

Quilters. The Quilters meet Tuesday 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. If you need to cancel let the church office know by this coming Tuesday, (December 6). The cost of the meal will be \$7.50 and we will have fried chicken, Macaroni Cheese, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls, and Banana Pudding. 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.

Meetings Canceled for December. Finance Committee, Administrative Council, Trustees, Men's Club, No Covered Dish Lunch, No Christmas Eve Service.

Morning Circle. The Morning Circle will meet on December 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and the CDC children will sing for them in the Fellowship Hall and then we will go out to lunch.

Shalom Circle. The Shalom Circle will meet Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 12 noon at the home of Vickie Failor for a Christmas Luncheon.

For Your Information.

Attendance report for Sunday, November 27th: S.S. – 27 Worship – 58

Financial report for Sunday, November 27th:

Received for Budget \$1289.00

Received for Christmas donation \$25.00

Received for Advent Offering \$10.00



December 06 Lynne Dyson
December 07 Buddy Stover
December 08 Betty Palmer Traynor
Joan Zepf
Kyleigh Elizabeth Argo



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

Anne-Marie Failor
Acolyte

Debbie Capps
Lynnsey Nalley
Nursery

Vickie Failor &
Rick Greer
Trustee of the Month

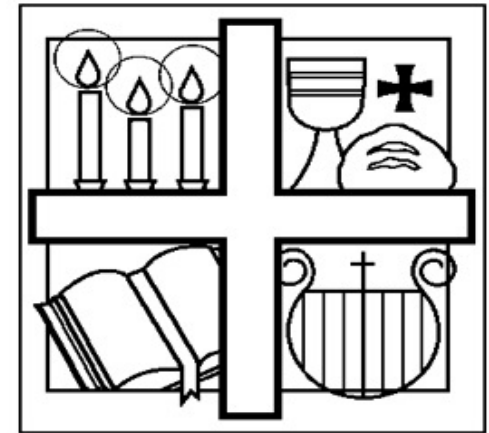
Terri McCloud &
Melissa Miller
Children's Church

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Children's Message

Vickie Failor
Stewardship

Jane Walker
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Tony Earnest
Corky Holman
Ronnie Hunter
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Communion Sunday
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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 **Prepare the Royal Highway** Swedish Folk Tune / James Mansfield

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Mark 1:4 pg.990, 1551 Cindy & Steve Hester

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Wait For the Lord** James Berthier

*HYMN – No. 203 **Hail to the Lord’s, Anointed**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE- pg.795 United Methodist Hymnal Psalm 72:1-8

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. 686, 1076 Isaiah 11: 1-12 Lay Servant

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

*GOSPEL LESSON pg. 957, 1499 Matthew 3: 1-12 Lay Servant

CHORAL ANTHEM **I Your Heart Prepared for a King?** Robert Lace

SERMON “Christ the Way” Rev. Enrique R. Gordon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CONCERNS AND PRAYER

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION - pg. 7-11

OFFERTORY **Heavenly Life** James Southridge

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN – No. 211 **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*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 **With Joy and Gladness** E.L. Ashford

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, Pat Teat, Lloyd Turner, 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.

“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!

“Opportunity to Serve”

We are seeking volunteers from the membership of the church to be a part of ***“the membership caring team.”*** If you are interested in becoming a member of this team, please call the office and give Debbie your name or call Rev. Gordon. “Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.”

“Opportunity to Give for Christmas”

You are invited to participate in providing an age appropriate gift to a child in our Child Development Center for Christmas. In the back of the sanctuary is a box with the names and age of a child in the CDC, pick a name and drop off the Christmas gift to the office by December 16, 2016. Thank you in advance for putting a smile on a child's face during Christmas, Rev. Gordon.