



# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God CALLS Berwyn UMC to



Care Accept Laugh Love Serve

# January 2019

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### SOUPY THURSDAY

Soupy Thursday will run for 9 consecutive weeks in Jan. and Feb. of 2019 beginning on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

You can take out the soup or come to Schieck Hall and eat with your church friends. Take outs are available from 5p-6:45p each evening. Soup is \$5.00/Qt., fresh baked bread is \$3.00/loaf. Please bring your own container if possible.

If you are eating in it is available from 5:45p-7p. Soup, bread, dessert and beverages are available. There is a free will offering taken to pay for your meal. We hope you will come and take part.

Please let us know each week of shut ins and we will see that they get soup taken to them. We also need volunteers to help out. Please call Rick Stoker if you might be able to help.

### Soup's On!

Soupy Thursday Schedule for January 2019

Take outs 5 pm - 6:45 pm  
Soup \$5/qt  
Bread \$3/loaf

BYOC - bring your own container

Eat in 5:45 pm - 7 pm

Jan 3-Chicken Noodle

Jan 10-Cream of Broccoli

Jan 17-Vegetable Beef

Jan 24-Lentil

Jan 31-Chili

### EPIPHANY BRUNCH



Saturday, January 5, 2019

9:30am in Schieck Hall

Please bring a potluck breakfast item to share.

We will be making feminine hygiene kits to support The American Foundation for Children with AIDS. We'll need help with tracing and cutting materials as well as sewing. Please bring scissors and let Carol Cherry know if you can bring a sewing machine.



### SPONSOR-A-CHILD UPDATE

Cindy Shallcross

Henry Fuerst and Rayna Shallcross created 15 hot chocolate Hug-In-A-Mug gifts to raise funds to support Florence, our Children International sponsor child. They sold out the Sunday they were sold. Thanks to those of you who bought them, we raised \$95! This can support Florence's needs for about three months! Thank you!

### 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

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

Pastor: Tim Duchesne

Lay Leader: Lee Paylor

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

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

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross

Organist/Director of Music: Amy McLoughlin

Sexton: Roger Toro

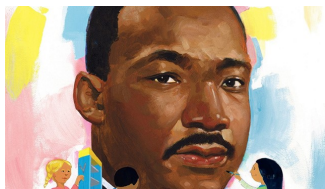


Janet Wham

**Happy New Year!** I hope your holiday season was a time of relaxation and family fun. The children returned to BUMNS with smiles and stories of vacation fun. It does not seem possible we are celebrating the year 2019!

A recurring theme during January will be snow! There are wonderful books to read, and various mediums used to represent snow, snow people, and snowflakes! Painting snow people is a favorite art project. I encourage church members to visit our school and see some of our creative art work.

Lessons will be taught about Martin Luther King Jr which gives us the opportunity to explore concepts such as kindness, peace, and acceptance of all people.



## LAY LEADER'S LETTER *Lee Paylor*

Have you noticed the store sales in January are about drawer units, storage containers, shelf units, file boxes?

We are "encouraged" to organize and change. The dictionary says change is "to make or become different."

For organize, it says "put into order." Sometimes it is our home and/or work place which needs organizing and change; but it can also be our hearts and lives. As General Conference meets in February 2019, may we be in prayer and sensitive to change.

We may need to say with Hosea in chapter 11, verse 8, "My heart is changed within me; "

"Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. "  
The Faith We Sing, 2152



### BUMC LIBRARY BOOKS FROM THE ADULT COLLECTION

***Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*** by Kate Bowler, c2018 [BIO Bow]

The message of this book, ***Everything Happens for a Reason***, was the subject of our UMW Lydia Circle's November meeting. The meeting was co-led by Carol Cherry, who brought the book to the group's attention, and Rev. Barbara Emery, who shared her experience as a pastor and a hospital chaplain in dealing with patients having severe illnesses. The book is the author, Kate Bowler's, memoir about the challenges of faith she faced after being diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer at the young age of 35. At the time of her diagnosis, Kate was a professor at Duke Divinity School, a wife and a mother of a young son. As she navigates the aftermath of her diagnosis, Kate pulls the reader deeply into her life, which is populated with a colorful collection of friends, pastors, parents, and doctors, and shares her reflections on faith, friendship, love, and death. She wonders why suffering makes her feel like a loser and explores the burden of positivity. Trying to relish the time she still has with her son and husband, she realizes she must change her habit of skipping to the end and planning the next move. She wants to know why it's so hard to surrender control over that which you have no control and contends with the terrifying fact that, even for her husband and child, without her, life will go on. Kate offers oftentimes irreverent observations on dying and the ways it has taught her to live.

***Living an Examined Life*** by James Hollis, c2018 [155.669 Hol]

Pastor Tim mentioned ***Living an Examined Life*** in one of his sermons in October and recommended it for the congregation's reading. This book is a guidebook for anyone at a crossroads in life. It guides the reader through 21 areas of self-inquiry and growth such as meaning over happiness, mature spirituality, permission to be who you really are, loss of self-destructive patterns. With this book the acclaimed author, James Hollis, offers a strong resource to energize and inspire the reader on his/her journey to create a life of personal authority, integrity and fulfillment.

Questions? Contact Marjorie Smink, Church Librarian

## **A SUCCESSFUL LOVE RENEGADES POTLUCK DINNER** *Paula Renneisen*

On Sunday, November 11, 2018, the “Love Renegades” comprised of Yattah Jones, Kem Sheriff, Minister Alvin Doeleh, Ade Monyan, and Angie Doeleh, from New Life United Methodist Church of Drexel Hill, PA, and Paula Renneisen, joined with members of Berwyn United Methodist Church for our first Potluck Dinner. Food, conversation, and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to all who came out to support us!

The “Love Renegades” group was originally started by Ms. Yattah Jones after feeling a need to do something to make a difference following the death of a woman at a peaceful protest at the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, VA in August 2017. With the support of her Pastor, Rev. Evelyn Kent Clark, Yattah took action to create a group and hold a Prayer Rally to unite people of different backgrounds and begin the conversation. At the same time Yattah and I were attending a Leadership Course through Next Level Trainings, and after driving Yattah home after one class, we began to talk and really connect and realized we had more in common than we had originally thought. It was one of those “God Moments” when you know that He was up to something by bringing the two of you together. Once we began the conversation, listened to one another with open minds and clear hearts, we knew that even if we started small, we could do something to make a difference. I then joined the “Love Renegades” and several events took place throughout the 2018 year notably, “An Informal Discussion on Race – Is Sunday the Most Segregated Day of the Week?”.

Please join us as we want to continue the conversation and the fellowship in 2019.

*(continued in next column)*

Tentative Dates:

**Sunday Church Visits and/or Pulpit Exchange:**

January 20<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Community Summit:** Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Anti-Racism Workshop:** April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

**Prayer Rally with Evangelism:** Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner:** Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

If you have an interest in learning more about what we are up to in the New Year, contact Paula Renneisen, [prenneisen38@gmail.com](mailto:prenneisen38@gmail.com), or call 610-742.5862.



### **Used Computer & Medical Supply Collection**

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

**9am to noon**

Parking lot of Berwyn UMC

140 Waterloo Ave

[www.berwynumc.org](http://www.berwynumc.org)

610-644-5555





## 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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