

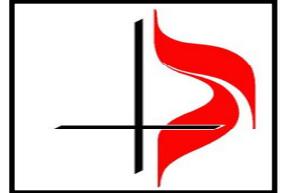
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Berea Friendship UMC Newsletter May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Berea Friendship things have not been the same lately. Covid 19 has certainly thrown a monkey wrench in the workings of everything! It does not seem as though things are going to return to our previous normal in the immediate future. Or, we may have a new normal altogether when this is done. Like so many before us in this country and at Berea Friendship, we are going to have to ride this out, and move through it as best we can. I know that we are up to the challenge – whatever that looks like going forward. As a friend of mine pointed out, it is times such as these that we seem to realize what is really important. I hope that is indeed the case for Berea Friendship, the Methodist Church, for the body of Christ, for our country, for the world.

I hope you are not looking for a profound statement about the present crisis. I do not have one! Like everyone else, I am trying to figure it out one day at a time. Each of us is going to handle the situation differently depending on our basic personality, age, understanding, experiences, present health, etc. In other words, each individual will handle the crisis differently. We must be respectful of that fact and be patient with one another. Certainly, our expression of love and concern for one another should be increasing, not decreasing. What does that challenge look like for you? How do you stay connected to your church family, or increase those relationships in such times?

What does that challenge look like for me? I was hoping things would be trending back toward normal or a new normal by now. Instead everything still seems up in the air! For me the challenge means speaking to a camera on Saturday mornings. It means learning how to speak outdoors and staying still in front of a standing microphone. It means I need to create and manage an effective phone ministry. It means written notes and cards might be part of the answer. It means Bible study may be a zoom meeting. It means I should really be using this time to understand and apply social media that I have not previously invested myself in. It means using a new website effectively. It means whatever it takes, I must figure it out. The same is true for the church.

There will be a new normal going forward. I hope we can begin to communicate effectively, and step into our new normal carefully and thoughtfully. It will be a time to come together as a church, and be about the church's business. The fellowship and ministry we presently have here must be maintained. The opportunity to create a vibrant future for Berea Friendship (Forward Focus) can't slip by the wayside and be forgotten. I think our answers will not come from assuming our previous normal is the desired goal, the only possibility. The question is how to safely move forward in short term.

What might an evolving new normal look like? I ask you to start seriously considering that thought. As I have said before, you are amazing people – you can do anything you set your minds to. I listen to your conversations all the time. Perhaps Sunday worship is multiple services so we can space out. Perhaps we worship in the gym, bring your own lawn chair, really space out. Perhaps Administrative Council is in the parking lot in the cool of the evening, cars in a big circle, sit by your car or on your car. We've been trying to get the fellowship hall painted since I arrived here. There has to be a way for folks to organize and share the load on such a project. Only one or two painters would need to be present at a time. There are many such projects all over the church! We can do anything if God is our inspiration! Begin to think about it please. Please let me know your thoughts as we talk in the days ahead. We will see where those thoughts and conversations lead us.

On our website (bereafriendshipumc.org) there is now a Pastor's Page. I will be using it in the weeks ahead to inform you of what is happening in and around the church. New postings will be put up on Thursday evenings. Much love to you Berea Friendship.

In Christ,
Pastor Davon

May Birthdays

- 01 Vivian Day
- Jean Busha
- Linda Crouch
- Craig McClain
- Monroe Stone
- 02 Roddy Moore
- 03 Bobbie Bogan
- 04 Barry Childs
- 07 Martha McWhite
- 09 Susan Baird
- 10 Don Baird
- 10 Renee Teat Zorn
- 13 Katie Rawson
- 15 Bob Helms
- 16 Melissa Hughes Hazel
- 17 Janet Stone
- 18 Allen Zorn
- 19 Becky Mann
- 21 Joe Philpot
- 22 Dennis McCloud
- 24 Brenda Benton
- 25 April Gray
- 26 Debbie Jo Smith
- Daniel Surett
- 27 James Wesley Gray
- 28 Maria T. DeZern
- 29 Terri McCloud
- 30 Brandon Hester
- 31 Glenda Argo



May Anniversaries

- 05 Millie & Bob Dunn
- 12 Debbie Jo & Tom Sr
- 13 Patti & Bobby Taylor
- 16 Pam & Davon Harrelson
- 17 Jan & Andy Vaughan
- 19 Debbie & Steve Capps

2020 Bazaar in November

We are collecting Jewelry for the Bazaar in November 2020. As you spring clean, please remember us collecting your unwanted jewelry so we can use it to resale at our Bazaar coming up. Thank you Ellen Holman

Thank you

Thank you for all the calls, prayers, and cards during the illness and death of my father, George Failor, Sr. All of this meant a lot to me and my family. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we continue to deal with his affairs and wait to have a service.

