

# Friendship News

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## A Note from the Pastor

### STARTING THE YEAR WITH PEACE IN THE FORKS OF THE ROAD

Psalm 131—"Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. As a child has rested in its mother's arms, even so my soul."

A New Year is a wonderful opportunity for letting the hurtful past fade and the hopeful future bloom. It is not easy to dream and focus on aspirations for a possibility of positive change on a personal and community level. The news and experience of the past may hold us down. Yet if we are to enter this year properly it should be as people of faith. We seek to find a life that is filled with Christ presence which always changes living for the better.

I hope you will do some early reflection in your life about possibility . Let the reading of scripture and other spiritual resources be a central foundation that can inspire a hopeful attitude. If you see a need, feel a new purpose, or have a new idea why not go for it. Sometimes a reflective reading says what we feel in the spirit.

As we begin the New Year I pray for God's blessings on each one of you in your journey. Let us pray together for God's guidance for our church as our community of compassion in Christ. My favorite poem is "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost. I hope this poem will inspire us all to take risks to do the good in Christ Name in 2011.

#### "THE ROAD NOT TAKEN"

TWO ROADS DIVERGED IN A YELLOW WOOD,  
AND SORRY I COULD NOT TRAVEL BOTH  
AND BE ONE TRAVELER, LONG I STOOD  
AND LOOKED DOWN ONE AS FAR AS I COULD  
TO WHERE IT BENT IN THE UNDERGROWTH;

THEN TOOK THE OTHER, AS JUST AS FAIR,  
AND HAVING PERHAPS THE BETTER CLAIM,  
BECAUSE IT WAS GRASSY AND WANTED WEAR;  
THOUGH AS FOR THAT THE PASSING THERE  
HAD WORN THEM REALLY ABOUT THE SAME,

AND BOTH THAT MORNING EQUALLY LAY  
IN LEAVES NO STEP HAD TRODDEN BLACK.  
OH, I KEPT THE FIRST FOR ANOTHER DAY!  
YET KNOWING HOW WAY LEADS ON TO WAY,  
I DOUBTED IF I SHOULD EVER COME BACK.

I SHALL BE TELLING THIS WITH A SIGH  
SOMEWHERE AGES AND AGES HENCE:  
TWO ROADS DIVERGED IN A WOOD, AND I—  
I TOOK THE ONE LESS TRAVELED BY,  
AND THAT HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.



January 03	Preston Argo
January 04	Reagan Mann Adam McCloud
January 06	Jake Moorehead Nancy Neal
January 07	John Ferrer
January 09	Dustin Hagins Marcus Looper
January 10	Zack Philpot
January 13	Blanche Creswell
January 17	Mildred Bray Kevin Wells
January 18	Carol Dunn
January 22	Patty Bowers
January 23	Eddie Hughes Josh Armstrong
January 25	Andy Vaughan
January 27	Stanley Dunn
January 28	Mildred Huckaby
January 31	Sue Coggins



10	Judy & Ronnie Armstrong
21	Terri & Dennis McCloud

## Attention Berea High School Alumni

In 2011 Berea High will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary. Many activities are being planned for 2011.

A 2011 calendar is already printed and is ready for sale. The calendar highlights the administrators, teachers, coaches and the four Berea High School buildings.

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar the cost is \$10.00 and the money will be used to support centennial projects.

Please contact Vivian Day, @ 233-0272 if you would like to order a calendar.

### Congratulations Eric

Eric Disher, a lieutenant in the US Navy and son of John and Marsha Disher, is currently stationed at Kingsville Naval Air Station in Texas as a flight instructor.

Recently he was selected as “**Instructor of the year**”

Out of the 38 instructors in his squadron! Along with this honor, he receives 96 hours of leave time and a designated parking place for a year on the base. He lives with his wife, Melissa, and two children, Grace and Collin, in Corpus Christi, Texas. They are expecting a third child in April.

**From the Financial Secretary:** Remember if you need a set of offering envelopes for 2011, please let me know and I will be glad to issue you a set. As mentioned in the November newsletter I have an abundance of old offering envelopes that we can use to save on the expense of ordering more. You can still us your 2010 envelopes—just be sure to put your name on the outside. I have on file your offering envelope number for 2010.  
Pat Teat, Financial Secretary.

# January 2011 Events and Needs



**United Methodist Men**  
**Mark your Calendar's for the Upcoming Events**  
 February 12th Valentine Dinner  
 March 18th and 19th – Men's Yard Sale

Men's Breakfast will be January 8th – come and join us for breakfast and devotion. All the men are invited to join us!



**Take Note.** Pastor David and Mary Grace will be on vacation December 27th to January 3rd. Dr. John Miller of Greenville will be our special speaker on Sunday Jan. 2nd. Rev. George Scott Pastor of Travelers Rest UMC will be on call for pastoral emergencies at 864-346-4258.

