



February 2012

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The Lighted Cross



Gary and Bernie Jacobella

Our next pastor: Gary Jacobella

The Rev. Gary Jacobella, pastor of Immanuel United Methodist Church in Cleona (Lebanon County), will become pastor of Berwyn UMC on July 1. He will succeed the Rev. Philip I. Poncé, who announced last fall that he would retire on June 30 after 39 years in the ministry, including seven years at Berwyn.

The appointment was made by Bishop Peggy A. Johnson of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Pastor Jacobella was introduced to BUMC's Staff/Parish Relations Committee on Jan. 17 by Central District Superintendent Anita Adams Powell. His appointment was announced to the congregation at services on Jan. 22 by lay leader Janet Campbell on behalf of Gene Williams, chair of the SPRC.

Pastor Jacobella has 26 years' experience as a pastor of United Methodist churches in the Philadelphia area and in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. He has worked at homeless shelters in New York, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Our new pastor grew up in the Pocono Mountains. His love of the Bible and music influenced his education. He has an undergraduate degree in First (Old) Testament Literature and two graduate degrees – a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., and a Master of Arts in Holistic Spirituality from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. He studied in Jerusalem as part of his course work for his Master of Divinity degree. He completed the training program for spiritual directors from Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development in Camp Hill, Pa

He likes to lead worship with singing and guitar. His musical interests also include group drumming and playing the Native American flute. Each year, he directs a weeklong camp for older children at Gretna Glen called "Becoming Brave: Native American Adventure."

Pastor Jacobella and his wife, Bernie, have two teenaged daughters.

A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Our journey through Lent

The observance of Lent at Berwyn United Methodist Church begins on Ash Wednesday with a service and the imposition of ashes reminding us of our mortality. The service will be at 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 22.**

On **Sunday, Feb. 26**, there will be a Lenten Faire, hosted by the Children's and Adult Councils, with a pancake breakfast, fellowship and crafts.

Lenten Lunches:

At 12:30 p.m. on each of six Wednesdays, there will be a Lenten Lunch in Schieck Hall. At each lunch, a speaker will share a theme to help us meditate and prepare our hearts and souls to embrace and appreciate the great sacrifice of our Lord. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Great Valley Baptist Church and Paoli Baptist Church will partner with us this year. Let us extend a special invitation to our friends, neighbors and families to attend these lunches.

Feb. 29 – Lenten Lunch speaker: Sameh Bakheet, youth director of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

March 7 – Lenten Lunch speaker: John Loring, pastor of Great Valley Baptist Church.

March 14 – Lenten Lunch speaker: Peggy Clark, interim pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

March 21 – Lenten Lunch speaker – John Draper, pastor of Paoli Baptist Church.

March 28 – Lenten Lunch speaker: To be announced.

April 4 – Lenten Lunch speaker: Pastor Phil.

Holy Week dates:

April 1 – Palm Sunday: Holy Communion and the Passion story.

April 4 – Lenten Lunch (see above).

April 5 – Holy Thursday.

April 6 – Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. The Chancel Choir will present special music based on The Seven Last Words of Christ. Again joining the choir will be Elizabeth Mendoza, cellist, and Kathy Murphy, flutist. Judith Lang, our director of music, has compiled this service, arranging cello and flute parts for several of the anthems. As usual, she will accompany the choir on organ. Rehearsals will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on the following Sundays: March 4, 11, 18 and 25, and April 1 (dress rehearsal). We are hoping that more people will be available to join us. No Wednesday night rehearsals are required. In addition, we are inviting other churches who may want to join us. If you know of someone who loves to sing and is available at these times, please extend an invitation.

April 7 – Holy Saturday: Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast.

April 8 – Easter Sunday: We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



PASTOR'S WORD

How a pastor is chosen in United Methodism

BY THE TIME you are reading this, there is every possibility that Bishop Peggy Johnson and the Appointment Cabinet will have appointed a pastor to Berwyn UMC. I thought that I would share with you the process of receiving a new pastor.

The first thing I would like to emphasize is the fact that it is *an appointment*. This contrasts with the call system practiced by some of the other Christian denominations, in which the church calls a pastor to ministry. In United Methodism, the Bishop makes the appointment, and the pastor is introduced to the congregation by the District Superintendent as the Bishop's appointee. That introductory meeting is *not* a job interview. However, in the introductory meeting, members of the Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) can ask questions to help them understand why the Bishop made the appointment.

