



September 2009

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

# The Lighted Cross

## SIGNUPS START SEPT. 20

# A new pictorial directory

We are going to create a new pictorial directory of the Berwyn United Methodist Church family, our first since 2004. The new directory will help us connect names with faces. It also will contain photographs of church activities and capture the history of BUMC.

Please participate – the directory will not be complete without your photograph.

All you need to do is (1) sign up for an appointment and (2) come to Schieck Hall at the appointed time to have your picture taken by the Olan Mills photographer and meet with a portrait consultant. The photography and portrait selection require only that single visit.

Signups will take place before and after services on the following Sundays (appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis): Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11.

Photographs will be taken on the following dates and times (dress up or pose casually – it's your choice):

- 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.

Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.

You will have an opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time. If you buy extras, Olan Mills provides a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

The directory will be produced without cost to the church budget. We will receive extra copies for our outreach efforts.

The directory is a joint project of the Membership/Congregational Care Committee and the Communications Committee. John Paylor is the project coordinator. *If you have questions, please direct them to John or to the Church Office.*

We look forward to seeing you in the new directory!

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## Rally Day: Sunday, Sept. 13

Join us at 9:15 a.m. in Schieck Hall. All are welcome, young and young at heart, who are interested in joining a Sunday School class (children, youth or adult) or checking out what the children are doing. It is also an opportunity to volunteer for Sunday School teaching.

A light breakfast will be served, and there will be lots of activities for everyone. This is the time for youth and children to register officially and get their names on the roster.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Simmons at 610-764-0718 or [jsimmlove@hotmail.com](mailto:jsimmlove@hotmail.com).

## VOICES FROM THE FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

# Giving to the church because we want to give

Here I am, sitting at the keyboard saying to myself, “So what can I add to the great articles that Steve, Brian and other have written about Giving in The Lighted Cross?” Over the past few months, much has been written on topics such as the current state of our budget, the programs that are supported by the budget, and the many ways in which one can give. The needs have been outlined, and the impact of giving has been described in very real and meaningful ways.

As I was thinking about this, I began thinking about the reasons why people give to churches like Berwyn United Methodist Church. I suspect there are many reasons why people give to their church. For some people, this may be out of a sense of obligation. For others, it is because of a sense of duty. For some, it may be a habit that they’ve been doing since childhood. Others may give as a way of giving back to society. And some may give because they feel it is the right thing to do.

The more I thought about this, I realized there is one reason that stuck me as being at the core of giving. It is a reason that is a very simple reason, but one that reaches deep into the very roots of our faith. We give...because we can. God has blessed us with a free will that enables us to make choices about what we do in our life and with our possessions. God has also blessed us with the community in which we live and the lifestyle we enjoy. When we choose to give to the church, not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but for the simple reason that we can choose to give of our God-given gifts, we have the opportunity to share that which God has given us with the extended community of faith around us. And in return, we receive the great sense of accomplishment, knowing that our giving is an expression of God’s grace working through us.

Giving because we can, giving because we choose to, not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but simply because we can, is a wonderful way of exercising the free will that God has so graciously blessed us with. As the fall season of the church year begins, I hope you will find an opportunity to exercise your free will by giving generously to the church.

*Jim Tiede*

Lay Leader

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## Join us at the steak-fry at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19

The annual BUMC steak-fry will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. The Adult Fellowship Committee and Men’s Fellowship Group jointly welcome all newcomers and old-timers to come enjoy a good meal and a fun social get-together. The meal will be appetizers, choice of steak and chicken, potatoes, a vegetable, green salad, a dessert and drinks.

There will be signup rosters in the narthex on Sundays, Sept. 6 and 13.

The cost is \$10 a person. It will be collected at time of signup, or you can email your reservation to Veronica at the church office.

Anyone willing to have a hand in making this happen (set-up, cooking, clean-up, games) should contact Paul Polasky at 610-341-9151 or [papolasky@yahoo.com](mailto:papolasky@yahoo.com).



