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Berea Friendship United Methodist Church News

May 2011

As we move forward after the glorious Easter celebration we are beneficiaries of the gift of the Risen presence that helps us grow in our spiritual lives. The disciples were afraid and hid behind closed doors. Jesus will not be kept from the ones he loves. He appears to them and grants them a share of his spirit. We too need this spirit to help us negotiate a life journey that is constantly changing. His risen presents sets our expectations for what is possible in our lives.

The late Dr. Peter Gomes, great preacher, teacher, and writer from Harvard talks about the relationship between expectations and experience. He admits both are necessary and cannot be ignored. But he lifts up the great value of expectations in a Christian context. Jesus sets high expectations of what was possible for his disciples and all believers to accomplish. Great things are always possible in the realm of healing, forgiveness, relationship renewal, caring for the needy, personal ethical standards and a society chiefly characterized by love, peace and the value of each person. Jesus set these expectations and as Christians we shape our lives by them. The Lords expectations can especially be found in the Beatitudes and Jesus' sermon on the mount in Matthew chapter 5.

Gomes said however that experience may say that our expectations are not often fulfilled. Experience can be very harsh and even painful. Sometimes despite our best efforts we do not see what we expected or hoped for.

As Easter Christians we refuse to give up hope and our expectations of life changing positive possibilities. We are inspired by the Crucified Jesus whom God raised from the dead. Because of Him there are great expectations for everyone and everything.

So Dear friends do not give up your expectations of hope. Keep on praying and believing through all the experiences of life.

**Peace and Blessings
Pastor David**

- May 01 Vivian Day
Monroe Stone
Joyce Tucker
- May 02 Jaden McAlister
Roddy Moore
- May 03 Bobbie Bogan
Debby Hagins
- May 04 Evan Stone
- May 07 Martha McWhite
Raechel S. Richardson
- May 08 Dismas D. Beeson
- May 09 Susan Baird
- May 10 Don Baird
- May 10 Connie LaParl
Renee T. Zorn
- May 13 Katie Rawson
- May 15 Ann Donaldson
Bob Helms
Mason Gray
- May 16 Myra Clements
Melissa Hazel
- May 17 Janet Stone
- May 18 Allen Zorn
- May 19 Becky Mann
- May 21 Dennis McCloud
Joe Philpot
- May 24 Brenda Benton
Fredda Powell
- May 26 April Gray
Debbie Jo Smith
Daniel Surett
- May 27 James Gray
- May 29 Terri W. McCloud
- May 30 Brandon Hester
- May 31 Glenda Argo



- May 05 Millie & Bob Dunn
- May 12 Debbie Jo & Tom Smith
- May 13 Patti & Bobby Taylor
- May 16 Pam & Davon Harrelson
Jan & Andy Vaughan
- May 19 Debbie & Steve Capps
- May 19 Pastor David &
Mary Grace Brown
- May 21 Kristie & Preston Argo
- May 27 Jean & Gene Vaughn
- May 31 Carol & Tom Presnell



Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to **Edith Bynum** upon the death of her son Carl Bynum who passed away on April 12th and also to Jean & Gene Vaughn, Carl's sister and brother in law and all the other family members.

Sympathy. The Pastor and Congregation express their deepest sympathy to Dennis, Terri, Denise, and Adam McCloud and Krystal Mainous and other family members upon the death of Dennis's mother **Georgiana Dougherty** who passed away on April 24th, Easter Sunday. Georgiana was a faithful worker in the church and will be missed greatly.

Take Note. We are not getting an accurate account for the number of persons in Sunday School as some of the classes are not turning in your envelope. Please fill an envelope each Sunday and place in the offering plate during worship. Thanks!!

Thank you. Thank you for the cards, calls, and visits after my stroke. Your continued thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated as I continue to recover. Thanks, Ronald Failor

Thank you. Thanks to my church family for all the beautiful cards, prayers, calls and concerns that you have given me and thanks so much to Pastor David for the visits and encouragement he has gave me. Eunice Looper

Thank you. Bill and I would like to thank our church family for the love and support you have shown to us following the tragic instant death of my brother, Bill Bond, of Seneca, SC on March 23rd. Thanks for the many calls, cards, food and memorials. A special thank you to the congregation for the Memorial sent to St. Mark UMC in Seneca for their Marvin Kids program. My brother had been a faithful member of St. Mark for over 70 years. God's blessings to all of our Berea Friendship family. Love in Christ, Pat and Bill Teat

Thank you. Saint Mark Church gratefully thanks the church for the gift in memory of William H. (Bill) Bond.

