



December 2011

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

Holiday Schedule of Events

The Advent Season

At services each Sunday, we will have special readings highlighting the experience of Advent, anticipating the birth of Christ. Kristine and David Adams are scheduled to read at the first Sunday, Nov. 27. Other readers are: Ellen Fritz, Dec. 4; Tom and Kay Pierce, Dec. 11; and the Dodds family, Dec. 18.

Decorating the Church — Sunday, Dec. 4

The children will make Advent calendars and Advent wreaths during the Sunday School hour. That afternoon at 3 o'clock, we will have our Hanging of the Greens with dinner and a Christmas carol sing-along afterward. Bring the whole family for this glorious activity as we get the church dressed for Advent and Christmas. The Sanctuary will be decorated, and children will decorate doors in with wrapping paper and ribbons. (Donations of paper and ribbons are invited.)

Cantata and Christmas Brunch — Sunday, Dec. 18

At the 10:30 service, the Choir will present "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" by Robert Hebble, a composer and organist of international renown. This cantata is the Christmas story from the perspective of Simeon, who has been waiting so long for the coming of the Messiah. Robert Smink will play the role of Simeon. The work is scored for choir, organ and harp. The harpist is Donna Cooper of West Chester. The soprano soloist is our own JoEllyn Berky Beck, who is featured in a beautiful arrangement of "O Holy Night."



Immediately after the cantata, we will have the annual Christmas Brunch in Schieck Hall. Rick Stoker's menu will feature both breakfast and lunch items. The following is just a sampling: pancakes, spinach soufflé, roast pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, winter salad, and assorted desserts to include cream puffs. The price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10, and free for children under 5. You can sign up at services on Dec. 4 and 11 or call in your reservation to the church office. Reservations must be made by noon Dec. 14.

Christmas Eve — Saturday, Dec. 24

There will be three services:

5:30 p.m. – Family service, with a presentation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by the Children's Sunday School classes. Parts will be assigned and most rehearsals will take place during Sunday School hour. A dress rehearsal will be held in the evening of Friday, Dec. 23.

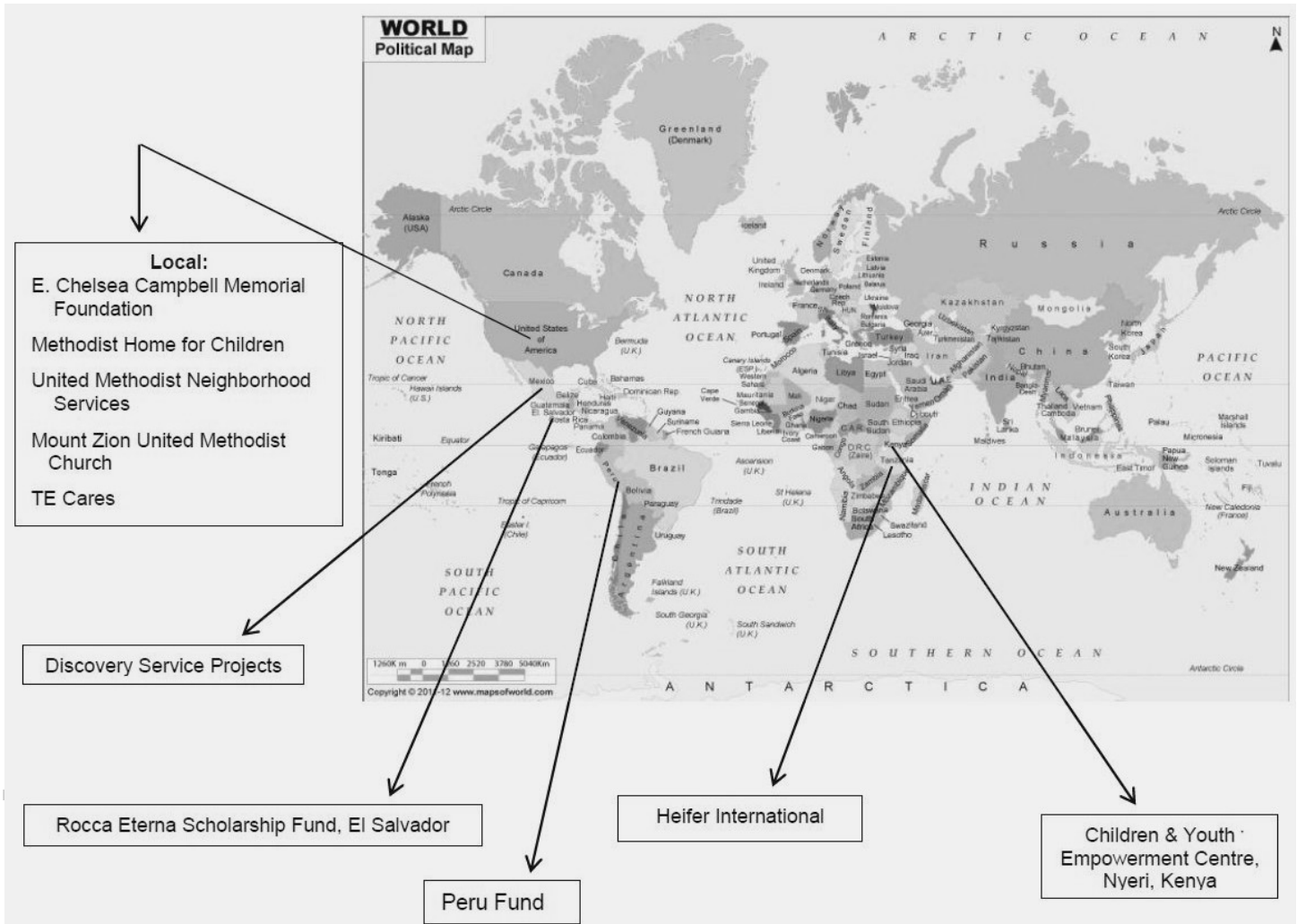
7:30 p.m. – Candlelight service.

