



October 2013

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

JOIN US FOR JAZZ VESPERS

Sunday, October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 in the Sanctuary.

In New York City in 1961, the late Reverend John Garcia Gensel began an evening service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church known as *Jazz vespers*. Designed for jazz musicians who were unable to get up for Sunday morning services after late Saturday gigs, Reverend Gensel invited them to perform "a worship service by and for jazz

musicians . . . the public is invited." The great Duke Ellington—arguably the most important jazz musician of all time—was among the many musicians for whom St. Peter's became a church home.

BUMC's *Jazz Vespers* is the second Piano Dedication Event and will also be serving as a fundraiser for the BUMC Music Ministry.

The musicians who will be participating are:

Jim Holton, piano
Justin Sekelewski, bass
Adam Pfannenstiel, drums
Cindy LeBlanc, flute
Hideo Morris, vibraphone
Victor North, sax
Josh Lawrence, trumpet
Amanda Noce, vocals

Jim, Justin, Adam, Cindy, and Hideo are the core group for the Jazz Vespers services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ambler which occur at 7:00 every first Sunday of the month.

There will be a free will offering collected to help support the Music Ministry. If you would be interested in becoming a patron for this event, please make out a check to BUMC and indicate Jazz Vespers. Your name will be printed in the service order.

Please come and be amazed by these incredible musicians! For a foretaste check out www.jimholtonmusic.com



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS—To Whom Do We Pray?

We hear terrible stories about children who are kidnapped, taken from their parents and made a prisoner to someone who makes them a slave. The child thinks he has to live to please his kidnapper. If the child is rescued so that she can come home, the sense of belonging has to be restored so that fear is replaced with trust.

We should have a sense of belonging to our loving Creator but we've been kidnapped by traditions, obligations, codes of expectations, habits, addictions, fears, needs and greeds that do not and cannot love and care about us.

A woman went to talk to a spiritual director. She described her picture of God: a white male god, up above with a huge white beard and large hands. This god hovered over her keeping track of all her mistakes and defects. The spiritual director listened and then said; "Why don't you fire that god?" (Phillip Yancey, "Prayer" p. 47).

It's not that easy to see that your picture of God is false. You can't see that the thing you are devoted to is not God. You live in a thick cloud that is like the basement where a kidnapped child is held prisoner.

Jesus came to unlock and open the basement. You can look to Jesus and see the Son of God loving and being loved by God his Father. Jesus' strong sense of belonging led Jesus to care about all of us and want each one of us to be his brother or sister.

We see proof of this in what happened to a little word that Hebrew speakers borrowed from Aramaic. The word is "Abba." The English language does not have a word that matches "Abba." Daddy comes close to expressing love and trust and a sense of close, warm belonging.

The problem with the word "Daddy" is that it is mostly just for little children. But "Abba" is not a childish word. In order to express what "Abba" means in English we need to use a phrase. Something like, "My Father, My very own dear Father."

When Jesus faced his worst hour of trial, he knelt down under the trees of an olive grove and cried out, "Abba" (Mark 14:35, 36). Throughout his life and ministry, Jesus talked about God in familiar, warm, intimate, and loving ways. Here's some of what Jesus had to say about his Abba.

My Father has given me everything. . . . The only one who really knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too.

Only people who don't know God are always worrying about what to eat or what to wear. Your Father knows what you need before you ask.

My little group of disciples, don't be afraid! Your Father wants to give you the kingdom.

Your Father in heaven makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong.

Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth more than birds?

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS *continued*

It's not a surprise that many hurting and abused people saw the love Jesus shared with God his Father and wanted to come and learn to know God as "Abba".

A mere twenty years after Jesus' resurrection, the apostle Paul was helping people who had begun to call God "Abba" understand more fully what it means for God to be "Our Father, our own dear Father."

You cry out and call God "Abba" because the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus invades the very control center of the person you are. False gods are kicked out. Traditions, obligations, and codes of expectations, habits, addictions, fears, needs and greeds are unmasked so that you can see that they are weak and worthless. You don't owe them anything. You don't have to live to please them. Love for God who is Abba, flames up like a spark and grows into a fire that spreads to all things.

It's not God's purpose for you to remain a slave. It's not God purpose for you to remain a child without rights. It's God purpose for you to grow up and know God as "Abba" just like Jesus does.

