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Berea Friendship United Methodist Church News

June 2011

The summer, as brief as it is, can be a season that is different from the rest of the year. The human psyche needs times of change and there is an atmosphere in the summer that encourages breaking the routine.

Retreats are a wonderful opportunity to refresh the spirit and body. Lake Junaluska in North Carolina is a wonderful place to sense the calming spirit of the mountains. There are also multi-programs for all ages if one seeks a more structured experience. I know from personal experience that getting away even for a day is well worth the time and effort. God's "still small voice" can be heard in the depth of our soul when we find a place for intensive listening.

Scriptural witness is full of persons longing an experience of the Devine in the mountain. Jesus was often encountered on the sea shore. The Lord went away to pray even into the wilderness. The history of the church is full of people who encountered God in their travels, or on a retreat and experienced life changing encounter's. Saul was on a journey to persecute the early church and had an encounter with the Devine voice that changed him so that he might become the Apostle Paul, great missionary and theologian of the church.

If one cannot get away reading a new book, interrupting your usual routine, starting a new hobby or writing a journal; can be a start of refreshing and renewing experiences. Listening to God through scripture or spiritual reading can also open the door of the heart to spiritual growth and refreshment.

So I encourage you over the summer time to find a cool spot and "make a retreat" in your own way. The Lord's joyful, yet penetrating presence is waiting for you in the mountains, by the sea, on the road—wherever you choose to be. Psalm 99:9 says, "Exalt the Lord our God at his holy mountain."

P.S. those who can't go far away from Greenville might check out the ecumenical contemplates retreat ministry. "The Anchorage" theanchorage.org. They have multiple short retreat opportunities. (232-5683).

Upcoming Events: July 24-Aug. 1—7 day Directed Retreat, Jesuit Center, Wernersville, PA, led by Cathie Powell.

Aug. 26-28 "Living in the Light: A journey of Discernment" Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC, led by Bill Dietrich

Oct. 10-14 "Fall Directed 4-day Retreat" Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner, SC, led by Cathie Powell

Oct. 14-15—"Telling Our Stories Retreat (II) Snails Pace, Saluda, NC, led by Carroll Page.

Nov. 17-19 "Prayer & Thanksgiving: Making the Holidays Holy" Snails Pace, Saluda, NC, led by Sharon Decker.

Peace and Blessings
Pastor David

June 01 Dawn Stewart
Eunice Looper
June 02 Benson McWhite
Michael Hughes
June 05 Shannon Finley-Newbill
Hope Stone
June 07 Christopher Mann
June 12 Katrina Earnest Collins
June 13 Mike Brown
June 17 Millie Dunn
Stephanie Brown Martin
June 18 Paul Henry Philpot
June 20 Melissa Disher
Leslie Evans
Dot Nichols
June 24 Carolyn Earnest
June 25 Irv Philpot
June 26 Pam Bowers
June 28 Lillian Paxton
June 29 Gene Vaughn
June 30 Kathleen Griffin
Denise McCloud



June 01 Paula & Irv Philpot
June 12 Lillian & John Paxton
June 17 Marsha & John Disher
June 18 Donna & Bob Helms
Pat & Bill Teat
June 23 Lucy & Eddie Hughes
Diane & Rick Greer
June 29 Patti & David Enter
Bobby & Willie Nalley
June 30 Mary & Jesse Smiley



Happy Birthday to Berea Friendship's oldest living member **Mrs. Eunice Looper** who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on June 1st!



The Pastor and Congregation express their Christian love and sympathy to the following:

Patti & Bobby Taylor upon the death of Patti's father, **Andy Watts** who passed away on Sunday, May 15th. Also, to son, **Bobby Watts & daughter-in-law Shannon.**

Judy Bikas & family upon the sudden death of her son, Dennis of Texas on May 11th.

Jim Knight & family upon the death of his wife **Jackie T. Knight.** The knights were former members of Berea Friendship. Their great-grandson Bryson Smith attends Berea Friendship Child Development Center.

Norman & Mary Penland upon the death of their sister-in-law, **Susie T. Penland** of Greenville who died on May 22nd.