**Pastor Parish Relations Meeting.** The PPRC will meet on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present.

**Date changed for Communion.** Holy Communion and Installation of new officers for the New Year will take place on Sunday, January 9th.

The Youth meets on Wednesday nights from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with Matt Greer.  
**Youth Breakfast:**  
**January 9th at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please come and join us for a great breakfast and a time to fellowship.**



**Welcome!** We welcome into our church family Mary Grace Brown who united with Berea Friendship last Sunday. Mary Grace comes by transfer of membership from Shiloh UMC in Piedmont.

**Casseroles for Sale.** There are a few small frozen casseroles still available: Apple Cranberry (3), Apple Cinnamon (12), and Broccoli Cheese (9). Please contact one of the quilters if you would like to purchase one of these.

**New Directories are Ready to be picked Up.** If you haven't picked up your new directory, they are located in the narthex. Donations are accepted.

**Check Out Our Website.** You can find a list of all our church's activities every month on our website. Just go to [www.bereafriendshipumc.com](http://www.bereafriendshipumc.com) and click on "News and Events." You can also see a list of the 2011 committee chairs and program leaders by clicking on Get Involved/For Adults/Committees. All of our monthly newsletters and weekly bulletins are archived on the website (hover your mouse over "News and Events," so if you're sick or out of town one Sunday, you can see what you missed!

**Snow Closings.** In the event we have to close the church due to bad weather you may call the church office and listen to the recording for changes in service times or closings.

**Wednesday Night Suppers**

Please join us every Wednesday Night at 5:30 p.m. for a time to fellowship. Please sign your name on the sign up sheet on the back doors of the sanctuary on Sunday, if you plan to attend on Wed. night. The price will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Meals include meat, 3 sides, tea, water, coffee and dessert. The menu is on the back page of the newsletter. If any of our CDC parents or employees would like to sign up for our Wednesday Night Suppers, we have put a sign up sheet on the CDC bulletin board inside the entrance door to the nursery.

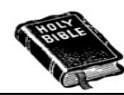
**Covered Dish Lunch**  
 Please join us for our 3rd Sunday Covered Dish Lunch on January 16th. Please bring your favorite dish to share with others.

**Inspiration Group** The Inspiration Group meets on Thursday, January 27th in the Fellowship Hall @ 11:30 a.m. Buddy Stover will cook soup & cornbread– members bring desserts. Dot Bishop will be our guest speaker who will talk about the history of Travelers Rest.

**Morning Circle.** The Morning Circle will meet on January 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Quilt Room.

**Shalom Circle.**  
 The Shalom Circle will meet on Wed. January 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class.

**Bible Study**  
 Please join us every Wednesday night for a time together with our friends to study the Bible. Bob Helms leads us in learning more about God's Word. The Bible study starts at 4:00 p.m. For questions, please call Bob Helms at 295-2973.  
**Please take note the new hours for Bible Study (4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**



**Council Meeting.** The Church Council will meet on January 12th at 6:30 p.m.



**Book Club.** Meets on the fourth Wednesday following the Wed. Night Supper at 6:30 p.m.



**Trustee Meeting**  
 The Trustees will meet on January 2nd following the morning service to elect officers.



## Our Church Family

Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!



Congratulations to Preston & Kristie Argo upon the birth of their new baby girl **Kyleigh Elizabeth Argo** who was born on December 8th at 10:07 a.m. at 6lbs 7oz.

Congratulations also to the proud grandparents **Ronnie and Glenda Argo** and proud Aunt & Uncle **Ronnie & Carolyn Hunter**.

Congratulations to **Eddie and Diane Vaughan Sentell** upon the birth of their new baby boy **Wyatt Edward Sentell** who was born on Monday, December 20th. The Proud grandparents are **Jan & Andy Vaughan** and great grandmother **Gwen Vaughan**. Wyatt was born around 9:30 a.m. and weighed 6lbs 3oz. and is 19 inches long; he has black hair and blue eyes.

**Congratulations.** We would like to congratulate Virginia Catherine Edwards Arlington who graduated Cum Laude from Clemson on December 16, 2010. **Garl Revis** is the proud grandfather and Julie & Wesley Edwards are the proud parents.

**Can You Help?** We received many wonderful wedding gifts and are so very appreciative of them. We received a beautiful crystal tea pitcher without a name. We would like to acknowledge your gift. Please contact Shain and Dawn Stewart at 295-5775.