This is quite different from a church's calling a pastor. In that process, many candidates are interviewed and invited to preach on several occasions until a vote is taken by the church members on which candidate is best for them. The "church calling" process can take 18 months or more.

As one of the first steps in making an appointment, the SPRC members work on a description of the church, outlining the needs of the church and listing eight characteristics that they feel the pastor should possess. This was done by our SPRC in September through November 2011.

This information is sent to the District Superintendent, who shares it with the Bishop and Appointment Cabinet. With much prayer and discernment, the Cabinet looks at all the pastors to determine who may have the characteristics requested by the church and who is as close a match as possible to what the church said its needs were. Once the Bishop makes a final decision, the pastor is prayed into the appointment. The Superintendent then gets in touch with the incoming pastor with the information that there will be a new appointment. This may come as a surprise, especially if that pastor and his or her church's SPRC had not requested a move.

Again the information provided by the SPRC is also provided to the new pastor, who has twenty-four hours to think, pray, and talk it through with the family. There are times when a pastor may request reconsideration of the appointment. The Bishop can withdraw the appointment, but in many instances the Bishop would require the pastor to take the new appointment.

Once the pastor is appointed, the District Superintendent requests a meeting of the SPRC for the introduction of the new pastor. If there are red flags during the introductory meeting, the SPRC can bring these to the attention of the District Superintendent with a request for reconsideration. The Bishop and Cabinet would go through a period of discernment as to whether these concerns are legitimate or whether they are indicative of the church's wanting the "perfect" pastor, resisting change, resisting the whole process, and/or wanting to have more say in who comes to the church.

By and large, the appointment stays effective. This is due partly to the fact that the Appointment Cabinet sees the big picture of all available pastors, a perspective that the SPRC would not have.

On the Sunday after the introductory meeting of the pastor to the SPRC, the chair of the SPRC announces to the congregation the identity of the new pastor. Soon thereafter, a letter is sent to the total membership with a biographical sketch of the pastor and the family. The transition period is not long: the outgoing pastor leaves around the middle of June, even though the tenure ends on June 30, and the new pastor comes on board July 1.

For many of us, this process is second nature; we have been through it more often than we care to remember. There are others of us who have come from other faith traditions and may not be familiar with the appointment process. Hence, my desire to share with you the process of how a new pastor is assigned.

Once we know who the pastor is, I would encourage you to pray for the pastor and the family, remembering that there would be grief and loss on their part also. Let us keep the Bishop and the Appointment Cabinet in our prayers as they discern and appoint pastors throughout the Annual Conference.

Blessings! *Pastor Phil*

MISSIONS MEMO

Bake sale on Feb. 12 to benefit Peru Fund

For those who love to bake, save Feb. 11 to prepare your best desserts. For those of you who love to eat home-baked treats, don't be late for church on Feb. 12 if you want your pick of delicious cakes, cookies, pies, and other treats. Proceeds of the annual bake sale will replenish the Peru Fund. If you would like to help with set-up or sales, please contact Barbara Hall, coordinator of the bake sale.

Since 1983, BUMC has been offering support to Azpitia, a small community south of Lima. Most families in the community farm small plots of land in one of the driest deserts in the world. The Peru Fund was started after Susan West Burriss went to Azpitia as a young nurse. Susan lived with the Chum-pitaz family (Eliza and Fredy's family) for more than six months while she volunteered as a public health nurse for 10 communities. After living and working in Azpitia, Susan and a former BUMC member, Jeanne Plank, felt compelled to offer more support to this poor community and the family that had opened their home so selflessly to Susan.

The Peru Fund has helped improve the lives of many in Azpitia. All the money given to this fund, including the proceeds of the bake sale, is sent through the Mission Committee to work in Peru. The money has been used to:

- Pay medical expenses for people in the community.
- Buy a wheelchair for a disabled person.
- Help rebuild irrigation canals after an earthquake in 2007.
- Buy school uniforms for children.
- Gather workers to build a latrine, repair damaged homes, and build fences around crops.
- Assemble a medical team to help a young girl afflicted with cancer of the spine.

