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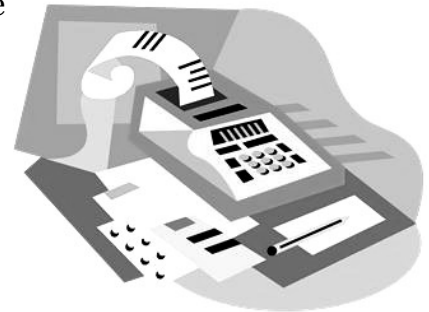
The Lighted Cross

Stewardship Sunday is Nov. 6: A look at the church's finances

This is the time of the year when the Finance Committee looks closely at the financial status of the church. We've reflected on the many wonderful things that have been accomplished throughout 2011, and we're planning for 2012. There is a lot to be said on both of these topics. I hope to give a good overview below.

There is much to celebrate at this time. I am pleased to say that income from pledges and other Sunday contributions has generally been very positive. Most people are at their targeted level for contributions for the year, which is gratefully appreciated. In addition, we have had a number of new families joined during the year who have been contributing to the church. We are very fortunate to have so many people who have given generously.

However, challenges remain. Total giving has fallen short of what was pledged at the beginning of the year, and we have had no income from the Hurd house. These two factors combine for income that is less than we planned to receive at this time. It appears that we will end the year with a shortfall, which means we will need to take money from our savings. Based on the current data, if contributions match pledges made at the beginning of the year, the shortfall will be about \$25,000.



In planning for 2012, the Finance Committee is hoping to put together a balanced budget in which income will match expenses. This will be a challenge because of some unanticipated expenses that have already been identified: As examples, the Conference has said churches will now have to pay 100% of pastor pensions instead of 50%, and PECO is eliminating its off-peak electricity rates.

To achieve a balanced budget, we are hoping to see a 4% increase in pledges for 2012 as part of our Stewardship Campaign. We recognize this may not be feasible for people on fixed income. Thus it would be wonderful if those not on fixed income could increase their pledges by more than 4%.

Stewardship Sunday is Sunday, Nov. 6. We ask that you prayerfully keep in mind the financial needs of the church as you consider your pledge for 2012.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely ,

Jim Tiede, Finance Chair

OCT. 8 WAS A GRAND DAY

The church's Fall Festival successes continue

Could there have been a more beautiful day than we were blessed with on Oct. 8? With special thanks to so many, we opened the doors at 9 a.m. to a line of people awaiting Jeremy Borelly to announce with his newfound loudspeaker, "We are open!"

The Evangelism Committee, with Mike Benton at the helm, handed out blue Berwyn United Methodist Church bags stocked with information from our church including the latest issue of *The Lighted Cross* and committee brochures.

Special thanks to Ann West for all of her hard work on Advertising for the day. Without her, we would be a room full of books and fleas.

The Flea Market was readied by Kate and Brian Walker and so many others. The fleas were quickly pounced upon by all of the bargain seekers (and there were many).

The Jewelry table held baubles polished and shined by Stephanie Borelly and Cindy Shallcross.

Collectibles, carefully chosen by Judy Fisk, were so pretty and displayed some hidden treasures.

The Counters, JoEllyn Beck and Betsy Newman and Rosalie Hart, had their jobs cut out for them to keep the lines moving and money coming in.

The Book table was overflowing and emptied quickly. So many hands readied this special area. Thank you to Ed VanDame, our first-time chair; Margie Smink, Margi Mackenzie, Sally Robie, Tom and Kay Pierce, Sarah Paylor, and so many others (I cannot list them all for fear I will miss someone).

Darryl and Becky, Abby, Albert, Adrianna, and Alias Reiter came with Pumpkins and Gourds (and one little hen). The autumn specialties, as well as pretty hand-made note cards, sold out quickly.

The Silent Auction table was worthy of rounds of applause to Carol and Gene Williams for making this the best ever. Thank you to them and to the local vendors and all of our church family for supporting this with their gifts.

The Children's Games were a busy place, if the little painted faces seen inside were any indication. Thank you to Chris Padot, Keith Fritz, Luis Montaner and of course the Youth of our church for reaching out to little ones.

The Bake Sale table will now be renamed the "I want more pies" table. Lee Paylor, Sue Denisevicz, Luisa Merino, JoEllyn Beck, Kay Pierce and I packed, wrapped, priced and decorated all of the wonderful donations of goodies from your kitchens. We were sold out of 39 pies by 9:15, and the overflowing tables were completely empty by 12:30.

