

Announcements

Disciple Bible Study. Disciple Bible Study tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Meeting. The Youth will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m.

Bible Study. Please join us for Bible Study Class each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Huckaby Class. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

Church Council. The Church Council will meet this Wednesday Night, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible class. If you would like to be put on the agenda, please email mfdisher@charter.net or Debbie@bereafriendshipumc.com.

Inspiration Group. The Inspiration Group will meet on December 10th, at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for a covered dish lunch and exchange of white elephant gifts.

Men's Club. The Men's Club will meet on December 12th at 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall to discuss plans for the coming year. Don't forget those Yard Sale Items we are collecting for the yard sale in March and if you need them picked up call Ronald Failor at 294-9755.

If you know of someone who needs help with their yard please let the Men's Club know.

Youth Breakfast. Please join us next Sunday, December 13th at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for breakfast with our youth! We always have a great time and a wonderful meal!

Morning Circle. The Morning Circle will meet on December 15th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Quilt Room and then will go out to eat at West Family Restaurant and a short meeting. Jane Walker will have the devotion.

Shalom Circle. The Shalom Circle will meet at Pattie Humphreys home on December 15th at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish meal. We will be collecting can food items for our missions.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu: Baked Chicken, Green Beans, and New Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, Rolls, and Brownies. Beverages included are: Tea, Water and Coffee.



December 7	Buddy Stover
December 8	Betty Palmer
	Joan Zepf
December 11	Garl Revis
December 12	Miller Bogan

Mary Virginia Taylor
Resident Bishop

Charles Johnson
District Superintendent

Keith D. Ray, II
Pastor

Bill Sherrill
Director of Music

Sibyl Thomas
Organist

Debbie Capps
Admin. Assistant

Pat Teat
*Membership & Financial
Secretary*

Marsha Disher
Treasurer

Matt Greer
Director of Youth

Anne-Marie Failor
Acolyte

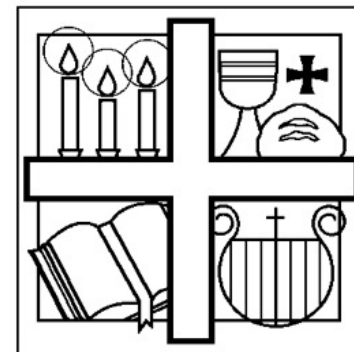
Jim Humphreys
Trustee of the Month

Tom Smith
Stewardship

Patti Taylor
Nursery

Mary Penland
Altar Guild

Gene Bondurant
Steve Capps
Corky Holman
Ronnie Hunter
Ushers



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2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2009
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 family.

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 **Sinfonia** (Handel)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus** (Croatian Folk Song)

*HYMN – No. 213 **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(Lighting of a purple candle.)

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

Response – No. 206 (stanza 2)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

FIRST LESSON – pg. 1490, 950

Malachi 3:1-4

CHORAL ANTHEM

In the Singing

(Carlton Young)

*GOSPEL LESSON – pg. 1016, 1593

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

“Even the Well Off are Well Off”

Dr. Keith Ray, II

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Two-fold Amen

(Dresden)

OFFERTORY

Adagio

(Arne)

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Pg. 15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN – No.384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*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

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

(Young)

