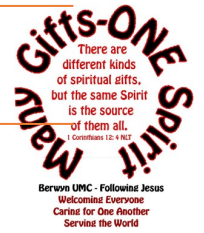


THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



September 2015

Newsletter

Flowers

9/6 Carol Williams

9/13 Jane McDowell

9/20 Maxine Jex

Narthex Greeter

9/6 Judy Fisk

9/13 Jane McDowell

9/20 Maxine Jex

9/27 OPEN



Look Ahead!

Sept 12—Chelsea Memorial Golf Tournament

Sept 13—Rally Day & Church Picnic

Sept 13—Back to regular worship schedule 8:30a & 10:30a

Sat. Sep. 19th 6pm – Steak Fry

Oct 10—Fall Fest

Sun. Nov. 8th 12 noon – Harvest Dinner

Nov 14—Art Auction

Dec 13—Cantata & Brunch

The Fall Festival by *Stephanie Borrelly*

I can't believe it, the Fall Festival is only 2 months away!!! Where did the summer go??

As we get closer to the date, there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex. So EVERYONE can sign up for times to volunteer – set-up, pricing, selling, clean-up. **The date is October 10!!**

If you are interested in working in a specific booth here are the people in charge.

Please contact them and let them know you are interested!!!

Books – Joy Fuerst; Collectibles – Judy Fisk

Bake Table – Janet Campbell; Silent Auction – Cindy Shallcross; Flea Market – Stephanie Borrelly; Lunch/Kitchen help - Tom Pierce

The menu is still in the works....

There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer. Please make sure you sign up to assist.

We need everyone's help to make this a success!!!!

BAKE SALE HELP NEEDED

Janet Campbell

We will once again be having our famous BAKE SALE TABLE at Fall Fest! Our church pies have become quite popular and over 100 PIES were sold off of the tables last year. Cookies and cakes, sweets and treats did not last long on display. We would love to load the tables once again and need you to look through those recipe files and prepare to bake and bring your treasures. We would love to load the tables with as many if not more PIES than we had last year! Thank you all in advance. Please call Janet Campbell if any questions and to volunteer to help out on October 10!

BOOK CLUB

Sept 16 *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown

Hostess: Marge Smink 610-359-5445

Discussion leader: Nancy Atchison

Mission Update *Jeff Barger*

Thank you to all who participated in donating school supplies and toiletries to Mt Zion UMC. It was a huge success! We collected over 50 backpacks, dozens of copy books, folders, pencils, crayons, rulers, folders, etc. Everything a child would need to start school well prepared. I think it also has to have a positive impact on their psyche to want to learn by having these tools at hand already.

There was also a large amount of toiletries for the homeless collected. Everything a person could use to help them feel clean and respectable.

Mt Zion expressed their great appreciation for our overwhelming response to the needs of their community.

Our next Interfaith Hospitality Network obligation is October 5th. As hosts for Mondays we provide dinner, childcare during the parenting session, and overnight supervision at the St Thomas Parish Hall 1229 East Lancaster Avenue, Rosemont, PA19010 (next door to the McDonalds) Anyone interested in volunteering for one of these should contact Bernie Jacabella.

BUMC ADULTS TO HOST

STEAK FRY *Rick Stoker*

To kick off the fall 2015 season the Adult Fellowship group will hold a steak fry on Sat. Sep. 19 beginning at 6P. The meal and fellowship will be held in Schieck Hall. The cost of the evening is \$10.00 per person, includes appetizers, salad, steak or chicken, potato and dessert.

Reservations will be taken at services on Sun. Sep. 6 and 13 or you can call them in to the church office by noon on Wed. the 16th. For more info or to volunteer to help please contact Claudia Sharpless or Sally Robie.

We hope you will join us for a nice evening.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS - Confirmation Class Gary *Jacobella*

This Fall a Confirmation Class will be forming among the youth of Berwyn UMC for the first time in about four years. We have about six youth that have expressed interest. Each youth that joins the class will need a mentor. If you think you would like to be a mentor please read this entire article.