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.



Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express their Christian sympathy and love to Dot, Andi, Lisa, and Susan upon the death of their beloved husband and father, **Morris E. "Nick" Nichols** on Sunday, April 3, 2011. Nick had been a member of Berea Friendship since 2002. Also, surviving are his sister-in-law, Mary Childs and nephew, Barry Childs, members of Berea Friendship.



Congratulations. Congratulations to Melissa and Adam Hazel on the birth of their new baby girl **Ellie Louise Hazel** who was born on April 19th at 7:20 p.m. Ellie weighted 7lbs. and 7oz and was 19 inches long. We would like to also congratulate the proud grandparents **Lucy and Eddie Hughes and uncle Michael**. The proud maternal great-grandparent is **Margie Philpot** and proud paternal great-grandparents are **Libby & Jack Wingate** and the proud great uncle **Alex Philpot**.



Prayer List

Ruth Brock
 Edith Bynum
 Barry Childs
 Myra Clements
 Martha Oxley
 Ellen Holman
 Lucy Hughes
 Louvina Leach
 Eunice Looper

Bob Murray
 Dot Nichols & Family
 Troy Clements
 Joe Philpot
 Mildred Pollard
 Juanita Sherlin
 Gwen Vaughan
 Allen Zorn

• **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).
 Patti Taylor's father (Andy Watts)

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.

Youth. Youth meet every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Youth will have breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on May 8th in the fellowship hall.

Epworth is Our Ministry! Did you know the UMC in SC is currently providing a home for more than 75 children who have in some way lost their families? We are! And we have for 115 years! We will receive the annual Mother's day offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home on Sunday, May 8th 2011. Please be in prayerful consideration about what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org

New Address for Edith Bynum. Please continue to send any mail to Edith at her home address which is P.O. Box 14928, Greenville, SC 29610-4928. Please note that Edith Bynum has been moved to Mountain Home Nursing Home in Hendersonville, NC. Edith's room number is 309.

Vacation Bible School. Our VBS will be held next month on June 13th to June 17th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.



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 May 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

May 4

Lasagna
 Tossed Salad
 Garlic Bread
 Strawberry Shortcake
 Tea, Coffee, Water



May 11

Chicken Strips
 New Potatoes
 Tossed Salad
 Brownies, Rolls
 Tea, Coffee, Water

May 25

Turkey & Dressing
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans, Rolls
 Fruit, Apple Cobbler
 Tea, Coffee, Water

May 18

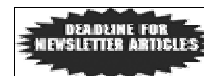
Pork Chops
 Rice & Gravy
 Broccoli/Cauliflower/Carrot Mix
 Corn, Rolls, Banana Pudding
 Tea, Coffee, Rolls



United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, May 14 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 June Newsletter in by Friday June 20th.



Inspiration Group. Inspiration Group—Picnic at Jane Walker's house. Buddy will cook Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. Member's bring desserts and side dishes.



May Ministry Workers Ushers

- 01 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- 08 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman
- 15 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- 22 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell, Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter
- 29** Steve Capps, Corky Holman, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter

Altar Guild for May: Marsha Disher

Stewardship for May: Ellen Holman

Trustee for May: Becky Philpot

May Nursery Schedule

- 01 Vickie & Anne-Marie Failor
- 08
- 15
- 22
- 29 Henry & Becky Philpot

Expenses

\$18,268.35

Jan– Mar \$57,677.07

May Children's Moment

- 01
- 08
- 15
- 22
- 29

Flowers for May

- 01
- 08
- 15
- 22
- 29

Acolyte Schedule for May

- 01
- 08
- 15
- 22

April Financial Report

Average attendance for April: S.S.— 36 Worship — 108

Financial report : Needed for Budget	\$19,359.76
Received for Budget	\$16,662.44
Needed to-date for Budget	\$19,359.76
Needed for year to-date for Budget	\$82,278.98
Received to-date for Budget	\$67,345.63
Total received for Lenten Offering	\$951.00
Total received for Japan Emergency	\$170.00
Received for Budget thru April 24th	\$67,345.53

*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


*50th Anniversary
Celebration*

Prayer Garden Dedication. We would like everyone to attend a brief dedication ceremony for our beautiful new prayer garden that Junior Neal and David Hagins put together for the church. We will gather outside at the prayer garden immediately after the service on May 15th and then have our covered dish lunch following the dedication.

