



THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God CALLS Berwyn UMC to



October 2018 Newsletter

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*Mark
Your
Calendar*

Join Us For Worship

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

Communion is observed on the
First Sunday of the Month



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL FEST

Set Up & Tear Down for Fall Fest — 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/Kathy Mullins

Bake Table – Janet Campbell/ Cindy Shallcross/Barb Stockler

Flea Market – Stephanie Borelly—Johnborelly@comcast.net, call or text at 610-299-6254



LAY LEADER LETTER *Lee Paylor*

The cat wanted to go out on the screened-in-porch at 8:45 pm. It was dark, chilly and damp. She loves going out on hot sunny days. Her meows got louder and louder and more persistent.

At the doctor's office, the doctor is running late, a 45 minute wait! (At least I can write this message.)

God's time—sometimes we need to slow down—but at times the waiting throws other things off schedule.

God's time—He doesn't always answer our needs and requests as we expect—or want. He may speak in a still, small voice and He may let others do the speaking for Him. Do we always know? Unfortunately not. May we use our "waiting" time more wisely, and listen for that still, small voice.

"Not so in haste, my heart! Have faith in God, and wait; He never cometh late; He knoweth what is best, then hold thee still, my heart, for I shall wait His lead." Methodist Hymnal 455



**THANK
YOU!**

Dear Friends at BUMC,

My family and I wish to express our profound thanks and appreciation to our many BUMC friends, Pastor Tim, and the staff for their spiritual and physical help since Janet's death. We especially appreciate the effort put forth for her memorial service and the following reception. Special thanks are due Rick Stoker and his team for their coordination and management of that exercise.

Your continuing thoughts and prayers mean a great deal to all of us.

Sincerely,

Bob Watson



Janet Wham

It doesn't seem possible that the first month of school is over. The children are looking forward to the many exciting events that October brings. The 3 & 4 Day children will visit Milky Way Farm. They will learn about farm animals and pick a pumpkin. The 2 Day classes will venture to Sugartown Pumpkins. Here the youngest class will enjoy a hay ride into the pumpkin patch. The 5 Day children will pick apples at Highland Orchard. The day ends with cinnamon donuts and apple cider.

October is Fire Prevention month. The children practiced a fire drill and learned the correct way to exit the building in the event of a fire. The Berwyn Fire Company brought their trucks to school to further educate the children about fire safety. The 5 Day classes walked to the Berwyn Fire Station for their lesson on fire safety.

Of course, Halloween celebrations are a favorite. Halloween parades and parties are an annual tradition at BUMNS. The children are looking forward to "Trunk or Treat" at the church.

In November, the children will be donating toys for the church's mission project.

YOU'RE! INVITED!

As we look forward to the next year here at Berwyn UMC, we want to cordially invite you to attend one of two small receptions being held on Sunday, September 30th following 10:30am service and Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm. At these receptions we will be discussing the budget and the stewardship goals of our church over the next year. We will also take this time to hand out individualized packets to each family as well as answer any questions that you may have. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. Kindly RSVP by Monday, September 24, by returning the RSVP that was mailed to you, calling the church office at 610-644-5555, or email-

Saturday, October 20

3pm - 5pm

FREE Community Event. Open to All.



Trunk
or Treat

Berwyn United Methodist Church

140 Waterloo Ave

610-644-5555

www.berwynumc.org

TRUNKS WANTED!!

If you would like to decorate your trunk please see Kristine Adams (kidl.adams@gmail.com)

or

sign up in the Narthex. Greeters are also needed. Costumes Optional.

From the Pastor's Desk *Rev. Dr. Tim Duchesne*

It just occurred to me - one of those cosmic truths that seems so clear that it should have always been obvious; but has somehow gotten lost amidst the weeds of everyday life.

Well, perhaps this truth isn't actually **lost**, but just **hidden**, and maybe that's a good thing. Maybe we can only wake up to what we really **need** after we've tried everything we think we **want**.

Here it is: the meaning of life isn't found by pursuing **happiness**.

The meaning of life is found by pursuing **meaning itself**.

Seek **happiness** first, and you can only ever be satisfied temporarily - something, an inconvenience or something more difficult, can always interrupt your joy.

But seek **meaning** first, and you don't even need to **move** to find it. It doesn't require a change in circumstances, but simply a new story.

