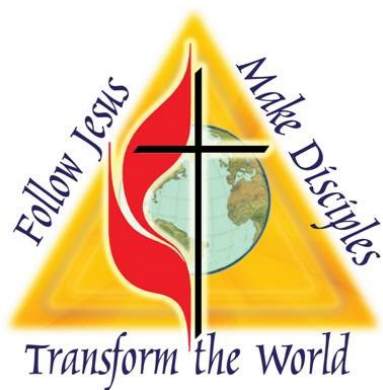




**Burkhead  
United Methodist Church  
5250 Silas Creek Parkway  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106**

**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**

### **Celebrating the Christmas Season with Burkhead UMC and Community**

**Sunday, December 4th** 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am - Advent Bible Study Sunday School class

10:30 am - Worship Service and Commitment Sunday

4:00 pm - Church Council

**Monday, December 5th**

9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Salvation Army Christmas

Warehouse Volunteer Event

**Saturday, December 10th,**

10:30 am to 12:00 pm - Cozy Bundle SPARK event  
at New Light Baptist Church

**Sunday, December 11th** 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 am - Advent Bible Study Sunday School class

10:30 am - White Christmas Worship Service

**Friday, December 16th**

6:00 pm - Church Christmas Party at Little Richard's  
Bar-N-Cue, Stratford Road

**Sunday, December 18th** 4th Sunday of Advent

9:15 am - Advent Bible Study Sunday School class

10:30 am - Worship Service

Christmas Caroling (time to be determined)

**Saturday, December 24th** Christmas Eve

2:00 pm - Worship Service

**Sunday, December 25th** Christmas Day

10:30 am - Worship Service

**Sunday, January 1st** New Years Day, Epiphany Sunday

**Friday, January 6th** Epiphany of the Lord

**Sunday, January 8th** Baptism of the Lord Sunday

## Lectionary Readings

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

### 4th

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

### 11th

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 1:46b-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### 18th

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### 25th

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalms 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4  
John 1:1-14



Our deepest sympathies... Burkhead lost another of our dear members recently. Harriet Lassing passed away Friday, November 25, 2022. Her family is planning a Memorial service for Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 2:00 pm. There will be an opportunity to visit with Harriet's family following the service. Please keep David, Kathy, Greg, Carrie and all of Harriet's family and friends in your hearts and prayers.

The **Y.A.R.N. Ministry** will resume their meetings January 18, 2023. The new meeting time is the third Wednesday of each month starting at 1:00 pm.



*Please notify the church office if your birthday or anniversary has been omitted from this list or is listed incorrectly. Help us celebrate everyone!*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1st John & Shirley Hedrick, Jr.  
9th Rick & Connie Mende  
10th Will & Chrissy Sherrill

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3rd Jonathan Hedrick  
8th John Summerson  
9th Peggy Bishop  
9th Scott Smith  
9th Steve Smith  
10th Andrew Ketchie  
10th Will Sherrill  
14th Bill Hamilton, Jr.  
14th Michael Taylor  
19th Jim Ray, Sr.  
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

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Our church office is open Tuesday through  
Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm.

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

## Financial Report:

	October	Year-to-Date
Total Received	\$10,667	\$132,738
Total Spent	\$22,043	\$193,767

In October, we received:

- a) a gift in honor of Peg Price from Taylor Crane;
- b) a gift in memory of Dorothy Fulk from Murray and Gale Sink;
- c) gifts in memory of Marty Covington-Butner from Betty Bewley (Food Drive), Larry Parks, and Elaine Stewart;
- a) \$200 for Pastor's Outreach;
- b) \$1,480 for our Capital Campaign;
- c) \$25 to UMCOR for Hurricane Ian; and
- d) \$614 for the Crop Walk.

