

# *The Friendship News*

August 2022

## Monthly Newsletter of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Berea Friendship UMC is a beautiful church, almost sixty-nine years old. The Christian love experienced within this fellowship has been life changing for those who have called, and still call this place home. The sacrificial love of Christ shared has the power to transform individual lives, institutions, communities, and the world. Christ's church exists to share His good news, and we are to sow His Word into all persons and into all situations. And as we sow, we are to be living pictures of God's love in action. It's the living pictures of Christians giving in Jesus' name and Spirit that are so impactful!

Berea Friendship is about to begin a new service of sowing the Word. I want to thank all who have given so generously of their time, energy, talents, and means. It is amazing how many have contributed! Because of what has been given to date, and the wonderful blessings God has sent our way, BFUMC is wonderfully positioned to take this next step. As we operate faithfully in Word and actions that God can honor, He will bless. Encouraging another generation to call BFUMC home is essential to our moving forward. Every church must aspire to be the place where succeeding generations desire to worship.

We are only eight weeks away from launching a second service on Sunday evenings. Our launch date will be 9/18/22, with several introductory events to generate interest. There is still much to do and no time to spare! In the weeks ahead I would ask for your prayers over this new ministry. I would ask all to listen for opportunities to contribute, and give toward the effort as you are able. Everyone has a significant part to play! Working together we can open a new door in BFUMC's history. What has been built up with so much love and attention will become home for those who follow us.

We will need to be intentional about inviting new folks into this fellowship! It is one way everyone can help, and the single most important thing we must do. For those on social media, we must all be intentional to like and share. As your pastor, I will have to get in the game, and be part of that effort. For those desiring traditional worship, I am open to suggestions on how to further enhance that service. Traditional worshippers must also be passionate and intentional about inviting others! As we are faithful to invite others, and persevere in inviting we will grow. My prayer is that we will be amazed by how God blesses BFUMC as we align ourselves with His will and purposes. Whether growth is surprisingly fast, or slow and steady, we must stay the course.

Berea Friendship's best days lay just ahead as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ, and keep our eyes focused upon him.

In Christ,  
Pastor Davon

**Prayer List:** Glenda Argo, Laura Childs, Martha McWhite, Mark Nalley, Bobby Taylor, The Family Of Daryl Wilkerson & Renee Zorn (Pat Teat's Daughter)

**Continue To Remember:** Pam Bowers, The Tom Callis Family, Elaine Campbell, Bob Dunn, Sally Sue Philpot Hall, The Gail Harrelson Family, & The Family Of Noa Hartman

**Continued Prayer For Our Shut Ins:** Dr. Eugene Bondurant, Elaine Campbell, Sue Coggins, Blanche Creswell, Shirley Dickson, Millie Dunn, Libby Gilliam, Carolyn Hunter, Gloria Moore, Alex and Janet Stone, & Barbara Thackston.

# Our Church Family

## Happy Anniversary!

### August Anniversaries

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| 06 | Laura & Mike Brown    |
| 12 | Nancy & Junior Neal   |
| 27 | Becky & Henry Philpot |

## Happy Birthday!!

### August Birthdays

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| 01 | Maribeth Willard           |
| 02 | Sarah Reinhardt            |
| 04 | Donna Helms                |
| 07 | Masen Willard              |
| 10 | Sarah Elizabeth Gonzalez   |
| 15 | Ronnie Hunter              |
| 15 | Claire Philpot             |
| 16 | Shanna Creswell            |
| 18 | Corky Holman               |
| 19 | Tom Smith                  |
| 20 | Jim Rawson                 |
| 22 | Michelle Artificio Johnson |
| 26 | Matthew Willard            |
| 27 | Alex Philpot               |
| 30 | Ryan Farley Mann           |
| 30 | Matthew Anthony Earnest    |

**Josh's Jots...** *thank y'all all for making me feel so welcome at Berea Friendship...I've been here over 2 months now & have really enjoyed getting to know y'all...I'm enjoying singing in the choir & am looking forward to leading worship when we start an evening service in the fall...if you are interested in singing in the choir, we would love to have you join us &, as an added bonus, if you are normally cold on Sunday morning, the choir robes do a good job of keeping you warm...if you are on Facebook & we're not friends yet, please feel free to send me a friend request so we can connect on there as well...as a Church we can use Facebook & other forms of social media to share events we have going on here & hopefully reach more people in the community...so if you see the Berea Friendship page post something, please hit like & share...I'm trying my best to make sure I get all your announcements & prayer requests in the bulletin & newsletter & I appreciate all of those who have helped me in doing so...if you have any announcements or prayer requests you would like to include in the bulletin or the monthly newsletter, please call the church office (864) 246-4311 or email them to [BFUMChurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:BFUMChurch.office@gmail.com) by Wednesday of the previous week for the bulletin & by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month for the newsletter...all apologies to the teachers in the congregation for my lack of punctuation but my thoughts are usually more streaming than grammatically correct...I'm Josh & these are just my jots!*

