



June 2011

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

Our Class of 2011



HIGH SCHOOL

Tyler Borelly — Spring-Ford

Rachel Burriss — Conestoga

Amanda Duffie-Fritz — Conestoga

Jacob Nemetz — Conestoga

Cody Pitz — Conestoga

COLLEGE

Jason Burriss — Indiana University, B.S.

Greta Bushnell — Clemson University, B.S.

Emily Genuardi — University of Colorado, B.A.

Steven Genuardi — Michigan State University, B.A.

Melanie Stockler — University of Mary Washington, B.S.

Andrew Stoker — East Carolina University, B.S.

Andreana Stoker — Syracuse University, J.D.

Ben Tiede — Princeton University, Ph.D. /Master, Public Policy

We will honor our graduates at the 10:30 service on June 12.

Biographical sketches and photos of the graduates: pages 5-8.



Vacation Bible Camp is 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 24-28 for children aged 4 through fifth grade. The Shake it Up Café theme will be reflected in storytelling, crafts, games and music. The cost is \$35 if registered by July 1, \$45 afterward. A registration form is on pages 13-14. Volunteers and scholarship donations are still needed.

THE ALPHA COURSE, SEPT. 14-DEC. 7

A program of outreach, education and Bible study

Berwyn UMC will sponsor a new outreach, educational and Bible study program in September. The Alpha Course will begin on Sept. 14 with an introductory dinner and will continue on every Wednesday evening (except Thanksgiving week) until Dec. 7. There will also be a weekend session on Nov. 4-5 (Friday evening and all day Saturday), where we will join with Alpha students from other area churches.

Each session features a dinner; a video presentation on the topic of the evening by Nicky Gumbel, vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London, England, where the course began; and an informal discussion at each table group.

The Alpha Course presents an excellent opportunity for you to grow in your knowledge and faith as a Christian, and for new Christians or non-believers to begin their journey into the Christian faith.

Plan now to participate in this new, exciting opportunity, and to bring your friends and neighbors who would like to know more about the Christian faith. Alpha can make a difference in our church and in our community.

Additional help is needed to make Alpha at Berwyn a success. If you would like to have a part in planning and presenting this program, we have a place for you. Contact Pastor Phil, John Paylor, or any member of the Evangelism and Nurture Committee.



LAY LEADER'S LETTER

Will we accept Jesus' grace and forgiveness?

"Truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me. It is the one to whom I give this bread." Who betrayed him? Picture the scene.

Jesus, the host, is serving his disciples. He approaches Peter, who, surprised, protests, "Surely, not I?" "Before the cock crows, you will deny me thrice. But upon you I will build my church."

He moves to the brothers James and John. "Surely, not we?" "Did you not ask the privilege that one of you sit at my right hand and the other at my left in my kingdom? But you, James, will soon experience martyrdom for my name, while you, John, will live long and be a servant of my church."

Thomas is next. "Surely, not I?" "You will not believe, but I will show you the way to faith."

He comes to Simon the Zealot. "Not I?" "You would establish my kingdom with the sword. My kingdom is not of this world."

As he goes to each in turn, they begin to dispute who among them would be regarded as the greatest. "The greatest among you will not be the one who lords it over others, as the kings of the world so, but the greatest among you will be the one who serves."

It is Judas' turn. "Surely not I, Rabbi." "You yourself have said it. What you are about to do, do quickly." Judas immediately fled from his presence into the night.

Jesus the host is also serving us. Have we betrayed him? Will we nevertheless take the bread of life he offers? Will we accept his grace and forgiveness and become a servant in his kingdom?

Or will we flee into the darkness?

John Paylor

PASTOR'S WORD

Thanks to all who make our ministry possible

I OFTEN WONDER how Jesus went about thanking his followers for their commitment, time, and effort. How did he thank them for leaving their livelihood, their families, their occupations and their possessions? I try to guess at what he said to the many women who followed him giving of their substance, their time and ministering to his physical needs.

