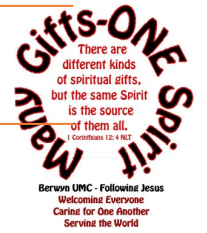




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### November 2016

#### Mark Your Calendars:

- Nov 6—Harvest Dinner @ noon, reservations required
- Nov 6 Paper Goods collection starts
- Nov 12—UMW Prayer & Fellowship @ Carol Cherry's 9am
- Nov 13 Gift & Toy Collection begins
- Dec 11—Choir Christmas Cantata & Brunch, reservations required
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve 5:30p & 8p

#### Join Us For Worship

8:30am Early Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages

10:30am Worship Service with Choir

Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month

#### Greeters:

6 Judy Fisk

13 Jane McDowell

#### Flowers:

6 Lee Paylor

13 Jane McDowell

20 Barb Mekenney

27 Lee Paylor

### HARVEST DINNER *Rick Stoker*

Harvest Dinner will be held on Sun. Nov. 6 following the 10:30 service. Cost is \$10pp for adults, \$5 per child 5-10 and free for children under 5. Reservations can be made in church on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> or call the church office by noon on Wed. Nov. 2.

The meal will feature turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, squash and of course pies for dessert. Hope to see you all there.



### Mission's Update *Jeff Barger*

This year's Thanksgiving offering will be donated to the Donna Pitz Community Garden. The garden will supply fresh vegetables to area food banks.

The annual Christmas Gift and Toy Collection will start on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Your gifts will be donated to the Methodist Home for Children, Mt. Zion Community Outreach Program, and United Methodist Neighborhood Services.

The Mission Committee is starting a new initiative at BUMC.



We would like to help stock local food pantries:

Wayne UMC, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Church of the Good Samaritan. Together these churches supply the immediate needs of our neighbors in the surrounding communities. Canned goods, dry goods, and meal kits (Hamburger Helper, etc.) can be placed in the box labeled "Food Pantry" located in the Narthex. The food will be delivered once a month or when the box is filled.



The **UM Women** will meet for prayer & fellowship on Saturday November 12 @ 9 am at Carol Cherry's home, 289 Old State Rd, Berwyn. Following this (and optional) is the Alternative Gift Market nearby at the Baptist Church in the Great Valley, benefitting T&E Care.

### PAPER GOODS COLLECTION

Starting Sunday, November 6th, BUMC will once again be collecting paper products that will be donated to a local food bank. Did you know that toilet paper, tissues and paper towels are not qualified items for those on public assistance? These are the items that are needed:

- \*Paper towels
- \*Toilet paper
- \*Tissues
- \*Napkins



### CELEBRATING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT BERWYN *John Paylor*

Many opportunities for worship and celebration are planned for the Advent and Christmas season this year.

- **Sunday, November 27**, First Sunday of Advent: Worship services planned by our Prayer and Healing Group, Hanging of the Greens during 10:30 AM service to decorate our church, lighting of the Sanctuary Christmas tree.
- **Sunday, December 11**: Annual Choir Cantata at 10:30 service; hanging of Christmas banners in the Sanctuary.
- **Sunday, December 18**: Children's pageant during 10:30 service; adding Christmas Poinsettias to our Sanctuary decorations.
- **Saturday, December 24**, Christmas Eve: Two services in our Sanctuary, at 5:30 and 8:00 PM for children and adults.
- **Sunday, December 25**: Christmas falls on a Sunday and we will have a single worship service at 10:00 AM.
- **Sunday, Jan 1**: New Year's Day also falls on a Sunday. We will greet the New Year with a traditional Wesleyan Covenant Service at 10:00 AM.

## HELP IS NEEDED! *Ann West*

WE NEED YOU! The Prayer Shawl Ministry just completed 10 years of ministry. Through those years more than 300 prayer shawls have been wrapped around men and women who are celebrating, giving thanks, suffering, or grieving. When the ministry was started, the idea was to get a group of knitters together to make prayer shawls for people who the group felt needed to feel the presence of God in their lives. When the shawls are made, the person making it is continually reminded of the sacredness of the work.