LAY LEADER LETTER

One of the celebrations this month is Laity Sunday. To me, this is a reminder how you make this congregation come alive. Recently, I was asked to describe our congregation...and I tried to do it in a single sentence. When I narrowed all the thoughts, I said "It is an amazingly personal experience." What I meant, and then explained, was that the love, caring, and community offered creates a such a unique experience that it is difficult to compare or describe...you just have to be there and allow yourself to live it.

Within our congregation, we form many smaller communities that have the opportunity for everyone to explore this for themselves. For me, music programs and the outdoor fellowships are among my favorites. I also love the smiles, laughter, and energy that the children bring to so many events and activities reminding me to stay young and energetic at heart.

I challenge everyone to discover your passion and to encourage a neighbor to seek theirs. Then spend a little time to explore these gifts in service toward God.

David Adams

FINANCE

Starting on October 20th and ending on November 3rd will be our fall pledge campaign. Our focus will be on tithing, pledges, and E-Giving. We will be showcasing the various committees, ministries, and all that the staff and facilities enable through our church. We will plan on having tables in the Narthex displaying the various ministries within our church. We hope to have a PC available in the Narthex area if anyone wishes to sign-up for E-Giving, the E-Giving makes it easier as it is just automatically deducted and sent to the church.

We are starting a new sub-committee to market Schieck Hall for people to rent out. We have a beautiful facility which is not used often and can become a revenue maker for our church and expose people to our church. This new sub-committee will focus on creating a business plan for Shieck Hall including planning, marketing, and renting of the hall. We are seeking volunteers to help fill this committee, if you would like to volunteer please contact Jean West or Janet Campbell.

We continue to thank our congregation for their steadfast support and ask for them to be in continual prayer for our church and community.

Respectfully submitted by *Keith Fritz, Stewardship Coordinator 2013*



Welcome to a new year of fun and learning at BUMNS. We are looking forward to the 2013-2014 year. The school has 85 enrolled students. BUMNS Parent Open House was held on September 9th. Pastor Jacobella opened the evening with prayer. Janet Campbell came and spoke and welcomed families. The first day of school was Tuesday, Sept. 10th.

Cindy Shallcross will be teaching our January 2 Day class. Cindy brings a wealth of experience to the job of teaching young 2 year olds. Cindy has been a substitute teacher at BUMNS for two years. As a substitute teacher, Cindy demonstrated a love and dedication to children. We are happy Cindy will be joining the BUMNS family.

BUMNS Parent/Teacher Board is planning a series of coffees this fall. The coffees provide the opportunity for parents to meet one another in a social atmosphere. Invitations will be sent when the dates are finalized.

A fundraiser is being held at Rita's Water Ice on Thursday, September 26 from 3:00-5:00. Staff members will be on hand to scoop the water ice for BUMNS families. Church members are invited to join us! 20% of all money spent at Rita's during the fundraiser will be donated to the preschool.

Janet Wham

THE BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE 2013-2014

	<u>Reviewer</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	
September 18, 2013	Marge Smink	Nancy Atchison	610-644-2775
	Cleopatra : A Life by Stacy Schiff		
October 16, 2013	Sally Robie	Marge Smink	610-359-5445
	Light between Oceans by M.L. Stedman		
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 Ella 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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

It is Fall and school is back in full swing. This is a great opportunity to let the parents of your children's friends all the great programs we offer here at BUMC for kids of all ages. All are welcome.

Sunday School for Children

Sunday School begins at 9:15 and runs until 10:15. Children gather in the Music Room to enjoy singing with Judith Lang, Director of Music, before moving to their respective classrooms. We use the Grow Curriculum for the Pre-K to 3rd grade classes. It presents an age appropriate lesson with a story, discussion questions, and a craft. The 4th and 5th grade class uses the Grapple Curriculum. It is an age appropriate curriculum that has the students find and read scriptures in the Bible, and connect that scripture to real life experiences. Teachers are congregants who have the love of sharing lessons of God with children! Children sing in the 10:30 church once a month. A Christmas Children's play is presented on Christmas Eve.

