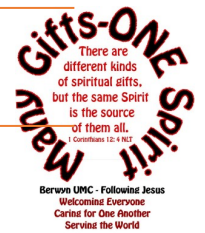


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BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



May 2015

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On March 22, we welcomed several new members to Berwyn United Methodist Church. If you haven't already done so, please make sure to introduce yourself and help our new members feel welcome.

Thomas Bachstein, Sandy Barringer, Stephen Barringer Deb & Bob Hazen, Peggy Menkins, Lee Paylor, Karla Wagner



Karla Wagner
Sandy Barringer



Deb & Bob Hazen
Peggy Menkins



Thomas Bachstein & family



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, May 17 at the 10:30 am service. If you have a loved one who is graduating from high school or college and would like them to be recognized please give their name, degree and future plans to John Paylor, Worship Committee.



USED COMPUTER & MEDICAL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Once again we will be collecting PCs, laptops, monitors, mouses, keyboards, modems, routers, printers, cables, and anything else computer related. We will also be collecting again used medical supplies such as: wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, splints, braces, BP cuffs, sterile IV supplies, unopened ostomy, 4x4 dressings, etc.

We will be in our parking lot on Saturday, June 6 from 9a to noon. All items will be donated to Mission Central and Project C.U.R.E. Mark the date on your calendar and start telling friends and family to set aside their un-needed items and to stop by June 6.



Save the Date!

May 3—UMW

Luncheon

May 4—Kitchen Clean Up

May 17—Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 30- Progressive Supper

June 6- Used Computer Collection

Oct 10—Fall Fest

Nov 14—Art Auction

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS - Gary Jacabella

The church is the people and a church can't follow Jesus by going, doing, taking action and serving without leaders showing the way and organizing the troops. Every year, Berwyn United Methodist goes through the process of nominating and electing leadership for the church.

The work is carried out by the Nominations Committee which has also been known by the name Leadership Development. The members of our Nominations Committee are: Gary Jacabella, Janet Campbell, Dave Adams, Ann West, John Paylor, Claudia Sharpless, Carol Williams and Scott Campbell.

Very soon everyone who has been elected to be part of leadership in the church will receive a Questionnaire. Everyone serving as a committee chair or a committee member is asked if they would like to continue serving in their current area or if they feel called to serve in a different area. They are also given the opportunity to nominate someone else they see as a person gifted to serve in an area of need. It's important that the Questionnaire is returned to Nominations by everyone who is elected to serve, especially those who want to make a change.

The Nominations Committee reviews the information as it comes in from the current leadership. They review the changes that are requested and the people who are nominated. They spend time brainstorming which people could serve in areas of need. As potential people who might serve are named, members of the committee agree to contact those people in order to ask them to serve. It usually takes at least five meetings and numerous phone calls to complete a Nominations report for Charge Conference each year.

And what is Charge Conference? Berwyn United Methodist has a Church Council which is the main decision making body of the church. Each year our District Superintendent meets with our Church Council. The meeting is called the "Charge Conference" and it's the meeting when leadership for the church is elected. Nominations are always accepted from the floor of Charge Conference, although it is important that a person who is going to be nominated has first been asked to serve and has said "yes". The Leadership Report from Charge Conference is sent out to all members and is included in the updated Church Directory.

Just in case you haven't realized, Berwyn United Methodist Church is part of the Central District of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Our District Superintendent is Dr. Anita Powell and our Bishop, who presides over the Conference, is Bishop Peggy Johnson.

Our Nominations Committee will soon be putting their heads together. If one of us calls you between now and November, understand that you are being asked to serve beginning in the calendar year 2016. If you request a change on your Leadership Questionnaire, understand that the change will not take place until January 1, 2016.

A lack of leadership in the church will result in reorganization that could keep the church from accomplishing all it feels called to and hopes to accomplish. But reorganization is not always a bad thing.



Janet Wham

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school year. I feel fortunate to have been a part of each child's preschool experience. It has been an amazing privilege to witness the tremendous progress and growth the children have made since September. They are confident in their abilities and excited to learn more!

Each child has brought joy and happiness to BUMNS. I feel blessed to have had such a wonderful group of children in our BUMNS family. The children have touched my life in positive and rewarding ways.

I feel blessed that our school is housed in Berwyn United Methodist Church. The children are surrounded by members of the church who care about them. We are truly fortunate.