## FROM THE PASTOR

# World Communion Sunday, and two Bible groups

**World Communion Sunday:** The celebration of this Sunday is one of the special events in the United Methodist Church and in several other Christian churches. This is a day when we are reminded of our connectedness as brothers and sisters in Christ and the universal/global nature of the Church. I find it mind-boggling that the God we worship here at Berwyn is the same God that Hondurans, Africans, Chinese and Indian Christians worship. Over the last few years that I have been with you, we have had preachers from El Salvador, India and South Africa helping us to appreciate the global nature of our church. This year, on Oct. 4, we will not be having a guest preacher, but as your pastor I will still be a living witness to the global nature of our church, being a pastor who comes from Honduras.

One of the blessed opportunities we have during the celebration of World Communion Sunday is to give a special offering to support international students who are in leadership positions in their annual conferences and local churches. Many of the seminary teachers in various parts of the world, those preparing pastors for leadership positions in the local churches, were trained for this task using the offerings of World Communion Sunday. I have several friends in the Caribbean Methodist Church who are offering excellent leadership and who were trained in their special fields of endeavor through the generosity of God's people here in this country. I would like to encourage you to use your World Communion envelope knowing that through your generosity lives will be transformed and blessed.

**Disciple Bible Study:** Over the years we have devoted a significant amount of time to Disciple Bible Study. It was a life-transforming experience for many of us who were engaged in this extensive study of God's Word. We discovered the ways in which we could serve the Lord and how the Lord speaks to us through the sacred text even in this 21st century. At evaluation time in May, it was thought that we could attract more if we offered the Disciple Bible Study in a time frame that was more manageable to our schedules. Starting Sept. 9 we are offering a study of Psalms for 10 weeks from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. The dates that we are hoping to meet are: Sept. 9, 23, and 30; Oct. 7, 14, and 28; Nov. 4 and 11; and Dec. 2 and 9. I will order extra copies of the study manual in faith that we would have more with us than the regulars who have been committed over the years.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** One of the exciting aspects of the Strategic MAP (Mission Action Plan) is its emphasis on spiritual growth, spiritual development and nurture for all ages. One of the ways in which we can grow and be nurtured is through a consistent study of the Word. I delight in feasting my soul upon the bread of heaven. I also feel privileged when I have an opportunity to explore and plumb the depth of the sacred text with others. It is a marvel to experience "the bonds that bind us" when we share experiences as we allow the Word to strengthen and inform our lives. Over the last years in the Wednesday Morning Bible Study, we have studied the Epistles to the Ephesians, Galatians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon and the Gospel of Mark in the New Testament. We also studied Amos, Habakkuk, Malachi and Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament.

This Bible Study resumes on Sept. 16 at 11:30 a.m. with a brown-bag lunch afterward. This year we are studying themes instead of the books of the Bible. Some of the themes that we shall be exploring are Humility, Honesty, Deliverance, Pride and Integrity. My dream for this Bible Study is for us to fill all the sofas and chairs in the Parlor. Last year on days when we had a good attendance, we had 15 or more. You can come and be blessed as we are strengthened and nurtured in our faith. I look forward to seeing you and sharing with you.

How blessed we are to have so many opportunities for spiritual growth available to us. We are spiritual beings, and our souls need to be refreshed constantly with the spiritual nourishment that comes from the Word.

Be blessed and continue to be a blessing to others through-out your spiritual journey.

Pastor Phil

# Be an Angel for one of our college students this year

We will continue the Guardian Angels program for our college youth again this year. The program provides each student with a secret "Angel" who sends cards, small items and keeps the student in his or her prayers during the college year.

We have a group of people who have been very active in the program. Debbie Nemetz will be leading this program again this year. Other members of the congregation are encouraged to join in the fun.

