

Mark Gifts-ONE Spirit
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. (1 Corinthians 12:4-13)

Berwyn UMC - Followed Jesus
Welcome Everyone
Caring for One Another
Serving the World



November 2013

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

FALL HARVEST DRIVE



Every year the Worship Committee sponsors a food drive for Trinity Presbyterian's Food Bank.

We are going to do it again however with a different focus.

WE ARE COLLECTING PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER AND TISSUES !!!!

The Food Bank must use their cash for these items as they do not qualify for funds from agencies. Everyone needs these paper products.

WE WILL START THE COLLECTION ON NOVEMBER 3RD.

LOOK FOR THE FALL DISPLAY IN THE LOBBY. HOPEFULLY WE CAN FILL THE WHOLE CORNER

WITH STACKS OF THESE PAPER PRODUCTS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks from the Worship Committee.



Thanksgiving Offering

The Missions Committee has a commitment to support local, national, and international funds in need. In the spirit of giving Thanks, please note that this year's Thanksgiving offering will go to three very worthy causes. The local, national, and international missions that will receive our offering are T&E Cares, Cookson Hills, and The Children and Youth Empowerment Center respectively. Thank you for taking these funds in to consideration when you give on that day in November.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Sunday, November 3 is the day we will present our 2014 "Giving Cards" to God. Look for your card coming in the mail.

Most people feel that giving is good. Nobody really wants to be a "Scrooge." As followers of Jesus we want to be like Jesus.

Our congregation is a place of service where we can grow to become generous like Jesus. We build up our congregation so we can continue to be a spiritual home for our children, youth and adults. As United Methodists, we are connected to many congregations around the world. Our connection makes it possible to give in response to needs as they arise throughout the world. We are able to be part of long range solutions because United Methodists are committed to developing leaders, promoting education, working for justice, and improving health globally.

Our congregation is generous when we hear an appeal to support people caught up in disasters or when it's time to send our youth and adults out to be part of a mission work team. We love to give at Christmastime.

But giving to appeals is not the only way to give. The Bible teaches us to give in a regular way much like a farmer who makes plans every year to sow seed and care for its growth. Farmers can't just rush out and sow seed when they feel hungry. They have to plan ahead for a harvest that will nurture life day after day.

Your Giving Card is your opportunity to be part of the planning ahead work that our congregation must do. Our ministry teams need to know what to expect in the way of support in order to make plans to keep on serving in 2014 by caring for our people and our facilities.

Nobody really wants to be a "Scrooge". We want to give to God in a prayerful, joyful, generous way. Your giving card is a tool that strengthens our congregation so we are ready to meet challenges. Please take your "Giving Card" with you into prayer and ask God to guide you.



LAY LEADER LETTER

“...BECAUSE I KNOW YOU, I HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR GOOD”

I LOVE musicals!!! I love to go to the theater and enjoy the wonderful story and acting and music being presented on the stage below me. I let the sounds and smells and beauty of the theater enfold me. We are so fortunate to have so many venues right here in the Philadelphia area. I can quickly lose myself in the story and the music wafting up from the stage below (sometimes, very, very far below!). The next thing I LOVE to do is to own the soundtrack that accompanies the musical I have just enjoyed and I then end up playing the CD over and over and over again...always singing along in the privacy of my car or in my kitchen. I especially look forward to reading the little brochure that comes with the CD that includes the lyrics that I may have missed from the upper levels of the theater.

This past summer I found myself enjoying the musical “WICKED”, the musical (The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West). We all know the Judy Garland movie The WIZARD OF OZ and are familiar with the Wicked Witch of the West and the evil being that she was...or was she? WICKED presents the “OTHER” side of Elphaba as she is now named. The story behind the story we all thought we knew. As the story progresses we find that all is not what we once thought!

One song that has stood out to me and summed up this story had Elphaba, The Wicked Witch of the West and her BEST FRIEND, Glinda, the Good Witch, about to part from each other for probably the very last time. “It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime.... So much of me is made of what I learned from you, You’ll be with me like a handprint on my heart...Because I knew you, I have been changed for good”.

I think of these words and have stolen them as my own little prayer and (with thanks to Stephen Schwartz) and used them in many of my prayers to God.

