The Friendship News

May, 2022

Monthly Newsletter of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I sit down to write this newsletter article it is 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. We have celebrated another Easter week at Berea Friendship UMC. We have so much to be thankful for in Christ Jesus! Christ's resurrection presents every believer with two choices. One, continue living in the usual old ways bound by the fear and uncertainty of the world. Or two, live each day in the heavenly brightness of new life, which God offers us in Christ Jesus. Again, we have so much to be thankful for! I want to share my thoughts quickly on three concerns.

First up, is the effort to start an alternative service at BFUMC. We must reach out to younger generations, and persons not inclined to worship traditionally. The effort will test us and challenge us on every front. The effort will test and challenge me personally on every front. I will have to be more invested and prepared than ever before. I will have to prioritize this one effort, and put aside other tasks for a time. I will have to pray diligently, and seek guidance in scripture. I will have to constantly evaluate my efforts as fruitful or not, and adjust accordingly. I will have to call mistakes and failures what they are, and not keep doing the same thing. I will need to celebrate successes small and great. I will have to operate by faith as never before. What applies to me, applies to the whole church. Please be in prayer concerning this new worship service. We must be operating in one mind and one accord going forward. Success is not optional - it is a necessity! It will be a long term effort taking several years to establish and bring to fruition.

Secondly, I want to quickly cover the topic of "Just Say Something". Stacy Ashmore shared the basics of the community outreach program with us. Every person I spoke with that day was in favor of moving ahead immediately. One message that I would like to reinforce is that BFUMC will be in charge of our facilities. We can dictate topics of community meetings we would like discussed. We can opt in or out of sports leagues, and specify the times such activities are held onsite. **We have the option of promoting the Gospel during activities on our campus.** If we opt in, we should make a firm commitment for a given amount of time and then reevaluate. The only downside I've heard expressed has been the use of our facilities without compensation. The same fear was expressed concerning Epworth Homebuilders – it has not been an issue. The basics of the Gospel tell us to trust in God, and to do good in our community. The Gospel is also clear that we are not to expect compensation for doing good - especially not from those less fortunate.

There is a final issue that I would like your help on, and this will involve a little bit of an adjustment. Every Sunday the announcements are in your bulletin, continuously scrolling on screen before and after services, and available elsewhere. All of that information can be better organized and will be. My point – all that information is abundantly available from many sources, and does not need to be repeated verbally Sunday mornings! At times there will be changes and corrections that need to be announced. Solution - committee chairs etc., please call the church office early Friday to make sure your corrections and priorities are updated in print. My goal is to minimize announcements, for the sake of time, and emphasizing worship. Visitors online or in person come to worship, as should we! My hope is that announcements if any will all be praise reports and expressions of gratitude leading into worship! Please help me work toward that ultimate goal. We can easily accomplish this goal - we will simply have to adjust slightly. Thank you all for all you do!

In Christ With You,
Pastor Davon

BIBLE STUDY: "The Chosen" Each Week: Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Huckaby Classroom.

May 1st, is Week 7, Episode 7, of the Movie "The Chosen".

Each week we continue with Season 1 Episodes See the Sunday Morning Bulletin for the Episode details.

Each episode is approximately 50 minutes. We will watch an Episode and follow with a discussion. You can also watch these Series from home by linking to: https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch

Our Church Family

Anniversaries

May Anniversaries

05 Millie & Bob Dunn

12 Debbie Jo & Tom Smith

13 Patti & Bobby Taylor

16 Pam & Davon Harrelson

17 Jan & Andy Vaughan

19 Debbie & Steve Capps

21 Preston & Kristie Argo

27 Jean & Gene Vaughan

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Birthday!!

May Birthdays

01	Vivian Day,	Jean Busha	Linda Crouch
	Craig McClain	Monroe Stone	Joyce Tucker
02	Roddy Moore		
03	Bobbie Bogan		
04	Barry Childs		
07	Martha McWhite		
08	Dismas Beeson		
09	Susan Baird		
10	Don Baird	Renee Teat Zorn	
13	Katie Rawson		
15	Bob Helms		
16	Melissa Hughes Hazel		
17	Janet Stone		
18	Allen Zorn		
19	Becky Mann		
24	Brenda Benton		
25	April Gray		
26	Debbie Jo Smith	Daniel Surett	
27	James Wesley Gray		
30	Brandon Hester		
31	Glenda Argo		

Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of Ted Mann.