11 p.m. – Choir sings; Holy Communion.

Christmas Day — Sunday, Dec. 25

There will be ONE service, at 10 a.m. It will be a Blessing of the Toys. Encourage your children and grandchildren to bring a favorite new toy to church that morning for a blessing by Pastor Phil.

A Map of Giving



ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	MISSION	DUE DATE
Discovery Service Projects	Build community center in Playa del Carmen, Mexico	Thanksgiving Offering	Nov. 27
United Methodist Neighborhood Services	Collect and resell hats, mittens and scarves	Philadelphia Missions	Dec. 4
Methodist Home for Children	Toys for children	Philadelphia Missions	Dec. 11
Mount Zion UMC	Toys for children and toiletries for men	Philadelphia Missions	Dec. 18
E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation	Supports young adults in prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse	Alternative Gift Program	Dec. 4, 11, 18
Methodist Home for Children	Services for children and young adults	Alternative Gift Program	Dec. 4, 11, 18
Heifer International	Help families end hunger by contributing livestock	Alternative Gift Program	Dec. 4, 11, 18
Rocca Eterna Scholarship Fund	Elementary and secondary school scholarships in El Salvador	Alternative Gift Program	Dec. 4, 11, 18
Children and Youth Empowerment Centre	Medicine, food and schooling for children in Nyeri, Kenya	Alternative Gift Program	Dec. 4, 11, 18
TE Cares	Emergency assistance for needy families in Tredyffrin and Easttown	Alternative Gift Program	Dec. 4, 11, 18
Peru Fund	Supports families in need	Alternative Gift Program	Dec. 4, 11, 18
Rocca Eterna	Annual covenant relationship with church in El Salvador for outreach, literacy and nutrition	Christmas Offering	Dec. 25

One-stop shopping for your Christmas gifts

The Berwyn United Methodist Church Gift Alternatives Program is a way to help the mission programs that our church supports. You can make a tax-free donation of \$5 to \$500 and give it as a Christmas gift to a family member, teacher, employee or friend instead of a store-bought gift. You will receive a card that you can send as your “gift,” describing the mission project the gift is supporting. You might also decide to make one of these donations in your own name.

There will be a Gift Alternatives table in the Narthex during Sundays in December. Please drop by and choose your gifts. While we have suggested certain amounts, gifts of any size are welcome.

Methodist Home for Children

The Methodist Home for Children in Philadelphia was founded in 1879 by women of faith to care for orphaned children. Today, while the orphanage has been long closed, the property is being used for a variety of programs and services to help children and families in need. The historic Main Building is the site for before- and after-school programs and a summer camp. MHC also provides foster- and kinship-care services, adoption services, a licensed kindergarten, and housing programs to assist children and families in staying united or being reunified.

\$20 – Toward a Fresh Start Starter Kit to be given to families when they move into their own apartments.

\$50 – Honoring Bob Niles’ 20 years of service to the Methodist Home for Children

\$160 – A week of summer camp for a child.

TE Cares

The mission of T&E Cares is to maintain a network of people providing financial and other material assistance to people in need in and around Tredyffrin and Easttown townships.

\$20 – buys school supplies for one child.

\$50 – buys groceries for a family in need.

\$100 – helps pay a utility bill for a family.

Children/Youth Empowerment Centre

The Children and Youth Empowerment Centre in Nyeri, Kenya, is an innovative residential and educational program for street-dwelling children and other highly vulnerable young people. Based on a boarding-school model, the centre provides a safe, healthy environment for about 120 children and youth who are homeless or from difficult domestic backgrounds. The centre also has a medical clinic, vocational skills programs (woodworking, metalworking, tailoring and agriculture), and clubs and activities (arts, choir, nature club and sports).

\$20 – medical care for a child for one year.

\$70 – clothes a child for a year.

\$100 – milk for 30 young children for six months.

\$300 – food for a child for a year.

\$500 – secondary school tuition and fees for a child for one year.

Rocca Eterna Scholarships

Eternal Rock Evangelical Methodist Church was founded in 1999, in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. The church has a dynamic youth program with outreach and service to the local community. Since 2006, members of our congregation have supported the education of children and youth in their congregation. Education is expensive for Salvadoran families, but it is critical to provide opportunities for the young people and to support the development of their communities.

\$50 – Partial elementary school scholarship.

\$100 – Partial secondary school scholarship.

Heifer International

Heifer International was started when a Midwestern farmer, Dan West, returned home after doing relief work in poor countries abroad. He resolved to end hunger permanently by providing families with livestock and training so that they “could be spared indignity of depending on others to feed their children.”

\$10 – one-twelfth of a sheep.

\$20 – a starter flock of chickens.

\$50 – one-tenth of a heifer.

E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation

The E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation was created to encourage and support adolescents as well as young adults in the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse. The foundation focuses its funding on committed organizations that offer prevention and treatment.

\$100 – partial scholarship for a 28-day in-patient treatment at Mirmont Treatment Center.

Peru Fund

The Peru Fund supports the needs of an extended family in the small agricultural town of Azpitia, Peru. The fund was set up more than 25 years ago through the efforts of Sue Burriss and Jean Plank. Over the years it has been used to pay medical bills, and to buy food for the family, a wheelchair for a disabled member of the community, and school uniforms. After a 2007 earthquake, the fund was used to help open an irrigation and drinking-water canal.

\$25 – supports a Peruvian family in need.

An appeal for gifts for the needy

Christmas can be a difficult time for many families, especially this year due to the economic downturn. Through the Missions Committee, our congregation provides deeply appreciated support for three Methodist organizations in Philadelphia:

- For **United Methodist Neighborhood Services**, bring new, unwrapped hats, scarves and mittens and hang them on our Mitten Tree by Sunday, Dec. 4.
- For **the Methodist Home for Children**, donate toys, games, and books for children, as well as gift cards for their mothers, by Sunday, Dec. 11. A list of needed gifts is in the Narthex. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. Put your gifts under the tree in the Narthex.
- For **Mount Zion United Methodist Church**, donate toys for children and toiletries for adults, especially men, by Sunday, Dec. 18. Place your gifts in a special basket in the Narthex. At its annual Christmas party, Mount Zion distributes these gifts to people in the neighborhood who live in shelters.