The fascinating thing about the gospel stories is that there isn't any record of a thank-you speech to the followers of Jesus. The nearest that we have to one is recorded in the Gospel of John, chapters 14 through 17. The word "thanks" is not used, but it is implied in the use of the words "glorified, love and obedience."

Jesus had a true appreciation of all the disciples had done with and for him, and he prayed for them, asking that they be safeguarded and protected from all that would come their way. He also prayed that they may also sense his love and appreciation through their physical life and into the life eternal he offered. This gift from him was received by them.

Paul, on the other hand, was very intentional in saying thanks to those who had helped him in ministry and who continued the work he had begun in various parts of the world where he had established a Christian church. He expressed his gratitude to the followers of Christ in Corinth (1 Corinthians 1:4); in Philippi (Philippians 1:3); in Colossae (Colossians 1:3), and in Thessalonica (1 Thessalonians 1:2 and 2 Thessalonians 1:3). He also took time to say thanks to some of his closest colleagues – namely Timothy (2 Timothy 1:3) and Philemon (Philemon 1:4).

Paul realized that he could not take for granted the excellent help he received from the many faithful and committed workers of the various churches he had founded in the name of the Lord. He also realized that as one person he could not do all the work himself and that he needed – and the Kingdom of God that was being established needed – the time, labor and resources of all.

In June I like to intentionally take the time to say thanks to all who have made ministry possible at Berwyn UMC. Like Paul, I realize that it takes more than one person to do the work of ministry and that it takes all of us to labor on, to pool our resources, and to make a time commitment to ensure that ministry happens in this place. This is what we have been doing since 1887, and will continue right down through the ages.

I would like to like to say, as Paul said, "I thank my God every time I remember...": the many hours the choir gives, the chairs of committees and boards, the members of the various work areas, the Sunday School teachers and leaders, the Boy Scout leaders, the youth leaders, the food and hospitality ministers, the Friday volunteers, the webmaster, the lawn and garden team, the flower arrangers, those who proof the worship bulletins and those who fold them. You name a task – we have a volunteer!

Many volunteer hours are offered up to Christ on a daily basis to enable and facilitate ministry here at BUMC. I am truly thankful to you all for the excellent work you do in the name of the Lord. I am confident that we will continue to offer these hours into the future so that we may grow from strength to strength, and so that the work of kingdom building would be enhanced.

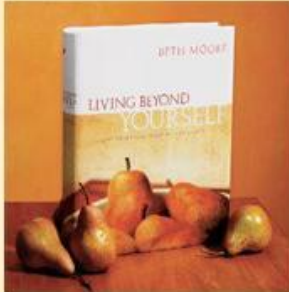
Again I say, thanks for all that you do for the Lord in this place, and may God continue to bless you in your respective ministries.

Pastor Phil

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

*LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF –
EXPLORING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT*

A BETH MOORE STUDY



Tuesday June 14 – August 23
(No class July 26)
7-9 PM



**Berwyn United Methodist
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Nancy Atchison—610-644-2775

Books can be purchased on
the first night for \$25



If Jesus gives us a task or assigns us to a difficult season, every ounce of our experience is meant for our instruction and completion if only we'll let Him finish the work. I fear, however, that we are so attention-deficit that we settle for bearable when beauty is just around the corner."

— *Beth Moore*

Four from BUMC attend the Annual Conference

The Annual Conference of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church was held May 19 – 21 in Oaks, attended by the following delegates from our church: Pastor Phil Poncé, clergy; the Rev. Steve Cherry, clergy; Judy Fisk, lay delegate from BUMC; and Nancy Atchison, equalizing delegate (there needs to be the same number of clergy and lay delegates to balance voting).

At the Annual Conference, five clergy delegates and five laity delegates were elected to serve as delegates to the 2012 General Conference. General Conference, the quadrennial meeting of the worldwide denomination, will be held April 24-May 4, 2012, in Tampa, Fla. Five additional lay and clergy delegates were selected to attend Northeast Jurisdictional Conference.

