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Berea Friendship UMC Newsletter

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

There are always many people to be appreciated. As pastor, I have needed to thank a specific group within the church. If we were not in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, we would all thank these folks in person during worship, and with a fellowship luncheon. That has been my intention for many months. Unfortunately, it is very obvious we are nowhere near the time we can thank these individuals in person. I want to thank the Trustee Chairs that have served at BFUMC since I came back to my home church in July of 2018.

Every chairperson is knowledgeable and gifted in different ways. Each chair has different career and work experience to draw upon. Each chair has different approaches to solving problems. Each chair has a different approach in how they work and communicate with people. Each chair is both proficient and deficient in given areas; we are all human. For certain each chair is to be thanked for what they bring to the table!

When I came to BFUMC Ron Failor was the Trustee Chair (July 2018 – 2019). There are always many things to do in an older facility. There was the usual flow of problems and concerns upon my return. Each and every time I needed support Ron was there for me, while working full time. The Trustees supported, and allotted money for upgrading our landscaping. Ron was heavily involved in getting the parsonage ready for rental, and carrying that process through to completion. He started a discussion on switching our lighting to LED. Work was done to repair cracks in our parking lot. From doors to plumbing, heating and air, lighting, roofing and many other issues, Ron invested himself quietly for hours on end. There is not time to mention all! Ron was a joy to work with! Take the time to thank him when and how you can.

The next Trustee Chair was Howard Johnson. He was hit with everything but the kitchen sink when he started! If it was thinking about breaking – it broke! Then Covid made every meeting, decision, and workday complicated. Howard was kidding about changing his mailing address! Early on he was at the church all the time! I was often concerned about Howard doing too much. Howard made the necessary phone calls, kept us together, kept everyone in the loop, and steadily moved forward. On Howard’s watch we replaced the heat and air in the fellowship hall, did roof repairs, sewer line repairs, electrical repairs, and more. Howard has a great understanding of electricity, and was passionate about switching our lighting to LED. If he was continuing the previous LED conversation, or just passionate about it himself I do not know. But with his knowledge and persistence he and the other Trustees have gotten the most used spaces of the church switched over. That switch over will save us thousands of dollars in years to come. The ministry of presence is one of the most powerful ministry statements a person can make. There is not time to mention all! Howard was a joy to work with! Take time to thank him when and how you can!

As of 2021 Dena Nalley is now the Chair of Trustees. It is a tall order for a first time, first year trustee to take on. She is BFUMC’s first female Trustee Chair. She is passionate about the position she volunteered for. So far she is the most enthusiastic chair! She is absolutely determined to get a handle on the big picture, carry on the work her predecessors began, create an organized approach for 2021, and make the greatest impact she can. Right out of the starting gate she was hit with upgrading spaces for Epworth at Berea Friendship – a tall task. She has organized and received help from all directions, and done a fantastic job on a tight timeline. The remodeling is about complete. I have recently been so busy with pressing pastoral commitments, that I don’t know all that Dena has done. I do know she has been absolutely faithful and present! She is a joy to work with! Take time to thank her when and how you can!

Berea Friendship has been blessed by these three chairs. I have been blessed by these three chairs. I wanted to take the time to thank them for their commitment and contributions the past two and a half years. I am asking you to do the same Berea Friendship.

