



September 2012

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

A New Church Year Begins:

Rally Day and Ministry Fair

Sunday, Sept. 9

8:30 – Worship service in the Sanctuary.

9:15 – 10:15 – Light breakfast in Schieck Hall.

9:15 – Sunday School registration for pre-K through sixth graders, and brief presentations about our Youth and Adult Sunday School classes. Afterward, we will head to Sunday School rooms.

10:30 – Worship service in the Outdoor Chapel (Schieck Hall in case of rain). Use chairs that are provided, or bring your own. Parking is available inside the fence near the Outdoor Chapel. Transportation to the Outdoor Chapel will be provided to those who need assistance.

After the 10:30 service – An all-church potluck luncheon and treasure hunt. Please bring a dish to share according to the beginning letter of your last name: A-H, appetizer or salad; I-P, main dish/entrée; Q-Z, dessert.

After the luncheon – Lydia and Maria Circles of United Methodist Women will meet to evaluate the UMW ministry action plan, which calls for growing our “creative, supportive fellowship” while we “expand concepts of mission.”

Ministry Fair – Church groups will have tables to display information about their activities, and these tables will be accessible from 9:15 through the luncheon. This is an opportunity to learn about all the exciting activities at BUMC. Church groups needing tables should contact Cindy Shallcross – cbcampbell30@netscape.net or 610-644-4653.

‘Enough’: A worship and study program starting on Oct. 14



Beginning Oct. 14, we will join in worship and in discussion groups for a series titled “Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity.”

Our world has been dealing with an economic downturn at the same time it keeps telling us that “you deserve it now,” whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

Let’s explore what the Bible teaches us about financial resources. We’ll look at what others have learned by working through financial challenges. We’ll share some tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

The goal is to experience joy that comes through simplicity and generosity. At the end of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to set personal goals of giving for the coming year.

As a community, as family members, and as a congregation, we cannot ignore what God is calling us to do with our finances. What keeps us from experiencing that God is “Enough”?

The book “Enough” by Adam Hamilton, which goes with the series, will be available for everyone to read. You can participate by coming to worship, reading the book, and joining a discussion group or Sunday School class.

Here are the weekly themes:

Oct. 14 – “When Dreams Become Nightmares” – Acts 3 and 4.

Oct. 21 – “Wisdom and Finance” – Luke 6:39-49; 15:11-32.

Oct. 28 – “Cultivating Contentment” – Luke 12:13-34 .

Nov. 4 – “Defined by Generosity” – Mark 8:31-9:1.

The “Enough” Series will offer practical and biblical help for the financial issues that challenge and stress so many of us. In Matthew 6:19-20,24 we hear this message: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... . Store up for yourselves treasures with God... . You cannot serve both God and money.”

During the “Enough” series we’ll consider how to de-clutter life, work toward developing contentment, and learn God’s will for our lives in the area of finances.

We can be people of hope, learning how to live with simplicity, contentment, generosity and true joy!

Pastor Gary

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

A vision of joining God in God's work

WHAT'S YOUR VISION for the church?" I have been asked that question more than once, especially at some of the "Coffee and Conversation" events we have been attending.

I've felt so much at home here at Berwyn UMC that I have to stop and remind myself that I've only been on the job since July 1. I'm still in more of a listening mode than an answering mode. I am listening for *your* answer to "What's your vision for the church?" Still, I have some things I can say in general about my "vision for the church."

To borrow a thought from Henry Blackaby, whether or not I think I have the right vision for the church, I always want to be looking to see where God is at work in and through Berwyn UMC so I can join God in God's work. And that's one way to express my general vision for the church. Let's find out how God is at work in our world and join God in God's work.

Methodists strongly believe that God's grace is already alive and at work in every person and every place. Methodists believe that God's grace is at work in people who do not know Jesus. There is no place we can carry God's grace where it is not already working. God uses us to fan the flame so more people discover what's already in them and all around them.

