

THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR CHURCH EVENTS & THE GLOBAL CHURCH PLEASE FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: BUMCservice

INSTAGRAM: bumcares

YOUTUBE: Berwyn UMC

WEBSITE:
www.berwynumc.org

WEBSITE:
www.epaumc.org (Eastern PA Conference of UMC)

WEBSITE: umnews.org
(United Methodist News)

COMBINED ASH WEDNESDAY



BERWYN UMC & PAOLI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE ASHES

AT BERWYN UMC: 11AM -12:30PM
AT PAOLI UMC: WED, MARCH 2 7:30AM - 9AM & 7PM

BERWYN UMC
140 WATERLOO AVE
BERWYN, PA

PAOLI UMC
81 DEVON ROAD
PAOLI, PA



It was announced Sunday, February 20 that Bishop Schol has appointed Pastor Rodney to Newtown UMC in Newtown, PA, effective July 1, 2022. Rodney's last day as our pastor will be June 30, 2022.

We wish Pastor Rodney all the best as he moves to his new church.

MISSION:

“Worshipping God, Serving Jesus,
Loving Others”

VISION:

“We are a diverse community of socially conscious believers affirming our faith in Jesus Christ through action”



Thank you note for all of the sympathy cards after Johns passing.

The experience of loss can make you feel like the whole world is frozen in time. Without help, it's difficult to find a way to get going again. Your love and encouragement have been so valuable. Thank you for your words of sympathy. They have helped me find a way to begin to move forward. Thanks, Steph Borelly



Pilgrimage to Jerusalem
2022

Journey Begins Ash Wednesday, March 2

It is 5,782 miles from Berwyn, PA to Jerusalem, Israel (as a crow flies). By working together as a congregation, we can complete our journey by Easter.

- Lace up your sneakers or comfy walking shoes.
- Grab your pedometer, iPhone/Android, Fitbit or tracking device and get out there and walk/run!
- There are NO age restrictions – everyone is eligible to participate!
- If you walk at lunch with co-workers, group counts are accepted! ☺ We want to get everyone involved, so ask your family, friends and colleagues to walk with you.
- If walking isn't your 'thing' – we can convert laps in the pool, gardening, anything that gets us outside and moving!!
- Keep track of every mile you walk and send this information WEEKLY to Stephanie Borelly at borelysteph@gmail.com or via text at 610-299-6254
- Find sponsors or be a sponsor for our walk!
- Suggestions for charity donation are welcome!



Jane Harris

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb although February's weather felt like that! The new class of 2 year olds we welcomed in January have settled into our school routines very nicely. During February we focused on 'kindness' and our notice board downstairs is full of kind acts the children have done. This is the time of year we see a lot of growth in our children and the teachers are working hard on evaluating the children to be able to share their progress with their parents at conferences in March. The leprechaun also makes an appearance at this time of year, the children love to see what mischief he causes in the classrooms. They all hope to catch one! We love to see the children's enthusiasm for each holiday at school.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY *Pattie Littlewood*

If you have ever been interested in learning about other cultures and would be interested in offering an educational opportunity for a motivated teen, I am helping to find families to host international exchange students at Conestoga High School for the 2022 - 2023 school year. If you are curious about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Sandy Forbes at 54sandyjo@comcast.net She is happy to answer questions and provide access to previous host families, so that they can share their experiences with you.

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Rodney Brailsford

Sexton: Over Caicedo

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Lay Leader: Amy Dodds

Organist/Director of Music: John Lewis

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

You can view any Sunday Worship Service on our YouTube Channel Berwyn UMC

Dear Berwyn Family,

The holy season of Lent began on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, with the imposition of ashes and the words, “remember that you are dust, and unto dust, you shall return.”

We will end Lent with Easter and the joyful proclamation, “Alleluia ... He has been raised from the dead.” In between, for forty days, through prayer, penance, and almsgiving, we prepare ourselves to commemorate Christ’s triumph over sin and death at Easter joyfully. We also prepare to share in that triumph in Heaven through ongoing sanctification.

From Christ’s birth at Bethlehem to his death at Calvary and his resurrection, Jesus’ entire life on earth was marked by obedience to the Father, cooperation with the Holy Spirit, and selfless love for us. We have not always honored our lives by such consistent obedience, selflessness, and love. You and I need Lent. It is a blessed season through which we heed God’s call to repent, grow in holiness, and center our lives on that which is most important. The Christian faith is the greatest gift we have received from God. A life lived by that faith is the greatest gift we can give to God, our families, communities, and the Church.

Lent is the time to perfect the gift of our lives to God and one another. When we have renewed our faith and live our lives by it, the Easter words “be not afraid,” “peace be with you,” and “the Lord is risen indeed” deepen their meaning, increase their power, and infuse our lives with joy and hope. Such faith has inspired pioneers of the faith, brightened our world through the ages, and can continue to do so today.

Prayer, fasting, and self-denial are the outward signs of the inward change to which the Lord calls each of us. Pray for one another. Pray for me, for all our brothers and sisters in Christ and members of Berwyn United Methodist Church, and for the world which so desperately needs the Gospel of Christ and for whom Jesus gave his life.

I pray that the spiritual discipline of a good Lent may lead you to a deeper faith and a renewed sense of hope for your life and our beloved BUMC.

