



Burkhead News

Burkhead
United Methodist Church
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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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WNCC 2024 Equip and Connect Conference

The WNC Conference Equip and Connect Conference 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!). This event will be held online **January 21st through 25th.**

This is an opportunity to connect with other leaders across the conference and learn about roles, best practices, and new ideas for ministry. *Single Board 101, Church Leadership 101, Church Historians 101, Discipleship, Creating a Culture of Belonging in Your Church through Hospitality, Creation Care, What Does the UMC Do For Me?, Creative Solutions to Finance Issues, Fresh Expressions, Participating in Abundant Life, Keeping the Faith: Conversations to Strengthen the Bond between Pastors and Church Leaders, Cultivating a Culture of Care, and Healthy Boundaries for a Fruitful Ministry* are just a few of the topics offered. More information and registration is available at <https://www.wnccumc.org/equip-connect-2024>.



Our Opportunity to Learn

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

7th

Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

14th

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

21st

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

28th

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

*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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Our Opportunity to Pray and Praise**December 3**

Prayers: Gloria McGurk, Katie Moore, Gloria's Family, Steve Pauley, Wanda Truesdale, Mitch Mende, Ali Gonzalez and Baby Jasper, Charities during the holiday season & the people that serve/volunteer for them, Kim Jackson, China Moore

Praises: Shirley & Johnny Hedrick celebrating 56 years of marriage

December 10

Prayers: Gloria McGurk's family, Shane Plott, Gail Potter, serving our community through The Salvation Army and SPARK, God's leading for Burkhead's future

Praises: China Moore

December 17

Prayers: Steve Pauley's family, Sandra Galyean, John Taylor's family, Gary Slate, Keith Roberts, conflict/war around the world, people traveling during the holidays, families to be blessed by our White Christmas food donations, God's presence and leading with Wesley Memorial and Burkhead joining together in the new year

December 24

Prayers: Steve & Debbie Reynolds, people experiencing sadness and loss of loved ones during the holidays, cherish all of the special moments with your families this week...not the big, loud ones, but the quiet and small ones... that touch your heart

Prayers and Praises that will be shared Sunday, December 31 will be in February's newsletter.

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

Our Opportunity to Give

Financial Report:

	November	Year-to-Date
Budget Received	\$15,741.14	\$265,519.45
Budget Spent	\$10,908.25	\$185,980.92
Capital Camp. Recvd.	\$965.00	\$23,385.00
Capital Camp. Spent	\$2,460.99	\$23,886.90

Burkhead UMC received Gifts in Memory of Arthur Disher from Betty Bewley, Taylor Crane, Rick & Connie Mende, and Murray & Gale Sink. A Gift in Honor of Beth and Daryl Dixon was given by Charles and Martha Jo Plitt. Burkhead UMC is very appreciative of these gifts.

Burkhead UMC also received \$115 from our November Fellowship meal, \$2 towards the Upper Room cost and \$4,175 from the Port-A-Pit Chicken BBQ Fundraiser.

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.



Our deepest sympathies are extended to Charo King and her family with the death of her brother, Bernardo Blanco, November 21, 2023.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to Katie Moore, Betty and Dave Moore, and the family with the death of their sister, Gloria McGurk, December 4, 2023.

Please keep these friends and families in your hearts and prayers.

Our Opportunity to Celebrate

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6th Charles & Nancy Flowers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Our Opportunity to Serve

Ushers/Greeters:

- January 7 Murray Sink (captain), Gale Sink, Nancy Flowers, Betty Bewley
- January 14 Taylor Crane (captain), Terry & Lynn Blumenthal, Debbie Canter
- January 21 Daryl Dixon (captain), Beth Dixon, David & Susan Disher
- January 28 Rick Mende (captain), Larry Parks, Mike Price

Liturgists:

- January 7 Betty Bewley
- January 14 Terry Blumenthal
- January 21 Becky DuBois
- January 28 Nancy Flowers

If you are unable to serve, please make arrangements for a substitute. Notify the office so the change may be made in the bulletin. Thank you!