Whether you bake or buy a cookie after church on Feb. 12, now you'll know why it tastes so good. You'll know that with each bite you are helping someone less fortunate in a place that seems so far from 140 Waterloo Road in Berwyn. Thank you for your help.

Alternative Gifts: The Missions Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to those who participated in the 2011 Alternative Gift Program during the Christmas season. Members of Berwyn United Methodist Church gave a total of \$1,175 to charities supported by our church. The following amounts were received:

- Roca Eterna, \$150.
- Children and Youth Empowerment Centre, \$180.
- Peru Fund, \$175.
- Heifer International, \$240.
- TE Cares, \$100.
- E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation, \$170.
- Methodist Home for Children, \$160.

Hotel Shampoo and Soap Donations: Some shelters in Philadelphia encourage those living on the street to come in for a shower and shave. If you collect the supplies given to you at hotels and want to donate your stash, bring them to church any Sunday in February. The collection box will be in the Narthex.

Feed the 5,000: During the first four Sundays in Lent our church will again fill bags with nonperishable food – enough for a family of four for three days. The list of food items to be collected is the same as in previous years and will be available in the Narthex starting on Feb. 19. United Methodist Neighborhood Services distributes the food to families in need in Philadelphia.



DICK ROOD'S CREATION

A cross made with loving care

On Sunday, Dec. 18, after members of the congregation had gathered for the Christmas Brunch, Pastor Phil Poncé dedicated a beautiful six-foot cross that hangs high on the north wall of Schieck Hall.

The cross was lovingly crafted from white pine by Dick Rood, usually one of the dishwashers in the kitchen on special affairs like the Christmas Brunch. Pastor Phil had asked Dick to make the cross, patterning it on the free-standing cross that is placed in the Narthex during Lent.

As Dick was working on the cross, he was reminded of one he had made as a teenager in upstate New York. That cross was fashioned from white birch and placed on the bank of a lake for an Easter sunrise service. To this day, Dick recalls the beauty of the sun rising behind that cross on Easter morning more than 50 years ago.

Dick has been woodworking for more than 25 years. He is the “go to” guy when the church needs racks built for storing tables and chairs in Schieck Hall. Also, he has built many toy trucks and cars for the nursery school and to put under the church Christmas tree.

Dick is retired after serving as chief of the physical therapy department of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital for 25 years. He moved to Jefferson Hospital from Bridgeport, Conn., in December 1969. His expertise is in the area of prosthetics and orthotics. His work centered on the treatment of amputees.

Dick remembers fondly many of the patients whom he helped regain active, meaningful lives while wearing a training prosthesis he had engineered and built.

Dick's work ethic was instilled by his growing up on a farm in upstate New York and getting up at 5 o'clock to do his chores before school. He and Romaine, who is also a physical therapist, met at Ithaca College. They joined Berwyn United Methodist Church soon after moving to Devon in 1970.

Their three children are Shelley Rack (New Jersey), Brian (Maryland), and Roger (Washington state). Their five grandchildren range in age from 7 to 14.



Dick Rood and Pastor Phil after the dedication of the cross that Dick created for Schieck Hall.

You Are Invited to a Latin Dance Party



Saturday, Feb. 11
6 - 9 p.m.
in Schieck Hall.
This is a potluck dinner.
Sign up after worship
on Feb. 5.



We'll be dancing:

- *Salsa*
- *Merengue*
- *Cha Cha Cha*

*under coordination and
management of our own
Luis Montaner.*

*You will have the opportunity to
sample such Hispanic food as:*

- *Empanadas* – cornmeal with shredded beef, potatoes, onion filling.
- *Arroz con gandules* – Rice with pigeon peas.
- *Pernil* – roasted pork shoulder.

Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Part of your donations will benefit a Fundación ADDA (ADDA Foundation).

ADDA Foundation is a nonprofit organization created on July 1, 2010, in Bogota, Colombia, committed to humanitarian purposes, charitable, educational and scientific, in order to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged people for a balanced and social justice.

Maria Eugenia Hernandez, who is Yamile Toro's sister, is the treasurer and event organizer.

