

Friendship News

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Dear Church Family,

You may have heard by now that, due to a family crisis, our pastor Rev. Tony Medlin has asked to be relieved of his duties as Pastor. He has expressed deep regret in making this decision. The Reverend A. Mickey Fisher will serve as our pastor in the interim, until the position is filled permanently. Reverend Fisher may be reached in case of emergency at 864-848-4302. This news has left all of us in a state of shock. I hope the following story will offer you inspiration for hope.

We'll See

Author Unknown

Once upon a time, there was a farmer in the central region of China. He didn't have a lot of money and, instead of a tractor; he used an old horse to plow his field.

One afternoon, while working in the field, the horse dropped dead. Everyone in the village said, "Oh, what a horrible thing to happen." The farmer said simply, "**We'll see.**" He was so at peace and so calm, that everyone in the village got together and, admiring his attitude, gave him a new horse as a gift.

Everyone's reaction now was, "What a lucky man." And the farmer said, "**We'll see.**"

A couple days later, the new horse jumped a fence and ran away. Everyone in the village shook their heads and said, "What a poor fellow!"

The farmer smiled and said, "**We'll see.**"

Eventually, the horse found his way home, and everyone again said, "What a fortunate man."

The farmer said, "**We'll see.**"

Later in the year, the farmer's young boy went out riding on the horse and fell and broke his leg. Everyone in the village said, "What a shame for the poor boy."

The farmer said, "**We'll see.**"

Two days later, the army came into the village to draft new recruits. When they saw that the farmer's son had a broken leg, they decided not to recruit him.

Everyone said, "What a fortunate young man."

The farmer smiled again—and said "**We'll see.**"

Moral of the story: There's no use in overreacting to the events and circumstances of our everyday lives.

Many times what looks like a setback, may actually be a gift in disguise. And when our hearts are in the right place, all events and circumstances are gifts that we can learn valuable lessons from.

Please keep the Medlin family in your prayers.

Janet Stone

Chairman-Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

Happy Birthday



August 7	Weston Lemons Harold Watson
August 8	Bob Donaldson
August 10	Vera Hunt
August 12	Jim Farren
August 13	Jose Ferrer Ruth Brock
August 14	Helen Yockey (100 Years Young!)
August 15	Ronnie Hunter
August 16	Shanna Creswell
August 17	Lisa Adams
August 18	Corky Holman
August 19	Dub Childs Tom Smith
August 20	Jim Rawson
August 27	Alex Philpot
August 29	Molene McDuffie
August 30	Ryan Mann



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 6	Mike & Laura Brown
August 9	Becky & Ted Mann
August 10	Teresa & Marvin Painter
August 12	Nancy & Junior Neal
August 14	Hope & Jamie Stone
August 15	Jim & Fran Farren
August 26	Debby & David Hagins
August 27	Becky & Henry Philpot

Monthly Bible Readings

Right Living

August 1	James 1:16-21
August 2	James 1:22-27
August 3	Psalm 92:1-8

No Bench? No Judge!

August 4	Matthew 25:31-46
August 5	James 2:1-4
August 6	James 2:5-7
August 7	James 2:8-11
August 8	James 2:12-17
August 9	James 2:18-20
August 10	James 2:21-26

Wise Speakers

August 11	Proverbs 15:1-4
August 12	James 3:1-4
August 13	James 3:5-9
August 14	James 3:10-12
August 15	James 3:13-16
August 16	James 3:17-18
August 17	Proverbs 16:21-24

Greed Is Out!

August 18	Proverbs 3:13-18
August 19	James 4:1-3
August 20	James 4:4-7
August 21	James 4:8-10
August 22	James 4:11-14
August 23	James 4:15-17
August 24	Ephesians 5:8-11

Knee Theology Works!

August 25	1 Thessalonians 5:16-22
August 26	James 5:1-6
August 27	James 5:7-12
August 28	James 5:13-15
August 29	James 5:16-18
August 30	James 5:19-20
August 31	Ephesians 3:14-21

Health and Welfare

Caring for Aging Parents

Care giving for an aging parent or other relative can present multiple financial and personal challenges to caregivers and their families. According to the National safety Council, more than 6 million seniors require help with such basic activities as getting out of bed, dressing, cleaning, cooking, and handling finances. Many caregivers report difficulty in finding time for themselves, managing stress, and balancing work and family responsibilities.