New Beginnings at Burkhead UMC



With the beginning of 2024, Burkhead also begins a new chapter of leadership. Our Church Council voted to move to a Single Board Governance leadership model. This board or team will handle all aspects of our church’s business. This team will take the place of all of the previous committees with the exception of Nominations. The dedicated members that will comprise the 2024 Single Board Leadership team are: Dr. Terry Blumenthal, Taylor Crane, David Disher, Beth Dixon, Becky DuBois, Durwood Howell, Kathy Lisle, Rick Mende, and Murray Sink. These are the voting members of the team. Rev. Julie O’Neal, Greg Lisle and Darlene Davis are the non voting members of the team by virtue of their church positions. Please reach out to any of these members whenever you have a question, concern, suggestion or offer of help for Burkhead.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP MEAL - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

Nancy Flowers and her crew are planning our next delicious meal of various kinds of soup. Please sign up on the sheet at the information table so we know you are joining us! The price is \$6 for adults while children and first timers eat free. Hope to see you there – and please continue to invite friends and neighbors to join us!

The Mood of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

BURKHEAD BOOK CLUB

Make plans to join the Burkhead Book Club **Sunday, January 21, 2024** for a discussion of *“The Pilot’s Wife”* by Anita Shreve. The group will meet **at Terry and Lynn Blumenthal’s home**. There’s still plenty of time

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Ps 46:10

Stop talking
Switch off your phone
Stop commenting
Listen
Stop arguing
Stop questioning
Stop moaning

Stop doubting
Be sure
Have faith
No second opinion

God is Almighty
God is in control
God is love
God is King
God is my hope, rock, fortress
God is ever-present, a help in times of trouble.
God is my Father
God is my shepherd-
He will lead me,
nourish me, protect me & restore me.

How do United Methodists celebrate Epiphany/Three Kings Day?

Epiphany is the day Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

It occurs on January 6 every year, the 13th day of the Christmas season. The word "epiphany," from the Greek word *epiphania*, means appearance or manifestation.

The arrival of these visitors was a sign that the incarnation of God in Christ had been made known and was recognized by the heavens to the whole world, so that even Gentile wise men from the East came to pay him homage. This is an observance of great majesty, solemnity and awe.

An even more ancient Christian celebration than Christmas, Epiphany originally focused on the nativity, God's incarnation (God made flesh) in the birth of Jesus Christ, and Christ's baptism. After the late fourth century, as Advent developed as a season of baptismal preparation in addition to Lent, Epiphany became associated with baptism. This is why we see images of the three Magi on many older baptismal fonts.

In many Hispanic cultures, Epiphany is a day of great rejoicing and celebration, often kicked off by a parade the night before in which people dressed as the three kings or carrying statues of the three kings pass through the towns and villages throwing out candy and small gifts to all around. Families and children alike look forward to Día de Los Tres Reyes (Three Kings Day) as a time for presents, feasting and celebration. Attending church services that include the celebration of communion is also common in many of these cultures, even for those who may not attend worship regularly.

In England and some other European cultures, Jan. 5 is known as Twelfth Night, the culmination of the 12 days of Christmas feasting and partying. On Twelfth Night, many families gather in homes to celebrate with friends, food, singing and gifts. It is at these Twelfth Night celebrations that "Chalking the Door," asking God's blessing on those dwellings and upon all who live there, is most often observed.

In New Orleans, Twelfth Night begins another season of celebrations that comes to fulfillment at Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday). Epiphany itself, Jan. 6, becomes the kickoff day for that season, but is also often observed with a full celebration in church, complete with incense, elaborate processions, choral celebrations, and Eucharist.



The Adoration of the Magi tapestry dating from 1894 from the Manchester Metropolitan University, England. Image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Some United Methodists in the United States, who are not part of these rich traditions, tend to recognize Epiphany on the Sunday nearest Jan. 6. There may be a pageant of the three kings as part of worship that day and a small party afterward.

In celebrating Epiphany this year, consider partnering with a Hispanic, Latino or other congregation to find new ways to joyously celebrate Epiphany/Tres Reyes. In whatever ways you decide to celebrate it, remember at the heart of your celebration are the Magi kneeling, worshipping and offering gifts to Jesus, Messiah for all people.

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January 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	3	4	5 1:00 pm - Fellowship Hall is Reserved	6
7 Epiphany Sunday 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion	8 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929 6:30 pm - Leadership Council	9 10:30 am - Outreach Committee 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	10 6:00 pm - Community Fellowship Meal 	11	12	13
14 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service	15	16 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	17 1:00 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry 	18 11:30 am - Third Thursday	19	20
21 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 5:00 pm - Book Club	22 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929	23 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911 Court of Honor	24	25 	26	27
28 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service Pulpit Swap with Wesley Memorial UMC	29	30 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	31			