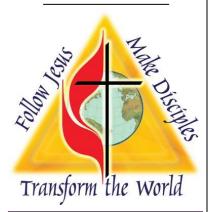


Burkhead United Methodist Church 5250 Silas Creek Parkway Winston-Salem, NC 27106

> 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**

Notes from the Leadership Council:

Your Leadership Council, now meeting monthly as a single nine member board, has been at work since January. The Board meets on the second Mondays every month where the combined needs and decisions for finances, our building, and our Pastor and staff are discussed, along with planning for our future - both near and distant. We hope to keep everyone informed by way of this message in the monthly newsletter, but always know that questions and concerns may be raised to anyone on the board at any time. Likewise, if there are matters about the church that you believe need the board's attention, keep the meeting schedule in mind and please let us know.

As you might expect, the upcoming merger with Wesley Memorial UMC occupies much of our discussions. So, here are some highlights from our March meeting. Following our April 14th combined worship service here at Burkhead, we will have another charge conference for both Burkhead and Wesley to take the final vote on the combined church's new name. There may be other single item charge conferences along the way for both Burkhead, Wesley, and the combined church once the merge is complete. Merging churches is not a mere flip of the switch and involves numerous items in which the entire congregation has the opportunity to participate. We are also in the process of surveying our space use and cleaning out stored items to make room for the combined use of the larger congregation. Look for further information in this newsletter about re-claiming things currently stored and not currently in use at Burkhead that hold a special place for you or your family. Last, we all want to look for ways in which Burkhead and Wesley can celebrate each other as we come together. We'll be looking at our worship traditions, our fellowship traditions, spiritual growth, and ways we reach out to our community, and how those things become a combined and greater whole. The April 14th joint worship is a great way to start. We hope to see you there.

Durwood Howell, Chairperson BUMC Leadership Council

## **Our Opportunity to Pray and Praise**

#### March 3

Prayers: Elaine Disher, Misty McGuire, Kim Jackson, Wanda Truesdale, Rick Randall & family, Brookdale Assisted Living on Reynolda, merger of Wesley Memorial & Burkhead, Pastor Ben Sloan & his mother as they travel to India, Zoe Ruhl, the Walker Family;

Praises: David Reed, Wesley Memorial's & Burkhead's unanimous votes for merger

#### March 10

Prayers: Pastor Ben Sloan & his mother, Erin Smith, Girl Scout Troop 1929 leaders, parents and girls;

Praises: Rick Randall & family, Wesley Memorial & Burkhead moving forward with a merger

#### March 17

Prayers: Debbie Canter, Tera Lloyd, Ed & Lynne Jones, family of Eddie Flowers, Tommy Weeks, Jody Stucker, Gail Potter, David Godown, Sarah Howell;

Praises: wonderful turnout of Burkhead and Wesley Memorial members at the Men's breakfast

#### March 24

Prayers: Charles Jenkins, Cindy Smeltzer, Ann Shelton, Sarah Blumenthal, Sylvia, war & conflicts worldwide and the innocents caught in the crossfire, our country during this political season, our "new" church & bringing our two churches together;

Praises: Sarah Howell, Jody Stucker

Prayers and Praises shared during our March 31st service will be shared in our May newsletter.

# Our Opportunity to Learn

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

#### 7th

Acts 4:32-35 Psalms 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

#### **14th**

Acts 3:12-19 Psalms 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

#### **21st**

Acts 4:5-12 Psalms 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

#### 28th

Acts 8:26-40 Psalms 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

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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 Office: 336-765-6590 extn 2

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#### **Our Opportunity to Give**

## **Our Financial Report:**

	February	Year-to-Date
Budget Received	\$11,498.64	\$23,416.05
Budget Spent	\$14,292.45	\$31,661.86
Capital Camp. Recvd.	\$1,955.00	\$2,910.00
Capital Camp. Spent	\$2,579.98	\$5,040.97

During February, Burkhead UMC received \$216.00 from our February Fellowship meal, \$146.00 for donations given to Samaritan Ministries, \$2.00 towards the Upper Room cost and \$770.36 as our sales tax refund for the second half of 2023.

Thank you for supporting Burkhead UMC and its ministries! Please contact Darlene Davis with any questions at <a href="mailto:burkheadfinance@gmail.com">burkheadfinance@gmail.com</a> or 336-765-6590 extn 4.



Daniel Blumenthal's cell number is 336-214-1214.

2024 directories are available on our information table.

### **Our Opportunity to Celebrate**

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8th Aaron & Mary Lib Shough 30th Rod & Kathy Friddle

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st Betty Bewley

1st Bruce Griset, Jr.