Here are three meaningful things I've encountered recently - maybe you'll enjoy them too:

To Read - [Living an Examined Life: Wisdom for the Second Half of the Journey](#) by James Hollis. Want to know more about the difference between happiness and meaning? Or how to repair the damage of a life lived by other people's standards? This book offers 21 short chapters: read one a day for a three week journey that might last the rest of your life.

To Watch - [Crazy Rich Asians](#). It's as cheesy a movie as Dirty Dancing, as exuberant as a wedding feast, and most of all, this: the first mainstream Hollywood movie in decades to feature an all-Asian primary cast. And to my surprise, it's not just about being "crazy rich", but about how being rich can make you do crazy things, and love does indeed conquer all.

To Do - Check out [Better Angels](#) - a bipartisan citizens' movement to depolarize the U.S. and promote the common good. Their podcast, Make America Relate Again, is worth a listen - and you don't have to be in the U.S. to benefit. The practices and conversations being offered here could help anyone dealing with political gridlock, from your own home to the whole planet.



HARVEST DINNER

Start getting your appetite ready now for our annual Harvest Dinner. It will be held in Schieck Hall on Sun. Oct. 28th after the 10:30am service. The meal is open to all so invite your friends and neighbors. The meal will feature roast turkey, baked ham and all the trimmings to go along with it.

The price is \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for children ages 6-10 and free for children 5 and under. You must make a reservation. Reservations will be taken in church on Oct. 14 and Oct. 21. Or, you can always call your reservation into the church office. Reservations must be made by noon on Wed. Oct. 21.

We hope to see you all there!

Save the date: Christmas Brunch - Sun. Dec. 16, 2018

BUMC LIBRARY
MORE BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY OF AMY DWYER

Heaven Is For Real: a Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back

by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent, c2010 [133.9013092 Bur]

This true story of a four-year old son of a small town Nebraska pastor who during emergency surgery slips from consciousness and enters heaven is remarkable. The boy survives and begins talking about being able to look down and see the doctor operating and his dad praying in the waiting room. The family didn't know what to believe but soon the evidence was clear. Told by the father, but often in Colton's own words, the disarmingly simple message is - heaven is a real place, Jesus really loves children, and be ready, there is a coming last battle.

The Justice Project edited by Brian McLaren, Elisa Padilla and Ashley Bunting

Seeber, c2009 [261.8 Jus]

Justice and the call for change are in the air. Whether it's extreme poverty, human rights, racism, or the Middle East, the news constantly promotes stories about the need for justice in the world. But how are Christians to respond to these stories and the conditions to which they refer? The editors of this book, McLaren, Padilla, and Seeber have collected over 30 brief chapters by some of the most penetrating thinkers in the justice conversation, including René Padilla, Peggy Campolo, Will and Lisa Samson, Sylvia Keesmaat, Bart Campolo, Lynne Hybels, Tony Jones, and Richard Twiss. Divided into sections, "God of Justice," "Book of Justice," "Justice in the USA," "Just World," and "Just Church," The Justice Project invites readers to deepen their understanding of the pressures our world faces and to take up the challenge of alleviating them. Never has the world been in greater need of Christians who "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."

Living a Life That Matters by Harold Kushner, c2001 [296.36 Kus]

In this bestselling work of spiritual advice, Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, addresses some of the most persistent dilemmas of the human condition: Why do decent people so often violate their moral standards? How can we pursue justice without giving in to the lure of revenge? How can we turn our relationships with family and friends into genuine sources of meaning? Kushner shows how even our smallest daily actions can become stepping steps toward integrity. Persuasive and sympathetic, filled with humanity and warmth, *Living a Life That Matters* is a deeply rewarding book.

Questions? Contact Marjorie Smink, Church Librarian



October Community Events

 Blessing of the Animals	Fall Speaker Series Continues
Oct 7 3pm - 4pm Bring your pets or your favorite stuffed animal for a blessing	Oct 14 2pm Guns & Violence in our Culture - Rev. Jim McIntyre



Our **M**ission **S**tatement

God **CALLS** us to **Care, Accept, Love, Laugh and Serve**

Worship **S**chedule

Fall Schedule beginning September 9

8:30 AM	Early Worship
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Traditional Worship with Choir

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