



October 2009

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

# The Lighted Cross

## Fall Festival and Flea Market

### 9 to 2, Saturday, Oct. 10

It is almost time for our annual fundraiser to benefit the missions and activities of our church home.

We need all of your help and all of your energy to make this day a special one. It is time now to give us a call and volunteer, time to root through your closets and basements, bookcases and jewelry boxes to share your no-longer-needed items to help our church.

We need your donations for the Silent Auction. Do you have a week or a weekend at a vacation home you can share? Do you have a desire to weed a garden? Shovel snow? Rake leaves? Then you have a Silent Auction item. Bake a pie...cater a meal...be a personal shopper. Are you a professional who can help with a service? Change the oil? Prepare a will? Tutor? Plan a landscape? Plan a room? Put yourself on the Silent Auction list.

Our book sale will be brimming with books. Buy them this year, read them, and re-donate them next year.

Come for lunch. Our lunch crew is busy planning the menu.

Flour, sugar and other ingredients are being purchased for all those yummy pies and cakes and cookies. Come, enjoy the aroma and take something home. Calories don't count if you buy it at our bake table.

The Flea Market is always a hit. But we need your stuff. The Scout Cabin is open on Sunday morning, or just call Kate and Brian Walker or Jack and Janet Campbell.

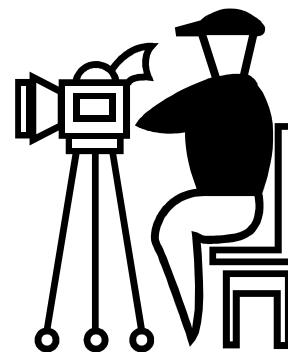
Our committee chairs: Kate and Brian Walker, Flea Market; Donna Pitz, Sue Farina, Jan Polasky and Debbie Nemetz, lunch; Stephanie Borelly and Cindy Shallcross, jewelry; Judy Fisk, collectibles; Marge Smink, books; Janet Campbell, bake table; Kristine Adams and Carol Williams, Silent Auction; Amy Dwyer, fair trade coffee; the Reiter family, pumpkin and gourd sales; Jessica Simmons, games for children; Sue and Molly Denisevicz, signs, posters and artwork; Ruth Rumiano and Rosalie Hart, money changers; John Paylor, publicity; Joy Fuerst, welcome to BUMC; Jack Campbell and Brian Walker, set-up and clean-up.

### We need your picture for the BUMC directory

If you haven't already signed up for your appointment with the Olan Mills photographer, please do so at church on Oct. 4 or 11.

The portraits will be taken in Schieck Hall on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25, noon to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 3, 3 to 9:30 p.m.



# Endowment Program is proposed for BUMC

An Endowment Program has been proposed for BUMC as a vehicle for members and friends to make gifts that will become an endowment to support the mission and ministries of our church.

Over the last nine months, a team has developed policies and guidelines for this new endeavor. The document will be presented for approval by the Charge Conference on Nov. 1.

Members of the development team are Rosalie Hart, Janelle Larson, Jan Polasky, Ruth Frey, Jack Campbell, Bob Koons, Jim Tiede, Tom Renehan, Pastor Poncé and church treasurer Pam Benton.

Initially, the Endowment Committee would be chaired by Rosalie Hart. Other officers would be Janelle Larson, vice chair; Jack Campbell, secretary; and Bob Koons, treasurer.

The Endowment Program Policies and Guidelines are printed below. The document is posted on the church's website, [berwynumc.org](http://berwynumc.org), and copies also are available in the narthex. The committee encourages all members of the church family to review this document and give feedback to the committee by the end of October.

**PURPOSE:** The Endowment Program of the Berwyn United Methodist Church is to establish and to provide a vehicle for members and friends to make gifts that will become an endowment to support the mission and ministries of the Berwyn United Methodist Church.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The Endowment Fund shall exist under the authority of the Charge Conference. The Endowment Committee as a committee of the Board of Trustees of the Berwyn United Methodist Church is empowered to:

- A) Accept and acknowledge appropriate gifts to the Endowment Fund including all funds designated for the endowment fund and a portion of undesignated bequests and memorials. The undesignated bequests and memorials will be reviewed annually with a recommendation made to the Administrative Board.
- B) Promote and educate the congregation regarding the Endowment Program.
- C) Maintain an accurate record of all bequests, memorials or other gifts made to the Endowment Fund.
- D) Invest funds to assure current income and promote long-term growth.
- E) Maintain an accurate and complete accounting of all invested funds, including income, capital and expenses incurred.
- F) Report to the Charge Conference when requested but not less than annually the status of invested funds, the amount of earnings available for distribution and the actual distribution of such funds.

