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Berea Friendship United Methodist Church News August 2011

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!”

Psalm 133

How often do we think of human unity as some utopian dream with no hope of actual realization? In the current climate of partisan bickering, class warfare and religious rivalry, social unity increasingly appears to be a distant mirage.

Could it be that our dream of unity is unrealized and unrealistic because it is based on assumptions of uniformity? God must love diversity; that’s why God made so much of it. It is precisely our rich variations of expression and perspective that give our world the wonderful distinctions of color, texture, taste and contrast that keep us listening to and learning from one another. Variety is indeed the spice of life.

Can we recognize difference without labeling the “other” deficient? Can we be assertive about what we believe without being abrasive toward those who follow a different path? Do we possess enough of God’s grace to recognize human oneness in the midst of human pluralism?

How good and pleasant it is when even the starkest differences among us do not prevent us from dwelling together in unity. Unity of humanity and oneness of creation are still the aims of a vast universe steeped in great diversity. Uniformity is a vain wish. Unity is a sacred goal.

Prayer: Dear God, You said that unity among us is good and pleasant. Now help us to affirm your declaration by our commitment to realizing unity despite disuniformity in our communities today. Amen.

**Peace & Blessings
Pastor David**

August 02 Sarah Reinhardt
August 04 Donna Helms
August 07 Harold Watson
August 08 Bob Donaldson
August 10 Vera Hunt
August 12 Jim Farren
August 13 Jose Ferrer
Ruth Brock
August 15 Ronnie Hunter
Claire Philpot
August 16 Shanna Creswell
August 18 Corky Holman
August 19 Tom Smith
August 20 Jim Rawson
August 27 Alex Philpot
August 29 Molene McDuffie
August 30 Ryan Mann



Aug. 06 Laura & Mike Brown
Aug. 09 Becky & Ted Mann
Aug. 12 Nancy & Junior Neal
Aug. 15 Fran & Jim Farren
Aug. 26 Debby & David Hagins

(Happy 50th Anniversary)
Aug. 27 Becky & Henry Philpot



Thank You Blood Donors

We would like to extend our thanks to the 16 who graciously volunteered to donate, of those 14 were cleared to donate. Because of your hard work not only did 14 people donate, 2 of them were first time donors. First time donors are important because they replace long-term donors who are no longer able to donate. This helps ensure there is an adequate number of donors to meet the transfusion needs of the hospitals served by The Blood Connection without you. The Blood connection could not achieve its mission: To ensure that our healthcare partners have an adequate, safe, cost-effective blood supply. This can only be achieved by having successful blood drives. One blood donation can give three people a fighting chance at life. They may not know the donor's name, but they'll always remember the gift, and how an hour of someone's time gave them a lifetime. Thank you Betty Bridges for coordinating the blood drive for BFUMC. The time and energy you committed is greatly appreciated. The Blood Connection relies on blood drive coordinators to make each blood drive a success. You are critical to maintaining the community's blood supply and saving lives. I look forward to working with you to plan your next blood drive.

Thank You. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged:

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all your calls, cards, expressions of kindness, visits, prayers, and for remembering Mom during her illness & passing. We also wish to thank you for such a wonderful service & the meal was so good. Thanks to all the hands that prepared it. Mom is missed very much, but I know the Angels are singing or maybe "quilting" Much love, Jean Vaughn & Jerry Bynum

Thank You. Dear Fellow Church Members and Pastor David, I want to thank you so much for your many cards, calls, visits, thoughts, and prayers. You have no idea how much they meant and how they have helped to sustain me during my illness. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a loving & caring church family Love to all, Nora Brown

Fall Bazaar Jewelry Needed. All ladies of the church please remember we need your old jewelry for the resale table at the Bazaar! We have a box located in the back of the sanctuary for any items you would like to donate.

