

Many Gifts-ONE Spirit
 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.
1 Corinthians 12: 4 NLT

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**BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE**

The Lighted Cross

MISSION SHOUTOUT!

By Jeff Barger & Kristine Adams

Last month we grieved the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and celebrated His miraculous rising from the dead. One of Christ's greatest commandments to his followers was to "love thy neighbor as they self." There are so many ways we can fulfill that commandment and Berwyn United Methodist has always done a great job of loving and serving others. The past few months we have seen many new opportunities to serve others not just around the world, but in our own backyard as well. Be sure to keep reading future issues of The Lighted Cross for details on how you can help serve others .

In the April issue of The Lighted Cross we told you how BUMC has been accepted as a Mission Central HUB. Training and planning have begun! So far we have seven individuals who have been trained (Jim Tiede, Kristine Adams, Nancy Atchison, Kathy Mullin, Jeff Barger, Gina DeFlavia, and Janet Campbell). We will be able to train other individuals who are interested in serving. Stay tuned as we will need help with sewing, shopping, bargain hunting, assembling and donating material. Many thanks to those who helped clean out the Fine Arts Room that we can use it as our central location for storage.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

To help children get a start in the new school year we will be collecting school supplies through the summer months.

We will also be collecting toiletries for homeless men as many of them lack the means to purchase basic hygienic care products.

The supplies will be delivered in mid-August to Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

School supplies:

- Folders
- #2 lead pencils
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Rulers- 6" and 12"
- Pencil cases
- Index cards
- Colored construction paper
- Plastic handle, round tipped scissors
- White glue

Men's Toiletries:

- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Soap and Plastic soap Holders
- Toothpaste and brushes
- Deodorant
- Combs
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo

LAY LEADER LETTER *by Janet K Campbell*

A few years ago I received one of those emails that oft times I delete before reading. I read it and promptly printed it out to save it actually using the words in my own prayers. Recently I was sharing time with a friend facing some difficult family challenges and I found myself using the words to comfort her. She and I continue to share them with each other.

“I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-byes.

I pray you enough love always.”

I pray you ALL enough.....

BUMNS *by Janet Wham*

- The blue skies, the appearance of flowers in front of our school, and the songs of the birds in trees remind us of the arrival of spring. We have spent so much time indoors that the children are excited to visit the playground again. The children strengthen growing muscles when climbing, running and playing outside.

Thank you the parents and grandfathers who joined their children for very special Donuts with Dad morning. The children were full of smiles and pride walking their parents into BUMNS. The children proudly showed off their classrooms and introduced friends. The children and their dads created special art projects together. The projects are keepsakes to preserve the memory of Donuts with Dad day. I loved reading the children’s responses to the question, “Why is your dad special?” Some answers included, “he holds me up to shoot hoops!” or “he helps me make breakfast for mommy.” Donuts with Dad Day will remain a special event in your child’s preschool experience.

Egg Hunts were held on Thursday, April 10th (2 & 4 Day) and Friday, April 11th (3&5 day). Spring parties followed the Egg Hunt. The school was closed Monday, April 14th through Friday, April 18th. School resumed on Monday, April 21.

On Wednesday May 7 BUMNS will host BUMNS annual dinner and silent auction at Alfredo’s in Berwyn. Doors open at 6:30pm. Come early to view the Silent Auction offerings. BUMNS parent/Teacher Board has spent weeks planning, soliciting items, and bundling auction items. Class projects are being created by each class for auction. We are looking forward to a fun evening. This is BUMNS largest fundraiser. Monies raised benefit the children of our school.

FALL FESTIVAL *By Stephanie Borelly (Fall Fest Committee member)*

There will be a few changes to the format this year.

We will be having a ‘committee run’ Fall Festival and **every member** of the church is asked to pitch in!

We are going to increase and move the location of the Bake Table; expand and reroute the Collectibles area; significantly reduce the Silent Auction – donations will be from willing church members only and select businesses in the area; and we will move/decrease the Book Nook.

Moving forward, we are requesting donations of only Paperback/Hardcopy books, children’s books, CD’s and DVD’s – no VHS tapes or periodicals please.

The Flea Market will be expanding and we are toying with the idea of bringing back a ‘light’ lunch menu – soup, hotdogs, chips, cookies, a beverage.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex so you are aware of times to volunteer.

We are having a meeting about the Fall Festival on April 28th at 7:30 PM – room TBD.

I am asking that at least one member from each BUMC committee attend. The Fall Festival is only 6 months away!!!!



WHAT DOES MECCA DO? *By Carol Williams, MECCA Chair*

MECCA (MEmpership and Congregational CARE) is the “behind the scenes” committee that supports our congregation whenever a need arises. We are looking for additional members to join our committee in the fall. (Two of our committee members are relocating this summer.)

What does 30 pounds of coffee, 7 quarts of half & half, 960 ounces of orange juice, 10 gallons of apple juice, 900 paper cups, 1,120 hot cups EQUAL? Six-months average supplies provided by the **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**. Not to mention various tea bags, sugars, napkins, etc.