Care giving Tips

Although taking care of an aging parent can be physically and emotionally taxing, there are steps you can take to make some aspects of the process less difficult. Consider the following tips from the National safety Council.

- Pay attention. If your aging parent begins to experience difficulty performing routine activities, such as bathing and cooking, it might be time to consider that he or she needs assistance in some capacity.
- Conduct a home safety evaluation. Physical and occupational therapists will visit homes and make safety recommendations such as installing grab bars in bathrooms and anchoring area rugs with double-sided tape.
- Plan ahead. Make long-term plans for your parents in advance if possible, and take into consideration their finances and preferences.
- Hold a family conference. Try to include as many immediate family members in the decision-making process as possible. If family members agree on relatives' living arrangements, they are more likely to be supportive of one another.
- Respect your parents' wishes. Elderly people generally prefer to live on their own. If you can, include your parents in discussions and respect their wishes for as long as possible.
- Discuss finances. Consider your parents' medical and supplemental insurance, and savings accounts. An attorney can draw up a legally binding durable power of attorney document so that a designated person can make financial decisions in the event parents are not able to make their own decisions.
- Ask questions. When considering moving a relative to a nursing home or assisted living facility, ask questions and learn as much as possible about options.
- Consider nonprofessional help. In most communities, volunteers are available to assist elderly individuals with shopping, preparing meals, and running errands.

TAKE TIME TO CARE FOR YOURSELF

At times, it might seem impossible to take care for yourself while caring for an elderly parent. However, it is vital that you maintain your own health and effectively manage stress and anxiety. Ask for help from family members and friends, seek help from volunteers, or hire help if necessary. You do not have to juggle everything by yourself.

For more information about caring for aging parents or geriatric services at GHS, call 1 (877) GHS-INFO or go to ghs.org/seniors.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A BIG SUCCESS

We welcomed more than fifty children during our week of Vacation Bible School and had a great turnout for both our week of Vacation Bible School and our "Concert on the Lawn," our hot dog supper and commencement program. More than \$200 was collected for several charities, with Foothills Animal Rescue receiving the most. (It's hard to cuddle an injured squirrel and not open your heart and your piggy bank!)

We appreciate those who volunteered their time and talents to help teach VBS, as well as those who donated money and supplies, and those who came out and supported our evening events. Your caring played a huge part in making the week a memorable experience, a meaningful ministry, and a whole lot of fun.

Missions Project

More than \$200 was collected during VBS for our designated mission projects. The contributions were allocated as follows: Foothills Animal Rescue - \$90.00; Epworth Children's Home - \$35.34; United Ministries—\$31.56; United Methodist committee on Relief (UMCOR) - \$23.51; Diligent Hands/Gracious Hearts—\$20.48.

These gifts will be distributed shortly. If you would like to add your own contribution to these collected during Bible School, please put your check or cash in an envelope marked with the designated charity and place it in the offering plate or give it to Jayne Ferrer or Marsha Disher in the next few days.

A special thanks to the following: Pastor Tony; Shannon Finley-Newbill and the CDC staff; Bobbie Bogan; Debbie and Steve Capps; Wilson Creswell; Aubrey Curtis; Marsha Disher; Anne-Marie Failor, Vickie, and Ron Failor; Jayne, Jose, John, James, and Jaron Ferrer; Rachael Gallman; Laura Gould; Rick and Diane Greer; Ellen Holman; the Huckaby Class; Patti & Jim Humphreys; Sarah McDonald; Lisa Nichols; Becky and Henry Philpot; the Quilters; Jim and Margaret Rawson; Janet Stone; Patti Taylor and her mom; Bill and Pat Teat; the United Methodist Men; and Angie Baker, Media Director of Marathon Church.



"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually *in the arena*...

Whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly...

Who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause...

Who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement...

And who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly...