Ted Mann passed away on away on April 29th
Arrangements will be announced as they become available

Prayer List: Henry Philpot, Elaine Campbell, Gloria Moore, Daryl Wilkerson,

Continued prayer for our Shut Ins.

Elaine Campbell, Sue Coggins, Blanche Creswell, Shirley Dickson, Millie Dunn, Libby Gilliam, Carolyn Hunter, Gloria Moore, Alex and Janet Stone, Barbara Thackston.

Kathy James of Epworth Children's Home, will be with us on Sunday, May 15th. Plan for that day to bring your favorite dish to share at our **Pot Luck Luncheon** following this Church Service! Contact Nancy McCants at 979-6223 should you have questions or to find out how you can help!

Quilters and Crafters: Quarterly Business Meeting May 17th 11:30 am.

Quilters and Crafters assemble on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. and Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for fellowship and fun while helping us make items for our Bazaar in November!

We need your Greeting Cards. We use Greeting Cards for crafts and only need the front cover! We will have a box placed in the Narthex.

Inspiration Group: Meet May 19th. Details to come!

Thrive Upstate: May 19th 4:00pm to 6:00 pm All Church Members are encouraged to come out and join in this rewarding fellowship.

Men's Group: Meet May 21st. 8:00 a.m.

Basketball Dribble for Destiny, Inc. Spring Travel Basketball! If you are interested in helping with Set Up /Take Down of Bleachers, Open/Close of our building, Traffic, and Incidentals, please contact the Church Office. These are Saturdays: May 7th , May 14th , and June 4th

CDC Graduation: May 26th. Outreach Ministries has purchased Bibles for CDC Graduates. The Bibles will be placed in the Narthex for you to write a special note to each Graduate!

CDC Teacher Appreciation Week May 2nd to May 6th. We will be providing a lunch on May 2nd, and you are welcome to come help show our love for our awesome Teachers! If you would like to help with gifts or lunch, contact the Church Office or Vickie Failor for details.

Project Connect 2022: April starts our 2nd quarter "Project Connect" to our members who are considered Shut In and to attend Church activities. A new Shut In List will be in the Church Office and available to you to choose a person to connect to for a 3 month period. We ask that participants send 1 card per month, while also trying to connect by phone calls, or visits when appropriate.

United Methodist Women

Concessions: The United Methodist Women will be running the concessions stand for the Dribble For Destiny basketball tournaments. The dates are May 7th, May 14th, and June 4th. We would love to have a group of ladies to rotate on these days, so everyone does not have to be there all day. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Anne-Marie Wallace, UMW President. The concession stand opens when the games start and we close them during the last quarter of the game. The games are normally scheduled from 9 a.m. until 7-8 p.m. The length of the tournaments depends on how many teams are playing.

Our Circles

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the Huckaby Classroom.

The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, May 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the church social hall. We will start our study series on the Women of the Bible. We will have a light lunch.

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for May is on the Moore Community House in Biloxi, Mississippi. They are a non-profit, mission agency of the UMW. They were founded in 1924 by Rev. Waldo W. Moore and his wife, Myrtie.
Today they offer child care through Headstart for ages 1-5. Currently about 50 children are enrolled. They also provide work force training for women in construction and advanced manufacturing fields.
Working with local United Methodist Churches they have been able to provide help to those in need through food pantries and mobile food truck donations. They recently offered free infant and child Graco car seat inspections for families with young children.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Kathy Khun in Ohio and Pamela Johnson in Minnesota.

We continue to pray for and send cards to the shut ins of Berea Friendship.

Mother's Day Offering

We will be doing a special Mother's Day Recognition bulletin this year. The bulletin will be distributed with the weekly bulletin on Mother's Day. The proceeds from the special recognition bulletin will go to support our mission work within the church, community, and our national obligations. You can recognize a special woman in your life with a $1.00. The form is available in this Newsletter, or the church office and in the Narthex for you to complete. You may mail the forms to Anne-Marie Wallace at 651 Sulphur Springs Rd., Greenville, SC 29617, or you can place them in the UMW box located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We appreciate the church supporting us in our mission work.

Greenville District Day Apart

The Greenville District Annual Day Apart program will be virtual again this year. The program will be on Saturday, June 11, 2022. If you would like to participate in the program, please contact Anne-Marie Wallace. She will be happy to set up a viewing at the church for all the ladies of Berea Friendship to participate. More details about the program will be available in the May Newsletter.

