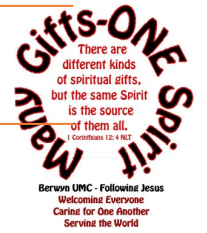




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**April 2017**

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- April 1 UMW mtg
- April 9 Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 13 Holy Thursday "Service of Darkness" 7:30pm
- April 14 Good Friday Prayer Stations
- April 15 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am
- April 16 Easter 6:15am, 8:30am & 10:30am

**Join Us For Worship**

8:30am Early Worship  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship Service with Choir  
 Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month

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

Pastor: Gary Jacabella  
 Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross  
 Lay Leader: David Adams  
 Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley  
 Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang  
 Nursery Assist: Eliza Chum-pitaz  
 Sexton: Roger Toro

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2017**

**Observe the most important week in human history at Berwyn UMC!**

Our Sanctuary will be set up with Holy Week Stations that follow the Way of the Cross. These will serve as guides for your Holy Week Journey with Jesus. You can visit these prayer stations at any time during Holy Week.

**April 9 – Palm/Passion Sunday.** We celebrate Jesus' march into Jerusalem and his triumph on the cross with palms and music during our 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

**April 13 – Holy Thursday.** Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae, Latin for "shadows" or "darkness," is a service distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles with the passion story and music. Our "Service of Darkness" will be interactive as always so that everyone can say they were there at the cross when Jesus died.

**April 14 – Good Friday.** Come at any time during the day to explore our Prayer Stations representing the final week of Jesus' life. He gave himself over to death so we know God is with us even unto death. We are not alone.

**April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt.** Eggs represent the renewal of life. This event will begin at 9:30 a.m., with an egg hunt for children beginning at 10:00. Bring your own bag.

**April 16 – Easter Sunrise Service.** Experience the discovery of the open tomb and the return of the Light into the world with a sunrise service and baptismal renewal beginning outdoors at 6:15 a.m.

**April 16 – Worship on Easter Morning.** Join followers of Jesus who have gathered down through the ages to celebrate the joy and promise of the Risen Christ on Easter morning. Come at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Join in the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus at the 10:30 service.



**MISSION MUSINGS**  
*Carol Cherry*

The next prayer and fellowship meeting for United Methodist Women will take place on Saturday April 1, 9 am at Carol Cherry's home, 289 Old State Road in Berwyn. Angel Jacabella will give a presentation on her journey to Africa last year. We will also be making plans to host a special guest in June. Dona Sensenig is a bilingual nurse who directs a Spanish Health Ministry in Kennett Square and works closely with immigrant families. More details will be coming soon.



**UMM NATIONAL GATHERING**  
*Rick Stoker*

United Methodist Men from all over the world gather every 4 years to worship, pray and do service projects together. 2017 is the year for that gathering. This year the National Gathering will be held in Indianapolis July 7 & 8.

For more info ask Rick Stoker or go to [www.ummgathering.org](http://www.ummgathering.org)

*Recordings of Sunday Services are available. Contact Jon Stockler at 610-348-3385 or JStock-*

## BUMC ESTATE ART AUCTION NEWS

*Gene & Carol Williams*

Did you just finish your tax return papers and realize you could have used an additional tax deduction? Here's your chance for 2017. Donate a print or original piece of art work for the April 29th auction and you will receive a tax deduction thank you letter (for the appraised value) of your contribution.

We just received several prints and landscape photos from a Great Valley High School teacher! Wow, word of mouth can bring results. Tell your friends and neighbors about our auction.

A friend of ours had a great idea: why not ask members of your congregation to go to their local consignment shop or thrift store and buy a pretty framed print or picture for \$5.00 to \$10.00 and donate it to the auction. If it has appraised value, they will get a tax deduction. As our friend would say, "What a concept!"

We also hope to get some contributions from local art studios and frame shops. They may come to the auction just to buy the frames? The possibilities are there.

Won't you want to be there also? It will be an exciting social evening with friends - especially if you bring several! Look for posters and hand-outs coming soon.



Eastern PA Conference will hold its Annual Conference from Thursday, June 15 – Saturday, June 17 at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA. Registration will be open on March 17.



### ANNUAL KITCHEN CLEAN UP *Rick Stoker*

Mon. May 1 beginning at 9:15am will be our annual kitchen cleanup. This cleanup gets us ready for our annual health inspection by Chester County.



