

Many Gifts-ONE Spirit
 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.
1 Corinthians 12: 4 NLT

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June 2014

**BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE**

The Lighted Cross

WHAT DOES HOPE MEAN TO YOU?

by Kristine Adams

In April I volunteered to go with John Paylor to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility as part of the Western Main Line Connexion event. Surprisingly, I was not nervous or anxious. It felt like any other mission project, but it was far from that. The group of women we met with were active participants in a Bible Study at the prison. St. Matthews United Methodist Church had adopted prison ministry and invited the rest of the ConneXion to participate. The bulk of the volunteers that went were from St. Matthews UMC, one from a Baptist Church and then us.

Our group was to work with the women on a Quilt of Hope. The idea was for women to draw what “hope” means to them on paper; then that will be adhered to quilt squares and eventually made into a quilt. The quilt will hang in the family visiting area as a symbol of encouragement to the inmates and their families. Besides this project our ConneXion group will also be raising money, collecting donations to re-do the visiting room to make it more homey, more child friendly. We will paint walls, get new table and chairs, kid size table and chairs, books, fun play mat, etc. John and I have a list of items the group wants to get if you would like to contribute to something specific.

I went into the visit feeling very calm and open to the experience. I walked out of there a changed person. It was simply a life changing experience. It changed my view on people who have been incarcerated, on parenting, and decision making skills. We met with over a dozen women. Characteristics of the group consisted of: most of them were repeaters, they were mothers, grandmothers, college students, nursing students, White, Black, addicts. I asked their mentor, Carla what seemed to be the common factor amongst the women she works with. She said a small percentage of women were in jail because of a man in their life and the majority of the women suffered some type of abuse and were addicts. As I walked around the room talking to the women and looking at their drawings, more than one had written down “I want to stay sober. I want to be a better mother.” It became clear to me that somewhere in that person’s life a bad decision was made. It is hard to blame a person who was abused either as an adult or child who turns to alcohol or drugs as an escape. But at some point there needs to be a choice to stop and get help. Decisions need to be made about the people they hang around with; decisions to drink or get high again when they are in a difficult situation; decision to not steal from an employer or family. I listened to Carla talk to them and to us about their situations. More than once I heard her say “What did you think would happen when you started hanging out with that person again?” “Didn’t I tell you to cut that person out of your life?” “How much is enough? When have you had enough of being in here?” That last question she had directed to a woman who is a grandmother and has spent 40 years of her life in and out of prison.

There are so many lesson learned I cannot describe them all. But I left feeling that as a church we are doing a fantastic and very relevant thing by hosting D.A.R.T. parent sessions, honoring Recovery Sunday and being a safe place for those who have struggled with addiction or have had a family member who has struggled with addiction to get support, encouragement and unconditional love.

I hope that when the ConneXion goes back, none of those women are there. I hope none of them see the finished quilt in the family waiting room. I hope they just see it in pictures we send them. I hope they hang on tight with their faith and they continue to focus on their own personal hope and find their way to freedom—from prison, from addiction and from abuse. I hope they find their freedom in Christ.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS – Thank You

Gary Jacabella

³ May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! He is the compassionate Father and God of all comfort. ⁴ He's the one who comforts us in all our trouble so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 CEB).

Many of you know that my Mother, Pearl Jacabella, died on March 30, 2014. I am extremely grateful for all the comfort and support offered to me by the congregation of Berwyn United Methodist. My Mother suffered a stroke about a year ago and all along from that time to this the people of our congregation have been very kind to me and my family.

You have been good at asking for updates and listening carefully to what has been going on. My Mother was blessed by the prayer shawl and prayer square that she received. Mom has always been a person who valued the prayers that were being prayed for her. But many of you listened and prayed for me in specific ways unique to my situation. There really was a sense of comfort that had been received was being passed on as comfort given. As we talked and compared stories it was easy for me to know that I am not alone.

There were so many cards! I want to take time this summer to read through them all again. And you made sure that we were well fed the week of the funeral. Gifts of food are a great comfort that make life easier when life is disrupted.

It feels good to have a leaf on Berwyn UMC's tree of life in honor of my Mother. I am grateful for the gift made in her honor. It was a special moment, taking time alone, to find the right spot to place the leaf. Trees are a great symbols of giving life and enduring all the vagaries of life.

Much thanks to those who stepped up to give me the Sunday morning off after the Funeral. That was an especially comforting time of reflection, rest and peace.