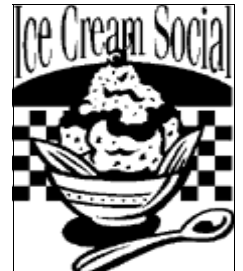


The Pastor and Congregation express their deepest sympathy to **Nora Brown** and all her family upon the death of Nora's sister **Mary Elizabeth (Tillie) Findley Clark** who passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

WELCOME. We welcome **Mrs. Kristie Lee Argo** into the professing membership of Berea Friendship UMC through the Sacrament of Baptism and confirmation. We also welcome the children of **Preston and Kristie Lee Argo; Dalton, Clay and Kyleigh**, into the membership of Berea Friendship church as baptized members through the Sacrament of Baptism. We also want to welcome **Barry Childs** as a professing member of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church who comes from another Christian denomination



We will have a **"Back to School Sundaes Celebration"** on Sunday, August 14th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a churn of your favorite home-made (or a carton of your favorite store bought ice cream and join us for a fun time of games and fellowship!



Prayer List

Ruth Brock
Nora Brown
Lucy Hughes
Louvina Leach
Joe Philpot
Juanita Sherlin
Gwen Vaughan
Allen Zorn
Mac McWhite



Extended Family and Friends of Berea Friendship Members

Friend of Diane & Rick Greer (Kimberly Huffman)

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are only listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the home-bound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present undergoing medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list every 30 days—please help us with this important endeavor.

Youth. Youth meet every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come support the youth on Sunday, August 14th, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for breakfast.



Greenville Hospital System. We would like to invite you to attend our new FREE Diabetes Support Group. The support group will be held the second Monday of each month on the second floor of the Greenville Life center, Classroom 1 from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Dates are Aug. 8th, Sept. 12th, Oct. 10th, November 14th, and Dec. 12th. For more information call (864) 455-4003, (864)455-4025, or (864) 455-423.



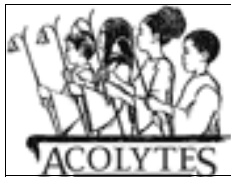
The Quilters are in need of pint and half-pint jars for their wonderful home-made jams and goodies for the Bazaar.

Flowers Needed For August. If you would like to reserve flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, please call Debbie Capps at 246-4311 at the church office or write your name on the calendar outside the Huckaby Class Room located on the bulletin board.

Bible Study. We will begin Bible Study again next month on September 7th, 2011. Anyone that would like to join our class but find the day and time conflicting, contact Bob Helms or Debbie, in the church office, and submit your preference. We would like to accommodate as many people as possible so they can be aware of God's word.

Acolyte Coordinator.

If you would like to train to be an acolyte, please call Anne-Marie Failor at 294-9755. Anne-Marie is coordinating the schedule for our acolytes. We are so glad to have Debbie Gissendanner and Dalton Argo as our faithful acolytes!



United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, August 13th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, devotion and to make plans for next month's yard sale.

All men of the church are invited to attend!

Please make a note on your calendar that the Men's Yard Sale will be Friday, Sept. 9th, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sept 10th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We need all folks who are able to come out and help price and set things up for the sale.



Newsletter Deadline. Please have all items for the September Newsletter in by Saturday, August 20th.



August Ministry Workers

Ushers

- 07 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- 14 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman
- 21 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- 28 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell, Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter

Altar Guild for August: Ellen Holman

Stewardship for August: Ellen Holman

Trustee for August: Ronnie Hunter

August Nursery Schedule

- 07 Vickie & Anne-Marie Failor
- 14
- 21 Becky & Henry Philpot
- 28

August Children's Moment

- 07 Martin Leathers
- 14 Terri McCloud
- 21 Cindy Hester
- 28 Terri McCloud

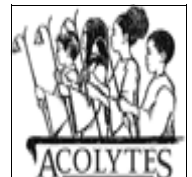
Flowers for August

August 28th Becky & Henry Philpot

Happy 50th Anniversary (August 27th)

Acolyte Schedule for August

- 07 Debbie Gissendanner
- 14 Dalton Argo
- 21 Debbie Gissendanner
- 28 Dalton Argo



Average Attendance in July: (only 4 Sundays counted)

Sunday School—48

Worship —104

Financial report for July:

Needed for Budget (5 Sundays) \$24,199.70

Received for Budget (4Sundays) \$16,280.69

Needed to-date for Budget (30 Sundays)

\$145,198.20

Received to-date for Budget (30 Sundays)

\$116,687.72

Expenses

June Expenses \$16,589.42

Jan-Jun Expenses 112,535.99

**Berea Friendship UMW
August 2011
Our Circles**

The Education dinner on August 16, 2011 will take place of both the Morning Circle and Shalom Circle meetings for the month of August.

