

Announcements

Youth Meeting. The Youth will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

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 April 8. For any questions or additional information, please call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

Church Council. Meets this Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm in the Ruth Bible Class. If you would like to be put on the agenda, please let the office know by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. If you are not able to attend, you can submit a written report to either mail address below: mfdisher@charter.net or Debbie@bereafriendshipumc.com

Maundy Thursday. Please join us for Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm this Thursday, April 9.

Good Friday. The office will be closed April 10th in observance of Good Friday.

Sunrise Service. Please join us for our Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. next Sunday. If you would like to stay after the service our youth will prepare breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

United Methodist Men. The Methodist Men **will not meet** on the second Saturday this month but will be going to Asbury Hills on April 25th for the District Retreat instead. Anyone interested in going, please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contact Ronald Failor at 294-9755. Join us for fun and fellowship at Asbury Hills.

Attendance for March 29:	S.S. - 58	Worship - 117
Financial report for March 29:	Received for Budget	\$2,915.15
	Received to-date in March	\$19,339.44
	Needed for Budget for March	\$23,766.05
UPDATE FOR MARCH AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:	S.S. - 71	Worship - 114
Update for Financial report for Year:	Needed to-date for Budget	\$61,791.73
Received to-date for Budget	Received to-date for Budget	\$52,950.89



Happy Birthday

April 5 Jennafer Bikas
 April 7 Shane Dossier
 April 8 Jackie Lumsden
 April 9 Ellen Holman

Happy Birthday

April 10 Juanita Sherlin
 Jan Vaughan
 April 11 Patti Taylor

Mary Virginia Taylor
Resident Bishop

Charles Johnson
District Superintendent

Keith D. Ray II
Pastor

Bill Sherrill
Director of Music

Sibyl Thomas
Organist

Debbie Capps
Admin. Assistant

Pat Teat
Membership & Financial Secretary

Marsha Disher
Treasurer

Matt Greer
Director of Youth

Lisa Huffman
Lay Reader

Anne-Marie Failor
Acolyte

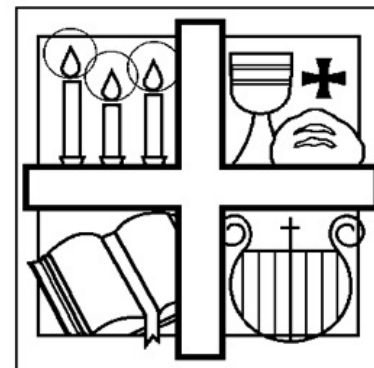
Allen Zorn
Trustee of the Month

Marsha Disher
Stewardship

Lucy Hughes
Nursery

Patty Bowers
Altar Guild

Gene Bondurant,
 Steve Capps
 Corky Holman
 Ronnie Hunter
Ushers



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**Passion Palm Sunday
 April 5, 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 **Ride On In Glory** (Williams)

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** (W.H. Monk)

*PROCLAMATION OF ENTRANCE OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM Matthew 21.1-11

*THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

People of God, on this day we recall the festive entry of our Lord into Jerusalem.
Like the Hebrews of old, we join now in bringing our praise to the Holy One.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

God has given us light and hope.

Hosanna in the highest!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 280 **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of infinite power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came riding into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and not through violence. Help us to learn the meaning of power and of glory through Christ, who, though being one with you, took on the form of a servant and shared our human life and sufferings. May we truly participate in the life and struggles of the world's peoples, to our joy and your glory. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON – pg. 1162, 1827 Philippians 2:5-11 Lisa Huffman

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT Matt Greer

*GOSPEL LESSON – pg.971, 1521 Matthew 15:1-39 Lisa Huffman

CHORAL ANTHEM **Ride on in Majesty** (Gordon Young)

SERMON “Step Off the Sidewalk!” Dr. Keith Ray, II

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE **Three-fold Amen** (Danish)

OFFERTORY **Jesus, Our Comfort and Life** (arr. Blake)

*DOXOLOGY – No.95

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal- pg.15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN – No. 420 **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

*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 **Canzonetta** (Chadwick)

The flowers placed in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Vickie and Ronald Failor's 17th Wedding Anniversary.

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, Jan Vaughan, Bobby Taylor's uncle, (Roy Cox), Nora, Mike, Laura, Stephanie, Chris, Natalie Brown and Patti Taylor's father, Andy Watts.

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@berefrienshipumc.com

On Easter Sunday, April 12, you are invited to join the community in transforming the large wooden cross that we will use in worship on Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Thursday. Bring fresh cut flowers that can be placed on the cross to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus and give witness to the Christian faith's affirmation of life in the midst of death. Any fresh cut flowers will do. The cross of Jesus' suffering and death will become for us a symbol of hope and life, all by the grace of God

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR THE UMW

The UMW is offering for a \$1.00 per name donation, a special insert in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 10, 2009. We will honor or remember mothers, daughters, wives, or any significant female in our lives with this special insert. All monies raised will be used toward our mission projects. These envelopes & pew slips will be placed in the pew racks beginning next Sunday for 3 Sundays. Deadline for entry is Monday, May 4, 2009. If you have any questions, please see Pat Teat.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu: Barbecue Chicken Breast, Baked Beans, Corn, Slaw, and Peach Cobbler. Beverages include Tea, Coffee, and Water. If you plan to attend, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the back doors of the sanctuary. The cost is \$6.00 per plate.

We Need Your Email Address

Do you use email? Would you like to receive occasional emails from the church notifying you of special events, urgent prayer requests, and other useful information? If so, please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office at 864-246-4311 or email your address to debbie@berefrienshipumc.com

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Thank you

Requested – Here it is !!!! Springmaid Beach Trip

3 days at Springmaid Beach Resort

3 buffet breakfasts at Springmaid

1 Bennett's Calabash Seafood Dinner



2 Shows – Alabama Theater
Carolina Opry

2 days - Shop, Sun, Swim, Golf, etc.

Date: April 27th – 30th

Cost: \$190.00 per person

There is a sign up sheet on the back door of the sanctuary if you would like to go on the trip with us. Please let Blanche Creswell know as soon as possible. She needs a payment immediately, and the last payment needs to be made by April 15th. You may reach Blanche at 246-8450.

Shalom Circle is collecting jewelry for the Bazaar. 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.