It meant a lot to me that our "Living with Dying" series came at just the time when my Mother died. I am thankful to the group that did such a great job of organizing "Living with Dying". It was the right Worship Series for me to be preparing at the right time. To me it felt good to be making my presentation in the series that same day my Mother died. It just goes to show that when we respond to God's direction and follow through on what we are led to do, at first we may not fully see the benefits that God has in store for the one in need.

God provides comfort for us all that really does grow as we pass it on. I think these verses from "The Servant Song" by Richard Gillard summarize well how I would describe our congregation: "I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through."

LAY LEADER LETTER *by David Adams*

In 2001, American Samoa decided to commit to an incredible journey; make it to the World Cup. Their football (soccer) team has since been known as the worst team in the world. In their first year, they set a record for the biggest loss (31-0) ever versus Australia. It took ten years before they scored their first goal. One player said that they found victory in their losses. When they *only* lost 4-0, it felt like an amazing victory because of how well they stood up to the competition. Through the 2013 season, the team has only recorded two goals. Their passion, energy, and commitment is changing the team, and the minds of the football world. The American Samoa team went 1-1-1 in the qualifying round in April and are now going to compete for the 2014 World Cup.

It is hard to believe in something you can't see. How does one take the first step, no matter how profound? What does it take to stay with one's promise when all seems lost? Where can you find the promise that one day, rewards will be found? In faith, we have an advantage; someone has already taken that first step for us and has asked us to believe. I rejoice in the faith; promise, and talents of our team. We have exemplary goals for ourselves at BUMC. We are looking to reach out further into our community, nation and the world. It may seem daunting, but we just need to score that first goal and we are off and running.

BUMNS *by Janet Wham*

It does not seem possible that our school year is ending. It is always fun to watch the progress and growth of the children throughout the year. Each child brings joy and happiness to BUMNS. I feel blessed to have such a wonderful group of children and families at BUMNS.

The year culminated with field trips to the Great Valley Nature Center by the 2 Day Classes. 3, 4 and 5 Day classes ventured to Tyler Arboretum for a nature tour and picnic. We say goodbye to those children who will be going to kindergarten. We hope the children leave with fond memories.

In April, BUMNS hosted the Main Line Director's Meeting. Twenty-five Directors attended. They came from schools as far south as Ardmore and to the west, West Chester. The women were very impressed with the grounds and church facility. I received many compliments about the appearance of the church. It was remarked how lucky we are to be housed in such a beautiful facility. I felt proud for Berwyn United Methodist Church and feel fortunate to be a part of the church. Many thanks are due to Pastor Gary, Veronica Mosely, Janet and Jack Campbell, and many other church members. Kind words, encouragement and smiles go a long way.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 8 There will be a repeat showing of *Consider the Conversation*, the movie shown in the Living with Dying series following 10:30 worship in the library. If you are not able to attend but would like to see the movie, please speak to Steve or Carol Cherry.

June 14 : Youth Service Project With Good Works In Coatesville, PA

June 14 The United Methodist Women will hold a spring brunch at the home of Janet Campbell at 10 am. Please bring a brunch dish to share. All are invited!

2015—A Trip to Italy—Adult council has received a request to book a trip to Italy for BUMC members and friends for Spring or Fall 2015. Please let Rick Stoker or Nancy Atchison know if you have any interest in going.

SUMMER 2014 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Date	Notes	Scripture	Working Title
June 1	Graduate Sunday	Romans 6:3-14,19	Extreme Baptism
June 8	Pentecost "Consider the Conversation" after wor-	Romans 8:31-39	God's Never Changing "Yes"
June 15	Father's Day	Romans 12:1,2; 13:8-14	What Does God Want
June 22	Church Picnic	Genesis 1-5	If All the World's as Stage; Who Are the Main
June 29		Genesis 1	God's Image
July 6		Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25	God's Beloved
July 13	Pastor Gary on vacation		Hymn Sing
July 20	9 am Outdoor Service	Genesis 3	The Story of Original
July 27	Pastor Gary on vacation	Gideon's International	
August 3		Genesis 6: 1-22	Teamed Up to Rescue the
August 10	9 am Outdoor Service	Genesis 11: 27-12:9	Standing on the Promises
August 17	Pastor Gary on vacation		
August 24	9am Outdoor Service	Genesis 12:10-20	Living out the Promises
August 30		Genesis 17	Roots
September 7	10:30 am Outdoor Service	Genesis 18: 1-15	Sarah Laughed
September 14		Genesis 22: 1-1e4	Testing Trust