## **Quilters and Crafters: Mark your Calendars – for NEW DATE – Saturday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited to share news of our **annual Quilters Bazaar** that is **expanding to a Crafters and Quilters Bazaar**. In addition to the quality items you have come to expect at the bazaar including beautiful quilts, holiday décor, home items, children's items, delectable jelly, jams, pickles, pastries, baked goods, flavorings and utensils, we are adding more. We have invited more than a dozen other crafters and artists. New items will include hand designed leather good, special goat milk and olive oil. soaps, paintings, jewelry, health food items, specially designed bags, aprons, yard decoration items. The list goes on! Plan to attend and tell your friends, family, and neighbors. A special gift for a hard to buy for person is sure to be found at this exciting event. Breakfast and lunch will also be available – many thanks to our Men's Group for collaborating on this special event.

**Children's Ministry Committee:** The 2022 VBS at Berea Friendship, "Food Truck Party - On a Roll with God," was a great success thanks to the contributions of more than two dozen folks who so generously gave of their time, talent, and financial support to make the week possible. Individual church members helped with publicity and promotion. with technology, with donations and decorations, with crafts and snacks and music and games; others took pictures, helped with props, registered our young chefs each night, performed with puppets and participated in skits and readings, The Outreach Committee provided snacks every night; the Methodist Men prepared and served a great hot dog supper, and the Children's Ministry Team planned and led the program and activities throughout the week. The young chefs who attended VBS had three mission projects; each reflected the key ideas of giving, sharing, and serving found in the Bible stories that were studied during the week. Our chefs brought canned goods to add to those items being collected by BFUMC for United Ministries; they collected coins in their Food Truck Banks and brought items for "Manna Bags" - care packages of snacks and personal items to be distributed through United Ministries. More than sixty cans of food were added to the church's grocery cart, funds combined from all the Food Truck Banks (just over \$75) were used to buy additional items for the Manna Bags, and eighteen of the bags were assembled with a note included in each one. Congratulations and thanks so much to all who made VBS 2022 a wonderful experience for these young folks in our community.

**A Message From Carol Presnell:** Thank you SO MUCH for the prayers, calls (including texts!), and visits during Dad's (Bob Dunn) illness and Mom's (Millie Dunn) relocation. Dad is doing well. He is out and about and enjoys visitors! Mom is at The Oaks (formerly The Haven) at Chanticleer. Mom would love visitors (after lunch). She does have trouble hearing. Talk to her about her church, the quilters, and the bazaar if you need a conversation starter. I thank all of you for the MANY acts of kindnesses. This church has always been caring and supportive, and I thank you!

### **New Address For Millie Dunn:**

The Oaks at Chanticleer  
355 Berkman Lane  
Room 215  
Greenville, SC 29605

**CDC Board Meeting:** Tuesday, August 9, at 5:45 in the Huckaby classroom. We will look at enrollment, finances, and grant money distribution. Please bring ideas with you. See Carol Presnell if ANYONE has any questions or suggestions about the CDC.

**Our BFUMC Policy** on Safe Sanctuary and SC Methodist Conferences require that people working with children and vulnerable adults be screened a minimum of every two years. It is time for screening. If you work with children or vulnerable adults you will receive an invitation from Smart-trak. Smart trak is the company recommended by the conference. Please respond to these invites in a timely manner. Thank you . If you have any questions contact Jan Smith.

