

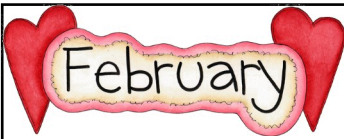
# THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Berwyn UMC



Worshipping God,  
Serving Jesus, Loving Others



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## Calendar Highlights

- Feb 12 Potluck Supper & Game Night
- March 2 Lent begins
- March 5 Tools for Ministry
- April 15 Good Friday
- April 16 Gloria Saturday
- April 17 Easter

**TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR CHURCH EVENTS & THE GLOBAL CHURCH PLEASE FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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**WEBSITE:**  
[www.berwynumc.org](http://www.berwynumc.org)

**WEBSITE:**  
[www.epaumc.org](http://www.epaumc.org) (Eastern PA Conference of UMC)

**WEBSITE:** [umnews.org](http://umnews.org)  
(United Methodist News)



*Update by Judy Edinger*

The people at Methodist Services were very grateful for the large quantity of gifts John and I delivered before Christmas. Carol Boucher was delighted by the variety of dolls she

found, as well as the wide variety of athletic equipment and other toys, and the arts and craft equipment too. She was especially grateful for the gift cards we gave her for the parents, so they could make special purchases for themselves.

It is very meaningful to me to be able to help Methodist Services provide the needs of so many worthy families at this special time of year.



## WIDOWS SUPPORT TEAM

A new team is being organized this year to support the many widows in our congregation.

Preliminary plans are to initially meet once a month in the church library. After conditions are safer (in the big world), and we feel comfortable, we could venture out to a restaurant (probably EmJ's) for our devotion, discussion and lunch.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the church office at [officebumc@comcast.net](mailto:officebumc@comcast.net) or Carol Williams at [cpwss@verizon.net](mailto:cpwss@verizon.net).

## **MISSION:**

“Worshipping God, Serving Jesus,  
Loving Others”

## **VISION:**

“We are a diverse community of socially conscious believers affirming our faith in Jesus Christ through action”



It's time to open the proverbial tool box again to help build and repair church ministries—to fix what's broken and improve what's working. That requires leadership development and training more than anything else.

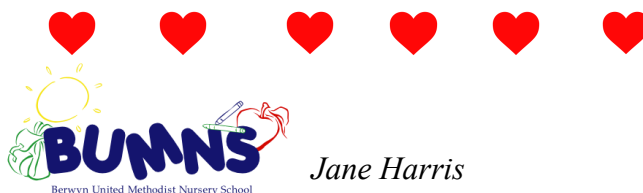
The Eastern PA Conference will sponsor its **2022 Tools for Ministry on Saturday, March 5, 9 AM to 12:30 PM.** Classes will be offered virtually on Zoom once again, out of an abundance of caution during the still-surging COVID pandemic.

Tools for Ministry is a half-day academy offering two sessions of diverse, dynamic learning for leaders. And it's open to all laity and clergy. Skilled instructors will provide valuable information, wise insights and helpful resources. And some classes will be recorded and made available later to be viewed again or for the first time by those who want to learn more.

Visit this website to see the list of workshops offered and to register online. <https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/2022-tools-for-ministry/>



Soupy Thursday is now TAKE OUT ONLY from 5pm-6:30pm. Soup will be \$5.00/Qt., bread will be \$3.00/loaf and cookies will be 3 for a \$1.00. We ask that you please bring your own container for the soup.



The evenings and mornings are getting a little lighter which makes the colder weather more bearable. But it is always light and warm in the nursery school. We have been dealing with a few cases of covid, just like everyone else but everyone is still so happy to be at school. Our parents are so grateful we are trying our best to keep their children safe and the school open. The staff have been fantastic about being flexible. February is a month full of hearts and love. The hallways will be filled with red and pink art projects. We encourage the children to think about being a good friend and to be kind to each other. Our board downstairs will be filling up with kind deeds the children have been doing. We ask their families and teachers to 'catch' them doing something kind and to give them a 'kindness heart'. Stay safe and warm!

**Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff**

Pastor: Rodney Brailsford

Sexton: Over Caicedo

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Lay Leader: Amy Dodds

Organist/Director of Music: John Lewis

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

*You can view any Sunday Worship Service on our YouTube Channel Berwyn UMC*



# 'Clothed in Love'\* Undies for Easter

## **Donate much-needed men's underwear briefs to Philadelphia prison inmates for Easter**

Each inmate arriving into the Philadelphia Prison System is given ONE pair of underwear. Can you imagine living with only one pair of underwear?

