



April 2013

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

PIANO DEDICATION EVENT April 21 at 10:30

BUMC has been blessed to receive a new Cunningham 5'10" grand piano. This beautiful instrument was given by Jan and Paul Polasky in honor of their parents and their love of music. On Sunday, February 3rd the piano was formally dedicated to the glory of God by Pastor Jacabella. The first of three special piano dedication events will be on Sunday, April 21st at the 10:30 service.

This will be a special Service of Music presenting the piano in all of the ways that it can be used in worship: as a solo instrument; as an accompanying instrument; in piano and organ duets; leading congregational hymns. This service will be completely in house, meaning that members of the congregation will be utilized for the various presentations. Participating will be the Children's Choir, Andres and Javier Montaner, Steve and Carol Cherry, and others to be announced. JoEllyn Berky Beck will be singing various solos with the Chancel Choir.

If any member of the congregation would like to be a part of this service, please contact Judith now.

Other upcoming dedicatory events featuring the piano as a means of outreach will include a Jazz Vespers Service and a classical recital. Dates will be forthcoming.



ATTENTION GRADUATES!

It's that time of year again. If you or any member of your family will be graduating from high school or college (Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate degrees) this Spring, please contact the Church Office. We will be recognizing graduates in an upcoming service. Please include the student's name, school graduated from, degree and future plans. All names should be submitted by April 29.



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Recovery Sunday



Berwyn UMC hosted two significant DART presentations this past February. For this month's Lighted Cross, instead of the usual "Pastor's Thoughts", I am giving my space to this report from our Drug and Alcohol Resource Team. I try never to miss a DART presentation and have found each one to be significant and surprising. I hope that more and more of our members will come to realize that DART is for everyone. – Pastor Gary

On Sunday, February 24th, our church family experienced the celebration of our Drug and Alcohol Resource Team's (DART) 7th annual Recovery Sunday. The guest speaker was Martin V. "Marty" Ferrero, the senior clinical director of Caron Adult Service. The topic was "The Rx Drug Epidemic: a Family Affair."

During the presentation, Marty presented some appalling statistics from the February 19, 2013, "Journal of the American Medical Association" about the widespread abuse of prescription drugs. Rx drugs now account for more overdose deaths than heroine and cocaine combined. Statistics show that currently prescription drug fatalities have surpassed traffic deaths annually. That means that in the past decade more than 100,000 Americans have died from overdoses involving Rx painkillers.

Most of us realize that doctors and hospitals have made great progress in helping patients deal with pain. However, we may not understand the scope of the impact on our society of the unintended consequences. In a 10 year period the number of pain medication prescriptions have increased 600%. The speaker stressed the point that the abuse of some of these prescribed pain medications causes changes in our bodies which causes us to need more and more pain medication. Some people even develop an increased sensitivity to pain; hence, there becomes a need for more and more pain medication.

Today our teens and young adults are experimenting more and more with drugs which leads to abusing Rx drugs. The amazing thing is where are they getting these drugs? Nearly 70% of people who are abusing Rx drugs obtained them from family members, friends, and acquaintances. Often the drugs were just stolen from unlocked medicine cabinets. Even locked medicine cabinets are being opened by family members looking for a new high with a drug they have not tried yet. That means that each of us shares a significant responsibility in helping to keep both our drugs and our children safe.

Check your own medicine cabinet. Once you are no longer using medications, take advantage of the safe drug disposal bin which is located at the Tredyffrin Township Building located at 1100 Duportail Road in Berwyn. Do not flush your drugs; old drugs damage our lakes, rivers, streams and their inhabitants.

Each of us here at Berwyn United Methodist Church can take the opportunity to educate ourselves. In this Lighted Cross, you can read the notes about DART's education session on February 26th when the topic was "The Role of Spirituality in Recovery." Make plans to attend DART's upcoming session, "An Evening with Louis Bevilacqua, PsyD" on March 26 at 7:00 pm in the church parlor. Hope to see you there.

Plan to take advantage of the "Annual Shredding, Recycling and National Drug Take-Back Day" which is being held on Saturday, April 27, at Penn State Great Valley Campus Parking Lot. That location is 30 Swedesford Road in Malvern. The time is 10 am to 2 pm. You can bring your unused drugs to this site for disposal. No needles or epi-pens can be accepted. For more information you may call 610-251-1070.

FINANCES

The Finance Committee is looking to refine the resources available to the Treasurer, Finance Secretary, and the Committee itself, so that our financial reporting is more detailed and information on how cash inflows are allocated to support work within and outside of the church can be presented to membership in more readable formats. In this vein, members of the Committee will be attending an intensive training session entitled *Finance: Creating a Yearly Church Budget*, sponsored by the Central District Leadership. The team has also undertaken extensive research with a plan to upgrade our finance software tools.