Voting on a variety of resolutions was also conducted throughout the meeting, during times of Holy Conferencing. In keeping with the conference theme of ministering to the poor, we had the opportunity to prepare meals that will be sent all over the world. Also, in keeping with the conference theme of "Journeying with the Poor," we were inspired by three teaching sessions with the Rev. Rudy Rasmus, emergent church leader and pastor of St. John's UMC in Houston, Texas. Rev. Rasmus challenged us to look at those who live in our own community to find ministry to people who are hurting and lost.

Pastor Phil was reappointed by the bishop to serve at BUMC for another one-year term. Hallelujah!

Nancy Atchison

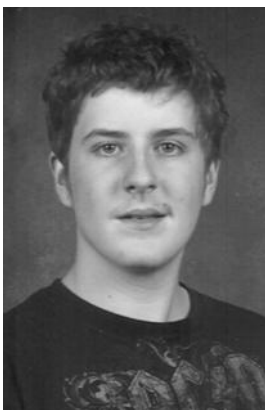
High School Graduates

Tyler Borelly, son of John and Stephanie Borelly – *Spring-Ford High School*. He took honors courses in math and science, and earned his first college credits in an engineering course. He was on both the football and wrestling teams, but wrestling was his passion. As a varsity heavyweight, he was a PIAA District 1 qualifier and won all-academic honors. Tyler has worked as a short-order cook at Rossi's pizzeria throughout high school. He will attend Penn State University's Berks campus in the fall, studying mechanical engineering.



Rachel Burriss, daughter of Vic and Susan Burriss – *Conestoga High School*. She is president of the International Club, which helps exchange students at Conestoga adapt to living in the United States, and is vice president of the Young Republicans Club. She earned four varsity letters as a cheerleader. This summer she will teach sailing at YMCA Camp Tockwogh, on the eastern shore of Maryland. Rachel will attend DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., and double-major in political science and Spanish while preparing to pursue a law degree.

Amanda Duffie-Fritz, daughter of Keith and Ellen Duffie-Fritz – *Conestoga High School*. Amanda and her family moved to the Berwyn area in 2009 from Chesterfield, Va. She played on the Conestoga varsity soccer and rugby teams. She will attend Hollins University in Roanoke, Va., where she will major in biology and anthropology in the pre-veterinary program. She will be on the Hollins soccer team.



Jacob Nemetz, son of Joseph and Debbie Nemetz – *Conestoga High School*. He is an honor student and active with the Best Buddies Club. Jacob is a volunteer firefighter with the Berwyn Fire Company and an Eagle Scout. In church he has been active with the Youth Group and Interfaith Hospitality, and has helped with the Children's Ministry. In his spare time he plays the electric guitar, composes music, and plays video games. He will attend Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.,

Cody Pitz, son of Andrew and Donna Pitz – *Conestoga High School*. He was on the cross-country, swimming, and spring track teams each year, and is finishing his senior year as an intern at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Cody has just finished his Eagle Scout project, building a bird-banding shelter for Willistown Conservation Trust, and will receive his Eagle rank in mid-June. BUMC old-timers may recall Cody's comedy routines at the Appalachian Service Project spaghetti dinner fundraisers, which he began doing age 5. He will study conservation biology at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.



Rachel Burriss and Cody Pitz have been chosen to be speakers at the Conestoga Class of 2011 Reflections Ceremony on June 6 at Daylesford Abbey. This is an occasion when the seniors, with friends and family, celebrate and reflect on their school years.

College Graduates



Jason Burriss, son of Vic and Susan Burriss – *Indiana University's Kelley School of Business* in Bloomington, Ind., bachelor of science in business. Jason majored in finance and minored in Spanish, and was a member of the Hutton Honors College. He played four years of club ice hockey in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's Division 1, serving as president of the club. He held three additional board positions while on campus. Jason will specialize in private banking or global wealth management.