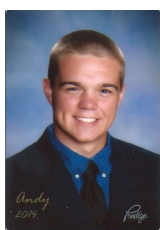
2014 GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



Jeremy Borelly

Jeremy is the son of John and Stephanie Borelly, grandson of Bob and Judy Fisk. This June he will be graduating from Spring-Ford High School. Jeremy has been a part of the BUMC family throughout his 17 years. He enjoys assisting whenever and wherever necessary. An avid member of the BUMC ‘grounds crew’ he helps to make sure that the church is in pristine condition come Sunday morning. The Flea market for the Autumn Festival would not be as fully stocked without the use of his muscle and his truck! He is currently working towards his Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts. If you have a job in the great outdoors – Jeremy is your go-to-guy! This is the fourth year for Borelly Lawn Care services – You grow it, we mow it! So it was no surprise when he decided to major in Agriculture. In the fall, he will be attending Penn State’s Berks Campus. His area of study will be Agri-Business. He is interested in taking classes in landscape architecture and design.



Andrew Cutler

Andy is graduating from Spring-Ford High School this June. He played football for 4 years and wrestled for 2 years during high school.

Parents are Mark and Jennifer Cutler, older brother Ben, and younger sister Elizabeth. Grandparents are Bob and Judy Fisk



Angel Jacabella

Angel has come a long way. One of the first things Angel wanted to do as a five year old when she arrived at her new home in the United States from Liberia was go to school even though it was the middle of the school year. Her parents told her she could wait but she wanted to start school right away. Now she is graduating from Conestoga High School! Angel’s favorite thing is having friends. She has been active in the track team in both of her High Schools, has competed at the District and State Levels and participated in the Penn Relays during her junior and senior years. Angel will start her College career at Delaware County Community College before moving to a 4 year college. Angel is the daughter of Gary & Bernie Jacabella and sister to Olivia.

COLLEGE



Kent Cherry

Kent is the son of Carol and Steve Cherry. Kent graduated May 15 from Temple University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and has accepted a job with ARES Corporation in Walnut Creek, California. Kent and wife Katherine will be moving to California in June.



Cason Walker

Cason is the daughter of Kate and Brian Walker. Cason graduated May 16 from Ursinus College with a psychology major and a business minor.

WHAT DOES MECCA DO? *By Carol Williams*

MECCA (MEmpership and Congregational CAre) committee supports our congregation whenever a need arises. We are looking for additional members to join our committee. Please consider joining us in 2015 – that's not far away!

Do you like mints? Better grab one in the restroom before you have that up-close and personal discussion after services! They also sooth the throat if you develop a tickle during the sermon! If you've noticed, the bathroom baskets provide for emergencies (bandages, nail files, tissues, baby wipes, etc.).

Have you wanted to send a get well or "thinking of you" card, but keep forgetting to pick one up at the grocery store? Our cares and concerns table often has a page or two, directed to someone who needs our support. Please stop by and provide a note of encouragement. Many recipients have been uplifted with a "smiley face" or picture made by our own children in the congregation.

If you have received a bouquet of flowers from the altar after Sunday's services, you will feel spiritually connected and buoyed by a visit that a MECCA member brings, along with the flowers. Perhaps a meal or loaf of bread the day you come home from the hospital is the answer to your concern with feeding the family.

Many of you have received a personal note from our master card sender, Maxine Jex. She always lets you know just how much you are loved by God and cared for by our congregation. She has provided this MECCA outpouring for many years and next year Barbara Mekenney will be taking over. A full heart-felt thank you to Maxine and I'm sure she will become involved in another MECCA activity next year.

One of the ideals that keeps our church a "Welcoming Congregation" is that we are open and happy to see visitors to Berwyn United Methodist Church. Have you realized that before you've sat in our comfortable pews, you have been welcomed three or four times: Once by a Narthex Greeter, once by a Sanctuary Greeter, and once by at least one or more of the Ushers. WOW! What a greeting! Keep up the good work and thank you for always being welcoming.

Carol Williams

BOOK / MEDIA SUMMARIES FROM CHURCH LIBRARY

ADULT

The Power of Simple Prayer: How to Talk with God about Everything by Joyce Meyer, c2007, published by Faith Words. [248.32 Mey]

God didn't intend for prayer to be as difficult as we make it out to be. It's simply talking to Him. We don't have to be in a specific environment, a certain posture or form, and there aren't any strict rules or regulations to follow. We can pray anytime, anywhere—even just directing a thought towards God can be considered a silent prayer. The author unravels the mystery of talking with God by explaining and exploring the keys to powerful prayer, hindrances to effective prayer, reasons why some prayers go unanswered and various types of prayer. We don't have to over-explain to God why we're asking for His help. He sees our hearts and knows our minds better than we do. All we have to do is ask. Simple prayers *can* bring powerful results.

