



Burkhead News

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 am, and
Worship Service
10:30 am in
our Sanctuary.
Virtual worship is
available through
our website and
Facebook page.

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Music on the Hill

June 4: Richard Harding - favorites

June 11: Cornerstone Quartet - gospel

6 p.m. No admission charge

Burkhead United Methodist Church

Church Fellowship Hall

5250 Silas Creek Parkway

Drinks & light refreshments will be
available for purchase.

Website/Facebook: burkheadumc.org

Bring your dancing shoes!

Lectionary Readings

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

4th

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalms 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

11th

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalms 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

18th

Genesis 18:1-15
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

25th

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
or Psalms 17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

*Dear Burkhead members,
Please ask me if you have any questions about items that are issues for you within Burkhead, within our Western North Carolina Conference, or within the United Methodist Church in general. Be in touch!*

*Peace be with you,
Julie O'Neal*

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cell: 336-929-6001*

Prayer Concerns and Praises

April 30th

Prayers: WNC UMC Conference, the Blumenthal family, Barry & Joan Crotty, Chris Hayes family, families living with poverty & homelessness, Gloria McGurk, Katie Moore, David Plitt, Beatrice Newton, Tina Powers, Terry Cromer, Margaret Davis, Aston Vestal

May 7th

Prayers: Jack's family, John Pantazis's family, Barbara Taylor, Gloria McGurk
Praises: Katie in SS class, seeing Carol Holder, Gloria being back at home

May 14th

Prayers: Gloria, Katie, Drew Pruitt, families of Madison Grotschel, Jayce Haverkos and Joseph Brandon Smith, Kathy Smith, Gary Slate

May 21st

Prayers: Gloria McGurk, Margaret Davis, JT Travis, Nicholas Delgado, Julie O'Neal, WNCC Churches

May 28th

Prayers: Rylee Price, Zack Price, Allie Berg, Joe Gonzalez, the Street School Graduates, Yadkin Valley Pastors
Praises: Booker T.

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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:

	April	Year-to-Date
Budget Received	\$13,303.65	\$54,227.19
Budget Spent	\$16,767.76	\$79,611.81
Capital Camp. Recvd.	\$ 6,005.00	\$12,120.00
Capital Camp. Spent	\$ 0.00*	\$ 7,021.47

*no payment recorded in April due to payment date change

During April, Burkhead received Gifts in Memory of Richard Rogers from Barry and Joan Crotty, and from Greg and Kathy Lisle. We appreciate your remembrances.

We received a generous donation of \$3,700 from our United Methodist Men from their 2023 Pine Needle Sale. We also received a facility use fee of \$80 from SPARK for their Collegiate Week.

Thank you for supporting Burkhead UMC and its ministries! Please contact Darlene Davis with any questions at burkheadfinance@gmail.com or 336-765-6590 extn 4. Thank you.

Life's Little CELEBRATIONS HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 13th Mike & Peg Price
- 19th Barry & Joan Crotty
- 21st Keith & Becky Arnott
- 24th Jim & Jane Ray
- 24th Bucky & Erin Smith
- 27th Mark & Darlene Davis
- 29th Terry & Lynn Blumenthal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2nd Sarah Blumenthal
- 4th Bill Bishop
- 4th Kathy Lisle
- 4th Erin Smith
- 13th Beth Campbell
- 18th Abby Kelpin
- 20th Charo King
- 26th Daniel Blumenthal
- 26th Anne Pruitt
- 29th Carrie Lisle

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

Happy Father's Day!

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Men who father children are all kinds of different sorts
Some are into music and others prefer sports
Or hunting, fishing or fine art, their interests matter not
A wonderful dad in your heart holds a special spot

Call him daddy, pop or dad, his role will be secure
He supports you and has a love that always will endure
Though discipline may come from him, it is always out
of love

A father's responsibility, you see, is given from above
He is to love and care for you and teach you wrong from
right

He is to provide you room and board and lead you to the
light

So, thank you, dad, for your patient love and lessons
great and small

Of all the kids who have had dads, I am blessed more
than them all.



Flexible? Pliant? Lithe? Nimble? Agile?

Which of the above words would you use to describe local church governance?

None, you say? You are not alone! In an effort to simplify and streamline the structure of individual United Methodist Church administration, many churches have chosen to move away from an Administrative Board/Church Council model to a form called Single or Simple Board Governance. Burkhead is considering effecting this change.