A Confirmation Class gives youth the opportunity to decide whether or not they want to become followers of Jesus and whether or not they want to become members of Berwyn United Methodist Church. It is an exploration.

This year the entire congregation will have the opportunity to go on the Confirmation journey together with the youth. Our worship theme for the Fall at both the 8:30 and 10:30 Service of Worship will be Confirmation, an exploration of our Baptismal Covenant and the Three Simple Rules of Methodism.

Our Baptism Covenant is built on set of questions that become promises or vows when a person says "Yes" to the questions. After a basic Introduction to Christian Teaching on Sunday, September 13 we will explore the questions of our Baptismal Covenant in Worship according to the following schedule.

Sunday, September 27 – Will you turn away from evil?

Sunday, October 4 – Will you accept God's help?

Sunday, October 11 – Will you depend on Jesus and follow him?

Sunday, October 18 – Do you want to be on of God's people?

The Confirmation Class will be introduced to these questions in worship and then explore them further in Sunday School.

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After we go through the Baptismal Questions, we will explore The Three Simple Rules of Methodism giving each rule two Sundays for an introduction followed by practical application.

Sunday, October 25 and November 1 – Do No Harm

Sunday November 8 and 15 – Do Good

Sunday November 22 and 29 – Keep on Loving God

The Three Simple Rules series will be based on the book by Ruben p. Job.

Mentors for each one of the youth in the Confirmation Class are needed.

Mentors will get to know the youth they are mentoring. They will share their journey of faith in Jesus and listen to the youth and talk about any questions or concerns. They will help the youth get to know the congregation and become part of the congregation. Mentors will be aware of the youth's participation and help encourage them to be involved. Mentors will be present for some of the Class sessions.

Please contact Gary at [gjacobella@gmail.com](mailto:gjacabella@gmail.com) if you would like to be a Confirmation Class mentor.

LAY LEADER Janet Campbell

After removing a wallpaper border from our laundry room I began searching for WORDS to place as a top border on the walls. I read through many sayings...some may work others not so much. To be a welcoming greeting to family and friends, I needed something simple and not too wordy because of the space. "Wherever You Go, Go With All Your Heart" would be more of a send-off and not a welcome. "Welcome Home" would not be a greeting for friends or a delivery person. I read through quotes by Eleanor Roosevelt, Emerson, Confucius, Walt Disney, Emily Dickinson, even Oprah Winfrey. "Memories Make a House a Home" was my beginning and still not sure if I read it or I made it up?? Some of the sayings were a bit suggestive and not right at all, some were very vague and knew I would regret that choice.

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I needed something that would say it all. "Yesterday is a Memory*Tomorrow is a Mystery*Today is a Gift". Now we are getting somewhere. I am almost there. Our house became our HOME over 40 years ago and has been part of so many of our most treasured memories and has harbored all of our cherished blessings. I just need a phrase that says it all, how hard can that be?

BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE - AMEN



ENTER WITH PRAISE!

Berwyn UMC loves music. We tell the story of our faith in song and we know from Scripture that God loves all kinds of music lifted up in praise and thanksgiving.

Our congregation is making plans to expand our musical offerings with a fourth Sunday of the Month time of worship in song that we are calling "Enter with Praise". On the fourth Sunday of the month our Service of Worship will open with a time of singing in place of the usual prelude and opening hymn.

"Enter with Praise" will begin on Sunday, October 24. You are invited to bring instruments such as percussion, guitars, bass, mandolins or banjos to a rehearsal on Saturday, October 24. Please sign up on Sunday Morning or let Judith know about your interest at judithlang@earthlink.net. Then we will set the best time for rehearsal on October 24.

The November "Enter with Praise" will be on November 22. The December "Enter with Praise" will be December 20 instead on the fourth Sunday.

For December "Enter with Praise" everyone is invited to bring all kinds of band and orchestral instruments. The plan is to use all those instruments as well at different times of the year in addition to Christmas.

"Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings; Praise God with castanets and dance, praise with banjo and flute; Praise God with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise with fiddles and mandolin. Let every living, breathing creature praise GOD! Hallelujah!" (From Psalm 150 The Message).