HUB UPDATE – *by Jim Tiede*

We are very pleased that our HUB is now officially up and running. The Fine Arts Room has completed its conversion to the HUB Room, complete with shelving and storage containers. We have also received our initial donation of supplies and completed kits. We plan on having someone available at the HUB room every Tuesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 so please feel free to stop by then, or any Sunday, if you'd like to have a closer look at things.

As mentioned earlier, we will initially be focusing on Birthing, School and Health Kits. Boxes for donations will be outside the church office during the week and outside the sanctuary on Sundays. We will also accept donations for any of the kits as well.

We are very excited by the enthusiastic response of the Western Mainline ConneXion to BUMC becoming a HUB. We are hopeful that the 6 churches in the ConneXion will have a kit-building worship service on September 14. This would be a great start of HUB-based activities in the area.

I would also like to provide clarification to a comment I made during our HUB presentation on May 11. Per UMCOR and Mission Central instructions, all relief kits that are prepared (except Cleaning Buckets) are to have no reference to any nation (e.g. China, India, Japan, USA) or religion, and should not have religious, military, camouflage or patriotic pictures. I apologize for focusing only on words/symbols of the USA and raising a level of concern regarding this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the HUB team if you have questions on this.

HUB Team:

Front Row: Kristine Adams, Janet Campbell, Nancy Atchison, Kathy Mullin, Gina DeFlavia

Back Row: Jim Tiede, Jeff Barger, Gary Jacobella





BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
VACATION BIBLE CAMP
JULY 20-24 from 4:30-7:30p.m.

Dear Families and Friends of Berwyn U.M.C.,

It is our mission to team with families to help children explore how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God and experience the love of Jesus!

This year, our theme is *Workshop of Wonders~ Imagine and Build with God!* Your children, Visioneers, will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible Camp! Interactive Bible stories reveal five Wonder Words for following God's blueprint for our lives. In addition to the Bible stories, the children will express their creativity and fun through the variety of activities such as: making their own art projects, singing new music, exploring science activities, and participating in camp games! Along the way, the Visioneers will hear about our mission project (more info. to follow on first night) for the week and enjoy WOW moments!

Here is a sneak peak at the themes and Bible stories we will be exploring during VBC:

Sunday - Imagine With GOD! -The Story of Esther-Book of Esther & Psalm 105:2, CEB

Monday – Build With GOD! - Rebuilding the Lord's House-Ezra 3:8-13 & Isaiah 64:8b, CEB

Tuesday – Grow With GOD! - Parable of the Mustard Seed- Matthew 13:1-2, 31-32 & 2 Peter 3:18, CEB

Wednesday – Work With GOD! – Feeding the 5,000- John 6:1-13 & John 5:17, CEB

Thursday – Walk With GOD! – Walking to Emmaus- Luke 24:13-32 & Romans 10:15b, CEB

Light supper included.

To sign up, please fill out a registration form for each child you will be sending to VBC. Return the form to the church office or mail to the address on the front of the brochure, attention VBC. Don't forget to include the fee. You may also register online if you prefer, at www.berwynumc.org/vbc.

Please note that registration is required. Space is limited so please register before the July 8th for lowest price.

We look forward to seeing you and your children this summer.

CINDY SHALLCROSS, Children's Coordinator

Questions

Please contact Cindy Shallcross (610-644-4653), Nancy Atchison (610-644-2775) or Janet Campbell (610-647-8291) or email the church office at officebumc@comcast.net

REMINDER

From the office: The HIPAA Law prevents hospitals from calling the church./ If you are aware of anyone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-644-5555 or Pastor Jacabella at 484-318-6389.

Did you know BUMC is on Facebook? Like us and help spread the word of all the events happening at church! Go to www.facebook.com and in the Search section type in Berwyn UMC. Help expand our online community.



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Next deadline: August 13

Our mission is 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. Submit items to

kristineadamspc@verizon.net by the end of the day August 13. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by September 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

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

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Gary Jacabella

Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

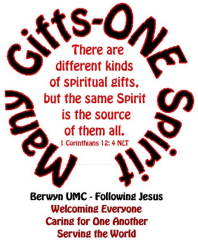
Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross

Youth Coordinator: Ed Moyer

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



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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