



June 2013

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

A TRUSTEE'S VIEW OF THE CHURCH

The Trustees are charged with “managing church property, equipment, and investments to support the vision and mission of the church”. On Sunday, May 5th, I spoke to the congregation about how we trustees view our beautiful church in a somewhat different fashion than most folks. I’m glad that many persons can come to our church and experience a fulfilling connection with God. However, as I pointed out, the trustees have to get below the surface, and some things under there that aren’t so pretty.

Ellen Duffy-Fritz in her presentation pointed out that the trustees have a nominal annual operating budget of \$102,000. However, the church’s overall operating for this year is underfunded by \$60,000 which means that the actual budget for trustees is about \$88,000. Moreover, this budget includes no provisions for capital projects. So, we are not only unable to consider any capital projects, we don’t currently have enough money to pay the expected bills.

The trustee’s budget includes Roger’s salary (like most of us, he can’t afford to work for free), utilities (gas & electric at about \$2,100/month), cleaning supplies, snow removal (a serious storm costs >\$1,400), grass, leaves, paint, shrubs, light bulbs, the copier, etc.

There are a number of capital and major maintenance projects that need doing in the next few years and for which there is no money. Here are a few examples:

- The retaining wall by Schieck Hall (~\$9,000)
- Roof over the kitchen and choir room (~\$11,000)
- Rotten windows in the parsonage (~\$11,000)
- 40+ windows in the church are single paned and cost several hundred dollars a month in higher utility bills (rough estimate, \$25,000)
- Our beautiful cut-glass windows in the sanctuary have no protective glazing on the outside (~\$5,000).
- New parts are no longer available for the electrical panels (rough estimate, \$20,000).
- Water leak above the Sacristy. (rough estimate, \$8,000)

I’ve enumerated ~\$90,000 of projects for which there is no current means for funding.

Although this is a serious problem, it is not insurmountable. We literally have the means to fund these projects within the church. To borrow from Pogo, “We have met the means and they is us”.

The answer is tithing - and regular tithing at that. We as a church don’t do it – very few us individuals do it (depending on how one measures it, I stand guilty as charged). Now, this article is not about the philosophical or historical basis for tithing. That’s a topic for another article. This article is about maintaining and sustaining the church we love – a church that makes a difference in the world as Gary pointed out in a recent message. The first of our produce – the first 10% - we are to return to God. This is not so much gift to God; it’s all God’s in the first place. The 10% we return is a small token to remind us of the other 90% that God gave us.

Brian Walker

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

"Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be frightened, and don't be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 was a memory verse for us when I was a boy in our local Bible Club. I don't doubt that many United Methodist pastors think of it whenever the District Superintendent calls to talk about moving to a different place.

One year ago, my family was packing up to move to Berwyn. Moving always is a stressful time of upheaval. There were ways that God prepared us to be ready to move. But in spite of God's call and loving presence, it's difficult to remove all sense of uncertainty and downright fear.

So one year after coming to "wherever you go", I must express my gratitude to the congregation of Berwyn United Methodist. I often repeat what I believe, that Jesus is with us, Jesus goes beside as we travel and Jesus meet us at every destination. I have found it to be especially true that Jesus and his love was here at this "wherever" in the people who welcomed us to Berwyn.

Home has to be a flexible concept for families in United Methodist itinerancy. At one point in his ministry Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother" (Mark 3: 33, 34 CEB).

Berwyn UMC has a distinctive charism, a gift that flows from God's love. There's great potential here to fulfill Jesus' idea of people becoming brothers, sisters and mothers to Jesus and each other in a way that transcends traditional family and clan. There are churches that are family in a restrictive way, so close knit that others can't come in. But Berwyn balances becoming brothers, sisters and mothers to each other with embracing new comers practically immediately with welcome that touches the heart. It seems that no matter what one member is going through there is often someone willing to come forward to offer understanding because they are willing to share what they've been through themselves.

I have been a beneficiary of your gift. It has been a year of coming to know you as brothers, sisters and mothers with God as our own dear Father.

I am in awe of this sacred gift of love and pray that we will cherish it and find out more and more what God wants us to do with it. Being the Family of God in truth does not go unchallenged in today's world. Pray with me that God will light the path that leads us further up and further into what God created Berwyn UMC to be.

Thank You!



VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2013

WHEN: SUNDAY JULY 14 to Thursday JULY 18

4:30 – 7:30PM Light Supper included

FOR WHO: For children 4 years –through Grade 5

Please register by 7/1/2013



It is our mission to team with families to help children grow in the confidence and understanding of the love of God. This year, our theme is *Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together*. Children will experience the love of Jesus, meet welcoming friends from the Bible and reach out to their neighbors in other countries. In addition to the Bible stories, music, games, science and crafts will be provided.

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 1st for lowest price. Registration form can be found on our website, www.berwynumc.org, church office and the church narthex.

Cindy Shallcross, Children's Coordinator

SPIRIT CAFE

With the seasonal closing of the Hospitality Suite on June 2nd, it will be time for the **Spirit Cafe** to open for the summer. The MECCA Committee is looking for any and all who would be willing to host the Cafe for one Sunday. As you may recall, the Cafe is a casual snacking experience with no formal dress attire or reservations necessary. So, check your calendars and be on the lookout for a sign up sheet coming soon in the Narthex.

Also, Carol Williams will be "working the crowd" to get as many signatures as possible to fill in the host/hostess duties.

Thank you.

MECCA

(Membership & Congregational Care Committee)

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Dick Sharpless, Paul Polasky and Brian Walker for doing lawn maintenance at the Salem UMC Cemetery in May. This is an ongoing project in cooperation with the men of Valley Forge UMC and Paoli UMC. This shared task comes around for us about every six weeks, and we welcome all persons who would be willing to join us for about 1-1/2 hours on that schedule, for the greater good and glory of God.

DART Parent Session of April 23, 2013

Speaker: Sean Smith MeD Adolescent Therapist

Topic: What is Long Term Recovery - The Journey is Life Long



The Maintenance Stage of Recovery includes:

1. Attending a **group** such as Rehab after School, Narcotics Anonymous or Alcoholics Anonymous. The rule is 90 meetings in 90 days when they start the out-patient recovery process. If your teen will not attend meetings: Make a contract. You might have to "take stuff away." Be sure they have a sponsor. At first, they might not want to attend meetings, but usually young people learn to love going. Kids learn from each other.

2. **Nurturing faith** in a higher power is considered to be crucial to maintaining sobriety. Attending church is helpful to recovering addicts.

3. **Change of people, places and things.** One must stop associating with people who are not sober. Do not go to places in which there are negative influences around. Participate in positive activities. People need to find their passion. It is excellent to have a hobby because addiction needs to be replaced with something else.

4. Receiving ongoing **encouragement** of family and friends. It might appear that addicts feel fabulous about themselves. In reality, the opposite is true. They tend to have low self esteem and they use drugs or alcohol to fill the void. Tell your child you love them because knowing they are cared for is very important. Recognize it is not easy for an addict to remain sober.

Make this clear to your child: "While it may seem like all teens do drugs and alcohol; that is not true." It is good for kids in recovery to do things together, but they require supervision. Teens need close monitoring. Never feel guilty about checking their room because it is in your house.

The number of people in recovery has grown in the last 10 years. This would also indicate addiction is on the rise. Recovery is a family process. There are groups for parents and family members of addicts. This is warfare and you need as much ammunition as possible. Groups help people realize they are not alone. There is family therapy available. Setting boundaries with your child is very important.

Working with an individual therapist can be helpful, especially in the early days of sobriety.

BUMNS

The last day of school was on Thursday, May 23rd. It does not seem possible the school year is over. Many thanks are due to Pastor Jacobella, Veronica Mosely, Janet and Jack Campbell and many other church members who support our pre-school. Kind words, encouragement and smiles go a long way.

The children wrapped up the school year with field trips to the Great Valley Nature Center, Tyler Arboretum and picnics at school. The 5 Day performed songs for the mothers on May 10th in the chapel. The concert was followed by a "Muffin with Mom" time in the classrooms.

Camp Fun begins on May 28th. Camp is an unstructured, event-filled two weeks for the children. Special days during Camp Fun include: Water Day, Messy Paint Day, Red Light/ Green Light Day, and Pirate Day. The children look forward to attending Camp Fun at BUMNS.

Janet Wham

LAY LEADER LETTER

There have been several presentations lately about the budget and tithing. It can be difficult to talk about money in a public setting and I think that having conversations about the financial health of our congregation is healthy. There are probably as many different reasons for tithing as there are people. The motivation to tithe can come from a desire to have a beautiful place to worship, the Sunday School programs, children's programs, missions, the music program, and many, many more.

