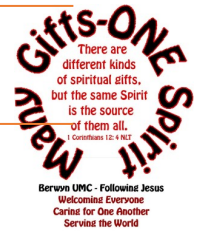


THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



April 2015

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Dinner Theater in Berwyn!

Join Barn Playhouse for 100 Years of Broadway
at Berwyn United Methodist Church

140 Waterloo Ave, Berwyn

Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11

Dinner at 7pm

Reservations required. Payment due by April 8th.

Show begins at 8pm

Menu:

Tossed salad

Baked Ham, Baked Chicken Breast,
Cheesy Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables,
Rolls, Beverages, Dessert.

Tickets are \$25.00. Order tickets through The Barn website:

www.barnplayhouse.org

For group seating, please call the Church Office

at 610-644-5555

Save the Date!

April 2 Holy Thursday
service 7:30pm

April 3 Good Friday
Open Door noon—9pm

April 4—Easter Egg
Hunt

April 5—Easter Sunday

April 10 & 11 Dinner
Theater Fundraiser

May 30 Progressive
Supper

June 6 Used Computer
Collection



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS - *Gary Jacabella*

November 29, 2014 was the 150th anniversary of a tragic event. Cheyenne and Arapaho people were camped on Sand Creek in what is now Kiowa County, Colorado. They were flying the United States flag as a sign of their peaceful intent. Peace chiefs had met with representatives of the United States at Fort Lyon in October. The fort's commander had told the Cheyenne and Arapaho that a peace delegation was coming to meet them at Sand Creek.

Instead of a peace delegation, the Cheyenne and Arapaho were attacked by U.S. Army Soldiers led by Colonel John Chivington. The soldiers fired indiscriminately on the peaceful camp. Two hundred were killed and mutilated. Two thirds of those that died were women and children. Colonel John Chivington paraded mutilated body parts of dead Cheyenne and Arapaho through the streets of Denver.

Colonel John Chivington was a Methodist minister.

Today we wonder how a servant of our Lord Jesus could commit such an atrocity. Throughout the United States, United Methodists are engaging in Acts of Repentance to show remorse for the Sand Creek Massacre and for the many other atrocities and injustices inflicted on the indigenous people of North America.

I am a member of our Eastern Pennsylvania Committee on Native American Ministries. One of my ways of serving was to make a presentation about the "Act of Repentance" at Tools for Ministry in the Northwest District of our Conference on Saturday March 7.

It was an awesome experience! I took the outline for my presentation from a talk given by George Tinker at the 2012 General Conference of the UMC. George Tinker has also written a fascinating and helpful book entitled "Spirit and Resistance: Political Theology and American Indian Liberation" (Fortress Press).

Here are some of the points George Tinker makes in his address and in his book.

Repentance is not a once and done thing. Any Act of Repentance must be ongoing. Confession and repentance must be followed up by action. The Bible calls us to return to our Creator and to recognize that all people are part of one creation. We must all together return to a right relationship with our Creator and with God's Creation.

Today the immigrant ancestors of Europeans continue to benefit from the atrocities committed against indigenous people. The ancestors of indigenous people continue to experience deprivation brought on by the injustice.

We all can learn from Native Americans the ideal of living in harmony and balance "with all my relations". Native Americans include all "createds" in their understanding of "all my realizations" – "all the two-leggeds, four leggeds, wingeds, and living moving ones"; all the "rocks, hills, trees and rivers". Nothing is inanimate in the Native American way of seeing. "Not all things are possible for humans, because some human actions destroy the balance of the world."

It will not work for our culture to keep on "competing to take the most out of the world". Humility is sorely needed if we are to learn to take our rightful place in the circle of creation.

There is a history we need to own up to. We need to dig up the history of terrible events like the Sand Creek Massacre. We need to own up to the role Christian Missionaries played in forcibly removing Indian children as young as 5 years of age from their families and packing them off to boarding schools where they were often treated like slaves and were severely punished for speaking their language and practicing their ceremonies. Unthinkable things were done to reduce the American Indian population, all for one basic reason, Europeans wanted the land on which the first nations were living. Many of us live today on stolen land and benefit from broken treaties.

