

# Friendship News

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## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Connection is a powerful word in the United Methodist Church. Particularly at Annual Conference where we come together in the midst of all our diversity to worship, dream and celebrate the Body of Christ. Even when our diversity is evident, we still know we are connected. Then the Bishop “sends us forth” to minister in churches and communities all over our state. I consider it an honor to be sent to Berea Friendship as your pastor.

Our family has already received an incredibly warm welcome by so many. Thank you for your enthusiasm and your kindness. We look forward to being a part of your church and community.

I want to also say thank you to Van for his warmth, kindness and welcome to me. I join each of you in wishing him and Jo well in this next part of their journey. I praise God for the ministry he and his family have shared with you and the lives that have been touched by your work together.

It is awe-inspiring for me to look at the pictures of the many wonderful ministers that have been a part of the life of this church. You have truly been blessed. Thank you for your prayers as I work diligently to share with you in ministry and to reach people for our Lord.

I has been a joy to get everything moved into the parsonage a little early so that I now have an opportunity to “hit the ground running.” Many thanks to the SPRC, Trustees, Circles and countless volunteers who made this possible. My heart is racing to think of all the possibilities for our church. I look forward to meeting with all the committees and getting to know each of you personally. Most of all I look forward to our times of worship together. Worship is always the foundation of the Church as we give praise to God for all He has done for us.

I truly want to be your pastor and for you to know I am available. Many of you may know that Gina works at Clemson Presbyterian church as Office Manager. She and Alex will be residing at a house we own in Seneca during the week. They, too, however look forward to being a part of every aspect of the life of the church. They will be joining us on Wednesday evenings and coming here on weekends.

In the newsletter and weekly bulletin I will publish all of my phone numbers, including the new parsonage number and my cell phone number. I hope you will feel free to call me anytime.

We have lots to do. Let us be excited as we dream together. Matthew 6:33 has always been one of my favorite verses: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.” There will be times we celebrate victory together and times we fall down, but always if our common goal is to seek God’s will He will show us the way.

Thank you again for your welcome. I look forward to seeing you in worship on Sunday!!!

Grace and Peace

Tony

# Happy Birthday

June	1	Dawn Bryant Eunice Looper
June	2	Benson McWhite Michael Hughes
June	5	Shannon Finley-Newbill Hope Stone
June	7	Christopher Mann
June	12	Katrina (Earnest) Collins
June	13	Mike Brown
June	17	Stephanie Brown Martin Millie Dunn
June	18	Paul Henry Philpot
June	20	Leslie Evans Dot Nichols
June	22	Jay Hunt
June	24	Carolyn Earnest
June	25	Irv Philpot Walter Vaughn
June	26	Pam Bowers
June	28	Lillian Paxton
June	29	Gene Vaughn
June	30	Kathleen Griffin Denise McCloud

## Happy Anniversary

June	1	Paula & Irv Philpot
June	7	Patti & Jim Humphreys (Happy 50th)
June	12	Lillian & John Paxton
June	17	Marsha & John Disher
June	18	Pat & Bill Teat
June	23	Lucy & Eddie Hughes Rick & Diane Greer
June	29	Patti & David Enter Bobby & Willie Nalley
June	30	Mary & Jessie Smiley



## MONTHLY BIBLE READINGS

### Images of Christ in Hebrews

June	1	Hebrews 1:13-14
June	2	Jeremiah 31:31-34
June	3	Hebrews 7:1-3
June	4	Genesis 14:17-20
June	5	Hebrews 7:4-17
June	6	Hebrews 7:18-24
June	7	Hebrews 7:25-26
June	8	Hebrews 7:27-28
June	9	Hebrews 4:21-26

### Impartial Disciples

June	10	Hebrews 9:11-15
June	11	Hebrews 9:16-24
June	12	Hebrews 9:25-28
June	13	Hebrews 10:1-10
June	14	Hebrews 10:11-14
June	15	Hebrews 10:15-18
June	16	Proverbs 3:5-12

### Wise Speakers

June	17	Hebrews 12:1-3
June	18	Hebrews 12:4-7
June	19	Hebrews 12:8-11
June	20	Hebrews 12:12-13
June	21	Philippians 2:1-4
June	22	Philippians 2:5-11
June	23	Psalms 118:5-9
June	24	Colossians 1:15-20

### People of Godly Behavior

June	25	Hebrews 13:1-6
June	26	Hebrews 13:7-9
June	27	Hebrews 13:10-16
June	28	Philippians 3:12-16
June	29	Philippians 3:17-21
June	30	Isaiah 11:1-3

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## And Church Needs

### SYMPATHY

The pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to Norman & Mary Penland upon the death of Norman's brother and his wife, Frank Penland and sister-in-law Wilma Penland of Richmond, VA. Services were held in Virginia. Wilma died on May 21, 2008 and Frank died on June 9, 2008.

Congratulations!!

Bobbie Bogan recently retired after working 31 years in the Greenville County Coroner's Office. We wish Bobbie much enjoyment and relaxation in her retirement years.

### Lisa Nichol's Book Store "As The Page Turns"

You may have noticed flyers up on the doors everywhere that's because we are very excited about having a new book store in town. Lisa Nichols are very own special person here at church has a new book store opened in the Berea Area. "As the Page Turn" is located at 5000 Olds Buncombe Road, Suites 8 & 9, the bookstore is the culmination of a longtime dream for Lisa. As The Page Turns offers new and used books, books on CD, large print books and gift items. Recently, Lisa retired as a first-grade teacher. Lisa will be keeping a list of titles on hand, along with bestsellers, regional favorites, and books by area authors. We haven't really had a bookstore on Greenville's West Side; with gas getting more expensive every day, people are excited about not having to drive across town for something to read! Lisa's grand opening was on June 21st and many people from the church attended and enjoyed it very much. There was great food and lots of books and prizes. For more information about "As the Page Turns" and details on author appearances, call 864-294-0122.

