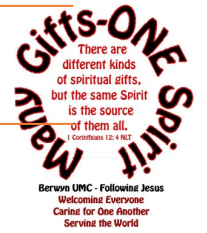




THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



May 2017

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 1 Kitchen Clean Up
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 21 Acolyte & Choir Recognition
- 28 Memorial Day; Summer Schedule begins
- June 4 Adult Fellowship Progressive Dinner
- June 5 Graduate Recognition
- June 11 UMW Event



Used Computer and



Used Medical Equipment Collection



Saturday June 10, 2017
9:00 – 12:00

Berwyn United Methodist Church
140 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn

Equipment will be refurbished and
donated for charitable causes.

All hard drives will be wiped clean before use.

Tax donation receipts available.

For further information

see – www.berwynumc.org

write - hub.bumc@gmail.com

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Join Us For Worship

8:30am Early Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service with
Choir

Communion is observed on the
First Sunday of the Month

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Gary Jacabella

Children's Coordinator: Cindy
Shallercross

Lay Leader: David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica
Mosley

Organist/Director of Music:
Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chum-
pitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

WE'RE STILL HERE DURING THE SUMMER!

Join us for our Summer hours

Sunday, May 28 through Sunday, September 3

9am Outdoor Chapel (*in the case of inclement
weather, worship will be in Schieck Hall*)

10am Worship in the Sanctuary



Recordings of Sunday Services are available.

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



MISSION MUSINGS: BILINGUAL NURSE VISITS BUMC on JUNE 11

Carol Cherry

Please save the date for a very special guest coming to BUMC on Sunday June 11. Dona Sensenig, BSN, is a bilingual nurse who directs the Spanish Health Ministry in Kennett Square, PA. The mission of this ministry is to help Spanish speaking families obtain medical care for pregnant women, newborns, and chronically ill babies and children. The ministry also addresses spiritual needs by holding Spanish Bible Studies for both men and women and providing a summer program for all ages. Dona has led a dedicated staff and many volunteers in serving the Hispanic community since 1980. More information is available at www.spanishhealthministry.org

Dona will speak briefly at both the 9:00 and 10:00 worship services. A potluck salad lunch will follow at 11 am where she will share in depth about her experiences with the migrant community, many of whom farm mushrooms in Southern Chester County. This program is open to the community and will offer a window on immigration issues from a nurse deeply rooted in Hispanic culture. Bring your questions and prepare to learn much!



ADULT FELLOWSHIP PROGRESSIVE DINNER *Rick Stoker*

The annual Adult Fellowship Progressive Dinner will be held on Sun. June 4th beginning at 4PM. This event is open to all church members. We will start the afternoon with appetizers, then proceed on to a house for dinner and then to another for dessert. So, you can see that we need 3 homes to host our event. If you would be willing to host one of the courses please let Sally Robie or Rick Stoker know. As we sign people up for the dinner we will also be asking people to provide some of the food at each site.

Sign ups will be taken in church on Sun. May 21 and 28 or you can call the church office with your reservation. We hope you will join us. It is a fun event with lots of time for fellowship with our church family members. See you there!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Feed The 5000 event**. We collected sixty one bags of groceries that were delivered to Methodist Neighborhood Services at their new facility at Janes UMC in Germantown, Philadelphia. These bags of groceries help families who struggle daily to put food on the table.

Remember to collect school supplies for children and toiletries for the homeless throughout the summer months. Save those complementary toiletries that hotels supply when you travel. School supplies are also on sale during the summer. We will deliver these items to Mt Zion UMC in late August. Many thanks, The Missions Committee



ANNUAL KITCHEN CLEAN UP *Rick Stoker*

Mon. May 1 beginning at 9:15am will be our annual kitchen cleanup. This cleanup gets us ready for our annual health inspection by Chester County.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION *John Paylor*

We will acknowledge our graduates on Sunday, June 5. If you or anyone in your family, including children and grandchildren even if they are not local, will be graduating this spring from high school, college or any institution of learning, please give us the name, school, degree, and, if possible, future plans of the graduate, to be listed in the Sunday morning bulletin. Contact: John Paylor, (610) 889-3286, jlpaylor@verizon.net.