Under the guidelines and tutelage of Barb Mekenney and Romaine Rood, this committee has run like a well-oiled clock for the past 3-1/2 years. Barb and Romaine recruited many members of the congregation to join in participating in set-up, serving and clean-up of this ministry of MECCA. To those who have been serving as the “waiters, chefs, and busboys” on Sunday mornings: thank you, thank you. You have done a most fantastic job!

If you have not stopped in to the parlor after church services (or even before Sunday School) you have been missing an opportunity to get to know the BUMC congregation. I’ve personally heard politics and religion – likes and dislikes! We invite you to come on in, join the fun.

We are always looking for more individuals willing to take part in this important social aspect of Berwyn United Methodist Church. Contact Barb Mekenney, Romaine Rood or Carol Williams for details on how you can help.

B.U.M.C YOUTH NEWS

Spring is Finally Here,

What a great God we serve. I have been having a lot of fun with the youth over the past few months and am hopefully challenging them in some way. April is here and the youth get to be a part of the 30 hour famine. This past March we had the opportunity to go to a Third Day and Skillet concert. Some people enjoyed it and for some it was quite the learning experience.

What a great opportunity it was to see both youth and Pastor Gary (Just kidding on the old part) sing both old and new worship songs. It was awesome to see youth rock out and chant skillet lyrics. I never knew some of the youth knew these lyrics. It was also great to see People raise their hands up in worship to Third Day songs as well. Sure it was loud, a long night up until 12:30, but it was well worth it. For some youth it was their first rock concert and that is something they will never forget!



What a great opportunity it was to see the youth serve the community at the Spaghetti dinner. Not only did people get to eat as much as they wanted, they were treated to a great bunch of youth staff. I was impressed as to how great the youth stepped it up to make all this possible. A special thanks to everyone who helped, including a big thanks to Rick Stoker! All and all we raised 1300 dollars. Thank you everyone for coming!

I am looking forward to the 30 hour famine come April 25th and 26th. Please help support the youth in prayer. I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do during this event. This sums up what has happened in the past month. May God bless you in all your endeavors,

Edward A. Moyer

Edward (Ed) Moyer Youth Director of B.U.M.C

UM DAY AT THE PHILLIES

Summer is coming!!! Join us for the United Methodist Day at the Phillies on Saturday, June 28 at 3 PM vs the Atlanta Braves. Tickets are \$34.

To purchase tickets, email nancy_atchison@verizon.net. Please make checks out to Berwyn UMC, mark "Phillies" in the memo and return to the office or put in the offering plate. Part of the proceeds of each ticket benefits the Eastern Pa. Conference United Methodist Men.

DEADLINE: May 15

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Upcoming Events:

April 25-26 —YOUTH—World Vision 30 Hour Famine at Paoli U.M.C

May 4 —Youth Movie Night : God's Not Dead

May 4—DART presentation of *Anonymous People*—a documentary film about more than 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from addiction. Light lunch at 12:30pm in Schieck Hall with discussion to follow at 1pm. All are welcome. This will take the place of the May United Methodist Women meeting.

May 18 – Adult Fellowship Progressive Supper

May 21—Book Club: **The Great Divorce** by C.S. Lewis

Reviewer: Chuck Parvin. Hosts: John & Judy Edinger 610-687-4526

May 31—Used Computer Collection

June 14 : Youth Service Project With Good Works In Coatesville, PA

July 13—17—Vacation Bible Camp- We need counselors, decorators, Session Leaders (science, crafts, music, supper preparers, games, and just extra hands) If you are interested in helping, please see Cindy Shallcross or Nancy Atchison.

2015—A Trip to Italy—Adult council has received a request to book a trip to Italy for BUMC members and friends for Spring or Fall 2015. Please let Rick Stoker or Nancy Atchison know if you have any interest in going.

Thank you just isn't enough to say to everyone who helped make the District Conference At Berwyn UMC , April 6th a success. A special thank you to Janet Campbell for her Hospitality Excellence. A big thank you goes to all the cookie bakers and snack makers and to the ladies who served and cleaned up after the Conference was over. Some of these helpers just showed up to help. Also a thank you to the three gentlemen who directed traffic and people in the parking lot and the many people who greeted at the doors. Four Youth (Freddy, Charlotte. Olivia and Angel) of our Church were especially helpful to the District at the Youth booth and helped in other ways. Pastor Gary, Ed Moyer and Charlotte welcomed the Delegates to BUMC. Pastor Gary and Ed found themselves setting up the equipment for the Youth musical groups that were featured and then tearing the equipment down.

The District office , Rev Dr. Anita Powell and Rev. Doris Dalton , were thankful to Berwyn UMC for hosting the Conference.

A sincere Thank You to Everyone who helped.

Judy Fisk

THANK YOU and FAREWELL *from Paul & Jan*

We are very late thanking you all for a wonderful send-off to our new retirement home in Arizona. We want to thank you for your wonderful display of love through the many gifts you have shared with us over the last seventeen years. We will cherish the prayer shawls for us to wrap your love around us whenever we need a hug. We have displayed the picture and book of Valley Forge in a special place which reminds us of many of you at a glance. We thank the many folks who hosted and blessed us with food and gifts. The beautiful quilt given by the choir has a special place in our guest room and we hope all of you will come and cuddle under it anytime.

