



Berwyn UMC - Following Jesus
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April 2014

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

BUMC Accepted as a Mission Central HUB

In the December 2013 Pastor's Thoughts section of the Lighted Cross, Gary described the concept of a Mission Central HUB. By way of background, Mission Central is the mission affiliate of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church that responds to natural and man-made disasters with relief supplies and supplies humanitarian goods and logistical services to hundreds of different ministry and social service agencies. Mission Central has processed disaster response materials, "relief kits", for use locally and around the world. The Computer Ministry for which we've collected used computer equipment in the past year is one of the many initiatives sponsored by Mission Central.

One of the ways Mission Central is able to accomplish its objectives is through the use of HUBs, which are described as the 'satellite operations' of Mission Central. HUBs are involved in a variety of UMCOR-related activities such as assembling of Relief Kits, inspecting/verifying Relief Kits assembled by other local churches and sorting medical supplies donated by health care providers. At the February meeting of the Church Council, it was agreed that BUMC should submit an application to become a HUB. I am very happy to report that our application has been accepted by Mission Central; the first in this area!

One of the main activities supported by HUBs is the creation of relief kits, either by ourselves or by other churches in the area that we, as the local HUB, would inspect and verify for completeness and consistency with the established guidelines. Relief kits include Birthing, Layette, School, Health, Sewing and Cleaning kits. Generally we are free to decide which type of kits to prepare during one of our events, but at times of special need, we may be asked to sponsor an event to create kits to meet a specific need.

Plans for starting our HUB are now underway. Training for our HUB-leaders will take place in March and April at Mission Central. The next step in our preparation to become an active HUB is to set up a room where we can store our HUB-related supplies/donations. To accomplish this, we will be reorganizing the Fine Arts and Archive rooms (see Tag It/Take It/Toss It article) so that we can create a space with additional shelving for use as a HUB-storage area. We plan to hold our initial HUB related event in September of this year.

If you have any questions on this exciting initiative or would like to get involved, please contact any member of the Community Action Team (CAT) - Jim Tiede, Janet Campbell, Nancy Atchison, David Adams, Gina DeFlavia and Bob Borst. More information on Mission Central, HUBs and the Computer Ministry can be found on the following links...

<http://www.missioncentral.org/index.php>

<http://www.compministry.org/>

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS - HYMNAL DEDICATION



HYMNAL DEDICATION

You may dedicate *Worship and Rejoice Hymnals* for use in Worship for a donation of \$13.50 each.

Please place a form for each dedication and your payment in a "Worship and Rejoice" envelope and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

Please give your Name, Phone Number or Email and then write out what you want on the dedication label.

Name _____

Phone or Email _____

DEDICATION LABEL

Please fill out the lines that apply.

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Given By _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Other _____

In 1688, when Isaac Watts was 14 years old, he began complaining to his father about singing in church. Isaac found the singing dull and he thought people missed out on the message of the New Testament by singing only Psalms. Isaac's father grew tired of Isaac's complaints and challenged him to write something better. Isaac Watts wrote his first hymn that week. And for a time, he was writing a new hymn every week. In 1707, Watts published a collection that contained one of the most beloved hymns in the English language, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

It might surprise you that Watts faced opposition. Surely, hymns like *Joy to the World* could not provoke critics but they did. "Christian congregations have shut out divinely inspired psalms and taken in Watts's flights of fancy," protested one detractor. Others dubbed the new songs 'Watts's whims'" (Christian History.com). There were arguments that led to church spits and pastor firings. But Watts's genius has survived and today we recognize his work as something certainly inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Would our Berwyn UMC congregation have joined in singing *Jesus Shall Reign* if we had been around in 1719? Probably not. Watts said that one of his goals in writing new hymns was to express faith in ordinary language. Today, living hymn writers labor to express faith in ordinary language. But, we are slow to join in, just like Isaac Watts critics.

We don't have to miss out on singing our faith using hymns of today. You have the opportunity to help dedicate a new hymnal for our congregation. We have found a hymnal, *Worship and Rejoice* that really is what its publishers say it is: An extensive collection of 749 titles that contains all the essential traditional

hymns, plus, the best new hymns from today's hymn writers, multicultural and global songs, spirituals, ecumenical songs and Taize titles and contemporary worship songs. With the diverse needs of today's church in mind *Worship and Rejoice* is a rich resource for blending different styles of music together in one service of worship.