Sadly, the church often becomes content with the grace we enjoy in the church so that we never make the connection with God's grace working in people and places outside the church. I envision a church that always considers "the other," that always considers the people who are not yet part of Jesus' church, a church that considers "the other" in everything we plan to do in worship, nurture and service.

My vision is for everything we do always to be something we feel excited about as a way of inviting others of all ages to come and see Jesus. My vision is that nothing we do would put up barriers for others to come and see Jesus.

For many years, my guiding Scripture verse has been 2 Corinthians 5:18: "God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others" (Contemporary English Version).

Coming to Berwyn UMC, I've noticed that all our road signs are obscured or looking bent and worn. We need new road signs, but before we rush to put them up, let's think about what we want them to say. I've been trying to think of a phrase that sums up my first impressions of Berwyn UMC, something that would fit on a road sign.

My first idea is "Working out our faith in Jesus." Berwyn UMC seems to be a congregation with open hearts eager to engage thoughtfully with the mystery of God coming in Jesus. That's one way to take the phrase "Working out our faith in Jesus."

On the other hand, Berwyn UMC seems to be a congregation with ready hands and feet eager to go and serve a world in need. That's another way to take the phrase "Working out our faith in Jesus."

My vision for Berwyn UMC is that we would find many ways to invite many others to come and work out their faith thoughtfully with open hearts and purposefully with ready hands and feet. Mike Benton sent out an article to some of us that reminds us to keep expanding the ways, far beyond worship, for people to connect and participate in the life of our congregation. I see Berwyn UMC with its beautiful people, facilities and grounds becoming a spiritual center where all people can come and work out their faith and in the process discover Jesus for who he really is.

Thanks for asking.

Pastor Gary

BACK FOR A SECOND YEAR

The new Alpha Course begins on Sept. 12

Berwyn UMC's Alpha course starts with an introductory dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. This program was new to Berwyn last year, and those who attended found it exciting and inspiring. If you did not attend last year, plan to experience this program this year. There is no charge for attending Alpha evenings, but a free-will offering is collected to cover the cost of the meals. For all evening programs, child care is offered upon request and at no cost.

Attending the introductory dinner is no commitment to attend the rest of the course. If you are not sure if the course is for you, attend the introductory dinner to see for yourself.

After the introductory dinner, the program will continue on Wednesday evenings until Dec. 5. Each program begins with a light dinner at 6, followed by a video presentation and a small-group discussion, and ends promptly at 8:45. There is a regional weekend on Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 2-3, in which we will join participants from Alpha programs at other local churches. This weekend is optional, but we encourage all Alpha students to attend.

Our introductory dinner also serves as a celebration dinner for all who attended Alpha last year. If you attended last year, plan to come to the dinner on Sept. 12 and bring a friend who may like to attend the course.

For more information, pick up a brochure in the Narthex or check our website, www.berwynumc.org/alpha. Registration is not required, but will help us plan our meals and programs. Register by completing the form below, the form on the brochure, or online at our website.

John Paylor

Registration Form

Please complete this form and let us know if you are coming to the Fall 2012 Berwyn Alpha Introductory Dinner or Course [check one or both].

I plan to attend the Introductory Dinner on Sept. 12.

I plan to attend the Alpha Course beginning Sept. 19.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

