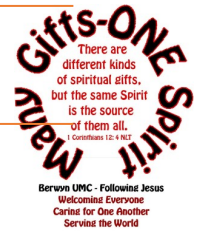




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### November 2017 Newsletter

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#### Highlights

Nov 5 All Saint's Day

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Eve service @ Valley Forge UMC

Nov 26 Deadline for Poinsettias

Dec 3 Hanging of the Greens

Dec 17 Children's Pageant

Dec 24 Choir Cantata @ 10:30am



### Join Us For Worship

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 am Traditional Worship with Choir

Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month

### UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS

Please be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word about upcoming worship opportunities at Berwyn United Methodist Church.

- **Sunday, November 5: All Saints Day.** Our members, friends and family who have transferred to the Church Triumphant during the past year will be remembered with the lighting of a candle for each person.
- **Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Eve service** at Valley Forge UMC.
- **Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent.** Traditional Hanging of the Greens. Nursery School children will participate in the service.
- **Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent.** Hanging of banners.
- **Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent. Children's Pageant** during the 10:30 morning worship service, followed by the Christmas Brunch.
- **Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve.** Two worship services, a morning service at 10:30 with the annual Christmas Choir Cantata, and an evening service at 7:00.



**HUB Recap: Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. To all the people you can.** *by Kristine Adams*

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." — John Wesley

I just love this quote from John Wesley and I think of it while doing work for the HUB. A HUGE Thank You to everyone who pitched in during October to help HUB gets kits ready for Mission Central. With the devastation that Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria wreaked on the United States, UMCOR was in dire need of Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene Kits. Because Berwyn UMC is an official HUB location for Mission Central, which is a branch of United Methodist Committee on Relief, we are listed as an official drop off location. Several United Methodist and Lutheran churches found the shopping lists for the kits online and then found us as the closest drop off spot.

We received hundreds of kits that needed inspecting and replacement items. Our faithful Berwyn UMC family came through in a pinch for us and offered to buy much needed items, inspect kits and helped load the Mission Central truck. Because of everyone's efforts we were able to send 192 Cleaning Buckets, 186 School Kits and 605 Hygiene Kits to Mission Central. A very special thank you goes out to Kathy Mullin, Joy Fuerst, Gina DeFlavia, Jeff Barger of the HUB committee and Veronica Moseley for helping to coordinate arrival of items, kit inspections and loading the truck. Thank you to everyone else who bought items, helped inspect kits and who helped load the truck. We truly helped in the ways we could.



As BUMNS begins our second month of school, I have observed that the children have adjusted well to BUMNS pre-school routines. I enjoy becoming acquainted with each child and their families. The children are becoming familiar with new routines and classmates. I am amazed how well the 2 Day children have acclimated to their new surroundings. You have done a terrific job reassuring your children that you will return at the end of the morning.

The children have been learning these skills and routines:

- recognizing classmate's names
- taking turns and sharing with new friends
- transitioning from one activity to the next
- improving small motor skills using pencils, crayons, paint, glue and scissors
- taking care of belongings
- using quiet indoor voices and saving loud voices for outside
- cooperation in the classroom

Lunch n' Play has been well attended this fall. The children enjoy socializing and outdoor recess on the playground.

**Please cut grapes and cherry tomatoes in half. Your child's safety is our number one concern.**

**There is a teacher In-Service on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school.** Parents are invited to join others at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in Wayne. After Pizza, wings or salad join families at Encke Park in Radnor. 20% of tracked dine-in and carry-out sales will be donated to BUMNS.

BUMNS is participating in the Square Art fundraiser. Your children's art will be replicated on a variety of keepsakes. The keepsakes include; mugs, keychains, mousepads. Information packets will be sent home on Monday.

BUMNS is also partnering with A Casa Pizza during the month of October. Pizzas and Stromboli's can be ordered from A Casa. Delivery will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The pizzas are perfect for an easy Halloween Eve dinner.

I am occasionally asked why fundraise at BUMNS? Fundraising helps distinguish our preschool from other schools in the area. Monies raised have built our playground, given us funds to add new educational tools to our Game Room and classes, installed a security system, painted classrooms, bought music instruments and KIM equipment. Fundraising helps support our school environment. Tuitions do not cover the full cost of education. Fundraisers help BUMNS offset the costs of providing a high-quality learning experience to children. Fundraising enhances a child's early education experience.

Dads evening social will be held on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00 PM at Devon Bowling Lanes. The cost is \$30. Email the office for more information.



## Improving Performance Using the Principles of Servant Leadership

by Scott Knutson submitted by David Adams, Lay Leader

Stephen R. Covey said that “most people do not listen with the intent to understand, they listen with the intent to reply.” This short quote has profound implications for those looking to lead, and especially for those looking to be a servant leader.

