



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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Community Fellowship Meal and Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Please join us **Wednesday, February 14** for a delicious meal and special worship service with our friends from Wesley Memorial UMC. Nancy Flowers and her crew are planning a special Valentine's Day meal of lasagna for us. Plan to enjoy the meal and companionship **beginning at 6 pm** then stay to worship with us during our **Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm.**

Please sign up on the sheet at the information table or call the office to reserve your spot! The price is \$6 for adults while children and first timers eat free. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!



Annual Pine Needle Sale



Our United Methodist Men are once again selling pine needles. These bales contain quality long leaf pine needles, as opposed to slash pine needles found at the big box lumberyards.

The cost is **\$6.00 per bale delivered** directly to your home or business. **Delivery dates are**

February 24, 2024 and March 2, 2024.

Order forms are available on page 8 of this newsletter, the information table outside the Fellowship Hall, and our website. You may also place your order by contacting one of the United Methodist Men.

Feel free to pick up additional forms to give to friends and neighbors. Your help and participation in the UMM's only fundraising event is important to help us be able to support missions within and outside of Burkhead UMC.

If you have any questions about the sale, please call Murray Sink at 336-816-9579. Thank you for your support!

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.

February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalms 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 18

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalms 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalms 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Our Opportunity to Pray and Praise**December 31**

Prayers: people traveling over the holidays, those experiencing loss/sadness during the holiday season, loss of/memories of loved ones and those feeling unexplained sadness/loneliness as the year ends, Brittany, Mitch Mende, Mickey Hicks

Praises: Keith and Becky Arnott back in worship, China Moore's great report, Connie Mende doing much better

January 7

Prayers: Kim Jackson, Desmond Jackson, The Oak School, Mitch Mende, Scott Bishop, Jeff Benfield, former & current pastors during their seasons of transition, Dave Moore, Katie Moore

January 14

Prayers: Katie Moore, China Moore, Midwest blizzards & freezing temps & all affected by them, new beginning/future for Burkhead and Wesley Memorial, Danielle Canter, Scott & Patricia Canter, Sarah Howell

January 21

Prayers: China Moore, Patricia & Scott Canter, Pastor Julie, Katie Moore, Rita Waite, Kim Jackson, Mitch & Jasper Mende, Rev. Josh Sherfey, Sarah Howell, the upcoming pulpit swap, family of Marty Sutherland

January 28

Prayers: Anna, Susan & David Disher, Pastor Julie, Sarah Howell, Sean & Meredith Kejriwal, Mitch & Jasper Mende
Praises: China Moore, Rita Waite, Joan Crotty

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

*Dear Burkhead members,
Please ask me if you have
any questions about items
that are issues for you within
Burkhead UMC, within our
Western NC 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 Give

Financial Report:

	December	2023 Totals
Budget Received	\$24,000.15	\$289,519.60
Budget Spent	\$14,721.28	\$200,702.20
Capital Camp. Recvd.	\$ 3,628.55	\$ 27,013.55
Capital Camp. Spent	\$ 2,460.99	\$ 26,347.89

Burkhead UMC received Gifts in Memory of Gloria McGurk from Betty Bewley, Bill & Peggy Bishop, Durwood & Joni Howell, Rick & Connie Mende, Larry Parks, Nancy Porter, Mary Barnes, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal, Becky DuBois, Jennifer Gentry, David & Susan Disher, Mike & Peg Price, Phillippe & Susan Sevin, Murray & Gale Sink, Taylor Crane, Aaron & Mary Lib Shough, Greg & Kathy Lisle, and Julie O'Neal. We received Gifts in Honor of Betty Bewley and Beth Dixon from Taylor Crane. Gifts in Honor of Sylvia Allen, Marilyn Baird, Betty Friddle, Bobbie Futrell, Carol Holder, Jean Hole, and Mary Lib Shough were given by Beth & Daryl Dixon. Burkhead UMC is very appreciative of these gifts!

Burkhead UMC also received \$1,400 for Caring Hands, \$1,400 for Music on the Hill, \$156 from our December Fellowship meal, \$300 for a facility use fee, \$2.35 towards the Upper Room cost, \$1,518.61 sale tax refund for the first half of 2023 and \$632.65 from Church Mutual as a Safety Dividend payment during the month of December.