Berea High School
1911-2011
Celebrating 100 Years of Tradition and Excellence

Community-Wide Spring Picnic
Saturday, May 21
11 a.m. -2 p.m.
Practice Field in Front of School

Alumni, former teachers, current faculty and students, community members invited

Entertainment for All Ages

Bring Your Own Picnic
Vendors: Chick-Fil-A Hot Dog King Bruster's Ice Cream

Please call 355-1623 or 355-1678 for more details.

BHS Booster Club is sponsoring a Centennial Parade May 21 at 10 a.m.
Call Margaret Roberts at 430-8576 for more details



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday. We will recognize the following graduates on May 15th during the morning service. For those who will not be able to join us we congratulate all and wish you the best!

Martin Leathers our youth director will graduate from Furman University on May 7th with a degree in religion after 4 years. His plans for the future include seminary.

Tom and Debbie Jo Smith's daughter, Victoria Smith will graduate Cum Laude on May 3rd at USC-Upstate with a major in Journalism & Mass Communications and a cognate in Psychology. She will be attending Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville this fall.

The following graduates will be mentioned and prayed for on graduation Sunday because they are unable to attend:

Bob & Millie Dunn's granddaughter: Calley Dunn - will graduate on May 13th from Temple University in Philadelphia Cum Laude with honors.

Jim & Barbara Durham's grandchildren:

Hunter Roper will graduate from the University of Wisconsin

Grayson Roper will graduate from Chaska High School in Minnesota

Julie Durham will graduate from Greenville Technical College

Henry & Becky Philpot's grandson: Irvin Henry (Bo) Philpot, IV will graduate from Furman University on Saturday, May 7, 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Patti & Bobby Taylor's Goddaughter: Chasity Brienne Starnes will graduate from Greenville Technical College on May 10th.



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Communion Sunday</p>	<p>2 G.S. Troop Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FH</p>	<p>3 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 4:30 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir 7:30</p>	<p>5 Quilters 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>6 Setup for UMW Luncheon</p>	<p>7 UMW Mother/Daughter Luncheon 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>8 Happy Mother's Day Youth Breakfast 8:30 a.m. (FH) S.S 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day offering taken today for Epworth</p>	<p>9 G.S. Troop Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FH</p>	<p>10 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 4:30 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir 7:30</p>	<p>12 Quilters 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>13 <i>Bus Reserved</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Bus Reserved</i> Men's Club 7:30 a.m.</p>
<p>15 <i>Bus Reserved</i> Graduation Sunday <i>Immediately after the service we will have a brief dedication for the beautiful new prayer Garden and then go to our covered dish lunch.</i> Fellowship Hall Reserved 2:30 (Diane Greer)</p>	<p>16 G.S. Troop Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FH <i>Pastor David & Debbie Capps on vacation this week</i></p>	<p>17 Morning Circle 10:00 a.m. Quilters will follow Morning Circle GS Service Unit meeting 6-8:30 p.m. in FH Quilters 7:00pm</p>	<p>18 Bible Study 4:30 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. Shalom Circle 6:30 p.m. Youth 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir 7:30</p>	<p>19 Quilters 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>20 Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker Cathy Joens</p>	<p>23 G.S. Troop Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FH</p>	<p>24 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Bible Study 4:30 p.m. WNS 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir 7:30</p>	<p>26 Inspiration Group—Picnic at Jane Walker's house. Buddy will cook hamburgers & Hot Dogs. Member's bring deserts and side dishes.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 S.S. 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p>				

Berea Friendship UMW May 2011

Special Mother's Day Recognition

The UMW will be recognizing the significant women in our lives on Mothers' 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 April 17, 2011. The donations from this will be used towards our special mission projects.