SO MUCH OF ME IS MADE OF WHAT I LEARNED FROM YOU, DEAR LORD. YOU ARE WITH ME LIKE A HANDPRINT ON MY HEART.... BECAUSE I KNOW YOU...I HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR GOOD.

You never know where you will hear the whisper of God’s presence in your life. I know he is with me “ Like a handprint on my heart”.

Janet K Campbell

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FROM MISSIONS

The Missions Committee will be bringing back our “Alternative Gift Giving Program” during the Christmas Season. Keep in mind that the Alternative Gift is a wonderful “Alternative” to an actual present (i.e. socks, a tie, or fruit basket). Donating money in someone’s name to your favorite Mission is the perfect gift to the person who already has enough of everything. Why not send a flock of chicks to an underserved area in Grandma and Grandpa’s name, or help a child receive proper education in Kenya on behalf of your favorite Aunt or Uncle? The Alternative Gift just might be the most meaningful gift you might give this year.



We have been communicating with United Methodist Neighborhood Services and they have asked that we do not collect mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. The toy drive will be in full force throughout the latter part of November and early December. We know that December is our committee’s busiest time of year, so please bear with us as we try to fulfill our obligations during the Christmas Season. We can’t thank you enough for your generosity and Christmas spirit. It really does go a long way!

Kelly Hogan, Missions



October brings many events and celebrations. All classes ventured to area pumpkin patches and apple orchards for Fall field trips. The children have discussed the changes this time of year brings. The field trips enhance the children’s appreciation of this colorful season.

The 2 Day classes visited Sugartown Pumpkins. The children enjoyed a hayride to the pumpkin patch for pumpkin gathering.

The 3 Day children went to Milky Way Farm. The children learned about animal life on the farm. They were fascinated observing cows being milked by a “milking robot.” The trip culminated with a hayride and pumpkin picking.

The 5 Day classes travelled to Highland Orchards. The children were able to press apples to make apple cider and stuff a scarecrow. A hayride into the apple orchard included a lesson on apple varieties and apple picking.

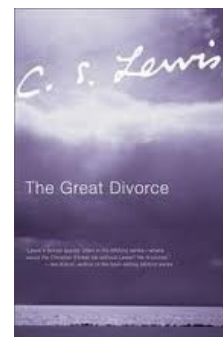
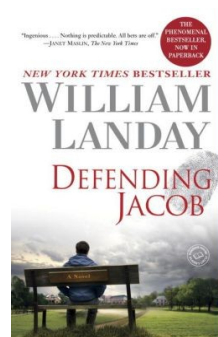
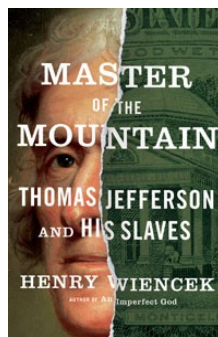
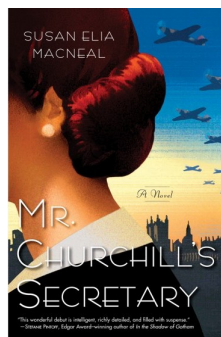
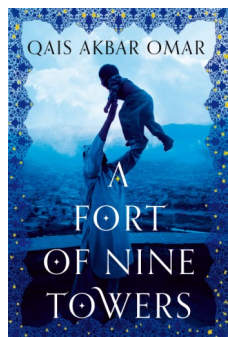
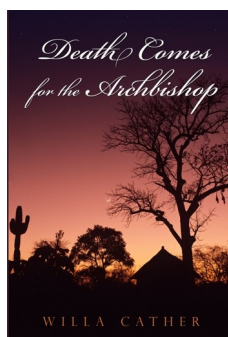
October is Fire Safety month. The 5 Day children walked to the Berwyn Fire Company for a tour and lesson on fire safety. The 3 and 5 Day classes experienced a “practice” fire drill in the school. The children walked quickly and quietly to “safe” areas outside of the school. The 2 Day children will be having a fire drill later in November. The BUMNS staff was certified in First Aid by the Red Cross at our In-Service on October 11th.