We can sing *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* and also sing hymns like this one by Shirley Erena Murray:

God of all time, all seasons of our living, source of our spark, protector of our flame,
blazing before our birth, beyond our dying--God of all time, we come to sing your name.

Spirit, who draws our fragile selves together; Spirit, who turns a stranger to a friend:
be at the table where we greet each other; be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.

Let us not die from poverty of caring; let us not starve, where love is to be shared.
Come, break us open to receive your healing; your broken body be our wine and bread.

Please use the attached form to dedicate hymnals for you and your family and friends to use in worship at BUMC – Thank You!

LAY LEADER LETTER

I recently re-read an article about the idea of Holistic Stewardship. The article from the Interpreter said holistic generosity says that life itself is a gift from God, and we honor that gift by understanding that it is really about being a steward of all God has entrusted to us...life—including relationships, forgiveness, marriage and family. When we hear the word “holistic” we tend to think of it as a medical term. While it can certainly be used that way, I feel it can also be used to describe the work of Christians. Adjusting the definition of holistic in this context could read as “caring for all of God’s creations in physical, psychological, and social ways.”

I often challenge myself by asking whether I am serving the Lord every day of the week or only on Sundays. Am I praying? Am I attending worship? Am I serving with my hands? Am I reading the scriptures? Am I giving financial resources to the church? As we approach Easter, let us renew our gratitude to God for the generosity shown through giving us Jesus who calls us to use our gifts to pray, read, and serve in an active, holistic and loving way.

David Adams



BUMNS

BUMNS is looking forward to April! Due to snow, the children missed 10 days of school this winter. It is the middle of March and the children have not been on the playground since January. Pastor Gary’s last Chapel time with the children, spoke to saying goodbye to winter and welcoming spring. Pastor Gary entertained the children by wearing his many hats of winter for them.

April brings one of BUMNS favorite events. The children will celebrate their Dads with our annual “Donut with Dads” day. The children enjoy showing off their classrooms and school friends. Donuts are enjoyed by all.

This winter our community outreach supported T/E Cares. School families donated gently used children’s clothing for T/E Cares annual clothing drive. BUMNS is also supporting the churches food drive for Feed the 5000. Food items will be collected through April.

On Wednesday, May 7th BUMNS will host our annual dinner and Silent Auction at Alfredo’s in Berwyn. . We are looking forward to a fun evening. This is BUMNS largest fundraiser. All monies raised benefit the children of the school.

Janet Wham

Tag It/Take It/Toss It

As mentioned in the article on becoming a Mission Central HUB, we need to create a storage area where we can store the kits, supplies and donations that we collect as part of our HUB-related activities. In discussion with the Church Council, it was agreed that either the current Fine Arts Room or Archive Room could be used for this purpose. The thought is that materials currently in these 2 rooms could be better organized and combined into a single room so that the 'other' room could be used as the HUB storage area.

In looking through these rooms, it is apparent that they have become a bit of a catch-all for a variety of items, not all of which have use at this time. The Community Action Team (CAT) is therefore planning an organizing/moving/cleaning day on May 3 to consolidate all the current items in Fine Arts and Archive rooms into a single room and create a storage area for the HUB. We would ask that any group that has items in either of these rooms (e.g Trustees, Finance, Archives, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Children's Council, etc) review these items before May 3 and either Tag It for storage in the combined area, Take It to another area for storage or Toss It if it is no longer of use. Things that are not Tagged by May 3 are subject to being tossed by the cleanup crew.

Please contact Jim Tiede if you have any questions about these cleanup activities.

Jim Tiede

WHAT DOES MECCA DO?

MECCA (MEMbership and Congregational CAre) is the "behind the scenes" committee that supports our congregation whenever a need arises. I'd like to share some of our activities with you over the next several Lighted Cross issues and hopefully stir up some interest in volunteering with our committee.

