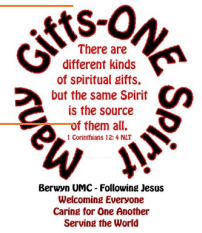


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BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



June 2015

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Registration for VBC attached

Save the Date!

June 6- Used Computer Collection

June 7—Kit Put Together in Schieck Hall

July VBC July 19-23
Camp EDGE

Sat. Sep. 19th 6pm –
Steak Fry

Oct 10—Fall Fest

Sun. Nov. 8th 12 noon –
Harvest Dinner

Nov 14—Art Auction

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning on June 14 and continuing until September 6 we will go to our Summer Worship Schedule. Early service will be at 9:00 a.m. in the Outdoor Chapel (in case of inclement weather service will be in Schieck Hall); second service will be at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Tell your friends and family of the time changes and invite them to join you on Sunday mornings!



FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE – *Stephanie Borrelly*

As you start/finish your Spring cleaning please remember we are ALWAYS taking contributions for the Fall Festival!!!

The shed will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of June, July and August in between church services, to accept all donations.

If there is anyone who needs items picked up – please contact me to make arrangements.

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CHILDRENS—*Cindy Shallcross*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to the Sunday School Teachers, Children's Sermon presenters, and Story Hour volunteers! My team is Olivia Jacobella, Chista Fisher, Joy Fuerst, Pam Benton, Wendy Wolov, Janelle Larson, Pastor Gary, Kelley Hogan, Amy Dodds, Nancy Atchison, Janet Campbell, Paula Renneisen. A huge hug goes out to all of you who have joined me in sharing our love and service to God and our church with the children of our church. Our Children's program would not be as strong as it is without all of your continued help and support! Thank you!

FINANCE—TREASURER NEEDED

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been blessed with the support of Marc Lare as our Treasurer, but he will be stepping down at the end of this year. As such, the committee is reaching out to the congregation to ask for a volunteer to take on the role of church Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer include disbursing all funds received into the church treasury in a responsible and organized manner so that the mission and ministry of the congregation is effective. The church Treasurer is skilled with ability to keep detailed, accurate records and maintain appropriate confidentiality, have a passion for financially supporting our mission and the ability to work with individuals and ministry teams. While the role has included payroll management in the past, we are planning to outsource that responsibility for 2016. The Finance Committee asks that you prayerfully consider our need and if you are interested in learning more, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Gary, Mark Lare or Ellen Duffie-Fritz.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBC

As VBC is now in its planning stages, I am looking for volunteers for the food preparation, crafts, science, recreation, music and camp counselors. VBC runs for five days beginning Sunday July 19-Thursday July 23. Please take a look at your summer plans and let me know if you are available for any or all of the VBC days! Contact: [Cindy Shallcross cbcampbell30@netscape.net](mailto:cbcampbell30@netscape.net) or 610-644-4653



Save the date for UMW Spring Lunch, Saturday, June 6. Details to follow.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS -

Gary Jacobella

Berwyn UMC is forming a Confirmation Class for Fall 2015. Youth who are entering grade 6 or above in the Fall can let me know they are interested at gjacobella@gmail.com.

What is Confirmation? The short answer is that Confirmation takes place when youth are ready to take responsibility for the Baptismal Covenant that their families were responsible for while they were children.

The Baptismal Covenant is an agreement and an experience where people turn away from sin and renounce evil, accept God's freedom and power to do good, declare that Jesus is their Master and Savior, and promise to faithfully participate in God's family by their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Methodism has always accepted children as members of the church because Jesus said, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children" (Luke 18:16 CEB). Methodists felt that it was important to demonstrate the value of children as part of God's Kingdom by baptizing children and infants.

In the days before extreme individualism, it was understood that children came with their families as part of a household full of people who also loved and served Jesus. It was the responsibility of the extended family to teach children about Jesus, guiding them by example and surrounding them with a community that trusts in Christ's love and forgiveness.

So children were extended membership in the faith community because they were covered by a household with adults that could be depended on to help children participate by their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Today we consider baptized children to be baptized members of the faith community.

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But Methodists also stressed the need for every person to grow up and make their own choice to follow Jesus. Families can renounce evil, accept God's freedom and power, declare that Jesus is their Master and Savior, and promise to faithfully participate in God's family on behalf of children but at some point the commitment needs to be experienced by the grown woman or man.

The lead founder of Methodism, John Wesley, did not want Methodists to have Confirmation. He expected that the guidance and example given to children by the extended family of faith would lead children to grow up to profess faith in Christ without a formal rite of confirmation or confirmation class. In the family of faith, each child would be confronted with the question "Do you want to be born again?" and would in due course decide to receive or reject Jesus. The practice of Confirmation didn't take hold in the Methodist Church until the 1960s.

Is Confirmation working better than the way of having families guide children by teaching and example to accept God's grace for themselves and declare that Jesus is their Master and Savior? I don't think so.

