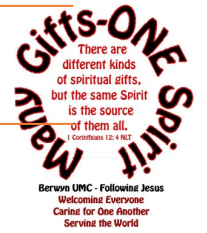




THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 2015

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FALL FESTIVAL & FLEA MARKET

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex Sunday, September 20th so EVERYONE can sign up for times to volunteer – set-up, pricing, selling, clean-up.

If you are interested in working in a specific booth here are the people in charge.

Please contact them and let them know you are interested!!!

Books – Joy Fuerst

Collectibles – Judy Fisk

Bake Table – Janet Campbell—BAKERS NEEDED!

Silent Auction – Cindy Shallcross

Flea Market – Stephanie Borelly

Lunch/Kitchen help - Tom Pierce

The menu is still in the works....

If you don't contact us.... WE will contact YOU!!!!

There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer. Please make sure you sign up to assist.

We need YOU to make the Fall Festival a success!!!!

Look Ahead!

Oct 4—UMW mtg in library @ 12noon

Oct 10- FALL FEST

Nov 7—UMW Prayer Fellowship @ 9am

Nov 8—Harvest Dinner @ 12noon

Nov 14—Art Auction

Dec 13—Cantata & Brunch

Jan 9 UMW Brunch @ 9:30am

Please be on the lookout for the Fall Festival flyers. They will be in bundles of 10 in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 20th. Make sure you hand them out to your family/friends and place them in your neighbors mailboxes!!! We have A LOT of furniture, the shed is packed!!!! If you know of anyone looking for furnishings - PLEASE tell them to stop by!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

RAIN OR SHINE

COLLECTIBLES

BOOKS ~ BAKED GOODS

FLEA MARKET TREASURES & FURNITURE



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS - *Gary Jacabella*

What Do I Say?

The United Methodist Women are making plans to help everyone in our community find answers to the question, **“What do I say to people who are hurting?”**

On **Sunday October 4 around noontime** after the 10:30 am Service of Worship, **the United Methodist Women will get together for lunch** to meet with Laurie Lewis.

Laurie was a critical care RN for 20 years when she went through recovering from a devastating car accident. She was a hurting person. She could not go back to nursing and so she found a new path serving as a Lay Chaplain at a Hospital. Now she is a Christ Servant Minister at Doylestown United Methodist Church. She recently shared her experience dealing with hurt and hurting people at the Laity Academy, August 14 – 16. Those who took Laurie's pastoral care course highly recommend her teaching.

Jesus gave all of us a ministry to people who are sick, dying, in prison and in need. We all have a role to play in being present to people who are hurting. But we often don't show up simply because we can't get over the first hurdle of knowing what to say. Laurie has experience giving people practical instruction and leading them through role playing exercises so that we can venture forth into greater acts of caring.

Laurie is going to introduce the subject of what to say to people who are hurting on October 4. Then the United Methodist Women are going to figure out how to best get this training out to everyone. The plan is to have some kind of retreat in February of 2016. But we don't want this retreat to be just for church people. While it's true that Christians have an obligation to follow our Lord in caring for hurting people, being present for each other in all kinds of situations is really just part of being human.

There is such a thing as healing conversation. On the other hand, we have all heard things said to us during times of trouble that were not healing, things that may have left us frustrated and confused. Knowing what to say might not be as difficult as we think, if we take time to reflect on what has been most helpful to us. We can learn and become prepared to engage in healing conversation and October 4 will be a good time to start.

Soupy Thursday *Rick Stoker*

In last month's Lighted Cross we put out an appeal for helpers. Two individuals have volunteered to give their time to help. We still could use a couple more people to come forward and volunteer their time to make Soupy Thursday come off this year.

What we hope to do is have enough people volunteer that we can make up a schedule. We would like to schedule people to work a certain week each month that makes it easier for all concerned. If you can help please let Rick Stoker, Claudia Sharpless, Pat White or Romaine Rood know.

Thanks, we really want to continue the Soupy Thursday tradition.



UMW: Mark Your

Calendars!

Planning is in full swing for programs that encourage our connection as women wanting to grow in Christ, be a supportive fellowship and turn faith, hope and love into action. Please mark your calendars and join in:

Sunday October 4, 12 noon in the library: We welcome our guest speaker Laurie Lewis who will speak on the topic, "What do I say to people who are hurting?" Laurie is an RN and Christ Servant Minister at Doylestown UMC. We are excited that Laurie will also lead a winter retreat for us in February 2016 (stay tuned for details). You can read more about Laurie on her webpage <http://www.laurielewis.net/>

Saturday November 7, 9 am. Coffee, tea and prayer fellowship at Janet Campbell's house

Saturday January 9, 9:30 am: Epiphany Brunch. We will make layette kits.

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

Guardian Angels

We are looking for candidates and volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year! The Guardian Angel mission project reaches out to colleges students and other youth in transition from high school to let them know BUMC keeps them in their thoughts and prayers. If you know of candidates for the program, or would like to be a Guardian Angel, please email or call Barb Stockler at barbara.stockler@wellsfargo.com or 610-348-3375.



Harvest Dinner – Nov. 8

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be held on Sun. Nov. 8th following the 1030am service. The meal will feature roast turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings that go along with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

The cost for the meal will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-10 and free for children under 5. Sign ups will be held on Sun. Oct. 25 and Sun. Nov. 1. Please sign up in advance. You can also make a reservation by calling the church office. Reservations are due by noon on Wed. Nov. 4.

We hope that you can join us for a great meal and good fellowship.



October brings many events and celebrations. All classes will venture to area pumpkin patches and apple orchards for fall field trips. The field trips enhance the children's appreciation of this colorful season.

The 2 Day classes will visit Sugartown Pumpkins. The children will enjoy a hayride to the pumpkin patch for pumpkin gathering.

The 3 Day children go to Milky Way Farm. Here the children learn about animal life on the farm. The trip culminates with a hayride and pumpkin picking.

The 5 Day classes will travel to Highland Orchards. The children will press apples to make apple cider and stuff a scarecrow. A hayride into the apple orchard includes a lesson on apple varieties and apple picking.

October is Fire Safety month. The 5 Day children will walk to the Berwyn Fire Company for a tour and lesson on fire safety. The classes will experience a "practice" fire drill in school. The children are taught to walk quickly and quietly to "safe" areas outside of the school during the drill.

Dressing up for BUMNS Halloween parties is a favorite tradition at BUMNS. Parties will be held on the 29th and 30th. The 3 Day children will be visiting Highgate Assisted Living dressed in their costumes. Here they will "trick or treat" and sing for the residents.

International Mission Trip

Rick Stoker

Members of BUMC will travel to Tulum, Mexico with Discovery Service Projects in January of 2016 to participate in a mission trip. The trip departs Sun. Jan. 3 and goes for 4 weeks. You can take part in 1 or more weeks. The cost is \$1150.00 and includes air, ground transportation in Mexico, lodging, meals except travel day, insurance and a tee shirt. For more info go to discoveryserviceprojects.org or contact Rick Stoker.

LAY LEADER LETTER *David Adams*

The following is an excerpt of an article from www.ministrymatters.com. I invite you to read the full article by going to their web site and use the search field for "emergency room."

The metaphor of the church as hospital is a rich one, and the relationship between curing the body and caring for the soul lives in the anatomy of Christian tradition.

The medieval church birthed the first hospitals, and biblical scholars and theologians regularly liken the work of the Christian minister to that of a doctor, one who welcomes the sick, binds up the broken and soothes the suffering.

No institution can be all things to all people. Leaders and their teams should regularly assess their fundamental purpose in light of their internal abilities, knowing that other institutions will serve other worthy aspirations.

Christian leaders and communities have much to learn from other institutions, especially those who share a common mission of bringing healing and wholeness to God's people. The emergency room may be a helpful metaphor for Christian leaders and the institutions they serve.

Welcoming each challenging experience as an opportunity for improvement, developing healthy habits of reflection and action, and discerning strengths and limitations as a means of calibrating missional focus can help cultivate specific practices that lead to a more excellent way of serving the kingdom.



Prayer Chain *Marsha Williams*



Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you want to help support your loved ones and others, but do not know how? GOD can use you to make a difference in peoples' lives. Moreover, so can we! Join the Prayer Chain at prayerrequest@berwynumc.org and strengthen our Prayer family!

1 Thess. 5:17

CHURCH LIBRARY UP-DATE

A huge thanks to Marge Smink for her time, expertise and dedication to the BUMC Library! She had single-handedly catalogued the entire collection of adult and children's books and made them available online. Directions for using the online catalog are on the BUMC website or in the library.

