



September 2013

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

RALLY DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Please join us for Rally Day on September 8th! We will kick off our Church Year by gathering together in Schieck Hall at 9:15am for a light assortment of breakfast goodies. We will have Sunday School registration for our pre-k through 6th graders, and information about our Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes. Following our light breakfast and introductions, the children's Sunday school classes will head to the choir room to sing a song or two, and then go to our Sunday School classrooms! There will be tables set up displaying the activities of our Church Committees and groups, with plenty of opportunities to learn more and join, and/or sign up to volunteer.

Following the 10:30am outdoor chapel service, we will have our **4th ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK LUNCH!** Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share and learn about all of the fun and exciting things happening at BUMC!

We are asking that you bring a dish to share according to the beginning letter of your last name. If your last name begins with a letter between A-H: dessert; I-P: appetizer/salad; Q-Z: main dish/entrée.

Please join us in kicking off our church year with good food, fun, and fellowship!

Cindy Shallcross, Director of Children's Programs

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



CHOIR REHEARSALS begin on Thursday, September 12, from 7:30 to 9:00. All ages are welcome! The only requirements are: a love of singing, a commitment to worship; a sense of humor. Come and Sing For Joy!

JAZZ VESPERS, the second of our Piano Dedication Events, will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 4:00 - 6:00. An awesome line-up of professional jazz musicians will be on hand playing piano, flute, drums, bass, trumpet, sax, mallets, and vocalist. There will be a free will offering for the benefit of BUMC Music Ministry. Mark your calendars now for this not-to-be missed service.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS—Matthew 6:9 - 13

As the summer began, our congregation began an exploration of The Lord's Prayer during our Sunday morning worship gatherings. People have asked for copies of the various translations or versions of The Lord's Prayer that we used during that series so that they can use them in their daily prayer times.

When Jesus first taught his disciples how to pray using "The Lord's Prayer", Jesus was teaching in Hebrew. The Gospel of Matthew translated the prayer Jesus gave us into everyday Greek, the common language used in the streets of the various cities of the Roman Empire.

In teaching us how to pray, Jesus used five ordinary Jewish Prayers. These prayers are God's prayer list. When we gather for worship, we pray from our prayer list. In The Lord's Prayer Jesus gives us the opportunity to pray from God's prayer list.

Here's what God wants according to "The Lord's Prayer".

God wants us to honor God not embarrass God.

God wants more and more people to be set free to obey God.

God wants us to have what we need without taking more than we should.

God wants the forgiveness we've been given to lead us to forgive others.

God wants us to overcome and grow stronger through our trials.

Two of the versions of The Lord's Prayer that we used in worship came out of my study of The Lord's Prayer. First a longer edition followed by a much shorter one.

Abba, our great and loving Father, Creator of us all. You rule over all.

Help us to live so that other people glorify you and crown you as King. Keep us from dishonoring you and embarrassing you by what we do.

Thank you for your kingdom here on earth. We pray that the movement will grow so that more and more people yield their lives to you. Rescue them so that they are free to follow the path to life and obey you like your angels do.

Give us what we need for today. Help us not to take more than we should and show us how we can help people who don't have what they need. We all depend on you.

Forgive us for the things you have against us just as we ourselves have forgiven other people what they owe us and what we have against them.

Help us overcome our trials. Keep us safe as we resist the devil and evil in ourselves and in the world. Bring us back from defeat. Help us to grow stronger.

Our Father, You rule over all.

Help us to honor you.

Extend your reign over the entire world

so that people serve you just like the angels of heaven.

Take care of what we need for today.

Forgive us for the things you have against us

as we forgive people for what we have against them.

