

**Youth.** The Youth will meet this Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Youth Breakfast.** Please join Martin Leathers, our Youth Director and the youth for breakfast next Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

**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 this Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Council.** The Administrative Council will meet this coming Wednesday night, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class. If you would like to be on the agenda, please contact Janet Stone by Monday, February 6 before 12:00 noon. You may contact Janet by email at [jhstone56@hughes.net](mailto:jhstone56@hughes.net) or 864-836-0690.

**United Methodist Men's Valentines Dinner.** Mark your calendar and get your tickets for this coming Saturday night February 11th--Valentines Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This is going to be a fun time for all! Bring your sweetheart or bring a friend for a wonderful steak dinner with baked potato, salad, drink and cheesecake. The cost is \$15.00 for 1 person or \$25.00 for 2. See Dennis McCloud for tickets.

**Casseroles.** If you would like to buy the delicious casseroles left from the bazaar, please see one of the quilters. We still have Baked Spaghetti, and Cranberry Apple.

**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 Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Fried Okra, Cole Slaw, Rolls, and Apple Cobbler. Beverages included are Coffee, Tea, and Water.

#### **For Your Information**

<b>Attendance for January 29th:</b> S.S. - 37	Worship - 112
<b>Financial report for January 29th:</b> Received for Budget	\$1,866.41
<b>January's Report:</b> Average attendance in January: S.S. 39	Worship 102
Financial Report: Received for budget	\$16,064.05
Needed for Budget in January	\$24,342.80



February 01 Jack Wingate  
Lloyd Turner  
February 03 Martin Leathers  
February 04 David Enter

February 03 Jim & Barbara Durham

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*

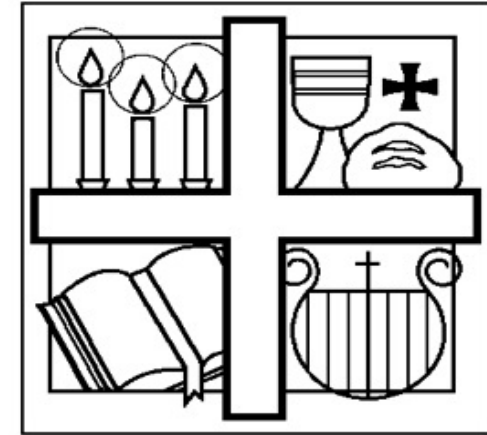
Vickie & Anne-Marie  
Failor  
*Nursery*

Laura Gould  
*Trustee of the Month*

Janet Stone  
*Stewardship*

Laura Gould  
*Altar Guild*

Steve Capps  
Tony Earnest  
Corky Holman  
Ronnie Hunter  
*Ushers*



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**Holy Communion**  
**5th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 5, 2012**  
**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



**Annual Week of Prayer and Self Denial.** The UMW will have our annual Week of Prayer and Self Denial Breakfast on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Kempie Shepard, Pastor of Grace and Pelzer United Methodist Churches in Anderson County, will be our guest speaker. She is also a former Greenville District UMW President. A sign-up sheet will be located on the door at the back of the Sanctuary.

**Can Tabs.** Don't throw away those can tabs, give them to Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville, instead. A receptacle is in the narthex. Thank you, Jim Patterson, Jr. If you have any questions you can call Jim at 864-859-2972 or 864-616-4235.

**Methodist Men's Yard Sale.** The Methodist Men will be having their Yard Sale on March 23 and 24th. If you have anything to donate, you may bring it to the church and leave the items outside the Men's Room in the gym. If you have items that need to be picked up, please call Ronald Failor at 294-9755.

**Shalom Circle.** The Shalom Circle will meet on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class.

**Morning Circle.** The Morning Circle will meet on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Quilt Room.

**Pastor David offers new Lenten Opportunity.** Pastor David is offering to lead a group study (After Ash Wednesday). Pastor David will be using the book "What's the least I can believe and still be a Christian?" by Martin Thielen. The book is about what is essential in Christian faith and what is not. This class will be held for 3 Sunday Nights: March 18th, 25th, and April 1st. at 5:00 p.m. (if we have enough persons interested). Sample Books will be available at the price of \$15.00. If interested please sign-up on the sheet located on the back table in the sanctuary. **Below is an Excerpt from the Book to be discussed at Pastor David's Lenten study.**

#### **Ten Things Christians Don't Need to Believe:**

1. God Causes Cancer, Car Wrecks, and Other catastrophes (although God can and does bring good results out of tragedy, God does not cause tragic events to occur.)
2. Good Christians Don't Doubt (doubt is not the enemy of faith but part of authentic Christianity).
3. True Christians Can't Believe in Evolution (science and faith are fully compatible, and theistic evolution is a perfectly acceptable Christian belief.)
4. Women Can't Be Preachers and Must Submit to Men (women are fully equal with men in marriage, in church, and in society.)
5. God Cares about Saving Souls but Not about Saving Trees (God cares about personal salvation and social justice, and so should God's church.)
6. Bad People Will Be "Left Behind" and Then Fry in Hell (Left-behind rapture theology is neither a biblical nor a historical Christian belief and should be left behind by mainline and moderate evangelical Christians).
7. Jews Won't Make It to Heaven (the ultimate destiny of non-Christians is in God's hands, and God can be trusted to do what's right.)
8. Everything in the Bible Should Be Taken Literally (although we must always take the Bible seriously, we don't always have to take it literally.)
9. God Loves Straight People but Not Gay People (all persons including homosexual persons, are welcome in God's church. Beyond that, however, mainline and moderate churches are not of one mind on this issue. For now, "welcoming but not affirming" best describes most mainline churches, and the discussion goes on.)
10. It's O.K. for Christians to Be Judgmental and Obnoxious (true Christians leave judgment to God.)

#### **Ten Things Christians Do Need to Believe**

1. Jesus' Identity: Who Is Jesus? (Jesus "the Christ, the Son of the living God," is the heart of Christianity.)
2. Jesus' Priority: What Matters Most? (Relationships-with God and others- matter most.)
3. Jesus' Grace: Am I Accepted? (Even with our flaws, Jesus loves and accepts us as beloved children of God.)
4. Jesus' Work: Where Is God? (Although God is not limited to working through people, God primarily works through human instruments.)
5. Jesus' Example: What Brings Fulfillment? (True fulfillment comes from serving others.)
6. Jesus' Death: What about Suffering? (Although God does not prevent suffering, the crucified God fully enters human suffering and works to redeem that suffering.)
7. Jesus' Resurrection: Is There Hope? (Jesus Christ's resurrection gives us hope for life and even hope for death.)
8. Jesus' Legacy: Is the Church Still Relevant? (In spite of its flaws, the church is still God's primary vehicle for doing God's work in the world, and every Christian needs to belong to one.)
9. Jesus' Promise: Who Is the Holy Spirit? (The Holy Spirit is God's empowering presence in our lives, in the life of the church, and in the world.)
10. Jesus' Vision: What Is God's Dream for the World? (The kingdom of God is God's dream for the world, and we are called to help make that dream a reality, both in our personal lives and in society.)
11. A Final Question: Do Mainline Christians Believe in Getting Saved? (Mainline Christians do believe in getting saved. But that raises the question, what does it mean to be saved?)