

Youth. The Youth will meet this Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and they will be having a Christmas Party tonight at Martin's home at 6:00 p.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 on December 20th at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. but will not meet again until January 3rd.

Covered Dish Lunch. We will not be having our third-Sunday covered dish lunch today because of the frantic pace of the holidays. We will look forward to seeing everyone when we resume on January 11. Thank you, The Family Ministries Committee.

Casseroles. If you would like to buy the delicious casseroles left from the bazaar, you may purchase them after church today, please see one of the Quilters. We have 17-Baked Spaghetti, and 6-Cheesy Hamburger.

Advent Christmas Offering. We have placed Advent Christmas Offering envelopes in the pews to give money to our missions.

Wednesday Night Suppers. There will not be any Wednesday Nights supper until January 4th.

Sunday School on Christmas Day. Sunday School Classes may decide individually if they wish to have class on Christmas Day. Worship service will be at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service. Please join us for Christmas Eve Service this coming Saturday, Dec. 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline. The Newsletter Deadline for the January newsletter is this Tuesday, December 20th.

Thanks to my Church Family. I would like to say a heartfelt thank-you for all the many acts of kindness during my healing process from a broken foot. Thanks for cards, calls, food, visits and prayers. I have missed all of you and my church. Hope to be back soon. Love in Christ, Blanche Creswell.

Attendance for December 11th:

S.S. – 63

Worship – 112

Financial report for December 11th:

Received for Budget

\$8,273.91

Received to-date in Dec. for Budget

\$13,559.02

Received 36 pledges toward our 2012 Budget totaling \$115,475.00

Received to-date for Advent/Christmas offering \$50.00



December 19 Anne-Marie Failor
December 20 Kristie Argo
Jim Humphreys
December 22 Diane V. Sentell



December 19 Martha & Benson McWhite

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

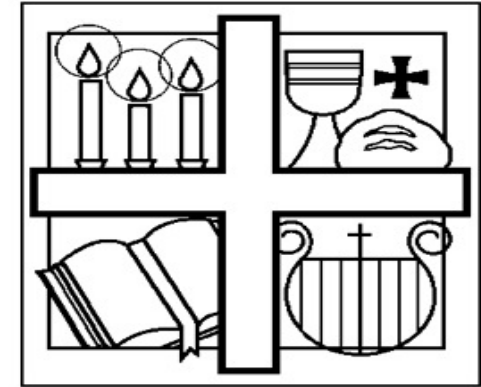
Marsha & John Disher
Nursery

Junior Neal
Trustee of the Month

Tony Earnest
Stewardship

Patty Bowers
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Tony Earnest
Corky Holman
Ronnie Hunter
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4th Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2011

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

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!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2011

4th Sunday of Advent

The Prelude

A Psalm of Gloria

Wells

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Greeting and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Choral Call to Worship

Hail to the Lord's Anointed Old German Melody

Opening Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.

Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom.

But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it, for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. *(Please reflect in silent prayer for a moment.)*

These prayers and praises we humbly offer to God. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Vickie, Ron and Anne-Marie Failor

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40: 1-6, 8

To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces good news. God is coming back, and bringing the exiles home.

Choral Carol

Lift Up Your Heads

Jon Paige

The Second Lesson

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom shall never end.

Soloist: **Tell Out My Soul**, vs. 1

Walter Greatorex

The Reader: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

Women of the Choir: **My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.**

The Reader: From this day all generations shall call me blessed.

Women of the Choir: **The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.**

Women of the Choir, singing: **Tell Out, My Soul**, verses 2 & 4

The Third Lesson

Luke 2: 1-7

Against a background of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

*Congregational Carol

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

No. 229

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world.

Choral Carol

Alleluia, Sing Noel

Jon Paige

The Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, King of the Jews

Choral Carol **The Bleak Midwinter** Roy Ringwald

The Sixth Lesson John 1: 1-14
 John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

Choral Carol **Joyful, Joyful to the World** Jay Althouse

The Christmas Homily **Mary, Our Model** Pastor David Brown

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Response **Three-fold Amen** Danish

The Offering **Now Let Us With One Accord** Broughton

*The Doxology **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** No. 95

*Congregational Carol **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** No. 251

*Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction **Gloria** arr. B. Harlan

The Postlude **Christmas Joy** Ziani

*Those who are able, please stand

Flowers. The flowers placed in the church today are for the glory of God and in honor of **Anne-Marie Failor's** 17th Birthday and in memory of our grandmother's Annie Failor and Marie McNeace by Vickie and Ronald Failor.

Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express our sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Louvina Leach** who passed away on 12/8/11. Mrs. Leach had been a member of Berea Friendship since 1965 and was very active in Sunday School, Worship, Morning Circle, the Quilters, Inspiration Group and other groups as long as her health permitted. Survivors include her son Jerry and daughter, Darlene who were active member of our church in their younger years.