Help us overcome in times of testing

Set us free from the evil one. Amen

David Bivin is one of my all time favorite teachers. He was one of my professors in Jerusalem, Israel at the Jerusalem University College - Institute of Holy Land Studies. I admire David Biven's work of reconstructing a Hebrew Gospel that underlies the Gospels we have that were written in Greek. Here is a Dynamic Translation of a Hebrew Reconstruction of the Lord's Prayer by David N. Bivin

Our Father in heaven,
may you be praised throughout the earth by everyone!
Reign soon over all of us!
May your will be done everywhere!
Give us today the necessities of life —
not less than we need, nor more than we need!
Forgive us the wrongs we have done to others,
just as we forgive the wrongs others have done to us.
Do not let us fall when we our tested,
but rescue us from the grasp of evil. Amen. ¹

Finally, a version of The Lord's Prayer developed for a culture very different from our own. It is adapted from "A New Zealand Prayer Book" which is inclusive of the native or indigenous people of New Zealand and Polynesia.

Eternal Spirit
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Loving us all like a Father and Mother,
God, in whom is heaven:
The honoring of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen. ²

¹ David Bivin "The Disciple's Prayer" <http://www.jerusalemerspective.com/769/>

² "A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa" HarperOne (August 5, 1997) page 181

LAY LEADER LETTER

How can it be September already? The days of summer go by so quickly and the season of what should be calm relaxing is gone in a heartbeat. The work of the church goes on. The needs of our church family continue. The needs of our community are always with us. During this summer, so many of our church and extended friends and family were placed on our prayer chain needing our prayer and outreach. We continued through the summer with our prayers for comfort, for healing, for strength and for guidance and prayers were offered and answered.

Gary spent summer days planning our services and meetings for him continued through hot days and evenings. As VBC Music leader, visiting shut-ins and meeting with those who needed him, Gretna Glen and finally a family vacation Gary was kept busy. With Brett Shallcross on mandolin and guitar, Gary on many instruments and Judith on piano or organ we all were blessed by our summer music. We rejoiced with Veronica and John Mosley as they celebrated the marriage of their son John Glen and she shared the joy of that day as she worked through the summer to take care of our church needs. Roger Toro spent the days leading up to his August in Columbia by polishing, shampooing, cleaning, preparing and repairing our church for all of the activities and events and groups that this building supports through the summer and into the fall. Vacation Bible Camp entertained almost 40 children and many volunteers; our church was reverberating with sounds of music, joy and laughter. Cindy Shallcross spent the days after a very successful VBC regrouping and tying up the last ends of camp and beginning the prep work for Sunday school and the children activities ahead. A carload of much needed supplies was given to help support the Trinity Food Bank all donated by the campers following the theme of 'neighbors'. Judith spent many hours pouring over music offerings for our Sunday and special programs as special gifts for the church family. Can you believe she already has Advent and Christmas planned out?

Sunday services and the messages prepared and delivered by Gary, Steve Cherry, and Barbara Emory were received and taken to heart. Steve and Carol Cherry broke from preparing for son Kent's wedding to offer us music and message on a hot July Sunday. Susan Wendell, sister of David Adams spoke of her journey through the illness and recuperation of her daughter Charlotte and the outreach that has been generated; both a beautiful message and a memorable moment for us to share on a summer Sunday. The hymn sing Sunday in July presented by Judith, David and myself brought out the voices in our midst. Bible Study classes continued through the summer. Many meetings were held by both church groups and outside groups. Yoga continued on Roger's shining floors in Schieck Hall. The BUMC Nursery School has worked through the summer to prepare their spotlessly clean classrooms for the opening of school. Counters counted; bulletins were proofread and printed; lawns mown, bushes trimmed, weeds pulled, messages sent, messages received; phone calls answered; many building repairs were needed and addressed (Thank you Veronica for noticing the hot water heater spewing water ...and \$\$\$\$...down the drain on a quiet August day)

Lazy days of summer? Relaxing? I think not! Our work here in Berwyn is not on vacation in the summer. Outreach does not take a vacation; prayers cannot stop. So our work goes on to make a place of refuge and peace and comfort for us here in Berwyn. Through the doors of our church and through the strength of our prayers and thoughts the summer needs were met. It is September, time to get back to the jobs at hand and join our hands together on much cooler (hopefully) September Sundays.