Lunch was popular from its opening at 11 a.m., and the outside seating on this beautiful day offered a welcome respite to many. Thank you to Donna Pitz, Claudia and Dick Sharpless, Debbie Nemetz, Rick Stoker and others.

The Children and Youth Empowerment Centre and the Peru Fund table held a beautiful display arranged by Janelle Larson and Eliza Chumpitaz.

It was so good to share the day with Bobbie and Tom Heil and a friend.

Our Nursery School and our Boy Scout Troop were with us to share this perfect day with their information, and popcorn, too.

Our church and our outreach programs will benefit enormously from the proceeds of this day. At this writing we could exceed \$9,000 prior to expenses.

Special, heartfelt thanks to Stephanie Borelly and Cindy Shallcross for letting us know they will chair the Fall Festival and Flea Market next year on Saturday, Oct. 13. Mark your calendar and get your fleas ready. Here we go again!

Janet Campbell

PASTOR'S WORD

Cultivating attitudes of gratitude

SOME YEARS AGO I read a book titled “Attitudes of Gratitude” by M. J. Ryan that prompts me to self-examination as to whether I have cultivated attitudes of gratitude.

As a human being I can easily get caught up in forgetting the many blessings that God bestows on me constantly. I can easily forget or ignore those little experiences that make a significant difference in my life – that smile, that thoughtful gesture and that open interaction that cause me to understand that you accept me and understand me for who I am and what I am.

I try as often as possible to count my blessings and to name them one by one, for in so doing I intentionally cultivate the attitudes of gratitude – the breath I breathe, the health I enjoy, the family and home with which I am blessed.

Over the years, as I have tried to deepen my attitudes of gratitude, I have discovered that I have been helped in getting out of the “gimme” syndrome. As a human I am predisposed to the acquisitive spirit – wanting something new and trendy, forgetting what I have already. I am finding less and less reasons to go shopping, and finding myself content with what I have.

I have also found that it opens me to “moments of grace”: feeling the warmth of the sunshine at the beach and the coolness of the breeze; taking in the breath-taking beauty of a garden and the smells of the flowers; enjoying the beauty of the fall colors and the marvels of creation. These “moments of grace” are vital to my growth and development as a human being.

I have noted that attitudes of gratitude encourage me to “kindness and generosity.” In 2003 I took a three-month sabbatical to Central America. One of the elements of my study while there was to examine the kind of poverty that leads people to risk their limbs and lives in trying to get into our country. As I visited the poorest areas of Tegucigalpa, San Salvador, San Jose, Guatemala City and Managua, I could not help but be grateful for the education I received that helped me to break the cycle of poverty in my own life. This gratitude led me to ask, “What can I do to make a difference?” With Anne’s help and the help of other churches we were able to set up a few people in “business” – enterprises that fired their interests. Today, except for one, those we helped are now expressing their gratitude by helping others because of the way their businesses have progressed. Attitudes of gratitude prompt others to kindness and generosity.

November is a month when we are encouraged to count our blessings and to name them one by one and to respond to the ministries of the church through our Fall Stewardship Campaign, realizing that through these ministries lives are blessed and a difference is made. It is also a time when, at the Thanksgiving table, we rehearse the attitudes of gratitude that have made a difference for us and for others. There is no doubt that our response to all that God has blessed us with will be kindness and generosity.

I thank you for your support of the church over the years past and for your dedication and commitment for the years to come. God has blessed us and with attitudes of gratitude – we give back to God from that which we have received and as an expression of our love for the One who loves us with an everlasting love.

May God bless our Stewardship Commitment Sunday on Nov. 6 and bless us and our family as we return thanks on Thanksgiving Day and into the future. May we be strengthened to continue the cultivation of our attitudes of gratitude so as to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

Pastor Phil

SERVICE ON NOV. 5

Celebrating the life of Amy Dwyer



A special service will be held at the church at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, to celebrate the life of Amy Ruth Dwyer, who passed away Oct. 5 from complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS.

Amy was a tireless worker in the ministries of our church and an influential advocate in the community for the causes of social justice, tolerance and peace.

