

Announcements

Youth Meeting. The Youth will meet tonight 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. but will not meet on March 1, because of their Youth Spiritual Retreat next weekend.

Youth Spiritual Life Retreat at Springmaid Beach. Friday, February 27 to March 1, the youth will be going to Springmaid Beach. Please meet at 5:00 pm at the church. We will be returning around 12:30 on Sunday. Please bring a snack to share with everyone. Can drinks would be good and we have a cooler with ice and bottled water. Dress for cool weather and bring rain gear just in case. There will be snack available for purchase during sessions...so bring money if you want to buy something there. Life Retreat T-shirts & Hoodies are also available on site. They range in price from \$10.00 to \$20.00 each. We plan to eat in Columbia on the way to Myrtle Beach for which the church will pay and we will have a snack or stop for supper on Sunday which you will need to pay for. Please remind us of any allergies you have or medications you will be bringing.

Bible Study. Please join us for Bible Study Class each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Huckaby Class. Our next class meeting will be February 25. For any questions or additional information, please call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

Youth Breakfast. The youth will be having a breakfast every second Sunday of the month. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and support our youth. Our next breakfast will be on March 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance for February 15:	S.S. - 56	Worship - 127
Financial report for February 15:	Received for Budget	\$2,806.90
Financial report for February:	Received to-date in February	\$14,490.70

Happy Birthday

February 25 Joanne Hagberg
February 26 Pastor Keith Ray, II
Jessica Martin
February 28 Natalie Brown
Alyssa Dosser
Summer Rawson

Happy Anniversary

January 27 April & Andy Gray

Wednesday Night Supper Menu: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Rolls, and Chocolate Cake. Beverages include Tea, Coffee, and Water.

Sympathy. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Hugh and Charlene Means upon the passing of both of their mothers recently.

Mary Virginia Taylor
Resident Bishop

Charles Johnson
District Superintendent

Keith D. Ray II
Pastor

Bill Sherrill
Director of Music

Sybil Thomas
Organist

Debbie Capps
Admin. Assistant

Pat Teat
*Membership & Financial
Secretary*

Marsha Disher
Treasurer

Matt Greer
Director of Youth

Lisa Huffman
Lay Reader

Monroe Stone
Acolyte

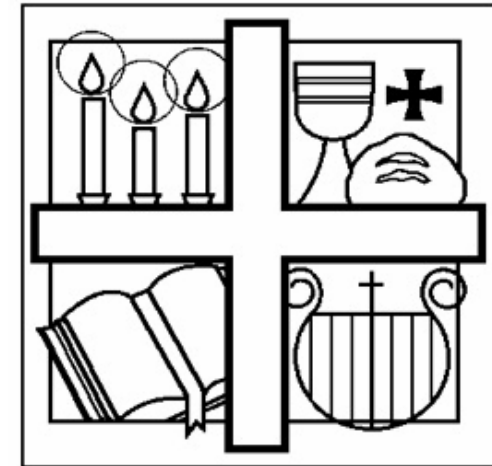
Ronnie Hunter
Trustee of the Month

Pat Teat
Stewardship

Becky & Henry Philpot
Nursery

Laura Gould
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Tony Earnest
Corky Holman
Ronnie Hunter
Ushers



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**Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 22, 2009
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 family.

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!

THE PRELUDE	Trio in F major	(Merkel)
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES		
TRINITY CHIMES		
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	Christ upon the Mountain Peak	(Robert Lowry)
*HYMN – No.203	Hail to the Lord’s Anointed	
*OPENING PRAYER		
	The Lord be with you.	
	And also with you.	
	Let us pray.	
	The darkness of winter has been our companion, Lord. Now the days are lengthening. Bring your light to us, that we might see your glory and may work for you, offering hope and peace to this world. We ask this, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.	
*SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE- No. 72		Gloria, Gloria
FIRST LESSON – pg.1144, 1797 2 Corinthians 4:3-6		Lisa Huffman
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Matt Greer
*GOSPEL LESSON – pg. 1000, 1567 Mark 9:2-9		Lisa Huffman
CHORAL ANTHEM	Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory	(George Day)