In order to use the church library's new online catalog, a working computer must be available in the library. The current library computer is old and very slow. If anyone has a used computer that he/she would like to donate to the library, please contact Marge Smink at [610-359-5445](tel:610-359-5445). Thanks for your consideration of this request.

SUGGESTED READS FOR GRANDPARENTS – ADULT COLLECTION

501 Practical Ways to Love Your Grandkids & Their Parents by Roger Sonnenberg, c1997 [306.8745 Son]

Share your parenting wisdom as you develop positive relationships with your grandchildren as well as your adult children. Review 501 ways to help you take an active role in your grandchildren's lives. Topics included are teaching of good manners, instilling a sense of responsibility and refusing the temptation to spoil.

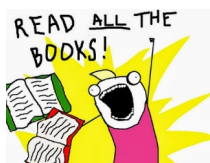
The Heart of a Grandparent: Investing Yourself in Your Grandchildren's Future by Eric E. Wiggin, c1993 [306.8745 Wig]

Grandparents have always occupied a special place in families. With times changing and families too, how can you be an effective grandparent today? Issues some grandparents deal with are: separation from grandchildren due to divorce of their parents, rowdy teenagers, request for babysitting and financial help and stress of holidays. The author approaches the privilege of grand parenting with humor, creativity and biblical insight. Join him on this journey of discovery and blessing.

GRANDPARENT AND GRANDCHILD – CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie de Paola, c1981 [J FIC Dep] Reading level: Pre-School

Grandfather Bob teaches his grandson, Bobby, how to walk. He shows Bobby how to make block towers, tells him stories and takes him to the amusement park. One day Grandfather Bob has a stroke, and it takes him a long time to recover. Bobby patiently helps him to learn to walk again as his grandfather once did for him. This touching story shows the love between a child and a grandparent.



Did you know BUMC is on Facebook? We are! Each week upcoming events, fun facts and photos are uploaded. When you log into Facebook go into the search box and type in **Berwyn UMC**. There we are! Like us and you will be notified of all updates. Once you like us, invite friends and family to like us too. The more the merrier. Social media and technology in general is becoming more and more relevant in the Church. It is a great way to stay connected when you are away from home and it certainly helps our young people stay involved. Spread the word—Berwyn UMC is on Facebook!

Also be sure to check out our church's website www.berwynumc.org Did you know you can get electronic versions of The Lighted Cross? Bookmark www.berwynumc.org so you have easy access or better yet make it your home page on your personal computer.

Recordings of Sunday Services are available.

**Contact Jon Stockler at
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JStockler@aol.com**

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

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Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross

Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

FLOWER & NARTHEX GREETER VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

Flower Date	Volunteer		Narthex Date	Volunteer
4	Carol Williams		4	Judy Fisk
11			11	
18	Jane McDowell		18	Jane McDowell
25			25	Maxine Jex

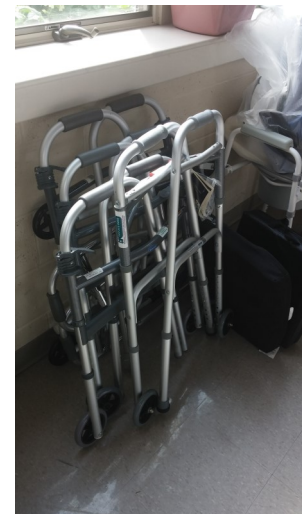
MEDICAL SUPPLY & USED COMPUTER COLLECTION

Saturday, January 16, 2016

9am to 12 noon

SAVE THE DATE SPREAD THE WORD

We are collecting new or gently used medical equipment and unopened medical supplies in support of Project CURE. The collection of PCs, laptops, monitors, mice, keyboards, modems, routers, printers, cables and anything else computer related will be taken to the Mechanicsburg Computer Ministry for refurbishing.. All hard drives will be completely wiped prior to re-use. Equipment that can't be reused will be recycled. All refurbished equipment will be donated to non-profit organizations that need computers.



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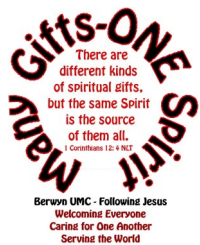
Church Website:

berwynumc.org

Next deadline: October 14, 2015 for November issue

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

kristineadamspsc@verizon.net by the end of the day October 14. 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.



Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Sunday Morning Worship

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

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