Upcoming Events for 2011

Tuesday, August 16th **Education Program Dinner**
Tuesday, October 18th **World Thank Dinner**

Education Program Dinner

Our annual Education covered dish dinner will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the social Hall. Reverend Edward McCutcheon will be our guest speaker. He is over the Wesleyan Foundation at Furman University. As our mission project we will collect items to make goodie bags for the students in his program. Items needed: individual wrapped crackers and cookies, note pads, pens, pencils, hard candy, etc.) Please bring a dish and join us for an inspiring program on the Wesleyan Foundation at Furman University. Rev. McCutcheon shares time with our church, his office is located upstairs and he has preached a couple of times.

Invitation

Bethlehem United Methodist Church UMW, 211 Staunton Bridge Road, has invited us to attend their Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Their guest speaker will be Sister Ruth McWhite and the theme is "It's Praying Time". If you would like to attend, please let Vickie Failor know by August 15.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church, UMW, 211 Staunton Bridge Road, has invited us to attend their annual Women's Day Celebration on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 11:30 A.M. The speaker will be Litissha R. Dennis. The theme is "Let Peace Begin With Me". If you would like to attend, let Vickie Failor by August 15.

Missionary Highlights

Our prayer focus for August is on "Youth Friends." This is a school based mentoring program in the North Kansas City School District that serves 17,400 students. Positive adult role models work with elementary school children. As one fifth grade boy said, "they help me be a better kid."

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Ginny Moore in Ohio and Geneva Williams in South Carolina.

Epworth's Annual Work day Offering

On Sunday, September 11th we will be taking up an offering for Epworth Children's Home. The offering envelopes will be placed in the pews for you to use. Thanks for all the help you have given Epworth in the past. The children rely heavily on the faithful gifts of the Methodist people to provide exceptional care to God's children. As you consider what God is calling you to give to Epworth, you can trust that Epworth will use those resources with the same CARE they provide the children.

The UMW visited Oakmont Nursing Home on Wednesday, July 20th.



Response Magazine Article

With a Little Help From Friends

Girls participate in United Methodist Women-supported empowerment programs for girls at the YWCA in Petionville, Haiti. Paul Jeffrey

By Betty Gittens

Haitian Methodist women prepare for their mission task with help from the sisterhood of Methodist women.

May 3, 2011

United Methodist Women is exploring ways to partner with Haiti's Methodist women to expand their ability to respond to the needs of women, children and youth and increase opportunities for them to network with Methodist women in the Caribbean and the world.

These are the primary reasons I traveled with Serna Samuel, United Methodist Women regional missionary and Dorothy Goldsmith, president of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas Women (MCCAW), to the Methodist Guest House in Port-au-Petionville in Haiti, Mar. 14-19. We met with Women's League of Haiti, which is a district of the MCCAW, to talk about building relationships and to look at possibilities for the three organizations to work together to strengthen the Haitian women's organization.

In many ways, women in the Methodist Church in Haiti feel isolated — and they are. Haiti is a hard place. There are so many basic things that need to be done that require a functional government. For example, while driving through the country to visit United Methodist Women-supported mission projects, we saw so many poorly constructed houses, shacks really, built in the mountainside. In Haiti, people often use trees for firewood for cooking, leaving much of the mountainside barren. With no trees to hold the land in place, mountainside homes can be easily swept away in mudslides when major rain storms and floods occur — which has happened on more than one occasion. However, when I asked our guides about zoning laws to prevent such tragedies, they said zoning laws were not enforced. Government is the agency that creates and enforces such regulations, and the current government in Haiti just doesn't have the capacity to do enforcement or other basic things we expect government to do.

One of the main things we can do is help the Haitian women build their leadership. Right now a caretaker team administers the organization, but at its Assembly in October members will elect an executive leadership team that will include a president, a secretary and a treasurer. The event will include leadership training. It will also include opportunities for post-traumatic counseling and intervention.

Mission Giving is helping the women in Haiti prepare for their Assembly and begin to develop needed programs. The Haitian women are very interested in microcredit programs. United Methodist Committee on Relief has a microcredit program in Haiti, and United Methodist Women is exploring ways to enable the Haitian women to get training on that kind of financial service through that program.