Greta Bushnell, daughter of William and Cynthia Bushnell – *Clemson University* in Clemson, S.C., bachelor of science in public health. She graduated summa cum laude and was presented at graduation with a Faculty Scholarship Award for having earned a 4.0 grade-point average throughout her four years. She is a member of the Delta Zeta sorority. She will enter graduate school at the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill to pursue a Ph.D. in epidemiology.



Emily Genuardi, daughter of Joseph and Claudia Genuardi – the *University of Colorado* in Boulder, bachelor of arts in environmental studies. While in college, Emily did lots of environmental volunteer work. She will work for The Public Interest Research Group as a campus coordinator.



Steven Genuardi, son of Joseph and Claudia Genuardi – *Michigan State University* in Lansing, bachelor of arts in sales communication. While at Michigan State, which is his parents' alma mater, Steven helped coach polo and taught Italian to grade school students. He will work for Algar Motors in Rosemont.

Melanie Stockler, daughter of Jonathan and Barbara Stockler – the *University of Mary Washington* in Fredericksburg, Va., bachelor of science in psychology. She is working at three jobs: as a tour guide at The Rising Sun Tavern in historic downtown Fredericksburg, in retail, and as a volunteer at a women's shelter. She plans to move to Florida and enter graduate school in fall 2012 to prepare for a career in counseling.



Andrew Stoker, son of Rick and Penny Stoker – *East Carolina University* in Greenville, N.C., bachelor of science in accounting. He was on the men's varsity swim team four years, was team captain in his junior and senior years, and is the school record holder in the 200-meter butterfly. He was the coordinator for East Carolina's first campus-wide ovarian cancer walk on April 2. He will work for PricewaterhouseCoopers in its Philadelphia office.

Andreana Stoker, daughter of Rick and Penny Stoker – the *School of Law at Syracuse University*, juris doctor. After her undergraduate studies at the University of Miami, she taught English for a year at a junior college in southwestern China. In fall 2010 she studied in Beijing at the Central University for Finance and Economics. After graduation she will take a bar review course at Villanova and then sit for the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams at the end of July. Her interest lies in international law, specifically Asia, and she is looking for a job in that field.



Ben Tiede, son of Jim and Sue Tiede – *Princeton University*, Ph.D. in molecular biology from Princeton University and a master's in public policy from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy. Ben will work for Global Health Strategies in New York

Graduates in BUMC's Extended Family

Evan Feinstein, grandson of Gene and JoAnn Foreman – *West Chester East High School*. Evan is a member of the National Honor Society, played four years on the football team, and was in the DECA state competition his senior year. He will attend Temple University.

Brian Foreman, grandson of Gene and JoAnn Foreman – *Owen J. Roberts High School*. Brian is undecided on post-graduation plans.

Mark Godwin, grandson of L. Jean and Ann West – *New Rochelle (N.Y.) High School*. Currently he is busy completing his Eagle Scout project. He will attend Bloomsburg University.

Donald Kirkland III, grandson of Don and Elizabeth Kirkland – *Susquehanna University*, degree in business administration. During his senior year, he was one of the assistant baseball coaches.

Christopher Phillips, grandson of Gene and JoAnn Foreman – *West Chester East High School*. Chris is a member of the National Honor Society and, as a diver on the swim team, was an Academic All-American. He will major in pre-med at Penn State University's University Park campus.

What's going on at Berwyn United Methodist Church

Progressive Supper. This annual event of the Adult Council will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 12. Join us as we progress from house to house for great food and great fellowship. Host houses are needed; contact Sally Robie if you are willing to host one of the courses. Signups will be held at church services on May 29 and June 5.