We each live as part of many communities including our neighborhoods, scouts, work, and church. I view the members of my church community as some of my best friends or even family. To me, family is a unique group that is so much more than a typical community. We love, grief, and celebrate each other's life events together. Our community gives to each other without hesitation. Recently, I found myself fighting walking pneumonia. On my most difficult day, I asked Kristine to send an email to the prayer chain. I knew the help I was about to receive and am grateful for all of the prayers and concerns that have aided my healing and strength. This unconditional love and caring extends way beyond illness into every day life. In more normal circumstances, my family and I also benefit many of the programs at Berwyn UMC including men's group, music, children's programs, Bible study, Sunday worship, and many more. I find it important for me to give back to the community that organizes and provides so much.

I feel a duty to give back to the community that provides so much. There are several ways to demonstrate my appreciation and responsibility to participate in a community that means so much to me. Doing my part to help the programs and people continue their amazing work, to help others, share their love, and build a community provides more satisfaction than any other investment I could make.

FINANCES

The past few weeks a special spring stewardship campaign along with a special fundraiser by the Trustees for renovations and repairs on the church have been underway. This has led to questions on the ABCs of special giving.

On E-giving, you have the option of a one time, weekly, or monthly giving. Credit cards charge a variable fee of about 1-3% of the amount giving, so if you wish for your all of your money to go to helping the church have it draw from your bank accounts directly. As summer is about to begin E-giving enables you to give even while you are away during vacations. It allows you to painlessly contribute in a consistent manner. When you use E-giving there are three options. First, you can give to the general fund. Second, you can give to the mortgage service fund to help pay the mortgage loan. Third, there is memorial giving which says "In Memory of", for the Trustee Building fundraiser if you use the "In Memory of" and put in the word TRUSTEE next to it, the money will be giving to that fund.

For traditional check/cash giving, you have your envelopes and envelopes in the pews. You have your general white envelope in your envelope box for general funds, pink envelopes in your giving box which is for mortgage services. In the pews are white envelopes with a cross on them which can be used for general funds, special offerings, or for visitors to use. Finally for the Trustee Fund Raiser we will have envelopes in the pews marked for the campaign and you can give directly to that by using those envelopes.

We continue to thank our congregation for their steadfast support and ask for them to be in continual prayer for our church and community.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Fritz, Stewardship Coordinator 2013

2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Emily Andersen



Victoria Brittany Duffie-Fritz – will graduate from Conestoga High School and will attend Gettysburg College with dual majors in History and Psychology.

Scott Godwin – will graduate from Iona Preparatory School in New Rochell, New York. Scott is the grandson of Jean and Ann West.



Andres Montaner - Andres Larson Montaner will be graduating from Conestoga High School this June. He's attending Penn State University (University Park campus) in the fall and is planning to study Criminology.



Emily Miccariello - She is going to attend Stevenson College in Maryland, September, class of 2017! She will major in nursing and minor in psychology!

Zachary Phelps



Emily Robie – Graduating from Conestoga High School. She will attend Towson University

Asa Walker

2013 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Abigail Brinn - graduated from Drew University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Writing. Abigail is the granddaughter of Jean & Ann West.

Kristi Lynn Shepps - Graduated Lock Haven University, December 2012. BS Degree in Education, her future plans includes a position as the head coach for the girl's soccer team at Penn Manor Middle School, Lancaster PA and upcoming wedding on June 1, 2013. Kristi is the Granddaughter of Dottie Wilhelmy and daughter of Debbie and Michael Shepps of Lancaster, PA.

IAN ONG

In case you are wondering "Who is that very talented pianist who has played the prelude at the 10:30 hour worship services on Sunday, April 28 and May 12?" It is Ian Ong. Ian and his parents, along with his 8 year old brother, Ryan, and his 5 year old sister, Eva, moved to the Berwyn area this past January from Pittsburgh. Ian is in the 7th grade at T-E Middle School. Besides playing the piano, he plays the violin in the TE orchestra and the saxophone in the school band. In addition to his music, Ian enjoys swimming, tennis, and computers. Math and science are his favorite subjects at school. Both of Ian's parents are natives of Singapore. Berwyn United Methodist welcomes this family to our area and want to give a special "thank you" to Ian for sharing his musical gifts with our congregation.