Much Love In Christ,

Pastor Davon

<p>Dear Church Family</p> <p>Thank you so much for all the cards, Food, and prayers for me and our family during Shain's passing. Shain loved our church and church family and each and everyone of you holds a special place in my heart .</p> <p>Thank you again,</p> <p>In Christian Love, Dawn Stewart</p>	<p>Dear choir Family,</p> <p>Thank you all so much for the gift you all gave to me. It was so very sweet of each of you. You all know Shain loved our choir and the music we sang. It will be hard without him but I look forward to when we can get back together.</p> <p>Love Dawn Stewart</p>	<p>Dear Bereavement Committee</p> <p>Thank you for providing our family with a delicious meal after Shain's funeral. It was very much appreciated by our whole family.</p> <p>Love Dawn Stewart</p>
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<p>Your Kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.</p> <p>Berea Friendship UMC Congregation, We really did appreciate you thinking of Mother (Molene McDuffie) and giving a donation to the church in her memory.</p> <p>Barbara, Elaine, Dean and Family</p>	<p>Dear Church Family,</p> <p>Thank you so much for the cards, calls, food and prayers during my recent knee surgery. Your kindness and love will never be forgotten. It means so much to me to know you are thinking of me during this time. In Christian love, Pat Teat</p>
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<p><u>Note from Trustees</u></p> <p>There are forms located in the Chair of Trustees, Dena Nalley's mailbox, the office door, and on the back table in the sanctuary. We would like you to fill them out when you see a problem that needs the Trustees attention.</p> <p>Trustee Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:15 following the morning service.</p> <p>Thank you, Dena Nalley, Chair of Trustees</p>	<p><u>Note from Pat Teat, Financial Secretary</u></p> <p>Pat would like everyone to know if you would like envelopes for your tithes for 2021. Please let her know and she will be glad to get you a set.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting</u></p> <p>The PPRC will meet on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.</p>
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<p><u>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</u></p>	
<p>Outreach ministries will be making special Easter Baskets for special needs ladies residing in a Thrive housing unit. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help purchase items for the baskets, please place them in the offering plate or mail to the church with the notation outreach Easter project.</p>	
<p>Outreach ministries is setting up a teacher school supply closet. We are going to collect donations for the closet and open it up for local school teachers who needs supplies to come and pick items out. When you are shopping please think about these items and pick them up. A tub will be set up in the back of the sanctuary for supplies.</p>	
<p>Idea of supplies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glue/ glue sticks Markers Pencils Crayons Scissors Tape Copier paper Kleenex Lysol wipes Construction paper Thumb tacks Bulletin board decorations Sticky notes Note books Pocket folders Notebook paper Composition books Dictionary Highlighters Reward items 	<p><u>North Greenville Crisis Ministries is currently in need of the following items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jelly Peanut Butter Green beans Sweet Peas Canned Soups Pasta Sauce Mac & Cheese Plastic grocery bags Toiletries (Shampoo, Soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant and toilet paper). Coats, and Blankets



March 01 Christopher McClain
 March 02 Roth Paxton
 March 03 Alex Stone
 March 03 Michael Cook
 March 04 T.J. Melton
 March 05 Debbie Capps
 March 05 Elyse Evans
 March 06 Bob Dunn
 March 06 Cindy Hester
 March 06 Bobby Taylor
 March 10 Ronald Failor
 March 11 Parks Evans
 March 11 Mark Miller
 March 12 Mark Wells
 March 13 Henry Philpot
 March 15 Rebecca P. Surett
 March 16 Kay Moorehead
 March 18 Brad Armstrong
 March 19 Mike Hovious
 March 20 "Tari" Beeson
 March 26 Joel Sidney Disher

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are only listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the home-bound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present under going medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list every 30 days—please help us with this important endeavor.



Sympathy

The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to the family of **Alex and Janet Stone, Monroe and Gina, upon the passing of Alex's Father.** Alexander Mitchell "Buddy" Stone passed away peacefully at home on January 25, 2021 he was 99 years old. A service will be held at a later date.

Sympathy. The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to Beverly Jardin and family upon the loss of her husband, Richard Jardin.

Prayer List

Beverly Jardin and family upon the loss of Richard Jardin
 Disher family upon the loss of John Disher
 Dawn Stewart, Bob & Donna Helms in the death of Shain Stone family in the death of Alex's Father Buddy Stone
 Blanche Creswell
 Beverly Jardin
 Molene McDuffie Family in the death of Molene
 Philpot Family
 Hester Family
 Mann Family
 Clements Family —Greer Family
 Durham Family in the loss of Barbara's sister
 Laura Childs
 Patty Bowers doing much better
 Wilson Creswell healing from injuries
 Nancy McCants
 Robert Moler, Linda Crouch's brother
 Janet Stone and Alex Stone
 Mildred Pollard
 Allen Zorn
 Millie Dunn
 Shirley Dickson
 Jane-Hunt Grady
 Kathleen Griffin

Happy Anniversary

06 Betty & Robert Bridges
 13 Martha & Roy Oxley
 25 Carolyn & Tony Earnest
 Margaret & Jim Rawson
 29 Joyce & Kenneth Tucker

Thank You.