### Prayers and Concerns

Anna Lee Smith has been moved back to St. Francis Hospital Down Town in Room 2234.

Jerry Smith is still in Memorial Hospital in ICU. He has shown some improvement.

Kathleen Griffin has come home from St. Francis Hospital and is doing much better.

### Thank You

Thank you for recognizing me for my graduation from college. As I enter the business world, I will lean on your words of guidance in the memory book you gave me. I appreciate all the love and support from my church family

Love  
Matt Earnest

We wish to thank the BFUMC family for the generous love-offering from the congregation.

Your warmth and thoughtfulness, your presence and fellowship on our final Sunday gave us immense joy. Your expressions of love and friendship made July 15, 2008 a memorable day for us.

Also, a special thanks to the Chancel Choir for their wonderful surprise gift of singing my favorite hymn as an anthem.

The Berea Friendship Church Family will always have a special place in our hearts. We hope and pray that your future will be filled with many reasons to rejoice.

Love, Van and Jo.

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*We need various supplies to ensure  
a successful Vacation Bible School.  
If you can help by donating any of these items,  
we would be most grateful!*

Children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us for a wonderful week of celebrating God's great gifts on Monday through Friday, July 14-18, from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. Please invite your friends, neighbors, children, and grandchildren to join us. You can pre-register by calling the church office at 246-4311.

Adults are invited to join the fun by:

- Volunteering: We have a great staff lined up, but we can always use more. See Jayne Ferrer or Debbie Capps for details.
- Bring in photos, paintings, sculptures, etc. of "God's Gifts" that you would be willing to let us display during the week of VBS.
- Join us on **Wednesday evening, July 16<sup>th</sup>, for a concert on the lawn at 7 PM.**
- Join us **Friday evening, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM for a hot dog supper** as VBS staff and attendees share songs and stories they've learned throughout the week and display their art and crafts.
- Help us teach our children how to give back to God by donating your spare change to five worthy causes we've selected. Collection jars will be in place July 6 - 27.
- Donate to *our* cause! See the list at the back of the sanctuary for items we need.

*Please place donated items in the box in the sanctuary foyer.*

*Thank you!*

- o Glue sticks
- o Jars of bubble-blowing liquid
- o Multicolored tissue paper
- o Clear contact paper
- o Jingle bells

- o Small plastic or wooden embroidery hoops (5” or 6” is ideal)
  - o Pipe cleaners, any type or color
  - o Large poster boards (any and all colors)
  - o Computer address labels
  - o Plates, cups, napkins, and spoons in red, yellow, blue, and green
  - o 5 big glass jars (like giant pickle jars)
  - o Nursery workers for every Wednesday and Friday night
  - o Monetary donations to defray food and supply expenses
- Your prayers for a safe, productive, fun, and fulfilling week

## **GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Administrative Council meets on July 9th, at 6:30 PM in the Ruth bible Class.

Trips  
July 23rd

Sign up sheets are on the back door of the sanctuary for the Gatlinburg Craftsmen’s Fair. This will be a one day trip and we will leave at 7AM and return around 7 PM after eating at the Apple Barn. Cost is \$5.00 plus travel expense. We need at least 10 people to go.

Springmaid Beach Trip  
November 10-13

This trip includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfast buffets, 3 Christmas Shows. The cost will be between \$175 to \$200.00. Sign-up sheets are located on the back doors of the sanctuary. We need at least 20 people.

Youth  
Our youth will be having their 2nd Sunday

**Wednesday Night Supper**

**July 2**

Baked Spaghetti  
Tossed Salad  
French Bread  
Brownie  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**July 9**

Grilled Chicken  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Marinated Vegetables  
Rolls, Apple Pie  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**July 16**

Ham  
Potato Salad, Baked Beans  
Rolls, Cherry Fluff  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**July 23**

Taco Salad, (Make your own)  
Cheesecake  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**July 30**

Country Steak w/Rice & Gravy  
Green Beans, Rolls  
Banana Pudding  
Tea, Water, Coffee

**Financial**

Expenses for May \$18,822.26  
Expenses for Jan-May \$92,777.50

**Average attendance for**

S.S. — Worship —

**Financial Report for**

Needed for Budget \$  
Received for Budget \$  
Needed to-date for Budget \$  
Received to-date for Budget \$

**Those Who Serve in July**

Stewardship Martha McWhite  
Trustee of the Month Bobby Taylor  
Altar Guild Nora Brown

**Nursery For July**

July 6 Lucy Hughes  
July 13  
July 20  
July 27 Becky & Henry Philpot

**Acolytes for July**

July 6 Monroe Stone  
July 13 Denise McCloud  
July 20 Kevin Baker  
July 27 Anne-Marie Failor



**July Ushers**

July 6 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps,  
Morris Childs, Ronnie Hunter  
July 13 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys,  
Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman  
July 20 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest,  
Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter,  
July 27 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell,  
Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter

**Flowers In July**

July 6  
July 13  
July 20 Garl Revis  
July 27

**NOTE: Please sign up for flowers and nursery, if you can help with either of these needs.**

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