The Book Club's Books. The BUMC Book Club has chosen the books that members will read and discuss at the club's eight meetings in 2011-12: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak; *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain; *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder; *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese; *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot; *Bossypants* by Tina Fey; *Wizard of Lies: Bernie Madoff and the Death of Trust* by Diana Henriques; and *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck.

Men's Fellowship. The group will have its last pre-summer breakfast get-together at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 11. For the May meeting, members traveled to the SHARE food distribution center on Hunting Park Avenue in Philly and spent three hours working on the steel structure of a new greenhouse. The plan for June 11 is to repeat that adventure, unless someone wants to take the lead in putting together work parties to tackle some of the projects on the Trustees' work list.

Farm Fresh Is Back. The Farm Fresh package from the SHARE Food Program is available through November, on the third Saturday of each month. This package features produce grown by local farmers. The cost is a couple of hours of volunteer work in your community (you're probably already doing this) and \$15. Contact: Jan or Paul Polasky at papolasky@yahoo.com or 610-341-9151.

Memorial Garden Update. The Memorial Garden's brick structure is almost finished, and the granite face plates for the engravings are on order but will probably not be here until the end of June. Landscaping will be done once the construction workers are finished.

Pilgrimage to Israel. Biblical storyteller Tracy Radosevic will lead a tour of Israel/Palestine and Jordan on Jan. 4-15, 2012. The tour is titled "The Word Made Flesh: Biblical Storytelling in the Land of the Matriarchs, Patriarchs and Jesus." Nine of our church members have gone on this tour in the past. Copies of the itinerary are available in the church office. Contact: Nancy Atchison.

Nursery School. The school year is ending May 26. Many thanks are due to Pastor Phil, Veronica Mosley, Janet and Jack Campbell, and many other church members who were supportive this year. The children ended the year with picnics at the school and field trips to the Great Valley Nature Center and the Waterloo Mill Preserve. Camp Fun begins May 31 – an unstructured two weeks featuring such events as Water Day, Messy Paint Day, Red Light/Green Light Day, and Pirate Day.

Troop 181. The boys had fun whitewater rafting in Lehigh River in May. They will have their annual summer camp at Camp Horseshoe on July 24-31. It is going to be a busy week, with activities such as merit badge courses, kayaking, mountain biking, archery and rifle shooting.

The Lighted Cross

This is the last issue until September.

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

So far, finances are on target

Below is a table that summarizes our 2011 budget status through April 2011. Generally speaking, the Finance Committee is pleased with our budget status for the first third of the year.

Although Total Income is slightly behind budget, Total Expenses are also slightly less than anticipated.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I would like to express our thanks for your wonderful continued financial support of BUMC. Through your generosity, we can provide a wide variety of programs and offerings that enable us to achieve Pastor Phil's goal of "Balanced Creativity."

As we approach the summer, I would like to remind you that the church's expenses continue throughout the year. We would appreciate it if you would continue with your regular offerings throughout the summer so that we can continue to meet our financial needs. We also wish everyone a fun and enjoyable summer!

With grateful praise,

Jim Tiede

Chair, Finance Committee

Income	January - April 2011		
	Actual	Planned	Actual vs
Contributions	\$138,298	\$143,900	-\$5,602
Contributions - Mortgage	\$2,046	\$0	\$2,046
Facility Income	\$14,760	\$18,508	-\$3,748
Connekt Concert Income	\$338	\$0	\$338
Other Income	\$478	\$688	-\$210
Total Income	\$155,920	\$163,096	-\$7,176
Expenses			
Administration	\$15,853	\$17,404	\$1,551
Committees	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,400
Communications	\$392	\$827	\$435
Connectional Ministries	\$14,565	\$14,524	-\$41
Connekt Concert	\$3,561	\$3,500	-\$61
Education	\$857	\$1,392	\$535
Facilities	\$41,031	\$36,656	-\$4,375
Local Ministries	\$49,073	\$49,620	\$547
Membership & Cong Care	\$0	\$300	\$300
Mortgage	\$20,285	\$23,332	\$3,047
Music	\$9,728	\$11,598	\$1,870
Worship	\$1,079	\$836	-\$243
Youth	\$1,737	\$952	-\$785
Total Expense	\$158,161	\$162,341	\$4,180
Net Ordinary Income	-\$2,241	\$755	-\$2,996

