



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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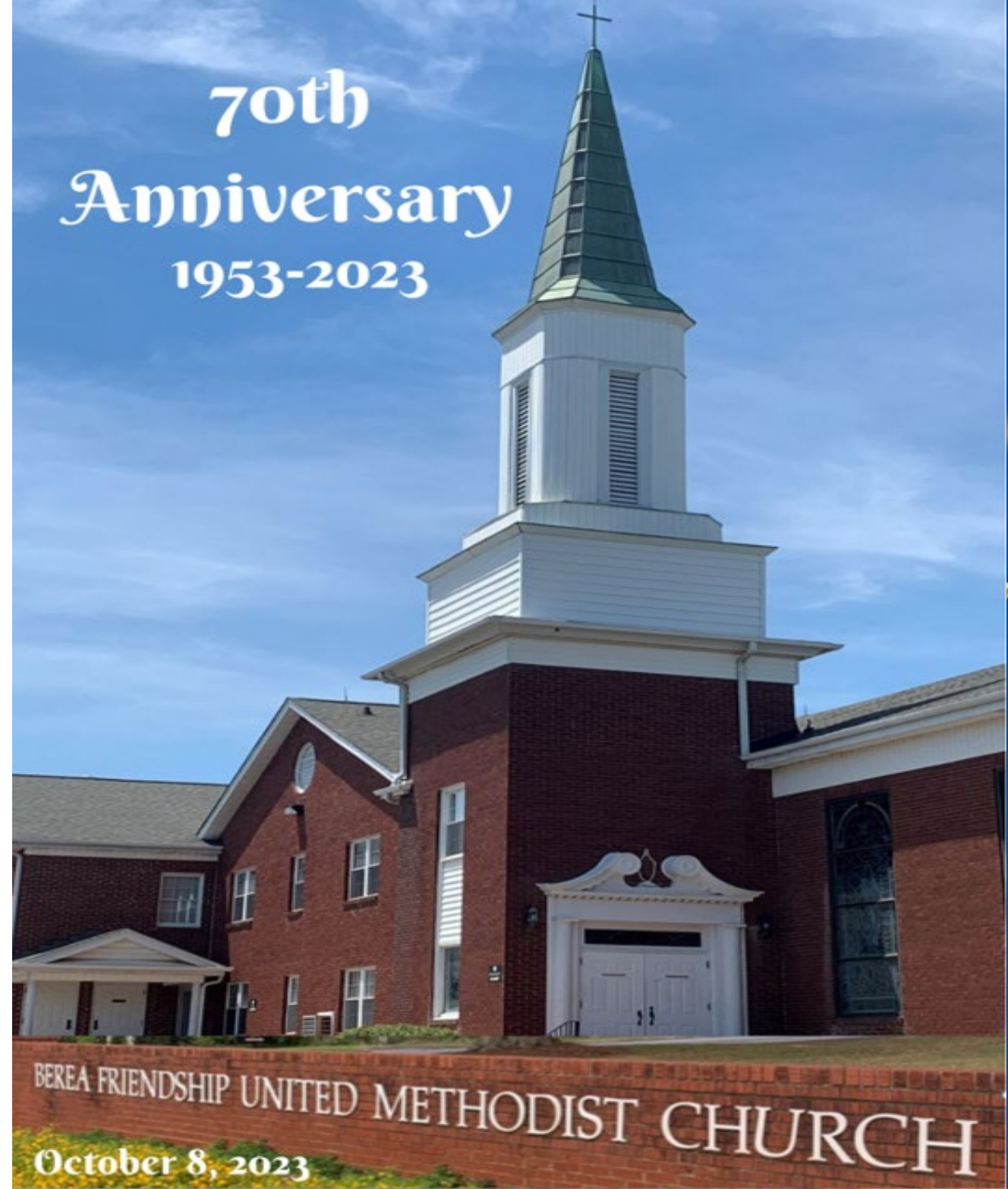
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3:16 Prayer Ministry

Please Pray For: Angela Adcock, Shellie Moser Atchison, Kristie Carter, The Family Of Don Cavin, Rob Coogan, Michael Dow, Lainey Gilstrap, Scott Hall, Doris Harrelson, Amanda Hayes, Bob Helms, Freda Hudson, Kenneth King, Carolyn Knight, Susan Kruse, Mike Lathem, Joe Malone, Larry McCants, Robert Moler, Jim Rawson, Batsie Styles, Daniel Surett, Jimmy Tarrant, Jordan Emory Turner, Steve Ward, 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

