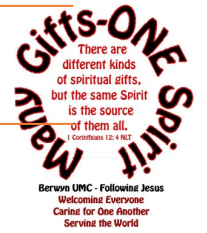




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### May 2016 Newsletter

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### PASTOR'S THOUGHTS *Gary Jacabella*

The Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center of Montgomery County (CHOC) in Norristown is making plans to launch an “Open Table” program and Berwyn United Methodist Church has been invited to help.

We have food collections, toys and toiletries collections and clothing drives but is there a way to support homeless people that connects more deeply and provides motivation for lives to change, for people to get out of poverty and understand that they are not alone?

There is a proven faith based model called “Open Table: from poverty to community”. Open Table connects homeless people with a congregation in a personal way. The picture used is that of a Table where a homeless person sits down together with congregation members.

Imagine it. The homeless person is known as the Brother or Sister. Congregation members are trained to share their experience that comes from their job as well as living their lives. Some kinds of experience that can help restore a homeless person's life are found in the areas of Children, Youth and Family, healthcare, housing, education, occupation, finance, insurance and so on. As this group of people spends time together with a homeless person community develops. A stable community or family is something many homeless people lack. They don't have a support system of family, friends and community that some of us take for granted. The Open Table provides a structure for building ongoing support.

Volunteers make a year-long commitment to meet, to encourage, to share and advocate. Everyone is helping each other reach the goal of providing a life changing experience for the homeless person.

Congregations in 20 states and 120 cities and communities have helped launch Open Tables. Here are some of the results for the Homeless people who participated. 100% have more optimism about the future and feel they are headed in the right direction. 95% are confident of becoming self-supporting or already are self-supporting. 85% obtained skills that are helping them get through problems. 85% are taking classes to help them get a better job. 80% learned where to go for help. 95% want to serve on an Open Table to help someone else. 90% have a more meaningful spiritual journey.

Please consider joining the Open Table in our area. Let Pastor Gary ([gjacabella@gmail.com](mailto:gjacabella@gmail.com)) know that you want to help and you will receive information as it becomes available. CHOC has already identified the first Brother who wants to sit down with new friends at an Open Table.



**Summer Worship Schedule:** We will begin our Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, June 5, with the early service at 9:00 a.m. in the outdoor chapel and the second service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am. Come and worship in the beauty of God's nature at 9:00 am or in the comfort of our air-conditioned Sanctuary at 10:00 am. In the event of inclement weather, the 9:00 am service will be held in Schieck Hall.

## ART AUCTION EXPANDS

*Carol Williams*

In addition to accepting wall art and professional photograph donations, we are expanding into new areas of creative talent.

For instance, we have someone who has made and is donating a hand-crafted Windsor Chair that will be auctioned and we're hoping for more items of broad art interest.

If you have a particular artistic talent and would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Gene or Carol Williams 610-296-7406.

Spring is the perfect time to down-size, clean out the attic or update your current décor. Take a look around to see if there are some items that would fit the auction.

The donor receives a tax deduction for the appraised value of their donation and the proceeds from the auction go to BUMC programs and outreach.

Let's make this years auction even better than last. To do that, we need your donations and your presence at the September 24, 2016 auction.



## OUTDOOR SIGN UPDATE

*Carol Williams*

If you have an event of community interest or a special occasion to invite the neighborhood, please contact Carol Williams so that she can announce it on the BUMC sign out along Waterloo Avenue.

Thank you Carol for volunteering to take this task over. Many thanks to Brian and Kate Walker for their faithful service in this task the past few years.

## MISSION UPDATE

*Jeff Barger*

The Easter Collection total was \$797. The money will help support the ASP trip in July.

The Pi Day Bake Sale was a big success. We made \$477 in sales. The money will go toward purchasing supplies and material for the Donna Pitz Community Garden. What a great start! More updates about the garden will be coming soon.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Feed the 5000 campaign. We collected 52 bags of groceries which were distributed by United Methodist Neighborhood services in Philadelphia.