She led the church's United Methodist Women unit for years. Carol Cherry wrote, "Our hearts overflow with gratitude for her life. Amy was passionate about mission work, attending the annual School of Christian Mission and volunteering at the District and Conference level. She encouraged us to clean up the environment, buy fair-trade products, protect those who had no voice, and work for peace and justice. By example she showed us how to live more simply so others can simply live. Her vision of having a special circle for our Spanish-speaking sisters led

to the start of our Maria Circle. Her constant upbeat attitude, infectious laugh and warm hugs helped us be a creative, supportive fellowship."

Amy was a member of the Chancel Choir. Music director Judith Lang wrote: "In addition to singing, she would prepare choir material for the church bulletin board and help out as choir librarian. She was first to volunteer to bring food for extra rehearsal. Last choir season she came to almost every rehearsal even though she had difficulty speaking. It was a struggle for her, but nothing was going to keep her from singing. We miss you, Amy: your laughter, your smile, your joy, your voice, *you*."

She was a leader of the ETC adult Sunday School class. Claudia Genuardi, who co-taught this class with her, wrote that Amy's presence gave her "sense of confidence... to lead the class" and she "always had ideas – lots of ideas." Claudia wrote, "She was a warm soul, who could give endlessly, work tirelessly and who was always ready to step up to the plate to work for the ideals she held so strongly. I am really going to miss her sitting in the chair next to me. I know we all will."

Active in Youth programs of the church, Amy had served on the Youth Council and was involved in Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and the Appalachia Service Project. She was a leader of the Music and Drama Camp (1992-2001), touching the lives of many children from BUMC and the community.

As chair of the Church and Society Committee, she organized a film series "Movies That Make You Think." In her committee work she constantly advocated for the environment, for justice, and for peace. She also was a member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, a social-action caucus.

Amy was born Nov. 10, 1954, in Yuba City, Calif., the daughter of John Benton and Myrtle Josephine Orzalli. She graduated in 1972 from Traip Academy in Kittery, Maine. She earned her master's degree in education from the University of Miami and was a teacher for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, James P. Dwyer III; her children, Megan Ruth Capewell and James P. Dwyer IV; her grandchildren, Cadence and Amalia Capewell; her parents; and her siblings, Navy Rear Adm. John Clarke Orzalli and Diana Hunter.

Because Amy was involved in so many causes, her family has asked that those interested in honoring her to do so with a gift of time or money to a charity of their choice.

Mission trips to El Salvador, Mexico and Jamaica

Since January 2006, more than 35 members and friends of BUMC have participated in mission trips abroad, and that does not count Janelle Larson's work in Africa. Two trips have been made to El Salvador, one trip to Cozumel, Mexico, and one to Jamaica.

On those trips we did medical work, helped build a church, built walls and stairs in a Christian education building, ran a vacation Bible school, helped build a church/community center, and helped build a vocational training center. We have also participated in sewing projects in several of these locations.

Among our congregants who have participated are: Pastor Phil and Karis, Scott and Gail Campbell, Brian Walker, Rick, Steve and Andreana Stoker, Sebastian Galvez, Nancy Atchison, Janelle Larson, Luis and Andres Montaner, Steve and Carol Cherry, Dick Rood, Bob and Marge Smink, Dick and Claudia Sharpless, Mary Black and Carol Shaw. I apologize if I have left anyone off this list.

January 2012 finds a group of us off again to do more work. Many of us will be traveling to the outskirts of Cancun, Mexico, with Discovery Service Projects. In Cancun we will be building a vocational institute and working on various sewing projects. At this time, the following are planning to go: Luis and Javier Montaner, Rick Stoker, Dick Rood, Claudia Sharpless, Nancy Atchison, Jan and Paul Polasky, Carol Shaw and Mary Black. In addition, Pastor Phil and Brian Walker will travel to Guatemala to work on a project there.

Rick Stoker

An invitation to Generation Xers and Generation Yers

Generation Xers and Generation Yers are invited to attend a planning meeting during the 9:15 church school hour Nov. 6. The meeting will be in the Shared Office next to the Pastor's Study/

The Evangelism Committee, led by Mike Benton and Joy Fuerst, is excited to invite more than 40 members of the church family to join at this meeting to make plans for the formation of new group. While the meeting is held, child care in the nursery will be available for the babies while the other children can attend their regular church school classes. The goals for this group are to help develop friendships, to provide a support network, and to give an opportunity to share and grow in the faith. If you are an Xer or Yer, put this date on your calendar. You may call Joy Fuerst for more information: 610-688-3461.

