

# The Friendship News

April, 2022

Monthly Newsletter of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to begin this article by making a correction to the February newsletter. Please see the correction in parentheses in the following sentence. "As teams and groups meet, let scripture, the grace of Jesus Christ, (the Holy Spirit), and our Forward Focus mission, vision, and strategic goals guide your discussions." We live in the dispensation of God by His Holy Spirit. I begin with the idea of correction because we will always be making corrections as the church of Jesus Christ. People of faith are frequently inclined to rely on their own abilities, talents, works and efforts, intelligence, common sense, comfort, and what's worked in the past. To operate from our human confidence is where we are all inclined to start. We're not inclined to operate by faith, so we will always be making corrections!

We should always start with God's Word, grace in the person of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and then manmade plans. We should always be aspiring toward the things God indicates are most important to him. "God delights in steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, Jeremiah 9:24. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God, Micah 6:8. Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow, Isaiah 1:17." Let's sample the New Testament. "I desire mercy not sacrifice, Matthew 9:13. Jesus said to them. My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and complete His work, John 4:34. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded, Matthew 28:19-20. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, Luke 4:18-19. Without faith it is impossible to please God, Hebrews 11:6." To build a church building is straight forward, quantifiable. To maintain a facility is straight forward, quantifiable. To make capital improvements is straight forward, quantifiable. To be the church of Jesus Christ is to be all about unquantifiable, things unseen. As the church we are always in a bit of a dilemma. We think in human terms - quantifiable and seen. Yet, we're to be all about unquantifiable and unseen. I suppose that's why we must come to God by faith alone. There is no other way.

Psalms 37:4 struck home with me this morning. If taken to heart it removes the uncertainties and fears that so readily fill our minds. "Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Today we will each deal with many issues - health, finances, family concerns, work life, etc., etc. There are many big issues before Berea Friendship if we intend to grow stronger and serve God faithfully. We know we are supposed to trust in God more! Have more faith! Quickly we are staring straight into our dilemma again. So delight in the Lord! If I delight in someone, there is no fear. If I delight in God, I can't focus on my own shortcomings. If I delight in God, I can't focus on other shortcomings. If I delight in God, I'm not obsessed with a broken world. If I delight in God, I am seeing the best there is to see. As we face all that is before Berea Friendship, let's delight in the Lord, and let him be the desire of our hearts. That will solve every dilemma we face, real or imagined, and minimize our number of corrections.

In Christ,  
Pastor Davon

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

April 3rd, is Week 4, Episode 4, 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>

**Maundy Thursday Evening Service** April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunrise Service** April 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am. Service is planned for outside, as weather permits.

# Our Church Family

## Anniversaries

### Happy Belated March Anniversary:

3/18 Jose & Jayne Ferrer

### April Anniversaries

04 Ronald & Vickie Failor

24 Parks & Sonya Evans

25 Allen & Libby Gilliam

*Happy Anniversary!*

### Trustees Meeting

April 5, 6:30 pm in Social Hall

**The Shalom Circle** will meet April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am in Social Hall for a light lunch and Bible Study Series "Women of the Bible".

### Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.

**The Friendship Circle**  
Meeting on Tuesday,  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the regular time  
in the Huckaby Classroom.

**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.

## *Happy Birthday!!*

### Happy Belated March Birthday:

08 Jayne Ferrer

### Happy April Birthdays

02 Carol D. Presnell

02 Melissa Pressley Miller

06 Susan Kruse

09 Ellen Holman

10 Jan Vaughan

11 Patti Taylor

18 Jean Bynum Vaughn

20 Howard Johnson

26 Janie Riley

30 Stella Schaefer

30 Eric Disher

### Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of Mary Grace Lancaster Brown, wife of Rev. David Brown who passed away on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Sympathy notes can be mailed to: 636 Stafford Ave. Spartanburg, SC 29302

Our condolences to the family of Kathleen Griffin who passed away on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Sympathy notes can be mailed to: Cathy Griffin, 1 Knightsbridge Dr., Simpsonville, SC 29681

Our condolences to the family of Rebecca Parham, who passed away on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Rebecca was the Granddaughter of Bill Teat's Brother. Sympathy notes can be mailed to their family by way of Bill Teat

### The Inspiration Group:

No April meeting,  
Meet May 19<sup>th</sup>. Details to come! .

**THRIVE UPSTATE** visits on April 14<sup>th</sup>! Come help us make this time special for Thrive Residents!

**Prayer List:** Miller Bogan, Elaine Campbell, Barbara Durham, Tony Earnest, Ann Laws, Gloria Moore, Carolyn Ninestein, Janet Stone. Beverly Threatt,  
Continued prayers for our Shut Ins. Our Shut Ins are being supported by Project Connect 2022.

**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: April 23rd , May 7th , May 14th , and June 4th

**Administrative Council** Meet April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. Committee Chairperson, please turn in written report to Vickie Failor by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Outreach Ministries** will have a meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. All members are encouraged to attend. During the month of April, we will continue to collect items for Triune Mercy Center. A list is located on the door at the back of the sanctuary and on the table at the back of the sanctuary

**Aldersgate United Methodist Church** will be hosting a information event for **Salkehatchie** on Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 5 p.m until 8 p.m. They are looking for people that participated in Salkehatchie to come and share their experience and help promote this ministry. Salkehatchie is supposed to up and running this summer. If you would like to participate in this, please contact Vickie Failor and she will get you in touch with the representative from Aldersgate UMC.

**Easter!** The Children's Ministry Team needs empty Egg Cartons and Plastic Eggs! You can help by donating Egg Cartons and Plastic Eggs by April 10th. Please place your donations in the "BOX" in the Narthex. Sanctuary.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now. Infants through Children in Grade 6. (Nursery will be available for infants through age 2) **Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 13 Registration Forms can be found in the Narthex or in the Office.** Please share the above information with your family and friends. Volunteers from BFUMC are needed to help with the event. Those helping may stay for the entire event or for a shorter period. All volunteers are welcome! Please let Carol Presnell, Ellen Holman, Margaret Rawson, or Brenda Benton know if you can be part of this special event. Sponsored by the Outreach & Children's Ministry committees.

**MENS GROUP UMM, YARD SALE APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**: Doors open at 7 a.m. and runs until 3:00 pm. Contact Bobby Taylor 864-630-3676 to see how you can help.

**HOLD ON TO YOUR YARD SALE ITEMS:** We are organizing space here at Church for items. We will start our yard sale pick up on April 25 to April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Yard Sale **Item Pick Up:** April 25<sup>th</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am. until 2:00 pm.

Yard Sale **Table Setup** in the Gym, Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm.

**Pricing Yard Sale Items:** April 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We welcome all extra help and will be providing a meal.

**CDC Graduation: May 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will be providing a lunch on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter "Project Connect" to our members who are considered Shut In and to attend Church activities. A new Shut In List will be placed in the Narthex 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.

**Trustees** on board this year, 2022, are as follows: Robert Bagwell, Barry Childs, Cindy Cooper, Carolyn Earnest, Rick Greer, Dena Nalley, Alex Philpot, Buddy Stover, Rob Wallace. There are many projects onboard for Year 2022 and more to be published. Please reach out to our Trustees if you see items that we need to address and we will add them to our list!

### **United Methodist Women**

**Mother's Day Offering \$1.00 per Entry:** UMW is sponsoring a Special Mother's Day Recognition Program for May 8<sup>th</sup>. Recognize a special Women in your life by placing their name in our Program for May 8<sup>th</sup>. Each Entry is \$1.00, and Forms are in the Narthex. We appreciate the church supporting us in our mission work

**Concessions:** The United Methodist Women will be running the concessions stand for the Dribble For Destiny basketball tournaments. The dates are April 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 **Prayer Focus** for April is on the Hattie B. Cooper Community Center in Boston, Massachusetts. They were founded in the early 1920's by the Methodist Church. Today they are supported by the UMC and UMW. They have received a five-star rating.

For over 100 years they have served as an anchor for leadership and development among children in the area. They serve children three months - twelve years and offer preschool, kindergarten, and after school programs. The center has received National Accreditation through the Education of Young Children Act.

Two of their other programs offered are a food bank for those in need and a program to help senior citizens with any of their needs.

Their mission statement reads "The Hattie B. Community Center is committed to providing children, youth, and families with the strongest developmental foundation to inspire a lifelong excitement for learning and the skills to become caring and responsible citizens."

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries LeAnne Venable in North Carolina and Gloria Marple in Oregon.

**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.

## Responsively Yours

### The Things That Endure

Stop the train—I want to get off! Do you ever feel that way? Time is moving too fast. People are moving, changing jobs, becoming harder to include in gatherings shaped by pandemic concerns. It's always time to nominate new officers, plan an event or write another **response** column. (Maybe that last one is just me.) Why can't things just stay the same?

Of course, the truth is, things never really stay the same for long. For those of us who have accumulated some years, it only takes a few minutes to come up with examples—we used to search a card catalog, get graded on penmanship, use paper maps and phone books, watch our favorite television shows only once a week, need a man's permission to obtain a credit card.

At the same time there are things that endure, such as the need to connect, research, make records, communicate, enjoy art, worship. The ways in which we accomplish these tasks may change, but the needs remain.

We have experienced this throughout the existence of United Methodist Women and our predecessors. How we do mission has changed. Our names have changed. How we learn about the work needed and the work being done has changed. How we gather, inform, fundraise, engage, celebrate and worship has changed. So much has changed!

But we can also look back at our 153 years and see so much has remained constant. Women still gather for Christian fellowship, prayer, support and study. Women are still committed to raising up women leaders. Women are still committed to making the world a better place. Women are still committed to living out their faith in lives of action for justice and through loving service. Women are still attentive to those who are excluded or left out or left behind. Women know the church needs us.

One of the marvelous learnings from all the research we did as a foundation for launching our new brand is that both members and nonmembers value these constants. Women who are not members of United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith, value and long for the things that have been at the core of who we are throughout our existence. Members and nonmembers want to grow closer to God, find sisters in faith, raise up and hold up women leaders and invest in causes larger than themselves. This, friends, is good news. The core purposes for which we exist have urgency and appeal to many who are not yet members.

What is less appealing to women of faith is connected to how we have organized to achieve our goals. We know from decades of hard work with new member resources and thinking about what it means to belong that it can be very challenging to enfold new people in existing structures in ways that allow them to bring all they have to offer. The good news is that we can lead with our core values and goals. We can invite women to connect in new ways, to engage with causes larger than themselves and to come together for Christian nurture in familiar and new ways.

This time of rebranding is a wonderful opportunity to elevate our deepest values, to employ new tools and to reaffirm the centrality of faith, action and sisterhood. Let us, together, go forward to live out the call of God, letting love guide our action, in work for justice and in service. ■

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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](mailto: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.

# April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		11:30 a.m. Quilters		Quilters 6:30 p.m.	1	2 Dribble for Destiny Basketball Tournament
3 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Live Streamed	4	5 11:30 a.m. Quilters 6:30 pm. Trustees	6 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	7 Quilters 6:30 p.m.	8	9
10 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Live Streamed	11	12 11:30 a.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. Friendship Circle	13 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	14 Thrive Upstate 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m.  Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary	15	16 8:00 a.m. Men's Club 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt
17 7:00 am Sunrise Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Guest Speaker 10:00 a.m. Live Streamed	18 6:30 pm Outreach Ministry	19 11:30 a.m. Quilters 2:00 pm Friendship Circle 6:30 pm Administrative Council	20 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	21 Quilters 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Dribble for Destiny Basketball Tournament
24 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Live Streamed	25 Yard Sale Pick Up Items	26 11:30 a.m. Quilters Yard Sale Pick Up Items	27 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Yard Sale Pick Up Items Yard Sale Table Set Up Tables Gym	28 Quilters 6:30 p.m. Yard Sale Pricing	29 Yard Sale Pricing	30 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Yard Sale