Ruth Brock
Edith Bynum
Barry Childs
Myra Clements
Troy Clements
Lucy Hughes
Vera Hunt
Louvina Leach
Eunice Looper
Dennis McCloud Family
Martha Oxley
Joe Philpot
Juanita Sherlin
Gwen Vaughan
Allen Zorn
Mac McWhite is at
National Health Care
1305 Boiling Springs Road,
Greer SC 29650
Room 215B

Prayer List



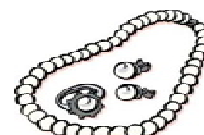
• Extended Family and Friends of Berea Friendship Members

Mary Grace Brown's sister-in-law (Helen Lancaster)
Millie Dunn's granddaughter (Andrea Dunn)
Martha & Benson McWhite's friend (Hazel Mullinax).
And Joanne Hagberg.

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 under going 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.

Time to Spring Clean. All ladies of the church please remember we need your old jewelry as you do your spring cleaning. We have a box located in the back of the sanctuary for your unwanted jewelry that we use to resale at the Bazaar.



Congratulations. Preston Argo graduated from Wal-Mart university in Store Management, May 5, 2011. Graduation was in Columbia, S.C. His new appointment is Assistant Store Manger at the new Easley, S.C. store.

Thank you. Dear Church members, thank you very much for the graduation Bible! I am very excited to begin my pursuit of a Juris Doctorate at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Florida this fall. Your support and encouragement means the world to me! Sincerely, Victoria Smith

Thank you. Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and the gifts to the church in the recent passing of our dear wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Doris Dover Moorehead. It is nice to know that a church such as ours exists. In Gods Blessed Hands, Jake Moorehead and Family

Thank you. To our loving family at Berea Friendship, Thank you so much for all of the cards & prayers during Georgiana's illness and since she has passed away. Everyone had been so generous in sharing their memories of her with us. These memories will insure that she will always be with us. The memorial to the cancer society of Greenville is another way that Georgiana's legacy will live on thank you also for this.
Love in Christ, Terri and Dennis McCloud

Thank You To all of our friends and family at Berea Friendship - thank you so much for the many expressions of caring that have come our way in the past few weeks. To say that we were surprised by Allen's diagnosis would be an understatement. But we are going to fight this cancer with all we have and for that we need all of your support. Your prayers, e-mails, cards are all appreciated more than you know. We hope to be at church whenever we can to thank you in person.
With love, Allen and Renee' Zorn.

Youth. Youth meet every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Youth **will not have** breakfast on the 2nd Sunday this month.



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 June. 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. Please remember Bible Study Class every Wednesday night at 4:00 p.m. with Bob Helms in the Huckaby Class Room.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu



June 1st

Ham
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans
Apple Salad, Roll
Apple Cobbler
Tea, Coffee, Water

June 15

Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Garlic French Bread
Chocolate Cake
Tea, Coffee, Water

June 8th

Beef Tips
Rice, Turnip Greens
Fruit, Roll
Banana Pudding
Tea, Coffee, Water

June 22nd

Chicken Strips
New Potatoes
Cole Slaw, Roll
Fruit, Brownie,
Tea, Coffee, Water
(Last Dinner until Sept.)



United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, June 11th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and devotion. All men of the church are invited to attend!

Newsletter Deadline. Please have all items for the July Newsletter in by Monday, June 20th.



June Ministry Workers Ushers

05 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

12 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman

19 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

26 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell, Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter

Altar Guild for June: Patti Bowers

Stewardship for June: Janet Stone

Trustee for June: Ronnie Hunter

June Nursery Schedule

05 Vickie & Anne-Marie Failor

12 Terri & Denise McCloud

19

26 Henry & Becky Philpot

June Children's Moment

05 Martin Leathers

12 Terri McCloud

19 Cindy Hester

26 Terri McCloud

Flowers for June

05

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19 Zorn, Hovious, Junco

26

Acolyte Schedule for June

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June 21st first day of summer!!