Choir preparing for special Advent music on Dec. 18

The Chancel Choir is busily working on Advent and Christmas music. Our special Christmas cantata is one that we featured in 2008, and it was well received. Mark your calendars: On Dec. 18 at the 10:30 service, the choir will present "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" by Robert Hebble. This work is scored for choir, organ, harp, and soprano solo and the dramatic character Simeon.

The harpist is Donna Cooper from West Chester. The soprano soloist is our own JoEllyn Berky Beck, who is featured in a beautiful arrangement of "O Holy Night." Robert Smink will play the part of Simeon.

Buy a 'Hug-In-A-Mug' and help the children buy an ark

Support BUMC's children in their efforts to raise money for a Gift Ark from Heifer International by purchasing a "Hug-In-A-Mug." This creative fundraiser was put together by the children on Oct. 21 at their first Club Berwyn event of the year. Each mug contains all of the ingredients for either hot chocolate, hot tea, or coffee, and we've even included a spoon. All you have to do is add water.

"Hugs-In-A-Mug" are great as Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, and "just because" gifts. The name "Hug-In-A-Mug" comes from that warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you drink a nice warm cup of hot chocolate, tea, or coffee – so why not share a "Hug-In-A-Mug" with a friend?

LAY LEADER'S LETTER

'Mighty oaks from little acorns grow'

The acorn would never develop into anything without so many other influences. Falling into just the right place. Good soil, not too rocky and not too sparse. The warmth of the sun and the coolness of the evenings. The rain and the snow, the changing of the seasons. All of these participate in *empowering* the acorn to reach its full potential.

Each of us has the opportunity to be the influence to *empower* others. The mission statement of our church states that we at BUMC have been called by God to "be a community of Christian believers that invites, nurtures and encourages service" — to *empower* others and to become *empowered* ourselves.

Do you see the person sitting in the last pew on Sunday morning? Do we know them? Are they members? Could they be just visiting? Are they searching for a church home? Do you reach out to them? Or are we going to allow them to quietly escape out the side door? They are close to the door — last pew, last seat. They are here for a reason. They have a story to tell. They have gifts to share. They are the acorns ready to grow into mighty oaks. They are waiting for our encouragement and nurturing.

Do you see that person sitting in the middle of the church? Perhaps they are already a member or maybe they attend regularly. They have something to offer. They have a story to tell. They have gifts to share. We have been called by God to find out what it may be. Have we asked?

The weary woman that you see every day on the train, the man who walks slowly by you with his head bowed. God is asking us to *empower*. They are acorns and they are ready for your helping hand, a kind word, a warm smile, perhaps a listening ear and your time. They need you to help them grow to their full potential. They have a story to tell. They have gifts to share. They have something to offer.

We are the good soil, not too rocky and not too sparse. We are the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the evening. We are the rain and the snow and the changing seasons. We are a church that reaches out to *empower* others to reach their full potential.

There are many acorns scattered in our lives, just waiting to become God's mighty oaks.

Janet Campbell

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

This month we give thanks for all that God has provided us, and next month we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

During Advent, which begins Nov. 27, we will continue our tradition of having special readings every Sunday. If you, your family or your small group would like to volunteer for a Sunday, contact Kristine Adams.

The Worship Committee is sponsoring a food drive that starts Nov. 6. Please bring canned and non-perishable foods to church so we can help the hungry and needy in our area.

It is never too early to order your Christmas poinsettias. We are collecting orders now through Friday, Nov. 18. The price is the same as last year: \$10.

We will have our annual Hanging of the Greens on at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Dinner and singing will follow. Bring the whole family for this glorious activity.

Dec. 18 is the date for the Christmas Cantata at the 10:30 service, followed by the Christmas Brunch in Schieck Hall.

This year, Christmas falls on a Sunday, and we will have one service at 10 a.m.

We hope you will put these dates on your calendar and join us to celebrate our faith together.

Kristine Adams

What's Going On at Berwyn United Methodist Church

United Methodist Women: November is a busy month for the Lydia and Maria Circles. At noon on Nov. 6, Jan Polasky and Claudia Sharpless will lead us in preparing school kits and hygiene kits to be taken on the church's Discovery Service mission trip to Mexico in January. Cash donations are needed for supplies and to cover the extra baggage costs to transport the kits. During both worship services on Nov. 20, we will collect the World Thank Offering. Many of us fill a "little blue box" with coins throughout the year when pausing to give thanks. If you would like a box, see the display at the back of the church. The offering will support mission programs for women and children throughout the world.