One of the many sub-committee blessings provided to our congregation is the **PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE**. The shawls are knitted or crocheted by one of approximately 9-10 faithful (faith-filled) talented needle workers, taking approximately 60 hours. Each shawl is created in a quiet, devotional setting by the craftsman knowing that the shawl will grace the shoulders of someone in need of peace and comfort surrounding them. Both the giver and receiver accept the gift of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the creation of the shawl.

Additionally, baby blankets are given as a blessing to babies under one year old at the time they are born into the church family. Shawls are also given to graduating high school girls who will be venturing off on their own.

Each shawl is blessed by laying on of hands by the committee at their meetings, tagged and a cross placed in the corner. Special prayer shawl bags have been purchased and the shawl is personally placed on the recipients shoulders whenever possible adding special meaning to the gift. One recipient recently wrote, "Debbie, I was so touched when you came on Monday to give me the beautiful, cuddly prayer shawl. Yes, it felt so good around my shoulders. That is a wonderful ministry your church does..."

Prayer Squares have become a vital outreach of the prayer shawl committee. Each person receiving a carry-bag at the Fall Festival receives a prayer square. This has prompted many wonderful comments and even a few "square" knitters. It takes approximately one hour to create a square. We have given many prayer squares to persons outside our immediate church family and there is always a need for squares. If you would like a square for your purse or pocket, please contact Veronica at the church office.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this important mission and outreach program of Berwyn United Methodist Church, contact Ann West or Pat White for details.

Carol Williams

MECCA Chair

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13—8:30am & 10:30am Palm/Passion Sunday Celebration. Palm Procession—
Passion Retelling

“Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey.”



April 17—6:30pm Holy Thursday. Soup Supper and the Lord’s Supper in Schieck Hall.

“Couldn’t you stay awake one hour with me? Stay awake and pray.”

April 18—7:30pm Good Friday. “Tenebrae—A Service of Darkness” composed by Hal H. Hopson
for choir and congregation with string quartet and oboe.

“The earth shook, the rocks split...”

Sat April 19—Gloria Saturday Continental Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am for children of all
ages! Bring your family and friends!

“Order the grave to be sealed until the third day.”

April 20—Easter—The Lord is risen! Celebrate 8:30 am & 10:30am. Hallelujah Chorus sing along
at 10:30am.

“I know who you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.”

CHILDREN



CLUB BERWYN LEPRECHAUN STYLE!

The March Club Berwyn was held on Friday March 14th! The night was filled with fun leprechaun games, a puzzle, a challenge, the legend of St. Patrick, and good treats! Hot Potato to Irish Music and Shamrock Hop were a blast! We made Irish Potatoes; some thought they were good, others found them gross. We tried making Brigid’s Cross with raffia. They turned out pretty! We found out our Leprechaun Names according to our birth month and favorite color. A few names we discovered were: Fortune Wishgranter, Rainbow Doubletrouble, and Shamrock Jigdancer.-Courtesy of Spoonful.com

The challenge of “Can you let this gold slip through your fingers?” was particularly tricky. You can try it: Put your hands together, palm to palm. Bend only your middle finger, as if folding your hands. Now ask someone to slip a coin between the tips of your ring fingers. The challenge: Try to release the coin by pulling apart your ring fingers. Ask one of the kids to ask you why you can’t do it...they know!

The kids left with tired smiles on their faces and ready for bed!

The next Club Berwyn will be in May! Stay tuned!

B.U.M.C YOUTH NEWS

Spring is Finally Here,

What a crazy winter it has been. Winter has been full of almost record snow, icy, and best of all power outages. As some billboards have said whomever is praying for snow can they please stop! We have been blessed with many school days off. With that being said both Youth group and Sunday school have been canceled quiet often. I even had to cancel the Youth retreat due to all this lovely weather. Thank you God for spring!!

At Sunday school we have just finished our Shocking and Scandalous Stories from the Bible. We have learned about many of the interesting un-heard of real life stories from the Bible. In youth group we have finished our 3 month study on the Gospels and what it means in our own lives. Now we are doing a Series called The Top 20 Messages for Youth Ministry. Feel free to ask the youth if they have learned anything. My hope and prayers are that they are getting something out of Youth Group thus far.