Janet Wham



The end of BUMNS school year is fast approaching. The school has been humming with activity. We celebrated Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom. On April 1st, BUMNS held their annual Silent Auction. The event was held at 30 Main in Berwyn. All monies raised benefit the school and the children of BUMNS. We are looking forward to adding a play house to the playground.

Every 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. It doesn’t seem possible that the school year is almost over.

BUMNS is blessed to be a part of Berwyn United Methodist Church. The warmth we feel is overwhelming and appreciated.



FAITHFUL STEWARDS *Liz Young*

This month, we highlight Pat White as our Faithful Steward. When this writer reached out for information about Pat’s past involvement, our church secretary, Veronica, was contacted. What Veronica wrote about Pat was so heartfelt, that I asked if I could quote her verbatim. She agreed and following in quotes is what she wrote about Pat White.

"Pat has been the membership secretary for over 15 years. Along with Ann West, Pat oversees the prayer shawl ministry, which is very dear to her heart. She volunteers twice a month to proof the bulletin and once a month to assemble the Lighted Cross. She served on the Worship Committee for many years and resigned from that committee at the end of 2016. Every time there is a dinner at Berwyn UMC, Pat is in the kitchen helping with prep before the event, serving on the day of the event, and cleaning up after the event.

There were many of times, Pat White washed the very large commercial pots.

She does all of this without complaining. She has a servant's heart.

However, the greatest things about Pat White, she goes to visit homebound members regularly, without being asked. She does it out of the kindness of her heart. Also, Pat is excited about the sermons on Sunday. Most people don't know she takes her bulletin home and through the week she rereads the service portion for her daily devotions.

Pat is an extraordinary woman. She has a kind heart and a witty spirit. Pat often comes into the church office singing a song.

I know you didn't ask me for all of this, but she is so remarkable. I admire her love for the Lord, her young personality and her wisdom."



DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND CELEBRATION: Berwyn will host the Central District Conference and Celebration on Sunday, May 21, beginning at 3:00 p.m. District Conference is held each year to prepare for Annual Conference, but this year it will be a special time of celebration marking two milestones. The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is reorganizing from six to four districts, and this will be the last District Conference for Central District. Our District Superintendent, Anita Powell, has completed her term and will be moving to another job in the Conference. The business meeting will be short and will be followed by a time of celebration, music and refreshments. Our church is honored to be selected for this event, and we urge everyone to plan to attend. Register by May 14 through the Conference website or on-line at <https://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/56030>. You may also register by contacting the church office. A contribution of \$7.00 to cover expenses is requested, and you will have the opportunity to contribute to a gift for Dr. Powell.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS *Gary Jacobella*

Today, as I am writing, it is Wednesday of Holy Week. Tomorrow is Holy Thursday. According to the three year lectionary cycle of Scripture readings for worship, this is year A. That means we will be hearing the story of Jesus' suffering and execution from Matthew's Gospel tomorrow night, the night that is different from all other nights.

Matthew's Gospel contains one of the most misused and abused passages in the Bible. Matthew 27: 22 – 26.

22 Pilate said, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They all said, "Crucify him!"

23 But he said, "Why? What wrong has he done?"

They shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

24 Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere and that a riot was starting. So he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I'm innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It's your problem."

25 All the people replied, "Let his blood be on us and on our children." 26 Then he released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified. CEB

There really is no excuse for misreading this passage but it has been used as an excuse for committing unimaginable horrors against Jewish people. If only Christians would listen more carefully and think.

For our Holy Thursday Service of Worship, we included notes to go along with this passage and we planned for Brian Walker to sing a verse of a poem written by William Cowper immediately following Matthew 27: 22 - 26.

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains:

Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

All Christians have to do to keep from misunderstanding the line, "Let his blood be on us and on our children" is to think about what they believe about Jesus' blood and remember what they sing about Jesus' blood. It's impossible for Jesus blood to be a curse. The people who said, "Let his blood be on us and on our children" were inadvertently calling down a blessing on themselves. Jesus' blood can only provide pardon, mercy and forgiveness.

