when possible.**
- **The pastor will resume weekly Bible studies beginning with January 2022's Courage Study by Tom Berlin.**
- **The pastor will begin a monthly sharing/discussion group in order to address individual member's spiritual challenges (to be held more frequently if possible when weekly meals may resume).**

Believing that each member of the Body of Christ has gifts which may be used to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God, seek to empower all to use those gifts to God's glory.

*"If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." Romans 12:8*

- **The pastor will schedule one-to-one consultations with current leaders prior to the meeting of the Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee, and will seek to reach out to those members not currently serving in leadership to inquire about their intentions.**

Our communal worship includes a time of scriptural explication, and those messages should challenge, inspire, and motivate.

*"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15*

- **The pastor will continue to set aside the equivalent of at least one day per week to construct meaningful messages, and will attend continuing education events when appropriate to help vitalize the sermons.**

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

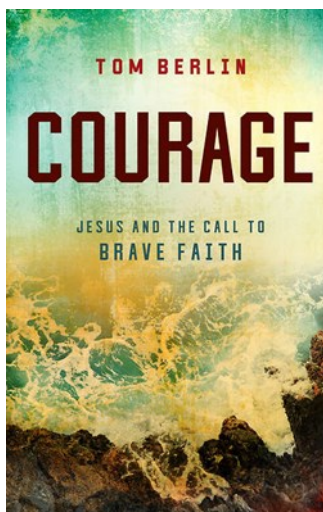
Financial Report:

	November	Year-to-Date
Total Received	\$ 14,334	\$ 181,247
Total Spent	\$ 16,788	\$ 213,097

We received \$3,330.00 from the BBQ Chicken Fundraiser from the BUMC Group Seekers Class in December.

**Address and Phone Updates:**

- Bobbie Futrell - 1199 Hayes Forest Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106. She is in room 742.
- Randy & Kathie Clontz Sherrill - 613 Carolina Holly Way, Fletcher, NC 28732
- David and Susan Disher’s home phone was disconnected as of January 1, 2022. Their cell numbers will remain the same.



A six-week study on “*Courage - Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*” by Tom Berlin will begin Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm. *Courage* was the word we chose as a Church Council to represent our goal for 2022 towards becoming better Christian stewards in regards to anti-racism in our community.

Please speak with Julie if you are interested in joining this Bible Study.

**January Lectionary Readings**

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

(\*Lector reading; Sermon lesson)

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| 2nd  | Isaiah 60:1-6<br>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14<br>Ephesians 3:1-12<br>Matthew 2:1-12                   |
| 9th  | *Isaiah 43:1-7<br>Psalm 29<br>Acts 8:14-17<br><u>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</u>                     |
| 16th | Isaiah 62:1-5<br>Psalm 36:5-10<br>*1 Corinthians 12:1-11<br><u>John 2:1-11</u>               |
| 23rd | Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 30<br>Psalm 19<br><u>1 Corinthians 12:12-31a</u><br>*Luke 4:14-21 |
| 30th | Jeremiah 1:4-10<br>Psalm 71:1-6<br>*1 Corinthians 13:1-13<br><u>Luke 4:21-30</u>             |

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**Prayer Concerns and Praises**

December 5th

Prayers: Larry, Sarah & Tammy; Spencer Willard; Jeannette Aldrich; Nancy White; Richard, David & Michael Lisle; David Davis

Praises: Mitch Mende & Allie

December 12th

Prayers: Larry's family, Vicki, Bonnie Flynn, Daryl White & family, Ross O'Neal, Richard Randall, Lynne & Ed Jones, Stephen, Brenda Raker

December 19th

Prayers: Steven, Brenda Raker, Peggy Bishop, Neal Doub, Tammy, David Davis, Nancy Stubbs, people traveling for holidays, renewed COVID worries

December 26th

Prayers: David Davis family, Thobeka McCoy, Betty Wesley

***Our Deepest Sympathies*** are shared with Bobbie Futrell, Connie Stock, Dan Futrell and their families upon Ralph's death Sunday, January 2, 2022. We miss hearing his rich singing voice and the many ways he cared for the Burkhead family. Please continue to keep all of the Futrell family in your hearts and prayers.



With a new beginning and fresh start,  
 Full of inspiration and positive thoughts,  
 Let's begin this year with an optimistic thought.  
 Gone are the days of regret and guilt,  
 Those rooms full of darkness.  
 It's time to move with courage,  
 Full of confidence and hope.  
 Let's begin this year with an optimistic thought.