MISSIONS

Easter Offering

The Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous Easter contributions. Your donations enabled BUMC to send \$1302.50 to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line and \$1302.50 to the Chester County Food Bank. The Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line is committed to helping homeless families in our community to achieve lasting independence. The Chester County Food Bank is a non-profit organization that collects, grows, processes, stores and distributes food to those who serve the hungry of Chester County Pennsylvania. Both local and worthy causes appreciate our support.

Hats and Mittens Galore, Hats and Mittens No More

The United Methodist Neighborhood Services has communicated that they have an abundance of hats and mittens. The Missions committee knows that some of our members begin collecting early in the year for our annual Christmas "Mitten Tree" drive. This year we are asking for your support in a different way. Dr. White indicated that the need has shifted to children's clothing. So instead of hats and mittens, we will be asking for children's socks, underwear, shirts, and pants during the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for all of your support.

Mt. Zion School Supplies and Toiletries Drive

The Missions Committee will be collecting school supplies and men's toiletries for Mt. Zion United Methodist Church throughout the summer. Our goal is to have an abundance of supplies for the students in North Philadelphia by mid-August. Please look for a supply list and donation box in the Narthex. The toiletries will be taken to the shelter supported by Mt. Zion.

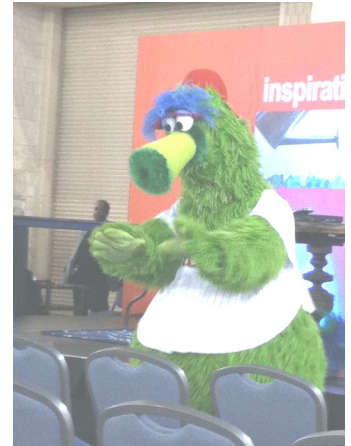
COMMUNITY SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer we will be studying Beth Moore's "To Live as Christ", a study on the life of Paul. Once again, Berwyn United Methodist Church will be the host location for this invigorating study. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings starting June 11 from 7-9 PM for ten weeks. Books can be purchased on the first night for \$25.

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES

Get your tickets! Save the date! United Methodist Night at the Phillies is August 17 vs the LA Dodgers at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$30 and a portion of the money goes to the United Methodist Men, EPA Conference. Berwyn UMC has reserved a block of tickets. To order tickets, email Nancy Atchison – nancy_atchison@verizon.net. To pay for the tickets, make your check payable to Berwyn UMC, mark it Phillies and put it in the collection plate or return to the office.

DEADLINE – JUNE 15.



GIVING FROM OUR SECOND POCKET

Most of us segregate our finances into two pockets. One is our "income" and includes salaries, bonuses and other earnings for the year. The second is our "assets" and includes our savings accounts, investments, life insurance, etc. Our pledges and gifts each year usually come from pocket one and go to the General Fund to pay our annual expenses. This giving is of primary importance. Bequest and Planned Gifts to an Endowment Fund usually come from pocket two and are invested to increase the principal of the Fund. Only the income (interest, dividends, and appreciation/depreciation) is available for approved programs and projects of our church.

The Endowment Committee encourages you (and me) to consider planned giving to our Endowment Fund using assets from our second pocket. These gifts should not diminish our annual giving or detract from our efforts to give more. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are an investment in our future. The annual distributions used for God's work through BUMC will grow as the size of the Fund increases.

A great thing about a contribution to the Endowment Fund is that it is a gift that keeps on giving. Think about it – no matter the size of the gift it becomes a permanent part of the Fund's principal and produces income for special needs year after year!

If you would like help in planning a gift that best serves you, e.g. provides best tax advantage, we can arrange it. Contact Rosalie Hart at (610) 647- 5264 for more information.

Rosalie Hart for the Endowment Committee



The United Methodist Church is hosting a rally for men at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. on July 12-14. The title is “**INSIDE OUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**” - featuring tremendous speakers such as Bishop James Swanson and Rev. Shane Bishop and NFL Two Time Super Bowl Champion Don Davis and outstanding music talent! This is the place for your men to experience the kind of renewal that came from “*Promise Keepers*” and the great days of “*Purdue*”.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference UMM are putting together buses that will leave from the **Conference headquarters in Valley Forge on Thursday evening, 11 July, arriving late Friday morning in Nashville**. We will be back home at 6am Monday morning. Now if you remember, John Wesley said that the gathering was as important as the program itself. Here is a great opportunity for your men to meet and have fellowship with their fellow **Christian brothers** on the trip and during the weekend.

