



THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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- March 10** Pi Day Bake Sale
- March 24** Feed the 5000 begins

Join Us For Worship

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

Soupy Thursday Continues in February!
Bring family and friends.

Take outs are available from 5p-7p. Soup is \$5.00/Qt and bread is \$3.00/loaf.

Eat in is available in Schieck Hall from 5:45-7p. There is a free will donation for the soup, bread, beverage and dessert.

Jan 31 Chili

Feb 7 Corn Chowder

Feb 14 Tortellini

Feb 21 Cream of Potato

Feb 28 Chicken Noodle



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

There will be a Leadership Retreat for Church Council on Saturday, February 23 from 9am to noon. The retreat will be held in our library. This is an opportunity for all of us to discern how to share our gifts and values with the community. The meeting is open to all church members. If you are unable to attend please pray for God's direction for our congregation.

SERVICE CANCELLATION NOTICES

Winter weather is here. In the event Worship Services are cancelled due to weather or another emergency, members will be notified by text and email. To receive cancellations please register your cell phone number and email address with the church office.

If possible, an email will be sent to our email list as well as on the church website www.berwynumc.org, our facebook page BUMCservice and our Instagram page bumcares.



Join us for GAME Night on Saturday, February 23 at 6:30pm. Bring a favorite game and snack to share with others. Invite friends and family to join us!

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Tim Duchesne

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross

Lay Leader: Lee Paylor

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Amy McLoughlin

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Recordings of Sunday Services are available—Contact Jon Stockler, 610-348-3385 or JStockler@aol.com



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!

Carol Cherry & Susan Burriss

A survey was mailed in mid-January to all women in the church to gauge the level of interest in UMW activities. Thanks to all who have completed and returned surveys. If you did not receive one, please let us know. Programs for 2019 will be planned based on the feedback.

Many thanks!



2019 Tools for Ministry

Saturday, March 2, 2019,
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

at Eastern University/
Palmer Campus, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids.

Participants may choose 2 of 27 workshops. Early registration, available through Jan. 18, is \$11; Standard through Feb. 15, \$13; Late, after Feb. 15, \$16.

Register by going to this website

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/home/index.php?eventid=391045&>

LAY LEADER’S LETTER *Lee Paylor*

I started these thoughts about a week ago (early for me!) when Christmas decorations were filling our homes with special touches. This morning, I realized the Lighted Cross comes out in February and probably everyone has their Christmas decorations packed away. I will give you some suggestions at the end of my thoughts.

The cats (nor I) want the Christmas tree to come down. I guess we could add seasonal decorations for Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s, Easter....But what if we left a crèche in place? Would it become one more thing to dust...Or, when we see the Holy Family, would we think about their everyday lives? Would we think of Jesus as a young boy helping with housework and learning in Joseph’s workshop; growing up and going to the Temple; His baptism.

“And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.” Luke 2:40

Would we think about Jesus becoming our Shepherd, our Teacher, our Healer, and our Savior?

“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” Luke 2: 19

A song tells of Jesus’ life, from birth to growing up, to healing and teaching, to the crucifixion....throughout, He was “Still Her Little Child”. (Words and music by Ray Boltz and Steve Millikan, 1991).

May we think on these things as we journey to Lent.

Suggestions for keeping the Holy Family present:

If a small crèche is accessible, place it where you’ll daily see it.

Place a simple drawing on the refrigerator or bulletin board – stick figures are fine. Perhaps Christmas cards are still in a bowl and one has the stable scene and Holy Family, place where you will see it.



**South District UMW hosting a social action event on
Economic Justice on Saturday, February 2, 2019 - 9 a.m. to noon**

(Snow date: Feb. 16)

Union United Methodist Church
200 Brookline Blvd. Havertown, PA 19083

Enter Fellowship Hall from driveway
610-789-1700 Pastor Mary Jane Kirby

Presenter: Barbara Drake

Social Action Coordinator

What’s happening in our country to cause poverty, homelessness, and pay inequality?

Discover what we can do to promote a living wage, just taxation, accessible and affordable food, health care, and housing.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we enter into this New Year, I was thinking and praying about how we as the people of Berwyn United Methodist Church might make a difference in lives of people in our community. As some of you know, we have been discerning as a congregation various ways we might connect with those around us in the community that is authentic to who we are and what we value as a body in Christ. Last year we spent some time reflecting on what our core values are as a church and discerned Caring, Accepting, Loving, Laughing and Serving others are our highest values.

As I was praying about how we might make a difference in our community employing our unique gifts and passions, I remembered years ago about how Church of the Resurrection (A United Methodist Congregation) in Leawood, Kansas, a church that values prayer, passed out the names of every teacher, administrator and employee of the Kansas City School District, one for every one of the 5,700 people in attendance at the time. Each person was asked to pray regularly for that person and send a card of encouragement and appreciation. The response was overwhelming! From that one strategic blessing, numerous C.O.R. members decided to volunteer and tutor the children of Kansas City. What a blessing it was for everyone in their community.

Another church I am familiar with, Wesley U.M.C. outside Lancaster PA. had the values of outreach and education as among their highest values so they purchased some adjacent property and created a youth center for the community on the property and ran programs that would help youth in the community with an after school program.

A church in Canada took their love and value of children and worship and created something called Messy Church. A mid week program where children came and learned some life skills, i.e. cooking, baking, decorating, etc... as they prepared a weekly meal for their parents. These meals would always conclude with a time of worship which actively involved children. It became a quality social family time for parents and children alike.

What are some of the examples you have heard about when it comes to a church living out it's values in their communities. How might we live out ours. On Saturday February 23rd from 9-12pm. in the library, the leaders of Berwyn United Methodist Church (B.U.M.C.) will be gathering to continue discerning ways in which God might inviting us to use our unique values, gifts and passions in our community. The meeting is open to all. Won't you consider join us.

May the Lord bless each one us in this New Year.



PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

It is almost that time again!!!

I am asking **ALL** of Berwyn United Methodist Church to go on a virtual pilgrimage with me 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.

Our trek will begin on **Wednesday March 6th** - the first day of Lent

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

This is what I 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/run!
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 Scout, Girl Scouts and the Pre-School to join us on our journey as well.
6. If walking isn't your 'thing' – I can convert laps in the pool, gardening, anything that gets us outside and moving!!

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

Saturday evening or Sunday works best
(I will log in everyone's miles and send out a weekly tally.)

Find sponsors or be a sponsor for our walk!
Last year the money collected went to Heifer International.

I am open to donation suggestions for this year!

Thanks,
Stephanie Borelly



MISSION UPDATE

Jeff Barger

The BUMC annual **Pi Day Bake Sale** in memory of Donn Pitz will be held on Sunday March 10th. Tasty treats such as cookies, brownies, cakes and pies will be available for purchase.

The **Feed The 5000** food collection will begin on March 24th. The bags of food are delivered to United Methodist Neighborhood Services in Philadelphia and 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.

The Mission Committee wishes to thank the BUMC congregation for their wonderful donations of toys and gifts and toiletries for the homeless this past Christmas.



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Our **M**ission **S**tatement

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

Worship **S**chedule

8:30 AM	Early Worship
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Traditional Worship with Choir

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