In November, we received:

- a) gifts in memory of Marty Covington-Butner from Aaron & Mary Lib Shough, Murray & Gale Sink, Bill & Peg Bishop, Rick & Connie Mende, Sylvia Allen, Marilyn Baird, Brenda Barlow, Taylor Crane, Daryl & Beth Dixon, Becky DuBois, Greg & Kathy Lisle, Sarah Helen Hinkle Forbes, Elizabeth Hinkle, Catherine & Jane Lyerly, John & Sandy McCulloch, Nancy Miller, Sam & Jane Ogburn, Jr., Kathy Burns & Steve Ramey, J. E. Thornton PA, Sandra Galyean, Nancy Porter, Michael Wilson & Mary Ogburn, and Cheryl Keamy & Paul Pantano;
- b) a gift in memory of Dorothy Fulk from Bill & Peg Bishop;
- c) \$200 for Pastor's Outreach;
- c) \$1,865 for our Capital Campaign;
- d) \$150 to UMCOR;
- e) \$13,800 for Repairs Fund; and
- f) \$1,200 from SPARK and \$300 from Lifeline for facilities usage. **The gift from SPARK is given in thanks to Burkhead for your support and sharing of your facilities.**

**\*END OF YEAR DEADLINE  
FOR 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS\***

Please remember that the IRS requires that **all 2022 donations of cash or checks be received by the church office by end of office hours on Thursday, December 29, 2022 or be placed in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 25, 2022. Envelopes with mailed contributions must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2022.**

Thank you for helping us adhere to these IRS regulations. **Please note: any money placed in the offering plate on January 1, 2023 has to be counted on 2023 giving.**

**A Note of Appreciation from  
Winston-Salem Wesley Foundation**

*Dear Burkhead UMC,*

*Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Winston-Salem Wesley Foundation! I deeply appreciate the connection we share—and our vital mission to college students can continue thanks to the kind support of ministry partners like you! May God bless you and your ministry for our greater community!*

*In Christ,*

*Oliver (Rev. Oliver Helsabeck)*



## Prayer Concerns and Praises

October 30th

Prayers: family of Marty Butner Covington, family of Stan Elrod, Claudia Kairoff, those who are hungry and living in poverty, Gloria McGurk

November 6th

Prayers: Zoe Ruhl, Bob & Elaine Opoulos, Imogene Tucker, prayers for Veterans Day, God's guidance on Election Day, China Moore

November 13th

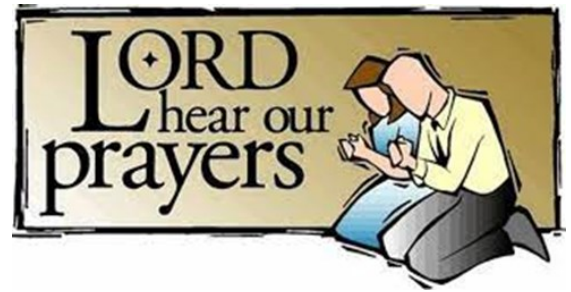
Prayers: David Arnold, Wayne Linville, China Moore, Debbie Canter, Diane Womack

November 20th

Prayers: Thanksgiving travel, SPARK, child killed in Raleigh, Diane Womack, David Lowman, Allen Burrell, families of slain VA football players, China Moore

November 27th

Prayers: Harriet Lassing's family, Kathy & Greg Lisle, Julie O'Neal, Jake O'Neal, Tammy, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal, Johnny Hedrick, Doug Glass, Jane Burns, Claudia Kairoff



## **BUMC will celebrate a WHITE CHRISTMAS December 11th**

Snow is not a requirement for the Burkhead White Christmas; what we are imagining is something completely different. This year instead of buying white poinsettias for ourselves to decorate the altar area, we are encouraging everyone to buy and wrap nonperishable food items in white paper or bags which we will give to Crisis Control and Catholic Charities for their distribution to our neighbors who are experience hunger.

Bring your **non-perishable food items** to the church **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** wrapped in white, and place before the altar. For those who forget their food or would rather donate money, plain white envelopes will be made available for your use. Checks can be made to Burkhead with "food drive" on the info line.

This is just another way that we can help others have food to celebrate the holidays, and do as Jesus asked of us, "*Feed my sheep*".



## **Annual Christmas Party Planned**

The Annual Burkhead Christmas Party will be **Friday, December 16, 6 pm, at Little Richard's BBQ on Stratford Rd.** This is our chance to socialize and laugh and eat some good food.

It will be a buffet dinner for \$18.50 + tax, tip, and drinks. Plenty of good food will be followed by our usual gift exchange. Everyone is asked to bring a small, wrapped gift costing in the vicinity of \$5. Numbers will be given out and choosing gifts will be in that order so you always want a HIGH number so you can have a bigger choice of gifts.

A sign-up sheet is located on the Information Table. **EVERYONE is invited** and needs to be there for *guaranteed* fun!