*Betsy Newman and
Donna Pitz with the
2010 Mitten Tree and
gifts from BUMC.*



At charge conference, BUMC plans for new year

The United Methodist Church is a connectional church, and the basic local church unit in this connectional system is the Charge Conference. The Charge Conference meets annually or upon call, and its membership is generally the same as that of the Administrative Board of the Church, but the District Superintendent presides over the meeting.

We may be more familiar with the Administrative Board or Administrative Council as the governing body of the local church. The Administrative Council serves as the administrative agency of the Charge Conference, and meets regularly to plan and implement the programs of the church. But it is the Charge Conference that serves as the link between the local church and the general church, and has general oversight of the local church.

The 2011 Berwyn United Methodist Church Charge Conference was held on Thursday, Nov. 10, with Rev. Dr. Anita Powell, the District Superintendent of the Central District, presiding. The pastor and other church leaders reported on the state of our church, our programs for the year past, and our plans for the future.

A full slate of officers for the year 2012 was elected, and many of our church members have assumed responsibilities to participate in our programs next year. Our appreciation is given to all those who will continue to serve, and a special thank you to those who have completed their committee service. We also welcome many new committee members, and especially those who have assumed new responsibility as committee chairs: Ellen Fritz, Finance; Andrew French, Church and Society; Keith Fritz, Youth and Young Adult Council; and Jim Tiede, Leadership Advisory Council.

A report on church finances was received. Approval of our budget is scheduled for the December Administrative Council meeting, after the final results of our stewardship campaign are known, but we expect to have a budget for 2012 that will be or almost be in balance.

Our total membership as of the date of the Charge Conference is 418, down somewhat from last year, due primarily to the death of 10 members and a failure to attract sufficient new members to offset losses. Overcoming membership losses presents us with a special challenge for 2012 and future years.

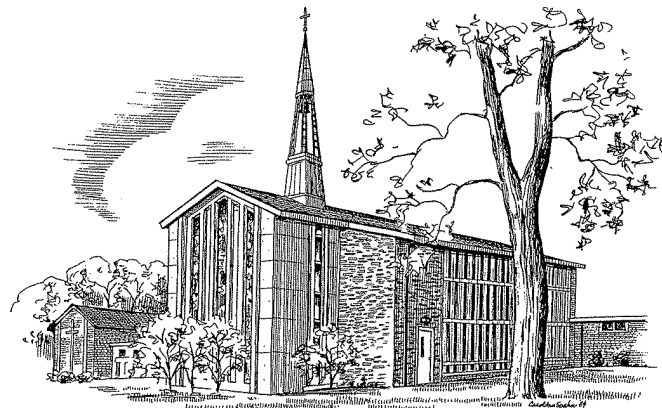
Our various committees reported activities during the year that show that Berwyn United Methodist Church is an active and vital congregation that provides nurture, ministry and witness to our members, to our community, and to the world at large, and is well-positioned to continue to do so into the future.

John Paylor

BUMC note cards are on sale in the Narthex

Packages of note cards with this image of Berwyn United Methodist Church are on sale in the Narthex before and after worship services.

The note cards sell for \$4 per package of 10 cards plus envelopes.



Berwyn United Methodist Church 1884-1984

LAY LEADER'S LETTER

May today be our day of new beginnings

For some days now, an unusual hymn has been running through my head, and I don't know why. The hymn is "This Is a Day Of New Beginnings" (Methodist Hymnal No. 383), but it's not what I would call a favorite. The tune is catchy but not special. It's not one of the old familiar tunes; it was written in 1978, which from my perspective is modern music.

It's not yet Christmas, or near Easter or Pentecost or any other date that could be considered a new beginning in the Christian calendar. It's not New Year's or Rally Day, or the Fourth of July, or my birthday. Why does this strange hymn keep coming back into my head?

Reading the hymn through reveals that it is as much about leaving the past behind as it is about looking forward to a new beginning. It speaks of leaving behind pain, disappointment, guilt and grieving. It tells us to remember, but in remembering, to move on to the future in belief, love, faith and hope.