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY *Elaine Parvin*

Are you looking for an opportunity to brush up on your Bible study?

Do you have questions? want answers? sharing? prayers? fellowship?

Joy in the evening, a group of believers from many churches, meets at BUMC Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm. This fall they are offering an exciting study, EXPERIENCING GOD: Knowing and Doing the Will of God. The study is in video/workbook format. EXPERIENCING GOD will show you how to deepen your own personal relationship with God and discover your special place in His kingdom. The study begins September 15, 2015. Workbooks may be purchased at that time.

"I will always thank my God for you because of God's grace given to you in Christ Jesus." ! Corinthians 1:4

ADULT SHARED BIBLE STUDY

This fall the Adult Shared Bible Study will continue reading THE PARABLES OF PAUL by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Come join in the discussion and fellowship Sunday morning September 20 . All are welcome. For questions please see John Paylor, Mike Benton, or Elaine Parvin.

"I will meditate also of all Thy work, and talk of Thy doings." Psalm 77:2

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Nov. 8 – Annual Harvest Dinner. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings after the 10:30 service. Adults - \$10.00 per person. More info to come next month.

Sun. Dec. 13 – Chancel choir cantata and Christmas Brunch

MAKE IT A HABIT.....

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group.

Members of BUMC Bible Study feel that Wednesdays aren't complete unless they've attended Bible Study at 11:30 in the church parlor. In the middle of a busy week, the group offers a time for prayer, study, and companionship. It's a small low key kind of study, directed by our pastor. It is guaranteed that each member will become closer to understanding the God who loves each of us so dearly. Sadly, this year we will be missing two of our faithful members, Betsy Lang and Donna Pitz.

This fall we will study key passages from the Torah. The first meeting of this year will be September 16th at 11:30 am in the parlor at the church. The passages of scripture to be studied are Genesis Chapters 1 and 2:4-15. Do bring your favorite bible, comparing translations enriches our study. After an hour of study, the group will move to the library for a time of chat-n-chew. Each person brings his own lunch. Don't miss this opportunity for a great time of fellowship and learning God's word and will. We will save a seat for you!

SOUPY THURSDAY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Adult Council would really like to offer Soupy Thursday again this year, but it means we are going to need more helpers. Rick Stoker will not be able to work every week this year as he has in the past. As the Stoker's Jamba Juice business continues to expand it will require more of his time. As of Sep. 1 three Jamba Juice stores will be open and Rick will be working or babysitting on Tues., Wed., and Thursdays.

To ensure that Soupy Thursday continues we will need people to grocery shop, do vegetable prep and prepare the soup, help serve and clean up. Claudia Sharpless, Romaine Rood and Pat White have graciously agreed to continue helping out, but they can't do it alone and every week. If you are willing to help out please let Rick, Claudia, Romaine, Pat or the church office know.

We really want to continue this mission but need your help.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Joe and Debbie Nemetz' daughter's school is collecting Box Tops for Education. These little labels are found on many products such as Betty Crocker, Nature's Valley, General Mills, Hefty, Scott etc. Each box top is worth 10 cents! Some bulk items at Costco or BJ's have bonus labels. Please look for them as you recycle or toss out trash. An envelope is on the bulletin board in the hall for collection. In the past, the schools have been able to raise a lot of funds through this project. Thanks for your help.

UPDATE TO PRAYER CHAIN

Marsha Williams has accepted the position of coordinator for the prayer chain of Berwyn United Methodist Church. How blessed we are to have Marsha: a person who strongly believes in the power of prayer and has truly experienced the power of prayer in her own life! The BUMC Prayer Chain was started by Elaine Clayton. Originally it was a telephone chain; however, as the popularity of computers and e-mail grew, it was switched to being transmitted by e-mail as well as telephone calls to those on the chain who did not use a computer. Presently, the chain uses e-mail for sending immediate requests for prayer. The prayer request eventually reaches the church bulletin, the people who are attending church via the pastor's prayer time, and the weekly e-newsletter. The prayer chain is open to everyone. For privacy concerns, one very important rule of the prayer chain is that the prayer chain will not transmit information about anyone who is part of the BUMC family unless that information is provided directly by the person or an immediate member of the family. The Prayer Chain is always looking for new members who want to be a part of this very important intercessory prayer ministry. All you have to do is contact the church office or the coordinator, Marsha Williams at 610-656-9687 or poetlady82@verizon.net.