THE BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE 2013-2014

	<u>Reviewer</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
November 20, 2013	Claudia Sharpless	Sally Robie (Romaine) 610-644-6631
Death comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather		
January 15, 2014	Betsy Lang	Alan & Jeanette Hess 610-430-3679
A Fort of Nine Towers: An Afghan Family Story by Qais Akbar Mar		
February 18, 2014	Barb Mekenney	Barb Mekenney 610-644-2469
Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Susan Elia MacNeal		
March 19, 2014	John Edinger	Betsy Lang 610-644-8259
Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves by Henry Wiencek		
April 16, 2014	Nancy Atchison	Ann West 610-687-0222
Defending Jacob by William Landay		
May 21, 2014	Chuck Parvin	TBD
The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis		

Note: Ash Wednesday is Mar 5, 2014 and Easter is April 20, 2014

Betsy Lang



BUMC MEMBER NEWS

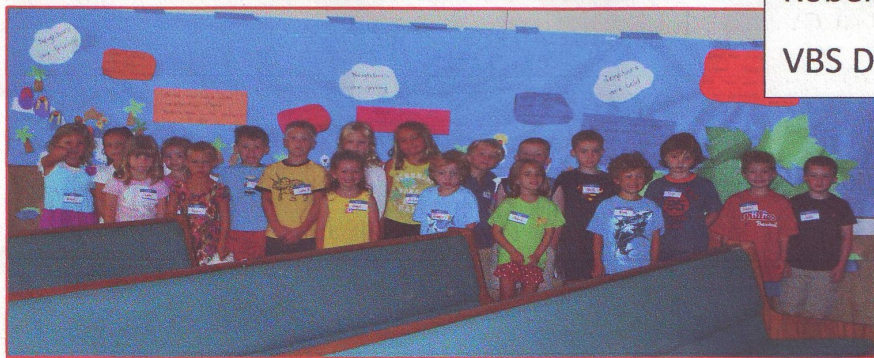
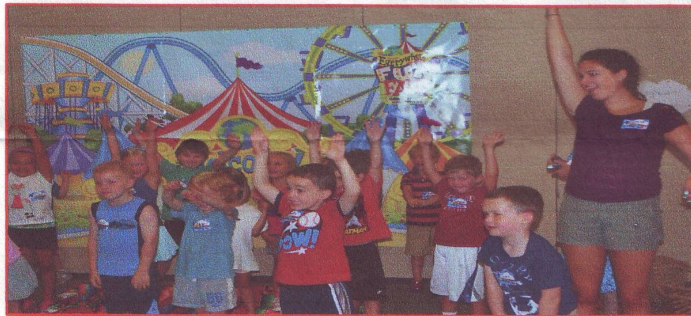
On Saturday evening, May 11, 2013, Margaret Sooy Bridwell had the distinct pleasure of being awarded the Royal Order of the Polar Star given to her personally by His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden during the formal reception at the Chase Center in Wilmington, DE honoring the early Swedes and Finns who arrived in the Delaware Valley in 1638.

Present at the ceremony were Vice-President Joseph Biden, Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Senators Thomas Carper and Christopher Coons. Also Jonas Hafstrom, Ambassador of Sweden to the US, Ritva Koukku-Ronde, Ambassador of Finland to the US with the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament Eero Heinaluoma attended the 375th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner.

Mrs. Bridwell is a twelfth generation descendent of Olaf Stille and other Swedish settlers including Hans Mansson who entered from Sweden in 1640. The name of Stille was changed to Steelman, a very popular family name in Southern New Jersey. During the last three years, Sally has served as Governor of The Swedish Colonial Society with membership in the United States, Canada and Sweden. She also serves on the Board of the Swedish Council of America, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Bridwell is a retired educator having graduated from Rowan University and received her Master's Degree from Temple University.

Paoli chaplain receives Outstanding Employee Award

Barbara Emery, chaplain, Community Services, is the recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Employee Award provided by the R.C. Fried Family Fund at Paoli Hospital Foundation.



THANK YOU!!!

Dear Cindy,

Thanks to you and Berwyn UMC's generosity, over 100 children had a wonderful week at St. Luke's Everywhere Fun Fair! I hope these pictures give you a glimpse of how much we appreciate the beautiful decorations you shared with us. We are so fortunate to have such thoughtful neighbors!