On Sunday, May 3 at our lunchtime meeting we'll discuss the book, *Shopping*, by Michelle A. Gonzalez, published by Fortress Press. The author suggests that how we shop is a reflection of what we value. Shopping also brings us instantly in contact with the many relationships and labor of people all over the world who have grown, harvested or crafted the food, clothes and other items with which we sustain and adorn our lives. You can order the book from United Methodist Women at <http://www.umwmissionresources.org/products/shopping>.

Save the date of Saturday, June 6 for our spring brunch and fellowship. Location to be announced soon.



Wear your name tag and introduce yourself to someone new!

Please Help Us!

Our annual kitchen clean up will be held on Mon. May 4th. We will begin at 915am and work till we are done. Stop by for some good fellowship and help us get ready for our annual health inspection.

Thank You!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped out at the dinner theater. Whether you washed dishes, prepared dessert, worked in the kitchen or waited on guests in the dining room we want to say thanks. And of course thank you to all of you who purchased tickets and attended the event. We hope you enjoyed the evening.

Progressive Dinner

Sunday, May 31 is the date for our annual Progressive Dinner. We start with appetizers, then move on to the dinner course and then end at another home for dessert. Everything gets underway at 5pm. We still need homes to host, if you are interested please contact Sally Robie or Claudia Sharpless. Reservations will be taken on Sun. May 17 and 24.



Thank you for your cards, food, inquiries, visits and prayers as I waited and now recover from knee and leg surgery. It is great to be part of such a caring congregation. May the caring you shared with me, be returned to you in many ways.

Bob Fisk

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Bernie Jacabella

Scott and Gail Campbell have been faithfully serving as BUMC's contact and liaison with St. Thomas Villanova RC Church for many years. They have now asked me to take on this ministry task and I have agreed to do so. Thanks, Scott and Gail for keeping this ministry alive and providing loving care to countless women and children.

We are blessed to be able to partner with our host church, St. Thomas in filling the Monday slots of the 4 host weeks that St. Thomas provides each year. Our Monday dates for this year are April 13, June 22, October 5, and December 7, 2015. As hosts for Mondays we provide dinner, childcare during the parenting session, and overnight supervision at the St. Thomas Parish Hall 1229 East Lancaster Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010 (next door to the McDonald's).

Anne Murphy, (St. Thomas director of Christian service and family life) has informed me that we are providing ministry for 2 single mothers, 3 toddlers, and one baby. If this changes before April 13 I will notify you.

We are happy to welcome some new volunteers to the IHN group and hope to continue to generate interest in the BUMC church for this important work. As I mentioned before we do have job descriptions for each task and food menu ideas. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions or call me for clarification. My cell phone is 484-318-6424 or email me at bjacabella@gmail.com.



BUMC Book Club 2014-15: Presenters, Books, and Hosts
7:00pm, 3rd Wed. of the month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Host</u>
May 20	All the Light We Cannot See	Chuck Parvin	Marge Smink 610-359-6445

MISSION SHOUTOUT! Jeff Barger

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. Many hotels provide free bath toiletries that you could donate from your vacation, business trip, etc.

The supplies will be delivered in September 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

Feed the 5000: The Mission Committee sincerely thanks everyone for their time and generosity for donating food bags. We delivered seventy five bags to UMNS to be distributed to disadvantaged families in Philadelphia.



Dear Berwyn UMC –

Thank you, thank you! Your prayers, cards and support was a blessing to my family. The outpouring of love we received from you, made a huge impact in my life and Johns. God is doing amazing things with Berwyn and I feel so blessed to be a witness of what He is doing. You have encouraged John and I during a journey that was life altering. Even so, we praise God every day for His goodness, grace and mercy. As I pray for Berwyn, I pray that you will be encouraged through your journey as you embark on new ministry and new territories. Trust God with all your heart and watch Him pour out His spirit on Berwyn UMC and the surrounding community.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

CONFERENCE UPDATE

Judy Fisk

The EPC annual conference will focus on Stewardship this year. The conference will be in Oaks, PA. at the convention center on May 14, 15, and 16. There is always seating for guests. As we get closer to the dates, I will try to post items of interest in the bulletin. We will be voting on delegates for the General Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon next May. Delegates met in every District on April 12. Our District met at Phoenixville UMC.

There are Pre-annual conference Daily Devotions on the EPC web site. You may like to read them. Please keep those going to annual conference in your prayers as we vote on important issues facing the Eastern PA. Conference.