United Methodists have good reason to begin to repent. It's only because of God's mercy in Jesus that it is never too late to engage together in repentance.



April is a busy month at BUMNS. The children will observe "Donuts with Dad" during the week of April 14th. Dads are invited to visit the school with their child. The children love showing off the classrooms to their dads.

On April 22nd BUMNS will host our annual Parent Social and Silent Auction at Alfredo's in Berwyn. This is BUMNS largest fundraiser. The evening promises to be one of fun for the parents in our school. The event gives them the opportunity to socialize and meet other BUMNS parents. All monies raised benefit the children of the school.

It does not seem possible that we will have one month of school left in the year!



LAY LEADER—David Adams

In the church calendar, as we prepare for Holy Week, the time has come for the light of the world to leave us. What an amazing gift of sacrifice. What a wonderful legacy that's been left for us. One of forgiveness, love, and everlasting life.

It's all too easy to treat it as a type of commercial transaction. Sure, we are grateful we don't have to bear the consequences, but all too often we see what Jesus did as some kind of transfer: God the Father got mad at Him instead of us. Whew, that was close. Jesus' act of grace is more than just a one-time gift.

However, becoming a recipient of the gifts of His crucifixion is not a one-time act. We should contemplate that this is not some payment of a debt, but rather the kind of love that would lead the God of all creation to empty Himself of all Godhood, and to humble Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. If we understand the depth of that love, we will be changed.

Soupy Thursday

Rick Stoker



Soupy Thursday will end on Thurs. April 2. We hope you will come for soup and then attend the Tenebrae service at 7:30pm. Soup on Mar. 26 will be chicken noodle and the last soup of the year on April 2 will be homemade Tomato.

Progressive Supper

Rick Stoker

The Adult Fellowship Progressive Supper will be held on Sun. May 31. It will start at 5PM with appetizers, then progress to a different location for dinner and then a third location for dessert.

If you would like to host one of the courses at your home please contact Sally Robie or Claudia Sharpless. Hope to see you there and this is open to the whole congregation.



Vacation Bible Camp

Cindy Shallcross

The week of Vacation Bible Camp will be SUNDAY, JULY 19 to THURSDAY, JULY 23- Mark your calendars!

I am looking for any and all volunteers for Counselors, Session Leaders (Crafts, Recreation, Science, etc), Decorating Volunteers, etc. Please let Cindy Shallcross know if you are available to help out with this year's VBC!!! Last summer's VBC was a huge success, won't you like to be a part of it? I can be reached at cbcampbell30@netscape.net and 610-644-4653.



Dear Pastor Jacabella & members of Berwyn United Methodist Church,

This past year we have witnessed so many incredible success stories. Families who had no place left to go are in safe, stable homes. Children of past clients are now going to college. Mothers are able to care for their families, and their children are healthier in every way. You helped to make all of this a reality.

We are so incredibly fortunate to have the support of generous people like you. Your gift of 4 sets of Rachel Ray dishes means the difference between hope and homelessness for our families. On behalf of all the women, mothers and children whose lives you will forever change through your kindness, thank you. No goods or services were provided in return for this donation.

Unfortunately, homelessness is **not** always visible but **it is** all around us. Here at Home of the Sparrow we truly believe that—working together—we **can** end homelessness in our community. With your help we are confident that we can accomplish this in our lifetimes.

Again, thank you for your kindness and your generosity.

Best regards,

Patricia McLennan

Chief Executive Officer

Home of the Sparrow



My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who have offered assistance and prayers during my Sister's illness and upon her death. Indeed, BUMC truly **IS** a caring congregation.

