



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

**Rev. Julie O'Neal  
Pastor**



**JOIN US  
for our Sunday  
School classes  
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



### Sunday In The Park With Burkhead UMC



**Who:** You, your neighbors, your family

**What:** Outdoor service & picnic lunch

**When:** Sunday, September 11th 10:30 a.m.  
(no Sunday School classes this week)

**Where:** Leinbach Park on Robin Hood Rd across the street  
from Mount Tabor UMC

**Why:** To share worship and lunch while enjoying God's  
creation!

We are so excited to have the chance to be outdoors and celebrate Burkhead and each other. Dress is casual because we want everyone to feel comfortable and relaxed.

We will join together in worship at 10:30 a.m. Help decorate the altar with a flower or anything natural from home if you have them.

Bring a camp chair from home if you want seating other than at the picnic tables.

Following the worship service, we will have a good old-fashioned church picnic. Fried chicken, tea and lemonade will be provided. We would love your homemade sides and desserts to add to the meal. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the kitchen for the next few weeks. Let us know if you plan to come and if you can bring a side or a dessert.

After lunch – visit, play games, stroll the trail, or even take a nap!

**Directions to the park:** From Robinhood Rd, turn at the stop light for Mt. Tabor Church onto Norman Road. Make an immediate left onto Sally Kirk Road and the park entrance is on your left. For GPS: 3635 Sally Kirk Road NW.

The parking lot and shelter are handicap friendly all on smooth level surface.

**Let's all join together for Faith, Food, Fun, and Fellowship!**

### September Lectionary Readings

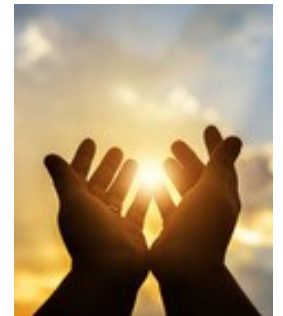
These scriptures are used during our Sunday Worship Service. They are shared so everyone may read and study them throughout the week. They are also the scriptures for our Lectionary Study.

(\*Lector reading; Sermon lesson)

<u>4th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>18th</u>	<u>25th</u>
Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22
Psalms 139:1-6,13-18	Psalms 14	Psalms 79:1-9 or Psalm 4	Psalms 124
*Philemon 1-21	*1 Timothy 1:12-17	*1 Timothy 2:1-7	*James 5:13-20
<u>Luke 14:25-33</u>	<u>Luke 15:1-10</u>	<u>Luke 16:1-13</u>	<u>Mark 9:38-50</u>

### Prayer Concerns and Praises

- August 7th Prayers: Marge Serrano, Marty Purcell, Bob Opoulos, family of Mary Chapman, family of Spencer Willard  
Praise: Betty Bewley, Amber Harris, Julie O'Neal
- August 14th Prayers: Larry Tant and family, Concepcion Cabrera  
Praises: Lynn Blumenthal
- August 21st Prayers: Charlie Flowers, Larry Tant & family, Concepcion Cabrera, Ronda McKnight, Tommie Flynn, Garie Blevins
- August 28th Prayers: Thobeka McCoy, Debbie Johnson, China Moore, Pam Gutshall, Larry Tant and family, family of Dorothy Fulk



### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 10th Clyde & Diane May, Jr.
- 12th Don & Dawn Brown
- 14th John & Dominique Patrick
- 27th Bob & Alice Smith

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 2nd Evan Burton
- 4th Alice Smith
- 5th Ian Stephens
- 6th Katherine DuBois
- 8th Cameron Jordan
- 8th Judy LaPrade
- 8th Kevin Messick
- 19th Gale Sink
- 24th Katharine Chipman
- 25th Laura Smith
- 28th Russ DuBois
- 28th Larry Hurst
- 30th Barbara Griset

*Please notify the church office if your birthday or anniversary has been omitted or is incorrect. Let's celebrate everyone!*



**Our Sincerest Sympathies** are shared with the family of Dorothy "Piggy" Fulk, who joined our Lord in Heaven, Sunday, August 28th. Please keep the family in your hearts and prayers.