Dear friends,

We have felt surrounded by kindness and love from Berea Friendship UMC. We have appreciated every call, card and remembrance received. Joe fought his battle with brain cancer for 24 years and you have been there for him with prayers, cards and words of comfort along the way. He never gave up hope, never lost his faith, and most of all, he loved to the very end. He was an inspiration to his family and friends. Many of you wrote words of comfort not only for us but expressed your feelings for and memories of our precious Joe. We thank you for the kindness and love shown to us and our family. Please continue to remember Heather, Haleigh and Claire in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Becky & Henry Philpot

Sympathy. Dr. John Starling Disher, 77, devoted husband of the late Marsha Fly Disher, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, February 6, 2021, after a brief, brave battle with cancer. John was a member of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church. He graduated from the University of Louisville with a doctorate in Dentistry. He opened his orthodontics practice in the Berea community of Greenville, where he worked for over 40 years before retiring. His legacy will continue on with his three loving children: Alison Disher Smith, and her husband, Richard, of Arlington, VA, Brian Disher, and his wife, Lara, of Greer, and Eric Disher, and his wife, Melissa, of Virginia Beach, VA; eight adoring grandchildren: Tyler, Emily, Andrew, Madison, Jake, Grace, Collin, and Joel; a brother, Sid Disher, of Marietta, GA, a sister, Jan Davis, and her husband, Jack, of Ball Ground, GA; and many other extended family members. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Marsha. No formal receiving of friends was held, friends were welcome to view and leave notes of condolence for the family on Sunday, February 14, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Northwest. A graveside service was held on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Woodlawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in John's memory to Hospice of the Upstate, 1835 Rogers Rd, Anderson, SC 29621, Cancer Society of Greenville, 113 Mills Ave, Greenville, SC 29605, or to Operation Smile at www.operationsmile.org.

United Methodist Women Mission Priorities

2021-2024

This quadrennium, United Methodist Women will focus on climate justice and the criminalization of communities of color.

by Tara Barnes

United Methodist Women members join local activists in Louisville, KY, demanding racial and economic justice during Assembly 2014.

United Methodist Women is a bold, diverse and dynamic community of Christian women working together to grow spiritually, live out their faith and make a difference in their communities and world, especially on behalf of women, children and youth. Together members focus on social justice issues and actions to make a collective positive impact. In recent years, the organization has named four focuses. For the 2021-2024 quadrennium, United Methodist Women will have two mission priorities: climate justice and criminalization of communities of color and mass incarceration, with particular focus on the Just Energy for All and Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline campaigns.

These two areas of critical, unrelenting need are areas in which United Methodist Women can have a great impact. Narrowing our focus to two areas helps us concentrate energy and resources to best do the work God calls us to do, and it allows us to go deeper into each of the issues we're engaging and develop stronger local and national partnerships in these areas. As we wind down our work on maternal and child health and economic inequality, we are confident that the organizations we've partnered with over the past quadrennium will continue to advance justice and equity in these areas. Resources on these issues will continue to be available on the United Methodist Women website through 2022 for use by members. Work on criminalization of communities of color and climate justice will include work on women's health and economic justice.

Interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline

The school-to-prison pipeline is a term used to describe how children and youth of color are rerouted by systems and institutions, funneled away from educational success and toward the criminal justice system. The goal of the Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline campaign is to move local decision-makers to address the criminalization of children and youth of color and reduce racial disparities in school discipline.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, Black students are three times more likely than white students to be suspended and expelled. Twelve percent of Black girls are suspended, compared to 2 percent of white girls. Native American students are less than 1 percent of the student population but comprise 3 percent of students experiencing expulsion and 2 percent of students suspended out of school. And 31 percent of students experiencing school-based arrests are Black, though Black children and youth make up only 16 percent of total school enrollment.

