



May 2009

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

FROM THE PASTOR

Our church's mission opportunities

Sister Relationship with Roca Eterna: In the Fall of 2006, as a faith community, we established a sister relationship with Roca Eterna Evangelical Methodist Church in Ahuachapan, El Salvador. Since then we have supported the educational opportunities of many of their youth through the scholarship fund and in general we have helped this congregation in mission and ministry with an annual commitment of \$1,200. The Lord has been blessing the work at Roca Eterna as evidenced by an increase in membership, and the attendance at the church school and worship services. Our annual commitment has helped this congregation embark on an adult literacy program and a feeding program for children, as well as to remodel and repair their sanctuary. They have also used a portion of it to start a new congregation in the neighborhood of La Providencia. The name of the new church start is the Divine Providence Evangelical Methodist Church. In August, when this new church was opened, there were 30 adults and 70 children in attendance. In December, the congregation of La Providencia began constructing a building for the use of the gathered people of God. The news of all that is happening reached us on Dec. 12, 2008, via an e-mail from Pastor Jose Domingo Moran Lopez. In late February we sent them our annual commitment for this year. Your generosity and thoughtfulness enable us to be in ministry with our brothers and sisters in Ahuachapan.

District Challenge: For the next few years we have been challenged by the Central District, to which we belong, to send mission teams and money to help with the rebuilding of the Mid-Town Parish Church. The church building of the past had been condemned for many years, and the members have been worshipping at a community center in the neighborhood. The vision of our District Superintendent is that "we" (the members of the Central District) rebuild that church. In past years many churches in the District have sent mission teams to different parts of our country — the Gulf Coast and Appalachia — and to different parts of the world — Africa, Russia, the Caribbean and Latin America, to name a few. The hope and prayer is that we would be able to create the excitement and the momentum that we build when we are going abroad for Mid-Town Parish. Our engagement in this special mission should have especial significance for us here at BUMC, as some years ago we had an ongoing relationship with this church when the Kensills worked there. We can rekindle that relationship and join with our brothers and sisters there in making an important dream come true to the glory and honor of God.

Relationship with Mount Zion: Over the last two Christmases we have partnered with Mount Zion in reaching out to the homeless in the Philadelphia area. Hopefully you remember the moving reports made by Betsy Newman in the articles she wrote for The Lighted Cross. We are making plans to take one small step further in developing an ongoing relationship with this church. We had a meeting with their pastor, the Rev'd Tom Jackmon, where we thought of swapping pulpits and engaging in their children ministry. Another meeting is being planned with the mission committee and key members of Mount Zion. We hope that before long we would be able to share with you some of the concrete plans we will be proposing to the Administrative Board for the effective implementation of building this relationship with Mount Zion in Philadelphia.

Pastor Phil

VOICES FROM THE FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Giving freely, because we want to glorify God

Tax season has just passed – a huge relief to those of us who filed on time. As frustrating as it is to see our hard-earned money being passed to the government, we know it's a necessary part of life that benefits us as a community.

We may not approve of every government initiative being funded on our dime, yet we know that our lives could not exist as they are without the government's financing things like transportation, infrastructure, national security, and other basic needs. Some of the government money goes to charitable aid programs as well. Did you know that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) spends over \$50 billion a year on humanitarian efforts? This includes immunizations, disaster relief, rural farming programs, education, basic health concerns, and much more. Knowing that at least a portion of our money is making a difference in the world can make paying taxes less of a chore. I like to think of it as "giving" to the government.

Likewise, we give to the church to do good, both in community and global outreach, as well as provide our basic needs as a congregation—electricity, heat, snow removal, etc. I've always wondered what it would be like if there was a "church tax." Would the body of the church operate more efficiently if we reported our income to the finance secretary, took 10 percent off our earnings, and never gave it another thought? Perhaps, but then we might feel the same way about giving to God as we do about giving our taxes to the government. Instead, we are blessed with the opportunity to give from our hearts and support our church not because we have to, but because we want to offer our gifts to God.

It is important for us to bear in mind that we are operating at a deficit budget for 2009. Even if we give 100% of what we have pledged, our church will still spend more than we take in for the year. On top of this, several uncontrollable expenses, such as snow removal, have gone over budget for the year. The finance committee is making every effort to control spending, but the reality is our budget is so barebones that any unexpected expense puts us in the red.