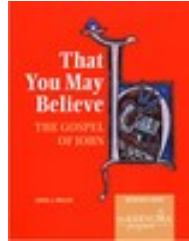
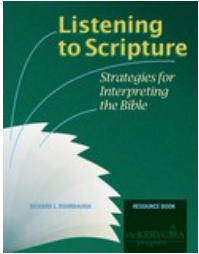
Janet K Campbell

SHARED BIBLE STUDY

The Shared Bible Study class has chosen two interesting Kerygma programs for this year: LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE (8 sessions or more) and THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE / The Gospel of John (14 sessions).

We expect to have the material on display for Rally Day, September 8. Stop by our table, take a look, and purchase your study book! Don't be left out of our lively discussions.

Elaine Parvin, Mike Benton, and John Paylor



THE BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the season is September 18, 2013 at Nancy Atchison's house at 7:00. The book to be discussed is CLEOPATRA: A LIFE by Stacy Schiff with Marge Smink leading the discussion.

The next meeting will be October 16, 2013 at Marge Smink's house at 7:00. The book to be discussed will be THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS by M.L. Stedman with Sally Robie leading the discussion.

If you can attend the meeting, please remember to notify the hostess.

Betsy Lang

OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO HOLY LAND

Tracy Radosevic, nationally known Biblical storyteller, will be leading another trip to Israel and Palestine January 7 - 17, 2014. About a dozen BUMC members have participated in her previous trips and highly recommend this life-changing experience. For more information, contact Alpha Christian Tours, alphatours.com.

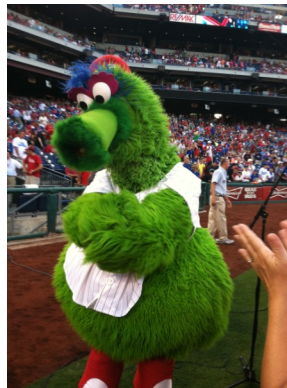


UMW

We will not be meeting in September given all the excitement planned on Rally Day, but all are encouraged to attend Adult Fellowship on 9/21 to hear Fred Curry, leader of the Rice and Beans Ministry. At our October 6 meeting we will prepare food bags to be distributed in Costa Rica by BUMC volunteers during a mission trip in early 2014. Other fall dates include a meeting on Nov. 3 & Christmas brunch on Saturday Dec. 7. Come join us!

GUESS WHO SANG ON UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES?

UM Night at the Phillies was a HUGE SUCCESS. Did the Phillies win? Ah, NO, but there was a combined choir who sang America the Beautiful and the National Anthem. For the first time, there was a choir consisting of members of several churches in our conference. BUMC was well represented with: Paul & Jan Polasky, Nancy Atchison and David, Kristine and Isabel Adams. It was so much fun! And we got up and close with the Phanatic. Many thanks to Camphor United Methodist Church for hosting our practices and coordinating the evening for us. Join us next year!





During the week of July 14th through July 18th, 34 “Neighbors” (campers) from Berwyn United Methodist Church and the community, explored the love of God! He calls for each of us to be friendly, giving, be bold, forgiving and welcoming to our neighbors near and far! He calls us to love our neighbors, and follow Jesus’ lead by treating others, as we would like to be treated! Each day a story was brought to life through bible storytelling. The stories of Sarah and Abraham, A Widow Gives Cheerfully, Good Samaritan, Jesus Forgives Zacchaeus, and God Welcomes Everyone showed how we can love our neighbors as ourselves. We were accompanied by Pastor Gary’s guitar as we learned the Everywhere Fun Fair songs and movements. Fun crafts were created each day, and no one could wait to bring them home in our one-of-a-kind tote bags! Games were also a hit as we played some oldie but goody fair games and learned new ones too. We enjoyed fellowship as we ate delicious dinners together each night. We had Twisted Pretzel Tuesday along with a sneak peek to get everyone excited for the finale Thursday. Sharing Night on Thursday was a huge hit as all the kids were excited to sing and dance the songs they had learned, and show their families everything they had been doing through the week.