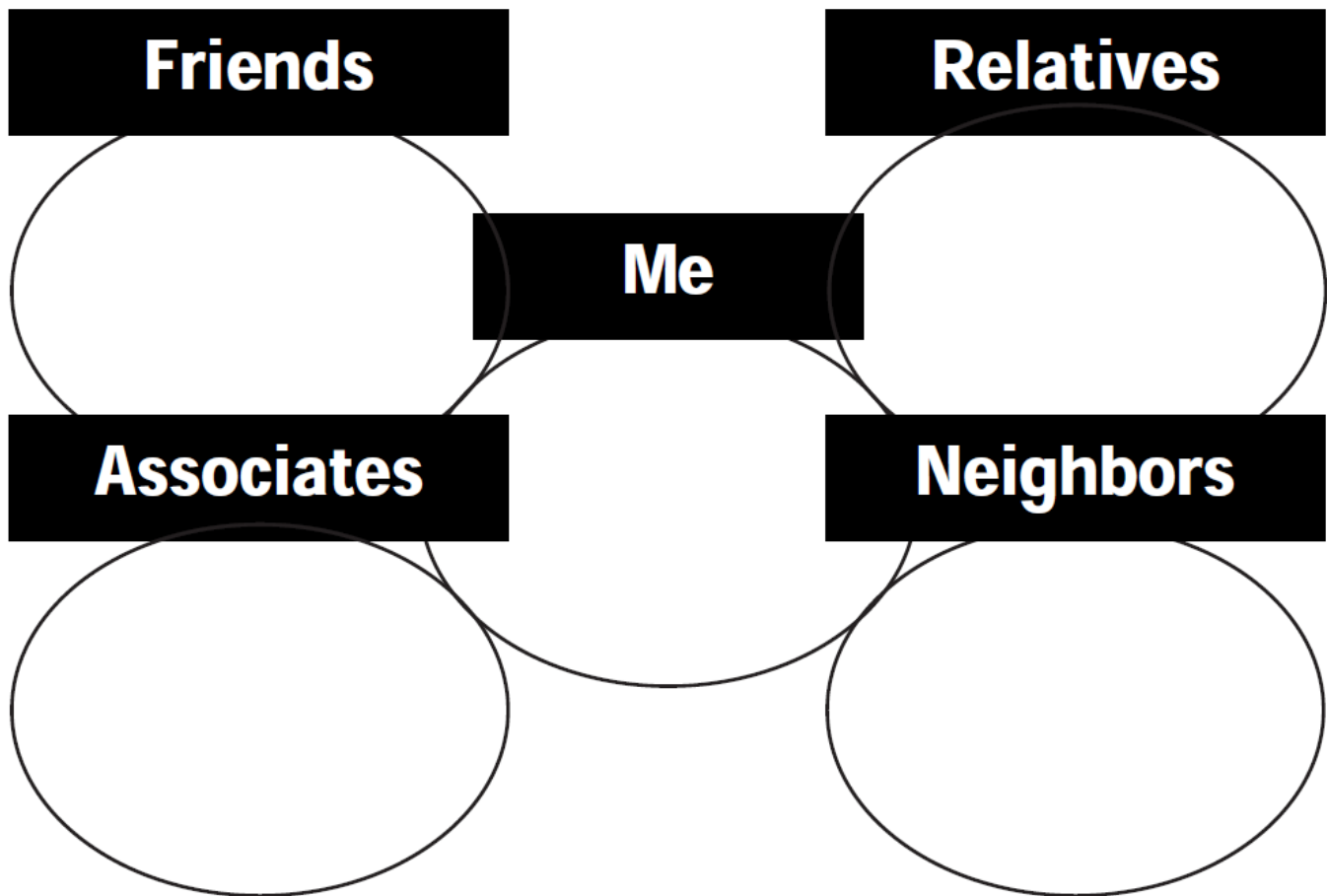
It would be helpful to have an indication of your age. We form small groups partly on the basis of age.

15-20 21-35 36-50 51-65 over 65.

If you would like to be grouped with someone else, please indicate that person's name here

I request Child Care. Ages of Children _____

Please return Registration Form to the Church Office, 140 Waterloo Ave., Berwyn, PA 19312



Think **FRAN**

Alpha 2012 is starting at Berwyn UMC with an introductory/celebration dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Schieck Hall. The graphic above illustrates a simple idea that can help you pray about people to invite to Alpha. Put yourself in the center (of God's will). Prayerfully think about **FRAN**. Fill in each oval with the names of **F**riends, **R**elatives, **A**ssociates and **N**eighbors who might benefit from Alpha. Then pray around the chart. Let God guide you how to invite those people to the Alpha Introductory Dinner, and plan to come with your FRANs. Remember, Alpha is for everyone with no, or some, or a firm, faith in Jesus. Brochures may be picked up in the Narthex.