As faithful followers of Christ, we have confidence that our needs will be met through extra giving by those who are able. To date, our income is doing well as the result of a few large gifts, but we can't always count on these to come. As individuals, we need to remember to give from our hearts regularly so that the church can continue to be effective in the community and the world. The numbers below reflect our finances as of the end of March.

Ryan Benton

Financial results/ March 31, 2009

March 2009	Actual	Budget	favorable (unfavorable)	% of budget
Contribution Income	\$88,560	\$89,250	(\$690)	99%
Contrib - Mortgage fund	\$1,430	\$2,052	(\$622)	70%
Other Income	\$13,965	\$13,059	\$906	107%
Expense	\$120,712	\$114,153	(\$6,559)	106%
gain(loss)	(\$16,757)	(\$9,792)	(\$6,965)	

Summer Sundays at outdoor chapel: June 21, July 12 and Aug. 9

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Freddy Tuez built a chapel in the woods at the back of the church. We used it once last year when it was dedicated to the honor and glory of God. At a recent Worship Committee meeting we decided that we would like to use the chapel a little more this year.

To this end, weather permitting, the Sunday morning services for June 21, July 12 (also be the day for our all-church picnic) and Aug. 9 will be held in the open air at the chapel. Please bring your lawn chairs.

There was a concern that there may be some of us who will not be able to walk there after parking. Please note that if you need to, you are invited to drive into the area of the chapel for parking on these days of worship at the Chapel in the Woods. We look forward to worshipping together in our outdoor chapel on the appointed days.

We want to recognize your 2009 graduates



It is coming close to that time of year – high school and college graduations. If you have a family member who will be graduating from high school or college this spring, we would love to know about it.

All graduates are invited to attend our Graduation Sunday service on June 14. The church would like to recognize all of our graduates and celebrate their achievements at that service.

The graduates also will be saluted in the June issue of The Lighted Cross.

Please give us the graduate's name, school, degree (in the case of a college), a summary of school activities and accomplishments, and plans for the future. You can e-mail the information to Kristine Adams at kristineadamspc@verizon.net or you can mail the information to her. Her home address is in the church directory.

MOVIES THAT MAKE YOU THINK

A documentary on three 'lost boys' of Sudan

The Church & Society Committee will show "God Grew Tired of Us" at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

This is an award-winning, critically acclaimed documentary, narrated by Nicole Kidman. It explores the indomitable spirit of three "Lost Boys" from the Sudan who are forced to leave their homeland because of a tumultuous civil war. The documentary chronicles their triumph over seemingly insurmountable adversities and a relocation to America, where the Lost Boys build active and fulfilling new lives but remain deeply committed to helping friends and family they have left behind.

The children's feature will be "Nim's Island."

MISSION MEMO

Our members are helping 9 El Salvador students

Our support of our sister church, Roca Eterna in El Salvador, includes scholarships for the education of nine students. BUMC members contributed \$4,365 to provide scholarships. We are fully funding the tuition of elementary students and half the tuition of college students. We have personal relationships with most of these recipients, as they worked with us on our mission trips in 2007 and 2008. Education is key to providing these young people a better future. Thank you!

The scholarship contributions from individual members of our congregation are in addition to BUMC's contribution of \$100 a month to Roca Eterna. In his message on page one of this newsletter, Pastor Phil provides details of the good work financed by that contribution.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Lenten and Easter projects of BUMC. We delivered 50 bags of food to United Methodist Neighborhood Services. Special thanks go to the Good Friday Choir members who helped us load the bags into cars for delivery; to Nancy Atchison for driving to Philadelphia with me; and to Jacob Nemetz and Freddy Tuez, who rode with us and unloaded the cars in Philadelphia. Your generous gifts in the Easter Offering will help us support the work of the district to rebuild Mid-Town United Methodist Church, and summer mission projects of our youth.

We are excited that Meredith Whittaker, the missionary who coordinates the work done at Cookson Hills, Okla., will visit with us at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. This inspiring speaker visited us several years ago. Her work with the poor on the Indian Reservation includes including helping people with substance-abuse problems. Lunch will be served after her presentation.