The things mailed to students do not have to be expensive; a picture drawn by a small child can be very uplifting. Signup forms for students, including graduate students and those living overseas, and for "Angels" will be available at Rally Day on Sept. 13.

Following are the names of the students and their "Angels" for the 2008-09 school year:

<b>Student</b>	<b>Angel</b>
Sarah Andersen.....	Debbie Nemetz
Kaitlyn Brennan.....	Ruth Frey
Brandon Burriss.....	Carol Williams
Jason Burris.....	Barbara Hall
Greta Bushnell.....	Janelle Larson
Steven Denisevicz.....	Margie O'Donnell
Emily Farina.....	Debbie Nemetz
Katie Frey.....	Debbie Nemetz
Megan Frey.....	Eloise Levitt
Sebastien Galvez.....	Jan Polasky
Emily Genuardi.....	Barbara Stockler
Dwenda Mosley.....	Lee Paylor
Suzanne Nemetz.....	Sue Denisevicz
Sarah Paylor.....	The Poncés
Erin Smith.....	Sue Farina
Jeff Smith.....	Rachel and Sue Burriss
Andreana Stoker.....	Nancy Atchison
Andrew Stoker.....	Cynthia Bushnell
Melanie Stockler.....	Gail Campbell

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## Missionary to speak here on Saturday, Sept. 19

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, for an inspiring speaker: Meredith Whittaker, the missionary who coordinates the work at Cookson Hills, Okla.

Ms. Whittaker visited us several years ago. Her work with the very poor on the Indian Reservation involves education, nutrition, and helping people with substance-abuse problems, as well as the awesome job of bringing Christ to her people. She operates a Christmas Shop where people can purchase items for small amounts based on their ability to pay. BUMC has contributed in small ways, such as sending a monetary gift so that items can be purchased for the Christmas Shop and by providing Campbell soup labels.

Lunch will be served after her presentation.

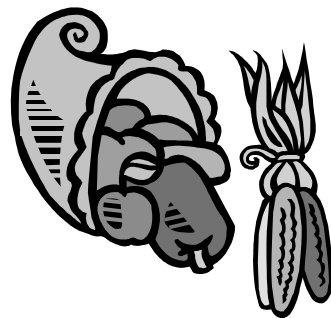
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## Please let the church know when someone has been hospitalized

Federal privacy law does not allow us to be notified automatically when someone in the church family has been admitted to a hospital. Please contact the church office, or have someone else notify the church office, if there is a hospitalization. Thank you.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

# Come to the Fall Festival: 9 to 2, Saturday, Oct. 10



Can you believe that the summer is behind us and we are getting ready to set up our annual Fall Festival and Flea Market?

Last year our Festival brought in **\$8,783.48** to use for missions, our youth program and mortgage reduction. A great effort by all of our church family and community helped to make this happen. We need your help again for our 2009 Fall Festival and Flea Market.

We have been blessed for many years by the businesses in our area that have generously given to the churches and schools that ask for donations to benefit their activities. Due to the economic times (and with quite a few of the previous donors now being closed), we have decided that this year it would be uncomfortable for us to ask these businesses to donate goods or services that are limited at best.

Within our own church family, we have always supported the Fall Festival and Flea Market and Silent Auction. We have been not only generous but also creative in our giving. The 2009 Fall Festival needs all of our creativity and all of our generosity more than ever.

**Silent Auction:** We need items, so consider your special talent. Can you cater a meal, bake a pie, offer landscaping or gardening help, clean a house, wash a car? Can you donate a stay at your vacation home? Do you have season tickets to a sports team? Use your imagination!

**Flea Market:** Gather all of your donated items and bring them to the Scout Cabin. We will have it open on Sunday mornings from 8:30 until 12:30 to receive your treasures. Please call the church office if you need access at a different time. Need help? Contact Brian and Kate Walker. (Please, no baby or child car seats, televisions, clothing, cribs or large pieces of furniture.)

