

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES OF BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Proudly Presents Vacation Bible Camp 2013



May 2013

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross



SUNDAY JULY 14 TO Thursday JULY 18

4:30 – 7:30PM Light Supper included

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.

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

Sunday - Sarah and Abraham Welcome the Visitors – Neighbors are friendly - Genesis 18:1-14 and 21:1-3

Monday – A Widow Gives Cheerfully – Neighbors are giving - Kings 17:7-16

Tuesday – A Good Samaritan: A Bold Neighbor –Neighbors are bold - Luke 10:25 - 37

Wednesday – Jesus Forgives Zacchaeus – Neighbors are forgiving - Luke 19:1-10

Thursday – God Welcomes Everyone – Neighbors are welcoming - Acts 10: 1-43

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.

We look forward to seeing you and your children this summer.

Cindy Shallcross, Children's Coordinator

DART Parent Session of February

Speakers: Gary Jacabella and

A. Michael Blanche

Topic: The Role of Spirituality in Recovery



Some sort of spiritual experience or spiritual connection seems to be part of almost every successful personal path of recovery from addiction. Each person's life story is unique. While we all struggle with different problems, we can learn from and be inspired by each other. Recovery is a program of growth that lasts a lifetime because there is no graduation. Spirituality can give real hope to anyone because we can all feel depleted in our connection to the world.

All humans are bound to have unfulfilled longings. We will always ache for something. We were never meant to be completely satisfied. Yet, we are conditioned to believe that feelings of distress, pain, deprivation, yearning and longing means something is wrong with the way we are living out our lives.

Addiction is a disease of attachment. People chase what is external to make themselves feel better on the inside. Some people take drugs and alcohol to deal with their unsettled feelings and the result is devastation.

Turning to God help people feel more whole. God is our ever-present creator, sustainer and redeemer. The immanent God becomes wounded with us, suffers, hopes and creates with us. God is intimate with us as he reigns over us. He shares every drop of our anger, sadness and joy.

We call the help that God gives us “grace.” God nurtures us, gives us life and we need to look to Jesus to see what human potential looks like. Grace is not earned; it is given. If one believes in God’s grace and accepts who they are, then they can adapt easier to the human life that have been given. They will feel connected, not disconnected and any human challenge will be easier to face. We leave space for grace when we stop trying to fill the great abyss of longing with things close at hand.

The doorway into spiritual experience is framed by contemplative prayer, service and faith community. Contemplative prayer is setting time aside to have an attitude of relaxed openness. It is a simple, silent turning to God. Twenty minutes of daily contemplative prayer works well. You might want to have a centering sacred word to help you focus on God. Contemplative prayer is like fasting for the mind. One sits inclined toward God noticing the thoughts that come and go, adding nothing to them and subtracting nothing from them. Service is very grounding. It gives orderly direction and connects one to others. Having a faith community is empowerment.

Linda Shriver

FINANCES

We are blessed at Berwyn United Methodist Church by a church family that give abundantly and generously of its time and talent and is always ready to do more when asked. This giving makes it possible to do more to serve God than is currently feasible within the limits of our budget. Unfortunately it does not fill the need for stronger financial support.

Our budget has a \$60,000 deficit created largely by the loss of generous, regular givers through death or relocation. While we do have many members who are very faithful in giving we need more members to become regular givers and some to increase our regular giving.

An easy way to become a regular giver is to use Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking or savings account. It is also possible to use a credit card at an average charge of three percent for each transfer. Instructions are on the website at www.berwynumc.org or you can contact Betsy Newman, Financial Secretary at JVNEHN42@aol.com or (610) 647-0643.

Deciding if/how much we can increase our giving may be less easy and require more thought, planning and prayer. To help us in this process there will be an information sharing four week stewardship-themed fund raiser has begun and will continue through three weeks in May. As we listen to the speaker each Sunday we will need to consider prayerfully what more we can do to help.

Rosalie Hart

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 in June at 7 PM.

All are welcome! Please contact Nancy Atchison for more information.

LYDIA CIRCLE UMW

"Hunger it's right here in the United States. It could be right next door and you would never know because people are too afraid to talk about it." *Barbie Izquierdo*

Mark your calendars for a very special showing of the movie "**A Place at the Table**," Sunday, **MAY 5TH, 12 NOON, Schick Hall**, sponsored by Lydia Circle. Lunch will be served and ALL are welcome.