Classes are split into three groups:

PreK- First Grade
Second and Third Grade
Fourth and Fifth Grade

Club Berwyn

Club Berwyn is a monthly social event held on Friday or Saturday at the church for students in grades 3-6. These events allow children to gather together, socialize with other Christians and just have a good time in a safe environment. Typically, Club Berwyn is planned around a seasonal theme! Games are played, crafts are made and everyone has a fun time in fellowship!

Story Hour

Story Hour is held during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children (through 3rd grade) are dismissed to go downstairs where they will enjoy and snack, hear a story, and do crafts. Teachers are scheduled on a rotating basis.

Vacation Bible Camp

Berwyn UMC hosts Vacation Bible Camp each summer.

Children from age 4 through fifth grade are invited to attend the BUMC Vacation Bible Camp at the church from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Sunday-Thursday, July 14-18.

A light supper will be served each day.

Stay tuned for this coming Summer Vacation Bible Camp dates and theme!

We are always looking for more helpers! If you are interested,

Cindy Shallcross, Children's Program Coordinator cbcampbell30@netscape.net and 610-644-4653



[Berwyn United Methodist Nursery School](#) is a warm and welcoming experience for children 2 1/2 through 6 years of age that is in its 15th year! The school year begins the second week of September and finishes just before Memorial Day. The hours of the school are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with an extended day available until 3:00 p.m. BUMNS provides an early childhood learning experience in a nurturing environment. Our aim is for children to feel a sense of self-esteem, enthusiasm for learning and positive feelings towards classmates and teachers. Our school is a safe, positive place where learning is fun. BUMNS favors the "whole child approach". We address the physical, social, emotional and cognitive needs of young children through play and other learning experiences. The curriculum is thematically oriented with projects encompassing each special theme.

Tours and observations are available. Please call (610) 296-2246 for any questions you may have, or to schedule a tour.

FALL FEST & FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, OCT. 12 — 9 TO 2

It is time to open those basement storage doors, and climb up into those hot attics to collect your "don't need anymore" and bring it all to church. We can use the following: books, records, videos/DVDs, jewelry, purses, scarves, collectibles, games, toys, and household items.

Donations can be left in the following locations:

Jewelry – Leave in the gold box in the Sanctuary entry.

Books, Records, Videos – Leave in Schieck Hall by the storage room at the far end.

***Used Books for the Used Book Tables may be donated any Sunday and deposited in Schieck Hall or at another time by appointment – call Marge Smink 610-359-5445. Please – NO magazines, text books, or books needing repair (i.e. musty or torn). ***

Baked Goods – Bring the day of Flea Market, or call Janet Campbell 610-647-8291. *No custards or refrigerated items, please.*

All Other Donations – Scout Cabin. The cabin will be open the **first** and **third** Sundays of each month from 9 until noon, or you can call Stephanie Borelly or Cindy Shallcross to meet you there.

The Reiter family plans to come with a load of pumpkins and gourds for us to choose for our jack o'lanterns and fall fancies.

We will need **volunteers** to make this day a success. Tables will need to be set up in Schieck Hall before the Flea Market items can be moved from the cabin on Wednesday, Oct. 9. And the Flea Market items and books will need to be sorted, displayed and priced on Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

We will need plastic and paper bags to help shoppers carry their purchases.

If you have any questions, need to drop off donations other than on Sundays, or wish to volunteer to help, please call Stephanie or Cindy.

RALLY DAY AND MINISTRY FAIR-2013

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day than the one we had on September 8th for our Rally Day and Ministry Fair! The sun was shining brightly as many families and members arrived to share a light breakfast. Everyone enjoyed delicious donuts, cinnamon swirls, bagels with cream cheese, and the most favored fruit bowl along with refreshments!

Everyone was introduced to this year's Sunday School teachers, Janelle Larson, Gina DeFlavia, Christa Fisher, Joy Fuerst, Wendy Wolov, and Marge Smink. I am excited to have added Olivia Jacabella to my teacher team, too! The children met with Judith to sing some "Oldies but Goodies"! After, they enjoyed using foam stickers and colorful markers to decorate their own picture frame. Their frames with smiling faces are hanging in the hallway by the music room. Check them out!

