

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!

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2009
10:30 am

THE PRELUDE **Chorale**
(Benoit)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES
Bill Sherrill

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **How Like a Gentle Spirit**
(Alfred Smith)

*HYMN- No. 454 **Open My Eyes, That I
May See**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people in the world. We are ready to hear your word; speak to us and give us courage to do your will. With all our doubts and fears and shortcomings, we have decided to follow Jesus in our time and place. Guide us by your loving Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON – pg.264, 423 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Lisa Huffman

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Matt Greer

*GOSPEL LESSON - pg.1050,1647 John 1:43-51
Lisa Huffman

CHORAL ANTHEM **Worship Medley** (arr.
Benjamin Harlan)
SERMON "Can Anything Good Come Out of
Nazareth?"
Pastor Keith Ray
MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No. 881 The
Apostles' Creed

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT – No.128
He Leadeth Me: O

Blessed Thought
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE **Three-fold Amen**
(Danish)

OFFERTORY **Tranquillo**
(Beethoven)

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

*HYMN – No.413 **A Charge to
Keep I Have**

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION – No.665 **Go Now in Peace**
(N. 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

Fughetta

(Hayden)



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), Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred Pollard, Steve Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith, Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, Helen Stebbins, Mary Childs, Doris Williams, Louise Davenport and Katrina Earnest Collins.

Louise Davenport has been released from the hospital and is at her home.

Jerry Smith came home from the hospital on Sunday.

Katrina Earnest Collins had surgery on Wednesday and remains hospitalized in Virginia.

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.

Bible Study Please come join us for Bible Study Class each Wednesday at 4:30 in the Huckaby Class. Our next class will be Wednesday, January 21st. For any questions call Bob Helms @ 295-2973.

Covered Dish Lunch Please join us today for the covered dish lunch following the morning worship. It's a great time to fellowship and enjoy a wonderful home cooked meal.

Nominations Committee will meet this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 p.m. and enjoy a soup lunch together as we make plans for the coming 2009 year.

Newsletter Deadline The deadline to get newsletter articles in will be this Tuesday, January 20th.

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

Shalom Circle will meet this Wednesday, 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".

Inspiration Group will meet this Thursday, January 22nd, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. A.V. Huff will be the speaker and Vivian Day will do the devotion. Soup and Cornbread will be served with dessert.

Thank You A special Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls, and meals during my surgery and recovery. I'm getting better each day, but still have some healing to go. Ronald Failor

Thank You to the members of Berea Friendship UMC for all the cards, prayers, phone calls, and visits during my surgery. The thoughtfulness you have shown me means so much. Please continue to remember me in your prayers. In Christian Love, Helen Stebbins

Benefit for Carl Bynum A benefit will be held for Carl Bynum, Edith Bynum's son on Saturday, January 24th, at 6:00 p.m., at Travelers Rest United Methodist Church. For more information, see the flyers we have placed on each door exiting the sanctuary.

Casseroles The Quilters still have some casseroles left. If you would like to order any of the casseroles, please let the office know, or call Blanche Creswell.

Staff

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

THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Bill Sherrill and Lisa Huffman
Acolyte	Anne-Marie Failor
Trustee	Ronnie Hunter
Stewardship	Jim Rawson

Nursery	Marsha & John Disher
Altar Guild	Vickie Failor
Ushers	Steve Capps, Tony Earnest,
	Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

For Your Information (and inspiration)!

Attendance – Sunday January 11th:

Sunday School –59 Worship -132

Financial Report for Sunday January 11th:

Received for Budget \$2,821.15

Received to-date in Jan. \$9,478.30

Wednesday Night Supper

January 21st

Country Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/gravy
LeSueur Peas, Apple Pie
Tea, Coffee, Water

Happy Birthday

January 18	Carol Dunn
January 22	Patty Bowers
January 23	Eddie Bowers
	Josh Armstrong

Happy Anniversary

January 21 Terri & Dennis McCloud

“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 family.”

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Today marks the first Sunday in "ordinary time" on the church's calendar. The term "ordinary" comes from the fact that ordinal numbers are used to mark these Sundays. So, for example, today is called the Second Sunday after Epiphany. Next Sunday will be the Third Sunday after Epiphany. And so it goes.

You can always tell when it is ordinary time by looking at the colors of the hangings on the pulpit, lectern and table. Green represents ordinary time and during these periods when there are not special holidays, we grow in our faith by hearing stories of God's faithfulness throughout the Bible. Green is a sign of our continued growth as God's people.

Yet this time reminds me of another lesson. God is with us even on those days that are not filled with special events or celebrations. Our God is one who walks with us in the ordinary struggles and joys of life. We have an

extraordinary God who has chosen to walk with us in our ordinary lives. So even on those days that seem bland, mundane, and boring, hear this good news: God is with us!

So welcome to ordinary time. May we grow closer to God and one another as we journey through this season.

Blessings,
Pastor Keith

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Keith