Does this hymn have a special message to speak to me or to our church today? We have had a good year at Berwyn UMC, although 2011 did bring its share of disappointment and grief, including the passing of many well-loved members, family, and friends.

Even when times are good, we can remember pain, disappointment, guilt and grief from the past. It is good to remember, but not to dwell upon past hurts. We should always be ready to move on. The hymn tells us that by the life and death of Jesus, God has given us a way forward. He provides assurance of what his love can do. He makes all things new.

So maybe the hymn is telling me, is telling you, is telling Berwyn Church, that the future can be better than the past. Don't try to forget the past, but look forward, not backward. Any day, every day, can be a day of new beginnings. We don't have to wait for a special day to begin anew. Let today be our day of new beginnings. Let the future at Berwyn UMC begin now.

John Paylor

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Words by Brian Wren; music by Carlton R. Young.
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*This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.*

Zach Phelps of Conestoga is 'Student of the Week'

Zach Phelps of Conestoga High School was chosen recently by Main Line Suburban Life as its Student of the Week. Zach, a junior, started a Free to Breathe student club at Conestoga to raise money for lung-cancer awareness and research. The club now has 80 members. Zach also is the president of Conestoga's Take a Blink for Pink breast-cancer awareness club and mentors seventh graders in a leadership training program.

Brief news items of interest to members of BUMC

United Methodist Women. Judy Fisk will host a holiday brunch for United Methodist Women at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at her home at 1005 Tenby Road in Berwyn. Bring a brunch item to share. Contact Judy for directions by calling 610-644-2269.

Shared Bible Study Class. The class is studying *Tell It Slant: A Conversation on the Language of Jesus in His Stories and Prayers* by Eugene Peterson. Join us, and you will understand Jesus' parables in a way you have never before been taught.

District's Open House. On Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Central District will host a Christmas open house at the Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Ave., Philadelphia. You are invited to tour the offices and visit with the District Superintendent. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP by Dec. 5 to Rev. Doris Dalton at ddalton@epaumc.org or 215-878-4607.

ETC. The class is continuing to work with the *Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth* video series, hosted by Francis Collins. The series was produced by the Wesley Ministry Network and presents scientific experts who offer their views on the interplay of religion and science.

From the Kitchen. The Harvest Dinner on Nov. 13 was a success. The diners had all they wanted to eat, and the leftovers were taken to shut-ins and were also served as one of the Alpha course meals. Rick Stoker reported that the total cost of this year's dinner was only \$1.80 more than last year's. After paying for the food, the church earned about \$650. The profits usually go to the Kitchen Fund for future events and to the General Fund.

Holiday Dinner. The Kinzer Fire House in Kinzer, Lancaster County, hosts an annual pork 'n' sauerkraut dinner with all the trimmings on New Year's Eve. The cost is \$15 a person, and the food is plentiful and delicious. Doris and Maynard Krug have all the details.

Save the Dates. Feb. 4 — All-Church/Supper Clubs Dinner, hosted by the Maria Circle of United Methodist Women; Feb. 26 — Lenten Faire, hosted by the Children's and Adult Councils; April 21 — Combined Dinner, hosted by the Youth and the Berwyn Fire Company; and June 10 — Adult Progressive Dinner. There are also the Lenten Lunches on Wednesdays starting Feb. 29 and ending April 4 — good food and enlightening speakers.

54 pledges received on Stewardship Sunday

I am pleased to report that we had a very successful Stewardship Sunday on Nov. 6. We received 54 pledges, which represents 70 percent of the total pledges that we received in 2011. This was a wonderful response — one for which the Finance Committee would like to say *thank you!* These pledges will go a long way in helping us fund our programs in 2012.

However, this does not end our Stewardship Campaign for 2012. We hope we can meet or exceed the number of pledges we received for 2011. If you have not yet made a pledge, there is still plenty of time to do so. You can complete a form and leave it in the church office, place a pledge card in the offertory plate on at a Sunday service, or send Betsy Newman a pledge via e-mail (jvnehn42@aol.com). Any of these approaches will work; we are not fussy.