The Berwyn UMC congregation is a very supportive, generous assembly of the church community, with many members extending giving that is very targeted to a specific mission or general expense need such as mortgage servicing. Still, the church is closing the quarter with a budget shortfall which will lead us into a spring stewardship campaign. In addition to this outreach, to further fund our deficit, Finance is working with other committees to more aggressively promote usage of the church facilities. We have been very fortunate to host a wide range of events, from birthday parties to Berwyn Fire Co. spaghetti dinners to yoga classes, and there is an opportunity to further expand our reach. Any and all ideas would be welcome!

Barbara Stockler

LAY LEADER LETTER

I have been a friend with Jutta for over fifty years. We met through our letters that traveled from Pennsylvania to Berlin, Germany. Our friendship has been continuous since a fifth grade classroom assignment. Our teachers introduced the idea that a class of German students could best learn to communicate in English by corresponding with students from the United States. Jutta chose my picture because I had blonde hair and the letters began. When I tried to write something in German, Jutta would ask only that I write in English, as it would help her learn our language for the time when we would meet.

Jutta and I poured out our hearts to one another. We shared bad penmanship, teenage years, the Beatles and finding true love. Our letters expressed our thoughts and dreams and wishes just like little prayers we could write down and send off. Our friendship continues and even without face to face conversation, we know each other so well.

In 1999, Jack and I traveled to Germany on trip with friends. As we would be in Berlin for two days, Jutta and I arranged our very first meeting at our hotel in Berlin. Excitedly, we planned our visit and decided we should exchange photographs of ourselves, something we had not done for a loooooong time. I sent off a photo and diligently awaited hers in return. As the trip date approached I called Jutta to tell her I had no picture, how would I recognize her??? Her answer was that I was "so beautiful" she was embarrassed to send her "ugly" picture to me. I panicked!!!

The hotel lobby beheld a bank of massive golden bronze doors at the entrance manned by uniformed doormen. On either side were very small concierge doors. Our bus tour 'friends' stationed themselves in front of the golden doors surveying everyone who entered the busy lobby. Even though we had never been on the same continent, and we spoke only on garbled phone calls, I knew my friend would feel uncomfortable walking through those massive imposing doors and I chose to keep an eye on the two tiny side doors.

Without having seen a recent photograph of Jutta and never hearing her voice in person, I knew her the moment she entered the small door to the left. As we walked toward one another and embraced, we both cried and spoke the same words (both in English)...

"I would know you anywhere! You are so beautiful!"

Our prayers express our thoughts and dreams and wishes and give thanks,

Even without face to face conversations,

God knows us so well

And thinks we are beautiful.

Janet K. Campbell

LYDIA CIRCLE UMW

The Lydia monthly meeting will be held after church on Sunday, April 7, 12:00 in the Library. Please come and enjoy lunch and a program provided by Peggy Owen, Trinity Presbyterian Church. Peggy will give a program on the food pantry Trinity is providing to our community. All are welcome to join us!

MEMBERSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Watch for the celebration coming to all who were baptized at BUMC during the last ten years.

MECCA plans a special baptism renewal celebration Sunday, May 5th at the 10:30 a.m. service with a small reception for everyone immediately following.

Look for your personal invitation in the mail soon.



OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP

Save the date of April 20th for a Hike locally. We will be meeting in the morning. More details will follow in the Sunday Bulletin and on Facebook. This will be a great opportunity for us to get together outside of Sunday Worship and an excellent opportunity to bring family, neighbors or friends along. For more information, please contact David Adams at 610-889-7520.





Everywhere Fun Fair takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair! The children will make friends with neighbors around the world, and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including their own backyard. So join us as we meet neighbors from the bible who welcomed and helped others, explore the lives of our neighbors from all over the world, and learn how to be a good neighbor to people near and far. Fun and exciting attractions such as interactive storytelling, global games, rockin' music, cool crafts and super science are being planned for the children to see that we are all neighbors and all children of God!

Gloria Saturday Easter Egg Hunt a Success

On Saturday, March 30 over 80 children and parents gathered at 9:30 am in Schieck Hall for a continental breakfast, coloring/sticker activities, and fellowship. Following breakfast and a brief message from Pastor Gary. The children were divided into two groups (1st grade and younger, 2nd grade-5th grade) for the Easter Egg hunt. Since we had beautiful weather, the eggs were hidden on the back lawns of the church, the parsonage, and the water retention lawn beyond the church parking lot. The children enjoyed searching for those beautifully colored, fun filled eggs. After the eggs were all found everyone gathered once again in Schieck hall. Twelve special "Resurrection" eggs were hidden among the eggs, and Pastor Gary explained the symbols hidden inside each egg with the children. Children received prizes and a great time was had by all! Thank you to everyone for the donations of filled Easter eggs, breakfast foods, and help hiding eggs!

