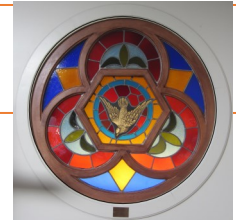


THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



NOVEMBER



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- December 24—Christmas Eve service online

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DING-A-LING LING!!!

Kristine Adams



Bell Ringers front left to right: Kristine Adams, Sandy Larkin, Carol Williams, Marge Smink.

Back row left to right: Sue Denisevich, Carol Cherry

Choir director Amy McLoughlin put out a call to choir members to see who would be interested in resurrecting our Bell Choir. She got six positive responses and the first rehearsal has been held. The bell ringers are practicing Thursday evenings for about 30-40 minutes. The hope is that they will be ready to participate in the Lessons & Carols service as well as Christmas Eve service. If you are interested in ringing a bell, please contact Amy.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 20—Lessons & Carols 10:30am, on-line

December 24—Christmas Eve service, on-line

Stay tuned for updates on in-person Christmas services

CHRISTMAS UPDATE *Amy McLoughlin*

I'm sure you all have guessed by now that Christmas services will look a bit different this year. It was important to me to make sure we saved as much "normalcy" as possible. So keeping that in mind, my goal is to have a Lessons and Carols service for December 20th this year.

We will have instrumentalists who will be playing with us this year. The Lessons & Carols service will be recorded in November. Pastor Rodney will be doing the nine readings. We will of course also have the lighting of the advent wreath.

Fingers crossed that we will be able to offer an abbreviated in-person Lessons & Carols service. That will be dependent on reports of COVID in our area from the county health department.

Christmas Eve service will also be pre-recorded like the Lessons and Carols service. Again, a live service will take place if possible as stated above and will consist of Pastor Rodney and myself covering the worship leading.

It's my hope that our Bell Choir can participate in some capacity in either or both of these important holiday worship services.

All of this is an evolving plan. There are a lot of moving pieces and I'm going to do my best to complete it in a way that serves God and our congregation. Please be patient, and know that things may change.

PASTOR LETTER

DO NOT FORGET

“Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God... You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” (Deuteronomy 8:1-17, selected verses).

Moses was afraid the Israelites would forget all that God had done for them during the Exodus and begin to think everything that they had was the result of their own power, their own wit, and their own strength.

I think it makes sense because we tend to forget. It can be so easy for us to forget that all we have and all we are is a gift to us from God. It is so easy to forget. Therefore, it is important for families and individuals to say some form of prayer before eating a meal. It is good to do this because it is so easy to forget. It is so easy to forget that everything we eat is given to us from a loving and nurturing God.

However, we also receive so much more than just food. Everything we have, everything that has been done for us by Christ, is a gift. For this reason, John Wesley said that prayer causes us to remember that all is given to us by God’s grace. Prayer helps us to remember this:

“Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will.” (How To Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer).

What is great about prayer is that it reminds us our life rests in the hands of Christ. We most certainly want to remember that. If not, we may forget like Deuteronomy forewarned and become arrogant and isolated and fail to rely upon Christ for all things.

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we would always remember what great lengths you went to forgive our sins. May we always remember your resurrection from the dead has become our resurrection from the dead in this world and in the world to come. Grant that we may receive, not just our daily bread with thanksgiving, but receive our entire life and salvation in thanksgiving to you. Amen.

-Pastor Rodney

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Rodney Brailsford

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross

Lay Leader: Lee Paylor

Sexton: Over Caicedo

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Amy McLoughlin

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

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



During our grief after Bob's passing, our BUMC family has been a ray of light. Thank you for all of the cards, calls and your compassion during this difficult time. We are grateful for friends like you at this time of sorrow.

Judy Fisk and Family



Eastern PA UMC is hiring!

2 part-time clerical jobs and a full-time District Resource Assistant (DRA) position available at the Valley Forge office of the EPAUMC.

- A 10-hour per week clerical staff member will work to assist the South District with filing, phone calls, emails, etc.
- A 20-hour per week clerical staff member will assist the West and East Districts with filing, phone calls, emails, etc.
- The DRA position is for the East & West Districts. A job description of the DRA position is available here: <https://www.epaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coordinated-District-Resource-Assistant.pdf>

For information contact Deb Boyd at dboyd@epaumc.org, or 610.666.9090 ext 1019. To be considered for any of these positions please send a resume and cover letter directly to Jo Fielding, Conference Director of Administrative Services at umjobs@epaumc.org.



Berwyn United Methodist Church is committed to serving its members and its community. If you or a loved one needs assistance with grocery shopping or anything else, please contact the church office and we will make sure you get the help you need. Also, please let us know of any prayer concerns and as always share your joys with us! We want to know how you are doing. Office email is officebumc@comcast.net and church phone number is 610-644-5555.



Betsy Newman has taken over the role of Team Leader of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Let's give Pat White our thanks for her many years of serving in the role of Team Leader of this meaningful ministry. Thank you Pat!!