Sincerely,

Roberta Menapace

VBS Director



CHURCH LIBRARY

The BUMC Library holdings may now be accessed three ways. You may browse the shelves in person, use the traditional card catalogs in the library or browse the collection via the online catalog from any computer or electronic device. To use the online catalog: Open your browser / Pull up the BUMC website (www.berwynumc.org) / Click on Resources / Click on Library Search / Click on BUMC Online Public Access Catalog. Voila – you are there! Now you may search for a specific title, author or topic. You may also click on New Items to see what books and media have been recently added to the collection. About 1/3 of the adult collection has been added to the online catalog to date. The rest can be found in the card catalogs.

To borrow an item, sign and date the borrower's card found in the card pocket / place the card in the "Borrower's Card Box" on the card catalog. Please return your borrowed item in one month. Happy reading / viewing!

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ADULT BOOK: *My Story, My Song: Mother-Daughter Reflections on Life and Faith* by Lucimarian Roberts as told to Missy Buchanan with reflections by Robin Roberts, Upper Room Books, c2012 [248.8431 Rob]

My Story, My Song is the heartwarming memoir of 88-year-old Lucimarian Tolliver Roberts, mother of Good Morning America co-anchor Robin Roberts. It details important moments in Mrs. Roberts' interesting life, revealing how faith in God gave her strength and hope. Good Morning America viewers came to know Lucimarian Tolliver Roberts. For many, the heartfelt connection began the day after Hurricane Katrina blew through the Gulf Coast. They watched as Robin stood among the remnants of her hometown and talked about her desperate search for her feisty elderly mother, who had ridden out the storm in her Mississippi home. Once Robin found her mom, she was not surprised to learn that Lucimarian had weathered the storm singing hymns. Lucimarian passed away at age 88, soon after this book was published. She always credited hymns with helping her, a black woman born in 1924, to live faithfully during the agonizing times of the Great Depression, the ugly years of segregation, and the loneliness and repeated moves that came with being married to a U.S. Air Force officer.

Our BUMC copy is inscribed by the author, Missy Buchanan, who was a featured speaker at the 2013 Church and Synagogue Library Association Conference that was co-chaired by Marjorie Smink, BUMC Librarian.

ADULT DVD: *The Visitor*, Overture Films, c2007 [DVD Vis]

Connection is everything. *The Visitor* is an American immigration film starring Richard Jenkins who was nominated for Best Actor in the 2008 Academy Awards. It is the story of a lonely middle-aged professor in New York City whose life changes when he is forced to face issues relating to immigration and cross-cultural communication in a post 9-11 world. This film is one of the "Movies That Make You Think" – a BUMC program spearheaded by Amy Dwyer, whose presence we all miss.

CHILDREN'S BOOK: *In God's Name* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, c1994 [J 291.211 Sas] *In God's Name* gives a marvelous illustration of the many faces through which God is known and understood. Different peoples of the world create their own names for God and are each convinced that their name is the correct one, names such as Source of Life, Creator of Light, Shepherd, Maker of Peace, My Rock, Healer, Redeemer, Mother, Father, Friend. The diversity of names describes honest expressions of faith and devotion. When all the people come together they realize the diversity in their expressions of belief but cherish their unity. Together they call God *One*. This book is recommended for children in grades K through 5.

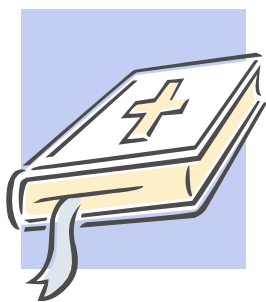
Marjorie Smink, Church Librarian

UMW – Save these dates!

Sunday, November 3 – check Sunday bulletin for details

Sunday, November 24 – World Thank Offering collected during worship.
Pick up a “little blue box” in the narthex if you like.

Saturday, December 7 – Advent Brunch hosted by Sue Denisevicz



SHARED BIBLE STUDY

The Shared Bible Study adult class welcomes you to the Kerygma Study, LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE, which introduces strategies for understanding biblical interpretation. There is always room for more! Grab your coffee and join us at 9:15 each

Sunday for discovery and fellowship.