Synopsis of the Film

50 million people in the U.S.—one in four children—don't know where their next meal is coming from, despite our having the means to provide nutritious, affordable food for all Americans. Directors Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush examine this issue through the lens of three people who are struggling with food insecurity: Barbie, a single Philadelphia mother who grew up in poverty and is trying to provide a better life for her two kids; Rosie, a Colorado fifth-grader who often has to depend on friends and neighbors to feed her and has trouble concentrating in school; and Tremonica, a Mississippi second-grader whose asthma and health issues are exacerbated by the largely empty calories her hardworking mother can afford.

Their stories are interwoven with insights from experts including sociologist Janet Poppendieck, author Raj Patel and nutrition policy leader Marion Nestle; ordinary citizens like Pastor Bob Wilson and teachers Leslie Nichols and Odessa Cherry; and activists such as Witness to Hunger's Mariana Chilton, Top Chef's Tom Colicchio and Oscar®-winning actor Jeff Bridges.

Ultimately, *A Place at the Table* shows us how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications for our nation, and that it could be solved once and for all, if the American public decides—as they have in the past—that making healthy food available and affordable is in the best interest of us all. Film rated PG

Preview trailer: <http://www.magpictures.com/aplaceatthetable/>



LEADERSHIP ADVISORY TEAM

Used Computer Equipment Collection

The Leadership Advisory Team will be sponsoring a used computer equipment collection day on Saturday June 8. Computer equipment that will be welcomed includes laptop and desktop PCs, monitors, printers and modems. Equipment that is collected will be taken to the Computer Ministry in Mechanicsburg which refurbishes the equipment, including wiping the hard drive and installing a new operating system, and distributes the computers locally, nationally and internationally. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Tiede.

CHILDREN'S/CLUB BERWYN

Lots of fun was had by all who attended the April 19th Club Berwyn! The kids created a beautiful Mother's Day gift surprise! I know all of the mom's will love them! Loud laughs could be heard from everyone as we created Mad Lib stories! We had a delicious snack and drink provided by Nancy Atchison. Thank you! And we voted and enjoyed a movie using the big screen in the Youth Suite! Stay tuned for the date of the next Club Berwyn!

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

May 5th- Sunday School students who are entering Kindergarten or are currently in Kindergarten and those who are entering 5th grade will be receiving Bibles during the 10:30 service!

Last day of Children's Sunday School will be Sunday May 19th. Also Sunday School teacher recognition!

GUARDIAN ANGEL REUNION

On Sunday May 19th at 9:30am College Students & Guardian Angels will meet in the parlor for a continental breakfast and the identity of your Guardian Angel will be revealed! Please RSVP to Cynthia Bushnell at:

cynbush57@verizon.net or (610) 935-9552, or text (610) 331-1817.

YOUTH

Below: The youth and young adults doing their best *Charlie's Angels* interpretation after Flocking a yard.

Right: Some youth and young adults taking a rest following a flocking.



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! Through this fun fundraiser we raised over \$600!!

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. Some of the projects include:

- The Bethesda Project- Provides shelter, housing, and programs for the chronically homeless men and women of Philadelphia.
- The Mill Creek Urban Farm- An educational urban farm located in West Philly dedicated to providing local access to fresh produce, building a healthy community and environment, and promoting a just and sustainable food system.

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!

Sarah Baker

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER POT LUCK

YOU'RE ALL INVITED!!

The annual Progressive Supper Potluck will be held on Sunday, May 19th, starting at 5:00 PM. Get set for a fun evening full of frivolity, fellowship and lots of great food!

The Stokers have volunteered to start us off with appetizers at their house. We are asking for others to graciously host the entrée course (this will be divided between three homes) and the dessert course.

Please contact Sally Robie at (610) 644-6631 if you will be willing to host one part of this event, or you may leave your message with Veronica at the church office

(610) 644-5555. There will be a sign-up roster at church on the Sundays before the event.

CALLING ALL MEN!

You are invited to attend the 11th National Gathering of the United Methodist Men at Belmont University in Nashville July 12-14, 2013. The National Gathering is held every 4 years and brings men of all ages together for a weekend of inspirational speakers, music, workshops and worship.

The weekend gets underway on Friday evening with dinner and then we all head to the main hall for worship led by Rev. Shane Bishop and music by Phil Stacey.

On Saturday after breakfast we again worship together and then something new this year. From 10am – 1pm we have a choice of 3 mission projects to take part in. You could help build a PET (personal emergency transportation) device, you could help assemble packets of dried foods for overseas poverty stricken areas or you could help package thousands of pounds of fresh produce for distribution to feeding programs.