For more details please visit the webpage at <http://fundacionadda.org/la-fundacion-2/>





Our Christmas Eve pageant, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas,” was a huge success, thanks to our wonderful children, parents and volunteers. The performers were (back row, from left) Sofia, Lanie, MacKenzie, Katie, Sophie, Campbell and Javier; and (seated at front, from left) Tanner, Isabel, Elizabeth, Owen, Jake, Heidi and Henry.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Read to Feed: The children of BUMC gathered on Jan. 27 for a Board Game Night. Everyone was invited to bring a friend and a favorite board game for fun and snacks. Materials describing the Heifer Project’s Read to Feed reading incentive program were distributed. Read to Feed encourages a love for reading through service and fundraising. Children enlist sponsors for each book they read over a six-week period that began Jan. 27, and at the end of the six weeks the sponsors’ funds are gathered to be contributed to our goal of a Gift Ark. Children of any age are encouraged to participate. (For children too young to read on their own, any book that is read to them can count toward their “reading” goal.)

Sixth-Grade Transition: Throughout the fall, our sixth-grade students participated in the Youth Group on the first Sunday of every month. The goal has been to prepare them for their transition into Youth Group as seventh graders. As a result of the success of this trial period, the sixth graders are now invited to come to Youth Group every Sunday evening for the rest of the winter and spring. The Youth Group meets every Sunday (unless otherwise noted) at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, discussion and games.

ASP Trip: Members of the Youth Committee and volunteers have begun planning the 2012 Appalachia Service Project mission trip, tentatively scheduled for the first week of July. Initial feedback from youth (ages 14+ and college-aged students) suggests we will have three teams going this summer. We are still looking for adult volunteers, especially women age 25+. There will be several fundraisers, including the April 21 combined dinner co-hosted with the Berwyn Fire Company, and a car wash on April 29 at Campbell’s Liberty service station in Devon.

30-Hour Famine: Anthem, the BUMC Youth Group, will participate in a 30-Hour Famine on the weekend of April 27. The youth will be raising money to combat worldwide hunger. The 30-Hour Famine includes an overnight stay at the church with time spent on learning about hunger around the world, prayer, games, and movies. There also will be blocks of time for homework and community work.

Youth Activities: Anthem is devoting its Sunday meetings to the “Destined to Win” and “Life Through Music and Movies” educational series, in which they discuss relevant topics through the lenses of athletics and popular youth culture. The group will have a Super Bowl party Feb. 5 at the Duffie-Fritz home.

LAY LEADER'S LETTER

Amid grim news, remembering to give thanks

News Item: City of Harrisburg files for bankruptcy.

News Item: Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia announces closing of 49 schools.

News Item: Chester Upland School District faces shutdown.

News Item: Budget proposed for adoption by Methodist General Conference represents a 6% decrease for worldwide general church operations.

News Item: Eastern Pennsylvania Methodist Conference eliminates five positions in the Conference office.

News Item: Berwyn United Methodist Church adopts a budget for 2012 that is 2% less than its 2011 budget.

I woke again this morning with another strange song running through my head. First it was just a few bits of melody that I couldn't place, then a word, then a few phrases: "He forgets not his own." "Ordaining, maintaining . . ." "Thy name be ever praised!" "O Lord, make us free!"

Suddenly I realized: This is a Thanksgiving hymn! Why does a thanksgiving hymn come to mind with all this bleak news? Let's pay attention to the words:

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!*

*We all do extoll thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

Does this hymn give us any guidance today? What are we to do? Where are we to look for help? Stay tuned. We haven't reached the end of this story yet.

John Paylor

Seven youth join the confirmation class of 2012

To date, seven youth have decided to join the confirmation class that will begin Feb. 5 and culminate on June 10, Confirmation Sunday.

Their weekly journey will include topics such as the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), the Bible, the sacraments, worship, spiritual gifts, and life in the church, as well as a study of the Gospel of Luke.

The group will participate in a service project at Share, a food service distribution center in Philadelphia. The youth also attend a worship service at Tindley Temple UMC and will be a part of a special confirmation program at Historic St. George's UMC in Philadelphia.

The confirmands are Harold Craig, Kelly DeFlavia, Wilson Dodds, Sophie Dunn, Javier Montaner, Allison West and Campbell Wolov. Please pray for these young people as they take this important step in their lives.

