

Youth. The Youth will meet this Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study. Come join us for Bible Study every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Huckaby Class Room.

Quilters. The Quilters will not meet again un

Parsonage Open House. Pastor David and Mary Grace invite you to the parsonage for an Advent Open House on Sunday afternoon, December 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Casseroles. If you would like to buy the delicious casseroles left from the bazaar, you may purchase them after church today, please see one of the Quilters. We have 5- Cranberry Apple, 19-Baked Spaghetti, 7-Cheesy Hamburger, and 1 Apple Cinnamon.

Poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to purchase Poinsettias in memory of or in honor of someone dear to you, please fill out one of the sheets that are located on the back table of the sanctuary and turn it in by Sunday, December 11th. You may place your order form in the offering plates or give them to Pat Teat or Debbie Capps in the office. The poinsettias will be placed in the church on December 18th and December 25th.

A Service of Lessons and Carols. On December 18th our choir will present "Lessons and Carols" as our morning service.

Wednesday Night Suppers. The sign-up sheets are on the back door of the sanctuary if you would like to join us for a great time to fellowship and a great meal! The supper starts at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall and the menu for this week is Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, and Strawberry Shortcake. Beverages included are Coffee, Tea, and Water.

Attendance for November 20th: S.S. – 47; Worship –105

Financial report for November 20th: Received for Budget \$7,115.11

Received to-date in November for Budget \$14,069.33

On Commitment Sunday, November 20th we received 26 pledges totaling \$87,395.00. You may still turn in your pledge card that was sent to you in the mail. Place cards in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Our budget for 2012 totals \$258,034.00.



November 29 Gloria Adriane Collins
December 02 Danielle Melton



Mary Virginia Taylor
Resident Bishop

Charles Johnson
District Superintendent

Dr. David A. Brown
Pastor

Bill Sherrill
Director of Music

Sibyl Thomas
Organist

Debbie Capps
Admin. Assistant

Pat Teat
*Membership & Financial
Secretary*

Marsha Disher
Treasurer

Martin Leathers
Director of Youth

Dalton Argo
Acolyte

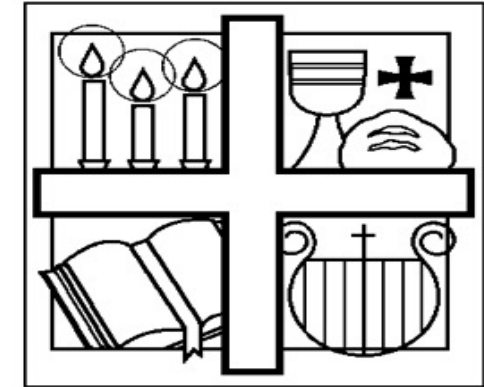
Becky & Henry Philpot
Nursery

Ronnie Hunter
Trustee of the Month

Jim Rawson
Stewardship

Dawn Stewart
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Wilson Creswell
Ronald Failor
Ronnie Hunter
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**1st Sunday of Advent
November 27th, 2011
10:30 a.m.**

The mission of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church is to glorify our Lord by serving all people equally, welcoming those in search of a loving and supportive church

Welcome to Berea Friendship United Methodist Church!

If you are new to our community, we hope you will participate in our service as you are comfortable. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. **Bold print** indicates that you are invited to join the community in reading aloud those passages that are indicated.

Please take a moment to sign the Worship Attendance Pad that is found in your pew.

Welcome to this assembly of the people of God!

THE PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Smith

ENTRANCE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING WORDS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP We Gather Together Old Dutch Melody

*HYMN – No.694 Come, Ye Thankful People Come George Elvey

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OPENING PRAYER Dr. David Brown

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Bobbie & Miller Bogan

ANTHEM Sing to the Lord of Harvest Healey Willan

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Marsha Disher

HANGING OF THE GREENS

GOD WILL SEND A RIGHTEOUS KING Jeremiah 23: 5-6 Anne-Marie Failor

In ancient times the cedar was revered as that of royalty. It also signified immortality and was used for purification. We place garlands of cedar as a sign of Christ, who reigns as King forever, and whose coming, in justice and righteousness, will purify our hearts.

*HYMN #196 Come, *Thou Long Expected Jesus* Congregation

THE PROPHET DECLARES A CHILD WILL BE BORN Bob Helms

Because the needles of pine and fir trees appear not to die each season, the ancients saw them as signs of things that last forever. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. Therefore, we hang wreaths of evergreen shaped in a circle, which itself has no end, to signify the eternal reign of Jesus, the Christ.

*HYMN #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 5,6,7) Congregation

THE FOURTH SERVANT SONG

Terri McCloud

Isaiah 53:1-6

For Christmas, this passage from Isaiah reflects the sufferings of Jesus, who saved us from our sins by his death on the cross, and by his resurrection for the dead. In ancient times, holly was considered a sign of Christ’s passion. The prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns, the red berries the blood of the Savior, and the bitter bark the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. As we hang the holly, let us rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

*HYMN # 626 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (verses 1&2) Congregation

MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

Dr. David Brown

John 1:1-5, 9-14

LIGHTING OF THE TREE: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the light of the world, we light the Chrismon Tree. During this Advent, whenever you see a lighted Christmas tree, let it call to mind the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive Him.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE

Pastor David Brown

*HYMN No.189 Fairest Lord Jesus Congregation

ADVENT HOMILY “The Journey Begins Again” Pastor Brown

OFFERTORY Chorale Scriabin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE No. 94 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*HYMN No. 206 I want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION – No. 665 **Go Now in Peace** Natalie Sleeth

(The congregation is invited to sing)
Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE God’s Son Is Coming Buttstett

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER. Ruth Brock, Myra Clements, Blanche Creswell, Millie Dunn, Fran Farren, Laura Gould, Mildred Huckaby, Vera Hunt, Louvina Leach, Jake Moorehead, Rachel Palmer, Joe Philpot, Juanita Sherlin Mary Smiley, Andy Vaughan, Joan Zepf, and Allen Zorn.

Extended Family and Friends: Liz Philpot, (Hazel, Milton and his wife Kathy, and Douglas Mullinax).
Cindy Hester's father Tom Speck.

Book Club. The Book Club will meet this Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They are reading "Carolina Mountain."

Inspiration Group. The Inspiration Group will meet on December 8th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring canned goods or money for the Mercy Center. We will have a catered meal.

Huckaby Class. The Huckaby Class will meet for their Christmas Party on December 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It will be a catered meal.

Council Meeting. The Administrative Council will meet on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class. If you would like to be on the agenda, please let Janet Stone know by Monday, December 12th at jhstone56@hughes.net.

Morning Circle. The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m. and go to the Julie Valentine Center on White Horse Road. We will go on a tour of the building and are asked to bring items such as: Toys, paper goods, toiletry items, clothing items, DVD's, Art Supplies (please do not wrap.) After our tour we will go to lunch at the Classic Deli.

Thank You. A heartfelt thanks to all of you for all the cards, calls, and prayers, Joan Looper Zepf.

Advent Prayer

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen