

Ministry

Church Family,

Berea Friendship has become a pick up location for Meals On Wheels. It came to Rhonda Hovious' attention that such a location was needed in the Berea - Travelers Rest area. She recommended us, and it came to pass. It is a privately funded, five week project to help reduce hunger in our community. Pick up is 10:30am Saturday mornings as supplies last, and extends four more weeks before present funding expires. Persons In need simply pull through the parking lot to receive meals, minimizing personal contact in the current covid crisis. Please thank Rhonda when you see her for making this opportunity to help possible. Hopefully it may translate into other ministry opportunities in the future!

If you were present at our last congregational Forward Focus meeting you may remember District Superintendent Jim Dennis mentioning a need at Epworth. A couple of folks suggested we should look into it, so I have. No decisions have been made. If you recently noticed Epworth signs on our property, it is because signs were recently placed at all churches that had expressed an interest to serve. I am in the process of getting a document that explains what Epworth will be doing in the future. Because of increasing regulations, congregational care has been further restricted. Epworth can no longer operate in the context that it previously has. In the future ,its focus as I understand it will be to arrange and oversee **foster care** efforts. Epworth will also be involved in helping struggling parents as they have specific needs - this ministry is called **Circle of Parents**. A third emphasis will be **Kinship Care**, which is focused on helping grandparents, or other family, who suddenly find themselves caregivers of related children. Again, what I find exciting is the opportunity for Berea Friendship to help those in need. We are never more like God than when we are giving!

I know that current circumstances have distracted and greatly concerned everyone. Berea Friendship must regroup, and continue being the church, hopefully bolder and stronger than ever before. There was a hopeful outlook and anticipation concerning Berea Friendship's future just before covid. Let's hold tight to those dreams and get back on track asap.

Much Love In Christ

Pastor Davon