Greetings everyone,

If you have not gotten to know me yet, my name is Ed Moyer. I am glad to announce that I am your current Youth Director here at Berwyn United Methodist church. Let me tell you a few things about myself. I was born and raised in Perkiomenville, Pa and currently reside in Pottstown, Pa. I have been married for 5 years, have an amazing wife, Tina, and 1 year old, Noah. I currently work for the Post Office in Paoli and enjoy meeting new customer's every day. I have my Bible degree majoring in Youth Ministry from Philadelphia Biblical University (now Cairn University).



Since my graduation I have been a part of both large and small Youth Ministry programs. I love working with youth and try to make Christ relevant to each and every youth I encounter. My goal and personal mission statement dealing with Youth Ministry is the following: *The purpose of Youth ministry is to serve Christ to the best of my ability, presenting the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to everyone. In serving, discipling youth, encourage youth grow in their faith so that they can become equipped for ministry to disciple others.* My true passion is working with your youth :).....Did I mention that before? I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Have an amazing day and God bless,

FALL FEST THANK YOU!!!

Another Fall Festival has come and gone. Cindy and I would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped this year.

A big THANK YOU goes to the Boy Scouts who moved everything from the scout cabin into the church and to the Girl Scouts who helped organize the Flea Market. At this time a tentative tally is \$6009.00. As soon as we have final count we will let everyone know.

Thanks,

Stephanie and Cindy



COAT DRIVE IN MEMORY OF AMY DWYER

@gain this year BUMC will be a drop-off center for a collection of new or used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots and/or blankets. Your items can be dropped off in the narthex box on Sundays or Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. During the week use the doors by Schieck Hall; ring the bell and Veronica will buzz you in. The drive is coordinated by Amy's family and done in conjunction with onewarmcoat.org. Last year 1,642 items were collected at

Handbell Concert:

The 5-octave Handbell Choir from Ridley Park Presbyterian Church will be presenting a concert at Berwyn United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 17 at 4:00. Our choir will be participating with members of the RPPC Choir. The finale will be piano, organ, choir, and handbells in a stirring rendition of "I Sing the Mighty Power of God". Reception to follow.



*Sign up to greet visitors and members
or to deliver flowers to the ill and home bound.*

Narthex Greeter

Nov 3 Judy Fisk

Nov 10 Jane McDowell

Nov 17 Barb McKenney

Flower Delivery

Carol Williams

Jane McDowell

Barb McKenney

Did you know BUMC is on Facebook? Like us and help spread the word of all the events happening at church! Go to www.facebook.com and in the Search section type in Berwyn UMC. Help expand our online community.



REMINDER

From the office: The HIPAA Law prevents hospitals from calling the church. If you are aware of anyone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-644-5555 or Pastor Jacabella at 484-318-6389.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: November 12

Our mission is to spread the good news about the activities of Berwyn United Methodist Church. Chairs and members of committees are invited to submit articles to inform the congregation about events and the work of the church. Individuals are invited to submit cards of thanks and brief items of interest about congregation members. Submit items to kristineadamspc@verizon.net by the end of the day November 12. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by December 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

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God's Road Map

The Bible is like a road map showing us the way we should go. Fill in the blanks with the words you find in the WORD FIND. Some words may be used twice or may not be used at all.

1. Lines from one side of the map to the other are from east to _____ .
2. You can _____ a map to show where you live.
3. A _____ has a direction needle.
4. The direction needle always points _____.
5. On a map a _____ usually means a capitol.
6. Lines running up and down are north and _____.
7. _____ are used on maps to show mountains, rivers, and cities.
8. There is a _____ on each map to show how much distance is a mile.
9. A local map shows _____ in a town.
10. The area right around your home might be called your _____.
11. If you are lost, a _____ will tell you which direction is north, south, east and west.
12. A _____ can help you find your way in a new area.
13. On maps of countries, there are lines that show _____ _____ where you would change your watch when traveling.
14. A map makes a very large area look _____.
15. With a compass and a map you can find your way to just about _____.

1. west 2. draw 3. compass 4. north 5. star 6. south 7. symbols 8. scale 9. streets 10. neighborhood 11. compass 12. map 13. time zones 14. small 15. anywhere



Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 AM	Early Worship
9:15 AM	Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 AM	Worship

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