### TIME TO FEED THE 5000 *Jeff Barger*

The annual Feed the 5000 food collection will begin on March 19th and will end on Palm Sunday, April 9th. The bags are delivered during Easter Week to United Methodist Neighborhood Services in Philadelphia where they are distributed to needy families in the area. Your donations are so greatly appreciated by those who struggle week after week to put food on the table for their families. Bags and list of food items are available in the Narthex. Please no expired items. Thank you.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT

### CELEBRATION

Spring has arrived and the Central District is preparing for a time of transition. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Anita Powell, will complete her 6-year term this year and will be moving on to a new appointment as Conference Director of Connectional Ministries. When the Eastern PA Conference shifts from six to four Districts after Annual Conference in June, the Central District will no longer exist as a district unto itself.

Dr. Powell's warm personality, deeply spiritual presence and desire to move us forward in strategic ways has been a precious gift to our pastors, lay leaders and churches. Central District and its 60-plus churches have been a strong anchor to the Eastern PA Conference and a source of effective ministry through many years. The Superintendency Committee and Lay Leader Team are planning a celebration of Dr. Powell's time as Central District Superintendent and the life, history and ministry of Central District.

**This celebration will be a part of our last District Conference, to be held on Sunday, May 21st, at Berwyn United Methodist Church.** District Conference will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a short meeting followed by a time of celebration, music and refreshments. A contribution of \$7.00 is requested to cover the costs of the celebration and refreshments and reservations are due by May 14, 2017. All clergy and laity are invited to attend.

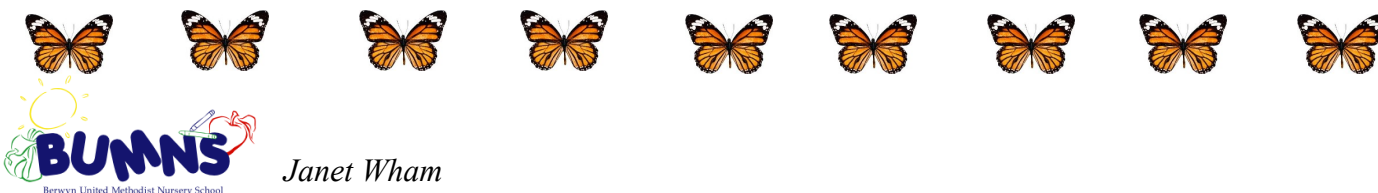
## DSP DOMESTIC MISSION PROJECT

This years DSP domestic mission project is right here in our own back yard. DSP will be rehabbing the parsonage at the St. James UMC in the Olney section of Philly. The building is no longer used as a parsonage so DSP will be transforming it into a mission center. This will allow groups coming to work in the Philly area a place to stay.

The dates are Mon. April 24- Fri. April 28. For \$100 a person you can stay overnight and have your meals provided. Or, you can come for a day or two. The fee is \$10 per day, which covers lunch and insurance.

What will we be doing? We will be tearing out carpet, painting, removing old wallpaper, installing kitchen cabinets and making a new bathroom.

For more info contact Rick Stoker or go to [www.discoveryserviceprojects.org](http://www.discoveryserviceprojects.org)



Much has been said lately about the power of play. The first thing noticed in BUMNS Game Room is the quiet hum of activity. The children are “playing” games. The children are focused and concentrating on the goal of completing the assigned “game”. Learning through play is not about children wandering without direction in a room full of toys or games. Learning through play takes a carefully prepared environment that allows young children to explore, examine, organize, manipulate, discriminate and make predictions.

In the BUMNS Game Room, learning is different for each child because each child is learning at his or her own pace. Games are assigned. Parquetry, story sequencing and manipulative games provide an opportunity for the child to learn about classifying, sorting, predicting and problem solving. Teachers note successfully completed tasks. The Game Room is fun for the children. The children are not just memorizing numbers and letters; they are learning and understanding the concepts of reading and math. The children are reasoning, hypothesizing, predicting outcomes and developing theories. But, most importantly the children are having fun! The benefits of play include gaining confidence as well as self-esteem, expanding language, understanding rules and sparking creativity. The goal is to give children a lifelong love of learning.

I invite church members to visit BUMNS. The happy voices and smiles are well worth the visit!



### FAITHFUL STEWARDS

*This month, we highlight as BUMC's Faithful Stewards, power couple, Janet and Jack Campbell!*

It seems not a day goes by that one or both of them are at the church, helping out in some capacity. Janet and Jack have been members at BUMC for over 40 years. From the beginning, they were very involved members. Janet was instrumental in creating our beautiful Tree of Remembrance with the special leaf engraving. She chaired the Fall Festival for many years and served several terms as Lay Leader. Other areas of service include choir member, MECCA secretary, BUM Nursery School Church Liaison, VBS storyteller, DART member, and Pie and Confectionary Wizard!! (And I happen to know she does lots more behind the scenes!)