Giving based on our 2024 Commitment Cards:

Budget needed \$125,000	Capital Campaign needed \$30,000
Budget pledged \$118,092	Capital Campaign pledged \$20,640

You should have received your 2023 Contribution Statement by now. Please carefully review the statement with your own record of giving to ensure everything is correct.

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.

Our Opportunity to Celebrate

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st	Ryan Hedrick
2nd	Jennifer Gentry
3rd	Greg Lisle
3rd	Mike Price
4th	Nancy Porter
11th	Brenda Barlow
16th	Nancy Flowers
18th	Brenda Raker
22nd	Jane Rogers

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

Our Opportunity to Serve

Ushers/Greeters:

February 4	Murray Sink (captain), Gale Sink, Nancy Flowers, Betty Bewley
February 11	Taylor Crane (captain), Debbie Canter, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal
February 18	Daryl Dixon (captain), Beth Dixon, David & Susan Disher
February 25	Rick Mende (captain), Larry Parks, Mike Price

Liturgists:

February 4	Durwood Howell
February 11	Greg Lisle
February 18	Kathy Lisle
February 25	Rick Mende

If you are unable to serve, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you!

So Many Questions, and a Few Answers about the Potential Merger

I present you today with a basic paradox of Christian life: we know that good things will happen to us and for us, AND we don't know how or when those things will occur.

The following verses illustrate this contradiction:

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

*“If no one knows what will happen, who can tell him when it will happen?”
Ecclesiastes 8:7*

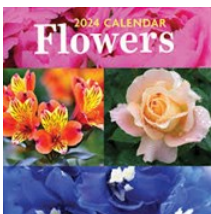
The congregations of Burkhead UMC and of Wesley Memorial UMC are faced with many questions about our potential merger. While there are details yet to be worked out, perhaps it would be helpful to share the following information.

To recap what is known currently:

- Wesley Memorial UMC is choosing Wesley Community Development as its real estate representative in the upcoming sale of its property. <https://wesleycdc.com/>
- Julie O’Neal and Ben Sloan have met with Yadkin Valley District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Sam Moore who is hopeful about the merger of the two congregations into one new congregation. Rev. Moore would prefer to serve as a cheerleader or coach for Ben and Julie, but not personally lead the discussions concerning the merger. Rev. Moore advocates complete transparency inasmuch as it is possible as we plan ahead (as opposed to the traditional UMC stance to hold all information private concerning pastoral changes and moves); that we begin to find ways of worshiping and sharing the Burkhead space together (we already are doing this); and that we remember that this will be an ongoing process, not a single date when everything changes.
- The recommendation of both pastors is that all of the paid personnel from both churches be retained. No individuals will be let go, except Julie who will be retiring and will not be appointed to Burkhead or any other congregation. It is expected that Rev. Ben Sloan will be the pastor of the newly formed joint congregation.
- We anticipate that SPARK will maintain its workspace here, and that other ministries and outreach opportunities will be housed in the facility.
- Rev. Sloan and his family already own a home in the area and do not intend to occupy the current Burkhead parsonage. Selling, renting, or otherwise utilizing the parsonage will be one of many details yet to be determined.
- In an effort to bring two United Methodist congregations into one worshiping body, it is likely that there will be a name change of some type, again, TBD.

We will continue to keep the congregation updated whenever additional information is available. Please contact me to ask for clarifications, to mention concerns, and to offer encouragement whenever possible.

Julie Elliott O’Neal, 336-929-6001



The **2024 Flower Calendar** is now up on the door outside the kitchen. If you would like to reserve a special day to place flowers on the altar table, please write your name in the space next to the date, & let Darlene know so she can add the information to the bulletin. You do not have to order flowers from a florist. You are welcome to use flowers from your yard, from a store, or a potted plant.