A report on the Connekt concert April 9 at BUMC

The Connekt concert was held April 9 as an outreach event from Berwyn United Methodist Church to the community. The event was accomplished through financial and volunteer contributions of three partners: Berwyn United Methodist Church, Crosstreadz, and Evangel Church of Scotch Plains, N.J.

BUMC was the event promoter. The following members served three to five hours a week for seven weeks sending out flyers and e-mails to generate attendance: Ann West, Linda Shriver, Jacob Nemetz, Meg Dickinson, Amanda Duffie-Fritz, Gail Campbell, Jeff Barger, Nancy Atchison, Mike Benton, Liz Young, Andres Montaner, Keith Duffie-Fritz, Andrew French, Roger Toro, Jefferson Toro and Sarah Polasky. Ninety to 125 people attended, including bands and volunteers. BUMC contributed \$3,000 toward the event from its budget, and the church's youth group additionally contributed \$500 through food/ticket sales and a car-wash fundraiser on May 15.

Crosstreadz served as the co-producer of Connekt and was responsible for three months of pre-production and day-of-production for this event. Crosstreadz contributed \$5,155 via in-kind or financial donations toward production costs. Crosstreadz is a nonprofit led by Chris Padot.

Evangel Church of Scotch Plains has produced hundreds of events for church organizations. Crosstreadz brought in this co-producer in order to reduce the costs for BUMC and to rely on an established event producer. Evangel Church's sound system rental, production gear, and sound and event production staff represented an estimated in-kind contribution of more than \$4,410

Chris Padot

MEET THE STAFF

Eliza Chumpitaz, our nursery assistant



You heard and knew about my family before I came to know you.

I came from a big family. I'm the third in line of ten children, and I grew up in Azpitia, a small agricultural town in Peru, about 85 kilometers south of Lima, the capital. Azpitia is a humble community with no basic services. Now it has electricity and is growing.

I did my primary education in Azpitia. There were two teachers for six grades in a two-room school. We went from Monday to Saturday, and we only had one break each week – on Thursday afternoon, girls would play volleyball and boys would play soccer.

I went to an all-girls high school in Lima with my second sister, Isabel, who waited for me one year to keep me company. We graduated in 1977. She married, and I went to a technical school. I was in my second semester when my mother got sick. I went home to help my father take care of my youngest sibling while my mother spent three months with relatives in Lima, getting better. I never went back to school.

The Department of Education took away the pre-school teacher in Azpitia because there were not enough children (there were 22). Six months after my mom came home, the leader of the community asked me to keep the children "busy." (I was one of few single females with some high school education.) I got a curriculum from the Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) and worked for two years with 20 or so children aged 3 to 5 in one room no bigger than BUMC's nursery.

In the early 1980s I got more involved with the ICA. That's how I got to meet members of this congregation, Susan Burriss and Jean Plank, who were living in my parents' house while on a mission trip. ICA is a volunteer organization helping small communities. I volunteered for eight years. I traveled to many countries here in America and in Europe.

I came to Chester in 1990, not knowing how close Berwyn was. I came here for short time to have my baby, and I'm still here. My son's name is Fredy. Very soon he will be 21.

I have been working in the BUMC nursery for many years, seeing many families and pastors come and go, knowing and learning, and making many friends. Working with the youngest members of the church has been a special blessing. Thank you for your trust in me to take care of them and also for the care notes you send me. It has been a long journey to where I am now.

We feel God's hand through BUMC. My late father was always grateful for what you have done and are doing for his family and also your support to my son and me. Faith was my father's favorite word; it was what kept us going.

