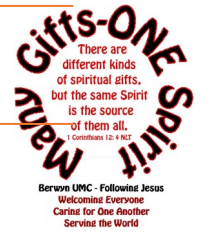




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## February 2018 Newsletter

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### **Calendar Highlights**

- Feb 3— 9am UMW; Used Computer & Medical Supply Collection
- Feb 14—Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins
- March—date TBA Pi Day Bake Sale
- March 10—Tools for Ministry workshop
- March 29—Holy Thursday
- March 30—Good Friday
- March 31—Gloria Saturday
- April 1—Easter



### **Join Us For Worship**

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship with Choir
- Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month

## **LAY LEADER LETTER** *Lee Paylor*

“This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,....  
 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.” \*

Join me in the journey this year of walking closer to God and to be mindful of Him every day in all the little ways...think of how we act to clerks, to strangers...do they see God? Add a few minutes to daily prayer and devotions...while doing dishes, laundry, driving to work, enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.

I ask your patience, prayers, and guidance as I begin a new journey as Lay Leader.

\* Words by Brian Wren, Methodist Hymnal 383; Worship and Rejoice 355.



## **LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER** *John Paylor*

Can you believe that Lent is just around the corner? Ash Wednesday is this month!

We will have an Ash Wednesday service here at Berwyn UM at 7:30pm on February 14. Please invite family and friends to attend this special service.



## **NEWS FROM THE SOUTH DISTRICT** *John Paylor*

During the summer of 2017 our district was renamed the South District. The South District Tools for Ministry workshops will be held March 10 at Innabah Retreat Center, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be opportunities to attend up to 2 workshops covering various ministries and functions of our church. All members are encouraged to register and attend. Put this on your calendar now and watch for an announcement from the District with more details.



## **USED COMPUTER & MEDICAL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

Saturday, February 3 9am to noon

Bring your old computers, printers, mice, no longer needed crutches, walkers, braces, shower chairs, portable toilets, blood pressure cuffs, etc.

## THANK YOU FROM METHODIST SERVICES

On behalf of Methodist Services, we sincerely thank you for your donation of toys and gifts. We deeply appreciate your generosity and dedication to supporting children, youth and families in Eastern Pennsylvania. Your gift makes it possible for Methodist Services to offer a joyous Christmas for the children we serve.

The Holiday Season is a challenging time for many, many people. Through caring supporters like you, Methodist Services will continue to advance its mission: to provide life enriching programs to children, adults and families as they face the challenges of limited resources, increased poverty, homelessness, disabilities and educational inequities. Like you, we are determined to help create joyful childhood experiences at home, at school, and in communities.

In the inspiring words of John Wesley, Founder of Methodism:

“All worldly joys are less than that one joy of doing kindnesses.”

We are grateful that you continue to “do kindness” with us.



*Janet Wham*



Winter greeted BUMNS with cold, snow and ice as we returned to school. The children enjoyed a few snow days. The older classes had their first chapel time with Pastor Tim. The children were enthralled with his story of the birth of Jesus.

Learning to be givers shapes children’s values and provides the opportunity to develop kindness. Children who learn to be caring and kind feel good about themselves. Teaching kindness begins with the youngest preschooler. Teaching children to recognize other people’s feelings introduces empathy.

During the month of February being kind, patient and sensitive to the feelings of others will be emphasized.

February also brings the celebrations of Ground Hog Day, Valentine’s Day and Pajama Day! Pajama Day is a favorite. The children wear cozy pajamas to school. Hot chocolate is served and stories are read.



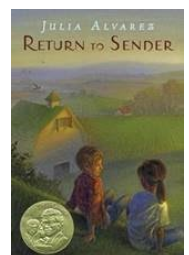
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**MISSION MUSINGS** *Carol Cherry*

Please join our Saturday morning UMW fellowship on February 3, 2018, 9 am in the church parlor. Kristine Adams will lead our program.