Mission Giving is also helping Haitian Methodist women attend the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women Assembly in Johannesburg, South Africa, Aug. 10-16. This is an opportunity for them to connect with and learn from other Methodist women around the world, many of whom are in mission in countries that until very recently were impoverished and unindustrialized but are now in various stages of development. It will be the first time in awhile Haitian women will be able to meet with sisters in other countries. The August 2010 Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas Women's Assembly in the Bahamas should have been very easy for them to attend, but the Haitian women couldn't get travel visas. Haiti is so economically depressed that neighboring countries feared the women would not return home after the event but rather use the opportunity to immigrate.

Mission program site visits

Our small team also visited mission project sites — some supported by Mission Giving — around the country, including:

- An orphanage in Petionville that's supported by the Methodist Church in Haiti and home to about 35 children ages 2-18. Aging out is an issue in the United States when orphans or children in long-term foster care turn 18 and officially become adults who have no money, family or government support. It's an even greater problem in Haiti.
- Haitian Artisans for Peace, International (HAPI), a United Methodist Women-supported fair-trade artisan cooperative focused on spirituality and creativity that markets members' artwork globally. HAPI's mostly women membership uses earnings to increase family income and pay for children's education and health care.
- Mission Giving-supported leadership development programs for girls and young women ages 8-30 at the YWCA. The programs include workshops on health and financial literacy. The YWCA also provided trauma counseling and intervention as well as other activities to boost young women's independence, self-esteem and leadership skills. The young women at the YWCA were a glimpse of what the future holds for Haiti and Methodist women in that country. The young women we met were not shy but hopeful, spontaneous and eager to engage. They shared how being in the program has expanded their aspirations to include teaching and other occupations; whereas, they once believed work as housemaids was their only realistic option. Methodist women in Haiti can help these young women achieve the new visions they have for themselves, and United Methodist Women in the United States can help.

Betty Gittens is executive secretary for international ministries for the Women's Division, United Methodist Women's national



To celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Becky and Henry Philpot

Request the pleasure of your company

Sunday, August 28, 2011
Immediately following the morning worship service
For a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall

RSVP by August 19
becky@philpotlawfirm.com
(864)246-6413
Please, no gifts

Note: We were married in this church 50 years ago on August 27, 1961, and have experienced many joys and sorrows with our church family. We would like to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with you by serving a light lunch immediately following worship service on August 28. Please respond by August 19 by e-mail to becky@philpotlawfirm.com or by calling (864)246-6413. If no one answers, you may leave a message on the answer machine, or simply respond in person at church. Visitors will also be welcome, but your response will help us with an estimate of the number planning to attend.



50th Anniversary

Please Note:

I apologize for the inconvenience, but if you have left a message on my home answering machine recently about attending our Anniversary lunch on August 28, please call me again. Tuesday, July 19, I discovered the machine was not working correctly and have now corrected the problem. Thanks. Becky Philpot

August 2011

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7 <i>SS</i> 9:30 <i>Worship</i> 10:30	8 <i>David will be away to Lake Junaluska August 8th -14th</i>	9 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 <i>Quilters</i> 7:00 a.m.	10 <i>Youth</i> 6:30-7:30 <i>Church Council</i> 6:30 pm <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:30	11	12	13 <i>Men's club</i> 7:30 a.m.
14 <i>Youth Breakfast</i> 8:30 <i>SS</i> 9:30 <i>Worship</i> 10:30 <i>David will be away this Sunday. Martin Leathers will fill in for Pastor David</i> <i>Ice Cream Social "Back to School" Sundaes Celebration</i> 5:00 p.m. in FH	15	16 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 <i>Quilters</i> 7:00 a.m. <i>No Morning Circle Meeting</i> <i>UMW Education Program</i> 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.	17 <i>Youth</i> 6:30-7:30 <i>No Shalom Circle Meeting</i> <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:30	18	19	20
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28 <i>SS</i> 9:30 <i>Worship</i> 10:30 <i>Henry & Becky Philpot's 50th Anniversary Party</i> immediately following the morning worship in the fellowship hall.	29	30	31 <i>Youth</i> 6:30-7:30 <i>Choir Practice</i> 7:30			