After lunch, a multitude of workshops will be held from 2-5p. Here is a sampling: mixing media into a message, faith sharing, discipling men, effective mentoring, “I am young and this is what I expect from my church.” There are about 20 different workshops to choose from. You will have a chance to go to 2 workshops.

In the evening another great worship experience will await you. You will hear the awesome 100plus member all men’s choir made up from the participants. The evening closes with a concert open to the public by Phil Stacey. Phil is a recording artist and American Idol finalist.

Sunday wraps up with communion, worship and a sending message by David Delk (author and Pres. of Man in the Mirror). The event closes at approx. 1030am in plenty of time to let everyone head home.

I (Rick Stoker) have attended the last 3 National Gatherings and I would highly recommend this event. It is a great time for men of all ages to worship and fellowship together.

The deadline for early registration is June 1. The cost for early registration is \$199. This includes seminars, workshops, Friday dinner and lunch and dinner on Saturday. The price for lodging is \$100.pp for 2 people sharing a dorm room. This price is for 2 nights, Sat. and Sunday breakfast, sheets, blankets, pillows, towels and washcloth.

For more info go to UMMgathering.org or give Rick Stoker a call and he can fill you in on all the happenings. Remember this event only happens once every 4 years so don’t miss it.

BUMNS

A security system was recently installed at the nursery school entrance. As Director of BUMNS, I saw an increasing need to offer families a secure entrance to our school. Many families touring the school facility were concerned at the lack of security. Unfortunately, in light of the tragedy in Newton, Connecticut, the safekeeping of our children became paramount.

I met with Sergeant Roy LaRue (Easttown Police) to discuss security options. He was pleased that our school was on one floor, but strongly recommended that the school entrance be secured during school hours. Following through with Sergeant LaRue's suggestion, I contacted ADT. A security plan was proposed and with approval from the church, a security system was installed.

The system installed includes:

- A pin pad that was installed for restricted access. Parents were given a security code to gain access to the school.
- A buzzer/intercom system is in place. Those without a security code ring the door buzzer and are allowed access after identifying themselves through the intercom to Veronica Mosley.
- The system does not include a video camera.

The system has worked well with our school. Parents are pleased and I can assure those touring our school, that the facility is safe.

Janet Wham

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.



MISSIONS

During Easter weekend, March 29 and 30, the Berwyn United Methodist Peru Mission Fund sponsored its 2nd annual food for the families in need in Azpitia, Peru. Monies were sent from the Peru Cookie Fund to buy food that is used almost every day in the homes of Peruvian families. Rice, pasta, sugar, cooking oil, canned milk, tuna fish, tea bags, and laundry soap were placed in a plastic bag along with a flyer from Berwyn Church. The flyers, written in Spanish, said, "From the United Methodist Church of Berwyn, PA, USA, for the people of Azpitia, Peru. This food is sent with loving care." These bags of food were distributed by the Chumpitaz family to 33 needy families in Azpitia. The people, who received the bags of food, were very grateful and wanted to send their blessings to the church and its people.

Ann West & Eliza Chumpitaz



FEED THE 5000

The Missions Committee would like to thank our congregation for their food donations during our Feed the 5000 Drive. Berwyn United Methodist Church contributed more than 50 grocery bags and over \$100 for United Methodist Neighborhood Services. That's enough to feed over 200 people for a week! As you can see by the smile on his face, Jeff Barger was more than delighted to fill his car to the brim and drive the groceries down to North Philadelphia. Without the generosity of our members, over 50 local families may have gone hungry during the Easter season. Thank you to those who donated their time and money for those who need it the most.

Kelley Hogan



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.

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

Narthex Greeter

May 5 Judy Fisk
May 12 Jack Campbell
May 19 Jeff Barger
May 26 Jack Campbell

Flower Delivery

Jane McDowell
Jack Campbell
TBA
Jack Campbell



THANK YOU

To all...Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and the altar flowers during my recent knee replacement and recuperation, Janet and I appreciate your caring. Blessings, Jack Campbell

Thank you all for the prayers, notes, cards, calls, food, books, hugs and the comfort of the lovely prayer shawl during my son David's illness and death. Your thoughtfulness during this difficult time is appreciated more than I can express. Sally Robie

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 Jacabella 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.



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: 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. Submit items to kristineadamspc@verizon.net by the end of the day May 15. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by June 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

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berwynumc.org

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Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m-2 p.m.

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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