In addition to the knitted or crocheted prayer shawls, the ministry has distributed many, many prayer squares and baby blankets. About four years ago, we started knitting prayer squares. There are so many times that you would like to put a prayer square in the coat pocket of a friend. Sending a prayer square in an envelope with a card can be a special gift. Each time a person reaches for a prayer square, it becomes a reminder of God's sustaining presence in your life. Upon the birth of a newborn, baby blankets are given to members of the church family.

What makes the prayer shawls, the prayer squares, and the baby blankets so special? It's that within each stitch, the person knitting or crocheting is continually reminded of the sacredness of the work. Frequently, a prayer for comfort, encouragement, love, and care is enfolded in each stitch. Once the shawl is completed, each member of the group prays over the shawl. Often, the shawls, squares, and blankets are placed on our church altar.

If you know how to knit or crochet and feel encouraged to become a part of this vital and very rewarding ministry, please get in touch with us by calling the church office. If you don't crochet or knit, we ask you to continue to include the ministry, both the knitters as well of the receivers of the shawls, squares and baby blankets, in your daily prayers. Squares can always be picked up in the church office. If you want to give a shawl to someone, just contact Pat White (610-644-8786), Ann West (610-687-0222), or the church office (610-644-5555). You, our congregation, are the best disciples of being able to keep this very important ministry alive. We do need each of you!



### SUGGESTED BOOK TO READ *Marjorie Smink*

***Please Pass the Faith: The Art of Spiritual Grandparenting*** by Elsie H. R. Rempel, c2012 [248.85 Rem]

This book is a medley of stories, theories and personal experiences that the author uses to demonstrate how grandparents (biological or honorary) can pass on the faith. Spiritual grandparenting is relating to children and youth, those in the first third of life, with the willingness to be spiritual companions. It encourages older adults to embrace their role as mentors, guides and sages.

## The Fall Festival was a HUGE success!!

*Stephanie Borelly and Cindy Shallcross*

What a fabulous October day. There was no sun, BUT the rain held off until the end!! Thank Goodness for tents!!! Schieck Hall was once again transformed into a Market Place. There were "treasures", books, a variety of collectibles, pumpkins, gourds, cookies and pies – something for everyone!

### Our current total is \$5,411.57 with money still coming in....

A great big 'THANK YOU' to all of our chairpersons; Joy Fuerst (Books), Judy Fisk and Kathy Mullins (Collectibles) and Janet Campbell (Baked Goods), to all of the volunteers, everyone who donated items to the flea market, for the beautiful quilt, the books, bake goods and treats, jewelry, collectibles, to all "movers", "set-uppers" and "take-downers". A special **THANK YOU** goes out to my muscle Jeremy Borelly. I couldn't do it without him! Boy Scout Troop 181 was terrific at helping move and sort the flea market items. They made quick work emptying out the scout cabin. And a special round of thanks goes out to Roger Toro, who helps in so many ways!

Thank you, one and all, for another great day of fellowship and "FUN"draising!



### CHRISTMAS BRUNCH *Rick Stoker*

Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held on Sun. Dec. 11 following the Choir's cantata presentation at the 1030 service. You won't want to miss their presentation or the brunch either for that matter.

The brunch will feature both breakfast and lunch items. Probably quiche, pancakes or French toast, sausage, roast pork or baked chicken breasts. Lots of other treats to go along with these highlighted items.

Cost is \$10pp for adults, \$5 per child 5-10 and free for children under 5. Reservations will be taken on Sun. Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, or call the church office. Invite your neighbors for the cantata and brunch.

## A TRIBUTE TO A DEAR FRIEND & A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF BUMC for 56 Years *Ann West*

Yes, we were all shocked by the sudden death of Don Kirkland on Friday morning September 30. Although Don was soon to celebrate his ninety first birthday, he was known by his doctors and many friends as the "Energizer Bunny." His service was held at Berwyn United Methodist Church on October 7th, his and Liz's 66th wedding anniversary.