**Jewelry:** Be on the lookout for a gold box in the sanctuary to collect your jewels, evening bags, scarves, or any tiny accessories you may wish to donate. It's time to go through those seldom-used gems. Contact Stephanie Borelly or Cindy Shallcross.

**Books, Records, Tapes, CDs, VHS Cassettes or DVDs:** Place them in large boxes that will be placed in Schieck Hall. (Please, no encyclopedias or textbooks.)

**Collectibles:** If you have something special to donate, contact Judy Fisk, our collectible expert, so it can be displayed on our collectible table

**Baked Goods:** Are you getting hungry? This table is always quite popular, and this year we really need help. All goodies are welcome. Pies and cookies are the most popular, but we always sell out of everything. (Please, no custards or meringues.) Janet Campbell is wearing the apron.

**Pumpkins and Gourds:** The Reiter family is busy in the pumpkin patch and readying for our pumpkin and gourd sale.

Come and stay for lunch. Once again, there will be games and face painting for the children. We hope Fair Trade Coffee will be available once again.

We need all of us to make this day as special as it can be!

Contact Jack and Janet Campbell (610-647-8291) or Kate and Brian Walker (610-644-1357) to help, paint signs, set up, sell, donate, volunteer, or anything you can think of ... We need help prior to the Festival Day as well as the day of the event.

**THERE IS A JOB FOR YOU ... AND FUN FOR ALL**

# The Flower Committee needs some volunteers

Each week we enjoy beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. They enhance our sense of community and bring joy to our services.

Thanks to the dedication of four church members – Sarah Polasky, Jan Polasky, Claudia Sharpless and Kay Pierce – we have enjoyed beautiful bouquets at the altar each Sunday throughout the spring and summer. The Flower Committee is looking for additional volunteers to lend a hand in this project. With a relatively small commitment of time (roughly one Saturday every other month), you can help to beautify our church community in a very memorable way.

In February, we began the Flower Committee in response to higher costs (\$20 a vase) from our local florist. None of the dedicated members of this committee have any previous professional experience with arranging flowers; we just enjoy providing this service to our church community for a lower cost.

To keep the price of each vase at \$15, we buy our flowers at local stores (Trader Joe's, Acme, Costco, etc.), or use flowers from our own gardens. This also allows us to use a bigger variety of fresh flowers to make our bouquets interesting.

If you are interested in volunteering (no flower-arranging experience necessary), please contact Sarah Polasky at 610-247-7647 or [sayrenicole2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sayrenicole2004@yahoo.com).

If you don't have the time to commit, we encourage you to purchase or donate a vase of flowers for \$15. Look for the signup calendar in the narthex.

Sarah Polasky

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## 2nd annual benefit golf tournament is Sept. 7

The Second Annual Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation Golf Classic will be held at the Kimberton Golf Club on Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Golfer registration fees — \$100 for one golfer or \$400 for a foursome — include greens fees, cart, box lunch, dinner and contest holes. Dinner is \$50. Sponsor a hole for \$100 or a prize for \$500. Send to: ECCMF, 893 Old Lancaster Road, Berwyn, PA 19312. For more information: Bill (610-716-5608) or Scott (610-755-7115), [www.chelseamemorial.org/](http://www.chelseamemorial.org/).

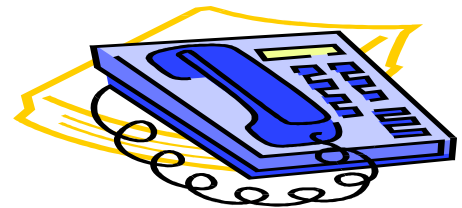
The tournament raises money to help young people whose insurance will not cover therapy they need to recover from a substance-abuse problem. Last year the foundation established a scholarship program at Mirmont Treatment Center and helped a young girl. The BUMC Missions Committee contributes to this valuable program by supporting the golf tournament.