These fans were among the 84 BUMC members and friends who attended United Methodist Night at Citizens Bank Park on Aug. 4. They were rewarded with a 3-0 Phillies victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Phil Shade to fill in after Judith Lang's surgery

Beginning Sept. 16, we welcome Phil Shade to the organ bench. Phil will be playing the services, leading the Sunday School music, and directing choir rehearsals while our music director, Judith Lang, recuperates from bilateral knee-replacement surgery.

Judith's surgery is on Aug. 30 at Delaware County Memorial Hospital. She hopes to return by Oct. 28, depending on speed of recovery.

On Sept. 2, Jim Adams, Dave Adams' father, will play for worship services. (This will be a family affair, as Dave and Isabel will be singing a duet accompanied by Jim.) Carol Cherry will play for us on Sept. 9.

The weekly Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. New singers are encouraged to set aside any fears and jump in to join our merry band. Please consider making music with us for the glory of God. A sense of humor is essential. Come and make a joyful noise! For more information, speak to Janet Campbell.



Three generations of the Fisk family served as members of the Vacation Bible Camp staff in June. They were (from left) Jeremy Borelly, Tyler Borelly, Stephanie Borelly, Judy Fisk, Ben Cutler, Elizabeth Cutler, Andy Cutler and Jen Cutler.

Church hosts 22 children at Vacation Bible Camp

During the week of June 24-28, twenty-two children from Berwyn United Methodist Church and the community took a dive into the water of God's Word to discover what it means to have deep faith.

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible Camp was "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God." Each afternoon, we were told a different story about someone in the Bible who had deep faith in God.

We had fun creating oceanic treasures with sand, shells and ocean-themed foam stickers in the arts and crafts sessions. Everyone was a smiling winner playing the games each day. Appropriately planned on the hottest day of the week, Water Game Day was a blast. In the music sessions, we learned the dance moves to two new songs, which were shared with our families at the finale program. The science experiment each day had us amazed as we asked, "How'd that happen?" We also enjoyed delicious meals, prepared with loving hands by our crew of chefs, and *lots* of fellowship.

We continued our efforts to raise money for the Heifer Project. We raised \$455.32, which will be added to our previously raised total. Our overall mission goal still is \$5,000. The total raised over the past two years, with the leadership of Sarah Baker, is just over \$4,300. We are very close to purchasing the Gift Ark for Heifer International. Through Heifer International, individuals may purchase food-producing animals for families in need in an effort to help end hunger. A Gift Ark is a collection of 15 species of animals (two of each) that will go to 30 deserving families. We will continue to collect money throughout this year in Sunday School, as our children are really excited about raising enough money to buy a Gift Ark.

"Operation Overboard" wouldn't have been such an amazing success without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you so much for all of your hard work and input.

Director – Sarah Baker and Cindy Shallcross (director in training).

Story Telling – Janet Campbell, Kristine Adams, Katie DeFlavia.

Crafts – Jen Cutler, Sharon Meyers, Elizabeth Cutler.

Games – Jim Spofford, Andy Cutler, Ben Cutler, Jeremy Borelly.

Music – Nancy Atchison, Charlotte Duffie-Fritz, Laura Stockler.

Science – Atticus Simmons.

Food – Judy Fisk, Barbara Mekenney, Stephanie Borelly, Tyler Borelly, Jeremy Borelly, Toni Kelly.

Group Leaders – pre-K/K – Paula Renneissen; 1st – Christa Fisher; 2nd/3rd – Darlene Spofford; 3rd/4th – Sue Farina, Brittany Duffie-Fritz.

Decorations – Christa Fisher, Sarah Baker, Jeremy Borelly, Janet Campbell, Nancy Atchison, Gina DeFlavia, Katie DeFlavia, Kelly DeFlavia, Kristine Adams, Isabelle Adams, Cindy Shallcross.