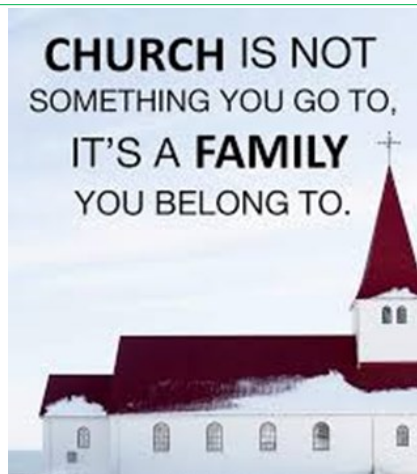


## Flower Calendar

We are bringing back an old standby – the Flower Calendar which you will find on the door in the hall outside the kitchen beginning for 2023. For those who aren't familiar with it, each Sunday for the year is listed with a place for you to sign your name as the person who will provide the altar flowers for that Sunday. You may choose to place them in memory of a loved one, in honor of a loved one or for an event.

“*In the old days*” we dealt with a florist, but that is not necessary. You may provide flowers from your yard, from your neighbor's yard, from the grocery store or even an artificial arrangement. You will need to let Darlene know who the flowers are honoring so she can list it in the bulletin. It's your responsibility to let her know.

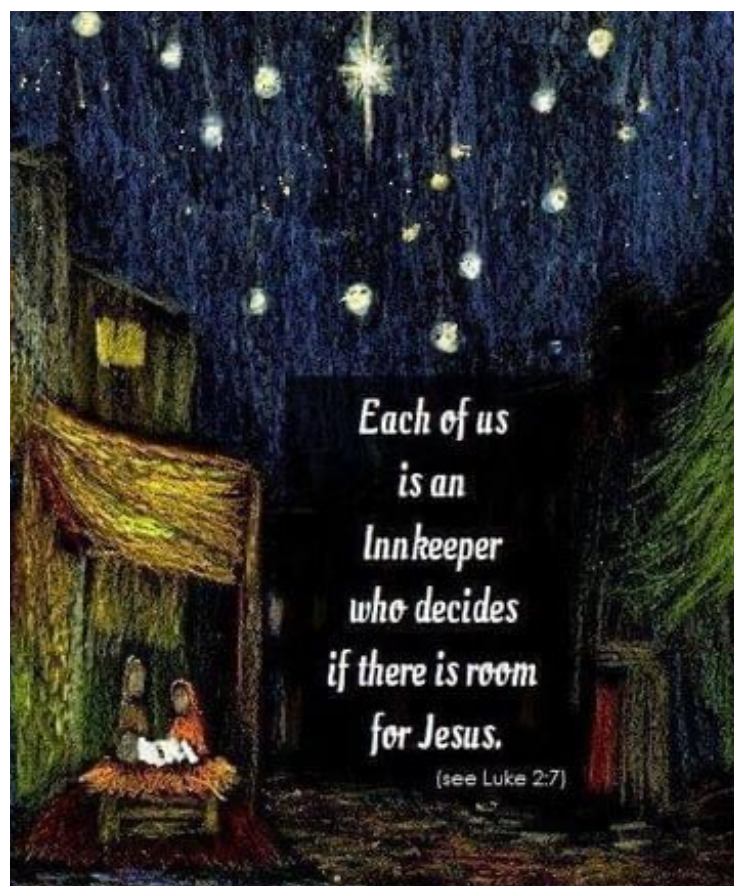
I hope that you will enjoy being able to recognize your loved ones with flowers. Betty Bewley



*Dear Heavenly Father,  
Amid our struggles and suffering, help us to remember the birth of Jesus. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Forgive us for questioning Your love for us. You gave us the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from sin, and provide us with life eternal. Help us to share the true meaning of the Christmas season. And through this celebration, use us to find the lost, heal those with broken spirits, feed the hungry and spread hope to the hearts of all who seek You. Let kindness be our guiding light to spread Your joy to the world. Grant us Your heavenly peace. Amen.*

## Life Line Health Screenings

Burkhead United Methodist Church will host Life Line Screening, a **preventive health screening event on Monday, December 5, 2022**. Five health 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, to assess the risk of osteoporosis. You can register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149. All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are 3ways to register for this event: call 1-888-653-6441, text “circle” to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).