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## The Lighted Cross

**Next deadline: Sept. 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 Oct. 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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**Scenes from camp:** The Butterflies, with counselor Sarah Shneck, make silly faces at Music: (from left) Aiden Donadio, Nathan Baker, Kelly DeFlavia and Brendan Kennedy. At right, Maria Merino shows off the Camp EDGE backpack she made during Crafts.

## Five Days of Fun at Camp EDGE

We had the pleasure of ministering to 36 children at Camp EDGE, our Vacation Bible School, during the second week of July. The church's halls and classrooms were transformed into our very own campsite. We learned all about the tools God gives us, and how to use them. Children took Bible Treks and learned each day's EDGE Pledge. Stations included storytelling, crafts, music, games and a kid-friendly supper.

The kids also raised \$467.30 for Nothing But Nets, a program providing education and bed-nets for those living in malaria-stricken countries

God truly provided us with a wonderful staff who worked well together to teach our children about God. We could not have succeeded without these awesome volunteers!

**Storytelling:** Janet Campbell, Kristine Adams.

**Crafts:** Jen Cutler, Amy Dwyer.

**Music:** Nancy Atchison, Molly Denisevich.

**Games:** Jeremy Borelly, Andy Cutler, Ben Cutler, Phil Smith.

**Kitchen Crew:** Judy Fisk, Kathleen Lewis, Wendy Wolov, Cindy Shallcross, Debbie Nemetz, Jim Spofford, Claudia Sharpless.

**Counselors:** Sarah Schneck, Darlene Spofford, Danielle Castaldi, Gina DeFlavia, Cason Walker, Sondra Wilen, Melanie Simmons.

**Decorations:** Sue Denisevich.

**Office Assistant:** Rachel Burriss.

**Director:** Jessica Simmons.

# Book Club begins year with a Korean War history

With the advent of autumn, the BUMC Book Club invites new members to join the group for another year of great reading, interesting discussions and fellowship.

The first meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the home of Judy Fisk. At this time Gene Foreman will lead a discussion on the fascinating book, *The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War* by David Halberstam. Please join us and RSVP to Judy (610-644-2269) to let her know you plan to attend.

The reading schedule for 2009-2010 is listed here for your information. Contact Marge Smink at 610-359-5445, 610-613-9797, or [sminkm@comcast.net](mailto:sminkm@comcast.net) for additional information.

**Oct. 21:** *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan; Marge Smink, leader and hostess.

**Nov. 18:** *Poet of Baghdad: A True Story of Love and Defiance* by Jo Tatchell; Claudia Sharpless, leader and hostess.

**Jan. 20:** *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck; Sallie Robie, leader; Betsy Lang, hostess.

**Feb. 17:** *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan; Betsy Lang, leader; Ann West, hostess.

**March 17:** *A Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood* by Jeffrey Marx; John Edinger, leader; Nancy Atchison, hostess.

**April 21:** *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin; Chuck Parvin, leader; Margi MacKenzie, hostess.

**May 19:** *Under the Banner of Heaven* by John Krakauer; Phil Poncè, leader; Sally Robie, hostess.

We are fortunate that members of this group have generously donated books from past reading years to the church library for the congregation's borrowing pleasure. Check out these titles in the tall bookcase on the right as you enter the library and feel free to borrow them using the sign-out tablet on the shelf. Many popular titles have been donated, including *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult, *Water for Elephants: A Novel* by Sara Gruen, *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls, and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. Thank you, book clubbers, for these fine donations!

Marge Smink

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## FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

### Choir rehearsals start Sept. 10; retreat on Oct. 17

Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All are encouraged to come and join our merry band! It is going to be an exciting year of music making. On Saturday, Oct. 17, there will be a choir retreat at the church from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch provided. We will begin work on our Christmas Cantata to be presented on Dec. 13. This year our musical offering on Good Friday will be John Stainer's "The Crucifixion."