Cindy Shallcross

YOUTH

Some Youth & Young Adult Updates...

In Sunday school we have continued to explore the Great People of the Bible with in depth lessons and practical applications. Since our last update we have learned about Joshua, Ruth, Samson, and David, and how we can use the lessons from their lives in our own. We will continue with Solomon, Esther, John the Baptist, Peter, and Paul. In youth group, we have been busy working on our 30 Hour Famine and Flamingo Fundraisers.

Broad Street Ministry/30 Hour Famine Weekend

Broad Street Ministry is a church in Philadelphia that is all-inclusive regardless of faith, background, or social standing. They offer many services to the homeless of Philadelphia, such as shelter, food, spirituality development, and access to other services. They also offer other programs such as a mental health services, youth volunteerism programs, and a pastoral immersion program. Our youth participated in the youth volunteerism program last year and gained a new perspective on how we can help in little ways in our own cities and neighborhoods to help make a difference in someone's life.

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine is a project that hundreds of thousands of youth from around the world participate in every year to help feed hungry children and families. Through this project we learn the truth about global hunger, raise funds to fight hunger, fast for 30 hours during the event, and send in our funds to help save children's lives. The money raised is used to supply nutritious meals to people around the world.

This year we have decided to combine our Broad Street Ministry trip with our 30 Hour Famine weekend. On April 26-27, we will begin our 30 hour fast and head down to Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia for a one-night stay at the church. While there, we will learn about Broad Street's mission, worship together, and spend Saturday participating in a service project. This service project element fits perfectly into the mission of the 30 Hour Famine. We will spend the day in the city at our assigned service project and return to the BUMC to "break the fast" together as a group. This meal is a very light meal, but a very important part of the spiritual journey and project.

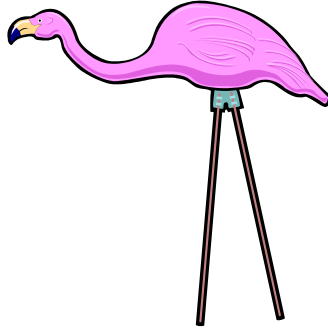
30 Hour Famine Sponsorships!

Did you know that there are 925 million people around the world who go hungry each day? Did you know that 8,000 children die every day from hunger-related causes? Did you know that \$1 can feed 1 child for a day?

It's that simple! Sponsor one of our youth and young adults for every hour that they will fast during the 30 Hour Famine weekend (April 26-27). That's 30 Hours x \$1= \$30, which is enough money to feed a child for a month! Our group has set a goal of \$1,800, which will feed 5 children for 1 year. Please help us reach our goal! All donations are tax deductible. Sponsor a youth today so we can help put an end to hunger!

Sarah Baker

Flamingos Are Coming! Flamingos Are Coming!



As our temperatures begin to warm up in APRIL, don't be surprised if you see flocks of fabulous PLASTIC PINK FLAMINGOS gathering on lawns around our community! These fine, feathered friends will be flocking to our area for the whole month of APRIL, so don't miss out on the fun!

The Youth and Young Adults of Berwyn United Methodist Church will be conducting the Flamingo fundraiser during the entire month of April. For a small donation you can flock a friend's lawn (\$10), buy insurance to protect your lawn from the flamingos (\$20), and help sponsor the service projects and mission trips we have planned this year! Place your flamingo orders beginning on April 7th! Ask a youth for more information!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*Sign up to greet visitors and members
or to deliver flowers to the ill and home bound.*

Flower Delivery

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April 7 Judy Fisk

April 14 Jane McDowell

April 21 Sue Farina

April 28 TBA

Narthex Greeter

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Carol Williams

Jane McDowell

Sue Farina

TBA



From the DARTboard

As we listened during our sermon on Recovery Sunday and again from Pastor Gary in Pastor's Thoughts, the prescription drug abuse in our youth has escalated to epidemic proportions. As a congregation, a community, as family and friends we have an obligation to support and help raise our children in our community. Keeping medications out of the reach of young people, keeping unused medications locked away or taking those medications to the drug drop off box at the Tredyffrin Police Station is a huge statement to our youth. It takes a community to raise our children.

Educating our congregation and our community is just one part of our DART mission. Our mission states, DART, Drug and Alcohol Referral Team, is a ministry that exists to provide education, referral assistance and recovery support for members in our congregation and the outlying community. Over the years in existence, we have developed enough knowledge within our mission, to help anyone in our congregation with drug and alcohol issues. Please know all information is confidential. If you are parents with children, please join us for our parent sessions. We have diverse enough topics for all parents to take away something that will support their parenting style.

Our next parent session:

March 26th at 7p: An evening with Louis Bevilacqua. Do you ever wonder if your irritable or unhappy teen might be experiencing teen depression? Exploring the confusion of ADHD and what adolescent bipolar looks like. Addressing the concerns about your teen and advice for parents.