I am pleased to announce that we are teaming up with Paoli and St. Matthews U.M.C for Word Visions 30 hour famine April 26th into the 27th. This event will get the youth to interact with other youth and get a world perspective on poverty. They will be fasting for 30 hours and doing community service projects during this period. Paoli U.M.C will be hosting a coffee house April 11th at 6 P.M to help youth raise funds toward this event. So come over to Paoli U.M.C to enjoy some coffee and help the youth in this great cause!!



On The A.S.P front we are hosting a Spaghetti dinner with Berwyn Fire Company on April the 5th. Tickets are 12 dollars and the food is amazing. As soon as the temperatures warm up we will be hosting a few car washes as well to help get our Youth to West Virginia to serve Jesus at A.S.P. Please support the youth in what they are doing this month!!!



This month is going to be fun for the youth. I am looking forward to see just how much God is moving in the hearts of the youth thus far. Man I'm hoping the temperatures improve and flowers start to bump out of the ground. May god bless you in awesome ways this month,

Edward A. Moyer

Edward (Ed) Moyer Youth Director of B.U.M.C

CALLING ALL 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, a picture, school graduated from, degree and future plans. All names should be submitted by April 29.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Fall Festival is an annual tradition at Berwyn United Methodist Church, one that the whole church looks forward to each year. Great treasures to find, wonderful baked treats, fall fun! It's a special time. The Fall Festival is also a great way for our church to raise funds to support important ministries like Children's Ministries, our Youth group, and more; even our general operating budget that covers church facilities and operations. In fact many groups have come to depend on the generous gifts provided by the Fall Festival income. Our church has been blessed with a team of dedicated individuals that work tirelessly to create and manage this exciting event. This year, we want to encourage everyone to take part. You may ask how? In May, we'll be sharing more information about the preparation, operation and wrap up activities that make up the Festival, so you will know better how to get involved and be a part of this exciting event. Stay tuned to learn more.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Shared Class has chosen Adam Hamilton's WHY? Making Sense of God's Will for their next study. When natural disasters cause schools and homes to crumble or disappear-When children suffer from painful disease or hunger-When dictators tear apart nations in civil wars- Why? Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, Hamilton provides reasoned, biblical answers to difficult questions with clarity and depth. Why not join us for this challenging study? Contacts: Mike Benton, John Paylor, Elaine Parvin



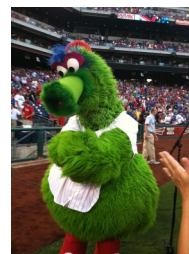
The Rev. Barbara Emery to Lead April 27 United Methodist Women Meeting

In follow-up to the Living with Dying series, we will explore what is most important to us when we think about the end of life. We will use the "Go Wish" game as a way to sort out what's *really* important, not-so important, or not important at all – very personal considerations. It's a way to put priorities around the things we want those closest to us to know when the time comes for end-of-life decisions. All are invited to join this process shared in our supportive UMW community. We will meet on Sunday April 27 in the library, starting as soon as lunch is set up following 10:30 worship.

UM DAY AT THE PHILLIES

Summer is coming!!! Join us for the United Methodist Day at the Phillies on Saturday, June 28 at

3 PM vs the Atlanta Braves. Tickets are \$34. To purchase tickets, email nancy_atchison@verizon.net. Please make checks out to Berwyn UMC, mark "Phillies" in the memo and return to the office or put in the offering plate. Part of the proceeds of each ticket benefits the Eastern Pa. Conference United Methodist Men. DEADLINE: May 15



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Upcoming Events:

Sat. April 5 – Pasta Dinner to benefit Berwyn Fire Co. and ASP trip

Sun. May 4—DART presentation of *Anonymous People*—a documentary film about more than 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from addiction. Light lunch at 12:30pm in Schieck Hall with discussion to follow at 1pm. All are welcome.

Sun. May 18 – Adult Fellowship Progressive Supper

May 31—Used Computer Collection

July 13—17—Vacation Bible Camp- We need counselors, decorators, Session Leaders (science, crafts, music, supper preparers, games, and just extra hands) If you are interested in helping, please see Cindy Shallcross or Nancy Atchison.