**Learn to read music.** From 7 to 7:25 on Thursday nights starting Sept. 17, I will be teaching music reading to all who are interested in developing these skills. If you think not being able to read music is keeping you from joining the choir, help is here! Classes will be fun and laid back. Please let me know if you are interested so I can get materials.

**Many thanks** to the following folks who shared their musical talents with us this summer: Janet Campbell, Scott Campbell, Carol Cherry, Steve Cherry, Molly Denisevich, Frank Farina, Sandy Larkin, Javier Montaner, Paul Polasky, Anne Poncè, Asa Walker, Brian Walker, and Carol Williams. BUMC is certainly blessed to have so many gifted musicians.

Judith Lang

## LENDING A HAND

### **September 6**

*Ushers:* Bob Fisk, Bob Borst,  
Will Bushnell, Carl Bushnell  
*Flower Delivery:* Barbara Borst

### **September 13**

*Liturgist:* Peggy Robinson  
*Ushers:* Jack Campbell, Jon Stockler,  
Alice Nicholas, Brett Shallcross  
*Coffee Committee:* Margie O'Donnell,  
Barbara Hall, Darlene Spofford  
*Flower Delivery:* Judy Fisk

### **September 20**

*Liturgist:* Kelley Hogan  
*Ushers:* Don Young, Dave Adams,  
Peh Ku, Pete Tillett  
*Coffee Committee:* Pam Benton,  
Gina DeFlavia, Sue Farina  
*Flower Delivery:* Margi MacKenzie

### **September 27**

*Liturgist:* Maxine Jex  
*Ushers:* Bob Fisk, Nagle Bridwell,  
Judy Dunn, Margie O'Donnell  
*Coffee Committee:* Carol Williams,  
Amy Dwyer, Donna Pitz  
*Flower Delivery:* Jane McDowell

### **Thursday Volunteers**

Sept. 3: Pat White  
Sept. 10: Sue Farina  
Sept. 17: Barbara Borst  
Sept. 24: Sue Farina

## Mark your calendar

Sunday, Nov. 8 – Harvest Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 13 – Christmas Brunch

## Hospitality Network

Please continue to support the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Our next date to provide a meal is Sept. 14.

## Lydia Circle to observe mission anniversary

United Methodist Women: Lydia Circle will meet at noon Sunday, Sept. 13, to celebrate 140 years of women in mission. Everyone is invited.

We will start a new Spanish-speaking circle at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Yamile Toro's home. Everyone is invited. Contact Amy Dwyer at 610-291-3944 or [perthenia@mac.com](mailto:perthenia@mac.com).

The Central District ingathering and general meeting will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at First United Methodist Church in Phoenixville. The topic will be Israel/Palestine.

Future Lydia Circle meetings will be Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 7 and April 11.

**Bread for the World.** We sent more than 30 letters to Congress regarding the need to re-vamp foreign assistance, Amy Dwyer reported. She suggested that for those of you who have not written letters yet, please visit the website: <http://www.bread.org>. It provides an update on legislation.

**Birth Announcement.** Eric Daniel Brennan was born July 27 to Dave and Amy Brennan in Guam. Eric is the sixth grandchild of David and Dottie Brennan.

**Men's National Gathering.** Rick Stoker attended the United Methodist Men's National Gathering at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., on July 10-12. He traveled with his father; it was his third trip to the national gathering and his father's seventh.

**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.** In June, Judy Fisk made a report to both services concerning the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference at the Expo Center in Oaks, which she attended as Berwyn's lay delegate. On the last day of the conference, appointments were made, and the Rev. Philip Poncé was again appointed to Berwyn United Methodist Church.

**Spirit Café.** The Spirit Café will soon be closing for the season. Thank you to all who help with this endeavor. (From the Membership and Congregational Care Committee.)