SERMON	“Why the Benediction is So Important”	Dr. Keith Ray, II
MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No. 881		The Apostles’ Creed
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – No.451		Be Thou My Vision
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
CHORAL RESPONSE	Three-fold Amen	(Danish)
OFFERTORY	Andante	(Stephens)
*DOXOLOGY – No.95		
*HYMN – No. 157		Jesus Shall Reign
*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES		
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION – No. 665	Go Now in Peace	(N. Sleeth)
	(The congregation is invited to sing)	
	Go now in peace, go now in peace,	
	May the love of God surround you everywhere,	
	Everywhere you may go.	
*POSTLUDE	Postlude in C	(Smart)
OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER	Claire Rebecca Philpot, Joe Philpot, Jay and Vera Hunt, Helen Yockey, Carolyn Hunter, Nick Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Georgiana Dougherty and her neighbor, (Bobbie Brown), Edith Bynum, and her sons Carl and Jerry, Margaret Rivers, Eunice Looper, Shirley Dickson’s friend, (Marvin Lollis), Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred Pollard, Steve Hester’s mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith, Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, Helen Stebbins, Mary Childs, Doris Williams, Katrina Earnest Collins, Lisa Nichols, and Jan Vaughan.	

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHURCH MEMBER? Consider these passages from our Book of Discipline: “When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit. Thus, they make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ... Faithful membership in the local church is essential for personal growth and for developing a deeper commitment to the will and grace of God... A member is bound in sacred covenant to shoulder the burdens, share the risks, and celebrate the joys of fellow members... [¶ 217-218]”

Perhaps you are considering membership in the local church of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church. Please contact Pastor Keith if you have questions about church membership or wish to explore joining this faith community. He can be reached at 864.246.4311 (office), 864.228.0476 (home), or by email: keith@bereafriendshipumc.com



We will observe Ash Wednesday with a worship service this coming Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. This special day marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time for Christians to examine their commitment to Christ and grow in their faith. We hope you will join us as we claim our dependence on God and begin our Lenten journey.

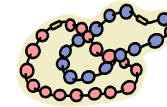
Book Club. The Book Club **will not meet** on February 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall because of our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30. For March we are currently reading “The Year of Fog” by Michelle Richmond and will be reading “The Soloist” by Steve Lopez for April.

Committee on Nominations. The Committee on Nominations will meet briefly after the worship service in the fellowship hall.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL BREAKFAST

The UMW will host the annual Week of Prayer and Self Denial Breakfast on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the social hall. Mr. Bob Pulido, Executive Director of Pendleton Place will share with us information about their missions and the Smith House. As our mission project we will collect items to be used at the Smith house. Examples of items needed are paper supplies (paper plates, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper), cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hairspray, lotion), laundry detergent, etc. A sign up sheet is located on the door at the back of the sanctuary. The cost of the breakfast will be \$5.00. The youth once again will be helping prepare the meal and serve.

Time to Collect Jewelry for the Bazaar. Ladies, it’s time to collect your jewelry that you no longer wear. The Shalom Circle will again sponsor the jewelry booth at the bazaar in November. You may put your jewelry in a box at the back of the sanctuary or give it to a member of the Shalom Circle. If you have any questions, please call Ellen Holman at 246-9506.



Inspiration Group. The Inspiration Group will meet on Thursday February 26 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Keith Ray, II will be our speaker. We will have a covered dish lunch.



Congratulations to Eric & Melissa Disher upon the arrival of their new son **Collin Hamilton Disher** who was born on Saturday, February 14, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 21 inches long. **Grace**, Collin’s sister is very proud and accepting of him. The proud grandparents are **John & Marsha Disher.**



Trustee Meeting. The trustees will meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Huckaby Class Room.

Church Council Meeting. The Church Council Meeting will be held on March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class.