Spicy Hot Ham Sandwiches - Makes 12 but can be easily doubled

1/4 lb butter softened (cannot substitute)
2 tbl poppy seed
1/3 cup minced fresh onion
1/3 cup brown mustard

12 small/medium hard rolls
1 lb sliced ham
1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, sharp cheddar, swiss or a blend

Combine first four ingredients in a small bowl. Spread on one side of each sliced roll. Layer on 3-4 slices of ham. Place a small mound of cheese on top. Wrap tightly in foil. Can make ahead and refrigerate overnight or freeze them. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 15-20 minutes - or til their good and melty and bread is crisp. From frozen bake 5 minutes longer.

New Support for 8:30 Worship

John Paylor

Have you ever thought about this? At the 10:30 Worship Service, the Pastor has help from a Liturgist, an Acolyte, four Ushers, and a Greeter, but at 8:30, except for on-the-spot volunteers to collect the offering, he has to do everything himself. The Worship Committee has instituted a new service to have a volunteer Worship Assistant to help with the 8:30 Worship. The Assistant will perform such services as assuring the bulletins are in place, the sound system is turned on, the lights are on, the candles are lit before the service and extinguished afterwards, and the sanctuary doors are opened and closed at the appropriate time.

Of course the 8:30 Worship is more informal than the 10:30 Worship Service supported by its many assistants. This new service will not change the informality of the early Worship. However, having someone available to assist the pastor will take many responsibilities off of him and should make the service flow more smoothly.

The initial volunteers for this service are Laurel Adams, Don Kirkland, Dick Rood, Rick Stoker, Pat White and Dave Adams. If you regularly or occasionally attend the 8:30 Worship and are willing to help with this service on an occasional Sunday, please contact one of the volunteers listed above or John Paylor, Chairperson of the Worship Committee.



Recordings of Sunday Services are available.

Contact Jon Stockler at

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JStockler@aol.com

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Gary Jacobella

Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross

Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Narthex Volunteers

3	Judy Fisk
10	Maxine Jex
17	
24	
31	Jane McDowell

Flower Volunteers

3	Carol Williams
10	Maxine Jex
17	
24	Eliza Chumpitaz
31	Jane McDowell

LAY LEADER LETTER - JANET K CAMPBELL

“This is a story about four people: EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was asked to do it. EVERYBODY was sure SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got angry about that because it was EVERYBODY’S job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY would n’t do it. It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when actually NOBODY asked ANYBODY.” (Anonymous)

When I taught CPR classes we always stressed that when you came upon a situation where CPR was needed, one of the most important factors was to get help to the victim. If you are with others make sure you make eye contact with ‘one’ person and say, “YOU go call 911!” If that ‘one’ person is not singled out NOBODY will get help. They will be waiting for EVERYBODY else or SOMEBODY else, or ANYBODY else to make the call....and you will be doing CPR alone for a very long time and death will be the outcome.

And so it goes... We can change this. I try to be the person GOD wants me to be. I want to be the ‘one’ person who will step up. GOD is making eye contact with YOU. There are important ‘jobs’ to be done right here right now. Reach out to someone who needs you. Reach out to our church. Be there for the situation that has arisen. We cannot do this alone.

OUR CHURCH NEEDS US NOW, ALL OF US.....BE THAT “ONE”!



BUMC ART AUCTION UPDATE Carol Williams

Thank you for your early participation in the November 14th art auction fundraiser for the church. We have gotten several prints and sketches as well as professional photos by Ansel Adams and Jack Ansley. We also have prints from Richard Bollinger and lithographs of Disney characters.

We now have a safe environment for keeping your donated pictures until November, a certified appraiser from the Pennsylvania Art Conservatory to place a value on your donation, and we now have a licensed auctioneer. All have donated their services to the church.

NOW all we need is your piece of the fundraiser: your donations and your participation. If you are down-sizing, re-decorating or trying to find a “good home” for some inherited pieces of art, then consider donating them to the church.

For more information and/or a donor form please contact Gene or Carol Williams. See us in church or call 610-296-7406. We’ll be glad to discuss the details and answer any questions you may have.



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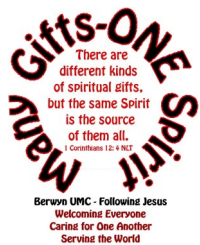
Church Website:

berwynumc.org

Next deadline: April 8, 2015

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 **April 8**. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by April 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.



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	Traditional Worship

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