



THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



November 2018 Newsletter

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Calendar Highlights

Oct 27 G.A.M.E. Night 6:30pm

Nov 4 All Saints Day

Nov 10 UMW @ Marge Smink's home

Nov 11 Laity Sunday

Nov 11 World Thank Offering

Nov 11 Christmas/Toiletry Collection Begins

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service @Valley Forge UMC

Dec 1 UMW Advent Devotion

Dec 16 Carols & Lessons; Christmas Brunch



Join Us For Worship

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month

G.A.M.E. NIGHT *Rick Stoker*

Games, Activities, Movies and Entertainment

G.A.M.E. NIGHT will debut on Sat. Oct. 27, 2018 with the movie "Second Hand Lion". The movie will be shown in the sanctuary beginning at 6:30PM. This event is sponsored by the Adult Council but is open to all in the congregation and the neighborhood. Popcorn and drink will be provided for this evening.

G.A.M.E. Night will take place on the 4th Saturday of every month from 6:30-9PM. Normally it will be held in Schieck Hall unless it is a movie and then it will be held in the sanctuary. We ask you to bring your own games and snacks for the evening. Remember to bring your kids along and to bring a kid appropriate game for them. Childcare will not be provided.

We are hoping to have a good turn out and are looking forward to many evenings of great fellowship.



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER *John Paylor*

We will observe All Saints Day on Sunday, November 4. All Saints Day is a historic day of remembrance for all the saints of the church who have passed to the Church Triumphant. We will honor the life all Berwyn Church members, family and friends who have died during the past 12 months by the reading of names and lighting of a candle for each.

Laity Day is a day set aside in the Church Calendar to recognize that laity as well as clergy are called to be disciples, and to celebrate the role of the laity in the life and work of the church. Susan Burriss will lead our worship services on Sunday, November 11, with a report on her recent mission trip to Rwanda.

We have been asked to participate in the Thanksgiving Eve service at Valley Forge UMC on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:30 PM. Each year Valley Forge sponsors this event for the churches in our Mission Connection (Berwyn, Paoli, St. Matthews, Valley Forge, Wayne).

LAY LEADER LETTER *Lee Paylor*

The license plate, on the car in front of me was “E Z K- - -” (Don’t remember the following numbers.)
And I thought of the spiritual song

“Ezekiel saw the wheel way up in the middle of the air...”

What do we see when we look upwards—windmills, trees, buildings, birds, happy clouds, storm clouds, shining rays of the sun, moon and stars?

Do we see God? Do we feel His love and His presence surrounding and warming us?

“Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love

Whate’er you love, and do what you would do.”

The Methodist Hymnal 420 in reference to Ezekiel 36:26, 27



**THANK
YOU!**



Janet Wham

A sincere “Thank You” for the flowers, cards, and calls for my birthday. When Don and I joined BUMC in 1960, it was because of the minister, the welcoming and caring members—nothing has changed over the years.

Again, warm thanks. Liz Kirkland.



MISSION UPDATE *Jeff Barger*

Donations of Christmas toys, gifts and toiletries will begin on November 11th. The last day to donate will be December 9th so we can deliver them that week. Gifts include toys for children, gift cards for mothers and toiletries, new socks and gloves for the homeless.

Mt Zion thanks BUMC for our donations of school supplies and toiletries for the homeless that were delivered in September. There is a letter of appreciation from Mt Zion on the bulletin board.

As we have no children to collect pennies, don’t forget our commitment of \$35 monthly to support Children International. There are updates on our child, Florence, on the bulletin board. Please read to see how our donations help Florence to achieve a better life. The “penny jar” is located in the rear of the Narthex. Thank you.

Giving thanks for things received is something preschoolers can relate to. During the month of November, the importance of gratitude is shared with the children. Emphasis in the classrooms centered on the first Thanksgiving and how grateful the Pilgrims were for friendship extended by the Native Americans. The children of BUMNS will come together for a Thanksgiving feast. Food items for each class feast are being donated by the parents. The children are preparing muffins and other Thanksgiving treats in their classrooms. When the children come together for the feast, they learn the importance of families, friends and sharing our Thanksgiving traditions.

**YOU'RE!
INVITED!**

HARVEST DINNER *Rick Stoker*

Do you have a family member or friend who is a veteran? I am sure you must know someone. Why not invite them to our Harvest Dinner as our guest. During the meal we will honor and thank all the veterans who are in attendance.

When you make your reservation just give us the veterans name so we can plan on having enough food for all our guests. Just a reminder that the Harvest Dinner is on Sun. Oct. 28th at 12 noon. Hope to see you all there.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Dr. Tim Duchesne

Beloved Ones of Berwyn United Methodist Church,

I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in our Stewardship Campaign this year by making a pledge to B.U.M.C.. As you know this year has been an especially challenging one financially for us here at B.U.M.C.. As we move into 2019 we have some important decisions to make as a church regarding our future. Your financial pledge/commitment to B.U.M.C. will help our leadership discern the best way forward as we continue to live into our mission of Caring, Accepting, Loving, Laughing, and Serving others both near and far. I am deeply grateful to be a part of such a passionate and committed community for Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Timothy Duchesne
Rev. Dr. Timothy Duchesne



ONE WARM COAT®



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. Coats, hats, scarves and gloves can be dropped off Mon-Fri, 9 am-2 pm, or whenever the church is open.