Missions will be collecting school supplies for children and toiletries for the homeless throughout the summer and will be delivered sometime in August to Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Philadelphia. We already have a large quantity of toiletries so we will be making a delivery in May. Your generous donations have made it possible for us to make three deliveries this year. There will be boxes in the Narthex for you to put your donations in.

Thank you everyone for your generous support in all our Mission's endeavors a success.



### Next deadline: May 11, 2016 for June 2016 issue

Please submit items for The Lighted Cross to [kristineadamspe@verizon.net](mailto:kristineadamspe@verizon.net) by the end of the day May 11. 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.

## HOW CAN WE REACH YOU???

*Janet K Campbell, Lay Leader*

On Holy Thursday in 2015, the choir almost outnumbered the congregation for the beautiful Tenebrae "Service of Darkness". For the service this year, the same advertisements were published in newspapers, Lighted Cross, Sunday bulletins. Flyers and posters and emails were sent out as well as Sunday verbal announcements. As an addition, the choir members took it upon themselves to make phone calls to all the pages of our directory and personally invite people. What worked the best? What made the difference? We had over 100 people being moved by the beautiful meaningful service.

On Good Friday, our sanctuary was transformed into a beautiful, calming prayer vigil space. The stations of the cross were represented as well as stations set up to display "The Lord's Supper", "Water", "Fire", "Earth", "Wind", "Healing Oils", and a "Prayer Map". Some of the people who visited were surprised, "I never knew this was going on", "What is this?", "I wasn't sure what it was going to be". Those of us that shared in the planning and set up were so pleased with the offering made to so few. Many who came were able to sit for as long as they wanted, some for over an hour listening to the meditative music and reflecting on the gifts presented...visibly moved.

Sunday verbal announcements had been made. It was advertised in Sunday bulletins, flyers, emails and in the Lighted Cross.

So much goes on here at our church...

## HOW CAN WE REACH YOU???



### JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

by Andrew Lloyd Weber & Tim Rice

Barn Playhouse, Jeffersonville,

### Berwyn Methodist Church has reserved a block of tickets for MAY 6 at 8 PM.

Call 610-539-BARN for tickets. \$19 adults, \$17 senior. After purchasing your tickets, please email Nancy Atchison, [nancy\\_atchison@verizon.net](mailto:nancy_atchison@verizon.net) so we will know how many seats to reserve.

Borrowing from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, *Jesus Christ Superstar* tells the story of the last seven days in the life of Jesus Christ.

See [barnplayhouse.org](http://barnplayhouse.org) for dates of other performances.

## FINANCE UPDATE

### Ellen Duffie-Fritz for BUMC Finance Committee

Greetings, all! The Finance Committee and Trustees would like to share with you some of the work we have under way. We are hoping to gain your support in this work in the spirit of our **Bricks, Shingles and Panes** capital campaign. One of the two boilers at the church has corroded beyond repair and needs to be replaced at a cost of \$28,000. We also have a concern about one of the arches in the sanctuary that seems to have shifted some at the base. The Trustees have spoken with a structural engineer that has assured us the shift is not an immediate danger, but it is a repair that we should make to ensure the structural integrity of our building going forward. We are in the process of seeking bids on this work, and we'll share more detail with you as soon as we have it. In addition to these projects, we have been discussing a few enhancements that are long over due: the video and sound system for the sanctuary and the parsonage kitchen.

As you can tell, we have a good deal on our hands to take care of and maintain for the long-term benefit of our church family. Working together to raise funds for projects like these has been very successful in the past, and we've been able to replace panes, repair walls and fix roofs. We're asking for your continued support in our efforts to focus on these new projects. Please prayerfully consider adding to your gifts each week, designating **Bricks, Shingles and Panes** for any additional offering you can give. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and faithfulness in giving.



## COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM—MISSION CENTRAL HUB

Thank you so much for your continued support of Mission Central. We have put together, birthing kits, layette kits, school kits and health kits. Recently we have been asked to put together Cleaning Buckets for areas affected by floods here in the United States. We can complete six more cleaning buckets if the following donations are received at the church:

- 3 pairs of work gloves ( leather or heavy duty cotton with rawhide or leather palms)
- 132 heavy duty trash bags (1.5-2 mil, 33-45 gallon size )
- 2 scrub brushes
- 6 liquid household cleaners (12-16 oz bottles)
- 1 bottle of dish soap (16-28 oz.)
- 6 air fresheners (aerosol can or pump )
- 6 insect repellent sprays (6-14 oz)
- 90 cleaning wipes (Handi-wipes)
- 41 sponges (dry cellulose or foam)
- 16 scouring pads (no metal pads, no soap built in)
- 42 clothes pins
- 6 100-foot cotton, plastic, or nylon clotheslines
- 6 pairs of disposable gloves



Please contact Deb Hazen (610-908-6209) if you'd like to supply one of these six partially completed buckets! Thank you to Deb & Bob Hazen for joining Jim Tiede as co-chairs of CAT.



With the delivery of computer and medical equipment from our last collection, we are also sending 15 layette kits, at least 3 cleaning buckets, and 248 health kits!

THANK YOU!!



## NEXT USED COMPUTER & MEDICAL SUPPLY COLLECTION

WILL BE

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 FROM 9AM TO 12NOON.



## PROGRESSIVE SUPPER *Rick Stoker*

BUMC'S annual Progressive Supper sponsored by the Adult Council will be held on Sun. May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will gather at 4PM for appetizers, then move on to another home for dinner and finally end the evening with dessert at another home. If you would like to volunteer to host one of the courses or if you would like to help prepare food for one of the courses please contact Sally Robie at 610-644-6631.

Reservations for the event will be taken at church on May 8 and May 15. Or, you can call the church office no later than Wed. May 18 by noon.

We hope to see you there for a real enjoyable late afternoon and evening.



**Thank you!**

*Thank you BUMC family for the meals, loving support cards and prayers for me during this difficult time. I really appreciate it.*

**Maxine Jex**

**Thank you!**

*A special thank you to the members of Berwyn UMC and the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Thank you for the staff holiday gift. May God continue to bless Berwyn with His love, grace and mercy. Blessings to all,  
**Veronica***



## MARK YOU CALENDAR

Morning coffee, tea & prayer fellowship Saturday May 14, 9:30 am.at Carol Cherry's home, 289 Old State Road, Berwyn, PA.

### Eastern PA Conference UMW

#### Spiritual Growth Retreat

When: May 21, 2016 from 9:30am-12 noon

Location: St Matthew's United Methodist Church

600 Walker Rd. Wayne, PA 19087 (Valley Forge)

Theme: Art in Devotion, Reflection and Prayer

Presenter: Rachel Ternes (a young adult United Methodist missionary)

Description: The impulse to create art and the impulse to connect deeply with God are ancient impulses at the core of what makes us human. It's no wonder we have so often used art to deepen worship and prayer throughout history. One art form that is used to focus and inspire prayer is the altarpiece. We will create miniature personal altarpieces whose creation and use will help us focus our prayer towards being Spiritually Anchored Activists.

Please bring photos, magazine cut-outs, etc. that represent your prayers for justice.

Contact Susan Dziuk to register. Registration deadline is May 10.

E-mail: [dziuks1@verizon.net](mailto:dziuks1@verizon.net)

phone: 215-637-7898



## FAITHFUL STEWARDS

### *MECCA Committee*

*Faithful Stewards* is a new Lighted Cross entry to highlight some of BUMC's most faithful stewards. Our church family is filled with amazing members willing to share their time and talents. We are pleased to introduce our first recognized steward, Bob Borst. Bob has been a faithful member of BUMC since 1962. He and his wife, Barbara, raised their four children in this church. Stacy Meyers was the minister at this time. Bob remembers there was no sanctuary at the time of his joining. Services were held in the Fellowship Hall, known now as Schieck Hall.