Brief items of interest to members of BUMC

Leadership Advisory Team: Gina DeFlavia and Barbara Stockler are joining the team, which meets on the first Saturday morning of each month.

Parent Session: This month's session will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. The topic is "Defining Resilience" – a discussion of how we see conflict and how we resolve pain and overcome trauma. Social worker A. Michael Blanche will lead the discussion. These parent sessions are free and open to the public. They are co-sponsored by the church's Drug/Alcohol Recovery Team (DART), the E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation, and ARCH (Area Residents Caring and Helping).

Book Club: This month's meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the home of Ann West. Betsy Lang will lead a discussion of "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Everyone is welcome; rsvp to Ann at 610-687-0222.

Yoga Classes: Gentle Yoga, a Kripalu/Iyengar-style yoga instructed by Francesca Meredith, continues Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:45 a.m. in Schieck Hall. There is no yoga on Feb. 11. Francesca has taught yoga classes at BUMC since January 2007 and has introduced yoga to thousands of people since certifying in 1989. This yoga is gentle enough for beginners and older adults who may have injuries or strength and stamina deficits, while challenging more experienced students of all ages. The cost is \$15 for a class or \$77 for the seven-class series. Details: fitnessentials@msn.com.

Toolkit Meeting: The annual instructional meeting of church workers is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Christ Church, Lansdale. The meeting is open to all, and committee chairs are especially encouraged to attend. Details will be announced. Contact: John Paylor.

The work of the church can change lives

This is another in an occasional series on BUMC's Vision Statement.

As a church, we have stated a focus on spiritual development and growth through Christ. Changing lives – a pretty awesome challenge and responsibility. Take a look around, and you can see lives being changed on a weekly or even daily basis.

I've been fortunate to have witnessed some great examples recently, including Children's Sunday School and the Alpha course. These examples involve very different age groups, but both are highly significant.

The kids in Sunday School are so enthusiastic and eager to learn. For those of us who had the opportunity to attend Sunday School as a child, we reflect on that time with fond memories and recognize it as an important part of our development as Christians.

For those of us a decade (or a few decades) removed from Youth Sunday School, the Alpha course is another example of how our church is providing life-changing experiences. As an Alpha greeter, I had the chance to observe some of the powerful messages shared during the course. From my limited observations of the Alpha course, I have decided to participate in the course during its next offering.

I think all of us could list areas where our church is providing spiritual development. By volunteering to help with church programs, you can help provide diverse opportunities to meet the needs of the congregation and community.

Can you make time to join in a class, a Bible study, or individual devotions? How about inviting someone (a friend, a family member, a church visitor, an acquaintance sitting near you in church on Sunday morning) to share in the opportunities our church has to offer? Such seemingly small changes to our routines can translate into a significant spiritual journey in our own lives, and in the lives of those around us.

Joy Fuerst

Trustees elect officers and set goals for the year

Your Trustee officers for 2012 will be Jack Campbell, chair; Kate Walker, co-chair; Dick Sharpless, secretary; and Moses Hogan, treasurer.

As part of the Strategic Ministry Action Plan, the Trustees have developed an action map to address the needs of our church. The mission of the Trustees Committee is “to supervise and maintain the property belonging to the Berwyn United Methodist Church so that the ministries and vision of the congregation can be effective and can reach out to the community in Christian fellowship.”

To accomplish these goals, the Trustees oversee the church property and facilities. We work within the budget to create a comfortable and safe gathering place for everyone. As all of you know, there have been budgetary restraints last few years, and snow-removal costs and unexpected events and expenses have set us back. But we have survived.

One short-term goal this year will be to take a preventive approach to maintaining church facilities, including the parsonage. We intend to be proactive in identifying areas where we should make repairs or replacements rather than reacting after there already is a problem.

One item on our short-term goal list will be the painting of our parsonage in the spring. As we say farewell to Phil and Anne Poncé and their family, we will be preparing the home for our new minister and family. Anyone who would like to help out, please let us know.

As for long-term goals, the Trustees would like to encourage the community to use our facilities. We want to generate income from outside renters. We need to let people know what a grand building we have.

Finally, we would like to find ways to be more energy-efficient and reduce expenses.