DSP Jan. 2016 mission trip to Tulum, Mexico

Discovery Service Projects is pleased to announce that its international mission trip for January 2016 will be to Tulum, Mexico. Yes, it is the site of Mayan ruins on the Caribbean, but there is also a thriving town with an established house church that has grown and is ready to move to a building of its own. Our presence will help make that a reality. The local congregation has secured a property and they have been working to clear the space. Footings will be in place so that work by DSP volunteers can begin immediately upon our arrival in January. Plans show a first floor sanctuary with the ability to add a second floor with classrooms.

The trip begins on Sun. Jan. 3rd and will run for 4 consecutive weeks. Travel each way will be on Sunday out of Newark. The cost for 1 week is \$1,150.00. This includes: air and exit tax, accident and liability insurance, tee shirt, lodging, tips, all meals except tour day and all transportation if you travel with the DSP group from Newark each week. If you should want to stay on for a 2nd week the cost would be an additional \$400.00.

If you are interested please contact Rick Stoker for more info and to obtain a registration form or go to www.discoveryserviceprojects.org.

CAMP E.D.G.E. A SUCCESS!

Cindy Shallcross, BUMC Children's Program Coordinator

This year we had 27 children participated in our Camp E.D.G.E. VBC! We had a great time going to the edge on an extreme adventure through Bible treks. We experienced and discovered that God is always with us to guide us, to teach us, love us, and send us into new adventures. The things He asks us to do are to stay close, follow Him, learn from Him, love Him and others, and go where He leads. We had so much fun each day focusing on that day's story with storytelling, music, games, crafts, and science experiences. We enjoyed fellowship as we ate delicious dinners together each night. The highlights of the week were Water Day and our Grand Finale! The Sharing Night Finale was a huge hit as all of the kids were excited to show everyone what we had been doing through the week. Our mission project this year was to collect Health Kit items for HUB. We were able to put together 50 kits!

Many great memories we made during the week. The most notable quotes were "This camp is so much fun!", "That macaroni and cheese was the best I ever had!"(FYI-Stouffer's), "Each day my kids beg me to bring them to VBC. I have to tell them, it's not time to go yet.", "Mom, did you sign me up for next summer?" and "Genuine tears were shed when my daughter had to miss one day of VBC." The whole VBC week has left a smile on the hearts of everyone who took part in this year's CAMP E.D.G.E! Thank you to all of my energetic activity leaders, fun-time counselors, and gourmet chefs!

SUGGESTED READS

PARENTING – ADULT COLLECTION

Holy Bells and Wonderful Smells: Year-Round Activities for Classrooms and Families by Jeanne Hunt, c1996 [394.4 Hun]

Here are a host of hands-on, practical activities designed for schoolchildren and their families. They cover a variety of occasions – birthdays, vacations, secular holidays, religious holidays, and seasons of the year. Spark your imagination and renew your spirit for these celebrations. The traditions of many cultures and heritages will expand everyone's horizons.

Teaching Your Children Values by Linda and Richard Eyre, c1993 [649.1 Eyr]
The authors recommend that helping your children develop values such as dependability, self-reliance and honesty is as important as teaching them how to read. These values are their best protection against peer pressure and consumerism. With their own values clearly defined, children can make their own decisions rather than imitate those of their friends.

Trailing Clouds of Glory: Spiritual Values in Children's Books by Madeleine L'Engle, c1985 [809.892 Len]

Madeleine L'Engle, well respected author, essayist and poet, points out spiritual themes in secular children's books. She discovers expressions of the power of love, courage to survive failure and death, spiritual awareness, the yearning for faith, and the constant renewal of life. Read excerpts from chosen books and learn the spiritual themes hiding in the passages.