For everyone's enjoyment, the Outdoor Chapel had been "fogged" to keep the gnats away. The first Children's Sermon of the year was with Pastor Gary. He tapped into their book reading as he referred to the Hippogriffs in the Harry Potter books! After, the kids were able to color a picture of a Hippogriff. Pastor Gary continued the message of how we can, with Jesus' help, approach God! The music of Pastor Gary on his guitar, accompanied by Brian Walker on his banjo, and Brett Shallcross on his mandolin was enjoyed by all. The music and songs of the service danced in the air with the words of the message!

After the Chapel Service, we had our Fourth Annual Pot-Luck Luncheon! Everyone enjoyed a delicious spread of potluck dishes! The desserts looked as sweet as they were yummy! Each of us left filled with the blessed word, the beautiful music, and the bountiful food of the day!

Throughout the morning, display tables were set up around the perimeter of Schieck Hall highlighting many of our active church groups. Those who attended Rally Day and Ministry Fair had many volunteer opportunities to sign up for. Brief presentations were made by Keith Fritz, Carol Williams, Elaine Parvin, Paul Polasky, and Betsy Lang.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Rally Day and Ministry Fair a big success! Thank you to our teachers for volunteering to teach Sunday School. Thank you to Barb Mekenney, Janet Campbell, and Jan Polasky for being my kitchen hands. Thanks for all of the following church groups for their displayed information: BUMNS, MECCA, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Prayer Chain, Hospitality Committee, and BUMC Book Club. Thank you to our talented musicians. A big Thank You to Roger and Yamile Toro for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs!

Cindy Shallcross

GUARDIAN ANGELS

This mission project reaches all college students whether living at home or away from home to let them know that BUMC keeps them in their thoughts and prayers.

You may sign up your college student or volunteer to be a Guardian Angel.

Please e-mail **Cynthia Bushnell** if you are interested at cynbush57@verizon.net or call (610) 935-9552.

Congratulations Marjorie Smink!

On behalf of the Church and Synagogue Library Association, it is my privilege to commend Marjorie Smink, a member of the Berwyn United Methodist Church, for her nine years of outstanding service on the CSLA Board.

From 2004 - 2013 Marjorie has held several positions on the CSLA Board. She started as Nominations and Elections Chair, then served as Chapter Coordinator, First Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President. In addition, she chaired a task force on the future of CSLA and co-chaired the CSLA Annual Conferences in 2007 and 2013. Throughout this time, Marjorie willingly took on additional responsibilities. She spearheaded the effort for the association to have a content management website. She and I worked closely in revising the CSLA Conference Manual and totally rewrote the CSLA Bylaws, Standing Rules and Staff, Officer and Committee job descriptions. Each of these tasks was monumental and it is amazing how Marjorie, in addition to family and other organizational commitments, has had the energy and determination to complete every job with such devotion, careful attention to detail and a meticulousness that is truly unique. Those who have worked with Marjorie marvel at how she manages to get everything done, often under difficult circumstances.

For this past year alone, here is an example of some of Marjorie's CSLA activities. As immediate Past President (for the second year in a row), Marjorie was the Personnel Committee Chair. In that capacity, Marjorie initiated the search for and hiring of a new Publications Editor, the evaluation of the Financial Assistant, as well as once more being the Nominations and Elections Chair. Marjorie also was the Co-Chair of the CSLA Conference held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina (a full time job), she wrote articles for the CSLA journal, and posted entries on the CSLA website. Marjorie was active, too, in the Delaware Valley Chapter of CSLA.

The Church and Synagogue Library Association provides educational support and guidance to librarians in religious institutions and we owe Marjorie a supreme debt of gratitude for her help in sustaining the association when congregational libraries have faced challenges to their existence.

We trust that your congregation takes pride in having Marjorie Smink as a member and as your librarian. Her talents and leadership abilities are a treasure we all cherish. We admire Marjorie and count her as a friend to all. Please consider this opportunity to thank your congregation for sharing Marjorie with CSLA during the past nine years. She has deeply enriched CSLA's mission to serve congregational libraries of all faiths and for that we are eternally grateful.

Most sincerely,
Evelyn Pockrass

SILENT AUCTION NEEDS

Is there a restaurant or a place of business that you'd like to pass good news about to others? Consider donating a gift certificate to the Silent Auction. Or use your imagination and donate your time providing a service you enjoy doing, such as: being a personal shopper, providing legal services, tutoring students, weeding a garden, mowing a lawn, cooking a delicious dinner, or baking a pie – to name a few. Last year we had everything from vacation homes to Eagles and Phillies blankets; a full-course meal to Thanksgiving pies.