Our mission project this year was to help our neighbors at Trinity Presbyterian Church “Caring Cupboard”. Soapy Shower Sunday, Mouth Care Monday, Tasty Treat Tuesday, Wishy-Washy Wednesday, and Thirsty Picker-Upper Thursday brought in generous donations collected each day. In one week, were able to help stock the “Caring Cupboard” shelves with much needed personal care items. Peggy Owen, the Trinity Coordinator, filled her car up with two large boxes and several bags of items. Peggy was delighted to have shared her mission in Thursday night’s program, and the “Caring Cupboard” is the benefactor of our efforts to “love our neighbors”!



Everywhere Fun Fair wouldn’t have been such an amazing success without the help and talents of our wonder-

Director – Cindy Shallcross

Story Telling – Janet Campbell and Kristine Adams

Crafts – Sue Denisevicz, Sharon Meyers (M, T,Tr), Judy Edinger (S, W), Kelley Hogan (W)

Music & Science – Pastor Gary, Charlotte Duffy-Fritz, Brett Shallcross (S)

Food – Nancy Atchison, Stephanie Borelly, Tyler Borelly, Paul and Jan Polasky, Toni Kelly, Barb Mekenney, Debbie Nemetz (M,T)

Games – Jim Spofford, Eric Spofford, Mark Destefano (M, T, W,)

Decorations –Pastor Gary, Janet, Nancy, Keith, Brittany, Charlotte, Gina, Kelly, Ella, Judy, Langston, Max

Grade Level Leaders

Pre-K-Kindergarten-Sue Farina, Nancy Atchison

1st-2nd Grade– Darlene Spofford

2nd-3rd- Paula Renneisen(S, M, W), Katie Deflavia (S, M, W, Tr)

4th -5th –Langston Chambers, Sophia Brightman

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Have you given thought to what you want as your legacy? Have you started a plan for your legacy? Do you want to include your church in your legacy plan?

I believe there are members of our church family who answer “yes” to the last question. BUMC established an Endowment Fund in 2009. It is available to receive gifts of **all** sizes – outright cash gifts, bequests, and planned gifts that are deferred (often until after your lifetime and that of a surviving beneficiary, if you wish). The gift, when received becomes part of the fund’s principal. The principal is conserved and the income is used to support the work of the church year after year.

Giving to the Endowment Fund expresses gratitude for the blessings received and makes a commitment to the church’s future. It is a gift that keeps on giving and makes the church part of your legacy.

For more information review the Endowment Program Policies and Guidelines available in the narthex and talk to a member of the Endowment Committee.

Rosalie Hart for the Endowment Committee

BUMC Men's Group

The Men's Group and their normal breakfast meeting have been on vacation for the Summer. We should resume our programs and 2nd Saturday breakfasts starting September 14th, after Rally Day. However, since the Polaskys will soon be leaving our congregation and Paul has served as both cook and program leader, we request that if you are interested in continuing the Men's Group as a Berwyn activity, you immediately contact Paul by phone (610) 341-9151 or email: papo-lasky@yahoo.com.

We are also looking for anyone interested in continuing our participation along with the Valley Forge UMC men in maintaining the grounds of the Salem Cemetery. This requires about 1-1/2 hours of mowing/trimming about once a month or 6 weeks. Again, please let Paul know if you are willing.

REMINDER

From the office: The HIPAA Law prevents hospitals from calling the church./ If you are aware of anyone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-644-5555 or Pastor Jacabella at 484-318-6389.

FALL FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, OCT. 12 — 9a TO 2p

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’s” 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 or e-mail Cindy Shallcross 610-644-4653 cbcampbell30@netscape.net or Stephanie Borelly 610-948-4389 or johnborelly@comcast.net

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 cus-tards 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.

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. 9. And the Flea Market items and books will need to be sorted, displayed and priced on Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

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.



Special Mission Recognition for Jan Polasky

On June 6, Berwyn UMW honored Jan Polasky with a special gift to mission of \$300.00. We presented Jan with a keepsake pin and the money goes to support programs for women and children at home and abroad. The purpose of United Methodist Women is to "...know God; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; & to expand concepts of mission..." Jan embodies this purpose, by leading programs, supporting us with food and friendship & participating in local and international mission efforts.