God bless you!

Eliza

This is one in a series of occasional profiles, under the auspices of the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, in which members of the church staff introduce themselves to the congregation.

A blended service and annual picnic set for July 10

It's finally going to happen: a "blended service" at 10:30 a.m. July 10. The Worship Committee has been discussing this idea for quite some time, and now we feel God is leading us to this moment.

A blended service is a traditional service with multi-sensory elements. The goal is to enhance the service with visual, touch, auditory and even taste elements. We look forward to everyone's support and feedback.

Our annual church picnic will also be held on July 10 right after the 10:30 service. Please join us and bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Our main dish, provided by the Worship Committee, will be hot dogs.

Another blended service will be on Aug. 14, the time to be determined.

Kristine and David Adams

The Fall Festival: Saturday, Oct. 8

The date has been set for our annual Fall Festival and Flea Market. Items are beginning to be set aside for the flea market, the signs are at the ready, the collectibles are about to be donated, and – I know – there are books being read and set aside. I even have the pie pans stored at the ready for pies, but we do have a problem. I will volunteer to be the event chair, if that is okay with all, but we need YOU and YOU and YOU...and YOU. We need HELP, and we need it now. We need booth chairs, lunch organizers, movers, shakers, set-uppers and take-downers, we need publicity and we need YOU !

Check your calendar and get ready ... because here comes AUTUMN.

Janet Campbell



Bob Jex is retiring from Navy flight career

Commander Robert E. (Bob) Jex, son of Edward and Maxine Jex, is retiring after a 26-year career in the Navy and Naval Reserve.

Bob graduated in 1983 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied bioengineering and was a member of the crew team. He became a naval flight officer in 1985, training initially on the EA-6B Prowler.

He served on carriers in the Mediterranean and was staff flight operations officer at headquarters of the Chief of Naval Air Training at Corpus Christi, Texas. Then he became the electronic warfare officer and senior tactical action officer on the carrier Theodore Roosevelt in the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas.

In 1995, Bob joined the Naval Reserve and served in a variety of assignments, including deployments to South America, the Pacific, and the Middle East.

Bob holds a master's degree in strategic studies from the Naval War College. He has accumulated more than 2,260 military flight hours, 3,200 civil flight hours, and 300 carrier landings. His civilian career as a flight instructor culminated in his designation as an Federal Aviation Administration-designated pilot examiner.

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JULY 24 - 28, 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete both sides of form and submit with payment.

Student's Name _____
(age 4 through 5th grade only)

Birth Date _____ Entering Grade _____
(Used to group pre-school children)

Parent Name(s) _____

Student's Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____
(Used for program e-mail only)

Phone No. (1) _____ (circle) Cell Home Work
(2) _____ (circle) Cell Home Work
(3) _____ (circle) Cell Home Work

Who is authorized to pick up this child from VBC, other than the parents listed above?

I give permission for my child's pictures to be used in a VBC slideshow
(for Berwyn UMC only).

(circle) YES / NO

Can you help with VBC?

(circle) YES / NO / MAYBE

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Registration Forms

Deliver or mail the completed registration forms and fee to the church office (140 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312). Additional registration forms are available at www.berwynumc.org/vbc

REGISTRATION FEE

BEFORE July 1 - \$35
AFTER July 1 - \$45
Checks should be made payable to Berwyn UMC.

Please complete the reverse side.

**BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

1. Any allergies of medical concern?

(circle) YES / NO

If yes, detail the allergies and the extent of the allergies below.

NOTE: If this student has any food allergies, you may be required to provide the daily meal. (Water will be provided.)

2. Any other medical conditions, behavioral issues or special needs that we should be aware of? Include any medications this student is currently taking.

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Release of Liability

I release Berwyn Methodist Church and its ministers, leaders and volunteers from any claim that my child or I may have against them as a result of injury or illness incurred during the course of participation in the activities. This release of liability shall include (without limitation) any claims of negligence or breach or warranty. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Berwyn Methodist Church and its minister, leaders and volunteers from any and all claims arising from my child's participation in these activities, or as a result of injury or illness of my child during such activities.

