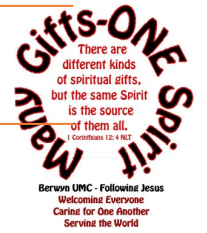




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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# Happy New Year!

### Look Ahead!

Jan 9— UMW Epiphany

Jan 16— Used Medical Supply & Computer

Feb 7—Missions Bake Sale

Feb 10—Ash Wednesday

Feb 20—"What do I say to people who are hurt-



### CHRIST IS BORN!

The busy holiday season is over and we bask in the glow of Jesus' life and love, we take a look back at the children and youth of our congregation who helped prepare the way for all of us in 2015.



During Advent Fair the children made many of the decorations adorned our Christmas Tree in the sanctuary.



This year's Confirmation Class led the 10:30am worship service for Hanging of the Greens.

*Left to right: Isabel, Tanner, Sophia, Owen*



### MISSIONS

**Jeff Barger**

The committee wishes to thank everyone for their support throughout the past year to the many mission projects BUMC is committed to. I personally would like to thank the members of the committee for their dedication and enthusiasm in making our many outreach projects a successful endeavor. We are blessed!

Our next event will be the Valentines Day Bake Sale in February. It will take place the Sunday before Valentines Day.

**Thank you!**



*Janet Wham*

Happy New Year's from BUMNS! 2015 passed quickly. We are looking forward to the New Year and are thankful are school is filled with happy children. Our enrollment for the 2016-2017 school is going well. 15 new families have registered so far.

January brings lessons on tolerance, acceptance and goodwill to others. The children will learn about Martin Luther King and his hope for peace in the world.

BUMNS follows T/E school decisions regarding snow days. If T/E schools are closed, BUMNS is closed. If T/E has a two hour delay, BUMNS has a one hour delay.

BUMNS will be requesting donations from school families for the HUB school kits.



**SAVE THIS DATE!**

**Saturday, Feb 20, 2016**

**UMW-sponsored Retreat  
9am – 3pm**

**"What Do I Say to People Who Are Hurting?"**

**ALL ARE INVITED**

## ESTATE ART AUCTION

*By Carol Williams*

The first annual Estate Art Auction has come and gone. We feel we did well for our first year trying this out-of-the-box fundraising idea.

The **GOOD news** is we made \$1,987.00. No, that's not a typo. We sold two paintings to one of the Life Line Screening test providers for \$100.00. That's just \$13.00 short of our goal of \$2,000.00. "Do I hear a donation of \$13.00 to reach the goal? How about \$15.00? Wouldn't you like to give \$20.00 in honor of your mother-in-law?"

We were disappointed in the lack of turnout of church members. Funds raised will help our continued outreach to our community. For \$5.00 you had all the coffee, tea, punch, cookies, brownies and savory snacks you could want. Also a warm seat, a fun social evening with friends, and a great, no really fantastic auctioneer who kept us entertained.

More **GOOD news** is how great the turnout was of volunteers to help set-up, bake desserts, host the refreshments, walkers for the artwork (we even had a Walker as a walker), and people to help breakdown the chairs and tables when it was all over. Everyone there helped in some way. Many thanks.

Next year we hope you will come out, bring your friends and neighbors, and support this fundraiser for your church.



*Friends perusing the wonderful collection of art that was available for purchase.*



*A sample of the art work that was available.*

## PRAYER FRIENDS

*By Marsha L. Williams*

*An invisible thread binds us all,*

*Between GOD,*

*and each other.*

*We pray for each other*

*Together or apart*

*in good and bad times*

*in joys and sorrows.*

*We pray for each other yesterday, today, and tomorrow.*

*We are all brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*Therefore, let us pray for each other.*

*And keep one another in our hearts.*

Please join our Prayer Team! Contact

Marsha Williams, Prayer Chain Coordinator,

at 610-656-9687 or prayerrequest@berwynumc.org to join. You

may also contact the church office.



## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Janet K Campbell*

There was a need in our church to REMEMBER. In October 2011, Jack and Roger took down an under-used and un-needed coat rack on the wall between the library and the steps to the lower level. They painted the wall a beautiful blue and Sue Denisevicz and I began painting the tree which would hold the leaves in memory of the names of our church members and family and friends.

Flash forward four plus years and the tree now holds over 100 names. I have seen people just staring at the leaves on the tree and smiling when they recall a special memory or reach out and touch a leaf of a loved one gone on before. I have been honored to be able to say a little prayer after a memorial or funeral service as a family places their special leaf on the tree. Even the placement of the leaf has been requested as to placing a friend next to a friend or "she always sat on the left side of church, she has to be here". Recently, I saw a family posing in front of the spreading branches to take a photograph with their special family leaf.

I am proud of our tree and the people and families it represents and so glad that what has grown in our narthex has been meaningful to so many.





**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sat Feb 13, 2016**  
**6pm**

All Supper Club dinner & event.  
Details to follow in February  
Lighted Cross.