April Attendance Report

Average Attendance for May: (3 weeks only)

S.S. 42

Worship 105

Expenses

April \$19,097.44

Jan-April \$76,774.51

*Allen and Renee Zorn
Jose' and Kim Junco
and Mike and Rhonda Hovious
invite you to join us*

*On Saturday, June 18, 2011
for a drop-in reception from 2:00 - 5:00pm*

*Berea Friendship United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
8001 White Horse Road
Greenville, SC 29617*

*As we honor and celebrate the
Golden Wedding Anniversary
of our parents and parents-in-law*

Bill and Pat Teat

*RSVP to Rhonda Hovious at 864-234-6810
or via email to hovioushome@charter.net
before June 3, 2011*

No gifts please

A
*50th Anniversary
Celebration*

The Missions Corner

Mark your calendar! The church will host a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Mark your calendar for this event. Last year we had a great turn out with the trick and trunk and decided to have a festival this year. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Just Coffee

Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico. We market a pure, organic coffee which is grown, harvested and marketed in the spirit of justice. Our goal is to provide incentives for people to remain on their family lands.

Our business model is simple and optimizes the profit for the growers. The coffee is harvested, cleaned and prepared for shipping in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas.

The beans are then transported to Agua Prieta, Sonora. In Agua Prieta the coffee is roasted, ground and packaged for shipment to our customers.

OUR COMPANY MISSION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Café Justo's mission is to deliver the highest quality, organic, environmentally conscious, fresh roasted coffee to our customers at a price that is fair and just. We work to create a bond between the members of the coffee growing community in Salvador Urbina and our customers throughout the world.

THE COMPANY

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THE BENEFITS

The financial benefits of Café Justo are significant when compared to Fair Trade coffee or local purchases. For this reason we are able to easily see the impact this business has on migration. The value of this business to residents of Salvador Urbina is clear. Your coffee purchase is having a direct and dramatic effect on this community. The cooperative members and community are putting aside their differences to provide an excellent, chemical free, environmentally friendly product and business that focuses on Just relationships!

If you are interested in purchasing coffee or learning more about this group you can visit their website at www.justcoffee.org

Covered Dish Lunch and VBS Decorating

Due to the conflict with Father’s Day, we will move our 3rd Sunday Covered Dish lunch to the 2nd Sunday (June 12th). Following lunch, please stay to help decorate for VBS.



In this year’s Vacation Bible School, children will visit the **Shake It Up Café**, where together we will explore the Bible as a cookbook with recipes for living God's Word. The Shake It Up Café is a fresh, one-of-a-kind VBS, full of kitchen fun!

Your kids will explore the Bible as an exciting cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word. By celebrating biblical festivals, they will:

- Be ready for God
- Give happily to God
- Believe fully in Jesus
- Remember Jesus often
- Celebrate God forever

VBS will be held this year on June 13th through 17th, from 6-8:00pm. We will begin each evening with a light meal; folks attending our regular weekly meal will get a chance to join in the fun on Wednesday! We will meet after lunch on Sunday afternoon, June 12th, to transform the Fellowship Hall and upstairs classrooms into cafes with different themes. Join us for a fun afternoon, even if you won’t be able to help us with VBS.

This is a very exciting VBS opportunity, and we need “chefs-a-plenty” to help make it a success! You may register your child to attend or yourself to volunteer at bereafriendshipumc.com, or by calling the Church Office.



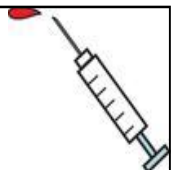
Wednesday Night Dinners: Due to the low attendance, we will suspend the dinners for most of the summer. June 22nd will be the last dinner until September 7, Labor Day week. This should give everyone a chance to “take a breather”, and we can resume our fellowship in September. Have a great summer!



Helper Needed for Care Kids

About 10 years ago, our church had a very active group of elementary age students. Known as the “Care Kids”, they had lots of activities, including: visiting shut-ins and working in their yards; sending birthday cards to church members; and delivering Meals-on-Wheels. The main goal of this group was to teach kids the importance of caring for others through service, and have fun while doing it! We have a need to begin this program again, and are looking for volunteers to help mentor our very special “Care Kids”. Summer would be a great time to get this group started, while the kids have a little more time. Please contact the church office if you would like to be involved.

Blood Drive. Wednesday, June 22, 2011. There is a sign-up sheet on the back of the sanctuary door. Tell all your friends and family!