We are grateful for Jan and also for daughter Sarah Baker, who has graced BUMW with her sweet spirit and willing hands. We will miss both these great women but bid them Godspeed as they move across the country and begin new adventures.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP STEAK FRY

The annual Steak Fry to kick off the Adult Fellowship season will be held on Sat. Sep. 21 at 6PM in Schieck Hall. The cost for the event will be \$10.00pp, you will have a choice of steak or chicken. Sign ups will be taken on Sun. Sep. 8 & 15 in the narthex after services. The program after the dinner will be lead by Fred Curry. He is the Director of Rice and Beans Ministries. He will be giving us more info on this mission and the international mission trip to Costa Rica that we will be participating in.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

This year's Discovery Service Projects international mission trip will be to Costa Rica. The 5 week mission trip will take place from Dec. 28 – Feb. 1. You can go for as little as 1 week or you can stay for as long as 5 weeks. This year we will be assisting Rice and Beans Ministries in building a sanctuary/dining hall in a small town outside of San Jose (the country's capital). As well as the construction project we will also be taking part in a food distribution project to give food to the needy. The cost for 1 week is \$1225.00, this includes air, lodging and most meals. If you want to stay on for an extra week the additional cost is \$325.00/week. For more info go to www.discoveryserviceproject.org. For more info contact Rick Stoker or one of the other participants from past years.

UMM NATIONAL GATHERING

Paul Polasky and Rick Stoker attended the 11th United Methodist Men's National Gathering held in Nashville, TN over the weekend of July 12-14. Approx. 800 men from across the country gathered to worship, hear inspirational speakers, work on mission projects and to have fellowship with other Methodist Men. This was a great experience and we hope others will join us in 2017 for the next gathering. Paul and Rick will have more to tell about the weekend at the Men's upcoming breakfasts.

CONGRATUALIONS RICK STOKER!

Our very own Rick Stoker has been elected President of the Board of Discovery Service Projects! He has participated in several mission projects with them over the years. Please pray for Rick as he takes on this incredible endeavor to spread the love of Jesus Christ to people in need around the world.

THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Jacabella,

On behalf of our families, Board of Directors, and myself I would like to thank the Berwyn United Methodist Church for your contribution of \$1,302.50 to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line. We appreciate the support of your congregation for our program.

As you know, IHN-Main Line provides shelter and meals to homeless families with children in our community through our partnership with area congregations. Our families receive comprehensive case management and classes in budgeting, parenting, and life skills that prepare and nurture them to self-sufficiency. We lead our families to GED certification, employment skills training, higher education opportunities, and housing resources to help combat the root causes of family homelessness.

We are so touched by you keeping this organization in your prayers and in your action. It is because of congregations such as yours, that this important mission can reach so many in need.

Sincerely,

Sue White-Herchek

Executive Director

Thank You! How can I begin to thank each of you at Berwyn United Methodist Church for the many prayers and cards and phone calls of encouragement during my recent illness? My prayer shawl has been a constant source of comfort reminding me of my many blessings. Pastor Gary's visit, the blueberry jam made by Debbie and Jacob Nemetz, Maxine Jex's homemade bread and butter pickles and Eliza's fresh peach pie made me feel so thankful. I hope it won't be too long before I am back at worship. In His Name, Ann West

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 20 – Harvest Dinner

December 2013 – Soupy Thursday returns

Dec. 15 – Christmas Brunch

*Sign up to greet visitors and members
or to deliver flowers to the ill and home bound.*

Narthex Greeter

Sept 1 Judy Fisk
Sept 8 Jack Campbell
Sept 15 Jane McDowell
Sept 22 Jeff Barger
Sept 29 TBA

Flower Delivery

Carol Williams
Jack Campbell
Jane McDowell
TBA
TBA

Did you know BUMC is on Facebook? Like us and help spread the word of all the events happening at church! Go to www.facebook.com and in the Search section type in Berwyn UMC. Help expand our online community.



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Next deadline: September 11

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 kristineadamspc@verizon.net by the end of the day September 11. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by October 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

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Office Hours:
Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m-2 p.m.

BUMC KIDS' PAGE

Dot-to-Dot

God created many animals. Connect the dots to see what animal this is.



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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