Jack has been equally involved making sure BUMC's property is well cared for. This includes grass cutting, painting, snow removal, repairs, and boulder placement. Jack is a member of the Board of Trustees, serves as the Boy Scout liaison, and also finds the time to usher many Sunday mornings.

It truly “takes a village” to make our church work, and we are thankful for these two special “villagers!” Next time you see them, please remember to say thanks!

**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS** *Gary Jacobella*

Last year for Good Friday 2016, our Healing Prayer Team provided a Way of the Cross and Prayer Stations for people to come and use for that one day. People appreciated the Prayer Stations so much that the Healing Prayer Team put together Prayer Stations for New Year's Day 2017. These were also greatly appreciated and the time for their use was extended. People felt the Holy Spirit moving through the Prayer Stations in a way that helped them encounter God so that their hearts and lives were touched and changed.

Our Healing Prayer Team, has decided to expand the Good Friday Prayer Stations experience to include all of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Easter.

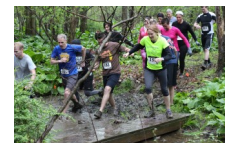
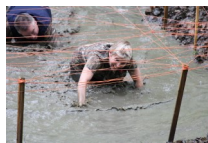
This year the Prayer Stations themselves will follow the Way of the Cross. Each Station will give people a chance to pause and reflect on a step in Jesus' journey to Calvary and then act out a prayer response. Here's an overview of the Ten Prayer Stations we are working on.

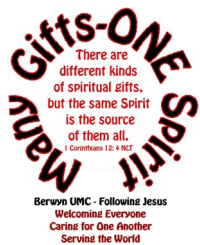
1. Jesus Enters Jerusalem – Matthew 21: 1 – 9 – Palm leaves represent our praise and hopes for Holy Week. They mark the way that we prepare for Jesus.
2. A Woman Anoints Jesus – Matthew 26: 6 – 13 – A woman was criticized for anointing Jesus with expensive perfume but Jesus accepted her gift as an anointing of his body for burial. Anoint Linen "burial" cloth with scented oil.
3. One of You Will Betray Me – Matthew 26: 14 – 15, 21 – 25 – At a table set for a Passover Seder each person can reflect on the strength of their loyalty to Jesus. Why do we give other things priority over and above our Lord Jesus?
4. Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet – John 13: 2 – 14 – Feet take a beating on the road of living and dying. They are a symbol of persistent service. Water, Bowls and Towels will be provided.
5. Pilate Washes His Hands – Matthew 17: 20 – 24 – What does God require of us? How do we hide from our responsibility? Take time to face some difficult issues that confront us today. Can we really wash our hands of all this injustice?
6. The Soldiers Taunt Jesus – Matthew 17: 27 – 30 – Soldiers used A Crown of Thorns and a Red Military Coat to mock Jesus. How might we inflict shame and abuse on Jesus today?
7. The Cross – Matthew 27: 32 – 34 – Simon of Cyrene was forced into being there with Jesus in his hour of need. Can Jesus count on us to be there voluntarily?
8. Jesus' Clothes – Matthew 27: 35 – 38 – Clothe yourself in Jesus by remembering your baptism.
9. Jesus Dies – Matthew 27: 45 – 50 – When we eat this bread and drink from this cup we tell about Jesus death until he comes.
10. God on the Loose – Matthew 27: 51 – 54 – Carry the Light of Christ out into the world and beyond the barriers that separate people from the life giving power of their Creator.



**GRETNA GRITTY 2017**

The Gretna Gritty is celebrating 5 years of muddy fun! This year, Gritty will be Saturday, May 13 at Gretna Glen Camp. The goal is to raise \$50,000 for Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center - God's Place Apart, Transforming Lives! NEW IN 2017 - 50% of the proceeds will be donated towards Gretna Glen's NEW BATH-HOUSE! The other 50% will continue to be donated toward their Pathways to the Future Finance Initiative. With competitive, non competitive, and children's options there is something for everyone. Info is online at [www.gretnaglen.org/gritty](http://www.gretnaglen.org/gritty). Sign up today!





## Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

## Worship Schedule

- 8:30 AM Early Worship
- 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship with Choir

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