Let us call this new model the Leadership Board. The proposal to simplify Burkhead's existing Church Council into the Leadership Board would involve the following steps:

- Select nine leaders from our existing team of leaders to serve as the voting members of our Leadership Board (to be joined by the pastor and staff members). These leaders (perhaps the Trustees chair, Finance Chair or Treasurer, SPRC Chair, Worship Chair, Outreach Ministries representative, Communications and Hospitality representative, Membership Care representative, the Lay Leader and/or Delegate, and the Former Council chair) would each serve three-year terms which would rotate so that fluidity will balance with continuity. Each leader would bring an element of expertise and interest, yet would serve as a member of a team tasked with the whole gamut of decisions rather than merely one's own area of specialty.
- The Leadership Board would meet monthly for about 90 minutes in order to discuss and decide multiple issues of church administration. An example might be that during the meeting of the Leadership Board, an overview of the finances of the church would be presented, the structural (property) concerns would be covered, any staff issues would be considered, calendar items (including worship, outreach, and church events) would be reviewed, and appropriate decisions would be made during the Leadership Board meeting. Alternatively, if more information surrounding a particular decision is required by the Leadership Board, an action plan would be set (perhaps tasking a few of the members of the Leadership Board to gather elucidating information). In this way, the Leadership Board would serve as Church Council as well as many of the existing committees of the church. Not every possible work area or administrative matter would need to be discussed at every meeting; instead, focus would be on one or two main topics that are timely for the moment: e.g. budget prep & stewardship in the late fall, pastor review & appointment issues in the spring, major physical plant concerns as needed.

One way of looking at the Leadership Board model might be: if the task is to be done to the glory of God, then it's certainly worth doing, but it might not be necessary to have a committee meeting to discuss all the details. Instead, the Leadership Board would convey authority to all those within the congregation who have gifts (and that is all of us!) to do ministry more often than to talk about it (James 2:17). Some items would be handled outside the realm of the Leadership Board: such as lists of persons whose tasks are opening and closing the building for worship and other events, serving as ushers, readers, greeters, etc. in worship, rotations for fellowship meals, Sunday morning offering counter group annually, Sunday school teacher and leader lists; planning of annual events such as Port-a-Pit, Music on the Hill, or Pine Needle Sale; scheduling of church space for non-profit use (this will primarily be handled by the church secretary in consultation with the pastor). In addition, the Nominations Committee as a separate group is required under the UMC Discipline.

Please give prayerful consideration to the proposal for Burkhead to shift from a Church Council model to a Leadership Board. We will have a Lunch and Learn opportunity on Sunday, July 23rd in order to discuss and discern. If the Church Council opts into this new model, the changes would be effective beginning in January 2024.

A Note from Our Pastor Parish Staff Relations Committee:

A few weeks ago, when we learned that Julie is coming back to Burkhead for the 2023-2024 conference year, I could have done a happy dance down the aisle. I'm THAT happy to have our effective and much-loved pastor coming back for another year.

There ARE some changes coming, though, and the SPRC wants to make sure that no one is caught by surprise. With the start of the new conference year (July 1), Julie's official conference status will change from full-time active local pastor to half-time retired local pastor. She still will be assigned to Burkhead and we don't expect that you'll notice a big change in her ministry. So, what's changing?

First, let's talk about the things that will not change:

- Julie will still preach at Burkhead on Sunday mornings, a full sermon, not a half sermon.
- She will still live in our parsonage, all of the parsonage, not half of it.
- She will continue to keep office hours in her church office, all of her office, not half of it.
- She will still respond to pastoral needs whenever they happen, not just when she's "on duty".

So what will change?

- Julie's office hours will be shorter than they have been, and they will be announced when they have been determined.
- Much as it pains her, she needs to spend less time attending meetings. She expects to carefully review meeting agendas to determine how much her input is needed.
- Her new "retired" status will be, from our perspective, mostly an administrative change. Did you know that about 10% of the pastors assigned to UMC churches in our conference are retired? Many enjoy the opportunity to continue to serve, but not in a fulltime capacity.
- Julie's nature is to give of herself to her congregation. We in the congregation will need to return her love with gentle reminders to go home and enjoy the benefits of her new retired -and-part-time status!

Julie's salary will be reduced to reflect her shortened hours. We no longer will pay for her medical coverage or pension. As a result of these changes, our apportionments will go down in 2024. Given our current budget deficits, these will be very welcome changes.

This is a lot of information. If you have any questions, I invite you to talk with me, with Beth Dixon (chair of SPRC), or with Julie. We may or may not have all the answers at this point, but we'll try to get them for you.

~ Kathy Lisle

A Note of Appreciation from UMCOR

Dear Friends in Mission,

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—*Thank you!*

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the US and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Upcoming events from World Relief Triad

On **June 1st**, World Relief Triad will be hosting **Matt Soerens** who will be speaking on: “Who is my neighbor? Thinking Biblically about Immigration”. This event will be held at Elevation Church 1300 S. Main St. (Gateway YWCA) from 6-7 pm. Everyone is invited! Sign up to attend on Eventbrite.



On **June 24th**, plan to attend **World Relief Triad's Annual International Festival** from 4-8 pm at Elevation Church (1300 S. Main St.). Join in a celebration to honor World Refugee Day! There will be food, activities, music performances, vendors, and fun from around the world. All are welcome and no registration is needed.

