

Announcements

Disciple Bible Study. Disciple Bible Study meets 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.

Quilters. The Quilters meet on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Quilt Room.

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.

Inspiration Group. The Inspiration Group will meet this coming Thursday, January 28th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Soup & Cornbread. Mr. Ben Keyes will show pictures of God's beauty that surrounds us.

Book Club. The Book Club meets on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Youth Sunday. The youth will be doing the service next Sunday, January 31st.

United Methodist Men. The United Methodist Men will be having a Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. The menu is Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, and Cheesecake. We will also have Tea, Coffee & Water. Tickets will be available for purchase through Sunday, February 7, 2010. See a member of the Men's Club for tickets.

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, and Brownies. Beverages included are Tea, Coffee, and Water.

For Your Information

Attendance for January 17th: S.S. - 56	Worship - 111
Financial report for January 17 th : Received for Budget	\$2,931.66
Received for "Haiti Relief Fund"	\$470.00
Received to-date in January for Budget	\$11,835.66



January 25	Andy Vaughan
January 27	Stanley Dunn
January 28	Mildred Huckaby
January 31	Sue Coggins

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

Sonya, Ivy & Elise Evans
Nursery

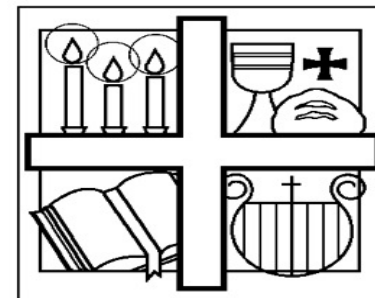
Kevin Baker
Acolyte

Junior Neal
Trustee of the Month

Marsha Disher
Stewardship

Vickie Failor
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Wilson Creswell
Ronald Failor
Ronnie Hunter
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**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2010
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 **Now Thank We All Our God** (Volckmar)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Many Gifts, One Spirit** (Al Carmines)

*HYMN – No. 428 **For the Healing of the Nations**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray ...

Spirit of life, we gather here in loving community.

Keep us in mind of the responsibilities of being human.

Give us the strength to endure, but more,

Help us to bring strength to each other.

May we exclude no one intentionally,

But may our church be inclusive as we say it is.

May our coming and our going be blessed,

This day and forever more. Amen.

FIRST LESSON – pg. 479,761 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT Matt Greer

CHORAL ANTHEM **My Happy Home** (arr. Bill Sherrill)

*GOSPEL LESSON – pg. 1018, 1596 Luke 4:14-21

SERMON “When Worship Brings Us to Tears” Dr. Keith Ray, II

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Ezra reminded the returning exiles of their identity as the people of God, they were deeply moved and wept, because they had forgotten about the mighty acts of God which had shaped them and their history.

We confess, O God, that we also forget our identity as your people and so fail to witness to your activity in our lives.

Ezra called on the people not to grieve their shortcomings but to celebrate their calling and their strength as the people of God.

We confess that there are times when we concentrate on our weaknesses rather than rejoicing over our strengths.

Jesus also reminded the people of his day of their responsibilities as the people of God and then told them “Today the scriptures have been fulfilled in your hearing”.

Today can be a confronting word when we tend to postpone until tomorrow what Jesus may be calling us to do today.

Jesus makes it very clear what his purpose is, as he spells out, and then radically reveals in his life and death the true meaning of loving one’s neighbor.

Merciful God, anoint us with your Spirit so that the words of scripture proclaimed by Jesus are heard by us – today – and acted upon by us – today - and fulfilled through our worship, witness and service – today – and in all the days that lie ahead. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – No. 339 **Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE **Two-fold Amen** (Dresden)

OFFERTORY **Intermezzo** (Mansfield)

*DOXOLOGY – No.95

*HYMN – No. 472 **Near to the Heart of God**

*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 **Processional March** (Batiste)

As you know, a major earthquake hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti causing widespread destruction. Millions of people are affected and thousands are feared dead. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is assessing the needs and responding to this extreme crisis. UMCOR asks for prayers for all who are affected by the disaster. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the relief efforts in Haiti, you may do so through our church. Simply write "HAITI" on the memo line of your check or envelope. Every dollar of your contribution will go to the people of Haiti when you give through the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Health Kits for Haiti. In addition to financial resources, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is requesting "Health Kits" for use in Haiti. These simple kits can be easily assembled in a one-gallon plastic bag and cost less than \$12 per kit. Specific instructions are available on the table in the back of the church if you or your class/ group/organization would like to participate in assembling these kits. The Greenville District will arrange delivery of these items in the near future.

Offering Envelopes. There are still some of the 2010 Offering envelopes on the table. Please pick yours up. If you do not find a set with your name on it, please let the office know and we will issue you a set.

Ash Wednesday. We will gather for a special time of worship on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. as we observe the beginning of the season of Lent. Come join the Berea Friendship family as we remember our dependence upon God's grace.

Thank you to all who have completed the "Safe Sanctuary" forms.

Remember, due to insurance regulations and United Methodist conference directives, all who are in ministry with children and youth must complete an application form and background check. Please see Nancy Neal for more information and appropriate forms.

Prayer list update. Beginning next Sunday, we will be reworking our prayer list to make an effort to keep our prayer requests up to date.

Therefore, we will begin to remove names from the prayer list after four consecutive Sundays unless there is a request to keep the name on the list for a longer period of time. Some names will be listed as "permanent," including those who are shut-in or who face long-term challenges. Also, we want to encourage you to use this list of names in your private prayer each week. In summary, we never want to remove names of persons who seek the prayers of our people. But we also want to keep a current list that is accurate and up to date. You are always invited to call the church office and request adding a name to the prayer list or extending the length of time a name appears on the list. Let us be in prayer for one another.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER Claire Rebecca Philpot, Joe Philpot, Vera Hunt, Carolyn Hunter, Nick Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Margaret Rivers, Eunice Looper, Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred Pollard, Steve Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, Doris Williams, Katrina Earnest Collins, Jan Vaughan, (Mac) Benson McWhite, Barry Childs, Laura Brown's brother (Rick Wham), Steve Dixon and family (friend of Rick Greer), Jayne Ferrer's nephew (Rusty Pearson), Walter Vaughan, Lloyd Turner's mom (Elizabeth Lanford), Myrna Turner's mom (Mary South), Cindy Hester's parents, (Tom and Bobbie Speck), Doris Hunt, Bobby Taylor, The Bryan Clark family (friends of Parks Evans' family), Patti Taylor's mother and father (Andy & Margaret Watts) Elmo Mann, Pattie Humphreys, Calvin Mullinax (friend of Benson & Martha McWhite), Jose Ferrer's mother (Thelma Ferrer), Edith Bynum, Mary Childs, Jim Durham, Leslie Evans, Myra Clements, and Laura Brown's mother (Jackie Lumsden).