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Rodney



TROOP 181 BOYS SCOUTS

UPDATE

Mary Ostien

Troop 181 had an active month in February. The Troop sent a Patrol to compete in the Chester County Council Boy Scout First Aid meet where they were presented with multiple first aid scenarios and were judged on their ability to properly identify and react to the specific challenges presented by the scenario. The troop also travelled to Maryland to camp at the Delmarva Council’s Camp Rodney Scout reservation where they worked on rifle sports activities, cooking and fire building skills.





We will have 3 designated areas:

- Collectibles
- Bake Sale – bake an take (Cookies, brownies, water, etc... No whole pies or cakes)
- Flea Market/Rummage Sale/Books

Questions??? Please contact Stephanie Borelly by email at Borellysteph6@gmail.com or you can call or text 610-299-6254.

We are still collecting and storing treasures in the Scout cabin.

This is what we are looking for:

- Knick knacks
- Wooden furniture
- Kitchen odds & ends
- Pots
- Pans
- Lamps
- Puzzles
- Games
- Pictures/frames
- Vases
- And so on.....

We are NO LONGER accepting any up-holstered furniture.



Thank You



December 28, 2021

Berwyn United Methodist Church
140 Waterloo Avenue
Berwyn, PA 19312-1733

Dear Berwyn United Methodist Church,

Your generous gift of toys helps ensure that Methodist Services will remain steadfast, fulfilling crucial basic needs that might otherwise be unmet.

Support from friends like you enables Methodist Services to continue our mission: to provide life enriching programs to children, adults and families as they face the challenges of limited resources, increased poverty, homelessness, disabilities and educational inequities.

We are not permitted to establish a value for your donation. Only you can do that. For tax purposes, please refer to IRS standards for In-Kind donations in order to place a value on your gift.

In the inspiring words of John Wesley, Founder of Methodism:
"All worldly joys are less than that one joy of doing kindnesses."

We are grateful that you continue to "do kindness" with us.

Sincerely,

Anne Rice-Burgess MSCP, MFT
President and CEO

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Join BUMC's
Widows' Support Team

Our first meeting -
March 1st
11:30 AM in the Library

The widows' support team will meet the first Tuesday of every month.

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

CHOIR RETURNS! *John Lewis*



We are so excited to revive our choir here at Berwyn UMC! Rehearsals will be held on Thursday nights at 7pm. Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, March 10 at 7pm.

Whether you have sung in our choir before the pandemic or would like to newly join, please email John Lewis at JohnLewisTenor@gmail.com



PI DAY RETURNS!!!

The Community Outreach Team is excited to announce the return of a much loved BUMC event, Pi Day (3.14)! This year, on Sunday, March 13th, we will be having a Pi Day bake sale and celebration in the Narthex following worship service. We will have slices of pie for all to enjoy and hope to have an array of delectable sweets baked by BUMC members available for purchase. The proceeds from this bake sale will benefit the missions and ministries of BUMC!

If you are interested and able to bake for this exciting event, please sign up using the sign up genius link that has been sent. While the theme of this event is "Pi Day," you do not have to only bake pies! We welcome sales of all kinds of baked goods and appreciate all who contribute to our church community in this meaningful way.

Berwyn United Methodist Church

Pi Day

Bake Sale & Celebration

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Celebrate on Sunday, March 13th

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STEWARDSHIP AND PROPERTY *Trustees & Finance Teams*

It's likely that Jesus didn't own property. But he was a carpenter like Joseph his dad, presumably making household items for use or sale. So, in addition to a focus on the spiritual side of human life and growth, there is a temporal feature to Jesus' earthly life. As followers, we think mostly about the soul. What about property?

The Biblical mandate of stewardship is about care of the created order as well as what we've been given and have inherited. Berwyn Church is fortunate to an extreme to have a wonderful facility in which to call home. Though it's not the central focus of the call to discipleship, there's no question that it is important to the church community's life for which there are endless possibilities.

Church Trustees are doubling down with efforts to care for the property, something much appreciated and timely. Perhaps you've noticed the recently completed: Upgrade to lighting in the sanctuary (\$15,900); Roof repair (\$3,880); Repair of the walkway to the Shieck Hall entrance (\$10,600 – a joint project with the Berwyn UM Nursery School that covered the cost); Associated water damage repair below on ground floor (donated); Replacement and repair of floor tiles in South entrance hallway and ground floor (donated); Offices and parsonage painting and repair (\$6,000).

Projects in the planning stage include Repair to the south drive exit blacktop (estimated \$8,000 – \$10,000); Roof structural repair at steeple (cost unknown); Ceiling tile replacement in kitchen [to meet Health Department code] (estimate \$600); Schieck Hall lighting bulb replacement (estimate pending); Air Conditioning repair for Choir room and Kitchen (estimate \$16,000).

Because these projects are outside of the operating budget, they require disbursements from reserves which are limited. Thus, you're invited to make special and/or designated donations to the "Trustees Improvement Fund" making checks payable to Berwyn UMC, using credit card or text to give.

Not only does the Berwyn Church property and facility provide a place for worship and fellowship, it provides a platform for engaging in mission and outreach. Let's care for that by which we're blessed.



Our Mission Statement

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Our Vision Statement

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Worship Schedule

Sundays	9:30AM	In Person Worship in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/ Church Website/YouTube

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