Betsy Newman

An eco-village will be built to aid youth in Kenya

The Children and Youth Empowerment Centre is a program for street children in Kenya that our church supported last Easter and with funds from the Penny Jar. The CYEC has more than 160 children in residential care, and provides educational and social services for an additional 60 children.

Penn State University is collaborating with the CYEC to design and build a Zawadi eco-village to facilitate the exit from residential care for these children and youth. (Zawadi is Swahili for "gift.") Because they do not have homes to return to, when these young people finish their education they are at high risk for returning to the street. The Zawadi village will have agricultural production and other income-generating activities and training to provide income and employment for the youth.

The design and building of the Zawadi village will include low-cost innovative building technology (using earth), water harvesting and management methods, clean and renewable energy production techniques, and sustainable waste-handling approaches. In May, more than 30 Penn State students will travel to Kenya to build prototypes of the facilities and infrastructure they have designed. The students are raising funds for the construction. For more information: Janelle Larson, JBL6@psu.edu or 610-688-6014.

The following prayer was written by Simon Maina, coordinator of the CYEC agricultural program:

Praised be you, my lord, for our Mother Earth. From the earth you created us and from earth are varied fruit with colored flowers and herbs that sustain us.

Thank you, Lord for the CYEC. From this Centre we are empowered to be efficient, sustainable community developers and effective community leaders. You have called us to be protectors of the earth and promoters of a development strategy that encourages the full participation of all your people.

Lord, inspire all women and men to be active participants in this development process.

Lord, grant us the zeal, commitment, dedication, hope and courage to fulfill your call to sustain Mother Earth and promote holistic development of all your people. Amen.

SECOND IN A SERIES

What Spiritual Gifts *are not*, and what they *are*

Last month, I gave an introduction to Spiritual Gifts that focused on two areas: the scriptural basis for the existence of Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12:1-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, Ephesians 4:1-16 and 1 Peter 4:10-11) and five themes that Charles Bryant, in his book *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts*, suggests arise from these passages. In his book, Bryant suggests that based on his studies, there are at least 32 Spiritual Gifts, 21 of which are mentioned in the highlighted passages of scripture:

Prophecy	Helps	Suffering	Service
Pastor	Mercy	Healings	Spirit-Music
Teaching	Missionary	Prayer Language	Craftsmanship
Wisdom	Evangelism	Interpretation	Exorcism
Knowledge	Hospitality	Apostle	Miracles
Exhortation	Faith	Singleness	Battle
Discernment	Leadership	Intercessory Prayer	Humor
Giving	Administration	Martyrdom	Poverty

I suspect that God, in his infinite wisdom, continues to make new Spiritual Gifts available to his community of faith. For example, with the widespread use of the Internet, I can't help but believe there are people blessed with a gift of being able to communicate the word of God through use of the Internet. Have you looked at our website lately to see an example of this?

Bryant goes on to list a number of characteristics that he says Spiritual Gifts ARE NOT, and others that describe what Spiritual Gifts ARE.

Among the ARE NOTs ...

- Spiritual Gifts *are not* necessarily learned skills or talents. Just because I am a teacher or accountant in my professional life, it doesn't mean that I should automatically be a Sunday School teacher or chair of the Finance Committee. If that happens to be the case...great. However, I may well be that my Spiritual Gifts are in another area such as Prayer or Mercy. It is important to explore these other areas to see the ways God has blessed you to be in service to his community of faith. The key is to discover what my gifts are.
- Spiritual Gifts *are not* Roles or Offices. You don't have to be a pastor to have the gift of Teaching, Faith or Prayer. Spiritual Gifts are the way that each and every one of us can serve as a conduit for God's message to be shared with those around us.
- Spiritual Gifts *are not* the same for everyone. Wouldn't it be boring if we all possessed the same spiritual gifts? Instead, God has blessed each of us with different gifts that, when working together, create a beautiful mosaic for service in His name.
- Spiritual Gifts *are not* given fully developed. Just as we need to learn to play the piano, knit, or golf, and then practice these skills to become better at them, so too is it with our Spiritual Gifts. We need to try them out, exercise them, learn about them, share them with others so that they can be developed to their fullest potential.

On the other hand, among the AREs ...