Now that Confirmation has taken the place of the example of the family, most of our youth who are confirmed simply disappear. They don't take the promise to faithfully participate in God's family by their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness seriously because adults are not guiding them by example. A Confirmation Class will never replace faith nurtured in families.

SHARED BIBLE STUDY

Enclosed is the info on our last study: The Shared Bible Study Adult Class will complete the Spring term with the discussion of THE PARABLES OF PAUL by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Books can be downloaded or obtained on line. "Paul was a storyteller, the teacher who seemed almost always to have a metaphor that made his point graphic and accessible." Please join us as we examine the sayings of Paul, the "Master of the Metaphor. Questions? See Mike Benton, John Paylor, or Elaine Parvin.

MISSION SHOUTOUT!

Jeff Barger

To help children get a start in the new school year we will be collecting school supplies through the summer months.

We will also be collecting toiletries for homeless men as many of them lack the means to purchase basic hygienic care products. Many hotels provide free bath toiletries that you could donate from your vacation, business trip, etc.

The supplies will be delivered in September to Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

School supplies:

Folders
#2 lead pencils
Colored pencils
Crayons
Erasers
Rulers- 6" and 12"
Pencil cases
Index cards
Colored construction paper
Plastic handle, round tipped scissors
White glue

Men's Toiletries:

Razors
Shaving cream
Soap and Plastic soap Holders
Toothpaste and brushes
Deodorant
Combs
Mouthwash
Shampoo



American Heritage Girls

Celebrates its 20th Birthday!

American Heritage Girls Troop PA1234 is now holding open enrollment for the 2015-2016 program year. Girls age 5 and in Kindergarten through age 14 are welcome to become a part of our growing troop. AHG is a faith based character development program for girls with the mission of building women of integrity through faith, service and fun.

For more information please go to ahgonline.org or contact troop coordinator, Janet Sainsbury at janetsainsburyahg@gmail.com

USED COMPUTER & MEDICAL SUPPLY COLLECTION

We will be having another Used Computer & Medical Supply Collection on Saturday, June 6 from 9am to 12noon. We are also going to collect items for Health, School & Birthing Kits. UMCOR's supply of these kits has been depleted due to needs around the world and in the United States. Computer items we are collecting are PCs, laptops, monitors, mice, keyboards, modems, routers, printers, cables, and anything else computer related. Medical Supplies that are accepted are: wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, splints, braces, BP cuffs, sterile IV supplies, unopened ostomy, 4x4 dressings, etc.

All items will be donated to Mission Central and Project C.U.R.E. Mark the date on your calendar and start telling friends and family to set aside their un-needed items and to stop by June 6. We will put together kits on Sunday, June 7 in Schieck Hall from 9am to 10:30am. Please go to www.berwynumc.org to get a list of approved items for the Health, Birthing and School Kits.



Flowers		
June	July	August
7 Carol Williams	5 Carol Williams	2 Carol Williams
14 Jane McDowell	12 Maxine Jex	9 Maxine Jex
21 Maxine Jex	19	16
28 Barb Mekenney	26 Eliza Chumpitaz	23 Jane McDowell
		30 Jane McDowell



Narthex Greeter		
June	July	August
7 Judy Fisk	5 Judy Fisk	2 Judy Fisk
14 Jane McDowell	12 Carol Williams	9 Maxine Jex
21 Janet Campbell	19 Janet Campbell	16 Liz Young
28 Maxine Jex	26 Maxine Jex	23 Jane McDowell
		30 Jane McDowell

Blessings to all in the Berwyn UMC family for your support and condolences to my mother and my family on the passing of my father, Don Hough. My parents joined the church when they moved to Berwyn in 1954, and it has been comforting to us when some have shared memories from years past.

Sincerely,
Barb Stockler



WHAT IS OUR AGENDA? *David Adams*

As I write, I am working to prepare for a business trip to India. Even though I have yet to embark on my travel, I have already been on quite a journey. There have been medical appointments for vaccinations, consulate appointments for a Visa, learning how to take care of the body with different water and food conditions, and many days worth of meetings to prepare an agenda. This doesn't even include educating my family on what to expect.

As I've meditated and prayed about these activities and for health, my mind wandered and considered the same journey that we go through individually and as a family in our relationship with each other and Jesus. I've found many parallels to my work life.

What is my agenda? What is it that I want to do with Jesus? How do I want our interaction to go?

What is my plan to complete the agenda? What am I prepared to do to achieve the goals laid out as part of my agenda with Jesus?

Have we worked as a congregation to foster relationships with our community? Having a personal relationship is necessary and wonderful but we're also called to be disciples, to go out and share the ministry to those in need.

How are we taking care of the body? We have physical and spiritual bodies. We have been called to action, to care for our brothers and sisters, to be stewards of Christ's body.