CONDUCT OF LIFE – CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Piper's Twisted Tale by Mark Lowry and Martha Bolton, c2001 [J FIC Low] Reading level: Pre-School

Piper the Hyper Mouse has a mischievous adventure that he tries to explain by lying to his mother. When lying gets him into more trouble, he learns the importance of telling the truth.



Recordings of Sunday Services are available.

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Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

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Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz



Thank you everyone for your cards, phone calls and gifts... especially Janet Campbell, Maxine Jex and my personal gardener, Bernie Jacobella. Everyone has been wonderfully helpful and caring. I know your prayers have been heard as each day I feel a bit stronger. Mono truly is a young person's disease. Wish I could say it was age-appropriate for me! On second thought, no I don't. Thank you all again for your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Carol Williams



FORE! CHELSEA GOLF

It's time for Chelsea Golf! We are asking for your support again to help with the E. Chelsea Campbell Memorial Foundation which was founded in 2008 two years after we lost Chelsea to a heroin overdose.

In the past seven years we have helped twenty young people finish their treatment after their insurance ran out.

We hope you can join us for golf on September 12, 2015 at Kimberton Golf Club. If unable to attend please consider a donation of any amount. For more info, registration and sponsorships go to www.chelseamemorial.org.



On behalf of the entire family, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the support, prayers, cards, and outreach we received while my mom, Betsy, was ill - and after she passed away on May 23. Mom loved her BUMC family and groups, and it has been so wonderful hearing stories of how she touched everyone's lives. We still do not have a set plan for the memorial service.

Gratefully,

The Lang Family (Jenn, Ron, Fritz, Beth, Annabelle and Aidan)



CHURCH LIBRARY

Marjorie Smink

The Adult Collection of your church library is available through the BUMC Library's Online Catalog. To access the catalog:

1. Go to the BUMC website: <http://www.berwynumc.org/>
2. Click on Resources
3. Click on Library Search
4. Click on BUMC Online Public Access Catalog
5. Enter search terms
6. See list of available materials
7. Find materials on shelves according to call number
8. Sign out materials using borrowing card in book pocket
9. Put borrowing card in 3" x 5" box on window sill.
10. Please return borrowed materials in one month, if possible.

ART AUCTION UPDATE

Gene Williams

The date for our first ever Art Auction is November 14. The date is rapidly approaching and we need more art!. The success of this fund raiser is dependent upon the quantity of items available for purchase. As of this writing, we have received contributions from five families.

I ask everyone to please spread the word about the auction and our need for donations. Remember, everyone who donates a piece of art and agrees to have the funds donated to the church, the amount is tax deductible!

Please contact Carol or Gene Williams at 610-296-7406 regarding your donations or any questions you may have. Donation forms are available at the church office.



Welcome to a new year of fun and learning at BUMNS. We are looking forward to the 2015-2016 year. BUMNS Parent Open House is being held September 15th. The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th. We look forward to welcoming back former students and new families.

BUMNS welcomes Sarah Reindel and Tori James to our staff. Sarah will be teaching KIM (Kids in Motion) and Tori, Music. Both teachers come with experience and most importantly, enthusiasm! The KIM and Music programs are an integral part of BUMNS curriculum. The children attend the classes weekly.

BUMNS Parent/Teacher Board is planning a few social events for our school families to be held this fall. The events provide the opportunity for parents to meet one another in a social atmosphere. BUMNS is fundraising with Yankee Candle, Name Bubbles and Highland Orchard Pies.

We are thankful for the tremendous support Berwyn United Methodist Church gives our school. Smiles, hugs and encouragement from church staff and members are always appreciated by the staff.



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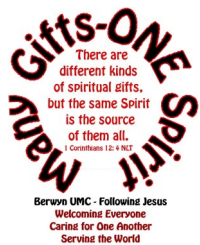
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Next deadline: September 9, 2015 for October issue

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 9. 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.



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	Traditional Worship

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