Native American youth are held in juvenile detention facilities at three times the rate of white youth, per the Sentencing Project.

The school-to-prison pipeline is not the result of any one single action but of many factors coming together. Implicit racial and gender biases is one factor. Many people wrongly assume that children and youth of color are more frequently disciplined and/or arrested because they commit more crimes than their white peers. In fact, children and youth of color do *not* misbehave more frequently; they are simply treated more harshly for similar or lesser offenses.

Another factor is excessive out-of-school suspensions and expulsions. Out-of-school suspensions and expulsions hurt students. They miss out on necessary classroom instruction and are far more likely to drop out or end up in the criminal justice system. Zero tolerance policies, another factor, have expanded to include a wide array of less serious offenses, resulting in mandated suspensions, expulsions and arrests for minor misconduct. Many schools now employ school resource officers—police stationed inside schools. Children and youth can also be brought into the justice system for “status offense violations,” which are behaviors that would not be crimes if committed by adults, like running away from home, skipping school, missing curfew or underage drinking. This uniquely impacts girls because of gender bias, heightened vulnerability to sexual and domestic abuse and other factors.

United Methodist Women members can interrupt the pipeline. Gifted, cherished young people are disappeared into the school-to-prison pipeline. As women of faith we know that God has more in store for us. We will continue to grow our leadership skills working as school-to-prison pipeline interrupters to build a better future for children and youth by educating ourselves, starting or joining local efforts, talking to key decision makers and supporting young leaders in our communities. Join the campaign at unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice.

Just energy for all

“The adverse impacts of global climate change disproportionately affect individuals and nations least responsible for the emissions. We therefore support efforts of all governments to require mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and call on individuals, congregations, businesses, industries and communities to reduce their emissions,” states United Methodist Social Principle ¶160D in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

Likewise, Resolution 1001, “Energy Policy Statement,” in *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church*, states, “As people of the Christian covenant, we support energy policies that seek to actualize the multifaceted biblical vision of justice. Just energy policies: close the gap dividing wealth and poverty, rich nations and poor; liberate and do not oppress; fairly distribute the benefits, burdens, and hazards of energy production and consumption, taking into consideration the living and those not yet born; and give priority to meeting basic human needs such as air, water, food, clothing, and shelter.”

Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane and other gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the earth. The top contributor to climate change is greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels that we use for electricity, transportation and heat. The United Nations reports that 80 percent of those being displaced by climate change are women.

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United Methodist Women Mission Priorities 2021-2024 continued

Climate change affects air, water, food supply and secure shelter. According to the World Health Organization, between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year, and the costs to health is estimated to be between \$2 to 4 billion per year by 2030. Exposure to air pollution from fossil fuel emissions can cause heart disease, lung cancer, emphysema, damage to the nervous system and damage to key organs.

A study published in *Cardiovascular Research* estimated that in 2015, the deaths of more than 3.6 million people worldwide, and almost 200,000 people in the U.S. alone, could have been avoided if air pollution from fossil fuels were reduced to zero. Air pollution exceeds the loss of life expectancy due to all forms of violence and that of smoking and other infectious, parasitic or vector-borne diseases.

Fossil fuel air pollution is particularly damaging to communities of color, pregnant women and children's health. BIPOC (Black and Indigenous people of color) communities and their children of color are disproportionately impacted by air pollution from fossil fuel emissions, states the Union of Concerned Scientists. According to the NAACP, African Americans breathe in 38 percent more polluted air than White Americans and are 75 percent more likely to live in fence-line communities than the average American. The Clean Air Task Force found that Hispanics are 51 percent more likely to live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone than are non-Hispanic whites. And Johns Hopkins researchers found that expectant mothers were 40 percent more likely to give birth prematurely when living in an active area of fracking.