Berwyn United Methodist Church 2015 Graduate Recognition

TYLER BORELLY: Son of John and Stephanie Borelly, grandson of Bob and Judy Fisk. Was graduated from Penn State University on May 8. During his years at PSU he was a member of the power lifting club, the Iron Lions and, with the help of his brother Jeremy, started the restoration process on his 1966 Impala this summer. Tyler graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and is currently pursuing a career in the automotive industry.

RACHEL BURRISS: Daughter of Vic and Susan Burriss, granddaughter of Jean and Ann West. Will be graduated from DePauw University May 17, with a double major in Political Science and Spanish and a minor in History. While at DePauw she has earned honors in Spanish, Political Science, and History, and has been elected to the Dean's List and Mortar Board. She will be working for the next 18 months as an intern with the Task Force for Global Health at Emory University in Atlanta, studying Neglected Tropical Diseases, and plans eventually to go back to graduate school for a Master's in Public Health.

CARL JESSE BUSHNELL: Son of William and Cynthia Bushnell. Carl was graduated May 10 from Auburn University with a degree of Bachelor of Industrial and Systems Engineering and a minor in Business. Following graduation he will be employed with Shaw Industries in Dalton, Georgia.

MOLLY DENISEVICZ: Daughter of Ed and Susan Denisevicz. Was graduated in December, 2014, from Tyler School of Art, Temple University, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts dual degree in Fiber Arts and Sculpture. Presently employed by Amuneal Manufacturing in Philadelphia which does custom metal and wood fabrication.

EMILY HOFFMAN: Daughter of Mitch and Brenda Hoffman. Will be graduating from Conestoga High School on June 2 and will be attending Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, in the fall.

MARK GODWIN: Grandson of L. Jean and Ann West. Was graduated from Bloomsburg University on Saturday, May 9, with a major in history. This summer Mark will be working on campus helping a history professor write a book on the Ottoman Empire. On August 26 Mark will join the Young Adult Volunteers program of the Presbyterian Church USA and will spend a year in Belfast, Ireland.

ANDREW KIRKLAND: Son of Don and Carol Kirkland, grandson of Don and Liz Kirkland. Will be graduated from University of North Carolina in Asheville, with a major in History and a minor in Economics.

CAROLINE JOY MACKENZIE: Granddaughter of Margi MacKenzie. Will be graduated from Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and plans to pursue a career in nursing.

CHRISTOPHER MACKENZIE: Grandson of Margi MacKenzie. Will be graduated from Conestoga High School on June 2 and will attend Gettysburg College in the fall.

TRACEY MEYERS: Daughter of John and Sharon Meyers. Will be graduated from Conestoga High School on June 2 and will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

DWENDA MOSLEY: Daughter of John and Veronica Mosley. Was graduated from Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 9 with a Master of Arts in Film-Television. During her years at Regent she had the opportunity to work on several films, produce her own student film and work with Mike Tyson and Howie Mandel. Dwenda's desire is to relocate to the west coast to pursue her career.

VICTORIA PHELPS: Daughter of Scott and Gina Phelps. Will be graduated from Conestoga High School on June 2. Plans to attend Penn State - Schreyer's Honors College in the fall.

SARAH WEST: Daughter of Scott and Kathleen West, granddaughter of Jean and Ann West. Will be graduated from Great Valley High School on June 12. At Great Valley, she has played four years of Golf, Basketball and Lacrosse. Sarah will be attending Florida State University in the Fall and will be pursuing a Business Degree with a major in Finance and a focus on International Business.



Recordings of Sunday Services are available.

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Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz



CAMP E.D.G.E. VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2015

JULY 19-23 4:30PM—7:30PM

We are inviting all children to be part of the excitement at our Vacation Bible Camp , Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience + Discover God Everywhere

All of our campers will go to the edge this summer on an extreme adventure through exciting Bible treks to experience and discover God everywhere, every day! Extreme Bible treks will introduce them to Bible characters who have experienced and discovered God in many ways. Campers will learn an E.D.G.E. Pledge with each story to encourage them to live on the E.D.G.E. every day! In addition to the Bible stories, the children will express their creativity and fun through a 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 Campers will hear about our mission project (more info. to follow on first night) for the week and enjoy many on the E.D.G.E. moments!

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

Sunday – Trek to the Promised Land –God is with me. I will stay close to God.

Monday – Trek to Bethlehem – God guides me. I will follow.

Tuesday – Trek to the Pharisee’s House-God teaches me. I will learn.

Wednesday – Trek to the Upper Room – God loves me. I will love God and others.

Thursday – Trek to Galilee – God sends me. I will go.

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 July 1st for lowest price.

Questions

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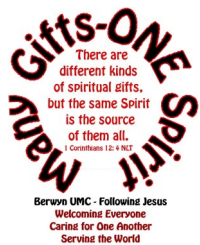
Church Website:

berwynumc.org

Next deadline: August 12, 2015 for September issue

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 12**. 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.



Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Sunday Morning Worship

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|----------|----------------------------|
| 8:30 AM | Early Worship |
| 9:15 AM | Sunday School for all Ages |
| 10:30 AM | Traditional Worship |

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