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Berea Friendship UMC Newsletter

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The Friendship Circle will meet on October 19th at 2:00 p.m.. In the Huckabee class.

The Trustee Committee will meet on October 4th at 6:30 p.m.

The Administrative Council will meet on October 5th 6:30 p.m. To prepare for our Charge Conference, which will be directly after church on October 31, 2021.

The church has agreed to host the Dribble for Destiny basketball games on October 9th. The games are scheduled for 8 am—8 pm. The UMW will run the concession stand for the event, help is needed with parking, hosting/greeters, etc. If you can help, please let Dena Nalley, Trustee chair know or let Anne-Marie Wallace, UMW President know.

The sanctuary is open every Wednesday from 10 am—Noon for prayer. If you can help with opening the church during this time, please let Pastor Davon know.

Thrive dinner will be from 4 pm—6 pm on Thursday, October 21st.

The Men's club will meet at 8:00 a.m. On October 16th at the church.

Please continue to bring items for the North Greenville Crisis Ministries. You can place the items in the shopping cart located at the front of the sanctuary.

The church will have a trunk or treat event for the children on Sunday, October 31st from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come out and decorate your vehicles and pass out candy to the children. If you can not participate in the event, we welcome donations of candy.

Mark your calendar for November 6th. The church will be hosting the annual quilters bazaar in combination with a vendor show and car show. More details to come later.

The quilters are meeting on Tuesday at 11:30 and Thursday at 6:30. the Tuesday group is working on quilting and the Thursday group is working on crafts. You are welcome to join them. If you have questions, please contact Janie Riley, Ellen Holman, Jan Smith, or any of the other quilters.

Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays

- 01 Tony Earnest
- 02 Dalton Argo
Jackson Thomas Surett
- 05 Clay Argo
- 06 Grace Disher
- 07 "Leah" Elizabeth Sylvester
- 08 Sue Bagwell
- 08 Judy Bikas
- 08 Mary Childs
- 09 Jim Martin
- 10 Laura Childs
Lisa Nichols
- 12 Wilson Creswell
Linda Lee
- 15 Shirley Dickson
- 16 Kevin Baker
Victoria Smith
Rebecca Looper Henthorne
- 18 Cindy Wells
- 22 Sonya B. Evans
- 25 Everette Youngblood
- 25 Jan Martin
- 26 Jane Hunt-Grady
Casey Ann Armstrong
- 30 Robert Bridges
- 31 Maxwell Willard

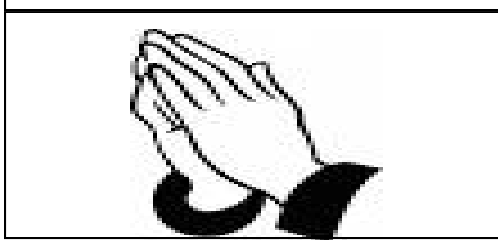
Community Outreach

We will host the Thrive Upstate dinner on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. All members of the church are encouraged to come and socialize with these wonderful people.

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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.



Happy Anniversary

October Anniversaries

- 05 Linda & Rodney Lee
- 20 Janet & Alex Stone
- 27 Mark & Melissa Miller

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are blessed to be part of the recently-revived Children's Ministry at Berea Friendship. A key part of this ministry is the Children's Moment and Children's Church on Sunday mornings. It's our hope to make this an ongoing part of our weekly worship service. We want to invite members of the congregation to become part of this ministry. Additional persons are needed to lead in Children's Church. The Children's Moment in the sanctuary is optional; if an individual would prefer, the pastor has graciously offered to do the Children's Moment. Members may choose from lessons already prepared or create a lesson of their own. Please consider joining us in this important ministry. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. Choose a Sunday or several Sundays that fit your schedule.

Children's Ministry Committee

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Dena Nalley. She will start working Friday, October 1st. Her hours will be Tuesday—Friday 9 a.m.—1 pm. You can reach her at 246-4311.

Prayer List

Mary Bowers
Milton Mullinax
Caz McCaslin
Beverly Threatt
Brenda Johnson's niece, Debbie Hawkins as she takes Chemo
Blanche Creswell
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
Gloria Moore
Donna Helms
Betty Stover

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Please join us on Sunday October 24th during the Worship Service as we receive new members into the church.

Jimmy and Susan Krause will be joining our church.

Mark and Dena Nalley have officially moved their membership to our church, but because of COVID, we were not able to officially welcome them.

Jose and Jane Ferrer are officially moving their membership to our church.

After the Service, we will have a prepared luncheon and celebration to welcome these members into our church family. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration. Please sign up on the sheets on the back doors of the sanctuary, so we will know how much food to prepare.

Friends of the church,

Thank you for the phone calls, cards, and rides that I received during the recovery from my fall recently. Most of all the prayers and concern for me meant the most. It is nice to have a group of friends to rely on. Thank you again for everything you did for me.

