

## Announcements

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

**Morning Circle.** The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Quilt Room. Georgiana Dougherty will have the Devotion. A donation will be taken for the American Cancer Society.

**Shalom Circle.** The Shalom Circle will meet this Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class. We will continue to study "A Martha Heart in a Mary World."

**Bible Study.** Please join us for Bible Study Class each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the HuckabyClass. The Bible Study class will meet this Wednesday, May 20th. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

**Inspiration Group.** The Inspiration Group will be going on a picnic to Poinsett Park on May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30. If you would like to ride on the bus, please be at the church by 11:15 a.m. Bring a well filled picnic basket to share with others.



May 17	Janet Stone
May 18	Allen Zorn
May 19	Becky Mann
May 20	Jo Thomas
May 21	Dennis McCloud
	Joe Philpot



May 19 Debbie & Steve Capps

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*

Denise McCloud  
*Acolyte*

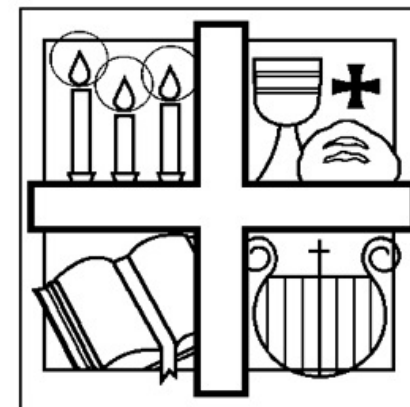
Becky Philpot  
*Trustee of the Month*

Jim Rawson  
*Stewardship*

Vickie Failor  
*Nursery*

Marsha Disher  
*Altar Guild*

Steve Capps  
Tony Earnest  
Corky Holman  
Ronnie Hunter  
*Ushers*



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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2009**  
**Graduation Recognition Sunday**  
**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.

***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!

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THE PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING, SERVICE NOTES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Sherrill & Pastor Keith

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* (arr. Peterson)

\*HYMN – No. 73 *O Worship the King*

\*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Jaron Ferrer (Eastside High School & The Fine Arts Center)

Reagan Mann (Wren High School)

Christina Enter (Converse College)

Matt Greer (USC Upstate) December 2008

Lisa Huffman (Furman University)

Christopher Mann (Clemson University) August 2008

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

FIRST LESSON – pg.1089,1710 Acts 10:44-48

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT

Matt Greer

\*GOSPEL LESSON – pg.1069, 1677 John 15:9-17

CHORAL ANTHEM *Praise to God* (Purcell/Hoekstra)

SERMON “*Friends of God*” Dr. Keith Ray, II

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No. 881

*The Apostles’ Creed*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – No. 367 *He Touched Me*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – No. 895

CHORAL RESPONSE *Three-fold Amen* (Danish)

OFFERTORY *Draw Us to Thee* (Kirnberger)

\*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* (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 *Voluntary in D Major* (Croft)

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), (Mac) Benson McWhite, Jackie Lumsden.

**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.

**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.** Please come join us for our CDC Graduation Service. We have the best teachers and director. Our children have been working hard for this day and they would all love to have you come. The service will be this coming Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you have never been to our Graduation service you are in for a real treat! Please come and enjoy this uplifting service.

**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?"

**Wednesday Night Supper Menu:** Country-style steak, Rice with Gravy, Lima Beans, Apple Salad, Rolls, and cake. Beverages include Tea, Coffee, and Water.

**Nursery Workers Needed.** If anyone could help us out in the nursery during Sunday Worship, please let Lucy Hughes know, or sign your name on the nursery calendar located by the B.R. Huckaby Sunday School Room. You may reach Lucy at 246-6629.

**Book Club.** The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Celebration.** Bobby and Patti Taylor renewed their wedding vows in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday, May 13 in a local United Methodist Church near their vacation spot. Congratulations to you both from your church family!

**Attendance Report for May 10** (Mother's Day):

Sunday School: 62  
Worship: 130

**Financial Report for May 10**

Received for Budget:	\$3,215.65
Received for Budget to date in May:	\$10,305.45
Received for Epworth Children's Home:	\$733.00

**Called Charge Conference.** 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, 2009 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!