Gail Campbell

BUMNS

March has been a busy month for the nursery school. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday, 100 Day and St. Patrick's Day.

The 5 Day children count the number of days they are in school. On the 100th Day they celebrated with a pizza party. The children participate in activities relating to the number 100. They jump 100 times, read 100 words, and glue 100 objects onto a piece of paper.

St. Patrick's Day is a favorite with all of the children. The children love arriving in school to see what mischief the leprechaun has done. He is a tricky fellow who loves to turn chairs upside down, takes books off of shelves and even turned the children's milk green.

Conferences were held on the 14th and 15th of March. During conferences, BUMNS sponsored a Mini Boutique. Thirty-One Bags, Stella and Dot and crafters sold their wares. Proceeds from the sales benefit the children of the nursery school.

We are all looking forward to spring.

Janet Wham

BUMC Book Club 2012-2013

Third Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 PM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DISCUSSION LEADER</u>	<u>HOST / HOSTESS</u>
Wednesday, April 17 Book: Unbroken by Laura Hillebrand	Margi MacKenzie	J & J Edinger 610-687-4526
Wednesday, May 15 Book: <i>The Irish Americans: a History</i> by Jay P. Dolan	Ann West	Nancy Atchison 610-644-2775

Please RSVP to the host(ess) by phone or e-mail each month if you plan to attend the meeting! Thanks.

Contact Marge Smink at 610-613-9797 or Nancy Atchison at 610-644-2775 for additional information.

ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER

The annual Progressive Supper will be Sunday, May 19th and start at 5PM. Appetizer course will be at the Stokers. We are seeking volunteer homes for the Main Courses (3) and the Dessert Course (1). Willing to host or need more info? Contact Sally Robie (610) 644-6631 or Paul Polasky (610) 341-9151.

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

- **SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST 17, 2013 7 PM.**
- The Phillies will play the Los Angeles Dodgers. Contact Nancy Atchison for tickets at nancy_atchison@verizon.net. Tickets are \$30.



MISSIONS

To Azpitia, Peru with Love

The Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for another successful February bake sale. Our talented bakers and generous members brought in over \$470. The money we raised will go to the poor in Azpitia, Peru this Easter. Our lovely Eliza Chumpitaz and her sisters will buy and distribute food to the needy. A flyer will accompany each of the food donations. This communication will let the people know that the members of Berwyn United Methodist Church are sending our donation with “loving care”. Special thanks to Mike Benton and Ann West for designing the flyer that tells the people of Azpitia, Peru where we are and how much we care.

Kelly Hogan

Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN is a faith based mission opportunity for Berwyn to be involved in a program supported by area churches who support families facing homelessness. Our church has supported St Thomas of Villanova for many years as a congregation and a community in an effort to reduce homelessness and transform lives. Although, we don't take a week ourselves, we support St Thomas by hosting one of their evenings by making a meal, hosting dinner, child care after dinner (so parents can attend parenting skills classes), and hosting the overnight. That night is Monday April 1st. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. For more information, call (610-644-7843) or e-mail (scobel1@verizon.net) Gail and Scott Campbell.



News items of interest to members of BUMC

- April 2—Ad Council
- April 9— Theologians Book Group
- April 12—ETC potluck is at 6:30 pm
- April 13—Men's breakfast
- April 18—Adult Council will meet at 5:30
- April 26—Christian Rock Band performance at Paoli UMC at 7:30
- **From the office:** The HIPAA Law prevents hospitals from calling the church./ If you are aware of anyone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-644-5555 or Pastor Jacobella at 484-318-6389.

- It's that time again...**Spring cleaning for the Fall Festival !!** It is a mere 6 months away—October 12! We would LOVE all of the treasures you will find. If you have donations please let Cindy Shallcross or Stephanie Borrelly know and we will open the Scout Cabin to receive them.
- **T&E Care Kids Clothing Grab Bag**—Great place to find new and almost new children's clothing. Friday April 12 from 3p to 7p and Saturday April 13 from 9am to 1pm. The sale will be held at St. Matthews United Methodist Church on Walker Road in Wayne. For more information you can check out www.tecare.org. Donations for the sale will be accepted after March 30.

Did you know BUMC is on Facebook? Like us and help spread the word of all the events happening at church! Go to www.facebook.com and in the Search section type in Berwyn UMC. Help expand our online community.



The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: April 17

The Lighted Cross is published monthly (except in July and August) to spread the good news about the activities of Berwyn United Methodist Church. Chairs and members of committees are invited to submit articles to inform the congregation about events and the work of the church. Individuals are invited to submit cards of thanks and brief items of interest about congregation members. Submit items to kristineadamspc@verizon.net by the end of the day April 17. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by May 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

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Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 AM	Early Worship
9:15 AM	Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 AM	Worship

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