The often misunderstood line is Matthew's way of saying what Luke's Gospel says by recording Jesus' word from the cross in Luke 23: 34, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." Matthew like Luke wants us to know that the people are forgiven. Jesus' blood is life blood. It cannot be used to apply a curse. It can only remove curses and guilt.

Pilate has a harder time avoiding responsibility for his role in Jesus' execution. As Rome's representative, Pilate had to sign the official order for Jesus' crucifixion. Matthew makes this clear with the phrase, "Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified". This handing over is an official act. However, it's less clear what Matthew wants us to think about Pilate washing his hands with water. Does Matthew want us to see this as a kind of baptism for repentance which is then quickly followed by a reference to the "blood" of the Lord's Supper so that Christians see both major sacraments in play in the story right at the moment when Jesus is condemned? Jesus is condemned and everyone else goes free, the crowd and Pilate?

At any rate, Luke makes it clear that the forgiveness offered to the people who crucified Jesus was effective. On the day of Pentecost, Peter is bold say to the crowd that gathered, "You, with the help of wicked men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross." But instead of an indignant, hard-hearted response on the part of the crowd listening to Peter, there is wide-spread repentance. "Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day" (Acts 2: 23, 41 CEB)



MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Jeff,

As always, the Christmas gifts, books and toiletries from Berwyn United Methodist were absolutely beautiful and thoughtful; our Pastor Reginald A. Monte, Gwyn Latimore, my husband Williams Morris and I cannot thank you and our dear friends at Berwyn enough for the special delivery on Tuesday Dec 20th via Kelly’s husband. Gwyn, William, and I always reflect on the kindness that Berwyn shows to the people we reach out to at Christmas time.

Through the generosity of your members and friends at Berwyn, we were able to meet the following needs:

Mt. Zion’s Food Ministry—Berwyn’s unwrapped Christmas gifts, toys, toiletries were distributed to approximately 100 persons who come weekly to Mt. Zion for food and provisions on Monday, January 2nd. However, our sexton Joanne placed calls to some of our clients with children and grandchildren who were able to come on Tuesday, December 20th. I cannot begin to tell you how appreciative the mothers and grandmothers were to receive Berwyn’s gifts. A dew of the grandmothers were moved emotionally as they had expressed to Joanne that they had nothing to give their grandchildren at Christmas. Our clients marveled at the many books that were free.

Mt. Zion’s clients who came on Monday, January 2nd, were also so surprised to receive free gifts!! Gratitude was written on every face.

Acts Family Center—2813 W. Master Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121-3651

98 children and 56 mothers & grandmothers were speechless at Berwyn’s gifts. The books will fill their library. A few of the mothers are as young as 15 years old, and did not have very much for their babies first Christmas, so your donations were so very timely.

H&S Learning Center—located at Mt Zion

The 2 Directors were especially happy to receive books for their after school program as well as winter clothing and toys. The children that attend this after school program are from low income families, and Berwyn helped tremendously to round out their Christmas holiday.

Mt. Zion is so very thankful for your love and commitment year after year that you show to help us meet the needs of others.

Jeff, please share Mt. Zion’s appreciation and heartfelt thanks with your members at Berwyn. We couldn’t have met so many needs without Berwyn’s unwavering support year after year.

Thanks again and God Bless the good people at Berwyn United Methodist Church.

His Servants,

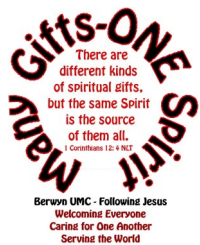
Cressa & William Morris



Dear Berwyn United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the T&E Care, thank you so much for letting us use your space to sort all of the bags and bags of clothing collected at Easttown Library for our annual Kids Clothing Event. Having a huge open space to spread out was critical and we couldn’t have completed this huge task without you! It’s so nice to have a great community to help us!

Best regards, Amanda Ivory, Collection Coordinator



Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Worship Schedule

- 8:30 AM Early Worship
- 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship with Choir

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