Please download www.ummgathering.org for a full listing of all of the great events, seminars, workshops, leadership training sessions and Scouting ministry training that will be available. Shucks, they even have a **3 on 3 basketball tournament** for your men.

Costs: The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference UMM have put together a package that includes the bus, room, registration and all meals in Nashville for \$500 – a little more if you stay off campus. Please promote this great gathering for all of your men - but especially for your younger men. Please look for ways of providing support for these younger men in your Church, **perhaps a financial scholarship!** Listen, I know many of our **Churches** have only a few young men, but this is exactly why we need to step forward and show them that the United Methodist Church is there for them.

To register, please email or call Tom Hurd at thurdin_37@comcast.net or 215/368-0674. For questions, email or call Ross Brightwell at rossbrightwell@verizon.net or 215/643-1269.

We need reservations by June 1st.

WORSHIP

The Worship committee is planning a few outdoor chapel worship services for this summer. Mark your calendars!

- **June 30** - We will have our regular two services 8:30am and 10:30am. The 10:30 service will be outdoors. Our annual church picnic will be held following the 10:30 service.
- **July 21** - One service will be held at 9:00 am.
- **Aug 4** - One service will be held at 9:00 am.
- **Aug 18** - One service will be held at 9:00 am.
- **Sept 8**—Rally Day - There will be two services, 8:30am and 10:30 am. 10:30 service will be outdoors.

SPRING PICNIC FOR BUSY UMW

It's been an active season for Berwyn UMW. Please join in a time of fellowship before we take a break over the summer. All are invited to my home on Sunday, June 9th @ 12:30 pm for a salad and dessert picnic.

RSVP to me at CACHerry1@comcast.net or call 610-644-8864.

Thanks and God bless!

Carol Cherry

News items of interest to members of BUMC

- **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 Jacobella at 484-318-6389.
- It's that time again...**Spring cleaning for the Fall Festival !!** It is a mere 6 months away—October 12! We would LOVE all of the treasures you will find. If you have donations please let Cindy Shallcross or Stephanie Borrelly know and we will open the Scout Cabin to receive them.
- Mark your calendars: **FREE YOUTH CAR WASH**, Saturday, June 1st. 10am to 3pm at Devon Liberty Gas Station.



YOUTH: UPDATE: Flocks Were Flying in April!

All April long, fantastic flocks of pink flamingos landed on lawns around our community to raise funds for the BUMC youth and young adult mission and service projects. Thank you to everyone who participated by buying insurance and flocking friends and neighbors! We flocked over 30 lawns and sold 20 insurance policies!

****Through this fun fundraiser we raised over \$1,240!! THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!!**** This money will go to support the youth and young adults in their mission and service projects

UPDATE: Broad Street Ministry and 30 hour Famine a Success!!

On April 26th and 27th, the youth and young adults raised money and went without food for 30 hours to help in the fight against worldwide hunger. Through this mission, the money raised will go to feed hungry children around the world. While fasting, 14 youth, young adults, and chaperones went to Broad Street Ministry to learn about the mission of Broad Street and support and participate in the different projects they are involved with. Our group this year was assigned to a park clean-up project. We spent our Saturday raking, picking up trash, and cleaning the beds of the Lighthouse Park in the Kensington area of North Philadelphia. These flower beds are to be used for teaching children about planting and encouraging them to plant flowers for their mothers for gifts.

This was a fun, educational, and spiritual weekend enjoyed by all!! Ask a youth or young adult about their experience! Thank you to everyone who sponsored us during our fasting. We truly appreciate your generosity!

****Through the 30 Hour Famine Fundraiser we met our goal of feeding 5 hungry children!! We raised \$1,813! This money will be sent through World Vision where it is most needed. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!****



From left:

Top Row:

Keith Fritz, Sarah Baker, Cindy Shallcross, Brett Shallcross, Gary Jacobella, Jake Dunn

Bottom Row:

Fredy Tuez-Chumpitaz, Brittany Duffie-Fritz, Mark DeStefano, Laura Stockler, Olivia Jacobella, Javier Montaner

*Sign up to greet visitors and members
or to deliver flowers to the ill and home bound.*

Narthex Greeter

Flower Delivery

June 2 Judy Fisk

Carol Williams

June 9 Sue Farina

Sue Farina

June 16 Jack Campbell

TBA

June 23 TBA

TBA

June 30 TBA

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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.



The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: August 14

The Lighted Cross will be taking a break during July and August. Our next issue will be September 2013. 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 14. 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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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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