Fall Fund Raiser. Here is the link for the Fall Flower Fundraiser. This is such an easy way to raise money for our church. Please share it with your friends and family. Orders are shipped directly to recipient and a check is sent to our church. <http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/i/t/213857/xDr446Lshs4g>



**Berea Friendship UMW
June 2011**

Special Father's Day Recognition

The UMW will be recognizing the significant men in our lives on Father's Day with a special bulletin insert. You may make memorials or honorariums for \$1.00 per person. Special envelopes will be placed in the pews starting Sunday May 29, 2011. The donations from this will be used towards our special mission projects. The last day to submit your recognition will be Sunday, June 12th.

Our Circles

The Shalom Circle will visit with the shut-ins during the months June and July..

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in the Quilter's Room.

Upcoming Events for 2011

Sunday, June 19th	Special Father's Day Recognition
Tuesday, August 16th	Education Program Dinner
Tuesday, October 18th	World Thank Dinner

Missionary Highlights

Our prayer focus for June will be on the McCurdy School in Espanola, New Mexico. They have a high graduation rate and many have gone on to become doctors and social workers. They now give back to their community through working with adoption placement, family violence intervention, and child abuse prevention.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Sarah Caper in New York and Ann Farris in Virginia.

Response Magazine Article

Community Gardens

May 2011 Article

A garden for everyone is a wonderful way for the church to say, "We care — about the planet, the neighborhood and you."

A church garden changed my life. For many others, across the world, it is doing the same.

Creating or maintaining a community garden is a vital, new mission opportunity for United Methodist Women. Leah Nading, a dedicated horticultural therapist who works in low-income housing residences in North Carolina, says it this way when I asked how community gardening relates to the church's mission:

"I think this could begin a movement of community service on a whole new level. By allotting land for a community garden, a church is saying, 'We care about the community, the planet, and about providing a source for personal enrichment on a spiritual level. We witness to the community about God's love while working side by side.'"

A community garden is a great way to involve everyone in the church. Environmentally sound, it can invite and unite your neighborhood. No matter where the garden is or who grabs a shovel, everyone shares the garden's bounty.

Community gardens are in fact anywhere a community of people joins together to garden. Churches and interfaith organizations are often perfect sites for a community garden. Faith and Bible study undergird it, mission goals guide it, and churches have land and mission institution settings to accommodate it. A community garden can be on the church grounds or in a neighborhood or specific mission agency. Food might be grown for families or the local food bank.

Gardening can help children and youth get the physical exercise they need as well as teach them healthy eating habits, an important benefit in light of the national health challenges of obesity and childhood diabetes.

Best known in recent history are the allotment gardens in Europe and North America that were established during World War II to aid the war effort. These "Victory Gardens" provide the prototype for many gardens today. Today, community gardens are growing faster than they can be counted. A quick Internet search of "community church gardens" provides a list of 320 or more. Overall, in the United States and Canada, it is estimated that over 20,000 community gardens are active.

Benefits of gardening

The value of a citywide community and school gardening initiative is well illustrated through the experience of Burlington, Vt., a city of 40,000 people. The first community gardens in Burlington were established in 1972 by Gardens for All. The garden program now serves more than 300 households. Food Bank Community Garden in Winston-Salem, N.C., grew more than 5,000 pounds of produce with hundreds of volunteers coming to help from April to October 2010.

Benefits for churches include:

- A sense of place and connection. People often feel rootless today. Families are spread across countries, and immigrants find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings. Gardening can be a great connector.
- A healthier population. Exercise, stress reduction, nutrition education and recreation are viable activities in a community garden. Community gardens provide an opportunity to grow local food and to know the source of our food.
- Lifelong religious education. God's care for the earth comes alive when we put our hands in the soil and especially when we share the bounty with others. Participants will gain new insights on teachings and stories in the Bible as they become more aware of the way things are grown. Some gardens are strictly for meditation.
- Social value. Community gardens can be neighborhood crossroads. Church members who work hand-to-hand and side-by-side form new connections as they discuss the types of tomatoes, the best way to control weeds, and how they can create a watering team. Recipes get swapped as well. Often when a community garden is organized, its presence leads to improved community services, whether it's sanitation services, police or amenities such as streetlights. Turning a rubbish-filled vacant lot into an oasis of beauty improves the appearance of a street and strengthens housing. A church with a garden will attract a positive response from the community as it invites participation and offers real-life values to those in need. A community garden is also a way to demonstrate environmental responsibility. Much can be done to improve the ecology of any town or city by preserving and sustaining open space. Conservation techniques are promoted for precious soil and water resources. Wildlife is protected. Horticulture is taught. Environmental stewardship is learned. Children and youth involvement is a viable option with a garden. Gardening can help children and youth get the physical exercise they need as well as teach them healthy eating habits, an important benefit in light of the national health challenges of obesity and childhood diabetes. In addition, parents and teachers have become increasingly aware of the need to get children into nature. Seniors can be involved with children and youth or in gardens specifically designed for them. Sixth-grade students from a junior high school in Roselle, N.J., joined forces with senior citizens to break ground on a plot of land behind their community center. One member of the senior citizen social group said she is happy the garden will be a learning experience for the students. Prepping the soil and planting seeds in small containers one week, they came together to plant vegetables in the garden. A raised garden bed designed for easy access will be installed for seniors. The garden will soon see broccoli, cucumbers, cilantro and other greens sprouting. New immigrants find community gardens are places where they are welcomed, and they break the isolation of "outsider." The gardens can also be a setting where people from various parts of the world are leaders, sharing techniques from their cultural background and knowledge of growing diverse plants. For example, vertical gardening, especially to grow food, is a practice of many cultures in Asia. Community gardening changes lives. It connects us with land and soil. It invites us to share our wisdom and our bounty. Perhaps there is a garden waiting for you. **Ellen Kirby** is the volunteer coordinator for the Food Bank Community Garden in Winston-Salem, N.C. She is a former assistant general secretary for Christian Social Relations for the Women's Division, serving with the division in that and other positions from 1969-1993. Prior to moving to North Carolina, Ms. Kirby served 15 years as the founding director of the community outreach program of Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Brooklyn, N.Y.. She is the co-editor of the book *Community Gardening and lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.*



VBS Starts
June
13th-17th

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Bible Study 4:30 WNS 5:30 Youth 6:30-7:30 Choir 7:30</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Prayer Garden Dedication immediately following the service outside in the prayer garden (in case of rain we will have it in the fellowship hall).</p>	<p>6 Girl Scouts "Family Award Night" We will not meet again until September 12th</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Bible Study 4:30 WNS 5:30 No Council Meeting this month Youth 6:30-7:30 Choir 7:30 Pastor David & Marsha Disher away to Annual Conference 8-12</p>	<p>9 Girl Scouts reserved bus 9-11th Trip to Savannah</p>	<p>10 Girl Scouts reserved bus 9-11th</p>	<p>11 Men's Club 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall Girl Scouts reserved bus 9-11th</p>
<p>12 No Youth Breakfast S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Covered Dish Lunch after service (need helpers to decorate for VBS after lunch) Pastor David & Marsha Disher away to Annual Conference (Martin Leathers will be our speaker) Last Day for Father's Day Recognition slips</p>	<p>13 VBS 6:00-8:30</p>	<p>14 VBS 6:00-8:30</p>	<p>15 Bible Study 4:30 WNS 5:30 VBS 6:00-8:30 Shalom Circle will not meet tonight Youth 6:30-7:30 Choir 7:30</p>	<p>16 VBS 6:00-8:30</p>	<p>17 VBS 6:00-8:30</p>	<p>18 Pat & Bill Teat's 50th Wedding Anniversary 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>19 S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 No Covered Dish today Happy Father's Day</p>	<p>20 Bus reserved 20-24th for Sheriff's Office to go to Marcus Whitfield Youth Camp</p>	<p>21 Morning Circle 10:00 a.m. in the Quilters Room Bus Reserved</p>	<p>22 Blood Drive 4:00-8:00 p.m. Bible Study 4:30 pm WNS 5:30 pm Youth 6:30-7:30pm Choir 7:30 pm Last WNS until September Bus Reserved</p>	<p>23 Bus Reserved</p>	<p>24 Bus Reserved</p>	<p>25 Bus Reserved</p>
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