Betty Bewley

Food for Kids

Morgan Elementary in Clemmons is experiencing more kids needing food assistance than in the past in their Back-Pack program. Local grocery stores have helped provide food but they told me they *need more foods such as small jars of peanut butter, canned meats like chicken, & breakfast bars* to send home on Fridays. In the past Burkhead has brought in such foods to share with Catholic Charities and Storehouse for Jesus, but Morgan volunteers asked me if my church could help and I'm passing that request on to you. If you bring it in, I will get it to Morgan. Thanks up front for any food you can provide. Betty Bewley



February's Fun Thursday is **February 15 at 11:30 am**. Fix yourself lunch, bag it, and come to the church for some fun. Beth Dixon is going to give us some pointers on flower and vegetable container gardening as well as some gardening tips. She might even bring several unusual plants she has. Not all of us want to have a yard full of flowers and vegetables. There is a lot you can do on a porch and/or patio in containers. I am sure as you have traveled you have seen a toilet in someone's yard with flowers or an old bicycle basket with flowers, or an old chair seat with flowers. Containers can be almost anything. Looking forward to spending some fun time with you on Thursday, February 15.

Burkhead's Book Club

The Book Club met on Sunday evening for book discussion about The Pilot's Wife. That book was full of surprises and beautiful winter descriptions of coastal Maine.

We will meet this month at **Marilyn Baird's home at 5 pm on Sunday, February 18th**. The book for February is The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher. The book for March will be The Orphan Keeper by Cameron Wright. The book for April will be Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts. New members are welcome!



Lynn Blumenthal

Thank you to everyone that completed a Commitment Card for 2024. Your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness are a blessing to Burkhead UMC!

Here are the results based on the thirty 2024 commitment cards returned:

- 29 people committed to being present Sundays.
- 25 people committed to attending Sunday school or bible studies.
- 28 people committed to praying for Burkhead and its members.
- 11 people committed to being a member of our prayer team.
- 15 people committed to serving as an usher.
- 9 people committed to serving as a liturgist.
- 8 people committed to serving on our building & grounds team.
- 5 people committed to serving with our music program.
- 10 people committed to serving as our offering counters.
- 6 people committed to assisting in our church office.
- 16 people committed to helping with our Wednesday meals.
- 3 people committed to contacting visitors.
- 20 people committed to inviting friends to our events.
- 21 people committed to participating in our outreach programs.



There's still room for YOU! Please let Julie, anyone on our Leadership Council, or the office know if you would like to serve in any of these capacities.

The Forum on Faith and Culture

We long to help Christians reimagine culture and the common good in order to see Winston-Salem thrive. This year's conference will be held on **February 9 & 10 at First Presbyterian Church**, 300 N Cherry Street. The speaker will be Gary Haugen, founder and CEO of the International Justice Mission.

Session 1: Friday 2/9 "Enlarging A Vision of God's Work in the World: The International Justice Mission"

Session 2: Saturday 2/10 "Building Accountable and Life-giving Communities"



Sign up for a free spot on Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/forum-on-faith-culture-2024-gary-haugen-of-ijm-tickets-792487319907>

Bridges Out of Poverty Training

Crisis Control Ministry will be presenting this training on **Friday, February 23 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 1416 Bolton Street SW. This training reviews social and economic cultural norms to promote awareness of them so we can support success for all members of our community. The training is free. You can sign up to attend on the Crisis Control website - <https://www.crisiscontrol.org/>

Music for Food Concert



A concert by UNCSA faculty will be held on **March 3 at 3 pm at Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem** which is located at 201 Oakwood Drive. All are invited to attend. Admission is a food or monetary donation to Crisis Control Ministry's food pantry.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to help our community? Here are a few in which you may like to participate:

City With Dwellings—Volunteers are needed to staff and provide dinner for the White Flag Emergency Shelter on an as-needed basis. On Saturday, February 17, from 9-11 am volunteers are needed to assemble to-go bags that are given to the shelter guests as they leave in the morning. (Items needed for the bags are water, granola bars, fruit cups, pop top protein, bags of chips, prepackaged sweets, cracker packs and gallon zip-lock bags.) Contact City with Dwellings for more information and to sign up.



Crisis Control Ministry—A volunteer event is being held at the Winston-Salem Food Pantry on Saturday, March 16 from 9-11 am. Volunteers will be helping in the food pantry stocking shelves and other needed activities. Sign up to help on the Crisis Control website.

Speas Backpack Program—Volunteers deliver food bags to the classrooms at Speas Elementary School every Friday morning. If you are interested in helping, see Gale Sink or Kathy Lisle for more information.



