



**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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# Burkhead News

## **Annual Conference, 2023: Grace, Connection, Holiness**

Greg and I, representing Yadkin Valley District and Burkhead respectively, attended Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, June 16 - 18. As always, it was a time of exceptional preaching, exciting music, long business sessions, and reunions with people we haven't seen for a while.

The official theme of the conference was "Grace, Connection, Holiness," with a one-day focus on each topic. The conference visual icon was a stack of stones on the altar. The stones, brought from all the districts, represented our Ebenezer, our "stone of help" in a time of shifting sands. A third focus that emerged was a call to "Pivot". As a conference and as individuals, we were called to pivot from our immediate past of dissension, disaffiliation, and loss to a shared future of ministry, witness, and love.

In Saturday morning's business session, we heard that serious belt-tightening is resulting in a 2% reduction in 2024 apportionments. I don't think I had ever seen a financial report greeted with such claps and cheers! Three lay delegates, from a field of 20 well-qualified candidates, were elected to the SE Jurisdictional Conference. Greg and I got to eat 2 meals with new delegate Shareka Brown from St. Paul UMC (Winston-Salem), and I'm confident she will represent us well. On Saturday afternoon, eight petitions were debated with a vigor that tested our leaders' skill with Robert's Rules of Order. All eight passed, and I'll be glad to share details with anyone who is interested.

Milestones in the lives of our clergy are marked each year at Annual Conference. Friday afternoon's service recognized at least 55 retiring clergy, including two pastors who are dear to Burkhead: Julie O'Neal and Mark Barden. Carl Manuel has been granted medical leave. I DO have pictures to share! Saturday morning, we celebrated the lives of WNCC pastors and spouses who passed away in the past year. Three of them served Burkhead: Russ Montfort (1965-1970), "Jim Bob" Reeves (1972-1974), and Bob Moore (1977-1981). On Sunday, appointments were fixed and District Superintendents were commissioned. I'm glad to report that Rev. Dr. Sam Moore will continue as our D.S.

If you want to know more about Annual Conference 2023, ask me or Greg. There is also wonderful information at the Western NC Conference, United Methodist Church Facebook page. As you look, consider attending Annual Conference next year so that you can experience this amazing event in person.

## Lectionary Readings

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

### 2nd

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalms 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

### 9th

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalms 45:10-17 or Psalms 72  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### 16th

Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalms 119:105-112 or Psalms 25  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### 23rd

Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### 30th

Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalms 105:1-11, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*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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## Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

June 4th: Barry and Joan Crotty, Robert Burns, Alan Gordon, JoAnn Cole, Kim Jackson, Connie Mende

Prayers: Debbie Canter's new great grandson, Felix

June 11th

Prayers: Joan Crotty and family, Gloria McGurk, Kathie and Randy Sherrill, Joe Gonzalez, SPARK'Dwell, WNC UMC Conference, Safe travels for Greg, Kathy and Julie

Praises: Debbie Canter's new great granddaughter, Madeline Brooke

June 18th

Prayers: Tina Powers, JT Travis, Joan Crotty and family, Concepcion Cabrera

Praises: Katie and Gloria back at worship

June 25th

Prayers: Connie Mende, Linda and Miranda Clark, Kim Jackson

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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:	May	Year-to-Date
Budget Received	\$13,845.24	\$68,072.43
Budget Spent	\$20,279.61	\$99,891.42
Capital Camp. Recvd.	\$ 1,340.00	\$13,460.00
Capital Camp. Spent	\$ 2,340.49	\$ 9,361.96

Our May Music on the Hills events brought in donations of \$110.92. \$120.00 was raised through our May Wednesday Fellowship meal. We also received \$16.22 from Wells Fargo for the refund of Burkhead's safety deposit box fee.

The **second quarter contributions statements** are ready. Terry Blumenthal will be handing them out the first 2 Sundays of July after our worship service. Please review both first and second quarters. Let Darlene know as soon as possible if you find any errors.

Thank you for supporting Burkhead UMC and its ministries! Please contact Darlene Davis with any questions. Thank you.