## CARDS OF THANKS

**From Habitat for Humanity:** Thank you for your gift of \$1,000 in support of this year's Devon Builders Competition. This year's event benefited Habitat for Humanity regionally in Philadelphia and New Castle County, Del. About 60 area carpenters in five teams competed to produce framing packages for seven new homes. Additionally, these teams pledged a day of build-out work at the participating Habitat sites. In New Castle County in June, four of the teams erected five townhouse frames and installed roofs over an entire row of 10 townhouses. Your support of these teams makes a difference to the families who gain dignity and hope as they begin a new life in their new Habitat for Humanity Home.

**From Alice Nicholas:** I want to thank Pastor Phil and Anne for their visits. And all the cards and phone calls and meals from my friends at BUMC. This has certainly been a challenging year for me. Thank all of you for your prayers and encouragement.

**From Elaine Parvin:** Many thanks for the faithful prayers and good wishes received during my long recuperation from back surgery. Our church is truly my second family, and your thoughts mean so much.

**From Emily Levitt:** Thank you for the very generous gift of \$40 for my Ph.D. graduation, and for the lovely card. I really appreciate your generosity and continued support in this journey. [Emily is a global health and nutrition consultant.]

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## News from the Sunday School classes

**ETC (Every Topic Considered).** We will be studying *Native American Survival: Giving Our Hearts Away* by Thom White Wolf Fassett with a study guide by Brenda Connelly. Told from the Native American perspective, this mission study provides a historical narrative of America's native people and their ongoing challenges. The study coincides with the visit of Meredith Whittaker, missionary to the Indian Reservation in Oklahoma, on Sept. 19. The ETC class meets in the Library at 9:12 on Sundays.

**Has science discovered God?** Come join fellow believers in lively debate as we read and discuss Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for a Creator*. Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune and spiritual skeptic, investigates scientific evidence that points toward God. Through his compelling account, you will encounter the mind-stretching discoveries from cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness that present astonishing evidence of a Creator. We meet in the classroom next door to the Pastor's Study beginning at 9:15 a.m. Sept.

13. Interested? Challenged? Contact Mike Benton, Jim Tiede or Elaine Parvin for details.

**Teachers wanted.** The Children's Program is looking for at least three more teachers for the fall. If you have not had the pleasure of serving as a teacher, please consider it. The children need you, and it is a very rewarding experience. Teachers and assistants serve twice a month on a rotating basis, and supplies are ready for you — no more searching high and low for supplies and trying to get those things organized. We are also looking for new Story Hour helpers. The more volunteers, the longer the rotation. Our children need you to keep the Sunday School program successful. Contact Jessica Simmons at 610-764-0718 or [jsimmlove@hotmail.com](mailto:jsimmlove@hotmail.com).

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## Soupy Thursday will return in early December

The ever-popular Soupy Thursdays will resume Dec. 3, the Thursday after Thanksgiving. As in the past, you may purchase soup by the quart to take home to eat, or you may come to Schieck Hall and eat in fellowship with others. Watch for details in next month's issue of *The Lighted Cross*. We will need some assistance. If you or your church committee would like to volunteer to prepare the soup for one of the weeks, please inform Paul Polasky, Adult Council chair, or Rick Stoker. We will also need help with the prep of the soup early each Thursday afternoon, and to clean up and do the dishes at the end of the evening.

# BUMC KID'S PAGE

## Opposites

Sometimes we do not act the way God wants us to act.

The two columns at right describe actions or behaviors. For each word in the first column, there is an opposite in the second column. Match the opposites by connecting them with a line, then circle the action that reflects how God wants us to act.