There are 20 drop-off sites in a 30 square mile radius so Amy's family could use help to collect and distribute all the donations. They could use help sorting the Sunday, Monday, Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It only takes a few hours to sort each day. Items are bagged at the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department in West Chester where Amy's sister-in-law Kathy Brill works. Delivery takes place the few days before and few days after Thanksgiving and is made to 4-6 locations, none further than 35 miles from the West Chester area.

If you would like to volunteer you can email Kathy Brill directly at KBrill@wegopd.org making sure you put "coat drive" in the subject line so it doesn't get caught up in her junk mail. You can also talk to Carol Cherry if you have questions. Thanks for helping to keep our friend Amy's generous spirit alive!



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 25th

Please use the order form below. Make checks payable to BUMC. Send or bring your order to the church

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 PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

(To assist people in need)

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

Name _____

In Memory/Honor/Celebration of _____

(Please circle)

BUMC LIBRARY
BOOKS FROM THE ADULT COLLECTION

Cancer Now What?: Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead by Kenneth C. Haugk, c2017 [616.99 Hau]

Cancer—Now What? is a comprehensive, easy-to-use guide to help cancer patients, their families and friends find their way through the medical, emotional and spiritual challenges of cancer. Written by Kenneth Haugk, founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries as well as a clinical psychologist and pastor, this book reaches out with gathered wisdom and knowledge from cancer survivors, loved ones and medical professionals. Each copy includes a Quick Tips card which offers suggestions for how readers might use the book: Ask the right questions. Find reliable information. Track medical information clearly. Find ways to express difficult feelings. Care for yourself. Find spiritual support. This book is a valuable resource for patients and caregivers.

The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner, c2006 [201.5 Idl]

Three mothers from three different faiths – Islam, Christianity and Judaism – set out to compose a picture book for their children that would highlight the connections between their religions. That project elicited their concerns and misunderstandings about each other's religions. Days of soul searching the issues that divided them brought them close enough to explore and discover what united them. This is a memoir of spiritual reflections in three voices. The authors investigate the issues of anti-Semitism, prejudice against Muslims and preconceptions of Christians at a time when fundamentalists dominate the public face of Christianity. As these women reveal their heartfelt beliefs, they develop a profound interfaith friendship which can serve as a model for others.

Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy by Sheryl Sandberg, Adam Grant, c2017 [155.937092 San]

Option B shares the stories of people who've had to deal with a traumatizing event, most notably Facebook's COO Sheryl Sandberg, who experienced acute grief and isolation in the wake of her husband's untimely death. Sooner or later, we all lose Option A (our preference) in our lives. This book is about learning to thrive with Option B. Co-authored by Sandberg and Wharton professor Adam Grant, Option B combines Sheryl's personal insights with Adam's eye-opening research on finding strength in the face of adversity. Resilience comes from deep within us and from support outside us. Even after the most devastating events, it is possible to grow by finding deeper meaning and gaining greater appreciation in our lives. Option B illuminates how to help others in crisis, develop compassion for ourselves, raise strong children, and create resilient families, communities, and workplaces. Many of these lessons can be applied to everyday struggles, allowing us to brave whatever lies ahead.

Questions? Contact Marjorie Smink, Church Librarian

Celebrate the Season with us on Sunday, December 16

Christmas Hymns 8:30am

Carols & Lessons 10:30 am

Christmas Brunch

following 10:30am service





Mission Musings

We heartily say thanks to Joy Fuerst for sharing at our September meeting her volunteer mission experience on the Blackfeet Reservation in summer 2017. While there, she visited the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish. Our group was moved to donate \$100.00 to that Parish to support their ministry. For information about the ministry see <https://www.bumpmission.com/our-brochure.html>



On Saturday, November 10, 9 am, at the home of Margie Smink, 1 Post Run, Newtown Square we will take a look at the book *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. With grace, wisdom, and humor, Bowler, a divinity professor at Duke University, tells of her cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment in a way that pierces platitudes to showcase her resilience in the face of impending death. The Rev. Barbara Emery, Chaplain at Paoli Hospital, and Carol Cherry, who recently heard the author speak, will lead discussion of this powerful book.



We will collect World Thank Offering during worship on Sunday, November 11.

Save the Date: Saturday, December 1

We will meet in the morning for an Advent Devotion and an outreach project. Stay tuned for details!

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Tim Duchesne

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross Lay Leader: Lee Paylor

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Amy McLoughlin

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Recordings of Sunday Services are available—Contact Jon Stockler, 610-348-3385 or JStockler@aol.com



Our **M**ission **S**tatement

God **CALLS** us to **Care, Accept, Love, Laugh and Serve**

Worship **S**chedule

8:30 AM	Early Worship
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Traditional Worship with Choir

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