

Youth. The Youth will meet this Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and they will be having a Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m. on December 18th at Martin's home.

Youth Breakfast. The youth will have breakfast next Sunday, December 11th at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

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

Quilters. The Quilters will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Covered Dish Lunch. We will not be having our third-Sunday covered dish lunch on December 18th because of the frantic pace of the holidays. We will look forward to seeing everyone when we resume on January 15th. Thank you, The Family Ministries Committee.

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.

Advent Christmas Offering. We have placed Advent Christmas Offering envelopes in the pews to give money to our missions.

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 Beef Tips and Rice, Turnip Greens, Fruit, Rolls, and Cake. Beverages included are Coffee, Tea, and Water.

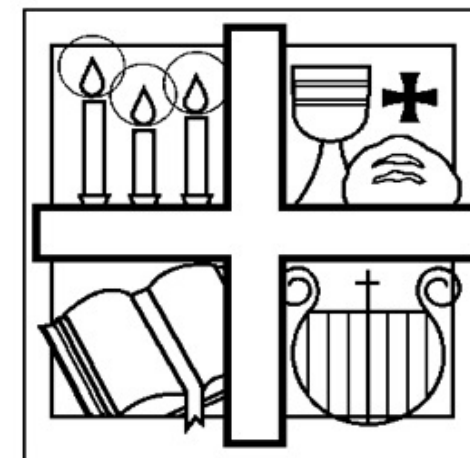
Attendance for November 27th:	S.S. – 40;	Worship – 91
Financial report for November 27th:	Received for Budget	\$2,860.11
	Received for month for Budget	\$16,929.44

Total number of pledges we've received to-date - 32

Total amount of pledges to-date \$104,345.00



November 29	Steve Hester
December 06	Lynn Dyson
	Hilda Hagins
	Mildred Pollard
	Kirby-Anna Philpot
December 07	Buddy Stover
December 08	Kyleigh Elizabeth Argo
	Betty Palmer
	Joan Zepf



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**2nd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion
December 4th, 2011**

10:30 a.m.

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

Debbie Gissendanner
Acolyte

Vickie & Anne-Marie
Failor
Nursery

Junior Neal
Trustee of the Month

Tony Earnest
Stewardship

Patty Bowers
Altar Guild

Gene Bondurant
Steve Capps
Corky Holman
Ronnie Hunter
Ushers

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 **From Heaven High to Earth I Come** Buttstett

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Heralds of Christ** George Warren

*HYMN –No. 203 **Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Patti & Bobby Taylor

FIRST LESSON –pg.714, 1119 Isaiah 40:1-11

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Martin Leathers

CHORAL ANTHEM **Come, O Redeemer, Come** Fernando Ortega

*GOSPEL READING- pg. 990, 1551 Mark 1:1-8

HOMILY “Change of Heart” Dr. David Brown

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS AND ASSURANCE

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY **Peace Be With You** Hutson

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION – Musical setting A HYMNAL PG. 17 & 18

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN –No. 473 **Lead Me, Lord**

*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 **Voluntary in B flat** Hodin

Theme –Preparing for Christmas is one way we remind ourselves that we are always in a state of preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ. Opening up a roadway for the Lord to come into our lives is a never-ending process. The heart can be resistant to expansion.

*The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are for the glory of God and in loving memory of **Sam R. Philpot** and **Lucy Hughes** by Margie Philpot, Alex Philpot and Family, Eddie Hughes and family.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER. Ruth Brock, Blanche Creswell, Millie Dunn, Mildred Huckaby, Vera Hunt, Louvina Leach, Jake Moorehead, Rachel Palmer, Joe Philpot, Juanita Sherlin, Andy Vaughan, Joan Zepf, and Allen Zorn. **Extended Family and Friends:** Hazel, Milton, Kathy, and Douglas Mullinax, Cindy Hester’s father Tom Speck.

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.

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.

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.

Men's Club. The Men's Club will meet this coming Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and devotion. All men are invited to attend.

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 next 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 and the cost is \$9.00 each.

CDC Invitation. The CDC invites anyone who would like to stop by on Tuesday, December 13th before 8:45 a.m. for an inspiring performance put on by Berea Middle School. This will be held in the gym and was excellent last year!

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 this Wednesday, December 7th 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.

Shalom Circle. The Shalom Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. for their Christmas party at Dawn Stewart's home. Pull top foods will be collected for Triune Mercy Center.

A Service of Lessons and Carols. On December 18th our choir will present "Lessons and Carols" as our morning service at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service. Our Christmas Eve Service will be on Saturday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.

New Address. Vera Hunt has moved from Agape Rehab to Steve's home in Columbia. Her new address is: 116 Two Oak Ct. in Columbia, SC 29212.

Anthem Text

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Father, enthroned on high, holy, holy,
ancient eternal Light, hear our prayer:
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Look now upon our need, Lord, be with us,
heal us and make us free from our sin.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us peace