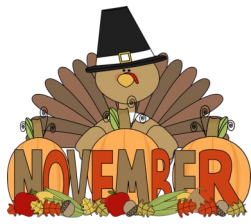


# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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### Calendar Highlights

- November 28 Advent begins
- Dec 2 Soupy Thursday Begins
- Dec 19 Christmas Brunch

**TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR CHURCH EVENTS & THE GLOBAL CHURCH PLEASE FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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[www.epaumc.org](http://www.epaumc.org) (Eastern PA Conference of UMC)

**WEBSITE:** [umnews.org](http://umnews.org) (United Methodist News)



## One Warm Coat®

### ONE WARM COAT DRIVE IN MEMORY OF AMY

In grateful remembrance of our dear friend Amy Dwyer who left us 10 years ago, you are invited to donate to the One Warm Coat drive. Used and new coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for all ages are welcome and will be shared with people in need. Please place items in the weather-proof collection box located outside the main church entrance. The drive runs through the month of November. Thanks for honoring Amy's giving spirit!



*Jeff Barger*

It's time to start thinking about donating toys and gifts to Methodist Services and Mt. Zion UMC.

Because of your generosity each year your gifts donations bring smiles and happiness to mothers children and others who are less fortunate than us.

Zion is also collecting toiletries, warm socks, gloves and hats for the homeless. You can drop off donations in the church Narthex between Nov 14th and Dec 12th. Veronica has emailed the list of toys and gifts to the congregation. There are also lists in the Narthex for you to take. And lastly, The Alternative Gift event will be back again this year. A list of worthy missions will be available in December's Lighted Cross.



**BUMC HUB** continues to collect items for distribution to serve others during the pandemic.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the following churches for their donations:

- Mt. Carmel UMC in St. Peter's for 50 cleaning kits/flood buckets
- Bethesda UMC/Bethesda Youth Outreach in Middletown, DE for 70 school kits



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## Librarian Recommendations

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### A ROSE IN A DITCH by Julie Henning {BIO Hen}

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to enjoy an inspirational presentation by Julie Henning, the author of *A Rose in a Ditch* [BIO Hen]. Julie, an Amerasian child, was born to a South Korean mother and an American GI father at the end of the Korean War in 1953. Her father returned to the United States after the war, leaving Julie and her mother to cope with being outcasts from South Korean society – Julie being a half breed and her mother having born such a child. They lived a life of poverty but one of love. With all her problems, Julie was a grateful student, and she excelled in school. When she was a teenager, her mother died, and Julie became an orphan. Pearl S. Buck, the famous author and humanitarian, noticed her outstanding academic record, adopted her and brought her to the United States. Over the years Buck adopted a number of Amerasian orphans, and raised them in her Bucks County, Pennsylvania home. Julie excelled in the loving, supportive atmosphere of the Buck home and the local school district. She went on to college, met and married Doug Henning, a minister, and raised a family of two boys with Doug. She is an accomplished author and an energetic Christian speaker who exudes her faith and God’s love in her life.



### SOUPY THURSDAY

December 2 Turkey Noodle Soup

December 9 Cream of Potato Soup

December 16 Vegetable Beef

Beverages, Bread, Dessert included



### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRUNK OR TREAT

*Kristine Adams*

Once again, I am filled with so much gratitude for your support of this community event. Despite the rain, we had a steady stream of kids the entire two hours!! It is so much fun to see the same kids year after year and watch them grow up.

Thank you to all of our “trunks”:

David Adams, Pastor Rodney & Lauren, Cindy & Brett Shallcross, Mark DeStefano, Jack & Janet Campbell, Dick & Claudia Sharpless, Boy Scout Troop 181. The Boy Scouts I think won Most Popular display—they brought their own firepit and made s’mores!!!

Thank you for your continued support. The kids look forward to it every year! Start thinking of ideas for next year!



*Jane Harris*

October is behind us and the Halloween costumes have been put away. Our hallways will soon be full of turkeys and pumpkin pies as Thanksgiving approaches. 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. The children of BUMNS will come together and share a Thanksgiving feast. Food items for each class feast are donated by the parents. When the children come together for the feast, they learn the importance of families, friends and the sharing of our Thanksgiving traditions. We, at BUMNS, have a lot to be thankful for, we are especially thankful for the support the church continually gives us. We wish everyone a good Thanksgiving.



# Soupy Thursday

*Rick Stoker*

We are pleased to announce that Soupy Thursday returns Thursday December 2. Once again we will offer both take out and eat in.

Take out will be available each week from 5pm-6:30pm. Soup will be \$5.00/Qt., bread will be \$3.00/loaf and cookies will be 3 for a \$1.00. We ask that you please bring your own container for the soup.

If you are coming to Schieck Hall to eat your soup it will be available from 5:30pm-6:30pm. There will be a free will offering taken for the soup. Soup, bread, cookies and beverage will be offered each week.

Dec. 2 – Turkey Noodle

Dec. 9 – Cream of Potato

Dec. 16 – Vegetable Beef

There will be no soup on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30. Soup will resume on January 6 and will continue through till the end of February. (Soup may end earlier if we don't get enough volunteers to help out).

Where do we need volunteers? Soup prep and dining room set up 2-5p each week. Serving from the kitchen 5-6:45p each week, this also includes clean up. If you would like to volunteer to help out please contact [Rickstoker@aol.com](mailto:Rickstoker@aol.com)



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# Christmas Brunch

*Rick Stoker*

Christmas Brunch this year will be held on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:30am service (around 10:45-11:00).

The brunch will feature both breakfast and lunch items, the exact menu will be in the December Lighted Cross. The meal will be \$10.00 for adults and children 10 and above, \$5.00 for children 5-10 and free for children under 5.

Reservations are required and will be taken on Dec. 5&12. Volunteers will be needed, please contact Rick if you are interested in helping.



*“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.” John Wesley*

This Thanksgiving season, let us remember to take time to pray. Pray with hearts filled with gratitude. Pray to give thanks and praise to God for life and the blessing of our loved ones. Pray for God to guide your path and give you continued strength on your journey.

This year, people have been deeply impacted by a multitude of disasters and seemingly unending violence in our world. Pray for healing in our world and for help, peace and understanding to those who hurt. Let us commit to deep and meaningful prayer, such that prayers become not only words but become action.

God gives us abundant blessings! We have joy and laughter; we have courage when we are afraid, hope where there is worry and doubt, comfort when we have uncertainty and sadness. God is with us always, in everything. John Wesley genuinely believed in the blessings and love of God. In fact, in his final moments before his death, John Wesley said, “Best of all, God is with us.”

Pray for our community and our church as we seek to strengthen our congregation and grow together in Christ. Pray for our church staff and leaders in our congregation who work to keep our church active and our ministry meaningful. Pray for all who serve and give the financial resources for our ministry to take place. Pray for Berwyn UMC as we continue to seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer. Always give thanks and praise to the Lord with a heart full of gratitude. I am thankful for each of you and our church family. I am grateful for all God is doing through our church as we pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving season!

Blessings,

Pastor Rodney



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



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## Worship Schedule

Sundays	9:30AM	In Person Worship in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/ Church Website/YouTube

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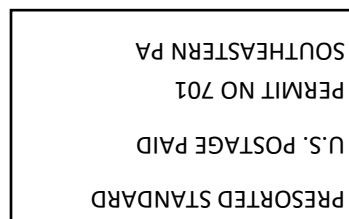
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