So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

**Theodore Roosevelt
"Citizenship in a Republic,"**

Speech at the Sorbonne, Paris, April 23, 1910

Our Family News and Events

Sympathy

The Pastor and Congregation express their Christian love and sympathy to Ann Smith McGaha, husband John and their children Carson and Chase upon the death of their loved one, Mrs. Anna Lee K. Smith, who died on Monday, July 14th. Anna Lee had been a faithful member of Berea Friendship UMC since 1965. Ann & John's Address is:
102040 Tintinhull Drive
Fort Mill, SC 29707



Thank you to the choir and the Shalom Circle and all of the people who prepared food for my family during my recovery from surgery.

Janet Stone

Thank you to Patti Taylor's Mom (Maggie Watts) for all the hotdog buns, 2 Liter drinks, onions, and pop sickles she donated for Vacation Bible School.

To My Church Family

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and phone calls, that I have received since my diagnosis and surgery. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring church family!

Love In Christ,
Terri McCloud

Dear New Friends Class:

Thank you so much for the donation that you made to the Humanitarian Foundation of the Grottoes of North America in daddy's name. It is so comforting to have friends who care so much. Thank you all for the support and love that you've given me and my family through the years.

Love in Christ,
Terri McCloud

Thank you Patti Humphreys, Pat Teat, and Jane Walker for all your help during last month's newsletter. I appreciated all the hard work you gave and to Brenda Guthrie, Shannon, and the CDC Staff for feeding us lunch.

Debbie Capps

Thank you to Tom Smith for all the time spent working on the lights in the sanctuary.

Thank you to the youth and young people who worked at the Salkehatchie Camp and for sharing this with the congregation. May God bless you all for touching someone's life with your hard work!

Address Change:
Gloria H. Moore
125 Gramercy Court
Greenville, SC 29617



What an amazing blessing we all received last week during Bible School. Jane Ferrer and her staff worked so hard putting together a wonderful week of fun, excitement and learning of God's word together. The children really enjoyed all of the activities. Pastor Tony has been wonderful for our children starting every new week with a devotional. Thank you to everyone who has helped bring our children closer to the church. Shannon

Our Website Has Grown!

If you haven't visited the BFUMC website in a while, take a few minutes to check out all the new information, including photos from Vacation Bible School and Salkahatchie, complete information about our Child Development Center, and a list of all the ways you can be involved in what's going on here at Berea Friendship. Visit www.bereafriendshipumc.com.

August Meetings & Events

- Aug. 1 FH reserved for Bobbie Nalley 6:30 PM
- Aug. 2 FH reserved for Bobbie Nalley 11:00-6:00 PM
- Aug. 3 Communion
- Aug. 4 District Set-up Meeting 6:30 PM
- Aug. 9 FH & Kitchen reserved for Raechel Richardson 1-5PM
- Aug. 10 No Youth Breakfast
- Aug. 10 Nancy Neal has FH & Kitchen 12:00-5:30 PM
- Aug. 13 Administrative Council meets at 6:30 PM
- Aug. 17 Every 3rd Sunday we have a Covered Dish Lunch at 11:30 after the service.
- Aug. 19 UMW's General Meeting and Dinner for a Special Education Program at 6:30 PM **"Back To School Education"** FH will be needed at 3:30 PM for their set-up.
- Aug. 27 Book Club meets at 6:30 PM in the FH
- Aug. 29 Youth will leave from the church at 4:30 PM for Rockhill
- Aug. 30 The Youth will spend the day at Carowinds.

- *** Our Youth meets every Wednesday at 6:00 PM
- *** Catered Supper every Wednesday Night at 5:30 PM
- *** Our Choir meets every Wednesday Night at 7:30 PM

Trip

November 17th—20th

We still need more people to sign-up for the Springmaid Beach Trip. This trip will include 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfast buffets, 3 Christmas Shows. The cost will be between \$175.00 and \$200.00. Sign-up sheets are located on the back doors of the sanctuary. We need at least 20 people.

"GLAD TIDINGS" FROM THE UMW

Purpose of the UMW

The organized Unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose 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.

"Glad Tidings" Back to School Education Dinner

The UMW will be hosting a special Back To School Education covered dish dinner on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the social hall. Our guest speaker will be Kathy Barbee, Social Worker Coordinator for Greenville County Schools. Our mission project for the program will be school supplies for Greenville County School children. Please bring a covered dish and school supplies and join us for the fantastic time of learning and socializing.