Don and Liz Kirkland joined BUMC in 1960. The Reverend Stacy Myers was the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. Through the years both Don and Liz and their two boys, Don Jr. and Dave, worked faithfully at their church. Don referred to himself as one of the church's old timers.

One of Don's great talents and hobbies was working with his hands with beautiful wood to create all kinds of wood-crafted items for his family, friends, and his church. Next time you are in church, take a look at the beautifully crafted communion cup holders in the pews. Or, at a candlelight service, look at the wooden candle stands that are attached to the pews. Most recently, Don built the name tag holder that stands in the narthex. All of these were creations from Don's woodworking corner in his basement.

Many of you reading this tribute to Don are personally aware of Don's love of hiking. Several years ago he completed his dream and goal of hiking the entire Appalachia Trail. For Don, hiking five miles was merely a short walk in the park. Experienced hikers, much younger than Don, had difficulty keeping up with Don.

Don not only gave his talents to his church and family and friends, he served his country with great dedication and pride during World War II; he was deployed to the Pacific Theater on the destroyer *USS Mertz*. On the day before his death, Don had driven down 476, across the Commodore Barry Bridge to his office in South Jersey. What a blessing that he and his two grandsons, Donald III and Andrew, went to lunch together that day!

We will all miss this kind, gentle man. I know our God in heaven has put his arms around Don and proclaimed, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."



## LAY LEADER REAPORT CHARGE CONFERENCE —A CONGREGATION OF TALENTS *David Adams*

**Food** – We don't need much of a reason to gather around food as friends and servants of Christ. The hospitality and kitchen teams keep our bodies fed on Sundays after worship, special times, and as part of fund raising.

**Laughter** – We have joyous hearts and souls. Very little effort is required to find congregation members bringing happiness to others. Last month we held our second Trunk or Treat. Our facility is the most wonderful when the halls are filled with the laughter of the Boy Scouts and nursery school that call Berwyn UMC home.

**Prayer** – Gary brought together a small group interested in becoming healing team which performed two services and dedicated their time to develop their skill and enhance their connection with Christ as a small group. We're continuing to develop into an even stronger group. The prayer shawl ministry continues to wrap their talents around others. The prayer chain keeps us connected in prayer even when we're not together.

**Song** – The music ministry continued to participate weekly, perform two cantatas, and lead monthly Enter with Praise services. We are blessed as a congregation to have so many that join in including Pastor Gary.

**Love** – Of course, none of these talents exist in isolation but come together into the greatest gift of all. We love our pastor, our staff, each other, and our communities. In an effort to maximize the time for mission work, we are testing a new committee meeting schedule to reduce the effort required to handle the business of the church. We continue to be a HUB location for Mission Central. Deb and Bob Hazen continue to work to find ways to connect with other churches and community organizations to prepare kits. The Fritz's also help organize two teams comprised of people from multiple congregations to ASP in West Virginia. Gary and Bernie volunteer at a nearby shelter. Gary led a confirmation class with 7 youth.

This is by no means a comprehensive list but I highlight these activities as examples of the way that the light Christ has given us shines out into the community and the world.



Janet Wham

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### MEDICAL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Bob Hazen

Gratitude and Thanksgiving are the themes the children will learn about during the month of November. Lessons will focus on the first Thanksgiving feast between the Pilgrims and Native Americans. The 5 Day classes will venture to the Great Valley Nature Center to explore a replica of a Lenape Village. Here they will learn the customs, foods and life style of the early Lenape Native Americans. The tour includes hands on activities that teach the children how to grind corn, gardening with handmade tools and playing Native American games.

The month culminates with a Thanksgiving Feast shared by each class. The children create Pilgrim hats and Native American necklaces and headbands to wear to the feast. Foods served include; turkey, cheese, vegetables and corn bread.

BUMNS children will be donating toys for the church mission projects during the month of November.