## Winter Leadership Training: Online Conference January 23-26-2023

Winter Leadership Training is designed for and open to all local church leaders including lay leaders, council members, volunteers, and all who lead (or are considering future leadership!). Connect virtually with other leaders across the conference and learn about roles, best practices, and new ideas for ministry. When you register, choose the topics in each breakout session where you most relate and would like to participate in conversation.

### Session Schedule & Descriptions

#### Monday, January 23rd:

**6:00pm** – Opening, Welcome, and Overview of the Week

**6:30pm** – Breakout rooms with District Superintendents

#### **7:30pm – 101 Breakout Session Options**

- **P/SPRC 101** – For anyone chairing or serving on a Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee - Rev. Dr. Nancy Rankin & Bonnie Burkett, in collaboration with the Northern Piedmont District, have developed a curriculum to help orient SPRC leaders to their roles in the local church.
- **Admin Council Leadership 101** – For chairpersons of a congregations governing body – Maria King will facilitate a discussion on your role as chair of a local church leadership team (Administrative Council, Lead Team, etc.). She will help you learn to further navigate the United Methodist Book of Discipline, explore tips and hints for leading a meeting, and explore the essentials of conversations regarding growth, learning, and sustainable leadership.
- **Congregational Finance 101** – For those starting in a newly elected role related to any position in the finance area of church life (or those who are seasoned and want a refresher). Mark King and David Snipes will lead the group in examining the roles and duties of treasurer, financial secretary, finance committee chair, and finance committee members.
- **Lay Leader 101** - For those who serve as the Lay Leader for your congregation. John Crane will facilitate a conversation surrounding the relationship dynamics between Pastor and Lay Leader, the role of the Lay Leader in the local church, and how to navigate the Book of Discipline in your role.

#### **Trustees 101** - TBA

#### Tuesday, January 24th:

#### **11:30am-1pm Breakout Session #1**

- **Communication & Promotion in a Congregational Setting** - Led by Aimee Yeager, WNCC Director of Communications. We will explore best practices for communicating events and information within your congregation.
- **From Charles Wesley to Johnny Cash: United Methodist Core Beliefs Through the Lens of Music & Storytelling** - Led by Mark Ralls, Blue Ridge District Superintendent. We will participate in a conversation centered around the theological understanding we can identify with as United Methodists in popular hymns and songs.
- **Connecting with Today's Children & Youth** - Led by Rev. Nicole Jones, Smoky Mountain District Vitality Associate. We will facilitate contextual conversation around moving from an attractional model of ministry to discipleship opportunities with intergenerational relationship building.

#### **6:00pm-7:00pm Breakout Session #2**

- **Myth Busting: The True Standards of Wesleyan Theology Embraced by the United Methodist Church (Part 1)** - Led by Amy Coles, WNCC Assistant to Bishop Carter. As some congregations are disaffiliating from The United Methodist Church, many may be wondering about its future. This 2-part workshop will examine many of the myths that have been circulating about what continuing United Methodists will believe based upon our Doctrinal Standards, found in the Book of Discipline.
- **Community Engagement & The Neighbor Way** - Led by Brian Mateer, WNCC Conference Director of Missional Engagement, and Rev. Erin Burlison, Missional Collective Coordinator. In this session we will explore what it means to be a good neighbor as we move out in mission within our local communities.
- **Starting a Fresh Expression in the Outdoors** - Led by Wayner Dickert, Pastor of Bryson City UMC and River of Life Ministries. Come explore options and tips for starting a Fresh Expression of ministry in the Outdoors.

#### **7:30pm-8:30pm Breakout Session #3**

- **Creative Stewardship: Embracing Fresh Ideas for Funding Local Church Ministry** - Led by Rev. Dr. Mark King, WNCC Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services and Joel Gilland, President and CEO of Wesley Community Development. Together we will explore trends and possible strategies for thinking beyond the offering plate, and making use of church property outside of Sunday Morning.



