

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. next Sunday, 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 Tuesday at 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 next Sunday 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 17-Baked Spaghetti, and 6-Cheesy Hamburger.

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 Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Slaw, Rolls, and Banana Pudding. Beverages included are Coffee, Tea, and Water.

Attendance for December 4th:	S.S. – 38	Worship – 100
Financial report for December 4th:	Received for Budget	\$5,285.11
	Received to-date for 2012 Budget	\$105,875.00



December 11	Garl Revis
December 12	Miller Bogan
December 13	Becky Philpot
December 14	Scot Beasley
December 15	Laura Brown
	Barbara Durham
	Diane Greer

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

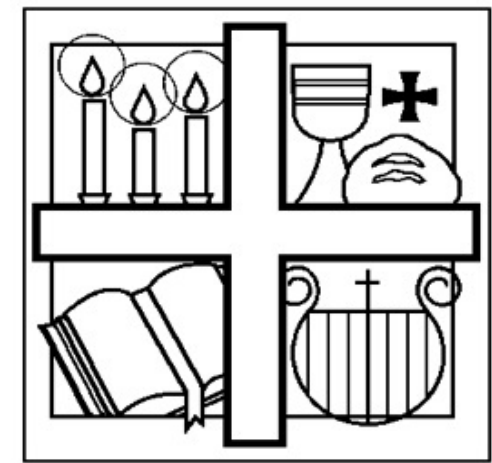
Terri & Denise McCloud
Nursery

Junior Neal
Trustee of the Month

Tony Earnest
Stewardship

Patty Bowers
Altar Guild

Eddie Hughes
Jim Humphreys
Ronnie Hunter
Corky Holman
Ushers



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**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11th, 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 **All Praise to Thee** J.C. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Word of God, Come Down on Earth** Johann Ahle

*HYMN –No.185 **When Morning Gilds the Skies**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return and the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinder us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord forever and ever.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Debbie & Steve Capps

FIRST LESSON –pg. 1170, 1840, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

ACT OF PRAISE No. 847

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Terri McCloud

CHORAL ANTHEM **Wait for the Lord** Jacques Berthier

*GOSPEL READING- pg. 1047, 1645 John 1:6-8, 19-28

HOMILY "The Will of God" (in Christ Jesus for you) Dr. David Brown

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No. 881

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT- No.218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Three-fold Amen Danish

OFFERTORY **Cantilena** Lackey

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

*HYMN –No.196 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

*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 **Postlude in D** Fischer

The flowers placed on the altar today are for the glory of God and in memory of **Billy Bowers** by Patty & Pam Bowers.

***Theme.** Paul says that it is possible in all things to give thanks and praise to God. In all circumstances? This world, as it is, is an often sad and tragic place. Not all the times of our lives are good times and what then? Paul claims that, with our eyes upon God's promised future, it is possible; even in the most difficult times, to give thanks. With eyes fixed upon the future and with faith that the future is God's we can worship in all circumstances.*

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.

Parsonage Open House. Pastor David and Mary Grace invite you to the parsonage for an Advent Open House this afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

CDC Invitation. The CDC invites anyone who would like to stop by this 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!

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 today. 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 next Sunday December 18th and the following Sunday, December 25th and the cost is \$9.00 each. Please be sure to pick your poinsettias up on Christmas Day.

Council Meeting. **The Administrative Council will not meet on Wednesday, December 14th.**

Shalom Circle. The Shalom Circle will meet tomorrow 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.

Morning Circle. The Morning Circle will meet this 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.

A Service of Lessons and Carols. Next Sunday, 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.

Christmas Day. We will have our Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Vacation. Pastor David will be away December 26th to January 3rd. If you need assistance, George Scott will be on call for him at 346-4258.

Office Closed. The church office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 27th for Christmas.

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.

New Address. Louvina Leach has moved to Magnolia Manor 411 Ansel Street in Greenville, S.C. 29601-3499, her room number is 30-A.

Thank You. Thanks for all the phone calls, cards, visits and food from so many of you after my surgery and recuperation. Especially for your prayers, I am most grateful. Love Mary Penland.

Thank You. It's hard to put in words the love and appreciation we have for Berea Friendship UMC. All the prayers, calls, visits, meals and cards during Lucy's illness and passing showed the true love and friendship that this church was built on. You are all a blessing to our family during these difficult times as Lucy was an inspiration to all of us. God received a special angel with Lucy. Thank you again and God bless this church. Eddie, Michael, Jessica, Mellissa, Adam and Ellie.