2nd John Griset

2nd Catherine Patrick

3rd Meredith Mende Kejriwal

3rd Jo Nicholas

9th Ilir Llanaj

10th Connie Hall Mende

11th Rick Mende

13th Jack Jordan

20th Allison Raker

26th Peg Price

29th Nancy Hurst

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

## A Note of Appreciation

• From Samaritan Ministries - Thank you for being part of Souper Bowl & giving generously to help feed those in need. I know Robin Stone enjoyed her visit to the Wednesday night gathering & we look forward to our continued partnership!

Jan Kelly, Executive Director

# **Our Opportunity to Serve**

Ushers/Greeters:

April 7 Murray Sink (captain), Gale Sink,

Nancy Flowers, Betty Bewley

April 14 Taylor Crane (captain), Terry &

Lynn Blumenthal

April 21 Daryl Dixon (captain), Beth Dixon,

David & Susan Disher

April 28 Rick Mende (captain), Larry Parks,

Mike Price

## Liturgists:

April 7 Durwood Howell
April 14 Greg Lisle
April 21 Kathy Lisle
April 28 Rick Mende

If you are unable to serve, please make arrangements for a substitute.
If possible, please let Darlene know

so the bulletin can be updated. Thank you!

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You can sign up to attend any of these events by contacting the host of that event. You may also call (336-765-6590 extn 3) or email (burkheadumc@gmail.com) the church office to let us know of your interest. We hope to see you soon!

#### **United Women in Faith**



Wesley Memorial UMW/UWF will meet at Burkhead for our April 8 meeting at 11 am. Our program will be an informative meeting for us to learn more about the Spark program. The director of SPARK, Rev. Amber Harris, will be our guest speaker. We invite the ladies of Burkhead to join us. We hope that many will be interested

Western North Carolina

in joining us as we continue to move forward with our merger. We meet the **2nd**Monday of each month at 11 am. Please bring a bag lunch and drink. Wesley ladies will furnish dessert. We hope to see you on April 8, 2024 at 11 am. Elaine Snapp



# Community Fellowship Meal - Wednesday, April 10, 2024



Once again, Nancy Flowers and her dedicated crew are working hard to bring us a delicious meal of ham, potato salad and green bean casserole. <u>Please sign up on the sheet at the information table or call the office</u> to reserve your spot! The price is \$6 for adults. Children and first timers eat free. Please continue to invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

## Joint Worship Service and Potluck Lunch - April 14, 2024

A joint worship service and potluck lunch with Burkhead UMC and Wesley Memorial UMC will take place on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Burkhead. The worship service will be at the usual time and

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE



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AND POTLUCK LUNCH!

will include a combined choir from the two churches. Immediately following the worship service everyone is invited to share a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dish(es) to share which could be meat, casserole, side dish, salad, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Food can be brought to the kitchen when you arrive at church. We anticipate 70-80 people to attend.

This is another opportunity for members of the two congregations to get to know each other as we prepare for the merger of the two churches. There will be name tags for everyone. Please come join us for this fun event!

Becky DuBois

#### **Burkhead Book Club**

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **April 21st at Greg and Kathy Lisle's home**. The book we are reading this month is *Where the Heart Is* by Billie Letts. We **meet at 5 pm** on the third Sunday of the month to discuss a book and have a meal together. At our next meeting we will need to decide on new books to read for this spring and early summer. Newcomers are welcome. Call Lynn Blumenthal for details (336) 414 -2174.



### Third Thursday Health and Wholeness Events

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for our March day of Service, as well as those who came to help that day and also those who delivered our gifts. Fifteen Easter baskets were filled and delivered to Open Arms Community. Big baskets of snacks were delivered to the fire stations at Peace Haven and Robinhood, and Jonestown and Country Club. We appreciate the first responders who serve our neighborhood. Twenty-four food bags were filled



and delivered to City with Dwellings for the clients of the white flag emergency shelter. Also, homemade Easter cards and treat bags were made for some of our folks who are homebound and a few others. Many people were blessed by these acts of kindness! Thank you!



On Thursday, April 18, join us for a game day at Burkhead. Bring your bag lunch and join us for board and card games in the fellowship hall. The time is 11:30 until 1 pm. Come and have some fun with old and new friends!

# Feeding A Habitat Spring Break Group

On Monday, April 22, we will be providing dinner for a group of volunteers from Vermont who have come to help Habitat for Humanity build homes for low income families during their spring break. We need a couple of people who are willing to cook the lasagnas we have already made and frozen for the group and deliver the meal to the Habitat Volunteer Lodge. If you can help with this, please contact Lynn Blumenthal.



## **Wesley Memorial Food Pantry**



Do you feel called to help with this ministry to families in need at Bolton Elementary School? The pantry is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Set up happens on the day before each pantry day. If you are interested in joining this ministry (which will continue after the merger), please contact Pastor Ben. They are also looking for another person to serve on the leadership team. This is a great opportunity to be the hands of Jesus in our community.