With Love,

Ronald Failor and family

Prayer List

- Failor Family
- Griffin Family
- Joe Philpot
- Jerry Bynum
- Brittany Hill, CDC Teacher
- Jim Philpot, Bobbie Bogan's Brother
- Bobby Taylor
- Alex Philpot
- Janet Stone
- Dennis McCloud
- Donna Helms
- Mary Childs
- Allen Zorn
- Alex Stone
- Elmo Mann
- Jean Busha
- Dot Nichols
- Molene McDuffie
- Mildred Bray
- Millie Dunn
- Jane-Hunt Grady
- Troy Clements
- Kathleen Griffin
- Carolyn Hunter
- Mildred Pollard
- Mary Penland



Sympathy

The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to the following:
Ron and Vickie Failor upon the death of Ron's father, George Failor who passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2020 at home. We want to extend our sympathy to Anne-Marie Failor Wallace and her husband Robert Wallace in the loss of their grandfather. Memorials may be sent to the National Kidney Foundation, 508 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201 or www.kidney.org. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

We also send our deepest sympathy to Mary Farr and her family upon the death of her daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth Farr who passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.
We extend our sympathy to Kathryn's sister, Carolyn Farr Shanesy (Todd), her brother Franklin Farr (Stephanie Davani).

New Address

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Oakview Senior Assisted Living
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Greenville, SC 29611

For Sympathy Cards

- Don Griffin's sister**
- Cathy Griffin**
- 134 Reserve Drive
- Piedmont, SC 29673
- Don's Wife**
- Georgia Griffin**
- 75 Hemingway Lane
- Simpsonville, SC 29681
- Don's Son**
- Mike Griffin**
- 5 Seminole Drive
- Greenville, SC 29605

United Methodist Women

May 2020 Newsletter article

Our two circles, Friendship Circle and Shalom Circle will not meet this month due to the Covid 19 and the Bishops request to not have in person meetings.

Special Mother's Day and Father's Day offering

We will collect donations for our yearly Mother's Day and Father's Day officering. The donations help us support our mission project. You can complete the attached form and mail the form and your donation to Vickie Failor – 1208 Cedar Lane Rd., Greenville SC, 29617 or you can mail it to the church with the attention of UMW on it at 8001 White Horse Rd., Greenville, SC 29617. Since we are not having bulletins for the weekly parking lot services, we will publish the donations list in recognition of these special people in our lives in the newsletter for June. Please have your donations turned in by May 25th. We will also try to have them on the church website. We request a \$1.00 donation for each special person you recognize.

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for May is on the Moore Community House in Biloxi, Mississippi. It was founded in 1924 by a Methodist pastor, Rev. Waldo Moore and his wife, Myrtie. Today it is a part of the Mission Agency of United Methodist Women.

Their goal is to help the community flourish by creating economic security for women through affordable child care and job training for work in construction and manufacturing that will pay a living wage.

One of their most successful programs is Head Start where care is given to pregnant women, infants, and toddlers up to age three. The following services are available through Head Start - child care food program, family specialists, expectant mothers program, school readiness classes, and employment/training referrals. With these programs, opportunities are opened up for parents to work and go to school while at the same time offering valuable learning experiences for their children.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Sherlette Lee in New York and Bernice Keech in Florida.

Media information

We are trying to keep the web site updated along with the Facebook page. If you have information that you need to get about your Sunday school class, group, etc. Please contact Vickie Failor and she will get it on the website and Facebook page. We are placing the weekly services on both sites. We will be adding newsletters and bulletins as they come available. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact Vickie.

Celebrating a New Mission Partner

by Christi Campos

Deaconess Melba McCallum knows the power of caring Christians working together. Troubled by the issues of poverty in her community of Laurinburg, North Carolina, and the need to prepare young people for a bright future, McCallum was called to action. She began to build partnerships with local clergy, laypeople and community leaders. In 2007, Partners in Ministry was born in her living room and is now a thriving and growing ministry.

“Our purpose is to coordinate efforts that respond to the social problems of poverty, dependency and community deterioration through capacity building, empowerment and leadership development,” said McCallum, executive director of Partners in Ministry. “I came from working in community college administration, and I was shocked how many students couldn’t handle the courses. I knew we needed to start kids early on a clear path.”

In March 2019, Partners in Ministry became United Methodist Women’s newest national mission institution, the first in the North Carolina Conference. I recently got to visit and celebrate the new partner in mission.

“This is truly an opportunity to expand our ministry,” McCallum said. “As a national mission institution, we will be able to expand our resources and be part of a network of like-minded agencies to share best practices throughout the country. We are truly blessed.” Jessica Tulloch, United Methodist Women executive for national ministries, is excited to welcome a new national mission institution.

“It’s our hope and aim that national mission institutions will continue to be a shining light of inspiration and transformation for our members and the communities they serve,” she said. I love my opportunities to witness our mission dollars at work, and I love knowing that the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign will endow future core expenses so that even more mission dollars can fund vital work, like that of Partners in Ministry.

Day of Giving

This year, March 23 will once again be our Day of Giving in which members and supporters have an opportunity to give to the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign to secure a future of continued mission work.

“Over half a million dollars came in from our generous members for Day of Giving in 2019. We hope to surpass that amount this year as we get ever closer to meeting our campaign goal,” said Emily Marshall, director of development for United Methodist Women.

Whether you choose to make a monthly pledge, one-time gift or leave a planned gift as a member of the 1869 Society, your support of the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign will enable us all to continue to put our faith, hope and love in action.