Book Club begins year with Bonhoeffer biography

The BUMC Book Club will open its 2012-13 year on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 19, with a discussion of “Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy” by Eric Metaxas. Marge Smink will be the discussion leader. Sally Robie (610-644-6631) will be the hostess.

Everyone is welcome at meetings of the Book Club. If you are interested in attending, please call the hostess in advance. All meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Following is the remainder of the club’s schedule:

Oct. 17 – “Faith and Politics” by John Danforth. Judy Edinger, discussion leader. Marge Smink, hostess (610-359-5445).

Nov. 14 – “King Peggy, an American Secretary” by Peggielene Bartels. Barbara Mekenney, discussion leader. Barbara (610-644-2469) also is hostess.

Jan. 16 – “The Triple Agent: The al-Qaeda Mole Who Infiltrated the CIA” by Joby Warrick. John Edinger, discussion leader. Betsy Lang, hostess (610-644-8259).

Feb. 20 – “Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey” by the Countess of Carnarvon. Chuck Parvin, discussion leader. Alan and Jeanette Hess, hosts (610-430-3679).

March 20 – “In the Garden of Beasts” by Eric Larson. Nancy Atchison, discussion leader. Margi MacKenzie, hostess (610-647-4091).

April 17 – “Unbroken” by Laura Hillenbrand. Margi MacKenzie, discussion leader. John and Judy Edinger, hosts (610-687-4526).

May 15 – “The Irish Americans: A History” by Jay P. Dolan. Ann West, discussion leader. Nancy Atchison, hostess (610-644-2775).

Contact Marge Smink at 610-613-9797 or Nancy Atchison at 610-644-2775 for information.

Harvest dinner will be served on Sunday, Oct. 21

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be held in Schieck Hall on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the conclusion of the 10:30 service. The meal will consist of the traditional harvest menu items: roast turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, the rest of the trimmings, and assorted desserts.

The cost will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-10, and free for children 5 and under. Reservations are required. They can be made in church on Sunday, Oct. 7 or 14, or you can call the church office, 610-644-5555. Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The meal will be served family style; the food will be delivered right to your table. If you would like to help – prep, dining room setup, or dish washing at the end of the meal, contact Rick Stoker.

We hope to see you all there for a great meal and fellowship.

Looking ahead: The Christmas Brunch will be held right after the Choir’s Christmas program on Dec. 16.

Rick Stoker

Nursery School to greet parents at open house Sept. 10

Berwyn United Methodist Nursery School will hold its parent open house at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. Pastor Gary Jacabella is invited to greet the parents with an opening prayer. The first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Debbie Brown has been hired as the new music teacher. Debbie previously taught preschool music at the Joshua Tree Nursery School in Philadelphia.

A fundraiser is being held at Rita’s Water Ice from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. Staff members will be on hand to scoop the water ice for BUMNS families. Church members are invited to join us. Twenty percent of all money spent at Rita’s during the fundraiser will be donated to the school.

Janet Wham

LAY LEADER'S LETTER

A memory, and a lesson, from the past

One of my enduring childhood memories is of pasta-making day with my mother and my four aunts.

The mountain of flour that grew on the kitchen table became a volcano to hold the eggs that were cracked into the center. Aunt Annie would quickly blend the flour and the eggs, and suddenly they became the dough for the soon-to-be raviolis, spaghetti and other shapes.

Each woman had a specialty. As Aunt Annie kneaded the dough, Aunt Florence readied the cheese filling for the raviolis. Aunt Elsie was at the wooden cutting board with her long knife to cut the noodles to place on the drying racks. My mother and Aunt Ruthie got the gravy going. I can close my eyes and hear the sizzling from the huge old pot as the garlic and onions and tomatoes hit the sputtering olive oil. I remember the tomato sieve, where I turned a wooden handle to separate the tomato flesh from the skins and seeds.

The smells of the oregano and the cheese and the vision of those special days take me back to a simple time. Each family took home a share of the bounty prepared in the family kitchens. That memory gives me peace that all was right in the world.