In God's Love,

Jane Walker

Responsively Yours: Charting Our Path

By: Harriett Olson, General Secretary UMW

When national mission institutions and partners around the world celebrate significant anniversaries of mission service, I get to hear wonderful stories of change and new beginnings. Organizations that were founded to address one issue in 1880 have adapted to address changes in their neighborhoods and world many times. Some have moved locations. Some have grown into a network of sites. All have restated their purposes, updated their objectives, carried forward the call to serve God and neighbor. And most have changed names and logos several times.

The same is true for United Methodist Women. Women came together to respond to God's call in all of the constituent denominations that are now part of The United Methodist Church. They founded schools, homes, missions and community centers. They trained missionaries and deaconesses and spoke out against injustice and in support of marginalized people. They worked in cities and rural areas in the United States and around the world.

They also navigated changes in the church. The 1939 merger that created The Methodist Church brought together women from home and world mission societies of the merging denominations. The women found their common mission heart. They worked to come together with their different histories and form new societies. Women in the Evangelical United Brethren Church had a similar history of joining together through changes in the church. We all came together in 1968, bringing our rich histories with us.

We have also seen changes in how women related to the church. Societies that began as independent organizations were merged, sometimes over the women's objections, by General Conferences in which they did not have the right to participate. Independent societies became "divisions" of the churches' boards of mission, with varied levels of independent authority. In The Methodist Church, the women's mission projects were assigned to the mission board in 1964, where they remained until recently. An unintended outcome of this move was that the Women's Division concentrated its efforts on mission education and Christian social action. We have changed and deepened our work in the midst of challenges, focused on women, children and youth and the call of Christ.

Nothing is constant but change, so the saying goes. Our current church landscape is unsettled, and changes are coming. United Methodist Women has prepared by taking needed action now.

We are and will be a place for all women who want to work together in mission focused on women, children and youth. Women have always been able to be members of United Methodist Women without being a member of The United Methodist Church, but we have made bylaw changes to make it clear that no matter what a woman's church or conference decides about leaving or staying in the denomination, she can remain at home in United Methodist Women.

We are also looking at our own landscape and the great opportunity we have to welcome new members. Through research and testing, we have been working with members, leaders and nonmembers to make plans for new opportunities for women to join and participate, working together locally and globally for women, children and youth. Our churches and our communities are full of opportunities to make new connections! We are excited for our bright future.

Change is part of our history of following God's call. Preparing for change and charting our path is also part of our history. God continues to call us, and we continue to respond.

UMW Monthly Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for October is on the Wesley Community Center in Dayton, Ohio. The center was founded in 1966 and first established as a mission unit of what was then known as Miami Valley United Methodist Mission Society. Today, they are supported by the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. Through the years, Wesley became a safe-haven for families in crisis seeking stability, hope, and a fresh start.

Their programs were created in an effort to deal with race relations, bridge the generation gap, address the high school drop out rate, find solutions for family disorganization, and search for unity in the community.

Their three main programs are senior citizen services, community food pantry, and educational services.

For seniors, 55 and older, they offer outreach, care management, personal assistance, social activities, and medical transportation. Their very successful community food pantry provides five days of food each month to families until they are financially stable. They serve about 2,000 families each year. Throughout the academic school year, they offer an afterschool program for grades K-8. Children learn and keep busy by being engaged in science, math, art, music, reading, and homework completion.

The mission statement for the Wesley Center reads "Giving back through irreplaceable life changing experiences."

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Gayle Lesure in West Virginia and Barbara Haralson in Arizona.

OUR CIRCLES

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Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

It is September 26th after church as I sit down to peck out this newsletter. As I consider three years of ministry at Berea Friendship, I'm amazed at how things are going! There are amazing people at BFUMC; there are amazing new people that have come; and there are amazing people returning, like the Ferrers. Amazing people have gone on to be with the Lord; amazing people have transferred membership; amazing people have moved away; amazing people are no longer attending for health reasons etc. Everyone is precious in His sight, and the church is to see all as essential and precious. That is your pastor's perspective of each individual in my care.

Much has been accomplished in three years. The facility itself is in much better shape! There has been a steady accent - replacing, upgrading, and enhancing. Those things needing attention in the future are on the Trustees radar, and we are planning in advance as opposed to always reacting in crisis. All the Trustees I have worked with are amazing people! It is encouraging to see all that has been accomplished, and our finances continue to hold up well. The monies needed have continued to come from one source or another. Personal donations and much sweat equity have produced incredible results all over the church. The greater part of this was accomplished while working through and around Covid. We are blessed!