### **Burkhead News**

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**Our office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 am until 2 pm.**  
 We are closed Mondays and Fridays.

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

**Financial Report:**

	<b>July</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Total Received	\$16,035	\$102,027
Total Spent	\$19,021	\$141,628

In July, we received:

- a) memorials from Marilyn Baird, Taylor Crane, Sandra Galyean, Nancy Porter, Mike & Peg Price, Murray & Gale Sink, and Douglas & Palma Smith for Susan Elliott;
- b) \$1,480 for our Capital Campaign;
- c) \$300 from SPARK.

**Words of Appreciation from Samaritan Ministries**



*We are grateful for our partnership with Burkhead and appreciate your consideration of new ways to engage in our mission. Thank you for always participating in the Penny Campaign!*

*Sincerely, Jan Kelly,  
Executive Director*

Becky DuBois has moved to a new home. Her new address is 4230 Barjean Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Her email and cell phone will remain the same.



**School Supply Information from Speas and Open Arms**



This summer Burkhead UMC gave school supplies to both Speas Elementary School and Open Arms (a Methodist Mission service in Waughtown). The supplies included notebooks, pencils, erasers, crayons, glue sticks, index cards, & other basic school supplies.



On August 20th, at Open Arms we gave away 170 backpacks filled with these school supplies, to children in grades K through 12. Both Speas and Open Arms were very appreciative and grateful for our contributions to help children start the new school year on a positive note. I observed joy in the eyes of the children and parents receiving backpacks. Blessings to all who helped contribute supplies and time to make this school year successful for more children who need assistance in Winston-Salem.

Lynn Blumenthal

**Burkhead Community Meal Wednesday, September 14th at 6 pm**

**Join us!** The meal will feature Elaine Stewart preparing her famous Chicken and Rice (with the usual side dishes) with assistance from Beth and Daryl Dixon and Shirley and John Hedrick. Reservations are required. The sign up sheet is on the Information Table or call the church office at 336-765-6590, extn. 3. First timers eat FREE, otherwise it’s \$6 per person. Please join us for a delicious meal AND an EXCITING UPDATE from SPARK. Here’s your opportunity to ask Amber what SPARK is accomplishing in our community! Invite your friends and family!







## Fall Bible Study

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, Burkhead will begin a weekly Bible Study using the scripture passages of the Revised Common Lectionary as a starting point for reflection, analysis, and prayer. Each of the lessons (offered at 1 pm or 6:30 pm on Tuesdays) will be stand-alone; in other words, you are welcome and encouraged to come each week, but you may join in at any time without having

been to the prior week's lesson. Bring your Bible and a notebook and be prepared to be transformed by the renewing of your mind! Call Julie at 336-929-6001 for more information.

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

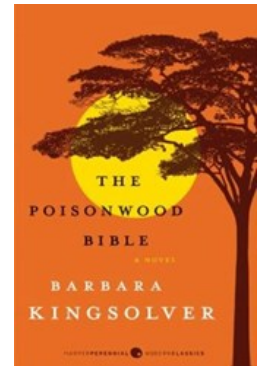
Romans 12:2

## Burkhead Book Club

“I have always imagined paradise will be a kind of library.” – Jorge Luis Borges

While waiting for paradise, join us as we begin delving into books which might expand our understanding of ourselves and our world. Though Burkhead folks are certainly encouraged to attend, please feel free to invite neighbors and friends who would enjoy reading books which examine different aspects of the human experience. Sensitive readers should be aware that the books are for adults.

Prior to our first meeting on October 16th at 5:00 pm, read **The Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver.