*Thank You!*

The Worship Committee would like to thank the Quilters for funding the purchase of the new Chrismon Tree for our sanctuary. Also a big "thank you" to Billy Bush for putting the tree together and helping to arrange the poinsettias; to Terri McCloud, Vickie, Ron, and Anne-Marie Failor, Patty Bowers, and Ellen Holman for decorating the Chrismon tree and hanging the wreaths; and to all of you who purchased the poinsettias that made our sanctuary look so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas season. Thanks again to all of you, Bobbie Bogan, Worship Chairperson



**Sympathy.** The Pastor and Congregation express their deepest sympathy to **Edith Bynum** upon the death of her sister in law, Sarah Kay who was in Oakmont Nursing Center and was a former member of Berea Friendship UMC. Sarah passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sympathy.** The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to **Laura Gould** upon the death of her mother Anne Trusty and to **Jeff Gould** upon the death of his grandmother who passed away on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Sympathy.** The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to **Bob & Shannon Finley-Newbill** upon the death of her mother Lida Finley who passed away on December 15<sup>th</sup> and to **Alyssa and Shane Dossler** upon the death of their grandmother.

**Ruth Brock**  
**Laura Brown's brother, (Rick Wham)**  
**Laura Brown's mother, (Jackie Lumsden)**  
**Mary Grace Brown's mother (Corrie Lancaster)**  
**Edith Bynum**  
**Carl Bynum**  
**Myra Clements**  
**Bob Donaldson**  
**Shirley Dickson**  
**Maurice & Margaret Frere (Leigh Donaldson Frere's  
mother and father in-law)**  
**Hilda Hagins**  
**Mary & Tom Hartin**  
**Cindy Hester's parents (Tom & Bobbie Speck)**  
**Joe & Trudy Hooper (former members and friends of Mary Childs)**  
**Mildred Huckaby**  
**Lucy Hughes**  
**Vera Hunt**  
**Carolyn Hunter**  
**Connie LaParl**  
**Louvina Leach**  
**Eunice Looper**  
**Linda Looper**  
**Dan Lotz**  
**Jackie Lumsden**  
**Benson & Martha McWhite**  
**Doris Moorehead**  
**Jake Moorehead**  
**Milton Mullinax**  
**Bob and Jan Murray's son (Bucky Murray)**  
**Nick & Dot Nichols**  
**Rachel Palmer**  
**Joe Philpot**  
**Margie Philpot**  
**Juanita Sherlin**  
**Martha Smith**  
**Lloyd Turner's mother (Elizabeth Lanford)**  
**Myrna Turner's mother (Mary South)**  
**Jack & Libby Wingate**  
**Jan Vaughan**  
**Gwen Vaughan in St Francis Rm. 827**



Please remember our shut-ins and others in prayer each day.

**Prayer List Update.** We are trying to update our prayer list that appears in the bulletin each week and the newsletter every month. If you know of a name that should be removed or one that should be added, please inform the church office.

Berea Friendship UMW  
January 2011

## **Responsively Yours: Thy Kingdom Come**

*By Harriett J. Olson*

*From the December 2010 Response Magazine*

**“The Lord’s Prayer” links the coming of God’s kingdom to God’s will being done on earth just as it is done in heaven. But who exactly are we praying will do God’s will on earth?**

I’ve been talking quite a bit about the kingdom or reign of God. This phrase is connected to a boundary-breaking, extravagant vision about what living in God’s providence would be like. Think about the fruitfulness of the mustard seed or the hidden impact of leaven in the loaf.

Interestingly, the Gospels give several different indications of how the kingdom or reign of God might become our lived experience. Is it “inherited” by the poor, or does it “belong” to the poor already (Luke 6:20)? Jesus also indicates that it is something that we receive as a gift (Luke 12:32) as well as something for which we are to “strive” (Luke 12:31), rather than striving for possessions. One can understand why some Christians work for the coming of the kingdom, and others wait for it.

The timing of the arrival of the kingdom is also described in several ways. Jesus tells the congregation in the synagogue at Nazareth that the prophecy that describes the freedom, healing and table-turning nature of the kingdom is fulfilled “this day.” During his public ministry, Jesus instructed the disciples to teach that the kingdom was “at hand.” This leads to the theologians’ description of the kingdom existing “already” and at the same time being “not yet” fully experienced. We can perhaps understand this already-not yet dynamic by thinking about Charles Wesley’s sentiment that the fellowship we experience through Christ is a foretaste of what we will experience in heaven.

Jesus, who proclaimed that the prophetic word was fulfilled in the message at Nazareth, also taught the disciples to pray for the kingdom to come. In the “Lord’s Prayer” we still make this petition regularly.

The form of prayer itself seems to me to echo some of the tropes of Hebrew poetry, in that it has at least two sets of paired phrases that illustrate or amplify each other.

“Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name” may be seen as two references to God’s glory and the appropriateness revering God.

“Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Here the coming of the kingdom is linked to God’s will being done on earth with the same faithfulness that’s employed by those in the heavenly realm.

Who exactly are we praying will do the will of God? I confess that when I pray this prayer, I am almost always thinking about those in authority who we want to act justly and reform policies that isolate people from one another and make it harder for marginalized people to thrive as loved children of God. What if I’ve been missing something very important? What if the most immediate need is for me to do the will of God? Perhaps if all people of faith acted as if the kingdom had already come in all the ways that matter, the “not yet” aspects of God’s reign would have less power and dominion already.

This Advent season, as we celebrate Emmanuel, let us remember that Jesus has already come and has called us his friends. May we be prepared to do God’s will, just as God’s will is done in heaven.

### MISSIONARY HIGH LIGHTS

The Shalom Circle sent cards to all shut-ins within the church. The Morning Circle collected items for the nursing home.

### OUR CIRCLES

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in the Quilter's Room.

The Shalom Circle will meet on Wednesday January 19, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Ruth Bible Class. We will continue our study of the "Women of the Bible."

### FLAVORING AND CUTLERY

Don't forget we have flavoring and cutlery items available for sale all the time. See Pat Teat or Vickie Failor for items.

### **Upcoming Events for 2011**

Saturday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Week of Prayer and Self Denial Breakfast
Saturday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mother – Daughter Tea
Tuesday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Education Program Dinner
Tuesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	World Thank Dinner

### RECOGNITIONS OF NEW BIRTHS IN THE CHURCH

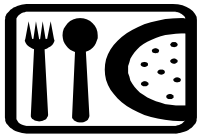
The UMW placed a pink rose bud vase on the altar on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in honor of Kyleigh Elizabeth Argo, who was born on Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

The UMW placed a bud vase on the altar on January 2, 2011 in honor of Wyatt Edward Sentell born on Monday, December 20, 2011.



# January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 <b>Dr. John Miller</b> guest speaker	3	4 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.	5 Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	6 Quilters 10:00 a.m.  	7	8 <b>Men's Club</b> <b>Breakfast</b> 7:30 a.m.
9 Communion Sunday <b>Youth Breakfast</b> 8:30 a.m. S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30	10	11 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.	12 Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	13  Quilters 10:00 a.m.	14	15
16 S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 <b>Covered Dish</b> Lunch after service.	17 ● <b>Martin</b> <b>Luther</b> <b>King Jr.</b> <b>Day</b>	18 <b>Morning Circle</b> 10:00 a.m. Quilters meet after the Morning Circle Quilters 7:00 p.m.	19 Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. <b>Shalom Circle 6:30</b> p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	20  Quilters 10:00 a.m.	21	22
23 S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30	24	25 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.	26 Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	27 <b>Inspiration Group</b> 11:30. Buddy Stover will make soup, Dot Bishop will be our speaker	28	29
30 S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30	31					



**Wednesday Night Dinners**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Country Style Steak  
Rice & Gravy  
Black-Eyed Peas  
Turnip Greens  
Rolls & Brownies  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Lasagna  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Rolls & Cake  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Fried Chicken  
Green Beans  
Corn & Broccoli Salad  
Rolls & Banana Pudding  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Barbecue Ribs  
Baked Beans & Slaw  
Fresh Fruit  
Rolls & Apple Cobbler  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**Expenses**  
Expenses 2010 \$19,706.78  
Expenses Jan.—Nov. \$219,678.78  
**Average attendance for December : (3 Sundays)**  
S.S.—54 Worship—114  
**Financial Report for December : (3 Sundays)**  
**Needed for Budget \$14,766.63**  
**Received for Budget \$14,696.88 (4 Sundays)**  
**Needed to-date for Year \$255,954.92**  
**Received to-date for Year \$221,509.73**  
**The financial records for 2010 will be kept open until January 9, 2011 if anyone would still like to contribute toward the 2010 Budget.**



**Those Who Serve in January**

**Stewardship** Jim Rawson  
**Altar Guild** Vickie Failor  
**Trustee of the Month** Debbie Capps



**Nursery for January**

January 02 Vickie & Anne-Marie Failor  
January 09  
January 16  
January 23  
January 30 Henry & Becky Philpot

**Acolytes for January**

January 02  
January 09  
January 16  
January 23  
January 30



**Ushers for January**

January 02 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps  
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter  
January 09 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys  
Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman  
January 16 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest,  
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter  
January 23 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell,  
Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter  
January 30 Steve Capps, Ronnie Failor,  
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter.



**Flowers in January**

January 02  
January 09  
January 16  
January 23  
January 30



NOTE: If you would like to sign-up for the flowers or nursery, we have a calendar posted outside the Huckaby Class for you to pick the day you would like to have.

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