To whom it may concern at Berwyn United Methodist Church,

Last summer my children were playing on the church playground, and my son got a slight scrape. There happened to be a small summer camp class playing at the same time. The two teachers and two older girls couldn't have been kinder. First of all, they welcomed us to stay and play while the church camp was present. Then when the scrape occurred, the ladies insisted on getting a Band-Aid. They were genuinely friendly, caring and helpful. This fall my children and my sister's children came to play on the playground. Trunk or Treat happened to be taking place. Some of the participants walked over to us and insisted that we join the fun. We had the best time; the children still talk about it. Once again BUMC went out of their way to include strangers. Although our family is not Methodist, your church parishioners make me want to convert. I'm floored by the giving loving spirit that we experienced. God is alive and well in those folks, and I'm certain that God couldn't be prouder of all of you.

Sincerely, Lauren Locke

#### CAN WE COUNT YOU IN? Finance Committee

Recently, the Finance Committee delivered an update on the financial status of the church and distributed Financial Commitment brochures. The operating budget of Berwyn United Methodist Church is made up of the costs to fund the day-to-day ministry and missions and of the operation of our facility. As a participant and beneficiary of the church, we hope that you will prayerfully consider pledging for 2017. Below is a pledge card. Please fill it out and either mail it to the church office or place in the offering plate on any Sunday. Thank you for your consideration and faithfulness.

#### FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

##### OPERATING NEEDS:

In 2017, I/We pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly.

Total pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have remembered BUMC in my/our will.

Please send envelopes.

Automatic funds transfer forms are available on the website. Please check if you need a form mailed to you.

##### CAPITAL NEEDS (FOR ANOTHER GENERATION):

In 2017, I/We pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: this Capital Pledge is a NEW pledge or above and beyond our current pledge.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

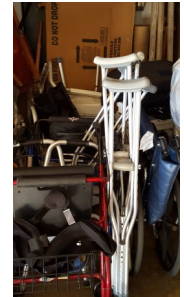
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please remember that you may change your pledge at any time by notifying the Secretary of Finance, Betsy Newman (\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_)

Please complete this pledge card and return it to the office, or bring it to the service on November 6. Thank you for your participation.



## **PASTOR'S STATES OF THE CHURCH REPORT CHARGE CONFERENCE 2016** *Gary Jacabella*

Berwyn United Methodist Church continues to increase in love and good work. We are concerned that our congregation is not growing in numbers in a way that can keep up with losses in membership. The losses put a strain on our ability to budget for growth in ministry. We are happy that losses are not due to conflict but other things that seem difficult to control.

In spite of the difficulties, our Lord Jesus has helped us find ways to keep on following him faithfully and to move forward into grace and mercy.

The goal setting we did to prepare for 2016 was helpful. A Healing Prayer Team came together in response to teaching on healing that began in worship. The Team met for training and in order expand hands on healing prayer to the congregation. God's Spirit blessed the team with creativity, skill and insight. Advent and Lent began with Healing Services in both our 8:30 and 10:30 Worship Gatherings. The entire congregation participated in coming forward to be anointed with oil. There was also opportunity for people to be prayed for at the prayer rail or sitting with someone in the back of the sanctuary.

God surprised us with the way our goal to extend the Healing Ministry was fulfilled. The Healing Team took responsibility for Good Friday. The Team filled the Sanctuary with prayer stations. The team and people that came were honestly overwhelmed with the beauty and the power of God's presence. Some people came back more than once and some people went out to invite others (which is a big step for our congregation.)

We still have work to do to grow the healing ministry so that healing prayer is available every Sunday morning. We would also like to make this gift more of an outreach.

Our goal to introduce a time of praise and worship through singing once a month to our Sunday morning Worship gatherings went very well. We call the experience "Enter with Praise". It's new for our congregation to sing a group of songs with a variety of instruments with song texts projected on a screen. Our congregation really enjoys singing from a hymnal. Hymnal numbers were provided but many people enjoyed not holding a book for a change and letting emotion build by singing one song after another. Our regular musicians got more relaxed playing together. We appreciate our music director, Judith Lang, for her flexibility and her versatility on the piano. It seems that Enter with Praise is not only meaningful but also fun for all ages.