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 16th Larry & Nancy Hurst
- 26th Keith & Theresa Raker

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4th Joan Crotty
- 6th Gloria McGurk
- 9th Katherine Hedrick
- 10th Mary Carpenter
- 10th Daryl Dixon
- 11th Betty Friddle
- 12th Shirley Hedrick
- 13th Beth Dixon
- 15th Rachel Brown
- 17th Dr. Terry Blumenthal
- 21st Don Brown
- 25th Rev. Julie O'Neal
- 27th Ryan Howell
- 27th Martha Wall
- 30th Mats Hugosson

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

### Notes of Appreciation



- *Dear Julie and Burkhead friends, Thank you so much for the wonderful celebration of my mother's life on Saturday. Everything was warm, caring, and a true affirmation of love. We are all so happy that Mom's urn is now beside our father's in your Memorial Garden. Please accept this donation as a token of appreciation for your care and kindness.*

*Sincerely,  
Patricia Serrano Martin*

- *Burkhead Congregation Thank you for the wonderful time we had last night sharing our music with you. We appreciated your sweet spirit and appreciation of our music. Thank you for the generous love offering! We pray we will be joining you again soon.*

*Love in Christ,  
The Cornerstone Quartet*

- *Dear Burkhead friends, Thank you so much for your response to my request to donate your purses to benefit a cancer support group! Your response was so generous. I have collected almost 25 purses. I plan to deliver them mid July so you are still welcome to contribute. Thank you!*



*Darlene Davis*

### **Lunch and Learn: Sunday, July 23 After Worship**

All are invited to a sandwich potluck lunch in order to learn more about Burkhead's proposed transition to a Single-Board Governance model from our current Church Council model. There may be those in the congregation who have questions, and there are some in the congregation who have answers-- but ALL in the congregation will need to eat lunch after worship on Sunday, July 23! Please come prepared to stay and eat. You may bring either 1) a plate of sandwiches to share, 2) a bag of chips to share, or 3) a plate of brownies or cookies to share. Burkhead will provide beverages. See you then!

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### **Retired Preachers Never Leave, They Just Stray Off (Dis)Course Old Pastors Never Die, They Just Tirade Away Mature Ministers Never Quit, They Just Rev Slower**

Yes, July 1 marks my transition from full-time pastor at Burkhead to part-time retired pastor. In addition to providing a financial advantage to Burkhead by the reduction in salary and benefits, I hope that this change will support our church's desire to serve those within as well as beyond our membership. Please continue to inform me by text or phone call (336-929-6001) if there are any pastoral needs or concerns. And rest assured, there will be no reduction in the number of puns provided per sermon! You're welcome. Julie

### **Third Thursday Health and Wellness Event**

On **Thursday, July 20th**, join us for our next Third Thursday Event—**Bird Watching**—led by Susan and David Disher! Meet us in the **Queen Street parking lot at Miller Park** (near the amphitheater) at **11:30 am**. We will eat at a nearby shelter and then follow some of the park trails as we learn more about our feathered friends. Bring your bag lunch, a friend, and binoculars (if you have them), and join us for some time in God's creation.



### **Voices from The Dwelling**

Join **Authoring Action** and **The Dwelling** for a **live stage performance of original songs, visual art, and stories** by members of The Dwelling Congregation. You will have the chance to gain insight into the lives of people living on the margins of our community. The dates and time are **June 29th and 30th at 7 pm** and **July 1 at 2 pm** in **The Dwelling Sanctuary, 502 N. Broad St.**

### **Breakfast for Spark'Dwell Camps**

Please join our breakfast team and **help us prepare a hot breakfast** for the campers and staff at the Spark/Dwell Camps once each week. Our first breakfast was a big success and we can use your help during the upcoming weeks. We are preparing food for 60-75 people each week. Upcoming dates are: **Thursday, July 6; Tuesday, July 25; Tuesday, August 1; and Tuesday, August 8**. Sign up at the information table if you can help. See Nancy Flowers, head cook, or Gale Sink if you have questions.

### **Trellis Supportive Care and Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home need our help!**

Trellis needs our assistance in keeping their pantry stocked so they can provide comfort to the families and visitors at the Hospice Home. The items suggested are regular and decaf coffee pods; snack items such as crackers, chips, cookies, and trail mix; and personal hygiene items like Chapstick, small packs of tissues, and travel size hand sanitizer. They have a wish list available online at [www.trellissupport.org](http://www.trellissupport.org). There is also information posted on our bulletin board.