## Epiphany Brunch Saturday January 9, 2016 9:30 am, Schieck Hall

United Methodist Women are sponsoring a time of fellowship, brunch and making layette kits to celebrate Epiphany. The event is open to everyone. You are invited to bring a brunch item to share.

Ways to help with kits:

- Donate items (see below)
- Donate money so we can purchase the items
- Come on January 9 to help make the kits

### Layette Kit items (Please follow instructions. No substitutes)

- CLOTH diapers (pre-folded or plain)
- Undershirts or onesies (NO patriotic or sports team logos; other prints okay)
- Infant size washcloths
- 3-6 month size sleepers
- Diaper pins with protective plastic closures
- Infant sweaters or hooded sweatshirts, must open from the front
- Flannel receiving blankets (sizes may range from 28" x 28" to 32" x 32") You can also donate flannel which we will cut to the right size.

Please see Carol Cherry or Kristine Adams if you have questions or would like to donate money.  
Many thanks!



### BOOK CLUB DATE CHANGE!!

Tuesday, January 13 7pm

Discussion Leader: Sally Robie

Hosts: Romaine and Dick Rood 610-647-3534

Book: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor



### FLOWER & NARTHEX GREETER VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY

JANUARY	FLOWERS
3	Liz Young
10	Jane McDowell
17	Eliza Chumpitaz
24	Barb Mekenney
31	Liz Young

JANUARY	NARTHEX GREETERS
3	Judy Fisk
10	Jane McDowell
17	Romaine Rood
24	
31	

## **SUGGESTED READS**

### **MISSION WORK – ADULT COLLECTION**

*I've Been to the Mountaintop* by Martin Luther King, Jr., c1994 [323.1196 Kin]

"We want to be free..." With these words, King begins his remarkable last speech to a cheering crowd on April 3, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. The next day as he stood on a motel balcony he was shot and killed. Showing the courage, faith and conviction that roused the conscience of a nation and the world, this speech gives a vision of justice, message of faith and a prophetic portrait of a man at peace with himself.

*Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond* by Don Cheadle and John Prendergast, c2007 [364.109524]

Angered by the devastating violence that has overwhelmed the Sudan and northern Uganda, famed actor, Don Cheadle, teamed up with civil rights activist John Prendergast and highlighted these activities. The authors offer suggestions of how citizen action in the United States and around the world can make a difference in fighting genocide and other mass atrocities by adopting six inspiring and simple strategies: raising awareness, raising funds, writing a letter, calling for divestment, starting an organization and lobbying the government.

*On the Far Side of Liglig Mountain: the Adventures of an American Family in Nepal* by Thomas Hale, c1989 [610.69509 Hal]

For those who are interested in Mark Zimmerman's medical mission in Kathmandu, Nepal, this book will bring that world closer. Thomas Hale and his wife, Cynthia, have struggled to serve God as medical doctors in the kingdom of Nepal. Hale recounts with humor and humility their experiences in bringing western medicine to people who distrust and fear new ideas. He captivates the reader with his intriguing account of joys and realities of ministering to the human condition.

*The Hospital by the River: A Story of Hope* by Catherine Hamlin with John Little, c2001 [BIO Ham]

Gynecologists Catherine and Reg Hamlin, both active Christians from Australia, have dedicated their lives to help women suffering the catastrophic effects of obstructed labor (fistulae) in Ethiopia. With their team of dedicated surgeons they successfully operated on over 25,000 women. The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital that they opened in 1974 has become a major teaching institution for gynecologists from Ethiopia and all over the developing world.

### **MISSION WORK – CHILDREN'S COLLECTION**

*Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen* by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan, c1991 [J FIC DiS] Reading level: Primary [J FIC DiS]

Uncle Willie works at a soup kitchen with other volunteers. They prepare hearty meals for people who are hungry, people who need help. The narrator, Uncle Willie's nephew, accompanies his uncle to the soup kitchen one day to understand this gift of community service.

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

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

**9am to 12 noon**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SPREAD THE WORD**

We are collecting new or gently used medical equipment and unopened medical supplies in support of Project CURE. The collection of PCs, laptops, monitors, mice, keyboards, modems, routers, printers, cables and anything else computer related will be taken to the Mechanicsburg Computer Ministry for refurbishing.. All hard drives will be completely wiped prior to reuse. Equipment that can't be reused will be recycled. All refurbished equipment will be donated to non-profit organizations that need computers.



**Next deadline: January 13, 2016 for February 2016 issue**

Please submit items for The Lighted Cross to [kristineadamspc@verizon.net](mailto:kristineadamspc@verizon.net) by the end of the day January 13. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by February 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.



**Recordings of Sunday Services are available.**

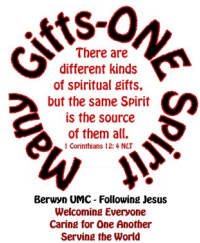
**Contact Jon Stockler at  
610-348-3385 or  
JStockler@aol.com**

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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 | Traditional Worship        |

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