

Welcome to the worshipping community of

Berea Friendship United Methodist Church.

If you are new to our community, you are welcomed by the God who welcomes us all, who in Jesus Christ calls us "friends." You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. You are invited to read aloud those passages that are printed in bold. Welcome to this assembly of the people of God!

1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 28th 2008
10:30 am

THE PRELUDE Unto Us a Child is Born
(Bach)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES
Bill Sherrill

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Once in Royal
David's City

(By Gauntlell)

*HYMN- No. 249 There's a Song
in the Air

*OPENING PRAYER

Living God, moved by the coming of Christ to our lives, we seek to be your people. Help us to live in faithful covenant with you and with one another. Let the peace of Christ guide us, and let Christ's message in all its richness live in our hearts, that we may praise you without ceasing. Amen.

FIRST LESSON - pg. 1153, 1813
Galatians 4:4-7

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Matt Greer

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Three-fold Amen
(Danish)

GOSPEL LESSON - pg.1015, 1591
Luke 2:22-40

CHORAL ANTHEM Little Child, Wake Up and
Listen (arr. Bill
Sherrill)

SERMON Getting Back to Normal? Pastor
Keith Ray

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

APOSTLES CREED – No.881

*HYMN – No. 219 What
Child Is This

OFFERTORY Noel
(Getue)

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

*HYMN – No. 671 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy
Blessing

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION – Go, Tell It on the Mountain
No. 251

sing)

(The congregation is invited to

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

*POSTLUDE
(Handel)

Festival Piece



OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER Claire Rebecca Philpot, Joe Philpot, Jay and Vera Hunt, Helen Yockey, Carolyn Hunter, Nick Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Georgiana Dougherty and her neighbor, (Bobbie Brown), Edith Bynum, and her sons Carl and Jerry, Margaret Rivers, Eunice Looper, Shirley Dickson's friend, (Marvin Lollis), Dub Childs, Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred Pollard, Steve Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith, Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, and Doris Williams.

Offering Envelopes for 2009 Please pick up your 2009 offering envelopes located on the back table, by doing this you will save us postage. The envelopes are in alphabetical order.

Congratulations to Matt Greer on completing his Teaching Degree in Special Education. Matt graduated on December 16th from USC Upstate. Matt's parents are Rick & Diane Greer and grandparents Myra & Troy Clements. We wish you the best Matt.

Administrative Council We would like to get all council members to meet Saturday, January 24th instead of January 14th. We will meet from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. and enjoy a soup lunch together as we make plans for the coming 2009 year.

Morning Circle will meet on January 20th, at 10:00 in the Quilters Room. We will make plans for 2009.

Shalom Circle will meet on January 21st, at 6:30 pm in the Ruth Bible Class. Please come join us as we continue to read "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World".

Bible Study Our Bible Study Class will resume on January 7th, at 4:30 pm. We meet every Wednesday, so bring your bible and come join us. We are studying the book of Jeremiah. For any questions call Bob Helms @ 295-2973.

Officers Training at Aldersgate UMC District UMW Officer Training will take place at Aldersgate UMC at 9:00 am on January 10th.

Youth Breakfast Our youth breakfast will be January 11th at 8:30 am. Please come enjoy a time of fellowship and good food.

Covered Dish Lunch will be held on January 18th, following the morning worship. Please join us and bring your favorite dish.

Staff

Pastor	Keith Ray II
Music Director	Bill Sherrill
Organist	Sibyl Thomas
Membership Secretary	Pat Teat
Youth Director	Patti Taylor
Treasurer	Marsha Disher
Administrative Assistant	Debbie

Capps

THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Bill Sherrill
Acolyte	Denise McCloud

Trustee	Patti Taylor
Stewardship	Pat Teat
Altar Guild	Mary Penland
Nursery	Becky & Henry
Philpot	
Ushers	Steve Capps, Wilson
Creswell,	
Hunter	Ronald Failor, Ronnie

Attendance – Sunday December 21st:
Sunday School –48 Worship -125
Financial Report for 21st:

Received for Budget
\$2,874.52
Received for Budget to-date in Dec.
\$13,236.06
Received for Christmas/Missions Offering \$181.00
Received for Good Samaritan Fund
\$265.00

No Wednesday Night Supper on
December 31st.

Happy Birthday

December 28 Tom Presnell
December 29 Matt Painter
December 31 Pam Harrelson
January 03 Preston Argo

Happy Anniversary

December 31 Vera & J.H. Hunt (Happy 60th)

all people equally; welcoming those in search of a
loving and supportive church family.”

Prayer

O immortal Lord God who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought us, Thine unworthy servants, to the close of another year; pardon we most humbly beseech Thee, our transgressions in the past, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; guard and direct us in all trials and temptations, that by Thy blessing we may grow in grace as we grow in years, and at the last may finish our course with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

“The mission of Berea Friendship United
Methodist Church is to glorify our Lord by serving

For Your Information (and inspiration)!

What a beautiful witness to Christmas generosity. May we all do our part to make the story of Christmas live on not just for a day or a season but in our lives...even to age 100 and beyond.

Berea

Blessings to you all,

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Merry Christmas! No, it's not a misprint. As The United Methodist Book of Worship reminds us, "Christmas is a season of praise and thanksgiving for the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, which begins with Christmas Eve or Day and continues through the Day of Epiphany (January 6). Remember that song we sometimes sing at Christmas parties or programs: The Twelve Days of Christmas.

So for Christians, Christmas is a season, not a day. Really, though, Christmas is a way of life. In this season we celebrate the generosity of God whose gift to the world in Jesus Christ is the best gift of all. And this generous God calls us to be a generous people.

How fortunate I am to be placed in a church with caring people who give witness to the generosity of God in many and varied ways. The other day as I was getting ready for work, the announcer on WYFF News 4 told of a person who at the age of 100 practiced generosity by ringing the bell as a volunteer for the Salvation Army. I looked at the television and there was Berea Friendship member Helen Yockey, ringing the bell for the less fortunate in our community. "I'm very impressed with the generosity of the people who stop here and leave money for the Salvation Army," Yockey told WYFF News 4's Mike McCormick. "I think it's a very good thing, very nice. I'm happy to be here, glad that I could do my part."