Nursery School: October brought many exciting events for the children. The 3-Day children visited Milky Way Farm, where they learned about farm animals and picked a pumpkin. The 2-Day classes ventured to Sugartown Pumpkins for a hayride into the pumpkin patch and to pick pumpkins to take home. Unfortunately, the 5-Day field trip to Highland Orchards was postponed because of rain. In observance of Fire Prevention Month, the children practiced a fire drill and learned the correct way to exit the building in the event of a fire. The Berwyn Fire Company brought trucks to school, and the 5-Day classes walked to the Berwyn Fire Station for a lesson on fire safety. Also in October, a new addition to the school playground arrived with much fanfare. The children decorated sailor hats to celebrate the arrival of the boat. In a chapel meeting, Janet Campbell enthralled the children with the story of Noah and his Ark, comparing it to the school's ark. The school will host an open house on Nov. 10.

Alternative Giving for Missions: The Missions Committee will again provide opportunities for Alternative Giving this Christmas to support mission projects locally and around the world. The gift cards will be sold at church from Dec. 4 through 18. Details will be in next month's Lighted Cross.

Christmas Brunch: Come hear the Chancel Choir perform special Christmas music at the 10:30 service on Dec. 18 and stay to enjoy our Christmas Brunch. Reservations will be taken on Dec. 4 and 11. The prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10, and free for children under 5.

United Methodist Men: The group's first breakfast meeting is at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Rick Stoker and his crew will serve a delicious meal, after which there will be a presentation or discussion on a topic of interest. All men are invited. Contact: Paul Polasky, 610-608-6112.

Pasta Dinner: Put this date on your calendar now: Saturday, April 21. BUMC and the Berwyn Fire Company will have their second joint pasta dinner fundraiser.

Card of Thanks

Dear Rev. Ponce (Phil) and Members of Berwyn UMC,

How can I say thanks to you, Judith Lang, the Berwyn Choir, ushers, hospitality team, childcare volunteer and everyone in the Berwyn congregation for helping to help make Sept. 18th such a memorable day! Your generous spirit and gracious hospitality added so much to what made that day extraordinary. Please accept my sincere gratitude for your contribution to my installation as Central District's superintendent, as your superintendent. As I look forward to seeing you at Charge Conference, know that my prayers are with you. With warm regards from my family and many thanks,

Anita [Dr. Anita Adams Powell]

From the DART board ...



DART (the church's drug and alcohol recovery team) will continue its series of parent sessions at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Schieck Hall. Social worker A. Michael Blanche will lead a discussion of "Ambivalence and the Unmotivated Child." He will help parents to discover how to encourage movement and change in a child's life, and to understand what motivates a child and what might freeze a child in a developmental stage. Subsequent sessions will be on Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 27 and April 24. Co-sponsors are the E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation and Area Residents Caring and Helping (ARCH).

***Keep someone warm this winter
in memory of Amy Dwyer, who
dedicated her life to helping others.***



Help us collect winter coats, hats, gloves and blankets for the homeless, to be distributed by The Philadelphia Helping Group. The drive is sponsored by One Warm Coat and Amy's family. Warm coats are needed for men, women and children – all sizes are welcome.

Drop-off deadline: Sunday, Nov.20

**Drop-off point: Berwyn United Methodist Church,
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., or call
t o arrange other times, 610-644-5555**

E-mail Kathleen.J.Brill@gmail.com with any questions.



Ethan Patrick Staats at the baptismal service with his parents, Sarah and David Staats

Continuing a family tradition at BUMC

Ethan Patrick Staats was baptized at the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, Oct. 23, and became a part of the Berwyn United Methodist Church family.

Ethan brings with him a long family heritage. His older sister, Gwendolyn, was baptized in August 2009. Ethan's father, David, was baptized at BUMC on May 9, 1976, and joined the church in 1989. Ethan's paternal grandparents, Louise and David Staats, have been members of the church since February 1973. Louise Staats was baptized in Berwyn United Church in 1944. Her parents, Ruth and Frank Walker, were longtime members of BUMC. Ethan's maternal grandparents are Gerry and Susan Cavanaugh.

During the baptism Ethan was wrapped in a blanket made by one of the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The blessing on the card reads, "On this day, October 20, 2011, and around our gathered circle, this blanket has passed through our praying hands and been blessed by our loving hearts. May God keep you now and always in His protection."