**Notes of Appreciation**

- ◆ Dear Burkhead United Methodist Church,  
 Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$247.00 to Storehouse for Jesus. We wish your entire congregation a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.  
 Warm Regards,  
 The Staff at A Storehouse for Jesus
- ◆ On behalf of our team here at World Relief Triad, we wanted to thank you for your recent gift and for supporting our work in the community! Your partnership means so much to us and will greatly benefit those we serve. Your gift comes at a pivotal time as we are already beginning to welcome Afghan families and other refugees. We could not do this work without supporters like you who are willing to stand with the vulnerable. We are grateful for you, and we look forward to deepening our partnership as we head into the future!  
 Sincerely,  
 Jon Musser

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 1st Barry Crotty
- 2nd Cristy Crotty
- 5th Susanne Jones
- 10th Paula Totherow
- 11th Joni Howell
- 12th John Patrick
- 17th Charlotte Strom
- 18th Rod Friddle
- 18th China Moore
- 18th Kaycee Thomas

Please notify the church office if your birthday or anniversary has been omitted or is incorrect.



## ASSISTING OUR NEIGHBORS AT OPEN ARMS

The Outreach Committee at Burkhead needs your assistance to **sponsor/prepare a meal for the elementary school students** who are tutored at Open Arms on Tuesday nights during the school year. We will begin **January 25, 2022 and continue the third Tuesday of each month** (February 15th , etc.). There are about 15 students who attend on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm. We could make a meal on site by heating up a meal made there or make a type of bag lunch type of supper. The students enjoy pizza, Mexican dishes, chicken nuggets, simple sandwiches, grapes, juice boxes, bottled water, chips, and desserts such as brownies or a packaged treat. There is a **sign-up sheet on the table by the kitchen.** Please call Lynn Blumenthal if you have questions, 336-414-2174.

### District Winter Leadership Training Events - January 23-27, 2022

A series of Conference-wide training webinars will be offered during the **week of January 23-27** to resource and equip all areas of our Church leadership instead of the regular in person classes. The courses and a brief description are listed below. For more information go to <https://www.wnccumc.org/detail/winter-leadership-training-webinar-series-dates-announced-15804118>.

#### **Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committees: Building Relationships for the Mission**

Sunday, January 23, 2 pm - will cover scriptural guideposts for the work, the nuts and bolts of a good meeting, seasonal responsibilities, covenants, and how to approach differences

#### **Keynote with Bishop Carter - Why Your Church Won't Look the Same When You Return**

Sunday, January 23, 5 pm

#### **Strategizing Local Church Stewardship and Finance in a Pandemic/Post Pandemic World - for Newly Elected/Novice Finance Leaders**

Monday, January 24, 7 pm - will cover Book of Discipline requirements and regulations for the work of the Finance committee in the local church, primarily focusing on what have we learned/experienced from the Pandemic; trending statistics and projections for the future of local churches as a result of the Pandemic experiences, and possible strategies for addressing from "Out of the Box" thinking.

#### **Simple Accountable Structure: Give Your Committees a Makeover!**

Monday, January 24, 7 pm - The SAS reduces the leadership committees of a church to a single board and creates space for highly effective & efficient meetings. Explore common issues with church management structures and using SAS as a tool to help.

#### **Role of the Local Lay Leader**

Tuesday, January 25, 7 pm - examine the roles & responsibilities of the Local Church Lay Leader & provide information and suggestions for how the Lay Leader may partner more effectively with the pastor & other church leaders in creating a healthy, vibrant church.

#### **Strategizing Local Church Stewardship and Finance in a Pandemic/Post Pandemic World - for Veteran or Returning Church Finance Leaders**

Tuesday, January 25, 7 pm - will cover Book of Discipline requirements and regulations for the work of the Finance committee in the local church, primarily focusing on what have we learned/experienced from the Pandemic; trending statistics and projections for the future of local churches as a result of the Pandemic experiences, and possible strategies for addressing from "Out of the Box" thinking.

#### **Both/And Continued**

Wednesday, January 26, 7 pm - will focus on why hybrid worship should carry on, new 90-minute training with new content focused on the why, how, and what we can do to run the next leg of this very important race.

#### **The Work and Ministry of Local Church Trustees**

Wednesday, January 26, 7 pm - Effective trustees function as Christian stewards of the property including supervising and maintaining the physical property of the congregation & gifts made to the congregation

#### **"Will We Ever Be Enough?" Celebration as a Source for Strengthening Communities**

Thursday, January 27, 7 pm - will explore celebration as a starting point for strengthening communities.

# January 2022

**Join us each Sunday at 10:30 am for Worship Service in our Sanctuary.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>HAPPY★NEW★YEAR</b>						<b>1</b>
<b>2 Epiphany Sunday</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	<b>3</b> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - AARP Training 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>5</b> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - AARP Training	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Baptism of the Lord</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with a Covenant Renewal Service	<b>10</b> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - AARP Training 6:30 pm - Finance Committee meeting	<b>11</b> 10:30 pm - Outreach Committee 6:30 pm - Trustee Committee 7:00 pm - BSA 911	<b>12</b> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - AARP Training	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - AARP Training	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929 6:30 pm - Y.A.R.N.	<b>18</b> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - AARP Training 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 4:00 pm - Church Council	<b>24</b> <i>Deadline                      for all                      Newsletter                      Information</i>	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm - Outreach meal for Open Arms 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	<b>31</b> 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929					