During his many years as a faithful BUMC member, Bob has served our church in many capacities. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Bob reveals his most enjoyable job was as chairman of the Church Council. He took special interest in being so closely involved in the workings of the church.

If you see Bob at Sunday services, take a minute to thank him for his dedication and loyalty to our church. We are fortunate to have such a faithful steward in Bob Borst!



## Thank You

I may be the Editor of The Lighted Cross, but I am far from the only person who makes sure this newsletter is completed and delivered to your home. Besides myself and everyone who submits an article, there is a team of women who faithfully copy, collate, staple and address this newsletter every single month. These women are: Pat White, Ann West, Liz Kirkland, Judy Dunn, Helen Landeck, and Maxine Jex. Women who have helped in the past include Jean Brownfield, Mary Davis, Ruth Rumiano, Rosalie Hart, and Ruth Yohn.

Thank you! We could not do it without you!

**Kristine Adams**

The end of BUMNS school year is fast approaching. I am hoping that the month of May brings warmer weather for the children to play outdoors. April was a busy month. The children invited their Dads to school for donuts and coffee. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, BUMNS held their annual Silent Auction. The theme this year was BUMNS at the Beach. The event was held at 30 Main in Berwyn. All monies raised benefit the school and the children of BUMNS.

Muffins with Moms will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Mothers are invited to visit their child's classroom on this special day. Under the direction of Tori James, The 5 Day children will present a Spring Musicale for their mothers. 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!

**CHILDREN NEWS**

**Gloria Saturday Egg Hunt FUN!**

Gloria Saturday could not have been more beautiful! The weather was on our side as 15 children enjoyed gathering all of the MANY eggs that were scattered on the church grounds! Tanner, Isabel, Kelly, Moses and Brett were my excellent "Egg Hider Crew"! There were 12 special numbered eggs hidden among the colorful ones. Once the egg collecting was finished, Pastor Gary shared the Easter Story with everyone! It was a special day filled with love and fellowship!



**Children's Sunday School and the Children's Program**

Sunday May 22 will be the last Sunday School session for the summer! We have had a blast exploring the many stories of Jesus and connecting these stories to our own lives! We have been using the bible to look up the scripture stories! I must say the kids are really getting the hang of finding the Bible book, chapter number and verse number of each passage we are seeking!

I would like give a huge "Thank You!" to my teaching team! Joy Fuerst, Pam Benton and Christa Fisher were the keys that kept the kids coming each Sunday! Thank you ladies for your dedication and enthusiasm! I couldn't do it without you!

I would also like to say "Thank you!" to my Children's Sermon volunteers! Each week you presented a small and meaningful lesson to the kids! My team this year has been Pastor Gary, Joy Fuerst, David Adams, Amy Dodds, Janet Campbell, Janelle Larson, Kristine Adams, and Nancy Atchison! I hope I can call upon all of you to continue next year, as you each brought dedication and enthusiasm to the children of the church!

**Vacation Bible School** will be the week of **July 10-14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00!** I am looking



forward to all that VBC has to offer this summer! We will Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love through the SURF SHACK VBC! So get a boogie board or surf board ride the wave to VBC this July! Tell you family, friends and neighbors all about the fun you have at VBC! So keep a lookout for sharks...err...more information including registration forms! They will be available on-line and at church in the coming weeks!

Also, I am always looking for volunteers to be Camp Counselors, Activity Leaders, Camp Cooks and decorators for this fun-filled VBC week! Let me know if you are interested in helping out! It is a lot of fun!

***Recordings of Sunday Services are available.***

***Contact Jon Stockler at 610-348-3385 or JStockler@aol.com***

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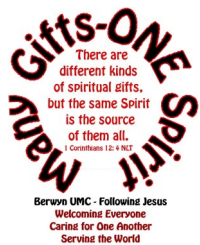
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## Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

## Sunday Morning Worship

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|----------|----------------------------|
| 8:30 AM  | Early Worship              |
| 9:15 AM  | Sunday School for all Ages |
| 10:30 AM | Traditional Worship        |

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