- Spiritual Gifts *are* a gift from God to bring joy and happiness as we use them in service to God. As such, it is important to find ways of using our gifts in service as a way of expressing our gratitude to God for the ways in which he has blessed us.
- Spiritual Gifts *are* job descriptions for ministries — descriptions of ways in which we can be of service to God in our various communities of faith.
- Spiritual Gifts *are* a means for discovering God's will for us. This means we should feel empowered to explore, discover and learn in those areas that energize us, while not feeling obligated to try to minister in ways in which we are not gifted, in ways that don't energize us.
- Spiritual Gifts *are* the revealed presence of the living Christ. As each of us uses our gifts, the presence of Christ working in our midst is suddenly visible all around us.

What surprises will you find as you explore your Spiritual Gifts?

Jim Tiede

Camp E.D.G.E.: July 13-18 2009, 4:30-7:30

WANTED: extreme adventurers ready to trek to the E.D.G.E. — *experiencing and discovering God everywhere!*

Would you like to spend a week this summer camping on the edge, complete with extreme adventures, exciting challenges, great music and hours of fun?



Sign up for a Camp E.D.G.E. leadership role and join in an incredible week of adventure and growing in God's love!

We are looking for crafters, food connoisseurs, "interior designers," camp counselors and prayer partners. If one of those sounds like a good fit, contact Camp Director Jessica Simmons at jsimmlove@hotmail.com, or 610-764-0718.

There will be a Camp E.D.G.E. training session at 11 a.m. May 30. Childcare is provided. If you are interested in helping out, you must attend this session.

Registration for campers begins May 5. There are registration forms on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary, or see the BUMC website for an online registration. Registration fees are \$35 per person. If you register after June 15, fees go up to \$45. Make checks payable to BUMC. In the memo line, write "VBS."

In order to get our church looking like summer camp, we need YOUR help! The following is a wish list that the staff has. Drop-off dates in June and July will be announced later. Please label your items clearly so they will be returned to you.

Craft Supplies: Butcher paper (especially white, brown, gray, green or blue); tissue paper (various solid colors); posterboard; cardboard (the bigger, the better); blue cellophane; brown paper bags; green or blue pool noodles; cotton balls.

Environmental Supplies: tree stumps; large logs or driftwood; pine cones; ferns/potted plants; artificial vines or greenery; river rocks; stuffed animals (mountain/forest wildlife); artificial Christmas trees.

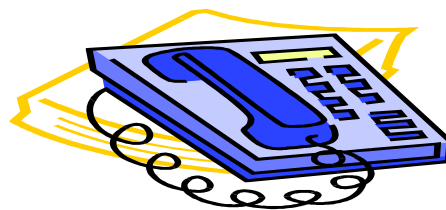
Camping Supplies: tents, sleeping bags; backpacks; camp stools; canteens; plastic swimming pools/inflatable pools; lanterns.

Extreme Sports Equipment: mountain bikes; skateboards; snowboards; skis/ski poles; ropes; hiking boots; inflatable rafts; oars; helmets; compasses.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: May 15

The Lighted Cross is published monthly (except in July and August) 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. Your submissions may have to be edited for length. The next issue will be published June 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website. Submit your items to gene.foreman@verizon.net or use the mailbox in the office.



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FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Thanks for the beautiful music during Holy Week

In the course of Holy Week and Easter, the Choir presented such beautiful music. BUMC is so fortunate to have such a wonderful choir. I am so grateful to have the privilege of working with them.

Our Good Friday service of Dubois *The Seven Last Words* was recorded, and the CDs will be available soon. Stay tuned! For this, we thank Bob Masser of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ambler, who lent us the equipment, and Ryan Benton, who made the recordings.

I would like to express heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the people who so generously contributed toward the expenses of the Good Friday service; the list appears below. On one level, you are supporting the ministry and mission of BUMC. But for me, personally, your affirmation of my ministry is so moving. What this means to me is beyond words. Thank you. Thank you.

