



# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### June 2018 Newsletter

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*Mark  
Your  
Calendar*

### Join Us For Worship

- 8:30 am Worship
- 10:00 am Traditional Worship
- Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month
- Both services will be held in the air conditioned sanctuary



### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer schedule will begin on June 3, 2018, and continue through September 2, 2018. Worship services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and both services will be held in the Sanctuary. We hope the earlier service times will make it convenient for you to attend, and that we will see you in worship during the summer months. We will not have regular services in the outdoor chapel. Remember that our Sanctuary is air-conditioned!



### MISSIONS SHOUTOUT *Jeff Barger*

The Missions Committee wishes everyone a happy and joyous summer. If you are planning on traveling, remember the complementary hotel toiletries can be donated to the homeless. Also please don't forget the Penney jar. We have a commitment to sponsor Florence Lukeo, a child in rural Zambia, through Children International. Your donations give Florence access to programs that break the cycle of poverty. These programs focus on four key outcomes: for CI kids to graduate healthy, educated, empowered and employed.



### UMW SPRING RETREAT

Women of the church are invited to join in a weekend of fellowship at the home of Debbie Nemetz in Little Egg Harbor, NJ, June 2-3, with the option to arrive early on June 1. We will use the book Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh as a discussion starter. Anne, the wife of Charles Lindbergh wrote meditations on youth/age, love, peace, solitude and contentment during a vacation by the sea. It is a book to re-read time and time again in our life journey. Check it out! Please contact Debbie at [debbienemetz@hotmail.com](mailto:debbienemetz@hotmail.com) to tell her you're interested in attending.

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer there will be a six week summer Bible study starting June 12. We will be studying *The Quest* by Beth Moore. *The Quest* is a cross between a curriculum and a journal, between a classroom and a prayer closet, with three primary objectives:

1. To promote deeper intimacy with God.
2. To help foster a sojourner mentality to aid as comfort that we are only passing through this world on our way somewhere else. This is not our home.
3. To foster an adventurer-mentality as royal subjects of royal blood unrecognized by the world but headed to an unshakable kingdom worth the arduous trip.

All are welcome to attend. The study will be held at Berwyn UMC 140 Waterloo Ave.



**“Save the date” for a HUB celebration on Sunday, June 24, following the 10 am service - more details to follow soon! The entire congregation is invited; we hope you’ll join the celebration!**



*Thank you for the visits from Pastor and others and the food and cards while Len and I’ve been ill. Len is doing well, and although PT hurts, my new knee is coming along.*

*Thanks for your caring*

*Mary Dickenson*



## JUNE NEWS.... 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 Easttown Library with 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.

The children celebrated their Mothers by inviting them for muffins. The 5 Day children not only had muffins but presented a musicale for their mother.

I feel fortunate our school is a part of this church. Many thanks are due to Pastor Tim, Veronica Mosely, Roger, Janet and Jack Campbell, and many other church members. Kind words, encouragement and smiles go a long way.

## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will resume regular Sunday Worship times, 8:30 am, 9:15 am Sunday School and 10:30 am on Sunday, September 9.

## LAY LEADER’S LETTER

*Lee Paylor*

“Summertime and the living is easy...” well, maybe for some of us...some of us can get away for the summer - going to the shore - the lake - the mountains - abroad. Some of us used to be able to do that, but not any longer.

Find some photographs, a seashell or two, a rock, beach towel, lantern, chunk of wood, a scarf, travel brochures, tour guides --- something from your vacation “get away” times, and place these on a table, mantel, desk, bookcase - where you can see them daily, and spend a few minutes each day remembering those times.

Thank God for those happy times and some times that might not have been happy, but they are a part of your life and who you are. And Thank God for today and the blessings that come your way.

Summertime might be your chance to slow down and think on God.

“All things bright and beautiful...the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky...the pleasant summer sun...how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.” *Worship and Rejoice, page 30*

## STICK WITH LOVE IF WE WANT OTHERS TO CHANGE

Rev. Dr. Timothy Duchesne

“I have decided to stick with love because hate is too greater burden to bear.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Today the words of Dr. King echo in my heart, as I reflect on him and as I share in creating the future in which I would like to live.

From our political and religious landscape there is way too much in to hate, that evokes anger, fear, frustration, despair and hopelessness, and then there are the people who cause all that nonsense. Sometimes I grow tired of saying, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do...”

Then this character I have decided to follow says: “love your enemies” and Dr. King says “stick with love.”

Jesus’ greatest hope is that we learn to live in love with one another. That love will be our inspiration and motivation rather than fear and hate. But how do we do that?

Here are three things that I have found helpful in practically choosing to live in love rather than get stuck in hate.

### 1. Give Up Wanting

I think of all the things that I want to be different. I catch myself saying: “I will be happy when...”

This is a guaranteed way to stay miserable especially if the “when” is someone else changing. What we have done is put our happiness in the hands of someone who either doesn’t care or is a very slow learner. The real question is: “how do we want to wait while the other person gets around to changing?”

I can live in love as I wait rather than wait in hate. Or it is waiting with happiness while I work for those things that I want. This is the twinkle in the eye of the great justice seekers. It is not denial of the injustice that abounds, but that they work with love and happiness in their hearts as they bring justice to the world.