2015—A Trip to Italy—Adult council has received a request to book a trip to Italy for BUMC members and friends for Spring or Fall 2015. Please let Rick Stoker or Nancy Atchison know if you have any interest in going.



Church Friends,

Thank you to all of you for your generous donation to the Staff Holiday Fund this past Christmas! It was a pleasant surprise to receive it! I feel very much supported by you, and blessed in every way by having the opportunity to serve the church as the Children's Program Coordinator! Thank you very much for the gift, but especially for your continued support!

Cindy Shallcross

I thank each member of the Berwyn United Methodist Church who sent me Birthday greetings in February. My 100th birthday celebration was made even more enjoyable because of my "church family" showering me with lovely cards.

Thank you all for remembering me.

Mabel Williams

Thank you, everyone for all the thoughtful deeds while I've been recovering from my Dec. back surgery. I held on tight to my prayer shawl while in the hospital. Thank you to, Gary for his visits, The beautiful alter flowers that Sue brought over from the altar last two weeks. Thanks for the cards and notes. And the good cooking friends sent over. God be with you all.

May Dickenson

BOOK / MEDIA SUMMARIES FROM CHURCH LIBRARY

ADULT

Touching the Unseen World by Betty Malz, c1991 published by Chosen Books. [231.7 Mal]

Is it possible to touch the unseen? Christians know that another world exists, one to enjoy for eternity. It is a wondrous thing to cling to the Bible's promises of a new world after life here has ended. But our tendency is to stop there. The blessings and benefits of that unseen world are for later, not now. Right? In *Touching the Unseen World* Betty Malz will knock down the walls of any thinking that limits you from reaching out and embracing the fullness God wants you to have. She shows in instance after instance that the world as we know it is intricately interwoven with the unseen world beyond. Even though you are limited in this world by time and space and dimension, God will share the world to come with you here and now. Once you know how to look, you will find joy not to be missed!

Autobiography of God: God Revealed in the Parables of Jesus by Lloyd John Ogilvie, c1979 published by Regal Books. [226.806 Ogi]

Lloyd John Ogilvie, one of America's leading pastors and authors, has found Christ's parables to be an exciting new source of spiritual truth and power. As he studied and preached on the parables the author came to profound conviction: Jesus' heavenly stories with an earthly meaning are all aspects of the "Autobiography of God, written through His Son, who is Immanuel, God with us. Each parable contains a basic element of the nature of God and how He works in our lives. In short, the parables are God's own story about Himself! This book was donated to the church library by Elaine Parvin.

CHILDREN

From Palestine to Seattle: Becoming Neighbors & Friends: Children's Storybook on Israel & Palestine by Mary Davies, published by the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. [J FIC Dav] Reading Level – Primary (ages 6-9)

This "travel book" is designed to help children from 6 to 12 learn about everyday life in Israel and Palestine. It is the story of a visit to Israel and Palestine by a group of older elementary school children, including Allison and Matt Rogers, and led by a Methodist missionary. It describes their experiences as they bonded with their Palestinian host, young Tarek, who lives in Bethlehem.

THE BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE 2013-2014

	<u>Reviewer</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
April 16, 2014	Nancy Atchison	Ann West 610-687-0222
	<u>Defending Jacob</u> by William Landay	
May 21, 2014	Chuck Parvin	TBD
	<u>The Great Divorce</u> by C.S. Lewis	

Note: Ash Wednesday is Mar 5, 2014 and Easter is April 20, 2014

Betsy Lang

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

Narthex Greeter

Flower Delivery

April 6 Judy Fisk

Carol Williams

April 13 TBA

Barbara Borst

April 20 Jack Campbell

Jack Campbell

April 27 TBA

TBA

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.



REMINDER

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 Jacabella at 484-318-6389.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: April 9

Our mission is 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 9. 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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610-644-5555

Office E-mail:
officebumc@comcast.net

Church Website:
berwynumc.org

Office Hours:
Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m-2 p.m.

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Gary Jacabella

Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross

Youth Coordinator: Ed Moyer

Recordings of Sunday Services are available. Contact Jon Stockler at 610-348-3385 or JStockler@aol.com



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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