The Finance Committee of the Berwyn United Methodist Church shall be responsible for an annual audit of the Endowment Fund and report its findings and recommendations to the Charge Conference.

The Administrative Board shall be responsible for approving all distributions from the Endowment Fund for approved programs, ministries and training experiences to benefit the local church and for approved mission projects beyond the local church.

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** Membership of the Endowment Committee shall consist of an Executive Committee comprised of four persons and four to six additional members-at-large.

The Executive Committee members shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The members-at-large shall consist of those four to six additional members. The Ex-Officio members of the Executive and the full Committee are the Pastor and the Treasurer of Berwyn United Methodist Church.

Members of the Executive Committee shall serve for a term of eight (8) years which would include time spent as a member-at-large. Members-at-large shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

At all times, the overall membership of the Endowment Committee shall include at least two members of the Finance Committee and two members of the Board of Trustees. */ Continued on Page 3*

# Proposed Endowment Program (*continued*)

Members of the Executive Committee may not succeed themselves, i.e., may serve only one eight-year term. Members-at-large may succeed themselves a maximum of one time, i.e., may serve only two consecutive three-year terms. If any member of the Committee resigns or is absent for a year, a new member shall be appointed to the Committee to serve out the remaining term of the departed member.

The Endowment Committee shall have officers consisting of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Initially, the Chairperson shall be Rosalie Hart, the Vice-Chairperson shall be Janelle Larson, the Secretary shall be Jack Campbell, and the Treasurer shall be Bob Koons. New officers will be elected by the Endowment Committee when the current officers leave their posts.

The Lay Leadership Committee shall recommend to the Charge Conference those who shall be appointed to the Endowment Committee.

**INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:** The funds provided to the Endowment Program shall be provided to an investment organization for investment and administration. A Due Diligence effort by the initial Endowment Program Committee determined that the Eastern Pennsylvania - Peninsula United Methodist Foundation Inc. was the investment agency best suited to invest, help educate, and communicate the advantages, ideas and mechanisms of the Endowment Program for the Berwyn United Methodist Church. That agency shall be the investment agency for the Endowment Program.

To insure that the above agency best serves the needs of the BUMC, a new survey of available agencies shall be made each three years by the end of November. If another agency scores better for the Endowment Program, the agency shall be made the BUMC investment agency.

**LIMITATION ON USE OF PRINCIPAL:** The objective of the Endowment Fund is to conserve the Fund's principal and make use of only the income from invested funds. No part of the principal may be withdrawn except in extreme and overwhelming circumstances bordering on the survival of BUMC. Any such withdrawal of principal must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Administrative Board of BUMC when a quorum is present.

**DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME:** When the Endowment Fund value is less than \$50,000, all income must be reinvested in the Endowment Fund. When the Endowment Fund value exceeds \$50,000, the annual income produced by the Fund shall be distributed as follows:

- (a) One-half (1/2) of the annual income shall be made available to BUMC for approved programs, ministries, training experiences, mission projects, capital improvements, and/or maintenance projects, upon recommendation by the Endowment Committee to, and approval by, the Finance Committee, Board of Trustees and the Administrative Board.
- (b) One-half (1/2) of the annual income shall be reinvested by the Endowment Committee in the Endowment Fund to facilitate future growth of the Fund's principal.
- (c) Income shall not be distributed to support the budget items of the Church regularly funded by the pledges and gifts of its members.

When the principal of the Endowment Fund reaches \$250,000 the income distribution strategy will be reassessed by the committee.

**LIABILITY:** In the absence of fraud or other willful misconduct, no member of the Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee, the Endowment Committee or the Administrative Board of the Berwyn United Methodist Church shall be personally liable for any action taken or omission made with respect to the Endowment Fund Program.