Worship has continued nonstop during the pandemic, and is getting stronger. We have put together the basic means to broadcast our sermons, and now have more people listening online than in the sanctuary. We have an amazingly economical opportunity to enhance our online presence, and worship services within the sanctuary. We have children in the sanctuary again, and children's programs. We are blessed!

Berea Friendship's Child Development Center is prospering, stronger than ever. The working relationship between the congregation and CDC has improved exponentially, and will continue to do so. Without the financial resources of the CDC we (the church) could not stay open. And here's an interesting point! The CDC had very little to offer when they began contributing to congregational finances. It was when they started giving that their profitability soared. The more they've given, the more they've gotten. We (church and CDC) are blessed!

Despite all the blessings, opportunities, and accomplishments, I'm sure most are aware of an unhappiness that recently started brewing. My last two sermons have focused on tension and controversy in the church. Controversy is not always a bad thing. Controversy can define and strengthen churches that keep Christ in the center of their discussions. Berea Friendship has been given the ministry of reconciliation. We are called to come to agreement on things that are seemingly opposite or inconsistent. That's very hard work which requires personal effort and dialogue. I shared with the congregation how I will biblically approach things. I will do the work necessary and I am willing to talk to anyone who will talk to me. We will reconcile things and find our way forward together.

It is my opinion that the way forward is what's at the core of present unhappiness. Let me explain as best I can. Beside me is a church directory from Pastor Van Thomas' ministry. It is filled with a generation that invested beyond measure to establish and grow BFUMC. Here's just a few names: Bynum, Clements, Hagins, Hunt (3X), Looper, Mann, Moorehead, Penland, Pierson, Revis, Turner. All are amazing couples that have passed away. You know I could go on and on - all amazing people, all amazing saints! Every time we take a step in the church we are standing upon what they helped to build. We owe them an amazing debt of gratitude. And there is a remnant of that amazing generation still with us. We owe them respect and gratitude as elders of Berea Friendship.

Let me transition briefly back to Forward Focus. We concluded BFUMC could not make a ten year plan, not even a five year plan. The age of our congregation would not allow it. I believe that to be an accurate statement. We are still more than able, and have all we need to create a way forward for Berea Friendship. But time and strength is not on the side of the generation we owe so much to. I have promised before the congregation multiple times to maintain a traditional service agreeable to our oldest members. I will do so! I will continue striving to serve their best interest, and the best interest of the broader congregation.

A slightly younger generation is present at BFUMC. And others of that age have also joined - the Nalleys, Bagwells, and McCants. More people of that age are joining, including the Kruzes and Ferrers. New people coming in seek out their own ways to contribute. New People bring new energy and new ideas, and they make profound differences in all churches. They are essential to BFUMC's future, just like new people who came in the 50s, 60s, and 70s. And immediately behind the slightly younger generation, another slightly younger generation, and a young generation must be grown up in BFUMC.

There you have it! We are at a changing of the guard so to speak, and there are differences of opinion (things seemingly opposite and inconsistent) about how to do things going forward. Some are excited and able, moving forward with enthusiasm. Some are saying let's slow down, we are going too fast, and getting ahead of ourselves. I am pastor of both, and will listen to both. At times we have forged ahead the past three years, at times we have slowed down. I believe I understand that balance! And, I understand we do not have long to create a viable way forward. What I fail to understand I am confident my congregation will help me discern, you always do. As we talk, we will reconcile, we will move forward together. I'm looking forward to talking to all of you.

In Christ,
Pastor Davon

PASTOR VACATION

Pastor Davon will be on vacation from October 13th until October 20th. Rev. Jim Patterson will be available for Pastoral care/needs during this time. If you need Rev. Patterson, please contact the church office and Dena will get in touch with him for you.

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3 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> <i>live streamed at</i> 10:00 a.m.	4 <i>Trustee Meeting</i> @ 6:30 p.m. Church office Closed	5 <i>Quilters</i> 11:30 a.m. <i>Administrative</i> <i>Council meeting @</i> 6:30 p.m.	5 <i>Sanctuary</i> <i>Open from 10</i> <i>a.m. -12 noon</i> <i>for prayer</i> 6:00 p.m. choir <i>practice</i>	7 <i>Quilters</i> 6:30 p.m.	8	9 8 a.m-8 p.m. <i>Dribble For Des-</i> <i>tiny</i>
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24 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:00 a.m. <i>Worship 10:00</i> <i>Live streamed at</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Luncheon after</i> <i>service</i>	25 6:30 p.m. out- reach & family ministries meeting Church Office Closed	26 <i>Quilters</i> 11:30 a.m.	27 <i>Sanctuary</i> <i>Open from 10</i> <i>a.m. -12 noon</i> <i>for prayer</i> 6:00 p.m. choir <i>practice</i>	28	29	30 <i>Shalom Circle</i> <i>meeting @</i> <i>11:30 @</i> <i>Church</i>
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