Come Together Be together

The conference will have the annual Come Together Be together program on Saturday, June 26, 2022. This will be a virtual event also. If you would like to participate, we will also set up a viewing at the church for all the ladies to participate. More details will be shared as soon as the conference publishes it.

Mission U

The conference is having Mission U on July 21-23 at Spartanburg Methodist College. If you would like more information on the event, please contact Anne-Marie Wallace.

Message From the President

A Leap of Faith

Happy anniversary, United Methodist Women! And happy birthday to United Women in Faith! The month of our founding as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1869 is the same month we introduce our new name for our new time: United Women in Faith!

Previous issues of this magazine have talked about our organization's bold move into the future with a new look and new programs, and our new website debutes this month. Now, in this issue, we're debuting a new name, United Women in Faith, to reflect our new look and deep hope. We are excited to welcome even more women into our nurturing sisterhood and so put even more love into action.

The article by Yvette Moore on pages 32-34 is our official announcement and will answer many of your questions. Page 35 also includes an FAQ. This is a big change, and a big leap of faith, but we owe it to our foremothers, ourselves and our future to take it.

What's not changing is this: We remain the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church. In fact, our legal name will continue to be United Methodist Women, so you will still see that name in places moving forward. We will transition into this new era together. Our vision remains: Turning faith, hope and love into action for women, children and youth around the world. The core of who we are remains the same as well: We believe love in action can change the world.

United Women in Faith will be a place to build meaningful connections and a place to learn and lead. We will inspire action and enrich the lives of all who are a part of our sisterhood. We will grow closer to God and move the world closer to God's kin-dom. I'm excited.

If you have any doubt about the impact of which we are capable, take a look at the maps featured in this issue. It's time again for the biennial Mission Maps, a visual representation of the people and projects we are connected to around the world and a continuation of a tradition started by one of our first missionaries, Isabella Thoburn. In 2020 and 2021, members of United Methodist Women—you—helped provide more than $9 million to more than 200 projects and partners in the United States and across the globe. You helped more than 150 students in more than 20 countries to get an education through scholarships. That's amazing! Your generous giving also supported regional missionaries, deaconesses and home missioners, and resources and programs to nurture, educate and inspire members.

It's hard to believe it's already 2022. It's hard to believe Assembly is only two months away! Assembly 2022 will not only be a chance to love and learn with fellow faith-driven women, it will also be a chance to introduce United Women in Faith to the world. Don't miss this historic Assembly—either in person or online. I'm looking forward to our time together.

It's *not* hard to believe that despite the hard times we're in, you keep putting faith, hope and love into action. You keep listening to God and saying yes to God's call. Keep it up. Keep sharing your vision. Keep showing up and getting things done. Keep making the world a better place. Keep daring to inspire, influence and impact. Our church and world need you. ■

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President
United Methodist Women

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Church Messaging system, One Call of On Solve.

Berea Friendship has begun using One Call, of On Solve, a message system which allows us to send automated mass notification to the entire congregation or to a select group. The church phone number, 246-4311, is the Caller I.D. Messages are relayed in the form of e-mails, phone calls, and text messages to send mass notifications for event reminders, deaths, prayer requests, and urgent church information, as necessary. The Notification can be scheduled or immediate

So far, our Congregation has been "registering" their contact information to be placed within One Call. Please see the Registration Form. You can also provide your contact information directly to Vickie Failor at 354-8842 or the Church Office or by emailing: info@bereafriendshipumc.org.

One Call is currently being used for Church Notifications as a Test. Contacts are still being built; and a plan User Training, will be given to all chairpersons and group leaders when the system is ready to be used by all groups.

1. If you would like to receive **TEXT Messages Only**, from BFUMC, text "opt in" to 22300. The text will come from 22300, and will always start with our church name, Berea Friendship UMC.

2. We can set up your contact information to receive **E-Mail Only**, **Phone Call Only**, **or to receive both.**

3. If you are using a **Cell Phone** and have done the opt in for **TEXT Messages**, you will only receive a TEXT Message and no phone call.

4. We can have it where it will send you all the notification types. We can even send it to multiple numbers, if you have multiple contacts (home phone, work phone, cell phone).

5. If you do not want to be part of the notification system. Please let us know.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vickie Failor.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 11:30 a.m. Quilters	4	5 Quilters 6:30 p.m.	6	7 Dribble for Destiny Basketball Tournament
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