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

# Word Searching For Salvation

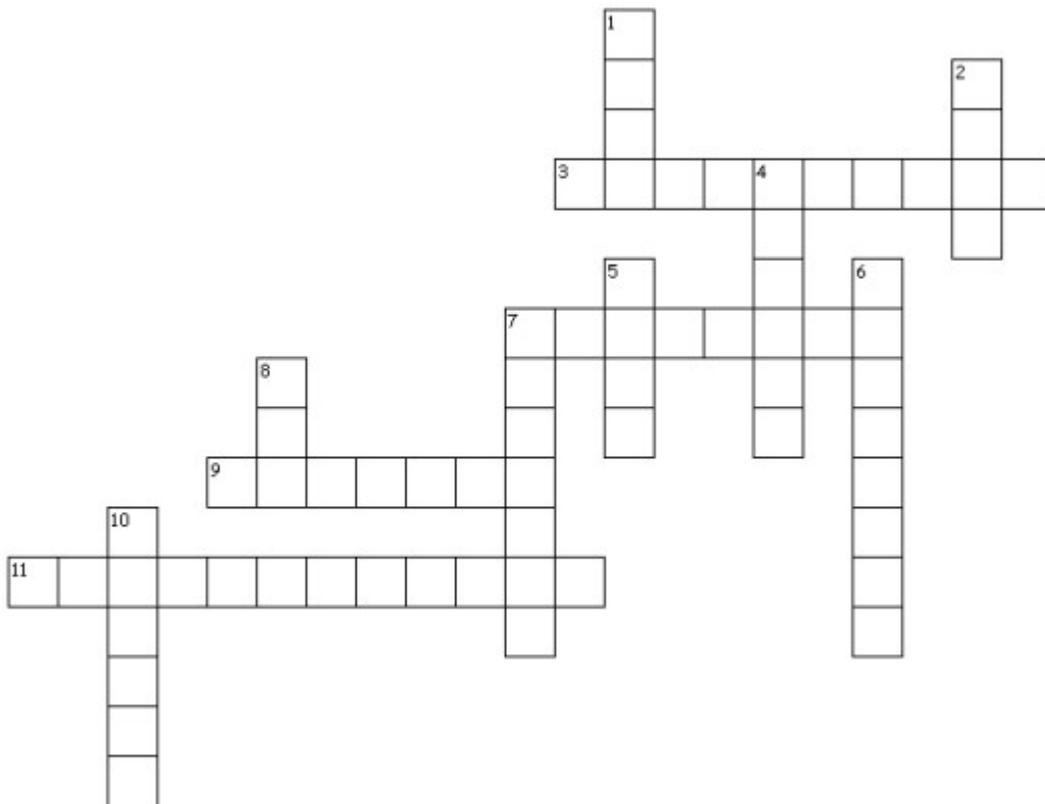


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# Crosswords From The Word



## **Across**

3. Parental spiritual warning (Eph. 6:4)
7. The mature put away \_\_\_ things (1 Cor. 13:11)
9. This word means "mature" (Eph. 4:13)
11. Difficult growing experiences (Rom. 5:3)

## **Down**

1. New converts desire the milk of the \_\_\_ (1 Pet 2:2)
2. You can't mature unless you do this (2 Pet. 3:18)
4. An elder must not be one (1 Tim. 3:6)
5. Immature person's food staple (1 Cor 3:2)
6. We are called \_\_\_ of God (1 John 3:1)
7. The mature will learn to be this (Phil. 4:11)
8. Solid food is for people who are full \_\_\_ (Heb 5:14)
10. Mature Christians will have the spirit of this (Eph. 1:17)

# Rustic Cross

*The Shalom Circle will have a painting party on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We will have an instructor guide us to paint a “Rustic Cross.” Cost is \$27.00 per person. This is open to anyone in the church and friends. Questions: call or text Susan Kruse 1-(864) 380-5069. Feel free to bring finger foods or snacks to share. Water and iced tea will be provided. Registration will be required by August 7<sup>th</sup>.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	2 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Outreach Ministries	3 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	8 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	9 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Quilters 5:45 p.m. CDC Board Meeting	10 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	11	12	13 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Rustic Cross Painting
14 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	15 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	16 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Quilters	17 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	18	19	20 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 11:30 a.m. Shalom Circle
21 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	22 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	23 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Quilters	24 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Back To School Bash	29 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship	30 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Quilters	31 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Fitness Fellowship			

## Weekly Calendar...

**Sunday School...**9:00 a.m. in the Huckaby Classroom.

**Sunday Morning Worship...**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Choir Practice...**on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Quilters & Crafters...**on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

**Fitness Fellowship...**on Monday & Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

## Upcoming Events...

**Outreach Ministries...**Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**CDC Board Meeting...**Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. in the Huckaby Classroom.

**Rustic Cross Painting...**Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**Men's Group...**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

**Shalom Circle...**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

**Back To School Bash...**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Outdoor Evening Service...**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Fish Fry...**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday Evening Service...**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Fall Bazaar...**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the gym.