The important thing is to make a pledge so the Finance Committee will have your commitment for next year and can finish its financial planning. We have rich tradition of offering a diverse collection of wonderful programs, and we look forward to continuing that tradition in 2012.

Many thanks to everyone who has already made a pledge for 2012, and thanks in advance to those who will be making their pledge shortly.

Jim Tiede

Finance Chair

IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Christmas books for adults and children

The adult and children's collections in the BUMC Library contain many wonderful items to celebrate the Christmas season. Some are displayed; others may be found by using the card catalog and/or online catalog.

The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel, c1998. [232.92 Str] – This book invites you to consider why Christmas matters. Lee Strobel searches out the true identity of the child in the manger. He asks tough questions such as “Can the biographies of Jesus be trusted?” and suggests that beyond our holiday traditions lies the truth. The reader is invited to weigh the facts and decide for himself.

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel, c2004. [212.1 Str] – Are all the basic aspects of evolutionary theory known to be correct? Can the entire universe be explained simply in terms of matter and energy? Do science and religion conflict? Do people who believe in a Creator suffer from an inability to rationally comprehend the brute facts of the world around them? If you've ever pondered these questions, then this book is for you. If you are looking for a summary book with highlights of intelligent design, along with several key evidential problems with evolutionary theory, this is it. The author, Lee Strobel, takes you through his investigation for the scientific evidence for a Creator with a down-to-earth and practical approach. He provides tough, contemporary questions, the hallmark of his investigative approach

The BUMC Library holdings may now be accessed three ways: You can browse the shelves in person, use the traditional card catalogs in the library, or browse the collection via the online catalog from anywhere. To use the online catalog, just pull up the BUMC website (www.berwynumc.org). Click on Resources. Click on Library Search. Click on BUMC Online Public Access Catalog. Voila – you are there! Now you can search for a specific title, author or topic. You can also click on New Items to see what books and media have been recently added to the collection. To date, about one-third of the collection has been added to the online catalog. The rest can be found in the card catalogs. Happy searching!

Marge Smink

Remembering 10 deceased members of Congregation

During the worship service on Nov. 6, the church celebrated “For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name. O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!”

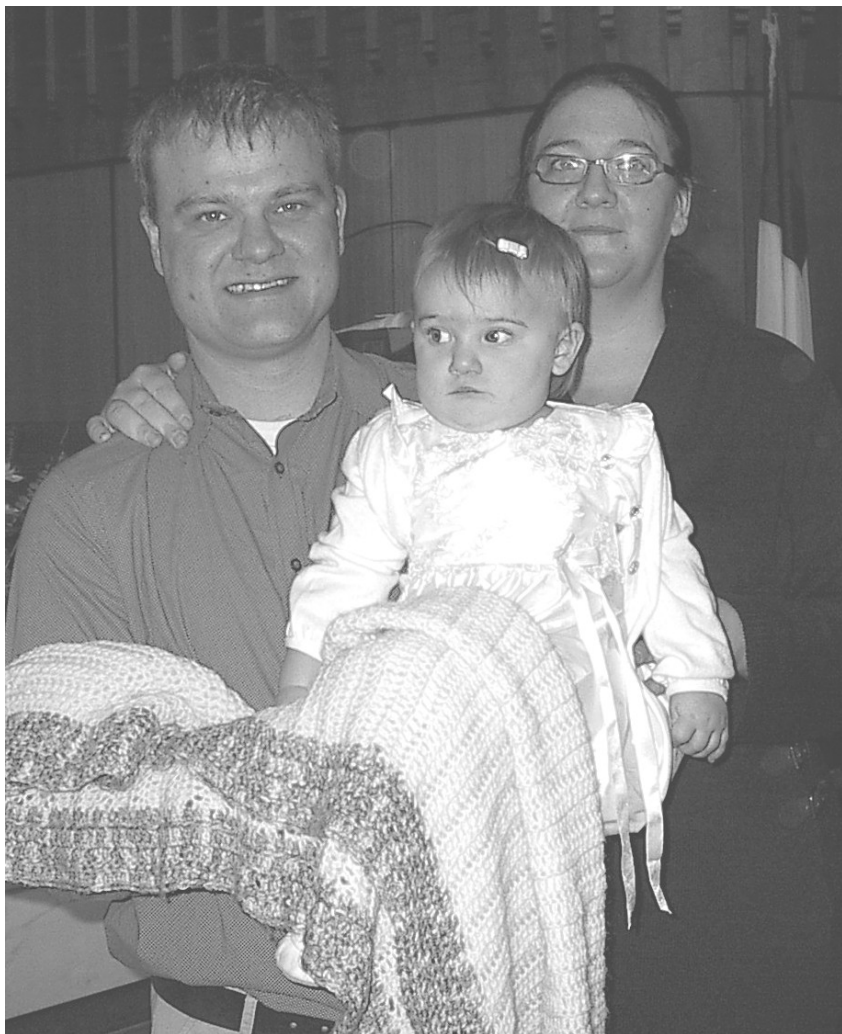
These are the beloved members of our congregation who have died since the last Recognition of the Saints on Nov. 1, 2010.