Our faith can be like this. We gather together to prepare, to knead and to shape ourselves. We can allow the feelings and the images to envelop us as we develop our own specialties. We can share in the bounty of our faith with those around us. Let us all observe and participate in our faith journey to project peace and assurances that all can be right in the world.

Janet K. Campbell

Note these dates from the Worship Committee

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You. I want to see You.*

The mission statement of the Worship Committee is “to help people have an encounter with God through prayer, music, welcoming, community, fellowship, heart-warming and emotional experiences, acknowledging that everyone has different experiences and different gifts to offer.”

It is an amazing and wonderful thing to take all of the talents our church possesses and join together to praise God. We praise God by attending weekly services, attending Sunday School, participating in Alpha, singing in the choir, reaching out to the community through missions, or shaking the hand of a visitor and extending a warm welcome to BUMC. There are so many ways to worship, and we encourage you to participate in as many activities as you can. Give us ideas of what you would like to see happen as part of the worship experience here at Berwyn. The church's fall/winter calendar is filling with worship opportunities.

Mark these dates in your calendar and participate:

World Communion Sunday – Oct. 7.

Laity Sunday/Harvest Dinner – Oct. 21.

Harvest Food Drive to benefit Trinity Presbyterian Church – starting Nov. 1.

All Saints Sunday and Stewardship Sunday – Nov. 4.

Advent – starting Dec. 2. *Advent readers are needed.*

Hanging of the Greens/pizza party/sing-along – Dec. 2.

Choir Christmas presentation and Christmas Brunch – Dec. 16.

Christmas Eve – 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. services – Monday, Dec. 24.

Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Kristine Adams

News items of interest to members of BUMC

Guardian Angels. This mission project reaches college students away from home to let them know BUMC keeps them in their thoughts and prayers. You may pick up a form in the Narthex to sign up your college student or to volunteer if you would like to be a Guardian Angel. Or you may call or e-mail Cynthia Bushnell with the information at cynbush57@verizon.net or (610) 935-9552.

United Methodist Women. We will launch our fall programs at a meeting in the Library after the all-church luncheon on Rally Day, Sept. 9. Together we will evaluate our ministry action plan and look forward to growing our “creative, supportive fellowship” while we “expand concepts of mission” in the coming year (quotes from our mission statement). In the coming months we will have the pleasure of hosting Paul Maina from the Children and Youth Empowerment Centre in Kenya and hear Sue Burris report on her recent mission trips to Haiti and Nicaragua. Let’s rally our community of women to grow in Christ and support mission. Please join us.

Supplies for Mount Zion. The Missions Committee is seeking school supplies for Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. Every year, Mount Zion provides essential items for 200 students in its neighborhood. The items requested are: pencils, pens, glue sticks, boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, boxes of 12 permanent markers, black and white composition books, spiral notebooks, erasers, rulers, school bags, and highlighters. Please place donated items in the designated box near the shared office entrance next to Schieck Hall.

Endowment Fund. The fund has had a bit of an up-and-down performance thus far in 2012. In the first quarter, the fund performed well, but backed off a bit in the second quarter as the global economy slackened. The fund’s performance for the year to date remains positive, however. Overall, the fund began the year with a balance of \$77,508.91, and concluded the first half of the year on June 30 with a balance of \$79,850.86, for an increase in value of 3%. With the global economy and financial markets turning positive since June 30, the Endowment Fund Committee is hopeful we will see the fund continue to increase in value.

Camp Innabah. The camp will host a Family Jamboree on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3, to celebrate the replacement of all 12 of the camp’s cabins. There will be a Saturday afternoon program followed by a dinner. More information is available at www.innabah.org or at 610-469-6111.

