

Announcements

Youth Meeting. The Youth will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study. Please join us for Bible Study Class each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Huckaby Class. The next meeting will be May 6. The Bible Study class will not meet this Wednesday, April 29 because Bob & Donna Helms will be on the beach trip. For any questions or additional information, please call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

Trustee Meeting. The trustees will meet on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 in the Huckaby Class.

Church Council. The church council will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class. If you have an item that needs to be on the agenda, please let the office know by Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. If you are not able to attend, you can submit a written report to either email address that follows: Mfdisher@charter.net or Debbie@bereafriendshipumc.com.

Teachers Appreciation Week.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-9. We would like to honor our Child Development Center staff during that week with a small, personal gift. A basket is located at the back of the sanctuary this morning; your generosity will allow us to show our teachers how much we appreciate their contributions to this vital ministry area of our church. Thank you in advance for your check or cash donation.

For Your Information

Attendance for:	S.S. - 60	Worship -113
Financial report for:	Received for Budget	\$2,813.15
	Received to-date in April	\$16,411.20
	Received for Easter Offering	\$55.00



April 26	Andy Gray
April 29	Amanda McClain
April 30	Eric Disher
	Stella Schaefer
May 1	Vivian Day
	Monroe Stone
May 2	Jaden McAlister
	Roddy Moore



April 24 Sonya & Parks Evans

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

Lisa Huffman
Ministry Intern

Kevin Baker
Acolyte

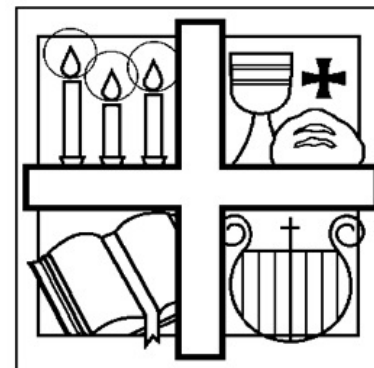
Allen Zorn
Trustee of the Month

Marsha Disher
Stewardship

Debbie Capps
Nursery

Patty Bowers
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Wilson Creswell
Ronald Failor
Ronnie Hunter
Ushers



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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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	Chorale Prelude in E major	(Young)
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES		Bill Sherrill
TRINITY CHIMES		
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	Christ is Risen	(Polish Carol)
*HYMN – No.577	God of Grace and God of Glory	
*OPENING PRAYER		
	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray. Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name. Amen.	
FIRST LESSON – pg.1080, 1695	Acts 3:12-19	Lisa Huffman
CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT		Matt Greer
*GOSPEL LESSON – pg.1048, 1644	Luke 24:36b-48	Lisa Huffman

CHORAL ANTHEM	Behold the Lamb of God	Rambo/Paris/Larson
SERMON	“Called to be a Witness”	Dr. Keith Ray, II
MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No. 881		The Apostles’ Creed
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – No. 310		He Lives
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
CHORAL RESPONSE	Three-fold Amen	(Danish)
OFFERTORY	Prayer	(A. Thomas)
*DOXOLOGY – No.95		
*HYMN – No. 557		Blest Be the Tie That Binds
*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION – No. 665	Go Now in Peace (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.	(N. Sleeth)
*POSTLUDE	O Jesus King Most Wonderful	(Birchwood)
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, Katrina Earnest Collins, Lisa Nichols, Jan Vaughan, Bobby Taylor’s uncle, (Roy Cox), Nora, Mike & Laura Brown and their Family, Rachel Palmer’s daughter, (Susan Sullivan) and son-in-law (Tim Sullivan) and (Mac) Benson McWhite.	

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHURCH MEMBER? Consider these passages from our Book of Discipline: “When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit. Thus, they make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ... Faithful membership in the local church is essential for personal growth and for developing a deeper commitment to the will and grace of God... A member is bound in sacred covenant to shoulder the burdens, share the risks, and celebrate the joys of fellow members... [¶ 217-218]”

Perhaps you are considering membership in the local church of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church. Please contact Pastor Keith if you have questions about church membership or wish to explore joining this faith community. He can be reached at 864.246.4311 (office), 864.228.0476 (home), or by email: keith@berefrienshipumc.com

Time to Collect Jewelry for the Bazaar. Ladies, it's time to collect your jewelry that you no longer wear. The Shalom Circle will again sponsor the jewelry booth at the bazaar in November. You may put your jewelry in a box at the back of the sanctuary or give it to a member of the Shalom Circle. If you have any questions, please call Ellen Holman at 246-9506.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu: Country-Style Steak, Rice, Speckled Butter Beans, Cabbage and Apple Cobbler. Beverages include Tea, Coffee, and Water.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA. The UMW will be hosting the annual Mother-Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 9, 2009. The tea will be at 11:30 a.m. in our social hall. The Greenville Junior League will provide our program. We will be collecting can goods for United Ministries as our mission's project. The cost of the tea is \$5.00 per person. All ladies of the church are invited along with any guest. The last day to sign up for the tea is next Sunday May 3, 2009. A sign-up sheet is posted on the door at the back of the sanctuary.



SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR THE UMW

The UMW is offering for a \$1.00 per name donation, a special insert in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 10, 2009. We will honor or remember mothers, daughters, wives, or any significant female in our lives with this special insert. All monies raised will be used toward our mission projects. These envelopes & pew slips are placed in the pew racks this morning and will be for the next 3 Sundays. Deadline for entry is Monday, May 4, 2009. If you have any questions, please see Pat Teat.

Dear Berea Friendship,

How blessed I've been to intern with such a caring congregation during my senior year! Getting to know this church has been a joy, and you all have been so kind and welcoming to me. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as I take this next step in life following Furman. The experience I've gained here participating in a wide variety of services, fellowship, annual events, church-wide meetings, and retreats will be something I carry with me. Also, I sincerely thank you all for the opportunity to share this past Sunday and for the unexpected gift of the United Methodist Book of Worship! It will provide a wealth of inspired resources to which I will often turn as I continue discerning a call to ministry.

Peace,
Lisa Huffman

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Do you have a Graduate? If you have a son or daughter who will graduate from college, Tech school, or high school please let us know. You may email the church office at Debbie@berefrienshipumc.com or call 864-246-4311. We need to know as soon as possible so that we can get ready for Graduation Recognition Sunday.

The Graduates we know of are:

- Jaron Ferrer (High School)
- Reagan Mann (High School)
- Christina Enter (College)
- Matt Greer (College)
- Lisa Huffman (College)
- Christopher Mann (College)

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Jars for the Quilters. If you have any jars that you could give to the quilters for their wonderful jams, jellies, vegetables, etc. Please bring them by the Quilt Room on Tuesday or Thursday or bring them by the office between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00. They can use small, medium or large size jars. Thank you for your help.
Blanche Creswell