**MERGER CONSIDERATIONS:** If at any time the Berwyn United Methodist Church is lawfully merged, or consolidated with any other church, all provisions hereof in respect to the Endowment Program shall be deemed to have been made in behalf of the merged, or consolidated church which shall be obligated to administer the same in all respects and in accordance with the terms thereto.

**AMENDMENTS:** Technical corrections and amendments to the Endowment Fund which do not alter its stated purpose may be made only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a duly announced Charge Conference of the Berwyn United Methodist Church at which a quorum is present.

## FROM THE PASTOR

### In helping the poor, we can make a difference

The United Methodist Church will focus on four areas of ministry for the next four years: 1) Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world; 2) Creating new places for new people and renewing existing congregations; 3) Engaging in ministry with the poor; and 4) Stamping out the killer diseases of poverty by improving health globally. The fervent hope of the General Conference is that all churches will help implement these goals.

As a faith community we have had a good track record of reaching out to the poor in more ways than one. We have shared our resources and ourselves with our brothers and sisters in the Appalachian Mountains. Many of us have spent hours in the hollows of West Virginia and Kentucky expressing our love for God and other humans through our actions and our presence. We have reached out to others in Latin America and Nepal through our support of volunteers in mission and a missionary. We have attempted to reach out in our neighborhood through Interfaith Hospitality and Habitat for Humanity. I delight and rejoice that we are a caring and thoughtful congregation with a desire to do more.

During a sermon on Sept. 6, I asked if we knew where the pockets of poverty exist in our community. Sometimes we think poverty does not exist around us, but it does. Paoli UMC recently established a Neighbor in Need emphasis. This came about when a holiday basket was taken to a neighboring family. Those making the delivery discovered that the family had no heat and that one of the children was dying of cancer. The family lacked medical insurance to give adequate care to the child, and they did not know how to work the system to get the care. Several at the church responded by fixing the furnace, and a member who is a social worker helped with the medical care. That experience opened the eyes of many, revealing that there are pockets of poverty right here on the Main Line.

Paoli UMC has invited us and other churches to partner with them as they have also partnered with TE Cares. They had a meeting in August that Betsy Newman attended. There is so much to be done that they cannot do it alone. If you would like to help, please be in touch with Betsy or me. By continuing to be in ministry with the poor, we can make a tremendous difference in the lives of many.

May the care and generosity of our God continue to inspire us in turn to be caring, thoughtful and generous! Peace and blessings!

*Pastor Phil*

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## Guardian Angel program ready for another year

The Guardian Angel program, which helps our college students, is set to go for another year. All we need are a few good people to act as Angels and for parents to sign up their students.

The main duty of an Angel is to hold the assigned college student in his or her prayers. Other good things to do are to send an occasional card, a care package, a small gift, or an envelope filled with pictures your children drew. It's good to get the whole family involved. The Angel never identifies himself or herself to the student until the end of the year.

Parents need to provide the coordinator with the students' addresses and e-mail addresses. The coordinator will pass the required information to the Angels. If you are willing to be an Angel, please contact Debbie Nemetz, our coordinator, at 610-688-3227 or [DebbieNemetz@hotmail.com](mailto:DebbieNemetz@hotmail.com). You may sign up a college student using a form that can be obtained in the church office. We need a parent's permission for a student to be in the program.

# Mark these dates on your fall calendar

There are many opportunities coming up here at Berwyn United Methodist Church for us to worship and enjoy fellowship with each other. Please invite friends and family to join in.

**Oct. 4:** World Communion Sunday. On this day, the United Methodist Church reminds us of how we are connected to our brothers and sisters around the world. Pastor Phil will speak of being a living witness to the global nature of our Church, as a minister who comes from Honduras.

**Oct. 18:** Laity Sunday, with Jim Tiede as guest speaker.

**Nov. 1:** We will have our Charge Conference, and we will also pause to remember our members who have passed on during the year.

**Nov. 8:** Stewardship Sunday and Harvest Dinner. The dinner will be at noon in Schieck Hall. The traditional turkey dinner will also feature baked ham, mashed potatoes, dressing and all the rest of the trimmings. Reservations for the dinner will be taken after worship on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, or call your reservations to the church office by Nov. 4. The price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 10, and free for children under 5.

