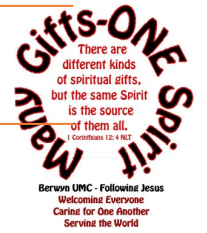




# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### September 2017 Newsletter

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Sept 10 Rally Day, Enter with Praise @ 10:30am; Church Picnic after 10:30 service

Sept 23 Steak Fry @ The Stoker's house

Sept 23 UMW Annual Mtg

Oct 14 Fall Fest & Flea Market

Oct 21 IHN

Oct 22 Harvest Dinner

Oct 28 Trunk or Treat



#### Join Us For Worship

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 am Traditional Worship with Choir

Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month

### FALL FEST & FLEA MARKET 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.

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

Flea Market – Stephanie Borelly/Jeremy Borelly

Lunch/Kitchen help - (?) The menu is still in the works....

Bake Sale—Janet Campbell

Don't forget the Bake Sale! It's time to start looking through those favorite recipes and decide what you will donate to our popular tables at Fall Fest. Janet Campbell is once again behind the scenes ready to accept your donations and eagerly ready to hear of your willingness to help on Fall Fest Day. Thank you in advance and don't forget we are often known as the PIE church, so we need pies!!

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!!!!

## FALL FESTIVAL & FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

RAIN OR SHINE

COLLECTIBLES \* BOOKS \* BAKED GOODS

FLEA MARKET TREASURES & FURNITURE

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

140 WATERLOO AVENUE

BERWYN, PA



## #EmbraceLife by David Adams Lay Leader

Due to recent events in Charlottesville, VA The United Methodist Church has released a video and social campaign called #EmbraceLife.

The video shows children answering the question **“What do you think the Power of God could do to change our world?”** Their answers are surprisingly deep and mature for their age—make sure everyone has equal rights, stand up for others, show them we are Christian by our love, make peace in the world and love each other. Very wise words.

How can the Power of God change our world? A little girl in the video said it best, “How will they know we are Christian? By our love.” Let us remember to love one another as Christ himself loved us.

I am reminded of a verse in Isaiah, Chapter 11, verse 6: *The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.*

Let's follow the children's lead.

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

— Romans 12:21

EMBRACE LOVE.

Go to [UMC.org/EmbraceLove](http://UMC.org/EmbraceLove) to learn more about how you can be a force for good.

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The people of The United Methodist Church

## TRUNK OR TREAT RETURNS by Kristine Adams

The 3rd annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 28 from 3p to 5p. Decorated trunks are needed once again! We also need volunteers to greet our friends as they arrive. Please see Kristine Adams if you are interested in helping out this year. The more trunks the merrier!



## 2017 Eastern PA Annual Conference Recap by Judy Fisk

The 2017 Eastern PA annual conference met at the Expo Center in Oaks from June 15 -17. The theme this year was *Strive for Unity*. The conference celebrated 250 years of Methodism in America. Some “early workers” were portrayed by costumed actors during the conference sessions.

Speakers during conference were Bishop Peter Weaver who is now retired, Rev. Tom Albin, Dean of the Upper Room Chapel in Nashville, new Bishop Letrelle Miller-Easterling of the Baltimore-Washington Conference and our own Bishop Peggy Johnson. The number of District Superintendents is now 4, down from 6. Our District Superintendent is Dawn Taylor-Storm. She is in her third year as a DS. Six new certified Lay Ministers (51 Active) and thirteen ministers were ordained and 19 clergy retired.

Several things happened at conference including: we voted on four General Conference Resolutions, there were specials offering, and a discussion about LGBTQ rights vs. Church Law (The Discipline). General Conference has a commission working on this matter called Commission on The Way Forward. Delegates voted on resolutions regarding health care, general pay scale, housing and new rules on how we endorse candidates we nominate to be elected Bishops.

Conference is a very active three days. The four delegates from BUMC were Kristine Adams, John and Lee Paylor - Equalizing Delegates; Judy Fisk -Lay Member of Conference; our Pastor and Steve Cherry attend as Clergy members.

If you are interested in learning more about Annual Conference, please see any of the delegates.

## Adult Fellowship kicks off the Fall with a Steak Fry by Rick Stoker

The adults at Berwyn UMC will kick off the fall season with their annual Steak Fry. It will be held on Sat. Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Rick and Penny Stoker (97 Waterloo Ave) in Berwyn. The event is open to all in our church family, you don't have to be an active participant in the adult fellowship to attend. The dinner will begin at 6pm. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00pp and you have a choice of steak or chicken.

Reservations will be taken in church on Sun. Sep. 10 and 17 or you can always call the church office. Reservations are needed by noon on Wed. the 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. If there should be bad weather it will be held in Schieck Hall.

Upcoming events: Sun. Oct. 22 – Harvest Dinner

Sun. Dec. 17 – Choir cantata followed by Christmas brunch

**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CHURCH PICNIC by John Paylor**

We will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule on September 10 with both services held in the sanctuary. Our early, shortened, Worship Service will start at 8:30 a.m., and our regular Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Please plan to attend whichever service best suits your schedule and needs.

Our annual church picnic will be held on September 10. The picnic offers a fun time to get ready for the new program year and enjoy good fellowship, hot dogs and other old-fashioned picnic fare. The picnic will be held immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service and will offer a choice of indoor seating in Schieck Hall or outdoor seating on the lawn. A free-will offering will be tak-



**Annual Meeting for the (former Central) District UMW**

**When:** Saturday, September 23 at Camp Innabah

**Topic:** Economic Justice & Equality

**Speaker:** Carol Barton, Women's Division, UMW National Office

Continental breakfast @ 8:30 am

Program @ 9

Lunch is \$15.00

Registration deadline: 9/9/17

Please see Carol Cherry if interested.

**MISSION COMMITTEE by Jeff Barger**

Although the children no longer collect coins for the Penny Jar, BUMC still supports Florence in Zambia through Children International. Please continue to support her by placing your coins in the jar which is located in the rear of the chapel. Our donations allow her access to medical care, higher learning and special programs that teach her life skills to become an educated, responsible and productive woman. Thank you all.

**DSP INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES by Rick Stoker**

In 2018 Discovery Service Projects will offer trips to both Haiti and Costa Rica.

The Haiti trip will take place from Sat. Jan. 6 – Fri. Jan. 12, 2018. Flights will be out of Philadelphia and the cost is \$1250.pp for the week trip. Our work there will be determined by need as we get closer to the date, but we hope to be involved in a tree planting mission. We will be going into neighborhoods in selected parishes and will be offering banana and mango trees to the property owner. Haiti has been devastated by earthquakes and hurricanes in the last several years and there is a large need to replace the damaged or destroyed trees. DSP is partnering with Praying Pelicans missions on this project.

The trip to Costa Rica will be held Sat. Feb. 10-17, Sat. Feb. 17-24 or Sat. Feb. 24 – Sat. March 3, 2018. Flights to Costa Rica will fly out of Newark or you can fly out of Philadelphia at a higher fare. The cost of the week trip is \$1300.pp. In Costa Rica we will be working with Rice and Beans ministries again. This year we will be helping to build their new campus which will have dorms, a kitchen and dining hall for the volunteers. This work will be done in the morning till about 2p and then we will be going out into the community to deliver food bags to the needy. As you may remember from prior years we will be selling food bags for \$12. each which will then be filled with food in Costa Rica and delivered to the less fortunate.

For more info either see Rick Stoker or go to [www.discoveryserviceprojects.org](http://www.discoveryserviceprojects.org) To take advantage of the group airfare a deposit for these trips should be made in early September if possible.

**Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff**

Pastor: Tim Duchesne

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross

Lay Leader: David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Recordings of Sunday Services are available—Contact Jon Stockler, 610-348-3385 or [JStockler@aol.com](mailto:JStockler@aol.com)

## **CHOIR by Judith Lang**

Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept 7 at 7:30 pm. Please come and join the fun, fellowship, and joyful singing to God. We need new members young and old. Come and give it a try!



ENTER WITH PRAISE will return on Rally Day, September 10. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, September 9 at 3 pm. All instruments are welcome! Please pick up your music on Sunday, September 3 or contact Judith.

## **CHECK THIS OUT FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY by Marjorie Smink**

*Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* by Eben Alexander, c2012. [BIO Ale]



Although people claim to have near-death experiences, scientists say they are impossible. Dr. Eben Alexander, a neurosurgeon, felt that NDEs were fantasies produced by the brain under stress until ... his own brain was attacked by a rare illness. He went into a coma for days, and his doctors considered ending treatment - until he revived. His recovery itself is a medical miracle, but also while in the coma he journeyed beyond this world. He tells of being guided by an angelic being and speaking with the Divine source of the universe. Before his NDE, Alexander could not bring together his knowledge of neuroscience with a belief in heaven, God or a soul. Now he is a physician who believes that God and the soul are real and death is not the end of personal existence. According to the publisher, reading this book will change your life.

## **BERWYN UNITED METHODIST NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE by Janet Wham**



BUMNS will begin school on September 12<sup>th</sup>. A few improvements were made over the summer. Roger Toro and John Mosley fixed the ceilings in two rooms and the office. They also installed new lighting. The school looks bright, cheery and welcoming. BUMNS Parent Open House is being held on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

BUMNS Parent/Teacher Board is planning a series of social events for the school families this year. These will include park play dates, Friday night dinners and an evening for Dads and one for the Mothers. The events provide the opportunity for parents to meet one another in a social atmosphere.