Years ago, giving up wanting was a daily habit until became an unconscious habit. I would find myself getting cranky while I was driving and being stopped by a red light. I would catch myself saying, “I will be happy when the light turns green or I get where I am going.”

I intentionally transformed it by saying: “It is with happiness that I will wait for the light to turn green.” This may sound simple, but for me it was a highly effective spiritual discipline, that became a profound habit of happiness.

### 2. Transforming Demands into Preferences

Resentment is not a natural consequence of what others do to us. Resentment is something we do in the present moment in the darkness of what others have done to us. The mechanism of resentment is simple: it is an angry rumination in the present moment in which we “demand” that somebody or something would have been different yesterday.

But demanding the past would have been different, regardless of the rights or wrongs of yesterday, doesn’t change yesterday it just makes us miserable today. The solution is to change the demand into a preference. This keeps intact our values and radically reduces the level of resentment in the present moment. We can “prefer” rather than “demand” that others would have behaved differently.

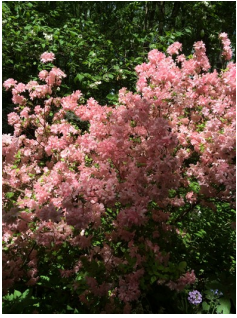
Living from a place of preference rather than demand is also helpful when contemplating the future. Demanding that people will behave in certain ways in the future is incredibly arrogant and will keep you in a world of denial, because most people aren't going to change to suit you. Living in an attitude of preference keeps intact our values and is a gentler more realistic and loving way of living.

### 3. Wishing Our Enemies Well (and not in the well)

I have no idea what would be good for me or good for anyone else. I have prayed with great fervor for things that I thought were right and good only to see something else happen, often greater than I even imagined.

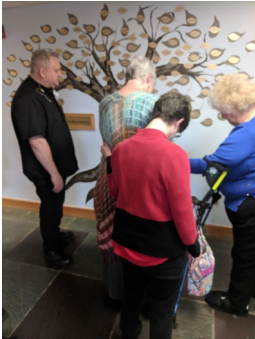
So I am starting to stop praying for people and myself to receive specific things. Instead I surrender people into the goodness of God without ever defining what that good would be. I simply know that it will be good for them, good for me, and good for all of humanity. *(continued on next page)*





I have also found that when we pray for our enemies it is rarely for their benefit, but it is actually for our benefit. We want others to see the error of their ways so they will act differently so we can feel better. And so I can wish my enemies well but I do not define what that well is. I sometimes imagine a great concern of unconditional love, and surrender the person into that ocean while I also am safely in that ocean. Sometimes they need to be over the horizon, sometimes in the next bay or perhaps a few feet away. I know the ocean is not mine to give but I do know where I can be in that ocean when they are also in that ocean.

I find that these three things provide a foundation for beholding others in an attitude of love rather than an attitude of hate. This attitude of love can then inspire action in the world. I wish you a very blessed day and the joy of sticking to love.



### REMEMBRANCE TREE

On Sunday, May 13, Carol & Marsha Williams placed a leaf remembering Gene Williams on our Remembrance Tree in the Narthex. Janet Campbell & Pastor Tim both said a prayer in front of the tree honoring the placement.

If you would like to purchase a leaf remembering a loved one, please see Pastor Tim or Janet Campbell.



### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 13, we took a few minutes to thank everyone who makes our worship services possible. Acolytes, choir, ushers, visual displays, Friday Volunteers, Communion Guild, and so many others make our weekly worship services possible. **THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE.**




**CREATIVE DISPLAY DIRECTOR**  
 Do you have a knack for decor?  
 Do you have a heart for showing God's love in a visual, decorative way?  
 Then, We Need YOU!  
 See Pastor Tim for info.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM OF BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Proudly Presents  
**Vacation Bible Camp 2018**  
**SUNDAY JULY 15 TO**  
**THURSDAY JULY 19**

**4:30 - 7:00 PM**

For children

**4 years-through Grade 5**

**Please register by 7/1/2018**

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# *The Eastern Pennsylvania Evangelical Connection*

Invites you to breakfast

Friday, June 15, 7 am—9 am

\$15 Pre-registration required by June 7

(buffet includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, home fries, Danish, and beverages)

Theatre Room of Arnold's Family Fun Center

(next door to the Oaks Expo Center)

With special speaker Reverend Thomas Lambrecht

*"Finding a Faithful Way Forward"*



Reverend Lambrecht is an ordained elder in the Wisconsin annual conference, and the Vice President and General Manager of Good News, a 50-year old renewal movement within The United Methodist Church. He was one of the original trustees who formed the Wesleyan Covenant Association and currently serves on the WCA Council. He is a member of the Bishops' Commission on a Way Forward.

Detach here

I (we) will attend the breakfast: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)

Please make checks payable to "EPEC" and send by June 7 to: Jane Bonner, PO Box 259, Media, PA 19063

Church \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pastor: Tim Duchesne

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross

Lay Leader: Lee Paylor

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music:

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

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



## Our **M**ission **S**tatement

God **CALLS** us to **Care, Accept, Love, Laugh and Serve**

## Summer **W**orship **S**chedule

June 3—September 2

8:30 AM	Early Worship
10:00 AM	Traditional Worship

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