The head chaplain serves about 6,000 prisoners, mostly men. His aim is to provide at least one additional pair of underwear to each new, incoming inmate. We delivered signed Christmas cards to him for inmates there in December. Now we want to help him do more.

We have set up a new, online **Undies for Easter Gift Registry on Amazon.com**. There anyone can easily purchase packages of selected Hanes underwear, containing 9 pairs of men's white briefs—medium or large. They will benefit the health and wellness of our incarcerated brothers.

We hope to collect and deliver 2,000 pairs of briefs through this campaign to support the chaplain's efforts. This campaign will end on Palm Sunday, April 10; and all purchased underwear will be delivered to the chaplain before Easter Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting those who are incarcerated!

- **The EPA UMC Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice Team**

**Note:** All purchases must be made online via Amazon before **Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022**. Contact the Rev. Marilyn Schneider, of the EPA UMC Prison Ministries & Restorative Justice Team, at [prisonministries@epaumc.org](mailto:prisonministries@epaumc.org) with any questions or concerns.

**[tinyurl.com/undies-for-easter](https://tinyurl.com/undies-for-easter)**

\* **From Colossians 3:12**



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## PASTOR'S LETTER *Pastor Rodney Brailsford*

February is when we acknowledge black history in the United States. We highlight significant events in black history; however, it is essential to address what Black History Month has to do with the Church.

Because of the deep connection that black people have with the Church, the history of the Church and Black History Month are intertwined. Enslaved African people received the Christian religion in their new land, made disciples, started churches, and developed a Christian tradition faithful to Scripture that helped them persevere. Abolitionists were members of the Church, protesting slavery because of the biblical teaching that God created all people in God's image. Black churches developed the leaders that became many of the voices of civil rights for African Americans during the movement that climaxed in the 1960s. In the basement of churches, Dr. King taught nonviolent protesters how to resist without retaliation.

Black history reinforces the biblical affirmation, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). There is only one Church, made up of various groups and cultures. As such, the Church has been a critical voice in black history. A church community on a missional-formatational movement must be a community with growing self-awareness of its diverse history and a loving curiosity about the people to whom it takes the gospel, people who God loves. Therefore, followers of Jesus must concern themselves with the historical plight and current circumstances of all our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as the hurting world for which Jesus died. The issue of injustice is of concern to those who worship a just God (Luke 4:18).

The Church is a living body, one that is flexible and ever changing. The body of Christ is multi-faceted. A growing church is a learning church. A faithful church is a hopeful church. The God of Scripture calls us to organize the Church around the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ and to extend that love and forgiveness to a hurting and broken world. I think that we can all agree that the histories of Christians, who happen to be black, have been heart-breaking. May we be vigilant to learn, grow and honor the example of Jesus Christ so that we might cultivate understanding, healing and reconciliation as brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Rodney

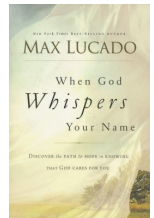


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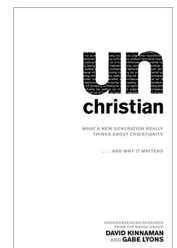
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Books in the BUMC Library that Pastor Rodney mentioned in his Sermon on January 16:

***When God Whispers Your Name*** by Max Lucado, c2011 [248.4 Luc]  
Is it hard to believe that God who made everything thinks of you personally and keeps your name on His heart and lips. Max Lucado suggests that somewhere between the pages of this book and the pages of your heart, God is speaking and calling you by name. Let these stories of people who are lost, weary, or discouraged inspire you to think that He is calling your name too.



***UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity – and Why It Matters*** by David Kinnaman, c2007 [277.3083 Kin}  
Research into the negative way that people age 16-29 view Christianity shows that they view it as hypocritical, insensitive and judgmental - UnChristian. This book explains why these negative perceptions persist and suggests how to reverse this trend in a Christ-like manner. Leaders including Chuck Colson, Andy Crouch, Brian McLaren, Chris Seay and Margaret Feinberg offer their thoughts on Christianity's image problem and offer examples of how Christians can positively contribute to our culture.





## Our Mission Statement

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## Our Vision Statement

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## Worship Schedule

Sundays	9:30AM	In Person Worship in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/ Church Website/YouTube

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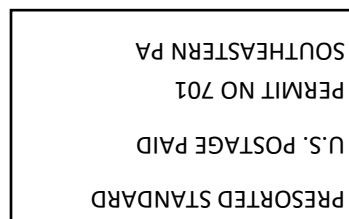
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