Join us at the annual steak-fry on Sept. 29

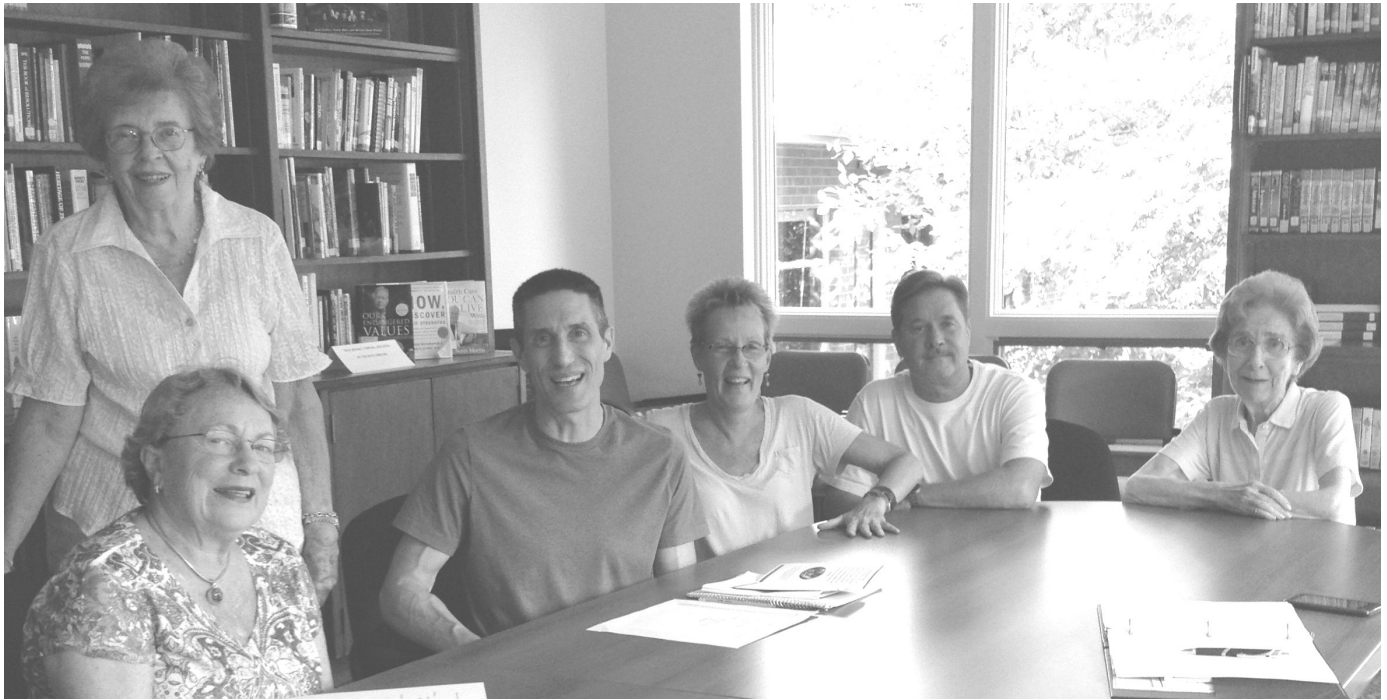
The annual BUMC steak-fry will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. The Adult Fellowship Committee welcomes all newcomers and old-timers to enjoy a good meal and a fun social get-together. The menu will be appetizers, choice of steak or chicken, potatoes, a vegetable, green salad, dessert and drinks.

There will be signup rosters in the Narthex on Sundays, Sept. 16 and 23.

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 and pay the tab on or before the 29th.

Anyone willing to have a hand in making this event happen (setup, cooking, cleanup) should contact Paul Polasky at 610-608-6112 or papolasky@yahoo.com.





DART (Drug/Alcohol Recovery Team) invited Pastor Gary to its July meeting for a welcome-meet-and-greet opportunity. Other news from the *DART Board*: Parent sessions, sponsored by the Elizabeth Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation, will resume in the fall. Watch for the announcement of the discussion topics. The foundation's fifth annual golf tournament will be Sept. 3 at the Kimber-ton Golf Course. Information is available at: <http://www.chelseamemorial.org/>.

16 volunteers paint and recondition the parsonage

The Trustees thank all who helped paint and recondition the parsonage in advance of the Jacabella family's arrival. Sixteen people worked hard to complete the spackling, painting and repairing. Pastor Gary and Bernie are very appreciative. And Olivia and Angel like the colors of their bedrooms and the hall bath.