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is excited to add this new dimension to its ministry. Members or friends of the church may now request not just prayer shawls but also prayer baby blankets.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: Nov. 17

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. Your submissions may have to be edited for length. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by Dec. 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website. Submit your items to gene.foreman@verizon.net or use the mailbox in the church office.



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IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

A sampling of books given in honor of our children

Over the years BUMC's Lydia Circle/United Methodist Women has contributed books in honor of the children of our congregation. Our beloved Amy Dwyer was the driving force behind these contributions. To honor her memory, I will feature some of Amy's books that exemplify the themes of rights of children and social justice.

The Carpet Boy's Gift by PegiDeitz Shea, c2003. [J FIC She] – Nadeem and his fellow workers are bonded laborers, children who work day and night to pay off loans their families have accepted from a factory owner. While Nadeem and his cousin Amina are pleased to be able to help their families, they long to go to school and play. From an older boy Nadeem learns about new laws that abolish child labor. He wants very much to lead the younger children to freedom and school. Will he have the courage to take this step?

For Every Child: The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Words and Pictures, UNICEF, c2000. [J 346.0135 Cas] – Fourteen of the most important principles that make up the UN Convention on the rights of the child – rights to a name, a nationality, love, an education, time to play, enough to eat and drink, comfort when sick – are chosen and told in a simple way so they can be understood by any child. Art-work by renowned illustrators and a foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu signify the importance of this book.

The Goat Lady by Jane Bregoli, c2004. [J 759.13] – Here is a realistic and gentle story about an old unkempt old lady who lives in the town and raises goats, lots of goats. The townsfolk generally do not like the Goat Lady (Noelie) until a new family moves in and the children get to know her. They begin helping the Goat Lady with some of her household chores and find that for many years she has provided goat's milk for local people who cannot drink cow's milk. The children's mother, an artist, paints a series of portraits of the Goat Lady, which become an art show in town. The rest of the community learns about Noelie's kindness and courage.

And a book that Amy would have loved...

Faith by Maya Ajmera, Magda Nakassis, and Cynthia Pon, c2009. [J 200 Ajm] – *Faith* was the 2011 Rodda Book Award winner for Children's Literature, given by the Church and Synagogue Library Association. Through amazing photographs of children all over the world, it shows them learning, celebrating and sharing their faith stories. The text is simply written, but the message speaks loudly and clearly. Explanations for older readers and adults comparing elements of the various faiths provide the basis for discussion, deepen each reader's understanding of his own faith, and help us realize that we all worship God in similar and different ways. In many ways this is an intergenerational book for children to use as they share their faith journeys with parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, rabbis and others.



Marge Smink

The BUMC Library holdings may now be accessed three ways: You can browse the shelves in person, use the traditional card catalogs in the library, or browse the collection via the online catalog from anywhere. To use the online catalog, just pull up the BUMC website (www.berwynumc.org). Click on Resources. Click on Library Search. Click on BUMC Online Public Access Catalog. Voila – you are there! Now you can search for a specific title, author or topic. You can also click on New Items to see what books and media have been recently added to the collection. To date, about one-third of the collection has been added to the online catalog. The rest can be found in the card catalogs. Happy searching!

Harvest Dinner on Nov. 13 after the 10:30 service

The annual Harvest Dinner will be held after the 10:30 service on Nov. 13. The menu will be traditional Thanksgiving fare with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing and the rest of the goodies. You can make reservations before or after services on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, or you may call the church office. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10, and free for children under 10.



Christmas

POINSETTIA ORDERS &

DONATIONS FOR MEALS

As we approach this Christmas season and the celebration of the birth of Christ, we are making available an opportunity for you to help beautify the church sanctuary with poinsettias which you may take home to enjoy or donate to a shut-in of the church. They will be the same as last year – large four bloom deep red plants.

***Order Deadline
November 18, 2011***

Please use the order form below. Make checks payable to BUMC. Send or bring your order to the church office. Remember the deadline of November 18, 2011.

ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS

I / We wish to purchase _____ poinsettias @\$10.00 each. Check Total \$ _____

Name _____

In Memory/ Honor/ Celebration of _____

(Please circle)

Leave my plants for giving to the sick or shut-in _____

Take my plants home after Christmas Eve service _____

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MEALS

I / We wish to donate \$ _____ for the purchase of Christmas meals.

Name _____

In Memory / Honor/ Celebration of _____

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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