Jack Campbell

Caring resources in the Church Library

Formerly a Wife: a Survival Guide for Women Facing the Pain and Disruption of Divorce by Welby O'Brien, c1996. [248.846082 Obr]: This is a practical and authentic book about survival during one of life's most difficult periods. Written by a person who has gone through divorce and is living in the post-divorce period of her life, it deals with many issues including identity and self-worth, pain, memories and new responsibilities. It encourages divorced persons to make healthy choices for future life.

I Know Just How You Feel...Avoiding the Cliches of Grief by Erin Linn, c1986. [155.937]: Often we feel helpless in knowing just how to approach bereaved persons. We want to say and do the right thing in order to comfort them, but we don't know how. This book will help people help people. It is for both the counselor and the consoled.

The Quest for Quality Caring: Improve Your Ability to Relate to Others by Kenneth C. Haugk, c1990. [158.2 Hau]: Written by the founder of the Stephen Ministry, this book relates the basic principles of lasting, caring relationships. Ways to improve one's ability to relate to others are demonstrated one chapter at a time. Haugk is also the author of *Christian Caregiving – A Way of Life*.

Marge Smink

Thanks From SPRC: The Staff/Parish Relations Committee expresses thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the Staff Holiday Appreciation Program. Committee chair Gene Williams said, “It is comforting to know BUMC enjoys such a high level of employee dedication and service.”



The counters' motto: Make no mistake!

Each week, these stewards count the congregation's generous contributions to the work of the church, preparing the cash and checks for a courier sent by the bank to pick up the weekly deposit. Their motto is "Make no mistake!" They make *no mistake* in ensuring that each penny is attributed not only to the name of the giver but also to the proper accounts within the church. There can be *no mistake* — your gifts are handled with the utmost care and most assuredly with the ultimate in confidentiality. *No mistake* — these counters take their duties seriously. The crew: Janet Campbell, Dick Sharpless, Don Kirkland and Bob Fisk.

Finance Committee hopes to increase rental income

With the New Year well under way, the Finance Committee has begun to actively manage toward the goals of the approved 2012 budget, including the income goal of \$437,460.

We are filled with hope for the potential of the new year, having seen how blessed this church is by the generous giving of our church family and faithful stewardship of its resources. While much of the income is generated by your generous gifts and offerings, BUMC augments its income by making available the use of our facilities for a fee — although this has not been as frequent in the past year as we would like.

BUMC is fortunate to have terrific facilities to host groups and gatherings in Schieck Hall and the adjacent professional-grade kitchen. By appropriately managing the use of these facilities, the Finance Committee intends to generate greater rental income. We plan to pull together a cross-committee team to develop guidelines that will allow BUMC to offer increased use of this great space for hosting team-building, celebrations and group gatherings. We have some rules we have to follow, such as not allowing groups to conduct sales on the premises. We also want to be sure that we are providing the appropriate guidance for liability to protect all parties involved.

Once these guidelines are in place, we hope to start a campaign to announce the rental of our facilities, enabling BUMC to create a greater source of income while reaching out to fill a community need.

Ellen Fritz, Finance Chair

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: Feb. 17

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 March 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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officebumc@comcast.net

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

Easter Lily Orders

& Landscape Fund

Orders are now being taken for lilies to beautify the church sanctuary for Easter morning services.

Contributions may be made to the landscape fund for beautification of the church grounds.



Please use the appropriate order form(s). Make checks payable to BUMC. Indicate on your check whether it is for Easter Lilies or the Landscape Fund. Send or bring your order to the church office. The deadline for ordering lilies is March 5.

ORDER FORM FOR LILIES

I / We wish to purchase _____ lilies @ \$9.00 each. Check total _____

Name _____

In Memory/Honor/Celebration of _____

Please take your beautiful flower home after the services on Easter.



LANDSCAPE FUND CONTRIBUTION

I/We wish to contribute \$ _____ to the Landscape Fund.