Call or e-mail Cindy Shallcross 610-644-4653 cbcampbell30@netscape.net or Stephanie Borelly 610-948-4389 or johnborelly@comcast.net

FALL PHILANTHROPY IS IN THE AIR

The Missions committee is getting ready for their fall and winter Missions drives. Many of you have been recruited as a "Guardian Angel" by Cynthia Bushnell, or participated in the School Supply Drive for Mt. Zion in September. Thank you to those who helped, but remember that is only the beginning. Our busy season is coming up, and we need the help of our generous congregation! The Christmas donations for Mt. Zion, The Methodist Home for Children, and United Methodist Neighborhood Services will soon be underway. Please keep in mind that mittens, scarves, and hats are not needed this year, but the toy drive is still an instrumental part of our contribution. We will also be bringing back the Alternative Gift program. Remember that a donation to your favorite mission can be the most meaningful gift you give someone this Christmas. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our members with questions or suggestions. As always, we look forward to and appreciate your support.

The Missions Committee

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Who are we? A community of women whose purpose is to know God & experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ

What do we share? A creative, supportive fellowship!

What do we do? Participate in local and global mission ministries

Why do we do this? Out of gratitude for all that we have, recognizing how many others have so little.

When are the meetings? On Sunday October 6 following 10:30 worship we'll meet in the library for lunch and then prepare bags for the Rice and Beans Ministry food distribution in Costa Rica in January 2014.

Other meeting dates include November 3 and Advent Brunch/Fellowship on Saturday December 7 at the home of Sue Denisevich.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP US TURN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE INTO ACTION!

Contact Carol Cherry for more info at CACherry1@comcast.net



BAPTISM

Ethan Maxwell Fisher was baptized at the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, September 15, 2013. Ethan is the son of Troy and Christa Fisher. The Fisher family live in Phoenixville. Ethan was born on June 23rd at Bryn Mawr Hospital weighing over 7 pounds 5 ounces. His dad describes him as a brown haired, brown eyed, easygoing baby. Eleanor, his older sister, is 3 years old. The Fisher family have been a part of the fellowship of Berwyn Methodist for the past 3 years. During the baptism service, Ethan was presented by Betsy Newman with a baby blanket made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry of the church.

MECCA

Many thanks to Laurel Adams, Stephanie Borelly, Jack & Janet Campbell, Sue Farina, Bob & Judy Fisk, Keith Fritz & family, Maxine & Ted Jex, Barbara Mekenney, Betsy Newman, Donna & Katie Pitz, and Carol & Gene Williams who hosted the summer Spirit Café. We all had a chance to enjoy light refreshment and good company. Thank you for providing food and fellowship for BUMC.

The Membership & Congregational Care Committee

USED COMPUTER COLLECTION

The Leadership Advisory Team will be sponsoring a used computer equipment collection day on Saturday January 11. Computer equipment that will be welcomed includes laptop and desktop PCs, monitors, printers and modems. Equipment that is collected will be taken to the Computer Ministry in Mechanicsburg which refurbishes the equipment, including wiping the hard drive and installing a new operating system, and distributes the computers locally, nationally and internationally. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Tiede.

OUTDOOR FELLOWSHIP

Save the date of October 26 for a Hike locally. We will be meeting in the morning. More details will follow in the Sunday Bulletin and on Facebook. This will be a great opportunity for us to get together outside of Sunday Worship and an excellent opportunity to bring family, neighbors or friends along. For more information, please contact David Adams at 610-889-7520.

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

Narthex Greeter

Oct 6 Judy Fisk
Oct 13 Jeff Barger
Oct 20 Jane McDowell
Oct 27 Sue Farina

Flower Delivery

Carol Williams
Carol Williams
Jane McDowell
Sue Farina

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

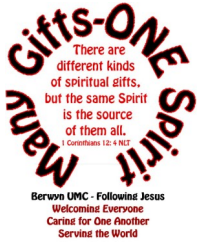
From the office: The HIPAA Law prevents hospitals from calling the church./ If you are aware of anyone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-644-5555 or Pastor Jacabella at 484-318-6389.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: October 9

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 October 9. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by November 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

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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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