Gale Sink

#### 2024 Music on the Hill

The Music on the Hill Sunday programs are complete! Join us May 5 for some country with *None of the Above. Cornerstone Quartet* will entertain us with gospel music May 19. *The Salem Swing Band* will have us swinging June 2. Richard Harding completes the season June 9 with his wide range of music. So get your dancing shoes out and dust them off because there's "gonna be" a lot of dancing going on!

Betty Bewley



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

#### Reminder!

As Burkhead and Wesley Memorial move towards our merger, we will be looking at the furnishings and items stored at the churches. This is your opportunity to take your personal items home that have been stored at the church. *Please have your items removed by the end of April*. Our combined committees will begin choosing the items to be used by our new congregation.



- Saturday, April 6: Jazzed About Opera. This free concert at Ciener Botanical Gardens in Kernersville is a collaboration between Piedmont Opera and Camel City Jazz Orchestra.
  6-8:30 pm. Bring a chair or blanket. Reserve your free tickets at Piedmont Opera.
- Saturday, April 6: African Music Open House at the LAM Museum of Anthropology at Wake Forest University. This free event is from 1-4 pm. Music, dance, crafts and activities for all ages.
- Monday, April 8: Star Party and Eclipse Viewing 1:30-5 pm. NC Science Festival Star Party at Liberty Plaza next to Kaleideum's new location downtown. First 400 visitors receive a pair of eclipse glasses. Astronomy activities & a view of the eclipse through a solar telescope.
- Thursday, April 11: Reynolda on the House. From 4-7 pm enjoy free admission to Reynolda House, self-guided tours, light refreshments, and visit a camera petting zoo to learn about cameras throughout photographic history.
- Saturday, April 13: Birthday Party fundraiser for City with Dwellings. 2-3:30 at 502 N. Broad. Tickets available on the City with Dwellings website.
- The Yadkin Valley District is sponsoring a **Food and Faith Volunteer Day on Tuesday, April 16 from 9 am until 1 pm at Threshold Farm** located at 3817 Shady Grove Church Road in East Bend. Join the excitement as we learn to grow healthy food to feed our community. In case of rain, the event will be held April 18. RSVP to ReneeEaster at reaster@wnccumc.org.
- An Evening with Appalachian State Head Football Coach Shawn Clark on Thursday, April 18 from 7-8:30 pm at Reynolds Auditorium. This is a benefit for the Bethesda Center for the Homeless. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.
- You're invited to the **Piedmont Earth Day Fair on April 20th from 10 AM 4 PM** at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. Enjoy great food and music, activities for adults and kids, and wonderful earth-friendly exhibitors...all while learning about how you can support a greener city. The Piedmont Earth Day Fair is a FREE event, thanks to the support of sponsors and community partners!
- Sunday, April 21: Free concert at Centenary UMC by the Piedmont Wind Symphony at 3 pm. The concert is called Frozen Cathedral. Please RSVP to Piedmont Wind Symphony.
- Second Harvest Food Bank's Empty Bowls Event. It will be on April 24, 2024 from 11 am

   6 pm at Second Harvest's Headquarters, 3330 Shorefair Drive. This will be a drive through event where you will get soup, bread, dessert, and a beautiful pottery bowl. Buy tickets online at emptybowlsnc.org.





FAMILY FUN! LIVE MUSIC! FOOD TRUCKS! ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION!

SATURDAY,
APRIL 20
10am - 4pm
WS FAIRGROUNDS

FREE PARKING & BIKE VALET | RAIN OR SHINE

# 37th Annual Shepherd's Center Used Book Sale May 2 - May 4, 2024

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold its 36th Annual Used Book Sale Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3, 9 am to 9 pm, and Saturday, May 4, 8 am to 2 pm.

Saturday all items are ½ price. Parking & admission are FREE!

The sale will be held in the Education Building at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. Entrance for parking is through Gate 5 from Deacon Blvd. There is no admission or parking fee. There will be thousands of used books and other items on hand at exceptional prices.

This is truly a book sale with a purpose! All proceeds of the sale benefit the agency's programs and services for older adults in our community. For more information contact the Shepherd's Center at 336-748-0217 or visit

#### www.shepherdscenter.org.

The Shepherd's Center is an interfaith ministry whose mission is to support and promote successful aging through direct services, educational, volunteer and support programs for older adults.



# **April 2024**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	APRIL FOOLS'	2	3	4	5:00 pm - Fellowship Hall in use, Friendship Force	6
7 9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion	8 11:00 am - WMUMC's United Women in Faith mtg 6:00 pm - Girl Scouts 6:30 pm - Leadership Council mtg	No Outreach Committee meeting 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	6:00 pm - Community Fellowship Meal	11	12	9:30 am - set up for meal
9:15 & 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service & Potluck Meal with Wesley Memorial 1:00 pm - Called Charge Conference	15	9:00 am - Food & Faith Day, Threshold Farms 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911	17 1:00 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry	18 11:30 am - Third Thursday Lunch and Learn - Game Day	19 10:00 am - Fellowship Hall in use, SPARK	20
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