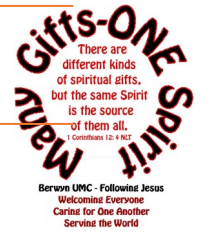




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### February 2017

#### Mark Your Calendars:

- Feb 4 UMW Prayer & Fellowship 9am.
- Feb 18 DSP Prep Day
- Feb 23-25 LifeTouch Pictorial appointments
- March 4 Supper Club
- March 12 Pi Day Bake Sale
- March 19 Feed the 5000 collection begins

### 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

### TAKE TWO! *Kristine Adams*

Smile for the camera! It's time to do the second round of portraits for our new Church Pictorial Directory. Once again, Life Touch will be taking portraits and putting together the directory for us. Portraits will be done by appointment the week of February 23-25. You can sign up for your appointment time after church on Sundays or by going online to <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/berwynunitedmethodistchurch/index.php?page=10>. Available appointment times will be between 2p and 9pm. Life Touch will give us \$5 for every portrait taken and each family that gets their portrait taken will receive a complimentary 8 x 10. You will get to choose which pictures you want to order that day and payment will be made at that time as well. Life Touch has several poses for you to choose from and they encourage you to bring props and even your pets for the session. The portrait sessions are also available for friends and family as well. So if you know anyone who was thinking of getting their portraits done, share with them our registration information and we still get credit for their session too. If you would like to volunteer to sign people in the week of February 23 please see Kristine Adams or any member of the Communications Committee.



**Recordings of Sunday Services are available.**

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

### DISCOVERY SERVICE PROJECTS 2017 DOMESTIC PROJECT

*Rick Stoker*

DSP's domestic project this year will be local so we hope many of you might be able to participate for a day or even for the whole week. The dates of the project are April 23-29.

The church parsonage of St. James United Methodist Church on East Tabor Rd. in Philadelphia is no longer being used. So, DSP has taken on the task to transform the parsonage into a mission center used to host visiting mission teams that come to serve in Philadelphia. The building needs cleaning, painting, bathroom upgrades, a new kitchen, appliances, bunk beds to be constructed and other furniture.

Two "prep days" will be needed in preparation for our April 23<sup>rd</sup> start date. The prep dates will be Sat. Feb. 18 and Sat. Mar. 18 from 9am – 5pm.

Watch for further info or contact Rick Stoker if you are interested.



### RICK STOKER OFF FOR COSTA RICA *Rick Stoker*

April 22 -29 will be the dates that Rick Stoker will be in Costa Rica once again working with Rice and Beans ministries. Rick will be going down with members of Paul and Linda Cargo's (former BUMC members) congregation from New Jersey.

As in the past, part of the mission trip will be to deliver food bags to families struggling in the San Jose area. Each food bag has enough food to feed a family of 5 for 1 week. The food in each bag costs about \$12.00. Rick has committed to taking 50 food bags with him. If you would like to contribute and help out with a donation see Rick. He will be selling food bags at Soupy Thursday and some Sundays in the narthex.

## ART AUCTION NEWS

Gene and I are willing to chair another estate art auction this spring. The date has been reserved for Saturday, April 29, 2017 starting at 7:00 PM. We have begun collecting art work and have a storage area in Berwyn for our use. So far we have approximately ten pieces to auction.

As before, we are asking for your help to provide some light refreshments, to act as greeters and take the entry fees, and also people to take account of the sold values and collect the money.

Most of all, we need your contribution of artwork. You will be given a tax deductible letter for the appraised value of your donation (not the sale value). We also would love to see you come out for an enjoyable evening with other enthusiastic bidders and walk out with a "new" piece of artwork to freshen up your home décor – or to give as a gift to friends or family. Mark your calendar. We are hopeful for a good turnout for the event and a good turn-out of donations from you.

Gene and Carol Williams

P.S. If you have any questions, please contact us 610-296-7406.



### MISSION UPDATE *Jeff Barger*

We will be celebrating **Pi Day** on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> in memory of Donna Pitz. Delicious treats like pies, cakes, cookies, and brownies, baked by the talented ladies of BUMC will be available for purchase.

The annual **Feed the 5000** food collection will begin on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The bags of food are delivered to United Methodist Neighborhood Services in Philadelphia where they are distributed to needy families in the area. Bags and a list of food items will be available in the Narthex in March. Please no expired items.

Thank you to everyone at BUMC for making these events a great success every year through your generous donations and support.



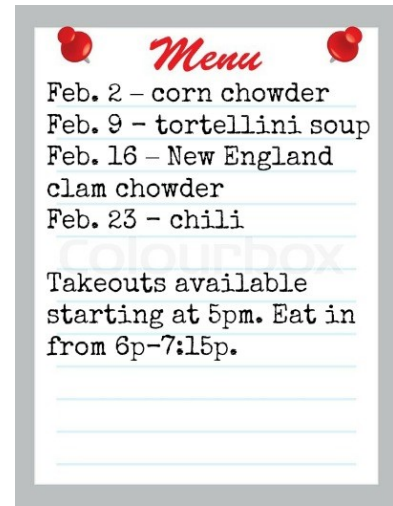
UMW prayer and fellowship, Saturday, February 4, 9 am. Stay tuned for location.



