

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

**New Years Holiday.** The office will be closed on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> for New Years.

**Christmas Eve.** We will have a Christmas Eve Service with Communion on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day.** Please join us on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas Day Service at 10:30 a.m.

**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.

**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. Today is the last Sunday to take these donations.

**Morning Circle.** The Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and the CDC children will sing for them in the Fellowship Hall.

**For Your Information.**

**Attendance report for Sunday, December 11th:** S.S. -30 Worship - 58

**Financial report for Sunday, December 11th:**

Received for Budget \$



December 20 Kristie Argo  
Jim Humphreys  
Wyatt Sentell  
December 22 Diane V. Sentell

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 &  
Lynne Dyson  
*Nursery*

Vickie Failor  
*Trustee of the Month*

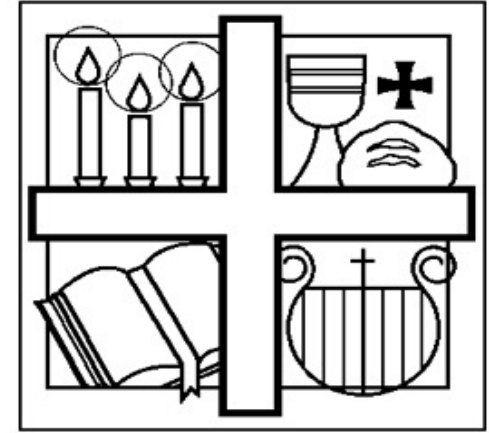
Melissa Miller  
*Children's Church*

Terri McCloud  
*Children's Message*

Vickie Failor  
*Stewardship*

Jane Walker  
*Altar Guild*

Steve Capps  
Rick Greer  
Corky Holman  
Ronnie Hunter  
*Ushers*



## ***Berea Friendship United Methodist Church***

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**4th Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2016  
10:30 a.m.**

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**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!

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Prelude	Piano and Organ Duet Sheryl Farquhar and Joan Kotrady The Shepherds and the Angels	Ellen Jane Lorenz
Lighting of the Altar Candles		
Greeting and Announcements		
Lighting of the Advent Candles	Kristie & Preston Argo and Family	
Trinity Chimes		
Hymn No. 234	O Come All Ye Faithful	Verses 1,3,6
Opening Prayer		
<b>Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>		
Children's Moment		Terri McCloud
Offertory	In Excelsis Deo	lee Ellis Duet
Doxology	NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE by PEPPER CHOPLIN	
The Coming of the Lord		Soloist Melissa Miller and Choir
Waiting		Choir
Angels Are Making Their Rounds		Choir
Night of the Father's Love		Choir
	Congregation joins " <b>Silent Night</b> " when directed (seated) <b>Silent Night! Holy night! All is calm, All is bright</b> <b>'round yon Virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild</b> <b>Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace</b>	
The Shepherd's Song		Choir

Seeking the King Soloist Shain Stewart / Choir

Fall On Your Knees Choir

Christ is Born Choir

Congregation joins "with v.3 of "**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**" when directed (stand)

**Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!**

**Hail the Sun of Righteousness!**

**Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.**  
**Mild He lays His glory by , born that man no more may die.**  
**born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth,**  
**Hark! The herald angels sing," Glory to the new born King."**

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Dismissal**

**Serve your God, with patience and passion. Be deliberate in enacting your faith. Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power. And may peace be your way in the world. Amen.**

**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**

**Angels, We Have Heard on High**

**Arranged / Carolyn Hamlin and Faye Lopez  
Duet**

**WELCOME:** Pianist Sheryl Farquhar

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Farquhar with us this morning. She has taught piano and bell choirs for many years.

Narrators The McCloud Family, Dennis\*, Terri, and Denise

Bobbie Bogan\*, Patti Bowers\*, Blanche Creswell\*, Robert Helms\*, Ellen Holman\*,  
Melissa Miller\*, Dena Nalley\*, Jim Rawson\*, Margaret Rawson\*, Dawn Stewart\*,  
Shane Stewart\*

\* Denotes Choir Members

**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.

**Newsletter Deadline.** The January Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER LIST.** Mildred Bray, Mary Childs, Troy Clements, Ann Donaldson, Bob Helms, Carolyn Hunter, Jan-Hunt Grady, Jackie Lumsden, Andi Nichols, Dot Nichols, 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. Andi Nichols friend Connie Crowe.

***“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 Serve”***

Brothers and Sisters, in the New Year we are going to need someone to take over the ministry of bereavement chairperson position. This is a very important ministry of the church because it meets with people at a very low point in their lives after the death of a loved one. Please pray about this ministry and ask the Lord to show you if this is a ministry for you. If you pray and feel that the Lord is leading you to this ministry, please call the office and give Debbie your name or call Rev. Gordon. “Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.”