Teacher Appreciation

In May we honored the **teachers and staff at Carter High School** with homemade goodies and homemade cards of appreciation. They were so appreciated by the staff at Carter HS. So, on behalf of the Outreach Committee, *thank you to everyone who baked cookies and brownies, made cards of appreciation, and helped package the goodies for distribution*. Lynn Blumenthal delivered them for us and she gave a glowing report on how much they were appreciated! You helped bring lots of smiles, so thank you, again!



Reaching Out in Mission



As you probably know, during the summer, SPARK holds the **SPARK/DWELL summer mission camps** which are housed at Burkhead. These teens and their adult leaders work hard during those weeks and we would *like to find a group of Burkhead folks who are willing to come in one morning a week during the camps to fix them a hot breakfast*. If you would be willing to join the breakfast team, contact Gale Sink for more details.

Samaritan Ministries Tour de Llama Coming Up

On **June 24**, Samaritan Ministries will be hosting the **annual Tour de Llama fundraising bike ride** at Divine Llama Vineyards. You can sign up to ride or join in the fun at the vineyard. There will be food trucks, wine tasting, and llamas! Check out the information on the Samaritan Ministries website. Have a fun day and support this fundraiser which will help feed and shelter our neighbors in need.



Here's another way to help!

During the week of July 23rd, the SPARK'Dwell Mission Camp will need donations of breakfast, lunch, snack foods, drinks and a few other items. Watch for information in next month's newsletter. The sign up sheet will be out around the first of July.



Health and Wholeness Events

As the world slowly gets back to “normal” following the pandemic, we know folks may need some opportunities to get back out among people to socialize and get moving after being inside and isolated. We have completed the first three months of events and all who have joined us have really had a good time. We have planned the next three monthly sessions and we are excited to share them with you! *Invite a friend and maybe try something new—it will be good for your health!*



Our next event, on the **Third Thursday of June** will be a **game day** at the church. Bring your bag lunch and join the group for games, conversation, and laughter! Drinks are provided. Hope to see you on **June 15 at 11:30 am!**

On **Thursday, July 20**, our resident bird experts, Susan and David Disher will be teaching us some **bird watching tricks and guiding a bird walk for us**. The location will be announced closer to the event. Plan to bring your lunch, your walking shoes, a friend or two, and binoculars if you have them. (There will be some to share if you don't have your own!). It will be fun to get out in nature and observe some of God's amazing creatures!



On the **Third Thursday of August**, we are planning to get up and move! We are bringing in a couple who will teach us some **line dancing moves!** No prior experience needed. All levels of expertise are welcome. If you are experienced, come to show those of us with two left feet how to get moving! We should have lots of fun and give our minds and bodies some exercise.

So, mark your calendars on the Third Thursday of each month from 11:30 am -1:00 pm to come and join us. We have planned these events for the whole community, so help us spread the word and bring some friends!

Flower Calendar Has Open Days

In case you haven't noticed, there is a Flower Calendar on the closet door next to where the coffee sits each Sunday. AND, IF you would be willing to provide flowers for the altar one Sunday, it would be a great way to honor someone's birthday or other special day. (Hint: Anniversary, cause it's too late this year for Valentine's Day). It doesn't have to be big and fancy because all are to the glory to God.



Thanks in advance for considering doing a gift of flowers!



RePURSEpose Inc.

Unused Purses?

Do you have any purses just hanging out in your closet? Would you be willing to donate them to a great cause?

RePURSEpose, Inc. collects, restores and resells purses. **100% of their profits go toward their mission!** Their vision is to alleviate the mental and financial stress associated with cancer for all women. Their mission is to provide the resources, education and financial assistance to those women defeating cancer. **Check out their website - <https://rePURSEpose.org>** for more information. If anyone has purses to donate, Darlene is happy to take them to the office in High Point. Thank You!

June 2023

Join us each Sunday at 10:30 am for Worship Service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 3:00 pm - Memorial Service for Marge Serrano
4 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 4:30 pm - Church Council 6:00 pm - Music on the Hill - <i>Richard Harding</i>	5 SPARK' Dwell staff training starts 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	6 SPARK' Dwell staff training 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	7 SPARK' Dwell staff training	8 SPARK'Dwell staff training	9 SPARK' Dwell staff training	10 8:00 am to Noon - Church Work Day 
11 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School School class 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 6:00 pm - Music on the Hill - <i>Cornerstone Quartet</i>	12 SPARK' Dwell staff training	13 SPARK' Dwell staff training 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	14 SPARK' Dwell camp begins	15 SPARK'Dwell camp 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - Third Thursday - Game Day Annual Conference	16 SPARK' Dwell camp at	17 SPARK'Dwell camp Lake Junaluska
18 Father's Day 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	19 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	20 10:30 am - Outreach Committee 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	21 1:00 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry	22	23	24
25 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service SPARK'Dwell camp begins	26 SPARK' Dwell camp	27 SPARK' Dwell camp 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	28 SPARK' Dwell camp 	29 SPARK'Dwell camp	30 SPARK' Dwell camp ends	