Mother-Daughter Tea

Mark your calendar for our Mother-Daughter tea on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 11:30 A.M. It will be here at the church in the social hall. The Wade Hampton High School Treble Ensemble will provide entertainment. The cost of the tea will be \$5.00. The last day to sign up is Monday, May 2nd. Our Menu is: ham, yam Pattie, pineapple casserole, green beans, rolls, and chocolate cheese cake. One of our young ladies is a member of this ensemble.

Day Apart

5 ladies from our church attended the annual day apart program. It was held on April 20, 2011 at Pleasant Ridge County Park. Rev. Dease from John Wesley was the speaker. We ended the day with lunch at Aunt Sue's.

Our Circles

The Shalom Circle will meet on Wednesday May 18, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Ruth Bible Class.
The Morning circle will meet on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in the Quilter's Room.

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, May 7 th	Mother - Daughter Tea
Sunday, May 8 th	Special Mother's Day Bulletin Recognition
Tuesday, August 16 th	Education Program Dinner
Tuesday, October 18 th	World Thank Dinner

Missionary Highlights

Our prayer focus for May will be on auto mechanics training provided by "Faith Engine Ministry".....a program operated by United Methodist Women Mission giving-supported Methodist Mission in Cambodia. This program recently was proud to have its first 3 female graduates. Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Elsie Cyrus in Louisiana and Jeanne Smith in California.

READING PROGRAM

The unit has purchased 3 more books for our reading program. The books are "My Sister the Father" by Dr. Meri Whitaker, "A Deepening Love Affair ' The Gift of God in Later Life " by Jane Marie Thibault, and "Just Choose Happiness -A Guide to Joyous Living" - by Nell W. Mohny. These books are in the Ruth Bible class on the UMW reading program book shelf. If you would like to read these books, please sign them out.

Responsively Yours: A Ministry of Reconciliation

School girls participate in a procession through the streets of Juba to encourage all to pray for a peaceful January referendum on Southern Sudan's secession from the north of the country. Paul Jeffrey

By Harriett Jane Olson

The Journey, United Methodist Women's 2011 spiritual growth study, will provide us with a setting in which we can focus on what this implies and how we might appropriate some of the tools of reconciliation.

April 1, 2011

"Reconciliation is at the heart of life's business."

J. Paul Sampley, New Interpreter's Bible Commentary, Vol. XI

Reconciliation expresses an important concept in the Bible and in Christian teaching. Scripture tells us that God through Christ was reconciling the world to God — people, one by one and the whole of creation, the cosmos in the Greek. Christ's work is part of God's continuing re-creation of the world. We are invited to participate in God's work by being reconciled to God and to others and by taking on the ministry of reconciliation.

The Journey, United Methodist Women's 2011 spiritual growth study, will provide us with a setting in which we can focus on what this implies and how we might appropriate some of the tools of reconciliation. Part of this work is about our own reconciliation with God. We realize anew that God has always loved us. We yearn to know this at the deepest level, and we are reminded that we are 100 percent loved and forgiven, no less than the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with perfume. Perhaps the question for us is will we respond to this overflowing love with a confidence in God's abundance that leads us to take similarly outrageous actions.

Fear is a powerful motivator and an inhibitor of reconciliation. Some of us are afraid we will fail and our limitations will become obvious. Others focus on how systems, families or organizations may fail, and so they fear the failure of others.

The truth is that only God's love is constant. We will try and at times fail. This is certain. Others will try and at times fail. That is also certain. We and "they" will do this for good reasons and for bad ones. We would be wrong however, to think that if we make only small efforts or set only small goals we will prevent failure. Let us instead heed United Methodist Women foremother Belle Harris Bennett's charge to the missionaries and deaconesses and "attempt great things for God."

What would it look like if we took on a worldview of reconciliation that was rooted in God's abundance and reconciling work? Where might we as Christian women stand as fearlessly as our predecessors did for women's ordination or the 40-hour work-week? What abuse might we protest as fiercely as our foremothers countered lynching, foot binding and the sort of fear that prompts systems and governments to de-humanize parts of the world's population?

This issue of response invites United Methodist Women to think about personal and societal practices in need of reconciliation to God and the rest of the human family. What would a commitment to reconciliation bring to discussions about children, the environment or economic justice?

Putting reconciliation at the heart of our work would take a miracle! Thanks be to God that the miracle of God's love in Christ is one thing we can rely on.