*Janet Wham*

With Valentine's Day fast approaching BUMNS children are learning that kind acts are rewarded with friendships. Themes in February will include; Ground Hog Day and President's Day. The children hope that Punxsutawney Phil does see his shadow! They are enjoying the snowy days of winter.

It doesn't seem possible that BUMNS is halfway through the school year. The teachers are preparing for parent conferences in March. The conference is the perfect forum to discuss each child's social and intellectual development.



### ALL SUPPER CLUB EVENT

Our annual all supper club event will take place on Sat. March 4 beginning at 6pm in Schieck Hall. The event is being sponsored by the supper clubs and is open to all members of the congregation. The evening starts off with a pot luck supper and then will be followed by a game night. Some games will be supplied or bring one of your favorites along to share.



### TEXT ME!

Old Man Winter has arrived and we decided to update the way we communicate with members when services/events are cancelled due to weather.

For those with cell phones and receive texts, we will send out a text message alerting you when there is a cancellation. If you do not have a cell phone or do not want to receive texts, call the church office and the message on the answering machine will be changed to say if services or events are cancelled. In order to receive the text message about cancellation, please let Veronica know you want your cell phone to be included on the list.



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS Gary Jacobella



Everyone who saw Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ" saw a work of art that showed Jesus on the cross badly beaten, bleeding profusely, and suffering terribly.

Pictured here is a different work of art that does not show Jesus horribly disfigured on the cross.

This is the San Damiano Cross. An unknown artist made this cross in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. This portrait of Jesus is famous for talking to Francis of Assisi and telling him to "Go repair my house which you see is falling completely to ruin." Francis obeyed and went on to lead a powerful renewal movement.

The San Damiano Cross shows the truth about the cross that Christians liked to tell up until about the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Back then, Christians told how Jesus transformed the cross from a cross of shame to a cross of victory.

"Jesus is victor," was a favorite saying of Corrie ten Boom that she liked to repeat often after her experience in a Nazi concentration camp.

We don't hang symbols of the open tomb in our places of worship because the victory Jesus won was not won at the open tomb. The triumph Jesus won was won at the cross. Sin, death, guilt, and Satan were not defeated on Easter. Jesus' resurrection proves that Jesus' death was a victory but the resurrection was not how or where the battle was won.

That's why artists that lived before the 14<sup>th</sup> century showed a transformed crucifixion in their art. The cross did not break Jesus. Jesus broke the power of guilt, death, and Satan on the cross.

When you look at this cross you'll notice that Jesus is standing up straight. He is calm, strong, and resolute. There is no sign of suffering on his face. Instead, Jesus looks out with a steady invitation to draw us into God's healing and grace. The way Jesus stands on the cross says that he is the way, the truth, and the life. He is confident that he is God's Son. Jesus described the cross of victory in John's Gospel, "Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (12:30-32 ESV).

In the San Damiano Cross, Jesus shows us his wounds and he is bleeding. But he is offering himself willingly. His wounds are his glory not his pain or shame. Jesus radiates God's glory. His head is crowned with a halo that is a picture of a golden glorified triumphal cross.

Paul wrote in Colossians 2:14, 15, "God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying the Law of Moses. He took them away and nailed them to the cross. There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory." CEV

Another way to put Colossians 2:15 is, "having stripped off the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, and led them in triumphal procession on the cross."

The artist who made the San Damiano Cross shows Jesus giving himself willingly on the cross. Jesus was not a captive to the cross instead he has captured us by the cross and made us prisoners of God's love.



Thank you very much for the kind and generous gift that was given to me through the Love Offering this holiday season! I am very grateful for all of your love and continued support of me and the Children's Program! Thank you and hugs to all!

Cindy Shallcross

Dear Church Family,

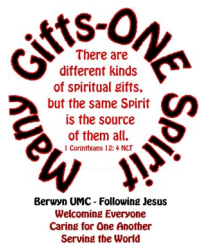
Words cannot express my gratitude for your love and prayers during this difficult time. Saturday's Service was indeed joyful and uplifting. Judith and my choir were the "icing on the cake" for both Saturday's and Sunday's service. I will carry these beautiful memories long after January and the winter snows have fled. Much love and many blessings, Elaine

Dear Members of Berwyn United Methodist Church,

Your very generous donation of paper goods at Christmas time is so appreciated by our Caring Cupboard Committee and its families! Thank you for thinking of us every year-

May you all have a blessed and Happy New Year.

Peggy Owen



## 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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