First Aid and Emergency Medical Treatment

I recognize that there may be occasions where the child named above may be in need of first aid or emergency medical treatment as a result of an accident, illness, or other health condition or injury. I do hereby give permission for agents of Berwyn United Methodist Church to seek and secure any needed medical attention or treatment for the child named above, including hospitalization, if in the agent's opinion such need arises. In doing so I agree to pay all fees and costs arising from this action to obtain medical treatment.

I give permission for attending physician(s) and other medical personnel to administer any needed medical treatment.

I represent that I am the parent/guardian of _____.

I give permission for the child named above to participate in the Vacation Bible Camp of Berwyn United Methodist Church. I hereby consent to the Release of Liability and Emergency Medical Treatment above, on behalf of the child, and agree that this form shall be binding upon me.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Endowments and memorial gifts are distributed

Berwyn United Methodist Church established an Endowment Fund in December 2009 with \$50,000 of a generous bequest from a former member. By Jan. 1, 2011, the value of the fund had increased \$4,851.86 through interest, dividends and appreciation. Following policy, half of the income was reinvested in the Endowment Fund. The other half was made available for programs, ministries, projects etc. of the church.

The Endowment Committee received three proposals for the use of the funds. All three were approved by the Endowment Committee, the Finance Committee, the Trustees and the Administrative Board. They are:

- One hundred copies of Eugene H. Peterson's *The Message/Remix: New Testament*. These books will be given to church visitors when they have a followup visit from someone on the Membership and Congregational Care Committee. Cost: \$519.
- Gas range, microwave and splash shield for the parsonage, to replace the appliances installed when the parsonage was built. Cost, including installation: \$1,185.
- Support for the Alpha Program to be held this fall. The money will be used for scholarships and items not covered by the General Fund budget. Cost: \$721.91.

The Endowment Committee also oversees undesignated memorial funds. Four recommendations for the use of these funds were received and approved. They are:

- Landscaping a section of the Memorial Garden now being built next to the north side of the Sanctuary, \$3,500.
- Equipment to record sermons, music and programs in our Sanctuary, \$1,000.
- A tree to replace a memorial tree given in memory of the Rev. Bruce Hazelwood's mother, \$200.
- Fifty percent of available memorial funds to be deposited in the Endowment Fund, about \$25,000.

We thank all of you who took the time to prepare and submit proposals and encourage committees, as well as individual members of our church family, to be thinking of recommendations for next year. We ask that requests for endowment income be submitted by Dec. 31, 2011. Requests for memorial funds can be submitted at any time.

Remember that we accept gifts to the Endowment Fund. The income will be used for special church projects. The principal of the gift is never spent, so the gift continues giving indefinitely. Anyone can give, and in any amount. You may do this now or as part of your estate plan.

Rosalie Hart

Saying thank-you to those who help children's ministry

Volunteers who help educate the children of the church were recognized at the 10:30 service on May 22.

Sunday School Teachers, Helpers and Volunteers: Wendy Wolov, Cindy Shallcross, Karis Poncé, Joy and Doug Fuerst, Christa Fisher, Pam Benton, Judy Fisk, Ellen and Brittany Duffie-Fritz, Marge Smink, Maxine Jex, Jan and Paul Polasky, Debbie and Jacob Nemetz, Polly Kimes and Kristine Adams.

Story Hour Helpers: Janelle Larson and Luis Montaner, Kelley and Moses Hogan, Jennifer Cutler and Gina DeFlavia.

Special Thanks: Janet Campbell and Nancy Atchison.

Also on May 22, we presented Bibles to kindergartners Lanie Van Dame and Heidi Rennisen and fifth grader Elizabeth Cutler.

Sarah Polasky

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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