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 children and staff. BUMNS staff is looking forward to getting to know Pastor Tim!

## **CALLING ALL GUARDIAN ANGELS by Barbara Stockler**

BUMC supports a youth outreach effort benefiting our post-high school grads. Adult members of the congregation act as Guardian Angels. They are assigned a young adult anonymously, and correspond with that individual from fall through spring with messages of support, and perhaps an occasional small gift. As these youth make their way in the world in college or through other pursuits, it is heartening for them to know their home church remembers them and holds them in their prayers.

Should you be interested in re-upping or participating as a new Guardian Angel, please contact Barb Stockler at [610-296-3451](tel:610-296-3451) or [bhstockler@gmail.com](mailto:bhstockler@gmail.com).

## **PEOPLE TALK**

Did you know? Have you realized? BUMC has come together as a great, caring congregation to help Tim and Suzanne with their transition to Berwyn and has supported them through Tim's recent surgery and ongoing recovery.

Special thanks of appreciation go to **Claudia Genuardi, Dave Adams, Joy Fuerst, John Paylor, Judith Lang, and Veronica Mosley** as well as all those who brought meals, helped unpack boxes, waited for appliance deliveries and coordinated repairs and services to the parsonage. The body of believers at Berwyn United Methodist Church is strong in the Lord and that deserves great praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

Dear members of our congregation, Often when I stop in our church library I find donations of books that are wonderful additions to our adult and children's collections. Some of these donations are anonymous which makes it difficult for me to thank you personally and indicate your donation on the book's catalog record. To all the BUMC members and friends who have donated materials to our church library over the years, I send a collective THANK YOU for your generosity. **Marjorie Smink, BUMC Librarian**



## HERO CENTRAL: BUMC RECAP by Cindy Shallcross

Our church hosted 43 superheroes during the week of July 16th-20th. All of our Heroes discovered their SUPER HERO strength in God! Our week's motto was to **Do Good! Seek peace and go after it!** What we learned at Hero Central was that God's Heroes have Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope, and Power! Each afternoon we started by singing new and energizing anthems of Heroes with Judith. Every day we discovered that the main characters in our Bible stories were superheroes. The stories came to life by reading with Janet Campbell and Kristine Adams. The Craft Headquarters was overflowing with creativity as they made Hero bags, Hero cuffs, Hero frames, Hero Masks and Hero headbands with Judy Edinger, Nancy Atchison, and Judy Fisk. Science powers were explored in Investigation Discovery with Deb Hazen. Muscles were built and energy released playing fun camp games and water play at the Muscle Station with Jeremy Borelly and Cheyenne. Only the best Super Hero food was prepared each night by Stephanie Borelly, Barbara Mekenney, Toni Kelly and Julie Curtis. My Super Hero counselors did an excellent job training their Super-Heroes-In-Training. Heidi Renneisen, Brianna Kelly, Sophie Brightman, Samantha Hewitt, Owen Renneisen, Max Brightman, Isabel Adams, Langston Chambers were the Super Hero Counselors!

Thank you to each and every one of them for their time, energy and dedication to our Vacation Bible Camp! The week would not be nearly as fun (or successful) without them!

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## COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (CAT)/HUB UPDATE by Deb Hazen

Even during Summer, Mission Central in Mechanicsburg is still answering calls of people in need around the country and the world. Mission Central is in critical need of the following items:

- 7"-8" combs for Health Kits
- Liquid Household Cleaner (12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. no spray cleaners)
- Hand Towels - no microfiber
- Lightweight cotton fabric to be used to make dresses (minimum of 3 continuous yards)
- 8.5" x 11" Copy Paper
- 30" x 30" receiving blankets
- 1 Subject Notebooks or filler paper up to 150 sheets

\*\* All Items Must Be New \*\*



Interfaith Hospitality Network  
of the Main Line

## IHN—Interfaith Hospitality Network Update

We served three families, a total of 11 people, through our work with IHN in August. Thanks to Ed and Sue Denisevicz for providing and hosting dinner, and to Karla Wagner and Deb Hazen for being the overnight hosts. Through the IHN Self-Sufficiency Program diverse religious groups in the community work together to help end homelessness one family at a time. **For more information about The InterFaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line, visit <http://www.ihncares.org/>.** If you'd like a personal take on this service, contact Ed, Sue, Karla, or Deb. We have stories of how and why this ministry touches our hearts. Beginning in October, BUMC is switching its night of IHN service to a Saturday. Deb and Bob will be the overnight hosts on Saturday, October 21. If you can cook part of the meal and/or host dinner, please contact Deb Hazen.



## Our Mission Statement

God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community

Of Christian believers that:

Invites ~ Nurtures ~ Encourages Service

## Worship Schedule

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

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