SPRING FLING *Stephanie Borelly*

We are aiming for a 'Spring Fling' next year instead of a Fall Festival. We are working on adding a gardening section/plant sale to our Fling. If you have suggestions let me know!!

In the meantime, we are still collecting and storing treasures in the Scout cabin.

Here is what we are looking for:

- Knick knacks
- Wooden furniture
- Kitchen odds & ends
- Pots
- Pans
- Lamps
- Puzzles
- Games
- Pictures/frames
- Vases

And so on.....

We are NO LONGER accepting any upholstered furniture. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out by





One Warm Coat® Carol Cherry



October 5 was the 9th anniversary of our dear friend Amy Dwyer's passing, so again this year we will join the effort to collect winter coats in her honor. In 2019, 2,453 coats were collected, and the total increases every year. Coats and other cold weather items are shared with many people in need, such as the homeless and victims of abuse.

A weather-proof collection box is located outside the church entrance near Schieck Hall. Used and new coats, hats, gloves, scarves for all ages are welcome. The drive will run through the month of November. Thanks for helping Amy's giving spirit live on!



MISSIONS UPDATE: COLLECTING GIFTS FOR METHODIST SERVICES *Jeff Barger*

Berwyn UMC is participating again this year in donating Christmas toys, gifts, gift cards, arts & crafts and clothing to United Methodists Services. Their plan is to provide gifts for each of the 1,200 children they serve plus gift cards for every participant in Methodists Services Education, Housing, Counseling & Case Management Programs. Gifts should be dropped off at the church no later than November 29th. If you are dropping off gifts during the week and don't know the key pad # call ahead to make sure someone is there to let you in. You all have been so generous in helping UMS bring joy and hope to the children and family's they support. Thank you.

2020 Holiday Toy & Gift Wish List
Bring Joy to a Child or a Family!
Thank You for Donating Only NEW and UNWRAPPED GIFTS.

- Young Children, Infants & Toddlers**
 - Board Books
 - Art Supplies
 - Push & Ride-on Toys
- Preschool: Ages 3-5 Years**
 - Age-Appropriate Books
 - Art Supplies (markers, finger paints, modeling clay)
 - Coloring Books
 - Stickers
 - Play Dough
 - Block Cars
 - Woolly Worms
 - Wooden Puzzles
 - Attractions (i.e. Pease Touch Museum)
- Elementary School: Ages 6-10 Years**
 - Age-Appropriate Books
 - Art Supplies & Craft Supplies
 - Legos & 30-50 Piece Puzzles
- Middle School: Ages 11-14 Years**
 - Age-Appropriate Books
 - Art Supplies & Craft Supplies
 - Beauty & Grooming Items
 - Jeans
 - Video Games & Gaming Systems
 - Video Camcorders
 - Photo Albums
 - Attractions (i.e. The Franklin Institute)
- High School: Ages 15-18 Years**
 - Age-Appropriate Books
 - Art Supplies & Craft Supplies
 - Beauty & Grooming Items
 - Jeans
 - Gift Cards
 - Photo Albums
 - Attractions (i.e. Pease Touch Museum)
- Adults in Our Programs**
 - Books
 - Beauty & Grooming Items
 - Hats & Scarves
 - Watches
 - Personal Care Products
 - Jewelry

* Our families receive Gift Cards of one dollar from Target, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, and Amazon. * AMC and United Movie Theaters. Please mark the amount of the Gift Card on the envelope. * Many of our programs serve young children and families who would also benefit from donations of NEW car seats, baby strollers, high chairs, bassinets, cribs, car seats, and other baby care items. * We also appreciate receiving unopened new gift tags and boxes. * For more info, please contact: Carol Barger, Director of Development, Methodist Services, 611 Church Street, Berwyn, PA 19312 or call 610-395-1122. * The official supplier and brand information for Methodist Services may be obtained from the Inventory Department of Pease Touch Museum. * Pease Touch Museum is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. * We are grateful for your support.



LAY LEADER LETTER *Lee Paylor*

A friend colored and framed a coloring page, and the words are "Adventure Is Waiting."

I was taking a nightly walk in the back hall. It should have been dark, but there was light shining on the floor.

I looked out the glass panes on the side door and above the tree tops, a magnificent full moon was brightly shining !! And I said thank you to God for waking me to see this

beautiful sight. Not all our adventures are beautiful and happy, but God is with us. He walks with us; He carries us at times. He laughs with us; He cries with us.

"My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all of my life...all of my strength....All of my hope is in you."

The Faith We Sing, page 2032.

"May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world's that new, faithful when we hear Christ's call."

The Faith We Sing, page 2186.



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

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

Worship **S**chedule

Sundays 10:30 AM Indoor Abbreviated Worship Service in Schieck Hall
Sundays 10:00 AM On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/Church Website

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