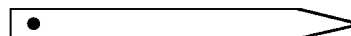
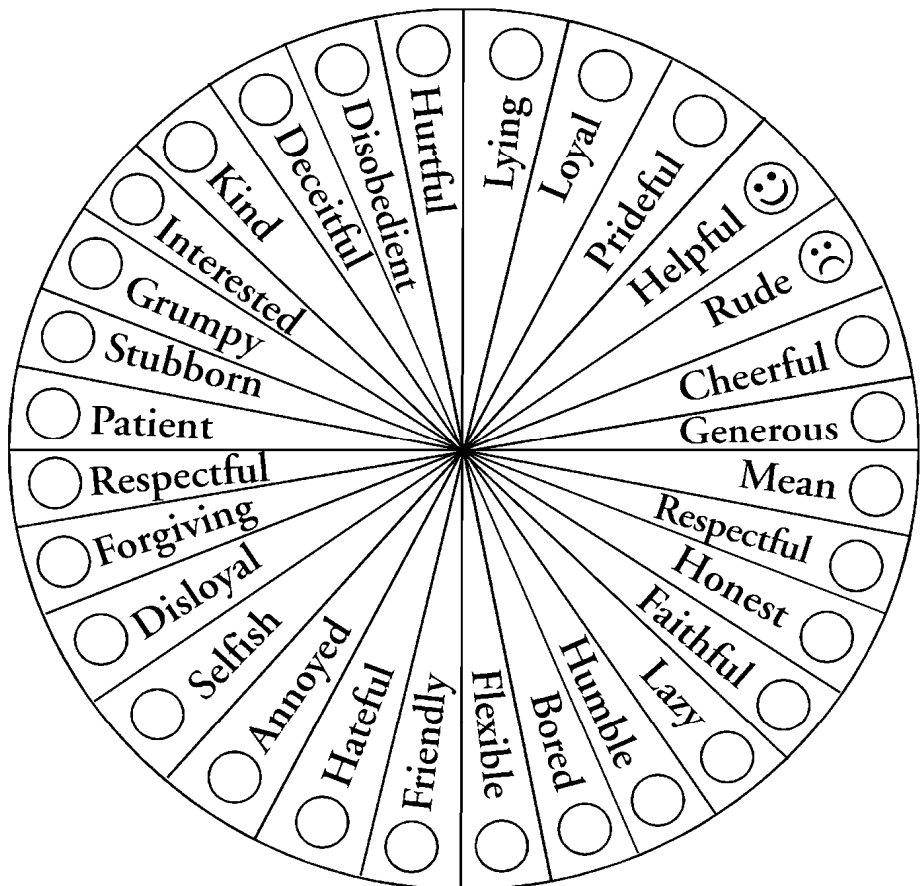
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| 1. Rude      | a. Selfish    |
| 2. Cheerful  | b. Disloyal   |
| 3. Generous  | c. Forgiving  |
| 4. Mean      | d. Respectful |
| 5. Resentful | e. Patient    |
| 6. Honest    | f. Stubborn   |
| 7. Faithful  | g. Grumpy     |
| 8. Lazy      | h. Interested |
| 9. Humble    | i. Kind       |
| 10. Bored    | j. Deceitful  |
| 11. Flexible | k. Prideful   |
| 12. Annoyed  | l. Helpful    |

Answer:

1 - d  
2 - f  
3 - g  
4 - h  
5 - e  
6 - j  
7 - c  
8 - i  
9 - k  
10 - b  
11 - a  
12 - l

## How Does God Want Us to Act?

- Borrow a game board and game pieces from another game. (Option: Make your own game board and use buttons or beans as game pieces, marking each one with a different color so you can recognize your playing piece.)
- Mark the circles in the wheel at right with a smile for actions that reflect how God wants you to act, and a frown for actions that reflect how God does not want you to act.
- Cut out the wheel and mount it on a paper plate (you may wish to enlarge it first).
- Create an arrow similar to the one at right. We suggest you create it out of something stiff like cardboard from a cereal box.
- Mount the arrow on the wheel using a pin or paper fastener.
- Take turns spinning the wheel. If you land on a ☺, go ahead 3 spaces. If you land on a ☹, go back 2 spaces.



## *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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