One unofficial goal was reached, when a group of people came together to review our church meeting schedule. Our calendar was full and we were struggling to find time for new adventures. A group of 8 people came together to untangle our congregation from a full schedule of meetings. A new schedule is being tested. It's a plan where more than one committee meets on the same evening and meetings are limited to two or three evenings each month. There are things to work out but we can develop groups that are devoted to spiritual growth and hands on mission instead groups that focus mostly on administration and planning.

Along those lines we continue to develop our Mission Central HUB so that more of our congregation and wider community are involved. The response to Medical Supply collections as well as used Computer Collections continues to go well. We sponsored our first "Trunk or Treat" event in our church parking lot and found out that parents are looking for just that kind of fun for their young children. Our Vacation Bible Camp had more involvement from our Nursery School families than we have had for many years. We seemed to have found a Summer Worship schedule that works where we have an outdoor Service of Worship at 9 am and one indoors at 10 am. We are seeing more new people in worship.

We are concerned for the future but we know that despair won't win the day so we keep on loving our Lord Jesus and each other and putting our trust in God's Spirit so that we can be faithful to God's Kingdom today. We are stepping out to try things we know we can't carry out without God's help.

## **LAY LEADER REPORT -2016 CHARGE CONFERENCE** *Janet K Campbell*

The responsibility of the Lay Leader of any church is to motivate people, keep Christians involved, trained and responsible. To assist the pastor and to "model responsible and faithful discipleship and build awareness within the congregation". David Adams and I, as joint Lay Leaders, have served on all of the church committees and have often provided necessary information. We have assisted in many church services and have stepped in at our pastor's absence. By being a part of our wonderful choir, we can be leaders of our service through the hymns and anthems.

I have been honored to be able to learn so much about my faith through the eyes of our church family. The leadership of Pastor Gary Jacabella has been tantamount in that learning. The faith and the trust shown throughout our church family have made all of us lay leaders. I am also honored that members and others feel they can reach out to me if only for a listening ear.

I do not think of myself as being a Lay LEADER. I would like that changed to be a Lay PARTNER. We are all leaders in our church and partner together for the love of this wonderful church and this amazing church family.

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

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

### **Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff**

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Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

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**WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF GETTING CHURCH NEWS & UPDATES?**

Over the past year the Communications Committee has been working on finding new ways to promote and advertise all the wonderful activities and services BUMC offers. We have come up with the following survey to see what is the best/favorite way you would like to receive updates from the church.

Please fill out the survey and return to the church and place it in the box marked Surveys. You can also mail the survey back to the church if you prefer.

Circle or write in your answer in space provided.

1. What social media do you use regularly?

Facebook

Twitter

Instagram

YouTube

Snap Chat

Periscope

Pinterest

Vinio

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What device(s) do you use?

Smart Phone—Android

Smart Phone—Apple

Tablet

Laptop

Desktop—PC

Mac Book

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do you prefer to receive information regarding events, worship services, classes, mission projects for BUMC? Circle all that apply.

Sunday bulletin

The Lighted Cross

Church Facebook page—Berwyn UMC

Automated Phone Tree

Personal Phone Call

E-newsletter

Text

Church website—www.berwynumc.org

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you read a newspaper on a regular basis?

Yes

No

5. If yes, which newspaper(s) do you read?

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6. How would you like to receive The Lighted Cross?

Paper copy through the mail (Please include the mailing address you want to receive The Lighted Cross)

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PDF file on the church website

Emailed (please fill in the email address we should use)

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Any other suggestions for getting information distributed to members and the community?

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# Christmas Poinsettia Orders & Discretionary Fund

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. The poinsettias are from and benefit the greenhouse at the Devereaux Foundation in Devon.

## **Deadline for Poinsettia Orders November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Please use the order form below. Make checks payable to BUMC.

Send or bring your order to the church office.

### ORDER FORM FOR POINSETTIAS

I / We wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias @\$8.00 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 \_\_\_\_\_

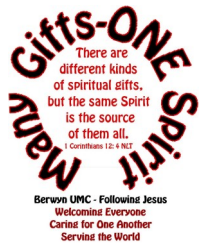
### DONATIONS FOR PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

(To assist people in need)

I / We wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

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

## 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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