**Nov. 15:** DART educational program. In addition to providing this program, DART is planning a series of parent sessions on the last Tuesday of the month from January to April, co-sponsored by DART and the E Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation.

**Nov. 25** – Once again there will be a Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service sponsored by the Main Line Ministerium. The location has not been determined yet.

**Nov. 22** – Our speaker will be Jack Brooks from EPA Foundation

**Dec. 6** – Hanging of the Greens/Dinner/Carol Sing, starting at 3 p.m.

**Dec. 13** – Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata, followed by the Christmas Brunch.

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## News about children and youth activities

**Club Berwyn:** We will go to Linvilla Orchards in Aston on Oct 24. We will meet at the church at 3 and drive to Linvilla for apple picking, Pumpkin Land, and Autumn Moon Hayride (complete with marshmallows and a bonfire), as well as the Jack-O-Lantern lighting. We will return around 7:30 or 8. We need people to carpool and to help chaperone. The total cost for each child is about \$20, as each activity has a different price. Invite your friends. Please respond by Oct. 16 so we will know how many rides we need.

The tentative date for November's Club Berwyn is Nov. 13. We are hoping to arrange with a shelter to make a meal for Thanksgiving.

December's Club Berwyn will be a movie night (late night?) on Dec. 11. Details to come.

**Sunday School:** We had a great turnout at Rally Day, Sept. 13. Many thanks to all who helped out. We had an awesome breakfast provided by Wendy Wolov, Sondra Wilen and Amy Dodds. Nancy Atchison gave a huge hand as she worked the kitchen for us.

We are still looking for volunteers during the Sunday School hour, and Story Hour. If you are willing to lend a hand, either as an assistant teacher once a month, or a Story Hour volunteer or even as a substitute, please let Jess know. We cannot have a successful program unless we have your support.

*Jessica Simmons*

# What's going on at Berwyn United Methodist

**Supper Clubs:** Ten years of wonderful fellowship, sharing different events, good food. Have you been part of it? If not, now is your opportunity. Come one, come all: singles, engaged, newly married, long-time-together people – there is a spot for you. Call Sally Robie, 610-644-6631, to become a participant. Small groups are forming now for the fall.

**Worship Committee:** We continue to look into the prospect of adding a third worship service. While visiting friends or family this holiday season, if you attend another church with a multi-sensory/blended worship style, take note of what you liked and what you didn't like and pass it onto a member of the committee. We would love to have input from all members of the congregation.

**Baptism:** Gwendolyn Ann Staats, born on March 25, 2009, was baptized at the 10:30 service on Aug. 23. She is the daughter of Sarah and David Staats, and the granddaughter of Bill and Louise Staats and Susan and Gerry Cavanaugh.

**Book Club:** Marge Smink will lead a discussion of *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan at the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Marge also is the hostess. Everyone is invited; please RSVP to Marge at 610-359-5445, 610-613-9797, or [sminkm@comcast.net](mailto:sminkm@comcast.net).

**Interfaith Hospitality Network:** Claudia and Dick Sharpless hosted on Sept. 14. The steak dinner was prepared by Peggy Robinson and Debbie and Jacob Nemetz. Gail Campbell spent the night. Amy and Jim Dwyer also helped out by sleeping over on Sept. 16. St. Thomas Villanova is very thankful for our help with this program that provides a home in local churches for people, mostly young mothers, who have no home and are in a program to learn job, budgeting and parenting skills.

**Golf Tournament:** The E Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation had its second annual Celebration for Chelsea golf outing on Sept. 7. The weather was perfect for golf – and just as perfect for those who did not golf. We raised about \$19,000. The most exciting part was to see the foundation at work: At the dinner after the tournament, we had the first recipient of the scholarship that has been set up in Chelsea's name at Mirmont Treatment Center.

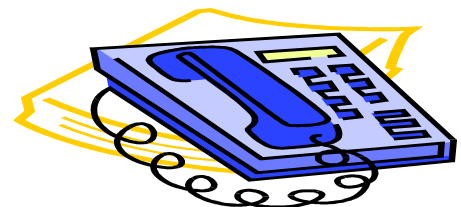
**Soupy Thursdays:** Soupy Thursday will return Dec. 3 and run through Maundy Thursday. As in the past, you can pick up your soup and take it home for \$5 a quart, or you can dine with others in Schieck Hall for \$3 a person. This project is a service of the Adult Council, but, because of the number of weeks Soupy Thursday goes on, we could use some extra help. We hope some volunteers might prepare the soup one of the weeks to give the kitchen regulars a day off. Or: You could shop for supplies, cut up vegetables early on Thursday afternoon, serve the soup, clean up, or deliver soup to shut-ins on Friday. If you can help in any of these areas, please call Rick Stoker.