Faye Hoffman had been a member of Berwyn Methodist Church for 72 years. She joined the church in 1939. Others who died, listed with the dates they joined the church:

Gladys Walton	1941	Doris Shriver	1973
Allan Weir	1956	Brad Mackenzie	1973
Florence Fennimore	1957	Laura Robins	1978
Bill Brownfield	1962	Amy Dwyer	1995
Robert Van Sickle	1964		

Contributions are invited for staff holiday gifts

The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites the Congregation to contribute to a Holiday Staff Recognition Fund for the dedicated employees of the Berwyn United Methodist Church. Your contribution may be placed in the offering or mailed to the church. Please mark the memo field of your check and/or envelope placed in the offering as “Holiday Staff.”



Nursery School has open house, donates gifts, and prepares for Holiday Show

The holidays are a cheerful time at Berwyn United Methodist Nursery School. The children are reminded to be thankful for many blessings. Thanksgiving feasts were celebrated in November. The 5-Day children traveled to the Great Valley Nature Center, where they toured a Lenape Native American village, and learned the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Nursery School held an open house in November. We are hoping for a full house during the 2012-2013 school year.

During December, the children will learn the spirit of giving to others who are less fortunate. Many toys, mittens, hats and personal items were donated to BUMC's outreach missions that support families in Philadelphia. Coats were collected to support the mission in memory of Amy Dwyer.

The Nursery School's annual Holiday Show will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. The children have been practicing under the direction of Ms. Donals. Members of the church are invited to attend the "best show in town."

Beatrice Ann McDowell, who was born Nov. 17, 2010, was baptized at the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, Nov. 20. Beatrice is shown above with her parents, Jeremy and Christine McDowell of La Crescenta, Calif. Her father was confirmed at BUMC on April 8, 1990. Beatrice's paternal grandparents, Jane and the late John McDowell, joined the church family in 1975. For the baptism, Beatrice was wrapped in a prayer blanket made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: Dec. 15

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. Your submissions may have to be edited for length. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by Jan. 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website. Submit your items to gene.foreman@verizon.net or use the mailbox in the church office.



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Planning for a family-centered ministry

On Sunday, Nov. 6, Mike Benton and Joy Fuerst of the Evangelism and Nurture Committee invited members of the church to meet and start talking about how to strengthen bonds among our family-centered adult population.

The intent of the discussion was to discover what might be done to provide more fellowship opportunities for the Generation Xers and Yers. The dialogue was centered on ideas for sharing and developing our faith, developing friendships, and supporting each other.

There was significant enthusiasm and interest. The consensus was that “family together time” is scarce with our busy lives. The preferred activities were fellowship events that include the whole family. Suggestions included:

- Adding family-centered components to existing programming (such as a family-friendly cookout or a picnic at a park, family bike rides on local trails, walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, and a supper club for families).
- Dedicated family-centered special events (such as a game night for children, youth and parents).
- Family-centered service projects (such as the whole family helping with landscaping at church during spring and summer).
- Possible involvement in existing programs for children, youth and missions. We will explore how we can collaborate with Sarah Baker (children’s programs), Chris Padot (youth programs), and Donna Pitz (missions programs).