*The Poisonwood Bible is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it—from garden seeds to Scripture—is calamitously transformed on African soil. What follows is a suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in postcolonial Africa.*

*The novel is set against one of the most dramatic political chronicles of the twentieth century: the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium, the murder of its first elected prime minister, the CIA coup to install his replacement, and the insidious progress of a world economic order that robs the fledgling African nation of its autonomy. Taking its place alongside the classic works of postcolonial literature, this ambitious novel establishes Kingsolver as one of the most thoughtful and daring of modern writers.*

We will meet at the parsonage and enjoy a light snack supper together after our discussion. To reserve a spot or if you have difficulty locating a copy of the book, please contact Julie O'Neal at 336-929-6001.

Looking ahead: November 20th we will discuss **Their Eyes Were Watching God** by Zora Neale Hurston.

## Reliable Resources for News of the United Methodist Church

The following suggestions come from our Yadkin Valley District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Sam Moore, who reminds us not to rely on hearsay:

Sign up for ENews from the Western North Carolina Conference (link offered via email from Burkhead)

Follow <https://www.wnccumc.org/> for news of the Conference

Check out <https://www.umnews.org/en> for news of the United Methodist Church

Search #BeUMC for videos and clips celebrating the United Methodist Church

Thank you!

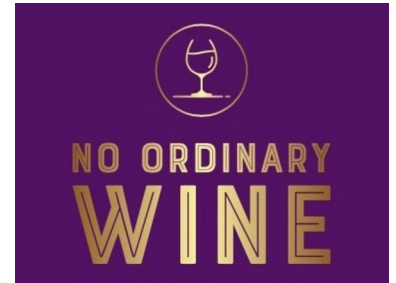
## Are You Ready for a Church Outing?

### No Ordinary Wine

Armfield Civic Center Amphitheater

873 W 52 Bypass, Pilot Mtn, NC

Join us on the hillside at the beautiful Armfield Amphitheater Sunday, **October 2, 2022**. Gate opens at 4:00 p.m. and the performance begins at 5:00. Bring a blanket or lawn chair (and picnic basket, if you'd like). Parking is free and accessible. Pastries and coffee will be available for sale by The Songbird House. The Little League will offer concessions. More information: <https://noordinarywine.org/>



SPARK is so grateful to have shared a summer with Burkhead again! Our summer program was incredible with youth and adults coming from Winston-Salem and North Carolina, as well as from across the country and over 30 local partners engaging with SPARK for community worship and service. I look forward to

seeing everyone on September 14th for an opportunity for fellowship and also a time for questions and answers with SPARK.

[www.spark-community.org](http://www.spark-community.org) facebook and instagram: @SPARKcommunityws 540-230-2923

## What's in your cup?

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which



will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So, we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

## A Message from Bishop Carter

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Dear Clergy and Laity of the Western North Carolina Conference:

Over the past week, we have become aware of 31 churches who, with the encouragement of the Wesleyan Covenant Association – Western North Carolina (WCA-WNC), have engaged with a Florida law firm and are demanding transfer into a new denomination. We are deeply grieved by this action, as we seek to be a church united and engaged in making disciples of Jesus. As you read a sample of the letters we have received as well as the response of our conference chancellor (below), here are some important thoughts to keep in mind:

The Western North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is committed to providing a “gracious exit” for those churches that wish to depart, pursuant to our common process outlined in *The Book of Discipline*, paragraph 2553. We have been trying to engage these churches in that process, but they have refused to follow that approved disaffiliation path, choosing to engage this law firm instead.

This law firm that claims to represent dozens of Western North Carolina United Methodist churches is demanding a short-circuit to the church’s commitments and immediate disaffiliation. That is vastly different from our open and transparent processes which occur in church conferences and at our annual conference session.

We ask that, despite their haste, these groups seeking to break away live up to the responsibilities established by the General Conference in 2019, and that they not cause pain, damage, or disparage other United Methodist churches, other members in their churches, or other pastors, or the Conference.

