

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

Passion /Palm Sunday. April 9th is Passion/ Palm Sunday, Reverend Jim Patterson will be our leader.

Administrative Council. The Administrative Council will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class.

Holy Thursday. Come join us on Thursday, April 13th for our Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Reverend Edward McCutcheon will be our leader.

Easter Egg Hunt. Join us on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for our Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Sunrise Service. Our Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Morning, April 16th at 7:00 a.m. and our regular service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Edward McCutcheon will lead the service.

Lenten Offering. Lent Offering Envelopes are located in the pews, please take one and give (whatever the Lord places in your heart to give), this will go toward our missions and outreach.

Greenville District Day Apart

The Greenville District of the UMW will be having its annual Day Apart program on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Lee Rd. United Methodist Church. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. There will be a worship service and then everyone will attend a workshop. The program will conclude with lunch and the registration fee is \$10.00 per person.

The workshops are:

Jewelry Making (\$10.00 fee for supplies)

Chair Yoga

Mission In Action (learning about and making washable pads for women less fortunate)

(possibly may be charge for supplies for this class)

Women Overcoming Crisis

Healing Through the Hymnal

Bible Study (over flow class)

Our very own, Dawn Stewart will be leading the jewelry making class. Anne-Marie Failor is in charge of coordinating this event for the Greenville District.

Deadline for registering is March 1st. If you would like to register for the event and a workshop, please contact Dawn Stewart, Anne-Marie Failor, or Vickie Failor

For Your Information.

Attendance report for March 19th:

S.S. – 23; Worship – 52

Financial report for March 19th:

Received for Budget \$3,801.00



March 26 Joel Sidney Disher
March 29 Betty Stover



March 29 Joyce & Kenneth Tucker

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 Miller
Nursery

Corky Holman
Trustee of the Month

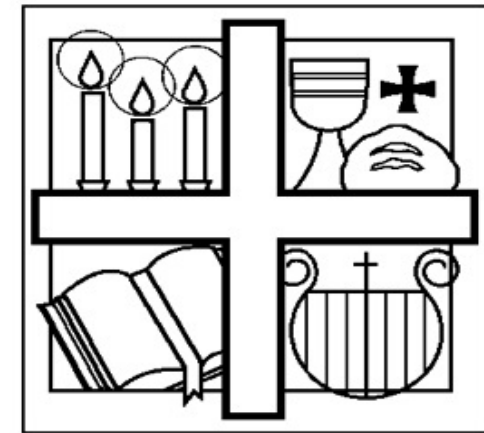
Terri McCloud &
Linda Crouch
Children's Church

Terri McCloud
Children's Message

Tony Earnest
Stewardship

Debbie Capps
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Corky Holman
Jim Humphreys
Ronnie Hunter
Ushers



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**4th Sunday in Lent
March 26, 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 **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?** Hugh Wilson/ Carolyn Hamlin

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Open My Eyes, That I May See** Clara H. Scott

*HYMN - No. 381 **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** +

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair. O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate. O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness. O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE- pg. 754 Psalm 23: 1-6 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.

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

SCRIPTURE – pg. 443,277 1 Samuel 16:1-13a

CHORAL ANTHEM **Lenten Meditation** Jay Althouse

SERMON “What is Important?” Reverend Jim Patterson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CONCERNS AND PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 881

OFFERTORY **The Lord is My Shepherd** Irvine

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN – No. 128 **He Leadeth Me**

*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 **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** Harold DeCou

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.

Congregational Favorite +

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, Mary Childs, Troy Clements, Carolyn Hunter, Vera Hunt, Jane-Hunt Grady, Jackie Lumsden, Andi Nichols, Dot Nichols, Joe Philpot, Margie Philpot, Mildred Pollard, Glenn Wells, Allen Zorn. Special prayers for Glenn Wells who is at Heartland Health in Rm. 426-B. Vera Hunt has been in the hospital but is at home. Bob Cehen and the family, Kathleen Griffin, Randall and the family. Special prayers for Rick Greer as he has knee surgery this coming Friday, March 31st at the Patewood St. Francis. Special prayers for Margie Philpot at Heartland Health Room 504.

Mission Opportunity

We have received an invitation to help Victor United Methodist Church with a mission opportunity this summer. If you are interested, please let Vickie Failor, Outreach Ministries Coordinator; know by April 5, 2017, so she can notify Victor UMC. Please read the letter below from the Pastors at Victor in regards to the mission work.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We hope that you are well and that things are going well in your local church ministry setting.

It is hard to believe we are talking about Summer 2017 but we are! And we would like to include you in the invitation to a local mission opportunity this summer at Victor UMC. We are reaching out to see if you have some people in your local church setting who might want to hear about the opportunity. We have learned that if there are some laity you have that lead such efforts they make the best ones to talk with along with any staff that oversee.

This opportunity involves primary adult leadership and is perfect for those adults to partner with youth (if you are looking for a youth opportunity) and serve together. It is a week-long Monday through Friday (8:30am-1:00pm) commitment in ministry to children elementary age. The weeks we are needing to staff include: July 17-21; July 24-28; July 31- August 4.

It is intense and is just as big a commitment as leaving on a mission trip going out of the area to serve. You will be serving children in an under- served community and these children look for consistency in those who come during the week.

There will be a mandatory training for all serving, both adults and youth. This will be scheduled per group and we will work with your schedule.

We would love to meet with you and those you think would like to hear more. The number of people is not our concern; a sense of call is the key. Meeting with us does not obligate you. We will ask for a prayerful decision. Churches with small groups of volunteers are welcome, we can combine groups. We are also happy to accommodate an individual who senses this as a call to serve. Those serving must love God, love kids and love to serve God.

Please let us know if hearing more is of interest by April 7 by your response to this email. We will then contact you.

We are scheduling these meetings at your convenience to happen by the first week of May.

Together in Christ,

Rev. Pat Gannaway, Pastor

Rev. Debbie Pisor, Minister of Community Engagement

Victor UMC

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19 things to Give Up during Lent

1. **Fear:** God is on my side. In Him I am more than a conqueror. (See Romans 98)
2. **The need to please everyone:** I can't please everyone anyway. There is only one I need to strive to please.
3. **Envy:** I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
4. **Impatience:** God's timing is the perfect timing.
5. **Sense of entitlement:** The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
6. **Bitterness and Resentment:** The only person I am hurting by holding onto these is myself.
7. **Blame:** I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
8. **Gossip and Negativity:** I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic and bring other people down.
9. **Comparison:** I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
10. **Fear of failure:** You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.
11. **A spirit of poverty:** Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
12. **Feelings of unworthiness:** You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)
13. **Doubt:** Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.
14. **Self-pity:** God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
15. **Retirement:** As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not come to an end until the day we die.
16. **Excuses:** A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
17. **Lack of counsel:** Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.
18. **Pride:** Blessed are the humble.
19. **Worry:** God is in control and worrying will not help.