- **Communicating Change** - Rev. Rob Hutchinson, WNCC Director of Church Development. In this session we will talk about ideas and best practices for leadership to communicate both desired as well as undesired change within your local congregation.
- **A Shift in Thinking** - Led by Rev. Rene Wilt, Facilitator & Coach at All Good Gifts LLC. In this session we will introduce and explore tools offered by the Arbinger Institute for helping you and your congregation engage in difficult conversations while keeping the needs of others in mind and approaching all relationships with a heart at peace.
- **Starting a Dinner Church after COVID-19** - Led by Rev. Charles Dirico, Pastor of Assurance UMC in Huntersville. Get a clear picture of best practices when participating in or leading Dinner Church in the wake of a pandemic.

### Wednesday, January 25th:

#### **11:30am-1pm Breakout Session #4**

- **Building & Strengthening Congregational Relationships** - Led by Caroline Wood, Catawba Valley District Vitality Associate, and Rev. Shonnie Streder, Blue Ridge District Vitality Associate. In this session, we will all participate in discerning ways we can build and strengthen relationships within our congregations. Using the ToP (Technology of Participation) facilitation method for consensus building, we will put our minds together to come up with practices we can all put in place within each of our individual contexts.
- **Single Board Governance** - Led by Rev. Gloria Hughes, Appalachian District Vitality Associate. Come explore how your leadership team might be strengthened through transitioning to a single board model.

#### **6:00pm-7:00pm Session #5**

- **Myth Busting: The True Standards of Wesleyan Theology Embraced by the United Methodist Church (Part 2)** - Led by Amy Coles, WNCC Assistant to Bishop Carter. As some congregations are disaffiliating from The United Methodist Church, many may be wondering about its future. Sadly, misinformation and misrepresentation have been shared by some who are encouraging churches to join the break-away denomination. This two-part workshop will examine many of the myths that have been circulating about what continuing United Methodists will believe based upon our Doctrinal Standards, found in the Book of Discipline. Whether you're a long-time Methodist or new to the denomination, these workshops will remind us of who we are at our core. (Please note that you are invited to participate in one or both of the workshops.)
- **Next Steps for Online Worshipers** - Led by Jason Moore, Co-Founder of Midnight Oil Productions. While there were plenty of early adopters of hybrid ministry before the pandemic, the vast majority of churches went online when COVID arrived. Moving into our third year of this new hybrid reality, it is imperative that we create engagement with our online worship experience. It is entirely possible and completely necessary to move those not gathered physically from being spectators to participants. In this training, author/hybrid ministry specialist Jason Moore covers seven ways to increase engagement for online participants, moving them from watchers to worshipers.

#### **7:30pm-8:30pm Breakout Session #6**

- **Evangelism as Hospitality: Welcoming Strangers** - Led by Rev. Dr. Bill White Jr., WNCC Director of Equity and Justice Ministries. In this session, we will explore what it means to truly welcome strangers while we live out our mission of *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*.
- **Creating Space for Critical (and sometimes tense) Conversations** - Led by Rev. Beth Crissman, Pastor of West Market Street UMC in Greensboro and Co-Lead of Plowpoint. Life is all about the relationship, and in every relationship, there is conflict. Conflict is natural, inevitable, and actually essential to refine who we are, whose we are, and what we are to be about. In fact, conflict does not harm us, but how we respond to conflict can. In this session, Beth will give us tips on how to navigate through the inevitable "storms" in all of our relationships at home, at work, and even at church.

### Thursday, January 26th:

#### **11:30am-1:00pm Breakout Session #7**

- **Everything is Fine: Making Room for Mental Health Conversations Within Congregations** - Led by Renee Easter, Yadkin Valley District Vitality Associate. In this session, Renee will facilitate conversation addressing the stigma surrounding talking about mental health in church. We will address how the church can respond to mental health diagnoses in simple manners, and introduce curriculum associated with mental health that local churches can use to further the conversation.
- **Youth Ministry Idea Lab** - Led by Rev. Shannon Lemaster-Smith, WNCC Youth Ministry Strategist. Take part in a conversation designed to brainstorm ideas alongside others engaged in youth ministry.

#### **6:00pm - Keynote Speaker - Bishop Ken Carter**

# December 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>4</b> 9:15 am - Advent Bible Study 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service &amp; Commitment Service 4:00 pm - Church Council</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - Lifeline Health Screenings 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Salvation Army warehouse pack event</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00 am - Knitting Group</p>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<p><b>10</b> 10:30 am to noon - Cozy Bundle event with SPARK at New Light Baptist Church 1 to 5 pm - Work Day for Boy Scout Eagle Project</p>
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