The Clean Air Task Force also estimates that U.S. children miss 500,000 days of school each year due to ozone smog resulting from oil and gas. In addition, more than 22 million children in the United States who ride diesel school buses are exposed to 5 to 15 times more air toxins than the rest of the population. Diesel emission exposure increases asthma rates, decreases lung function, impairs cognitive development and can impact classroom performance. Reducing greenhouse gases by changing our energy dependence from unjust energy like fossil fuels to more just energy like wind and solar will result in improved health for all, especially vulnerable populations.

United Methodist Women members can advance just energy for all both by public witness and personal change. As women of faith called to care for and seek the healing of all of God's creation, we will press government and company leaders to pass and implement policies that advance 100 percent renewable energy and incorporate a just and equitable transition. We will put our faith into action by examining our own energy sources and how they are impacting our communities, learn from and partnering with frontline communities most impacted, and pressing for concrete change at the national and local levels. We will also work to change our own energy source to renewable energy.

Get equipped and connect with other United Methodist Women members through online and in person Just Energy for All trainings and events. Advocate for Just Energy for All. Join the campaign at unitedmethodistwomen.org/climate-justice.

Gender equity and racial justice

United Methodist Women is a women's mission organization whose founding and subsequent work evidenced the efficacy of women to lead, achieve and answer God's calling in a time when women's role in church and society were stymied.

Gender justice and women's leadership development are part of United Methodist Women's core commitments and will always be a key component of all of our work. And we began the work of eradicating racism more than 100 years ago and regularly recommit to antiracist work to dismantle structural racism. We know that all people are beloved in God's eyes, and until they are loved in the eyes of all, our work persists. Our work to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and push for reduced carbon emissions and renewable energy are important at this time to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Join in these campaigns, with members across the country, and watch your faith, hope and love in action change lives.

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for March is on the Epworth Village in York, Nebraska. It was founded in 1889 to help children, youth, and families in crisis. They strive to strengthen families to prevent abuse and neglect whenever possible. They believe all of God's people are of worth and value. They are proud to be a National Mission Institute of the United Methodist Church and affiliated with the United Methodist Women.

The three main services offered are Little Jewels Childcare and Enrichment Center, foster care services, and in home family services.

The Little Jewels Center is open to children six weeks - five years. They believe each child learns at their own pace and they have a planned program for each child. They learn through art, music, games, stories, and pretend play.

Foster care services include programs for recruitment, training, licensing, retention, respite care, and foster-to-adopt.

In home family services provide direct assistance and coordination of community resources so the challenges the family is facing are addressed quickly and efficiently.

Their mission statement reads "To provide comprehensive family-centered services that bring hope and healing to children, youth, and families across Nebraska in a compassionate and caring manner. Together we can find a way."

Their vision is "A world where families will have a clear pathway to the resources they truly need to lead healthier, more hopeful lives."

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Liz Shadbolt in Tennessee and Gayle McCreery in Ohio.

United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting

There will be an Executive Board Meeting of the UMW on Saturday March the 20th at 10:30am, socially distanced, in the Fellowship Hall. This will be my first EBM as President of our UMW unit, I would really like to have all board members present and anyone that I send special invites to. I want to start our year off great even though we are a few months late. I do have some important things I would like to discuss and hopefully start doing as soon as possible. I would greatly appreciate everyone's attendance. If you cannot participate or do not feel comfortable with an in person meeting please contact me and we will set up an option to zoom or conference call the meeting. Thank you for serving on our board. Anne-Marie Wallace

My contacts are 864-551-3605 (call or text) and amnfailor@gmail.com

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>PPRC Meeting</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <i>Worship inside</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship 10:00</i> <i>Live streamed</i> <u>Trustees Meeting</u> <i>at 11:15 after</i> <i>morning service</i>	<i>8</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> <i>Worship inside</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship 10:00</i> <i>Live streamed</i> <i>Fellowship Hall</i> <i>Reserved for the</i> <i>afternoon</i> <i>Leighann Dosser</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>UMW Executive</i> <i>Board</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>21</i> <i>Worship inside</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship 10:00</i> <i>Live streamed</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <i>Worship inside</i> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Worship 10:00</i> <i>Live streamed</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			