

THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God CALLS Berwyn UMC to



2019



October 5

Prayer & Praise for Peace Rally

October 12

Fall Fest

October 16

Book Club—Marge Smink Hostess

October 19

Trunk or Treat

November 3

Harvest Dinner

December 1

Advent Begins

December 7

UMW visit homebound

December 22

Choir program Lessons & Carols & Brunch

Join us as we celebrate local!
Fall Festival & Vendor Sale
Saturday, October 12 9am to 2pm
Rain or Shine
Berwyn United Methodist Church
140 Waterloo Ave
www.berwynumc.org



**TRUNK OR TREAT
2019
OCT 19 3PM-5PM**

WWW.BERWYNUMC.ORG

FREE event

ALL kids welcome



Let Kristine Adams,
kidl.adams@gmail.com,
know if you want to bring
your decorated car.

Join Us For Worship

8:30 am Worship

10:30 am Traditional Worship

Communion is observed on
the First Sunday of the Month

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We know that God is love and that love does not seek selfish gain. Does that mean that God created you for your own good, not God's own selfish interest? Yes! Although all things were created for God's pleasure, God's pleasure is to pour out God's loving compassion onto us that we might be a source of loving compassion for others. As in every case, it is more blessed to give than to receive. So, God is more blessed than we are because God gives, and we receive.

I believe that God's greatest pleasure is to extend compassion to us, showing forth mercy, grace, and love. Since we are created in the image of God, naturally our greatest pleasure should be to give out of compassion also. Giving brings the greatest happiness in our lives that we can experience on earth, because it ushers in the presence of God. It is more blessed to give than to receive. If you doubt this, try it and see. We seem to be blinded to this miracle because we tend to want more "things" so that we can be happy in the future. Waiting for future happiness always puts happiness just out of our reach, leaving us empty when we finally get what we thought we wanted.

When we put Jesus first in our lives, we are set free from the bondage of depending on another person or item to make us happy. God becomes our source to meet all your physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. This sets us free to be givers of loving compassion to others; not depending on them to give back to us. When we look to others to get our needs met, we feel unsatisfied and unfulfilled that they cannot satisfy our needs. The other usually feels frustrated and inadequate to meet the needs demanded.

God calls us to have compassion for one another, making us givers and not simply takers. This way, each person is more fulfilled as the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. Because the Lord becomes our portion and our reward, we come to realize that the Lord gives satisfaction and fulfillment like no other.

The next time your needs are not being met, go to Jesus! That is an opportunity for you to grow in the Lord's grace, to become more dependent upon the Lord, and to develop a greater love toward the Lord as you are comforted with the true peace that only the Holy Spirit can give. When it seems that no one appreciates or thanks you enough, take it to Jesus. He is ultimately the one for whom we are working. All that we do, we do as unto the Lord. Go to Jesus and see for yourself that he will reward you in a more special and deeper way; more than anyone else ever could.

Then we will be a people overflowing with the grace and compassion of Christ; equipped to nurture and love one another, not out of selfish gain, but from a loving heart that has encountered the Living God and cannot help but share God's goodness with others.

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Rodney

LAY LEADER LETTER *Lee Paylor*

Last week, as we were leaving town, I glanced up at a digital billboard, and I know this is not what it said, but what I saw was, "have a pastor at your door." We know our Pastor cannot stop by for tea/coffee every day at our many doors....but, as disciples (followers) of Christ, we also are pastors.

All the ways we can show God's love is to numerous to list and we all have different ways to serve. A kind word, sharing concerns - happy and not so happy—just being there---- we can be a pastor to someone.

Let this be our prayer --

"I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. "

Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal 2013, page 700



PRAYER & PRAISE FOR PEACE
Rally

"...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." -Philippians 4:6

OCTOBER 5TH
10AM - 2PM

69TH STREET
TRANSPORTATION CENTER
UPPER DARBY, PA

RAIN DATE
OCTOBER 19TH

HOSTED BY THE LOVE RENEGADES OF
NEW LIFE UMC (PASTOR REV. EVELYN KENT CLARK) AND
BERWIN UMC (PASTOR REV. RODNEY BAILSFORD)

Neighborhood Fair was a great success! We had beautiful weather for the day. There were several families from BUMNS as well as the community who joined us for this event. Many thanks to everyone who participated to make this day happen, especially Rick Stoker & his team who provided delicious food and entertainment for everyone! Kids and adults had a great time. There was even a sighting of Pastor Rodney on a horse!



Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Rodney Brailsford	Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross	Lay Leader: Lee Paylor
Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley	Organist/Director of Music: Amy McLoughlin	
Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz	Sexton: Roger Toro	

Recordings of Sunday Services are available—Contact Jon Stockler, 610-348-3385 or JStockler@aol.com



October 20 will be Laity Sunday
 Theme of the Service will be HUB & Mission Central
 Joy Fuerst will deliver the Message
 Kristine Adams will be Liturgist

November 3 – Harvest Dinner after 10:30am service



December 7

UMW will be visiting homebound members. If you'd like to participate or want to suggest someone to visit please let Nancy Atchison or Lee Paylor know.

December 22 – Choir program of Lessons and Carols at the 10:30am service, followed by the Holiday Brunch. There will be no 8:30am service that day.

December 24, Christmas Eve 7pm
 A family-style, candlelight service

WAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR

Veronica Moseley, our fearless Church Secretary forwarded this article to me this summer. Here are some ways we can pray for Pastor Rodney as he leads Berwyn UMC to our mission here in the community. The article is entitled *15 ways to pray for your pastor* by Joe Iovino. It can be found on umc.org.

Every pastor needs as much support as possible and one way we can support Pastor Rodney is by praying for him. I will share tips over the next few months. Here are a few areas to specifically pray for that author Joe Iovino suggests:

4. Preaching

Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

5. Strength

The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

6. Visiting ministries

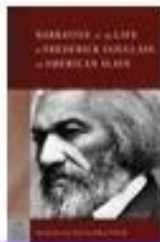
Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

7. Leadership

Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.



Wednesday, October 16
 Discussion Leader & Hostess: Marge Smink
 RSVP to Marge @ 610-359-5445
 Book: *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*
 by Frederick Douglass





Our Mission Statement

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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