

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.

Trustees Committee will have a special meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. to set the calendar.

Administrative Council. The Administrative Council will meet on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m.

“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.”

PRAYER LIST. Mildred Bray, Mary Childs, Troy Clements, Ann Donaldson, 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.

Lloyd Turner is at McCall Hospice House at 1836 West Georgia Road in Simpsonville, S.C. 29680.

For Your Information.

Attendance report for Sunday, December 18th: S.S. –24 Worship – 71

Financial report for Sunday, December 18th:

Received for Budget \$4,667.00

Received for Sanctuary Christmas decorations \$150.00

Received for Advent Offering \$190.00

Received for Staff Christmas Gift \$385.00

Total received to-date in December for Budget \$11,964.00

If anyone needs a set of offering envelopes for 2017, please let me know and I will have you a new set by the first Sunday in 2017. You can continue to use the ones you were issued last year. Pat Teat



December 27 Patty Sentell
December 28 Tom Presnell
December 31 Pam Harrelson



December 27 Ellen & Corky Holman

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

Vickie Failor
Trustee of the Month

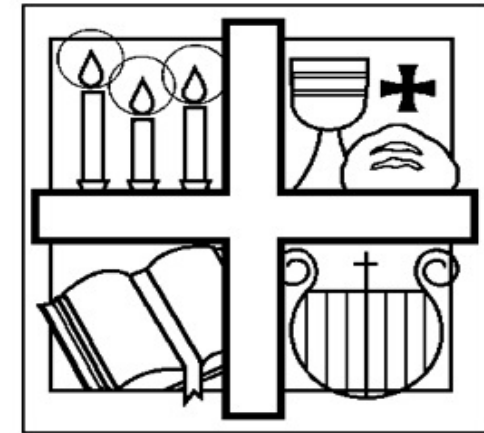
Terri McCloud & Linda Crouch
Children's Church

Terri McCloud
Children's Message

Jane Walker
Stewardship

Jane Walker
Altar Guild

Steve Capps
Corky Holman
Jim Humphreys
Ronnie Hunter
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**Christmas Day
December 25, 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 **Noel, Noel, Noel, Tidings Now We Bring** Arranged / Carolyn Hamlin

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLES Melissa & Mark Miller & Family

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Choral Call Love Has Come** Traditional

*HYMN – No. 246 **Joy to the World**

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE- pg.818 United Methodist Hymnal Psalm 98:1-9 Response 2

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. 730, 1144 Isaiah 52:7-10 Lay Servant

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

*GOSPEL LESSON pg. 1047, 1645 John 1:1-14 Lay Servant

CHORAL ANTHEM **One Small Child** Lloyd Larson

SERMON “The Word became Flesh” Rev. Enrique R. Gordon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CONCERNS AND PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 881

OFFERTORY **In Quiet Joy** Marcel Dupre

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN – No. 240 **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*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 **Christmas Carol Postlude** Transcribed / William Stickles

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.

Office Closed. The church office will be closed on Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd.

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.