We are settling into our new home comfortably and have enjoyed an above normal warm winter (yes, we have thought of you with the news of every snow storm.) Our cactus is blooming in our front yard and the garden I planted in early March is starting to produce tasty chard, lettuce and herbs. We hope to have egg-plant, cabbage, peppers, carrots and tomatoes soon. My mother is with us until the end of April when she will return to her home in Greer, AZ. We will follow her when the weather gets too hot for us here in the Valley.

It is with a heavy heart that Paul & I are moving our membership from Berwyn UMC to Red Mountain United Methodist Church in Mesa, AZ this month. We have shopped around and feel comfortable with this congregation and their programs. By coincidence the Senior Pastor, Mary Bullis, was the youth pastor when we lived in Phoenix in the late 80's. Our oldest son Brian was very involved with the youth group and Mary remembered us. Although the Red Mountain church is a 20 minute drive for us, it is close to Evan and Sarah Anne's house and we have been taking our Grandson Bryce to Sunday School.

We extend an invitation to each of you to visit us in AZ anytime.

Thank you so much again for all your love. Paul & Jan Polasky



BOOK / MEDIA SUMMARIES FROM CHURCH LIBRARY

ADULT

No More Secrets: A Family Speaks about Depression, Anxiety and Attempted Suicide by John and Patricia Gallagher, c2009 published by Team of Angels. [616.85 Gal]

The Gallaghers know what happy times look like. They lived in a great neighborhood, in a comfortable home with a happy marriage, and four beautiful children. But when their family was ravaged by depression, they didn't know where to turn, or how to cope. Many lessons were learned the hard way. They have written a book as a family, to help others deal with difficult situations. This book is a compelling narrative of a family shattered by attempted suicide. It tells of a family's struggle to renew John's interest in life. Now, nine years later, the Gallagher family has begun to tell their story and has found healing and peace in the process. They want to help other families in difficult situations. Whether it is a parent or a child struggling with depression, addiction, alcoholism or a chronic illness, the ripple effect devastates each member of the family.

Love Poems from God: Twelve Sacred Voices from the East and West translated by Daniel Ladinsky, c2002 published by Penguin Compass. [808.819382 Lov]

Ladinsky has compiled a collection of verses spun from the divine inspiration of mystics and saints representing both eastern and western spiritual traditions. Included in this collection of twelve sacred voices is poetry from Rumi, St. Francis of Assisi, Hafiz, Kabir, St. Teresa of Avila, Tukaram, St. Catherine of Siena, Mira, St. Thomas Aquinas, Rabia, Meister Eckhart and St. John of the Cross. The great mystics from all the religious traditions refuse to limit or confine the Holy One. They call us to rest in the riddle of not knowing while at the same time looking off to the side to see the passing grace of the Beloved. Ladinsky is convinced that these twelve souls whose words he has translated here offer us "an intimate journal of discovering God within."

CHILDREN

Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul: 101 stories of Changes, Choices and Growing Up for Kids Ages 9-13 compiled by Jack Canfield et al, c2000 published by Health Communications. [J 158.128 Chi] Reading Level – Junior (ages 10-13)

From remembering their own life experience or to watching their own children grow, most people recognize that the preteen years, ages nine to thirteen, can be one of the most awkward times in life - a period of tremendous physical and emotional change. At this age, youngsters are eager to leave the "kid" stage, yet are uncertain about what adolescence will bring; they'd rather listen to peers over parents, and hear all too often to "wait until you're older." *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul* will help guide kids through this transition. Written by and for preteens, this uplifting collection of stories touches on the emotions and situations they experience every day: making and losing friends, fitting in while keeping their personal identity, discovering the opposite sex, dealing with pressures at school including violence and coping with family issues such as divorce.

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

Narthex Greeter

Flower Delivery

May 4 Judy Fisk

Carol Williams

May 11 Jack Campbell

Barbara Borst

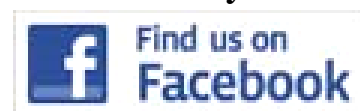
May 18 Maxine Jex

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May 25 Sue Farina

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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.



REMINDER

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.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: May 9

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 May 9. 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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Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Gary Jacobella

Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross

Youth Coordinator: Ed Moyer

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

A Beth Moore Study.....

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place

Tuesday, June 17th @ 7:00 – 9:00 PM

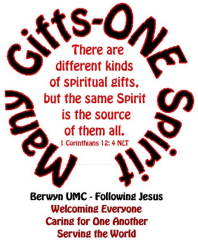


Perhaps no Old Testament event so dramatically illustrates God's persistent desire to relate to His children as the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. Through the tabernacle God initiated a deeper relationship with His Chosen People by bringing reconciliation and revealing His glory. And certainly, no Old Testament event so richly prefigures the coming of the true Tabernacle, Jesus Christ.

In this 10-week Bible study by author Beth Moore, you will explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today. *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place* will challenge you to prepare your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory—a dwelling place for the Most High God.

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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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