Visiting Team

Volunteers are needed to join the visiting team who visit our homebound and hospitalized members. If you are interested in helping us stay in contact with members who can't always be with us, contact Gale Sink.

Notes of Appreciation

From The Dwelling - *Friends at Burkhead, It was a pleasure to worship alongside so many partners in ministry at the community Thanksgiving service! God is doing amazing things in our city. We are so grateful to have been the recipient of such a generous offering - your continued partnership is a blessing to us!*

With thanks, Deacon Brittany & The Dwelling Community

From Community Coat Closet - *To our wonderful friends at UMC Burkhead, Thank you so much for the love and support your pour into our community coat closet! Thank you for all you do!*

Much love, The CCC team

From UMC Global Ministries - *Dear Friends in Mission, Thank you! 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! Together, 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 genuine love for our neighbors.*

Grace and peace, Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

From Senior Services - *Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your recent gift to help sustain the Senior Services Annual Fund in the amount of \$50. Your financial support is significant to the participants we serve & aids in our mission to provide them with valuable resources & programs that support nutrition, dementia care, and human connection. We appreciate your support!*

With deepest gratitude, Britnee Tellez, Director of Giving and Events

From Samaritan Ministries - *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Hope is something we think about daily and intentionally share with our guests. For them, this time of the year may bring feelings of sadness or reminders of their lost family relationships. We remind them that their Savior was born without a home. Jesus' sacrifice and promise of hope is for all of us, especially the hurting. During this season and throughout the year, we praise God for you. Without your generosity, there is no warm meal on a cold winter day. There is no safe shelter from the dangers of freezing temperatures and sleeping on the streets. Because of you, our guests see hope through the care we provide. Thank you for making a difference.*

Sincerely, Jan Kelly, Executive Director

From Crisis Control - *Through your recent financial gift, you've shown your neighbors in a financial crisis love, the greatest gift anyone could receive. You've let them know you care about their well-being. Because of you, neighbors in Forsyth and Stokes Counties are getting much needed assistance with food, prescription medications, and financial assistance with rent, mortgage, and utility payments to solve their crisis. You've given them that relief! You're giving help for today and hope for tomorrow. Thanks friends!*

Gratefully, Margaret Elliott, Executive Director

****Burkhead UMC gave approximately 250 pounds of food to Crisis Control which was donated by YOU during our White Christmas Worship Service!**

From Wesley Foundation - *To Burkhead United Methodist Church, Thank you for your kind and generous donation of \$300 for the Wesley Foundation in 2023! We are so grateful for your gifts which will help to ensure that our vital ministry to college students continues, and it will be thanks to ministry partners like your church! May God continue to richly bless your congregation and your work and service to our community!*

In Christ, Rev. Oliver Helsabeck

Burkhead United Methodist Church 36th Annual Pine Needle Sale

Sponsored by the Methodist Men with assistance from BSA Troop 911
 5250 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem NC 27106

\$6.00 per bale - delivered directly to your home or business.

Our bales contain quality long leaf pine needles, as opposed to slash pine needles found at the big box lumberyards.

Your purchase supports our Church, our programs and our outreach ministries.

We appreciate your support of our fundraiser.

Promptness in placing your order will ensure we are able to fill your request. Quantity is limited to 2 tractor trailers. Orders will be filled based on the order received, while our supply lasts. Please complete the order form below.

Delivery on February 24, 2024 and March 2, 2024

Delivery Zip Code	Minimum Bale Order
27104 & 27106	7
27101 & 27103 & 27105 27012 & 27023 & 27040	20
All other regional zip codes	65

Delivery Calculator for Common Quantities		
Bales	Delivery	Total
15	\$6.00	\$90.00
20	\$6.00	\$120.00
25	\$6.00	\$150.00
35	\$6.00	\$210.00
50	\$6.00	\$300.00
70	\$6.00	\$420.00
80	\$6.00	\$480.00

If you have questions about the sale call Murray Sink @ 336-816-9579

Name: _____

Telephone #s: _____

Address Street: _____

City: _____ NC Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

of Delivery Bales: _____ \$6.00 per Bale Delivery Total Paid: _____

of Pickup Bales: _____ \$5.50 per Bale Pickup Total Paid: _____

Payment is due with your order. Please make check payable to "Burkhead United Methodist Men".