On March 10, we will meet to discuss the book *Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez. Note the background of the book from the author’s website: “The seed for the novel came when I got involved translating at local schools for the children of Mexican migrant workers who have made their way to Vermont. The title comes from a dragnet operation that the Department of Homeland Security conducted in 2006, named, *Return to Sender*. Work places were raided and undocumented workers were seized. Their children were the biggest casualties of this operation – left behind to be soothed and reassured until they could be finally reunited with their parents.” Reading this book will help us understand the issues facing Hispanic migrant workers in our area. There are several copies of the book available – talk to Carol Cherry or Claudia Sharpless to borrow one. The book is also available for Kindle and Nook.



**PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM** *Stephanie Borelly and Sue Denisevicz*

I am asking **ALL** of Berwyn United Methodist Church to go on a virtual pilgrimage with us during the Lenten Season.

It is **5,782** miles from Berwyn, PA to Jerusalem, Israel. (As a crow flies) I believe, if we work together as a congregation, we can complete the following journey by Easter.

**We made it last year!!!!**

Our trek will begin on **Wednesday February 14th** - the first day of Lent (**and** Valentine's Day!!!!)

As a Congregation, we are going to walk to Jerusalem!

**This is what WE need YOU to do:**

1. Lace up your sneakers
2. Grab your pedometer, iPhone/Android, Fitbit or tracking device and get out there and walk!
3. There are **NO** age restrictions – everyone is eligible to participate!!!
4. If you walk at lunch, with co-workers, I accept group counts!!!
5. We want to get everyone involved, so we will be asking the Boy Scouts and the Pre-School to join us on our journey as well.

Keep track of every mile you walk and send this information to me **WEEKLY** at [Johnborelly@comcast.net](mailto:Johnborelly@comcast.net) or text me at **610.299.6254**

(I will log in everyone's miles and send out a weekly tally.)  
If you are not a fan of walking **MAYBE** you enjoy swimming???  
Last year we converted laps into miles! So there are many options available!

Find sponsors or be a sponsor for the walk!  
Money collected will go to Heifer International. Our hope is to "buy" some animals for families around the world.  
Their website is [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MINISTRY FOR BLACKFEET UNITED METHODIST PARISH** *Joy Fuerst*

On Sunday, November 19, the Children's and Adult's Sunday School classes met together to support the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish's Christmas Shoebox Ministry. After Joy and Henry Fuerst shared their experiences from volunteering on the Blackfeet Reservation during this past August, the entire group helped assemble 8 shoeboxes with school supplies, personal care items, and TOYS! The kids also made Christmas cards to go along with the shoeboxes; the wrapped shoeboxes were then sent to the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish for their annual shoebox distribution, which serves Blackfeet families in Montana. The Sunday School hour was a fun shared time of service across age groups. Many thanks to all who contributed items to fill the shoeboxes and monetary donations to cover shipping!



**SOUPY THURSDAY CONTINUES** *Rick Stoker*

Soupy Thursday will continue for the month of February. The soups will be: Feb. 1 – vegetable beef; Feb. 8 – corn chowder; Feb. 15 – chili; Feb. 22 – tortellini soup.

Take outs are available from 5-7pm. \$5.00/quart, bread - \$3.00/loaf. Please bring your own container if possible.

You can eat in Schieck Hall from 6-7pm. Soup, bread, dessert and beverages are available for a free will offering. Come on out and fellowship with your friends.

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

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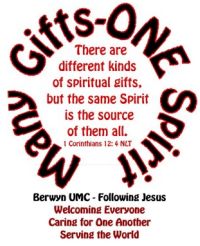
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*Recordings of Sunday Services are available—Contact Jon Stockler, 610-348-3385 or [JStockler@aol.com](mailto:JStockler@aol.com)*



## Our Mission Statement

God CALLS us to Care, Accept, Love, Laugh and Serve

## 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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