Judith Lang

Anonymous

Anonymous, in memory of Kingsley Schubert and Deborah French

Nancy Atchison, in memory of Bob Atchison

Jeff and Ellie Barger, in memory of Robert Pennegar

Mike and Pam Benton, in celebration of our music ministry

Berwyn UMC Choir, in honor of Judith A. Lang

Sally and Nagle Bridwell

Gail and Scott Campbell, in memory of Chelsea

Jack and Janet Campbell, in celebration of our family

Steve and Carol Cherry, with gratitude for the gift of music

Mary and Dave Davis, in memory of Paul and Shirley Mickey

Frank and Sue Farina, in honor of our organist, Judith Lang, and our Choir

Claudia Genuardi

Maxine and Ted Jex, in honor of Commander Robert Jex, serving in the Navy

The Koons Family, in memory of Bob and Helen Anne Koons

Brad and Margi MacKenzie

Alice Holly Nicholas, in memory of Jacque Leiser

Chuck and Elaine Parvin, in memory of Jacque Leiser

John and Lee Paylor, in honor of the choir

Jan and Paul Polasky, in honor of Ruthe Cordes, Jan's mother

Zoe Anne and Philip Poncé, in honor of their children

Bill and Sally Robie

Rebecca Sutton, in loving memory of my parents, Lillian P. and James D. Sutton Sr.

Jim and Sue Tiede, in honor of Judith Lang for her wonderful ministry of music

Ann West, in celebration of Judith Lang

Gene and Carol Williams, in memory of Martha and Louis Burns, Carol's grandparents

Gene Williams, in appreciation of the Choir

Men's Fellowship to conclude its history series

The Men's Fellowship will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 9, to conclude its series of programs on United Methodist history. The meeting also will be the group's last before the summer break.

Our speakers will be Rev. Mike Johnson, the husband of our resident bishop, Peggy Johnson, and Ross Brightwell, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of United Methodist Men. They will focus on the work of specific men's ministries in the United Methodist Church, which can be said to have begun with John Wesley's "holy clubs" in 1729, and is active today through the organization of United Methodist Men chapters in many churches and through informal men's fellowships like ours in others. The United Methodist Men organization can trace its beginnings to the establishment of "Methodist Brotherhoods" by the Baltimore Conference in 1908.

Library books added by United Methodist Women

As part of the United Methodist Women's reading program, these new books to have been added to the church library and are available to be signed out:

Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy by Donald B. Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt and David L. Weaver_Zercher "A story our polarized country needs to hear: It is still grace that saves." — Bill Moyers, Public Affairs Television. "Amish Grace tells a story of forgiveness informed by deep faith, rooted in a rich history, and practiced in real life. In an American society that often resorts to revenge, it is a powerful example of the better way taught by Jesus." — Jim Wallis, author, *God's Politics*; president Sojourners/Call to Renewal. "In a world where repaying evil with evil is almost second nature, the Amish remind us there's a better way. In plain and beautiful prose, *Amish Grace* recounts the Amish witness and connects it to the heart of their spirituality." — Sister Helen Prejean, author, *Dead Man Walking*.

Creating a Habitat For Humanity: No Hands but Yours by Jonathan T. M. Reckford, CEO, Habitat for Humanity; foreword by Jimmy Carter. "As one who spends several days each year building houses for Habitat for Humanity, I'm grateful for Jonathan Reckford's inspiring book. He makes the social case for Habitat's activities, stressing the justice issues of poverty housing, and he states the scriptural mandates that should compel all his readers to take up the cause... This book will lead many of its readers to places never imagined... Those who read Jonathan Reckford's book may find their lives forever changed." —Bob Edgar, former general secretary, National Council of Churches USA

WHAT'S GOING ON AT BERWYN UMC

Lydia Circle (United Methodist Women). We will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in the Parlor. Remember to bring your Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offering. We will share the new books we received for the reading program and enjoy each other's company. All women of the church are welcome! Bring a salad, an appetizer or a dessert to share.

ETC (Every Topic Considered) Adult Sunday School Class. The class starts at 9:12 a.m. in the Library. We will continue our discussion of Food and Faith. On May 10 and May 17, Janelle Larson will lead the discussion on agriculture economics, her area of expertise as a professor at Penn State University/Berks campus.

