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Berea Friendship United Methodist Church Newsletter

January 2022 Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

This past Advent I preached a series of sermons based upon a book written by Mike Slaughter. The quick read is titled *“It Is Not Your Birthday – Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus.”* Mike Slaughter is a very successful Methodist Pastor who worked with a small congregation, to transform their church into a missional giant serving 40,000 people locally, and thousands more across the globe. You can research the story by going to “Ginghamsburg Church”, and viewing their website. I was amazed by the radical 30 year transformation when I first read the book in 2012. I believe their success was a function of having missional activities new people could connect with and into. If it could happen at the little country church in Ginghamsburg . Ohio, then why not here at Berea Friendship UMC? If you do the research, Berea Friendship presently has much more going for it than the Ginghamsburg Folk did in 1979.

And you know those Methodist in Ohio thought Mike Slaughter was crazy! Some think your Pastor is crazy – and I whole heartedly agree! I thank my God that He sent a Son which I can always compare my craziness to, and then realign myself with a truth and love that never changes, and never fails. The spiritual reality is that every soul needs the love of God in Christ Jesus. Blessed are those who confess to Him, call upon His name, and change toward His likeness. Blessed are churches that likewise humble themselves. The fields are always white with harvest for laborers willing to follow their Lord into the harvest.

Jesus is always more than we think or imagine. Jesus calls us to live simply so we can be available to be used of God. Jesus calls us to live simply so we can give generously. Jesus calls us to act upon His Words in Spirit so the Kingdom Of God can come to earth, into our fellowship, into our homes, and into our relationships with others. Jesus calls us to follow him in the way that makes disciples – such that the world is transformed. In America we have so much! We are doing so much! We are maintaining so much! More is the American answer that takes our money, time, and energy. There is nothing simple about what we have all bought into on some level. Then we wonder - where is the harvest Jesus talks about? Harvest is within reach all around us, but we’re too busy to take it in. Harvest is always proportional to the love of God expressed and shared.

Berea Friendship is a beautiful family of faith. I’ve said this many times in sermons – we need each other! You have faith I do not have. I have faith you do not have. When we combine our faiths together, then Christ’s Church becomes an amazing force for good in the Berea Community. If ever you judge me for faith I do not have; the Father of Lies wins, we fail. If ever I judge you for faith you do not have; the Father of Lies wins, we fail. Each soul needs Jesus Christ; we each need His faith. And He wants to share His faith with each of us in our need! So we lean on Him, and we lean on each other, while our individual faiths grow as needed.

When we combine our faiths together, then Christ’s Church becomes an amazing force for good! For Christmas 2022, I am planting a seed. I suggest that Berea Friendship come together and give Jesus a birthday gift that will be truly meaningful to him next Christmas. He will be delighted with the extent the gift giving stretches and grows our faith and relationship with him. Let’s determine what the gift will be, and start planning now. Between now and then, let’s celebrate each other’s expressions of faith and love. Some will love inwardly, and some will love outwardly. Jesus did both passionately and changed the world, and so can we. Let us be increasingly thankful and supportive of each other’s ministries this year, and see where God leads us. My prayer is that we experience the joy of living and giving like Jesus as never before! Thanks For All You Do Berea Friendship! It is an honor and privilege to be your Pastor!

In Christ,
Pastor Davon



Jan. 03 Preston Argo
 Jan 04 Reagan Mann
 Jan 04 Adam McCloud
 Jan 06 Nancy Neal
 Jan. 07 John Ferrer
 Jan 08 Emma Daveene Earnest
 Jan 09 Haven Christine Miller
 Jan 09 Dustin Hagins
 Jan 09 Marcus Looper
 Jan 10 Dena Nalley
 Jan 10 Zack Philpot
 Jan 13 Blanche Creswell
 Jan 14 Collin Hamilton Disher
 Jan 17 Kevin Wells
 Jan 18 Carol Dunn
 Jan 22 Teresa Jeffrey
 Jan 22 Patty Bowers
 Jan 23 Eddie Hughes
 Jan 23 Josh Armstrong
 Jan 25 Andy Vaughan
 Jan 27 Stanley Dunn
 Jan 31 Sue Coggins
 Jan 31 Robert Bagwell

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the home-bound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present under going medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list each Month. Please help us with this important endeavor.

