

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

Inspiration Group. The Inspiration Group will meet this Thursday, April 27th at 11:30 a.m. our CDC will sing for us and we will have a covered dish lunch. Please sign-up on the back door of the sanctuary.

5th Sunday Mission Breakfast. Please join us next Sunday for our 5th Sunday Mission Breakfast. Breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. in the social hall and all proceeds from the breakfast will go to support the Salkehatchie Mission Project.

Help Needed. Glenda Argo needs someone to sit with her mother Doris Hollingsworth one or two hours a day, mid-morning 3 to 4 days a week. Please call Glenda Argo at 864-430-8555 if you can help.

Mother's Day Recognition. On Mother's Day, we will have a special recognition bulletin insert, recognizing the special women in our lives. If you would like to recognize someone special, you can fill out the pew slip and place it in the collection plate along with \$1.00. The money collected will be used to fund our mission outreach programs. We appreciate the church supporting our mission projects.

Change for Church Directory. Please note that Doris Williams has a new room number it is L-118.

CDC Accountability Board Meeting. The Accountability Board for the CDC will meet this coming Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the pastor's office.

Thank you. Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for the prayers, calls, cards that were sent to me during my recent surgery. I am on my way to recovery and look forward to being a part of the service again soon. Rick Greer



April 23 Willie Nalley
April 25 Lavelly Sue Philpot
April 26 Andy Gray
April 27 Louise Fair



April 24 Sonya & Parks Evans
April 25 Libby & Allen Gilliam

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

Lynnsey Nalley
Acolyte

Becky Philpot &
Melissa or Mark Miller
Nursery

Jim Humphreys
Trustee of the Month

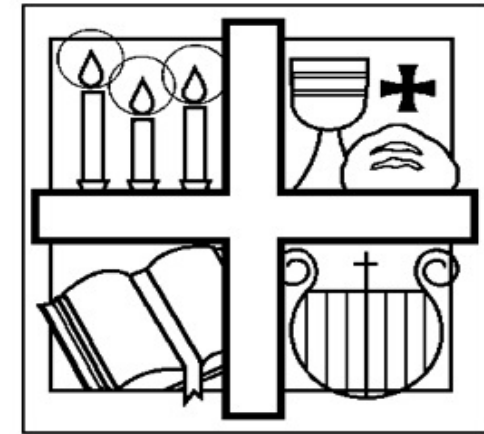
Terri McCloud
& Linda Crouch
Children's Church

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Children's Message

Tony Earnest
Stewardship

Patty Bowers
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Corky Holman
Jim Humphreys
Ronnie Hunter
Ushers



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**2nd Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017
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 **Alleluia! Alleluia!** Roland Prichard / Harold DeCou

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

*HYMN - No.304 **Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

*OPENING PRAYER

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Most gracious LORD of life, whose Son returned from the grave in glory and appeared to his disciples: Grant us the faith to believe beyond what our eyes can tell us that we may experience your Son in our lives as our LORD and our God! In his name we pray, Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE- pg.748 Psalm 16: 5-11 Response 1 United Methodist Hymnal

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. 1200, 1886 1 Peter 1:3-9 Lay Servant

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

*GOSPEL LESSON - pg. 1075, 1686 John 20:19-31

CHORAL ANTHEM **Cornerstone** Lari Goss / Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

SERMON “Spirited Confirmation” Reverend Edward McCutcheon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CONCERNS AND PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 881

OFFERTORY **Near to the Heart of God** Cleland B. McAfee

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN – No. 308 **Thine Be the Glory**

*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 **Song of Victory** Edward Wetherill

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

PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS:

These hours will start again when Pastor Enrique returns from his leave in May 2017.

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. Bobbie Bogan, Mildred Bray, Bob Cehen, Mary Childs, Troy Clements, Kathleen Griffin, Carolyn Hunter, Vera Hunt, Jane-Hunt Grady, Jackie Lumsden, Andi Nichols, Dot Nichols, Joe Philpot Mildred Pollard, Glenn Wells, Allen Zorn. Special prayers for Glenn Wells who is at Heartland Health in Rm. 426-B. Special prayers for Kathleen Griffin and her son Randall. Rick Greer as he heals from knee surgery. Special prayers for Lee Wright's brother, Floyd Roach who has colon cancer. George Failor, Ronald Failor's dad is having some heart problems. Special prayers for Jack a 2 ½ year old boy and his family, he has been diagnosed with Pre-B Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave 150 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because people and churches like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in South Carolina. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 14, 2017, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of 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.

For Your Information.

Attendance for April 16th:

Received for Budget \$1,814.00

Financial report for April 16th:

S.S. – 27; Worship – 89

Financial Statements. Please be sure to pick up your 1st quarter financial statement from the box on the table in back of sanctuary so that the church will not have the expense of mailing them. Thank you!

Memorials. Those making memorials to Margie Philpot please make your check payable to the Child Development Center as it was indicated in her obituary.

Note the following:

Methodist Men will go to Men Generations on Friday, April 28th.

UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska April 28th and 29th.

CDC Appreciation Week starting May 1 to May 5th.

CDC Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m.

CDC Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

United Methodist Women Executive Board meeting May 6th at 11:00 a.m.

National Day of Prayer May 4th the church will be opened for anyone who wants to come pray in the sanctuary from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.