

Quilters. The Quilters meet Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and again Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Choir Cantata. The Choir will perform their program on Sunday, December 18th during the 10:30 morning worship.

Christmas Holidays. The office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Eve. We will not have a Christmas Eve Service this year due to Christmas falling on Sunday.

Advent Offering. The Advent Offering Envelopes are placed in the pews during the Advent season to help us meet our mission's commitment to United Ministries, Triune Mercy Center and others.

Inspiration Group. The Inspiration group will have the combined November-December meeting on Thursday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be catered and the CDC children will provide a musical program. We always look forward to having them with us. Mark your calendar and sign up on the sheet provided. Since the meal will be catered we will have to pay for the number of people who sign up. If you need to cancel let the church office know by Tuesday of that week (December 6). I hope you will plan to attend!
Bobbie Bogan

Donations to make our church beautiful for Christmas

We will not be taking orders for Poinsettias this year as we have done in the past, but if you would like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of someone, we will be accepting those gifts to go toward the expense of making our sanctuary beautiful for the Christmas season. Forms and envelopes are in the pews.

“Experiencing the Joy of Generosity”

Members Respond to Annual Stewardship Campaign

We are wrapping up our annual stewardship commitments. We thank all those who have already submitted their commitments for 2017. Your support enables us to continue our ministries in the church and the community. Thank you! We encourage everyone to submit a commitment for 2017, by the end of the year (2016). Making a financial commitment is part of the commitment that we make to the Lord and to

each other as members of our church. God has brought us together ... let's all do the best we can for the Lord!

For Your Information.

Attendance report for Sunday, November 20th: S.S. – 34

Worship – 65

Financial report for Sunday, November 20th:

Received for Budget \$4432.00

Received for Christmas donation \$30.00



November 29 Gloria Adrienne Collins
November 29 Steve Hester

Jonathon Holston

Resident Bishop

Dr. George Howle
District Superintendent

Enrique Gordon
Pastor

Joan Kotrady
Director of Music

Joan Kotrady
Organist

Debbie Capps
Admin. Assistant

Pat Teat
Membership & Financial Secretary

Terri McCloud
Treasurer

Debbie Gissendanner

Acolyte

Becky Philpot & Melissa or Mark Miller
Nursery

Vickie Failor

Trustee of the Month

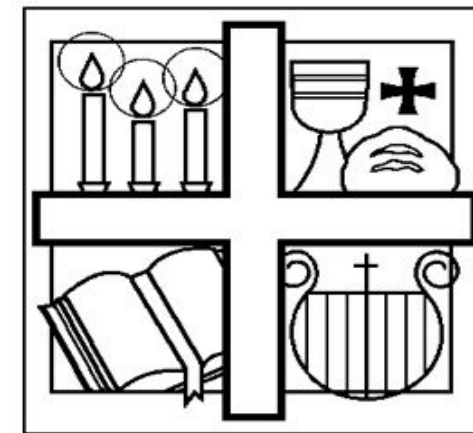
Terri McCloud
Children's Church

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Children's Message

Tony Earnest
Stewardship

Bobbie Bogan
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Corky Holman
Jim Humphreys
Ronnie Hunter
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**1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016
10:30 a.m.**

Vision – A place where all of God's children can feel welcome and are able to grow mentally, emotionally, physically, and above all spiritually in Jesus Christ.

Mission – Berea Friendship Church is to be intentional about making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by making space for God to work and being a church that is in ministry with the members and the community.

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!

ENTRANCE

THE PRELUDE Emmanuel (An Advent Prayer) James Southbridge

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Isaiah 60:2-3 pg.738, 1155 Betty & Buddy Stover

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Emmanuel, Emmanuel Bob McGee

*HYMN – No. 196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE- pg. 845 United Methodist Hymnal Psalm 122: 1-9

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON –pg.676, 1062 Isaiah 2: 1-5 Lay Servant

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (ages 3-5th grade are dismissed at this time for Children’s Church.) Terri McCloud

*GOSPEL LESSON pg. 982, 1539 Matthew 24: 36-44 Lay Servant

CHORAL ANTHEM Unending Love Arranged by Benjamin Harlan

SERMON

“Christ’s Coming in Final Victory”

Rev. Enrique R. Gordon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CONCERNS AND PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No.881

OFFERTORY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

French Carol Melody

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN – No.569

We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Natalie 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

O God, Our Faithful God

David Paxton

OUR PRAYER COVENANT:

Our Prayer focuses for this new conference year will continue to be:

- The direction in which God is leading the church to do ministry in the church, in the community, and the world
- The people God will send our way to be in ministry with us
- The new and existent ministries that will be the cornerstone of Berea Friendship Church

Spanish Worship. The Spanish Worship hour is at 1:00 every Sunday afternoon.

PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday – Christian Spiritual Formation/Worship; Visitations

Monday – Sabbath Time

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Community Outreach from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – 10:30, CDC children’s church, Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sermon preparation from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday office hours 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.—Community Outreach 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. except last Thursday of the month

(Prayer and Reflection day)

Friday – Family Time

Saturday- Family Time and Worship Preparation; Please call the church office to make an appointment.

PRAYER LIST. Mildred Bray, Mary Childs, Troy Clements, Ann Donaldson, Carolyn Hunter, Jan-Hunt Grady, Jackie Lumsden, Joe Philpot, Margie Philpot, Mildred Pollard, Fredda Powell, Glenn Wells, Allen Zorn. Special prayers for Glenda Argo and Carolyn Hunter's mother Doris Hollingsworth who is now recuperating between the homes of her daughters.