



The Friendship Connection

Monthly Newsletter of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church... June 2023 Edition

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

I wanted to quickly thank the congregation for your generosity toward recent mission efforts. Since we established a mission for each month your faithfulness and commitment have been amazing. To date we have collected: tomato sauce for Triune Mercy Center, fruit and rice for United Ministries, paper products and laundry detergent for Jasmine Road, and monetary donations for Meals on Wheels. At delivery times our various donations have been much needed, and much more than people expected. I appreciate and admire what we have done together as a church. Serving others for God's glory unites God's people in a powerful way.

The unanticipated mission effort to Alabaster House has been exceptional! Jennifer Magaha established Alabaster House to help women struggling with drug addiction issues, and all the associated brokenness. She has taken pain personally experienced, and used it to grow up a successful ministry. Established on faith and prayer it is amazing what she has been able to accomplish by God's grace. That's when ministry gets really exciting and encouraging! That's always my prayer for Berea Friendship!

God promises to meet the needs of those who depend on him and obey His words. God also promises to give to His children in like measure that we give. I am always seeing things through the lenses of God's word and His Spirit. As we have given generously to others, God has blessed us in our greatest need. We have several new people worshipping with us consistently, and several others visiting frequently. God has always been good to Berea Friendship. Let us be ever more generous; our spiritual eyes open to celebrating how God is blessing us!

Lastly, we have to be ever more diligent about inviting others into our fellowship. Simply tell people how Jesus Christ has been good to you in this place! It's not complicated; we simply have to be faithful to the task. We invite them, then God invites in His time, and they come! If you've recently invited others with no success, keep doing so gently. Persistence shows people we care, and that we believe in our Lord. If you have not been inviting others get started, and stay with it! As we give faithfully God promises to bless and multiply our efforts.

God wants Berea Friendship UMC full of people learning about the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

In Christ With You,
Pastor Davon



June Birthdays... 1st Dawn Stewart, 1st Michael Hughes, 5th Shannon Finley-Newbill, 5th Hope Beasley Stone, 7th Christopher Mann, 12th Katrina Earnest Collins, 12th Cindy Cooper, 13th Mike Brown, 17th Stephanie Brown Martin, 20th Leslie C. Evans, 24th Carolyn Earnest, 26th Pam Bowers, 29th Gene Vaughn, 30th Denise McCloud

June Anniversaries... 3rd Nancy & Larry McCants, 8th Brenda & Howard Johnson, 19th Donna & Bob Helms, 18th Pat & Bill Teat, 22nd Anne-Marie & Rob Wallace, 23rd Diane & Rick Greer





Pray For BFUMC's Ministry: Pray that God would open hearts to attend BFUMC and that we would not only grow in numbers, but that we would grow as Christians.

Please Pray For: Debbie Adcox (friend of Laura Childs), Shellie Moser Atchison (daughter of Linda Moser Marshall, former member of our church), The Family Of Bob Burdine, Jennifer Campbell's Son, Rob Coogan (Friend of Debbie Gissendanner), Michael Dow, (Beverly Threatt's son), Jessica Flippen (friend of Josh Durham), Lainey Gilstrap (family member of Vickie Faylor), Scott Hall, Doris Harrelson, Amanda Hayes (friend of Bobby Taylor), Mark Holiday, Corky Holman, Corrine Hovda, Whitney Hunt & Ezrah, Carolyn Knight (Bill Teat's Sister), Jerry Kruse (Jimmy's Dad), Jimmy Kruse, Joe Malone, Larry McCants, Denise McCloud (Daughter of Dennis & Terri McCloud), Robert Moler (brother of Linda Crouch), Jeffrey Moore, Ken Pennington, Joe Ravan, Susan Ravan, Monroe Stone, Jimmy Tarrant, Bobby Taylor, Jordan Emory Turner, Matthew Wallace, Gwen Williams, Allen Zorn

Continue To Pray For Our Shut-Ins: Dr. Eugene Bondurant, Sue Coggins, Blanche Creswell, Shirley Dickson, Libby Gilliam, Carolyn Hunter, Gloria Moore, Alex Stone, & Barbara Thackston



Men's Group will meet on Monday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Third Thursday Dinner is on Thursday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m. The meal is Spaghetti & Salad. The Sign-up sheet is located on the entrance door of the sanctuary.

Administrative Council will not meet in June.

PPRC will meet on Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m.

MONTHLY OUTREACH MINISTRIES NEWS:

The outreach ministries committee has selected Pet food for various agencies for our outreach ministry in June. Meals on Wheels delivers pet food to their clients with pets. Some of the other food banks pass out pet food to their clients also.

Thank you for the donations to Meals on Wheels and Alabaster House. They were greatly appreciated.

Meal for Berea Elementary Staff

We are looking at doing a meal for the staff again this year on the last day of school, June 2nd. We will deliver and serve the meal to the staff at noon.

United Women in Faith

The Friendship Circle will not meet in June or July...they will meet again on August 15th at 2:00 p.m.

The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the church. We will have a lunch and a program. We will also be working on craft projects. The crafts will be taken to Mission U in July for the craft room. Crafts are sold at Mission U to support the 4 SC United Women In Faith Mission Projects: Killingworth, Bethlehem Center Spartanburg, Bethlehem Center Columbia, and Wallace Family Life.

The UWF of Berea Friendship will have a special recognition bulletin for the special men/young gentlemen in our lives on Father's Day, June 18th. Recognition forms are located on the back table in the sanctuary. You can recognize a special man/young gentleman in your life for \$1.00 per recognition. The deadline for submission is Sunday, May 7th. Please place your recognitions in the United Women In Faith box on the back table in the Sanctuary (please do not place in the offering plate). The donation from this special recognition goes to support our work in missions. If you have questions or need to mail recognitions, please contact Anne-Marie Wallace at 551-3605.

Our prayer focus for June is on the Neighborhood House in Wilmington, Delaware. It was established in 1927 to help low to moderate income families in New Castle county Delaware. Founded on Christian principles, the Neighborhood House provides transformational programs that positively impact individuals, families, and the community.

They have four successful programs -

1. Family services and homelessness prevention helps those in crisis by meeting their immediate needs and putting a plan in action for their future.
2. Youth development reaches out to ages 5-18 with year round programs to offer a nurturing atmosphere and academic proficiency.
3. Housing counseling helps with finding affordable housing and works on foreclosure protection.
4. The Early Learning Center is a New Directions Early Head Start program for ages birth - three years old.

The centers' overall goal is to help each client experience greater levels of self-sufficiency, personal effectiveness, and success.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Becky Warnock in Ohio and Nancy Garrison in North Carolina.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, June 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. All chairpersons serve on the council and are encouraged to attend these meetings. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please let Vickie Failor, Administrative Council Chairperson now.

Bible Study

We are watching the Series "The Chosen" and then having a short bible study discussion after each episode. We are meeting at 5:45 on Monday evenings. We start watching the episode at 5:50 p.m. Each episode varies in length of 30-55 minutes. Everyone is invited to participate in the Bible Study.

The bible study is being led by the Lay Servants of the church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. The lay servants are: Vickie Failor, Anne-Marie Wallace, Bobby Taylor, Larry McCants, and Josh Durham. We would like to thank Laura Childs for encouraging us to do this study.

As of this printing, we have completed 6 episodes. The episodes are available to watch via the internet or an app that can be downloaded on your smart phone. The website is: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/> The app that can be downloaded from the apple store or google store is angel studios.

Outreach Ministries will be providing a meal for the Piedmont Salkahatchie on Wednesday, June 14th. We will be taking the meal to Wren High School at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to assist in this event. We will prepare the meal at our church and pack it to keep it warm and chilled. We will leave the church around 5:15 p.m. We will set the food up and serve the campers. They are planning on approximately 40 participants. While there, we will also have the opportunity to deliver a devotion.

If you would like more information, please contact Vickie Failor or Bobby Taylor

SAVE THE DATE and be planning ahead for our annual fall bazaar.

The Quilters and Crafters Bazaar will be held on Sat Oct. 21, 2023 from 8am – 4pm

We are blessed to have many groups and individuals support this event. More info will be coming soon.

Highlights from Administrative Council

Ensuring we are sharing information across our congregation, we will be sharing highlights from Administrative Council a minimum of quarterly. The following are highlights for Spring 2023

Trustees

Many updates are being completed including repair sheet rock, Painting inside and out in addition to some outside steps and concrete repair. Trustees worked with construction company building apartments next door—company used fill dirt to fill holes and level our back lot and plant grass. Nice job !

Quilters

are making prayer lap quilts for our shut ins. The congregation will be asked to pray over the quilts before they are distributed to our members. Quilters are also working on a linen table cloth for the alter table that will have the names of church members (saints) who have passed away - embroidered on the cloth, Many crafts are in progress for the bazaar. For more information contact Janie Riley or Jean Vaughn.

Men's Group

Is providing a 3rd Thursday night dinner each month, The date may change upon church needs – example Palm Sunday lunch for children and families and members. They continue outreach by providing meals for THRIVE houses – homes for challenged adults who need extra care and assistance. For more information contact Bobby Taylor or Larry McCants.

Outreach Committee

Plans for monthly support to the community and delivers items. United Ministries requested tomato sauce and rice and were delighted at the amount received. Jasmine Road requested paper goods and laundry detergent for the women in their shelters. They too were blessed by donations and surprised at amount donated. Meals on Wheels are another mission that has been supported. Watch for monthly community support targets in newsletter and bulletins. Contact Vickie Failor for more info.

Health and wellness committee is pleased to announce that 7 members attended to hands only CPR Class at the fire station. The first aid kit has been replenished and is hanging with the AED box. Another CPR class will be scheduled for those who want to but were unable to attend class.

Trustees are responsible for weekly checking of AED box to ensure batteries are working.

Children's ministry is planning for vacation bible school in July. Many volunteers will be needed Contact Brenda Benton or Carol Presnell for more information. We would also like more volunteers to assist with Children's church on Sunday morning.

Safe Sanctuary

In line with the Methodist Church and the protection of children and vulnerable adults, we have had a safe sanctuary policy for many years. It was recently reviewed by the administrative council. The policy includes background checks and education required for safe sanctuary screening and approval .

Key facts

-2 people (at a minimum) must be present when caring for children or vulnerable adults. At least one of those people must have been screened and approved by TRAK 1. Two people living in the same household cannot keep children together

Many church members have been screened and are currently approved and include: Brenda Benton, Carol Presnell, Josh Durham, Margaret Rawson, Susan Kruse, Jimmy Kruse, James Bagwell, Sue Bagwell, Ellen Holman, Vickie Failor, Bobby Taylor, Laura Childs, Larry McCants, and Jan Smith.

Several other members have been screened in the past – and are due for renewal. We require renewal every 24 months. Invitations have been e-mailed to these individuals to update their training and background check For more information contact Jan Smith

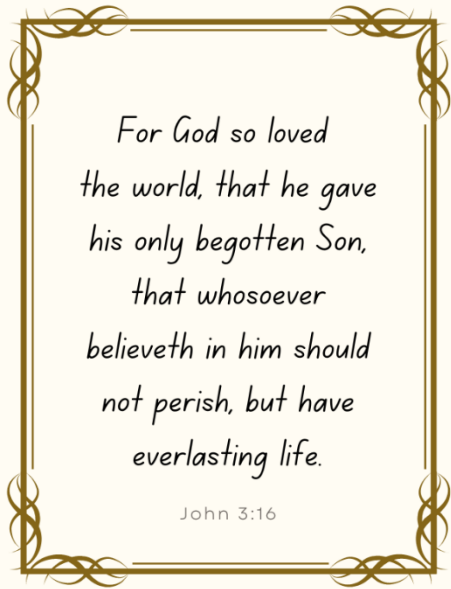
Women of Faith Circles

Friendship Circle has monthly outreach and collected underwear for healthroom at Berea Elementary School, gathered items Greenville Northwest ministries, and prepared baskets for shut in members. Provided brunch for Prayer Breakfast. Would love to have additional members.Meet on 3rd Wednesday at 2pm. Contact Vivian Day for more info.

Shalom Circle meets on 3rd Saturday. They also have monthly projects and assist with baskets for CDC and teachers. Send cards to missionaries. Provided the program for Prayer breakfast. They too are interested in new members. Contact Anne Marie Wallace or Vickie Failor for more info.

June 2023

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Berea Friendship
BIBLE STUDY
The Chosen

Mondays at 5:45 we will watch an episode of
The Chosen followed by a discussion of the
episode.

**THIRD
THURSDAY
DINNER**

June 15th 6:00
Spaghetti
& Salad

Berea Friendship

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**FATHER'S
DAY**
Recognition

\$1.00 PER NAME. FORMS
AND SUBMISSION BOX ON
TABLE IN SANCTUARY

DO NOT PLACE IN
OFFERING PLATE

SUBMIT BY JUNE 12TH

**PET
FOOD
DRIVE**

- Cat food and dog food collection
- Donations given to several organizations
- Meals on wheels, North Greenville Crisis Ministries, Triune, United Ministries, etc.