Other news from the Trustees:

- Kate and Brian Walker planted two trees in front of the Sanctuary. Each tree is marked with a plaque: one to honor Stafford Walker by his family and the other for Amy Dwyer from the Choir.
- The tenant has settled into the Hurd House and seems very comfortable.
- Our Boy Scout Troop 181 had a successful week at Camp Horseshoe, where many merit badges were awarded.

Jack Campbell

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: Sept. 21

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. Submit items to geneforeman56@gmail.com by the end of the day Friday, Sept. 21. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by Oct. 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.



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SEPTEMBER 2012

A fond farewell to 50-year members Mary and David Davis



1962: That was the year Mary and David Davis joined the fellowship of Berwyn Methodist Church, when the Rev. Stacy D. Myers Jr. was the pastor.

After half a century in our church, Mary and David are moving to The Willows outside of Lancaster.

Mary grew up in Levittown, Bucks County, and David grew up in South Philadelphia. They met at Millersville State College. In 1960 they moved from Levittown to the new home they had built on Old State Road in Berwyn. David was a teacher who later, after receiving a master's degree, entered the insurance business. The Davises have three children, Mary Carol, David, and James.

When Mary was reminiscing about their 50 years as members of BUMC, she remembered with great fondness the smorgasbord that was an annual community event sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service (a forerunner of United Methodist Women) and held in the cafeteria of Conestoga High School. She also recalled with a smile the fellowship of the monthly luncheons held by the circles of the Women's Society. She remembers her work with Ruth Yohn for all the wedding receptions that were held in the fellowship hall. One of Mary's jobs was to help make tea and mountains of sandwiches. Quilting continues to be one of Mary's favorite hobbies; she helped make one of the quilts that hang on the wall of the Sanctuary. Recently, David and Mary got to experience the baptism of one of their grandsons, David Arthur Davis III. They have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

When they joined the church, the Davises were so impressed with the friendliness of the church members and, of course, the engaging personality of the young minister, Stacy Myers. Even though the congregation and the church have changed greatly, they still feel that BUMC is a welcoming and a friendly church. We will miss the Davis family.

Ann West

Session at BUMC observes women's anniversary

Berwyn UMC will host a meeting on Saturday, Sept. 29, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. The Rev. Bron Yocum, lead pastor of Grove UMC and formerly of Berwyn, is the leader for the event, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Special guests include Susan Hassinger, retired bishop of the New England Conference; Violet Fisher, retired bishop of the Upper New York Episcopal Area and former superintendent of the Bethune District; and Peggy Johnson, bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

Discussion groups include:

"Women as Change Leaders," led by the Rev. Dr. Sharon Barley, lead pastor at Calvary United Methodist Church in Wyomissing, Pa.

"Your Young Women Shall Prophecy," led by the Rev. Hannah Adair Bonner, of the Young People's Ministries Regional Staff in the U.S. Northern Jurisdiction.

"Leading With Confidence," led by the Rev. Dr. Anita Powell, superintendent of the Central District, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 — 9 TO 2

The Fall Festival and Flea Market

With less than two months to go, 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.

Books are needed; start your piles.

Look into your cookbooks and get the ingredients for that cake or pie or any sweets you have been wanting to make but not keep in the house to tempt you. (Then come to the Bake Sale Table, and we will tempt you there.)

Jewelry boxes need straightening? Have too many purses or fancy scarves? We need those little- or never-worn baubles and accessories. That special vase from Auntie Mae you have not used in years? The Collectibles Table is waiting for it.

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.

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 Carol or Gene Williams.

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.
- 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.

Our youth program will be keeping a watchful eye on the playground for children who would rather play than walk around the Flea Market. A craft station will be set up there as well.

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. 10. And the Flea Market items and books will need to be sorted, displayed and priced on Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

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.



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

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community
Of Christian believers that:
Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

Sunday **M**orning **W**orship

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

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