70th Anniversary Celebration

Davon Harrelson, Pastor

October 8, 2023

THE PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Make Me A Servant

INVOCATION

Eternal and loving God, we gather on this special day grateful for your faithfulness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. By your grace you have called us to be your people, revealing to us the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, and granting us the gift of your Holy Spirit. Make us worthy, O God, of the rich heritage that is ours and grant us the assurance that we, too, belong in that great company of those who follow you. AMEN

HYMNS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP (First verse of each hymn)

<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	No. 140
<i>Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing</i>	No. 400
<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	No. 64
<i>O Worship The King</i>	No. 73

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881

RESPONSIVE READING: *We Remember & We Give Thanks*

Pastor: We thank God this day for the vision and dedication of those dear souls who dreamed of a Methodist Church in this place and who set out to make that dream a reality.

People: We are grateful for those who broke ground and planted the seeds of God's kingdom here seven decades ago.

Pastor: We remember the faithfulness and commitment of all who would join this fellowship in the years that followed – those who preached, those who taught both young and old, who cared

for the youngest among us, those who came to know the power of the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ in this place.

People: We remember those who praised God with music, who worked behind the scenes and those who were in positions of leadership, those who gave their time and talent and their money.

Pastor: We remember those who cooked and quilted, who served and prayed, who filled these pews and those who reached out beyond these walls in ministry, those who studied the Word and grew as disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: We stand on their shoulders today. We remember the heritage that has been given us, and we offer our praise and our thanksgiving to God, the Father of us all. Amen

CHORAL ANTHEM

Cornerstone

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-22

THE MESSAGE

We Are Hopeless Without God

The Reverend Dr. Michael Guffee

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Come To Me

DOXOLOGY

No. 95

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

No. 545

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place

THE POSTLUDE

O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October 8, 2023

BEREA FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Seven Decades of Service & Ministry

The church welcomes all charter members, their families, and former members along with other visitors and special guests participating in the worship service. Seventy years ago, a few people realized the need for a Methodist congregation in Berea. There soon followed the organization and development of a new congregation, which held its Charter Day Celebration on October 11, 1953. As the church has grown across the years, there have been those significant occasions when the congregation has paused to reflect upon the journey made up to that point, taken stock to evaluate the present, and then forged a new advance in God's tomorrow. The Seventieth Anniversary of this congregation certainly has to be one of those most significant occasions. To all who participate in the celebration as well as to all those who challenge us anew with the words of Jesus "to go into all the world," the membership of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church thanks you for your prayerful support and encouragement.

The candle on the altar is in memory of all deceased members of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church. We thank God for their love and commitment to this church and to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

The flowers on the altar are given in honor and in memory of the Charter Members of Berea Friendship by Becky and Henry Philpot

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One week later, on June 14, the first Sunday School class was held at the school. Later that afternoon, the church was officially organized, adopting the name **Berea Methodist Church**. Thirty-one people became the first members of the newly formed congregation.

During the next several months, worship services, meetings, and church socials continued to meet at the school and in the homes of church members. The first celebration of Holy Communion was in the BHS auditorium October 4. With no altar in the auditorium, the front row of seats was used as the altar.

Later that same month, property was acquired on White Horse Road and building plans were adopted for an education building. October 11, 1953, was one of the most significant days in the church's history. On that day seventy-seven members received charter certificates, ground was broken for the new building, and the church officially was named **Berea Friendship Methodist Church**. "United" would be added to the name when the national Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Church in the late 1960s.

Construction of the new education building was completed in less than three months. The first worship service was held in the new facility in January, 1954. The church debt for the building was paid in full and the mortgage burned June 12, 1955.

Four years later, on May 25, 1958, ground was broken for a sanctuary. Members met for the first worship service in the new building February 22, 1959. The indebtedness for the sanctuary was paid in full and the mortgage burned August 28, 1977.

In the years that followed, Berea Friendship would acquire land and build a parsonage, organize an adult choir, purchase an organ, build the Leisure Ministry Center, form groups for children, youth, and adults within its membership, dedicate a carillon, renovate the sanctuary, add stained glass windows, observe homecomings and special anniversaries, see the addition of a Child Development Center, remodel and expand the original education building, organize the Quilters, and establish the first church-wide bazaar, now an annual tradition.

As BFUMC celebrates seventy years of ministry, its members look forward to continuing to fulfill its mission - "to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to serve others in His name."

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