### July 23rd SPARK Dwell Camp

Would you help feed the SPARK'Dwell Youth Mission Group during the week of July 23rd through 28th? Below is a list of items we can provide. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Friday, July 21st. Contact Amber Harris with any questions. A signup sheet is on the Information Table.

#### Breakfast Items

- Cheerios - 7 boxes
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch - 7 boxes
- Milk - 6 gallons
- Apple Juice - 6 gallons
- Orange Juice - 6 gallons
- Yogurt - 100 single servings
- Frozen Eggo Waffles - 200
- Apples - 50
- Bananas - 50
- Granola Bars - 200



#### Lunch Items

- White Bread - 12 loaves
- Wheat Bread - 12 loaves
- Turkey Deli Meat - 12 lbs
- Ham Deli Meat - 8 lbs
- Peanut Butter - 4 jars
- Grape Jelly - 4 jars
- Strawberry Jelly - 4 jars
- Mustard - 4
- Mayonnaise - 4
- Lettuce - 4 heads
- American Cheese - 100 slices
- Provolone Cheese - 100 slices
- Crackers - 200 packs
- Chips - 250 bags
- Mandarin Oranges - 100
- Applesauce - 100
- Water Flavor Enhancer - 200 packs
- Flour Tortillas - 60
- Cookies - 200 packs
- Granola Bars - 200
- Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags - 200



#### Snacks

- Ice Cream Sandwiches - 100
- Popsicles - 200
- Candy - a few bags
- Popcorn - 50
- Homemade Cookies/Brownies - 5 dozen



### Sunday in the Park With Burkhead

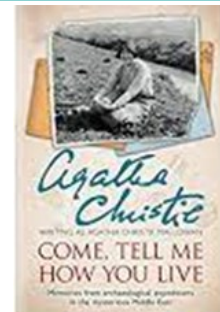
It's on again.....our **2nd annual Burkhead Church Picnic, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH.** More details to follow, but please put the date on your calendar and spread the word.



This year we hope to actually be **OUTDOORS** at Leinbach Park for worship, fellowship, and food. Keep those good weather prayers going!

### ATTENTION READERS

The Book Club is taking a summer break. We will meet again in September. The book for that meeting will be *Come, Tell Me How You Live*, by Agatha Christie Mallowan. This book is available on Amazon and was written in 1946.



Members of the Book Club and curious readers, feel free to check out this book and then come engage in a friendly discussion about the book's points of interest. The conversation is lively, and a delicious meal follows the discussion. Look for future announcements close to September. Enjoy your summer! Lynn Blumenthal





**A HUGE THANKS** goes to everyone that helped with our Church and Parsonage Work Day either before, day of, or after!! It takes all of us to keep things working smoothly.



Invite a Neighbor to Church

# July 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<p><b>2</b> 9:15 &amp; 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 3:00 pm - 4th of July Celebration SPARK'Dwell camp begins</p>	<p><b>3</b> SPARK'Dwell camp 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929</p>		<p><b>5</b> SPARK'Dwell camp</p>	<p><b>6</b> SPARK'Dwell camp</p>	<p><b>7</b> SPARK'Dwell camp ends</p>	<b>8</b>
<p><b>9</b> 9:15 &amp; 9:30 am - Sunday School School class 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30 pm - Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:30 am - Outreach Committee 6:30 pm - Trustees Committee</p>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>16</b> 9:15 &amp; 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service Open Arms Youth Mission camp begins</p>	<p><b>17</b> Open Arms camp 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929</p>	<p><b>18</b> Open Arms camp</p>	<p><b>19</b> Open Arms camp 1:00 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10:00 am - Open Arms camp ends 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - Third Thursday - Bird Watching Miller Park</p>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<p><b>23</b> 9:15 &amp; 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Lunch 'n Learn event SPARK'Dwell camp begins</p>	<p><b>24</b> SPARK'Dwell camp</p>		<p><b>26</b> SPARK'Dwell camp 6:00 pm - SPARK'Dwell Community Gratitude Dinner</p>	<p><b>27</b> SPARK'Dwell camp</p>	<p><b>28</b> SPARK'Dwell camp ends</p>	<b>29</b>
<p><b>30</b> 9:15 &amp; 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 5:00 Church Council meeting SPARK'Dwell camp begins</p>	<p><b>31</b> SPARK'Dwell camp</p>			