

Announcements

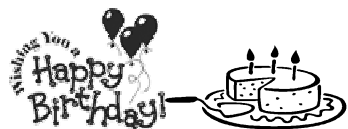
Epworth Children's Home. We are collecting our Mother's Day Offering for Epworth Children's Home today. Please give generously to help those who may not have experienced a reason to hope. The envelope is enclosed in today's bulletin.

Youth Meeting. The Youth will meet Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. but will not meet tonight.

Church Council. The Church Council will meet this coming Wednesday night 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 morning, at 9:00 a.m. If you are not able to attend, you can submit a written report to mfdishe@charter.net.

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 13th. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

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 or call 864-246-4311. We need to know as soon as possible so that we can get ready for Graduation Recognition Sunday, next Sunday, May 17. We are planning a picnic for our 3rd Sunday lunch and to also recognize our graduates. 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).



May 10	Connie LaParl Renee'Zorn	May 12	Debbie Jo & Tom Smith
May 13	Katie Rawson	May 13	Patti & Bobby Taylor
May 15	Ann Donaldson Mason Gray Bob Helms	May 16	Pam & Devon Harrelson Jan & Andy Vaughan
May 16	Myra Clements Melissa Hughes Hazel		

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

Monroe Stone
Acolyte

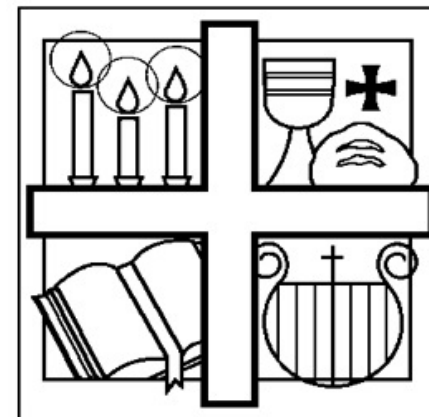
Becky Philpot
Trustee of the Month

Terri McCloud
Stewardship

Nursery

Marsha Disher
Altar Guild

Eddie Hughes
Jim Humphreys
Ronnie Hunter
Corky Holman
Ushers



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5th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2009
Mother's Day
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 **Allegretto** (Rink)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Christ is Risen** (Polish Carol)

*HYMN – No.128 **He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downward; give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON – pg. 1086, 1705 Acts 8:26-40

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT Matt Greer

*GOSPEL LESSON – pg.1068, 1676 John 15:1-8

CHORAL ANTHEM **More Precious than Silver** (Lynn DeShazo)

SERMON “We Can Pray All Night if Need Be” Dr. Keith Ray, II

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No. 881 The Apostles’ Creed

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – No.172 **My Jesus, I Love Thee**

PRAYERS OF BLESSINGS FOR MOTHER’S DAY

OFFERTORY **Largo** (Handel)

*DOXOLOGY – No.95

*HYMN – No. 165 **Hallelujah! What a Savior**

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION – No. 665 **Go Now in Peace** (N. 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 C** (Smart)

*The Flowers are placed in the church today for the Glory of God and in Memory of Bobbie Campbell, Nancy Wooten, and Viola Bush by Debi and Billy Bush.
We would also like to honor all mother’s, those living or deceased.*

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, 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

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!!! We would like to wish all of our Mother’s a wonderful day! May God Bless you!

Thanks. The ladies of the UMW thank the church members and families for the generous support given to our special missions. The Purpose of the UMW is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of missions through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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

Congratulations to Vivian Day who has a new granddaughter. Her name is **Sarah Grace Day** and she was born on Wednesday, April 29th, she has dark brown hair. Sarah weighed 5lb. and 1.5 oz. The proud parents are James & Kim Day and the proud big brother is Lawson.

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?”

Charge Conference Meeting on May 24th. The district superintendent has authorized Pastor Keith to call a meeting of the Charge Conference (includes all members of the Church Council) on Sunday, May 24 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider a resolution to authorize the renting of our parsonage to the SC United Methodist Conference in order to provide housing to a pastor who will be appointed in June to start a new Hispanic congregation at the former Arrington Memorial UMC on Old Buncombe Road. All members of the church council may vote at the Charge Conference but anyone interested in this matter is invited to attend!

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.

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.

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Wednesday Night Supper Menu: Beef Tips over Rice, Butter Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls, and Apple Cobbler. Beverages include Tea, Coffee, and Water.

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Attendance report for April 26, 2009:	S.S. - 57	Worship - 106
Received for Budget for April 26:		\$3,184.15
Received for Budget for Month of April		\$19,595.35

Month of April Report:

Average attendance for April:	S.S. - 59	Worship - 122
Financial report for April:	Needed for Budget	\$19,012.84
	Received for Budget	\$19,595.35
	Needed to-date for Budget	\$80,804.57
	Received to-date for Budget	\$72,546.14
	Total received for Easter Offering	\$576.00
	Easter offering for Good Samaritan	\$100.00

Attendance report for May 3, 2009:

Attendance for May 3:	S.S. – 58	Worship – 114
Received for Budget May 3:		\$7,089.80