**Use this space to indicate instructions for drop off:
 (Front yard, driveway, etc.)**

***** To Be Completed By Delivery Personnel *****

Delivered _____ Delivered _____
 By: _____ Date: _____

BURKHEAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2024 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**Class of:**

2024 - Terry Blumenthal

2024 - Taylor Crane

2024 - Murray Sink

2025 - Beth Dixon

2025 - Becky DuBois

2025 - Kathy Lisle

2026 - David Disher

2026 - Durwood Howell

2026 - Rick Mende

Focus on:

Counting Teams

Building and Maintenance

Outreach and Missions

Staff Parish Relations

Communications

Hospitality

Worship

Non-Voting Members of Leadership Council

Pastor - Julie O'Neal, Treasurer - Murray Sink, Administration - Darlene Davis,

Lay Leader - Greg Lisle, UMM President - Durwood Howell

Ministry Area Teams**Building and Maintenance**Team: Betty Bewley, Lynn Blumenthal, Debbie Canter, Taylor Crane, Beth Dixon, Daryl Dixon,
Kate Moore, Murray Sink

Memorial Garden:

Parsonage:

Safe Sanctuaries:

Leadership Council Liaison: Taylor Crane**Communications**

Team: Kathy Lisle, Julie O'Neal, Darlene Davis

Leadership Council Liaison: Kathy Lisle**Finance**

Counting Teams:

Team 1: Durwood Howell, Susan Disher

Team 2: Terry Blumenthal, Joni Howell

Team 3: David Disher, Kathy Lisle

Team 4: Rick Mende, Beth Dixon

Team 5: Rita Waite, volunteer needed

Substitute Counter: Taylor Crane

Leadership Council Liaison: Terry Blumenthal**Hospitality**

Team: Debbie Canter, Joni Howell, Nancy Porter

Leadership Council Liaison: Durwood Howell**Nominations**

Team: Julie O'Neal/Pastor, Kathy Lisle/AC Delegate

Class of 2024: Larry Parks, Kate Moore

Class of 2025: Gale Sink, Brenda Barlow

Class of 2026: Daryl Dixon, Lynn Blumenthal

Leadership Council Liaison: Julie O'Neal**Outreach & Missions**Team: Gale Sink, Sylvia Allen, Marilyn Baird, Betty Bewley, Lynn & Terry Blumenthal, Debbie
Canter, David & Susan Disher, Beth & Daryl Dixon, Becky DuBois, Nancy & Charles

Flowers, Joni & Durwood Howell, Kathy Lisle, Rick Mende, Kate Moore, Peg & Mike Price

Leadership Council Liaison: Beth Dixon**Staff Parish Relations**

Team: Julie O'Neal

Office Team: Lynn Blumenthal, Susan Disher, Beth Dixon, Becky DuBois, Joni Howell, Kathy Lisle

Leadership Council Liaison: Becky DuBois**Worship**

Team: Betty Bewley, Kate Moore, Larry Parks

Liturgists: Betty Bewley, Terry Blumenthal, Becky DuBois, Nancy Flowers, Durwood Howell,
Greg Lisle, Kathy Lisle, Rick Mende, Mike PriceUshers: Betty Bewley, Terry & Lynn Blumenthal, Debbie Canter, Taylor Crane, Daryl & Beth Dixon,
David & Susan Disher, Nancy Flowers, Rick Mende, Larry Parks, Mike Price, Murray & Gale Sink**Leadership Council Liaison: Rick Mende**

February 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<p>4 9:15 & 9:30 am -Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Transfiguration Sunday 9:15 & 9:30 am -Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with Rev. Dr. Jill Smith 1:45 pm - Joint Leadership Council meeting at Wesley Mem.</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm - Leadership Council meeting</p>	<p>13 10:30 am - Outreach Committee 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm - Community Fellowship Meal 7 pm - Ash Wednesday Service</p> 	<p>15 11:30 am - 3rd Thursday Lunch and Learn about Spring Gardening</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 1st Sunday in Lent Boy Scout Sunday 9:15 & 9:30 am -Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service 5:00 pm - Book Club</p>	 <p>19 6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929</p>	<p>20 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>21 1:00 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 UMM Pine Needle Sale & Delivery</p> 
<p>25 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:15 & 9:30 am -Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> 		