Peace with Justice Sunday, May 18. For this offering, 50 percent stays in Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and the other 50 percent supports Peace with Justice Ministries in the National/International United Methodist Church. Last year, the local offering supported the Sabeel Conference on Israel/Palestine at Villanova (<http://www.fosna.org/content/philadelphia-pa-conference>) and also helped to support the Ex-Offender Re-entry Program of Monroe County (<http://ex-offender.com/>). In addition to these programs, several members attended Ecumenical Advocacy Days (<http://advocacydays.org>) in Washington, D.C. Funds can be requested for special projects using the grant applications found on the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference website (<http://sites.google.com/site/epacswt/Home>). The United Methodist Church supports projects like the following, described on the General Board of Church and Society website (<http://www.umcgbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.2794211/k.BCDB/Home.htm> under Peace with Justice Offering): " 'Motivation for what we do is the crushing poverty in Haiti,' missionary Rick Jost said. 'It brings many people to tears when they see how these people live.' Peace with Justice Sunday witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. Drinking dirty water and cooking over open fires — because one has no choice — are justice issues. By building and taking solar ovens to Haiti, Rick and other United Methodists help poor families pasteurize drinking water and cook healthy meals in a safe environment."

Mark your calendar for Baseball. United Methodist Night at the Phillies is July 11, against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

LENDING A HAND

May 3

Acolyte: Andres Montaner
Liturgist: Mike Benton
Ushers: Jim Tiede, Judy Kim,
David Surine, Frank Farina
Story Time: Kathleen West
Bulletin Preparation: Pat White
Coffee Committee: Jan Polasky,
Cynthia Bushnell, Sondra Wilen
Friday Volunteers: Peh-sun and Hui-chen Ku
Flower Delivery: Jane McDowell

May 10

Acolyte: Zachary Phelps
Liturgists: Barbara and Laura Stockler
Ushers: Gene Foreman, Tom O'Donnell,
Don Kirkland, Brian Donadio
Story Time: Gina DeFlavia
Bulletin Preparation: Sue Farina
Friday Volunteers: Maynard and Doris Krug
Coffee Committee: Pattie Littlewood,
Eloise Levitt, Margi Mackenzie
Flower Delivery: Barbara Borst

May 17

Acolyte: Laura Stockler
Liturgist: Judy Fisk
Ushers: Richard Sharpless, Ryan Benton,
John Edinger, Ted Jex
Story Time: Janelle Larson
Bulletin Preparation: Barbara Borst
Friday Volunteers: John and Peggy Robinson
Coffee Committee: Claudia Gonzalez,
Jamilé Toro
Flower Delivery: Cynthia Bushnell

May 24

Acolyte: Victoria Phelps
Liturgist: Sarah Polasky
Ushers: Hal Craig, John Paylor,
Holly Dillon, Gene Williams
Story Time: Sondra Wilen
Bulletin Preparation: Sue Farina
Friday Volunteer: Barbara Borst
Coffee Committee: Romaine Rood,
Joanne Lare, Betsy Newman
Flower Delivery: Margi Mackenzie

May 31

Acolyte: Sarah West
Liturgist: Moses Hogan
Ushers: Brian Dunn, Vic Burriss,
Luis Montaner, Rachel Burriss
Bulletin Preparation: Pat White
Friday Volunteer: Claudia Sharpless
Coffee Committee: Janelle Larson,
Janet Campbell, Amy Dodds
Flower Delivery: Cynthia Bushnell

Nursery School has busy traveling schedule

Berwyn United Methodist Nursery school is filling the last weeks of the school year with loads of activities.

The Spring Mother/Staff Appreciation Dinner and Auction is always a wonderful success. About 70 percent of the mothers are involved in the planning and implementation of the dinner and auction. Eighty-nine mothers joined the staff for the evening. It is a wonderful welcome to spring and a last gathering for many of our mothers. The Management Team has worked many months to make this evening a success both as an entertaining evening and a financial success.

Art Goes to School was a welcome program for the 3 & 5-Day classes, as was our storyteller, Clive Bowen, who entertained our 2-Day children.

Trips to the Great Valley Nature Center are the perfect place to observe so many changes in nature for the 2 & 3-Day children.

Our 5-Day children will be visiting Milky Way Farm for their special spring tour for older children.

Malvern Federal Bank journeyed to the school for a program on saving and managing money on a preschool level.

We are so fortunate to be able to extend the walls of the school for so many learning experiences.

Ann Bole