

## Announcements

*Today marks the last Sunday we will have Lisa Huffman as our ministry intern. Lisa graduates from Furman University on Saturday, May 9. We thank you for your ministry, Lisa. We pray God's blessing upon you as you continue to discern your vocational call. Thank you for being a part of the Berea Friendship family this year!*

**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 Bible Study class will meet this Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need any 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.

**Youth Breakfast.** The youth will be cooking breakfast next Sunday morning. Please come and join us at 8:30 a.m.

### 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.

**United Methodist Men.** The Methodist Men meet May 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 till 9:00 for breakfast, fellowship and a few laughs.

**Epworth Children's Home.** Next Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting a Mother's Day Offering for Epworth Children's Home. Please give generously to help those who may not have experienced a reason to hope.



May 3 Bobbie Bogan  
Debby Hagins  
May 4 Evan Stone  
May 7 Martha McWhite  
Raechel S. Richardson



May 5 Bob & Millie Dunn  
May 7 Nick & Dot Nichols

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*

Anne-Marie Failor  
*Acolyte*

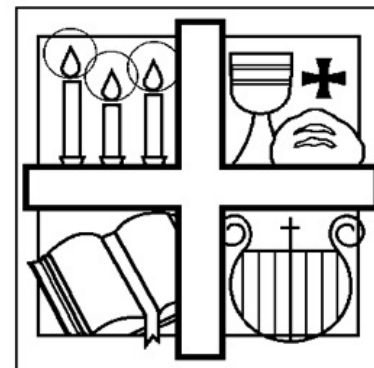
Becky Philpot  
*Trustee of the Month*

Terri McCloud  
*Stewardship*

Lucy Hughes  
*Nursery*

Marsha Disher  
*Altar Guild*

Gene Bondurant  
Steve Capps  
Corky Holman  
Ronnie Hunter  
*Ushers*



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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2009  
10:30 a.m.**

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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.



**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@bereafriendshipumc.com](mailto:keith@bereafriendshipumc.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:** Baked Chicken Breast, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Slaw, and Brownies. Beverages include Tea, Coffee, and Water.

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA.** The UMW will be hosting the annual Mother-Daughter Tea this coming 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 today. A sign-up sheet is posted on the door at the back of the sanctuary.

**UMW Tea Set-Up.** The Methodist Women will be setting up for the Mother-Daughter Tea on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **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 today is the last day for entry. If you have any questions, please see Pat Teat.

**Thank You.** Thank you all for the cards, calls and prayers during Jake's surgery. We are truly blessed to have such a caring church family. Jake & Doris Moorehead.

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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@bereafriendshipumc.com](mailto:Debbie@bereafriendshipumc.com) or call 864-246-4311. We need to know as soon as possible so that we can get ready for Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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

**CDC GRADUATION.** We would like to invite everyone to come to the CDC graduation on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you have never been to this you are in for a real treat!

**Long Range Planning Process.** Over the next four Sundays you are asked to complete a one-page worship survey to assist the Long Range Planning Team in their work of discerning God's call for our future ministry. One of our responsibilities includes answering the question, "Who are we?" By completing these surveys, you assist the Team in having hard data regarding who comes to worship at Berea Friendship. We will also be looking at data from our surrounding communities, too, in order that we might know more about our surroundings. By learning more about who we are, we will be better able to discern how God might be calling us to ministry in the future. Marsha Disher and Pastor Keith will be explaining this process further in today's worship service. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this planning process. Please pray for our church as we work together to ask God, "What are you calling us to be and do in the coming years?"