God's Blessings,

Pat White



Dear Church Family,

Words are inadequate to express our thanks to all of you. We wish you could see into our hearts and know how deeply we appreciate all the love and support you have given us over the past five years. The special celebration of Ruth's 80th birthday was "the icing on the cake"! Ruth was thrilled and is still marveling at the cards, balloons, flowers and banner that adorn our family room. We love you and **KNOW** we are very blessed to be part of this church family.

Thanks be to God,

Rosalie and Ruth



To BUMC Congregation,

Thank you for your sympathy card. We were deeply touched by your words of condolence and thankful for your support during our time of grief.

Warm regards,

The Phelps Family



Dear Church Members,

Thank you for your donation to the 7th Annual Celebration for Chelsea Golf Classic. With your help we were able to make a contribution of \$10,000 to The Mirmont Treatment Center and \$3000 to Caron Treatment Centers, in Chelsea's name. Although it was a rainy day and we were unable to complete eighteen holes of golf, we still met our goal. Once again, we are grateful for your support and look forward to another successful golf outing in 2015.

Sincerely,

Gail & Scott Campbell

One Week that changed the World
Enter in through Prayer and Worship with
Berwyn United Methodist

Palm / Passion Sunday Celebration
March 29 - 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Palm Procession - Passion Retelling
"Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and riding on a donkey"

Holy Thursday - April 2 - 7:30 pm
"Tenebrae - A Service of Darkness"
Composed by Hal H. Hopson
for Choir and Congregation
"The earth shook, the rocks split . . ."

Good Friday - April 3 - Open Doors
Choose your time between noon and 9 pm
To walk The Way of the Cross
and/or the Labyrinth
"They twisted together a crown of thorns"

Gloria Saturday - Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 am with Continental Breakfast
Welcome! Children of all ages and their families
"Order the grave to be sealed until the third day"

Celebrate Easter! Sunday, April 5
Sunrise Service 6:30 am - Outdoors on premises
Worship and Lord's Supper - 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Hallelujah Chorus sing-along at 10:30
"I know that you are looking for Jesus who was
crucified"

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Recordings of Sunday Services are available.

**Contact Jon Stockler at
610-348-3385 or
JStockler@aol.com**

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Gary Jacobella

Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross

Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

BUMC Fundraising Art Show Coming in November 2015

May we ask a few questions regarding your art/antique collection?

Do you have art pieces that no longer fit your room design?

Have you grown tired of a print, painting or sculpture?

Have you downsized and don't know what to do with extra art?

Have you inherited quality items that are not to your taste?

Berwyn United Methodist Church will hold an Art Auction in November provided there is sufficient support from the congregation. The concept is to sell previously owned pieces of art or antiques through an auction process with proceeds going to BUMC. Donations will be appraised by a professional appraiser and **only items with a minimum appraised value of \$100.00 will be accepted** for auction. Auction bids will start at 50% of the appraised value. Donors will be provided a tax deduction letter from BUMC for the appraised value once the items sell at auction. All items that do not sell will be returned to their owners.

Where else could you obtain a "free" appraisal of your items? Where else could you enjoy an evening of lively fun? Where else could you possibly purchase an additional item to enhance your home without middleman mark-up? ...and donors receive a tax deduction as well. Best of all, if you purchase something, the proceeds go to BUMC – a very worthy cause.

We are working with a local realtor to obtain a safe and environmentally controlled storage space for your donated items until the auction.

We will be scheduling appraisals on an on-going basis with the appraiser as he has time. We need approximately 50 items to make this fundraiser worthwhile.

Please contact Carol and Gene Williams (610-296-7406) at your earliest convenience to discuss donations you may wish to offer. A donation form will be sent to you for your use.



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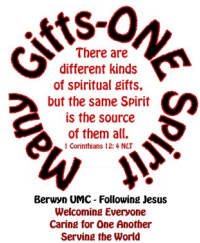
Church Website:

berwynumc.org

Next deadline: April 8, 2015

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 8**. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by April 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.



Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Sunday Morning Worship

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

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