Listening is the first attribute Larry Spears identified when he compiled the 10 characteristics of servant leaders from the writings of, and conversations he had with, Robert K. Greenleaf, the father of servant leadership. Spears (2010) said that servant leaders “listen receptively to what is being said, and unsaid.” Listening receptively is listening to understand, and it is a completely different mindset than listening to reply.

When I listen to reply, I am not in tune with what the other person is saying. Heck, it’s probably safe to say that I’m not really even paying attention. I am more concerned with what I am going to say, and how it is going to sound. As I “listen” to the other person to reply, I am thinking to myself: Will it sound as brilliant as I think it does? Will it be better than what the other person is saying? Will I win this debate with this next line of smooth verbiage?

When I listen to understand, I’m present in the moment with all of my attention focused on the other person. I call it people meditation. Most people are familiar with sitting meditation, the kind suggested by many health professionals as a way to relieve stress. You sit still and focus on something, usually your breathing. You focus on breathing in and out, and only on that. When your mind starts to wander, you slowly let go of whatever you wandered to and come back and re-focus on your breathing. Doing so can put you into a meditative state. There is also walking meditation, where you walk and focus on the experience of walking to reach that meditative state. In people meditation, you focus on the other person and what they are saying. You focus on the experience of listening intently to the other person. You take the time to repeat back what you’ve heard. You take the time to paraphrase. You take the time because you are listening to understand, not to reply. You take the time because you are practicing people meditation.

Want to be a servant leaders? Practice people meditation.



Some pictures from HUB work in October



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

Pastor: Tim Duchesne

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross

Lay Leader: David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Recordings of Sunday Services are available—Contact Jon Stockler, 610-348-3385 or [JStockler@aol.com](mailto:JStockler@aol.com)



## Mission Musings



### What is the purpose of Berwyn United Methodist Women?

- to know God & experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ
- to be a creative, supportive fellowship
- to participate in mission through local & global ministries

### Who are the members?

- ANY woman who appreciates the purpose and wants to support mission
- You don't need to be a BUMC member
- You are reading your invitation to get involved!

### What's been happening recently?

We worked together to inspect hygiene kits for the HUB and Mission Central. We directed a generous gift from the Dwyer Family in memory of Amy, our inspiring UMW leader who left us 6 years ago, to support the following missions that keep Amy's spirit alive:

- \$300.00 to The Spanish Health Ministry in Kennett Square, PA. For more info read the Fall 2017 newsletter on the UMW page of the church website or UMW bulletin board
- \$300.00 to support the work of Discovery Service Projects and the planned mission trips in 2018
- \$300.00 to support the HUB efforts and Mission Central relief kits
- \$100.00 to support Rachel Nicholson. Rachel is an elementary teacher at a bilingual school in Germany where she teaches missionary children and local German children to love learning, each other, and the Lord. Rachel is the niece of Pam & Mike Benton.

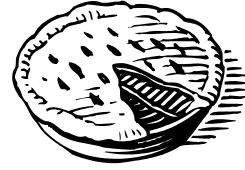
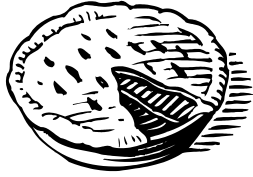
### What's next?

1. On November 12 we will travel to Camp Innabah for the Loss of Turtle Island event, 4-7 pm. Let Carol Cherry know if you want to carpool.
2. WORLD THANK OFFERING will be collected on Sunday, November 19.
3. Advent Coffee & Fellowship, Saturday, December 2, 9 am, at the church
4. In 2018 we will host Dona Sensenig, RN from the Spanish Health Ministry.



LOOK FOR THE ONE WARM COAT DONATION BOX in the narthex. Again we are a drop-off spot for coats collected in memory of Amy Dwyer. Last year over 2000 coats were collected! The collection will end by Thanksgiving.

Ideas?  
Questions?  
Comments?  
See *Carol Cherry*  
carolcherry19@gmail.com



## Thanksgiving Pies

Order pies for Thanksgiving. Delicious, homemade pies will be baked by church members. Order your pies now for Thanksgiving. The pies are scrumptious!

**Orders are due by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

**The pies will be baked on Monday, November 20 and will be distributed Tuesday, November 21.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\*Checks are payable to Berwyn United Methodist Church\*\*\*\*\***

Traditional Pies - \$13.00 each				Total
# of Apple pies _____		x \$13.00		
# of Pumpkin pies _____		=	\$	
Traditional Pies - \$13.00 each				



# 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 26<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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