All who missed the first meeting are encouraged to offer their suggestions. Please reach out to Mike (mkbenton@gmail.com) and Joy (joy_fuerst@hotmail.com). Be on the lookout for some great events soon.

Three new members are added to the church rolls

Todd Wolov was baptized and confirmed by Pastor Phil on Sunday, March 6. Todd was born in the Haverford area and graduated from The Haverford School and Lafayette College. While taking courses in education at West Chester University, he met his future wife: Wendy Campbell, older daughter of Jack and Janet Campbell. Currently Todd is teaching in the West Chester School District. Wendy and Todd have three sons: Jack, 14; Campbell, 11; and Tanner, 8. Todd has his Black Belt in karate and coaches the boys' basketball and football teams.

Ken and Marissa Miller joined the church on Sunday, Nov. 6. Ken is an engineer at Boeing in Ridley, and Marissa is a homemaker. They moved from Michigan to their home on Poplar Avenue in Devon. However, they are not strangers to the Philadelphia area, where many of Ken’s cousins live. The Millers have two sons, Joshua, 5, and Ethan, 3. Joshua attends the Berwyn United Methodist Nursery School.

Endowment Fund schedules speaker for Jan. 29 services

The Endowment Committee at BUMC was established in 2009. By the end of that year, the Endowment Fund’s *Policies and Guidelines* were approved by the Charge Conference, and our Endowment Fund was created with a \$50,000 gift from the estate of a church member. This year \$28,795.91 has been added to the principal for a total investment of \$78,795.91.

Our focus in 2012 is to make the Endowment Program more visible and promote awareness of opportunities for planned giving to the Berwyn United Methodist Church. Jack Brooks, executive director of Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation Inc., will deliver the message at both services on Jan. 29, 2012. He will be available to answer questions between services. The foundation is the investment agency for our Endowment Fund, and Jack has worked with our committee the past three years.

Six Scouts of Troop 181 advance to Eagle rank

Six Scouts of BUMC's Troop 181 have become Eagles, achieving the highest rank in Scouting. They are Joseph DiGiorgio, Scott Dixon, Kevin Haddad, Deri Harris, Benjamin Levin and Colin Weissman.

All entered Scouting as Cub Scouts and have demonstrated leadership as well as all the camping, lifesaving and outdoor skills that the best Scouts must master.

For their individual Eagle projects, the boys made varied and lasting contributions to the community, constructing or improving church, school and park gardens. Beneficiaries of the projects were Berwyn United Methodist Church, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, Valley Forge National Park, Tredyffrin Township's Crabby Creek Park, Devon Elementary School, and the Open Lands Conservancy.

Troop 181 Scoutmaster Scott Wilson said, "Each of the Scouts has demonstrated the ability and potential to go forth and serve the country and positively impact our community." Vince Piotti, Troop 181 advancement coordinator, said the new Eagles "demonstrate the core values that exemplify the best that Scouting has to offer."

Troop 181 has 40 Scouts who meet regularly in evenings at BUMC and go on outdoor trips one weekend a month.



Members of the congregation and families of the Nursery School responded to an appeal for winter coats, hats, gloves and blankets for the homeless. The gifts above, offered in the memory of Amy Dwyer, will be distributed by the Philadelphia Helping Group to keep people warm this winter.

Children's Activities

Thanks so much for your support of the "Hug-in-a-Mug" fundraising project benefit the Heifer Project. We raised \$221. And, due to popular demand, we will restock and sell more mugs in December.

Club Berwyn will have a holiday movie night from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. We will gather in the youth suite and enjoy holiday movies and snacks to allow parents some time for Christmas shopping and gift wrapping.

Youth Activities

On Dec. 2-3, the Youth Group will participate in the Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia. On Friday evening, there will be a worship service led by the Broad Street Ministry musicians and staff, followed by a tour of Center City. On Saturday, there will be hands-on experiences that raise awareness of social injustice and economic inequality in an urban setting.

Anthem will celebrate the holiday season by decorating its Christmas tree, and by going to Arasapha Farms for its second annual Holiday sleigh ride on Dec. 11.

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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