Twin Bedding Needed

**THROW
BLANKETS
NEEDED**

**ALABASTER
HOUSE**

Bath Towels and wash cloths Needed

place donations in laundry baskets

Peter

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Whom do men say that I am?" And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some say Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, "But whom do ye say I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art Christ, the son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (of revelation) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 16:13-19a KJV)

And when Jesus came unto Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. (Matthew 8:14-16 KJV)

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying it is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, "Come." And when Peter was come out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save. An immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" (Matthew 14:26-31 KJV)

Jesus [began] to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priest and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." (Matthew 16:21-23 KJV)

And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou art one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly. (Matthew 26:73-75 KJV)

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand. (Acts 2:38-41 KJV)

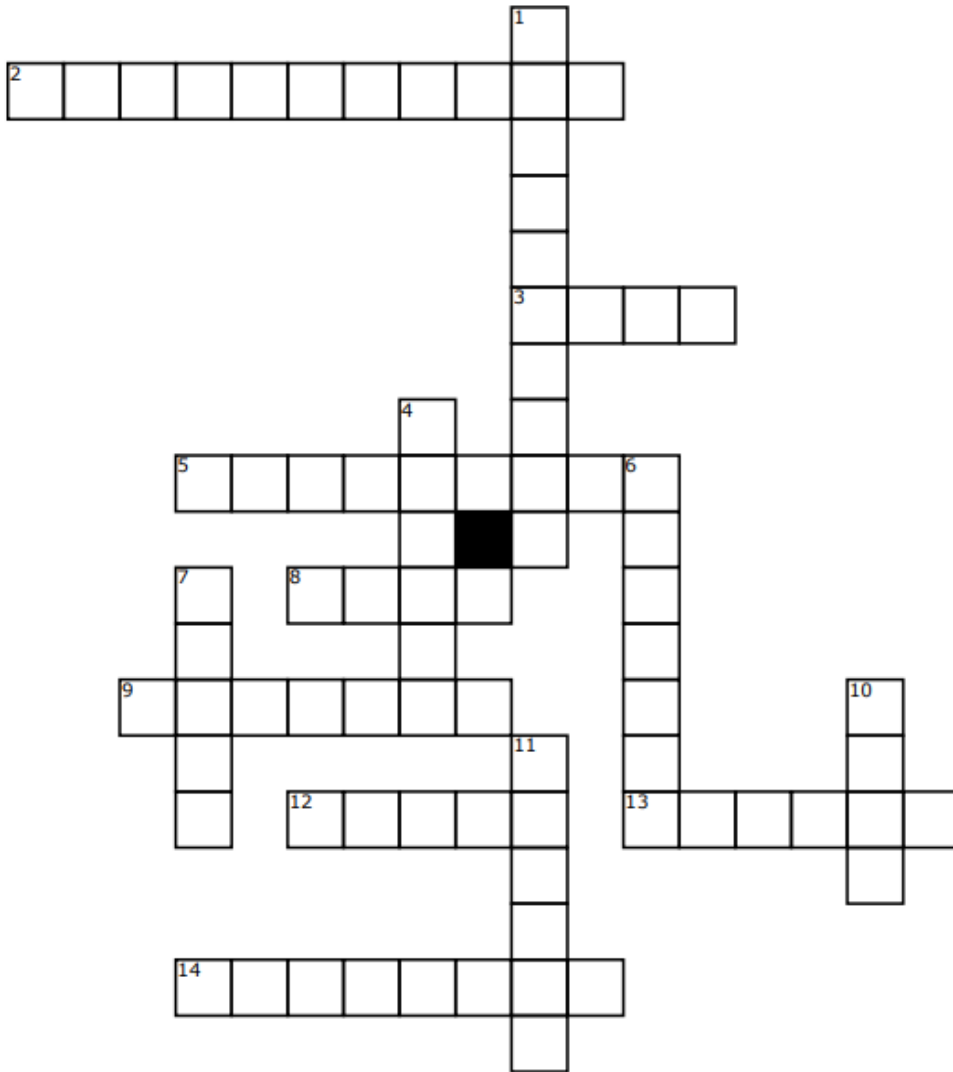
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Peter



Across

- 2.** Peter was persecuted and martyred just as Jesus promised (John 21:18-19). How did he die?
- 3.** Who had to keep Peter accountable concerning the uncircumcised believers? (Galatians 2:11-14)
- 5.** In Acts 10 Peter meets with who?
- 8.** In Acts 4:5-12 Peter and John are questioned for healing a _____ beggar.

Down

- 9.** Peter's new calling involved something similar to his current occupation. What? (Matt 4:18-19)
- 12.** The rooster crowed _____ times when Peter denies Jesus. (Luke 22:54-62)
- 13.** Who brought Peter to meet Jesus?
- 14.** Peter rebukes another man named Simon who is a _____. (Acts 8:20-24)

Down

- 1.** What gift came to Peter after Jesus ascended? (Acts 2:1-4)?
- 4.** Acts 2 is a record of Peter's first what?
- 6.** In Acts 8 Peter and John go to _____.
- 7.** What did Peter confront Ananias and Sapphira about? (Acts 5:1-11)
- 10.** In John 13 Peter objects to Jesus washing his _____?
- 11.** What is the Greek word for Peter?