Much of this is about fairness and the responsibilities churches have to each other. For instance, an abrupt separation creates significant issues that could damage benefits and pensions for retired pastors and their spouses who devoted their lives to service. Another example is the apportionment churches give to support our camps, campus ministries, natural disaster response projects, and missions abroad.

From the perspective of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, our doctrinal standards have not changed and will not change, even as we continue on a journey to be a church that serves all people.

In all this, our overarching goal is to move through this process in a spirit where we can support, bless and love each other. A tenet of our faith is that we embrace a Church built in loving relationships rather than uniformity in thought and action. As John Wesley is quoted “though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?”

Thank you for your faith in Jesus Christ and our connection as United Methodists.

The Peace of the Lord,  
Bishop Ken Carter  
Resident Bishop, Western North Carolina Conference  
The United Methodist Church

**Did you know that Forsyth County ranks near the bottom of all counties nationally in economic mobility?**

LOOKING TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS?

Walk alongside women who are working to step out of poverty!

**ARE YOU:**



The Shalom Project's Flourish Program  
639 South Green Street, Winston Salem, NC

SCAN & APPLY NOW:



[theshalomprojectnc.org/flourish](http://theshalomprojectnc.org/flourish)

- A FORSYTH COMMUNITY MEMBER
- FINANCIALLY STABLE
- CAN ATTEND WEEKLY MEETINGS
- WILLING TO PROVIDE YOUR TIME AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

*The Flourish Program* is trying to change the cycle of poverty in Forsyth County by giving low-income women heads-of-household the resources and relationships to step out of poverty.

**But we need your help!**

*Flourish* is a financial education and holistic wellness program to help women move into financial security. And as recent studies indicate, a key factor in reducing poverty is a relationship with someone who is financially stable. As we begin our next Flourish semester later this month, we are looking for Companion volunteers, individuals willing to walk alongside these brave women in their journey out of poverty, supporting them through

encouragement, goal setting, & accountability.

One of our returning Companions, Nancy, describes her experience volunteering this way: “I find my work with Flourish extremely fulfilling. There are many ways to “help” people who are struggling financially but this is the only organization I know of where we build relationships with the people we are wanting to help. I am certainly giving of myself each week but I am also receiving. I am inspired by these strong, determined women committed to their growth.”

If you are interested in this important work, please reach out to Kris Norris, director of the Flourish Program at [flourish@theshalomprojectnc.org](mailto:flourish@theshalomprojectnc.org).



WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7—OCTOBER 19  
6:30-8:00 PM, CENTENARY UMC  
ROOM 107 EAST BUILDING

This course explores the financial wellness journey for those seeking to create healthy relationships with money and align faith with finance.

Participants will learn skills and tools that support them in examining how to spend, save, give, budget, and achieve a sustainable financial life. This class will be facilitated by Don and Patsy Dwiggins. If childcare is needed, please register by August 29. To register, please visit the Engage tab of the Centenary website at [www.centenary-ws.org/engage](http://www.centenary-ws.org/engage).



# September 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>NEW OFFICE DAYS Tuesday through Thursday 10 am until 2 pm</b>			<b>1</b> 10:00 am - WNCC Missional Network meeting	<b>2</b> 4:00 pm - Kistemaker & Moser Wedding Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 2:00 pm - Kistemaker & Moser Wedding
<b>4</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:00 pm - Lectionary Study 6:30 pm - Lectionary Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:30 am - Worship Service, Communion and Church Picnic at Leinbach Park	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm - Finance Committee meeting  	<b>13</b> 10:30 am Outreach Committee meeting 1:00 pm - Lectionary Study 6:30 pm - Lectionary Study	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm - Community Fellowship Meal with SPARK Updates  	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am until noon - SPARK Board meeting
<b>18</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry  	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm - Lectionary Study 2:00 pm - Nominations Committee 6:30 pm - Lectionary Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 5:00 pm - Church Council meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 pm - Lectionary Study 6:30 pm - Lectionary Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 am - SPARK overnight camp →	