"Glad Tidings" Mission Work Continues

- The Morning Circle collected Kleenex and lotion for the nursing home
 - The UMW collected individual food items for the Mercy Center
 - The UMW collected cereal for United Ministries
 - The Morning Circle collected can goods for United Ministries at their March 18th meeting.
- The Shalom Evening Circle collected a monetary offering for Bethlehem Center in Columbia at their March 19th meeting.
- The UMW made a donation to the youth for the 5th Sunday lunch in March.
- We are still collecting Campbell's Soup Labels for Wallace Family Life Center. A collection box is located on top of the mailboxes in the hallway.
- The Shalom Circle is collecting used jewelry for the bazaar in November. A collection box is located in the back of the sanctuary.
- The UMW is doing a special collection to help with our missions work.

"Glad Tidings" Important Dates to Remember

August 19, 2008	6:30 P.M. Back to School Education program and dinner
October 1, 2008	6:30 P.M. Executive Board meeting in Ruth Bible Class
October 21, 2008	6:30 P.M. Fall dinner – World Thank Program

"Glad Tidings" UMW School of Missions

Anne-Marie Failor and Patti Taylor attended the South Carolina Schools of Mission at Spartanburg Methodist College July 24-27. Anne-Marie received a scholarship from the Greenville District UMW for the school. Thank You to Patti for being her chaperone. Maybe they will be able to share with us what they learned at the school.

"Glad Tidings" From The Morning Circle


Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, 2008. We will meet in the quilter's room. At 10:00 a.m

"Glad Tidings" From The Shalom Evening Circle

Join us in September as we start a book study program. We will be reading and discussing "A Mary Heart In A Martha World". If you would like to participate in the book study program and would like to purchase a book for \$12.00, please let Vickie Failor know.

We meet Wednesday, September 17, 2008 from 6:30 P.M-7:30 P.M. in the Ruth Bible Class.

August World Thank Collection Idea: In Papua New Guinea, only $\frac{3}{4}$ of the children enter first grade and only $\frac{1}{2}$ of them finish the 6th grade. FOR EVERY PERSON IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD, PUT TWO PENNIES IN THE BOX FOR EACH YEAR OF SCHOOL COMPLETED.

<p><u>WED. NIGHT MENU</u></p> <p><u>August 6</u> BBQ on Bun Chips, Pickles Brownie Tea, Coffee, Water</p> <p><u>August 13</u> Baked Spaghetti Tossed Salad French Bread Ice Cream Tea, Coffee, Water</p> <p><u>August 20</u> Marinated Chicken Rice & Gravy Italian Green Beans Rolls, Milk Chocolate Cake Tea, Coffee, Water</p> <p><u>August 27</u> Beef Tips Rice, Black-eyed Peas Slaw, Rolls, Banana Pudding Tea, Coffee, Water</p>	<p><u>Financial News</u> Expenses for June \$13,950.05 Expenses Jan-June Expenses \$106,727.55</p> <p><u>Average attendance for</u> S.S. — 51 Worship — 101</p> <p><u>Financial Report for August</u> Needed for Budget in Aug. \$18,745.12 Received for Budget in Aug. \$16,826.68 Needed to-date for Budget \$140,588.40 Received to-date for Budget \$111,156.77</p>	
<p><u>Those Who Serve in August</u> <u>Stewardship</u> Pat Teat <u>Trustee of the Month</u> Corky Holman <u>Altar Guild</u> Ellen Holman</p>	<p><u>Nursery For August</u> August 3 Lucy Hughes August 10 August 17 Becky & Henry Philpot August 24 Marsha & John Disher August 31 Margaret Rawson</p>	<p><u>August Ushers</u> August 3 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps, Morris Childs, Ronnie Hunter August 10 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman August 17 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter August 24 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter August 31 Youth</p>
	<p><u>Acolytes for August</u> August 3 Anne-Marie Failor August 10 Monroe Stone August 17 Denise McCloud August 24 Kevin Baker August 31 Anne-Marie Failor</p>	<p><u>Flowers In August</u> August 3 August 10 August 17 August 24 Becky & Henry Philpot August 31 Marsha & John Disher</p> <p>NOTE: If you would like to sign up for the flowers, nursery, or children's sermon we have plenty of days open in the following months.</p>

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