

Our Mission

Berea Friendship United Methodist Church is called to share the good news of Jesus and to serve others in His name.

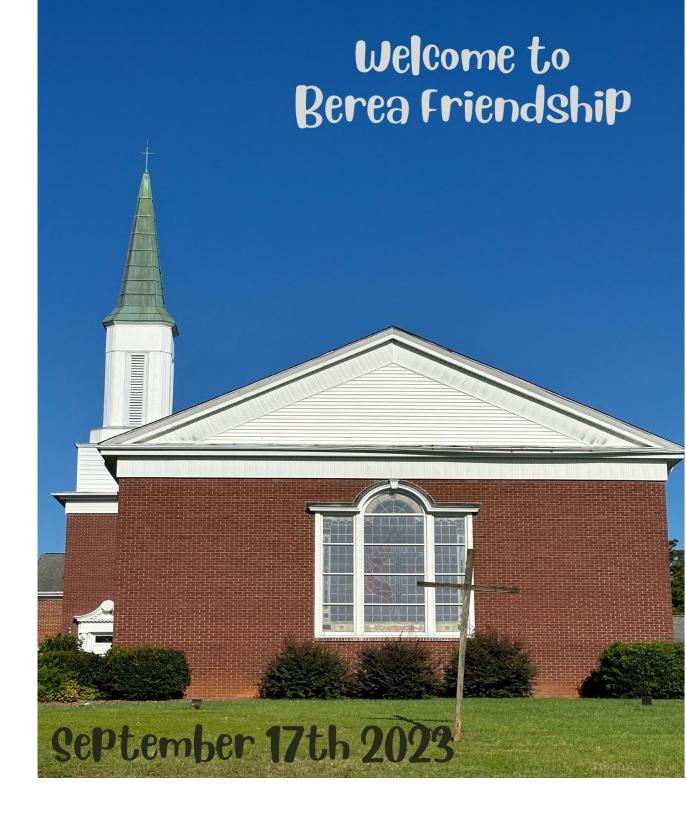
Our Vision

At Berea Friendship United Methodist Church our vision is to strengthen and encourage our faith journey with others to build meaningful relationships and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Please Pray For: Shellie Moser Atchison, Rob Coogan, Michael Dow, Lainey Gilstrap, Scott Hall, Doris Harrelson, Amanda Hayes, Freeda Hudson, Carolyn Knight, Susan Kruse, Mike Lathem, The Family Of Steve Mainous, Joe Malone, Robert Moler, The Family Of Jeffrey Moore, Batsie Styles, Jimmy Tarrant, Jordan Emory Turner, Joe Williams, Allen Zorn Continue To Pray For Our Shut-Ins: Dr. Eugene Bondurant, Sue Coggins, Shirley Dickson, Libby Gilliam, Carolyn Hunter, Gloria Moore, Alex Stone, & Barbara Thackston



Berea Friendship United Methodist Church

September 17, 2023

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE May Jesus Christ Be Praised

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PRAISE REPORTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP His Name Is Wonderful

HYMN - #545 The Church's One Fountain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.

CHORAL ANTHEM Fill My Cup, Lord

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. ²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless^[a]? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," ^[b] and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. ²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

MESSAGE

Life Of Piety

Bobby Taylor

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, PETITION, THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am

DOXOLOGY - No. 95

HYMN - #175

Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE

Seventy years ago tomorrow, September 18, 1953, building plans for an education building were adopted by the members of the recently formed Methodist congregation in Berea. Three weeks later, property for the new structure was purchased. The new building included classrooms and offices as well as space to be used as a sanctuary for the young church until a new, permanent sanctuary would be built in 1958. That new sanctuary, with some beautiful renovations and additions, is the one we worship in today.

BEREA FRIENDSHIP UMC HOMECOMING

Do you have photographs of weddings of family members held at Berea Friendship?

We would love to include any photos you would like to share in displays during our Homecoming celebration, October 8.

We are happy to accept copies rather than originals if you prefer. Please be sure to put the name of the person to whom each item should be returned on the back of the photo as well as the names of the married couple and the date of the ceremony. All items will be handled with care and returned following Homecoming.

Please begin the search for these treasured photographs! We will be collecting them right away. You may turn them into the church office or to Becky Philpot or Brenda Benton.

We would love to have all photographs by September 24.

Thank you so much for helping make our 70th anniversary celebration a memorable one.

The Homecoming Planning Team

Berea Friendship UMC is seeking crafters and artists to be vendors at our 27th Quilters & Crafters bazaar.

Sat. Oct. 21, 2023 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Vendors are expected to display handmade items, original works, (Not mass produced) or items focused on health and wellness. Blood Mobile has been invited for a community blood drive. Bazaar will be open for Set up 7am Sat. or Friday 20th 5pm – 7pm Our famous baked goods, jams, jellies, and pickles will also be available plus breakfast and lunch items.

For more information or a vendor registration form please contact Hoppysmith@aol.com (Jan Smith) subject line: Vendor Info Or call church office 864 246-4311 or email bfumchurch.office@gmail.com Web site http://www.bereafriendshipumc.org

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