Name _____

In Memory/Honor/Celebration of _____

\$9,629.26 FOR CHURCH PROJECTS

Earnings of 2011 Fall Festival are allocated

The distribution of \$9,629.26 raised by our annual Fall Festival has been approved by the Administrative Council. Here are the allocations:

- **\$2,500 to the Trustees** for replacement of the rolling partition in Schieck Hall; buying recording/video/camera equipment to be used for services and special programs; and buying a hands-free telephone for the church office.
- **\$1,000 to the Missions Committee** for contributions to T/E Cares and to Trinity Presbyterian Church's food bank
- **\$700 to the Children's Program** for Vacation Bible Camp and the Heifer Project.
- **\$1,000 to the Youth Program** for the Appalachia Service Project.
- **\$300 to the Drug/Alcohol Recovery Team** to help underwrite parenting sessions and speakers.
- **\$3,000 to the Finance Committee** for a principal payment on the church mortgage and for current expenses at the discretion of the Committee.

The remaining \$1,129.26 will be used for making sure all 2011 Fall Festival expenses have been paid; for startup money for 2012 Fall Festival; and for Missions Committee projects.

Every little bit makes a big difference! All of those flea market finds you donated to the Fall Festival made a difference in not only your attics, basements and rooms, but also in the work of our church. Those books that have made a difference on your bookshelves have gone on to make a difference in the reading enjoyment of others. The treasures you brought to the Silent Auction, the Bake Sale items, the day you spent working on this outreach – all have made a difference to someone. Thank you to all.

Janet Campbell

LOOKING AHEAD TO THIS FALL

How to help make the 2012 Festival a success

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to purge unwanted and unused things from your house? Well, here is your opportunity to fulfill that resolution goal: Donate all of those things and raise money for our beloved church. It's the Fall Festival.

Is your second resolution to help out more with the church? Well, we have an opportunity for you reach that goal, too. Would you consider being a chairperson for one of the several stations at the Fall Festival? We are looking for chairpersons for the Books, Silent Auction, and the Flea Market. Or maybe you would like to be a part of the work crew that helps out before, during and after the Festival.

Please save the date: The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13.

We have taken the Fall Festival wheel from our moms, and we hope to make this Fall Festival as successful as it has been when they were behind the wheel. We can only do this with your help.

Stephanie Borelly and Cindy Shallcross

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

1530-38 North 11th Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122

As always, the Christmas gifts from Berwyn United Methodist were absolutely beautiful and very thoughtful and much appreciated. Our pastor, Rev. Robert L. Johnson, Gwyn Latimore and I cannot thank you and our friends at Berwyn enough for the special delivery. We are still talking about the kindness shown to the people we reach out to at Christmas. Through the generosity of your members and friends at Berwyn, we were able to do the following:

People's Emergency Center, a shelter for homeless women and children – On Dec. 23, we delivered many unwrapped gifts and toiletries for all ages.

Red Shield/Salvation Army – On Dec. 16, we delivered many wrapped gifts and toiletries for all ages.

Trevor's House, a homeless shelter for women and children – On Dec. 16, we delivered many wrapped gifts and toiletries for all ages, and we supplied a Christmas chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Mary Jane Home Enrichment Center, a homeless shelter for women, men and children and a day-to-day place for people to get a sandwich, a cooked meal or clothing or a room – On Dec. 16 and 23, we delivered many wrapped gifts and unwrapped toiletries for all ages and women's shoes and men's coats, and we supplied a Christmas chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Laurie Corbin's Little Friends, a shelter for women and children – On Dec. 18, we delivered wrapped gifts.

Methodist Home for Children, shelter for women and children – On Dec. 22, we delivered unwrapped gifts.

We delivered over 350 gifts in total.

As Augustine, the great bishop of Hippo in North Africa, said, "Love has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." And we are very thankful for your love and commitment to help us meet the needs of others.

Thanks again, and God bless the good people at Berwyn United Methodist Church.

Cressa S. Morris

Nursery School adds a new 2-day class

Berwyn United Methodist Nursery School welcomed a new 2-Day class in January. The seven children in the class arrived ready for their first preschool experience. Erika Yablonovitz is the teacher, and Mirilee Van Dame is the aide.

The Yello Dyno outreach program is being introduced in the 5-Day classes. The program helps children identify deceptive behavior, learn how to trust their instincts, and build self-confidence. The 3-Day classes will travel to the Tyler Arboretum to learn about animals in winter.

The Nursery School invites BUMC members to a Mini-Boutique from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1. Eight vendors will be represented: VZ Wraps, Glittersweet, All Things Belle, Stella and Dot Jewelry, Thirty-One, Three Sisterz, PrintArtKids, and Flipponz.

Janet Wham

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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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