



THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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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

WEBSITE:

www.epaumc.org (Eastern PA Conference of UMC)

WEBSITE: umnews.org (United Methodist News)

Holy Week SCHEDULE

April 14 (Maundy Thursday) Communion Service	7 PM
April 15 (Good Friday) Tenebrae Service	7 PM
April 16 (Gloria Saturday) Easter Egg Hunt	9 AM
April 17 (Easter Sunday) Sunrise Service @ Valley Forge Park Worship Service in Sanctuary	6:15 AM 10 AM

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Dave, Isabel and I want to thank everyone for their cards and prayers with the passing of my mom Dolores. This congregation has sustained us through her illness and welcomed her with open arms whenever she came to worship. We miss her terribly, but I have great comfort in knowing that she is in God's House and she now Knows All.

My heart is full with appreciation and love,


Kristine Adams



Jane Harris

The Nursery School is full of spring flowers, baby animals and Easter eggs as Spring is upon us! Parent conferences are behind us as we look forward to warmer weather and more time outside. This is the time of year the children show their teachers how comfortable they are in school and demonstrate that they are ready to move on to new adventures. We continue to be thankful to have been in school in person so far this school year. We would like to wish everyone in the church community a very happy and peaceful Easter.



TROOP 181 UPDATE by *Mary Ostien* 
Troop 181 had another productive month in March with a camping trip to Hawk Mountain. The boys are excited to be providing volunteer hours to support the Church with its annual fair and will devote their meeting time on Tuesday, March 29th to assisting in fair preparation and moving items from the Church shed to the staging tents in advance of the Spring Fair. The troop is also organizing a Spring food drive and will be collecting and donating non-perishable items to the Great Valley Food Cupboard. They said they are most in need of the following: cereal, granola bars, mayo, crackers, peanut butter, jelly. That said, other items such as pasta, canned foods (fish, chicken, fruits, vegetables, beans, etc.), toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies are also welcome. Please NO glass containers. Any parishioner that would like to donate can leave food in bags/boxes (could they leave in Schiek Hall) and the Scouts will be happy to collect those and deliver them. Our April trip is to Ricketts Glen State Park to hike the 8-mile Falls Trail amongst the 20+ waterfalls that are the central feature of the park.

NEW SPONSORED CHILD

Our Penny Jar contributions support Children's International, which assigns a particular child to us to receive our support. For a number of years we have supported Florence Lukelo, who has now grown out of the Children's International program. A new child, 2-year old Edith Mundandwe, of Lusaka, Zambia, has been assigned for our support. We are pleased to be a part of her life as she grows to realize her dreams and potentials.



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

Dear Berwyn Family –

As we continue to navigate this season of Lent, I often wonder how we best approach this season. And, if I am honest, how we best approach the Lenten season is a question I ask myself every year. How do God's people make Lent relevant and relatable in 2022? It is becoming challenging to connect the church's liturgical seasons to a world that quickly runs away from tradition. The world is running away from shared worship experiences that express our faith, which is the pathway that passes onto the next generation the understanding of being in a relationship with a loving and Eternal God.

How do we as God's people approach Lent, define Lent, practice Lent, and live Lent? How do we as a people take those ashes on Ash Wednesday and make them part of our story right now? God's people approach the season of Lent by telling their story. This year at BUMC, we will be sharing the story through scripture, music, and special holy week services, through a commitment to service to our community. Prayerfully, we will return to God with the wonder and awe of a child who first hears the story of God's great love in Jesus. Might we dare allow ourselves to renew and strengthen our faith as our sins are forgiven? How can we live a life empowered again to serve with acts of justice, deeds of kindness, and acts of love? What would it look like if we experienced the newness of forgiveness for the first time?

So, let us start from the beginning. "Once upon a time," God created a people - and God loved the people, but over time the people forgot God who created them and loved them. The people turned away from God and consumed power and earthly treasures. The people forgot from where they had come. God's love was so powerful that God created a way for the people to return to God. His name is Jesus. God's own Son who came to be with God's people. And come Jesus did, into the world, and our hearts. To walk and talk with the people - to teach and show how to live. Jesus gave his life for God's people, so all might be saved and receive eternity. This season of Lent is not "The End" of our story! Each Lent is an opportunity for a new beginning in our life.

You are invited to all the wonderful and mysterious traditions and experiences that Lent 2022, Holy Week, and the grand celebration of Easter has to offer at BUMC. You are invited to turn back to God — who created you, who loves you beyond your imagination. You are invited to proclaim that Jesus is the way to life and give your heart to him.

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Rodney



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MAJOR NEWS REGARDING THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kristine Adams

In March there were three significant announcements made regarding the denomination:

1. **General Conference** that was supposed to happen in 2020 has been delayed AGAIN to 2024. A new location and dates are to be determined.
2. United Methodist Women has changed its name to **United Women in Faith**. The new website is www.uwfaith.org.

From their website: “We’re a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation. Driven by God’s love and united in sisterhood, we work to improve the lives of women, children and youth. Every day, we show up. We take action. We get it done. And we invite you to join us.”

3. A theologically conservative group of Methodist clergy and laity has announced the launching of a new Methodist denomination, **Global Methodist Church** on May 1, 2022. From their press release: “Supported by fervent prayers, faithful discernment, and a sure hope for the future, the Global Methodist Church is a Holy Spirit-inspired movement committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly to the ends of the earth.”

To learn more about GMC please visit their website www.globalmethodist.org.

Keep watching for date and time when Kristine Adams will do a presentation on all that is happening within The United Methodist Church and General Conference.



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EASTERN PA CONFERENCE EVENTS

May 1— 3pm to 5pm South District Conference (That's Us!)

May 4—3pm or 6:30pm via Zoom Listening Session with Bishop John Schol

May 20-22 Annual Conference via Zoom

You can register for all of these events by going to this website: <https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/south-district-conference/>



Our Mission Statement

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Our Vision Statement

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Worship Schedule

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

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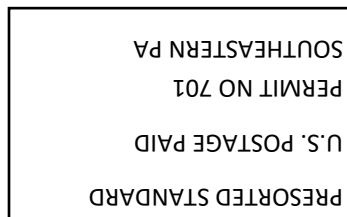
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