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## *The Lighted Cross*

**Next deadline: Oct. 15**

*The Lighted Cross* is published monthly (except in July and August) 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. Your submissions may have to be edited for length. The next issue will be published Nov. 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website. Submit your items to [gene.foreman@verizon.net](mailto:gene.foreman@verizon.net) or use the mailbox in the office.



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# LENDING A HAND

## Worship Assistants

### **October 4**

*Acolyte:* Javier Montaner

*Liturgist:* Bob Fisk

*Ushers:* Mike Benton, Ed Denisevicz,  
Molly Denisevicz, Gene Foreman

*Children's Message:* Janet Campbell

*Story Time:* Gina DeFlavia

*Flower Delivery:* Margie O'Donnell

### **October 11**

*Acolyte:* Campbell Wolov

*Liturgist:* Judy Edinger

*Ushers:* Charles Parvin, Jim Spofford,  
Scott West, Doug Fuerst

*Children's Message:* Judith Lang

*Story Time:* Janelle Larson

*Flower Delivery:* Margi Mackenzie

### **October 18**

*Acolyte:* Laura Stockler

*Liturgist:* Amy Dodds

*Ushers:* Claudia Sharpless, Ben Cutler,  
Eloise Levitt, Scott Phelps

*Children's Message:* Sue Tiede

*Flower Delivery:* Barbara Borst

### **October 25**

*Acolyte:* Maria Merino

*Liturgist:* Donna Pitz

*Ushers:* Judy Fisk, Jeremy Borelly,  
Alan Hess, Tyler Borelly

*Children's Message:* Pattie Littlewood

*Flower Delivery:* Jane McDowell

## Thursday Helpers

October 1 – Pat White

October 8 – Sue Farina

October 15 – Barbara Borst

October 22 – Sue Farina

October 29 – Pat White

## Friday Volunteers

October 2 – Peh Sun & Hui Chen

October 9 – Ruth Romano & Rosalie Hart

October 16 – Barbara Borst

October 23 – Claudia Sharpless

October 30 – May Dickenson

## Flower Arrangers

October 3 – Claudia Sharpless

October 10 – Kay Pierce

October 17 – Sarah Polasky

October 24 – Jan Polasky

October 31 – Claudia Sharpless

# Nursery School is off

## to an exciting start

Preschool began late this year because of the date of Labor Day. Parents were more than ready to come to school, and so were the more experienced children. Among the younger children, there are multiple reactions but they actually can fit into just a few categories. There are children who are very frightened. There are children who are hesitant but willing to give this new experience a try. And then there are those children who enter, say goodbye to parents, and settle in for fun. Some of those categories also mirror the reaction of the parents.

Our tours for the 2010-11 year will begin the early part of October. We have already received some calls. That is a busy time.

We have scheduled farm trips for all the classes. Berwyn Fire Company will come with their big ladder truck to visit the 2 & 3-Day classes. The 5-Day classes will walk to the Firehouse. Our older classes also visit Great Valley Nature Center.

New this year is an after-school art class presented by Young Rembrandts, an art and music-based program in Paoli.

We are off to our usual busy start with Parent Coffees stretching into the second week of October. Our Bulb Sale is our first fund raiser, along with our ongoing collection of Acme receipts.

*Ann Bole*

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## El Salvador scholarships

BUMC has had a sister relationship since 2006 with Eternal Rock Methodist Church in Ahuchapan, El Salvador. Our members have provided scholarships for a number of their students. Their education is not free; families have to pay tuition for their children at public schools.

Pastor José at Eternal Rock UMC will send us a list of students who need financial aide in order to continue their education. Annual costs range from \$350 for elementary and high school students to \$720 for university students. You may sponsor a student or share a sponsorship with another family. Please contact Gail Campbell or Nancy Atchison by Dec. 1.