Miller Bogan
 Mildred Pollard
 Janet Stone
 Alex Stone
 Millie Dunn
 Kathleen Griffin
 Carolyn Hunter
 Shirley Dickson
 Beverly Threatt



Anniversaries

Jan. 10 Ronnie & Judy Armstrong
 Jan 22, Barry & Laura Childs

Happy Anniversary

Men's Club.

Men's Club will meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Thrive Upstate joins us on the 3rd Thursday of each month for dinner and program.

Join us for Christmas in January. "The Christmas Story" will be read by our Pastor Davon and performed by our Church Family.

Outreach Missions Projects 2022

Please continue to support our North Greenville Crisis Ministries with supplies. Below is a list of suggested items to donate. You can put your donations in the shopping cart located in the sanctuary.

Canned Fruit, Canned Meats, Canned Soup, Cereal / juices, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, School Supplies, cleaning products/laundry detergent, pasta, pet food. Be watching in February for a monthly designated item.

The Outreach Committee will look at other ministries we can help in 2022. We will rotate between our ministries monthly or quarterly.

Prayer Time

The sanctuary is open each week on Wednesday from 10 am—Noon for prayer. If you can help with opening the church during this time, please let Pastor Davon or Dena Nalley know

Inspiration Group

New Year's Kick Off Lunch in the Social Hall. January 27th at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Meat and Drinks will be provided. Watch for a Sign Up Sheet placed at the back of the Sanctuary. All Church Members are invited.

Project Connect 2022

An opportunity for us to connect to members who have been unable to attend Church activities for various reasons. Both Shut Ins and Church Members who have medical concerns will be remembered by cards, phone calls and visits.

If you would like to be a part of "Project Connect", please watch for the List of Members Sheet posted at the back of the Sanctuary. Choose a person to connect to for a 3 month period. We ask that participants send 1 card per month to their designated Member.

The List of Members Sheet will be updated quarterly.

Contact Jan Smith or Dena Nalley for more details.

Bingo Afternoon

Saturday, January 29th. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. More details to come in the January bulletins.

Thank you!

Thank you, Berea Lions Club, for the delicious Fruit Baskets you delivered to our Shut Ins for Christmas 2021! We very much appreciate your remembering BFUMC in this way!

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022</i>
2 <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Worship live streamed at 10:00 a.m</i>	3	4 <i>Quilters 11:30 a.m.</i>	5 <i>Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time In Sanctuary 10:00 a.m to Noon</i>	6 <i>Quilters 6:30 p.m.</i>	7	8
9 <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Worship live streamed at 10:00 a.m</i>	10	11 <i>Quilters 11:30 a.m. Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m. Social Hall</i>	12 <i>Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time In Sanctuary 10:00 a.m to Noon</i>	13 <i>Quilters 6:30 p.m.</i>	14	15 <i>Men's Club 8:00 a.m. Shalom Circle 12:30 p.m.</i>
16 <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Worship live streamed at 10:00 a.m</i>	17 <i>ADMIN Council meeting 6:30 p.m. Social Hall</i>	18 <i>Quilters 11:30 a.m. Friendship Circle (TBD)</i>	19 <i>Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time In Sanctuary 10:00 a.m to Noon</i>	20 <i>Quilters 6:30 p.m. Thrive Upstate Dinner Christmas In Janu- ary 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm</i>	21	22
23 <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Worship live streamed at 10:00 a.m</i>	24	25 <i>Quilters 11:30 a.m.</i>	26 <i>Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Prayer Time In Sanctuary 10:00 a.m to Noon</i>	27 <i>Quilters 6:30 p.m. Inspiration Group 12:00 p.m. New Year's Kick Off Lunch</i>	28	29 <i>Bingo Afternoon 3:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m.</i>
30 <i>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Worship live streamed at 10:00 a.m</i>	31 <i>Outreach Ministries meet 6:30 p.m. Social Hall</i>					