



# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### September 2018 Newsletter

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**Sept 16** Fall Speakers Series 2pm

**Sept 22** UMW Coffee & Fellowship

**Sept 29** Adult Steak Fry

**Oct 13** Fall Fest

**Oct 20** Trunk or Treat

*Mark  
in Your  
Calendar*

#### Join Us For Worship

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

Communion is observed on the First Sunday of the Month



## NEIGHBORHOOD FAIR

**Sunday, September 9**  
**noon - 2pm**



**LIVE MUSIC**  
**HORSEBACK RIDING**  
**GAMES FOR ALL AGES**

**FREE FOOD**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**BOUNCY HOUSE**



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**NEIGHBORHOOD FAIR** *Rick Stoker*

**Sun. Sep. 9, 2018 12noon—2p**

Berwyn UMC is striving to become a more visible member of the community and to kick off the fall season we will be hosting our first ever Neighborhood Fair. It will be held on the front lawn of the church from 12noon– 2pm on Sun. Sep. 9, 2018. The fair will have free picnic food for our neighbors (hot dogs, pulled bbq chicken sandwiches, potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, macaroni and cheese and baked beans). The cost for BUMC members will be \$5.00 per person to help defray our expenses.

In addition, to free food the fair will have a bouncy house and other activities for the children, horse rides, live music and a few games for the adults. We want to highlight all the activities of our church to our neighbors so we will have booths with displays of all we do. For instance: nursery school, HUB mission, UMW, book club, prayer shawl ministry, scouts, our Sunday school, the chancel choir and our out reach ministries such as ASP, DSP and all the other missions throughout the year.

We hope that you will strive to make it to this event. We need to have a good turnout so that the community knows we are here, alive and vital. Sign ups will be taken on Sun. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun. Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup>. And remember on Sun. Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> church services will be back to 8:30 am and 10:30 am. See you there!

## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**8:30 AM EARLY WORSHIP**

**9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH CHOIR**



### **ADULT STEAK FRY** *Rick Stoker*

Our annual Steak Fry will be held on Sat. Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6P. This year the event will be held at the home of Claudia Genuardi in her barn. The cost for the dinner will be \$10.00 pp and of course you will have a choice of steak or chicken along with all the other goodies. Reservations will be taken on Sun. Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. For those who are interested we can meet at the church at 545P and car pool.

This should be a really fun start to our year and who knows? Maybe since we are in the barn we might even try our hand at a square dance or two. This event is open to all so if you don't normally attend adult fellowship functions maybe this will be your opportunity to try us out. Sounds fun!



### **HURD HOUSE UPDATE** *Carol Williams*

Hi, everyone. After several weeks of work at the Hurd House, in opening up the roof and some damaged walls, it was discovered that more work needs to be done to bring it up to a safe environment for rental. Please consider making a donation using the blue envelopes in the pew pockets and earmarking the envelope "Hurd House Repairs". We would really like to complete the repairs and cleanup so that we can rent it in October. Our long-term goal is to offer the cottage as a mission for a small family that is in need of safe housing. This is a few years out, since we will need to rent the cottage to recoup our repair and renovation costs.

Thank you for your consideration and contributions.



*Janet Wham*

BUMNS will open their doors on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. This year we welcome 75 children to BUMNS. We are looking forward to a year of new adventures in learning. The school will host a parent Open House on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Duchesne will welcome the parents and open the evening with prayer.

Over the summer, the boy and girls' bathrooms were painted. The playground was power washed and stained. The classes are clean, organized and ready for a new school year. We thank Roger Torres for his dedication to our school. We also thank Veronica for being on hand over the summer. She sorts our mail and occasionally receives phone calls concerning the school.

Our staff works together to provide the best possible preschool experience. BUMNS thanks the church for continual support.

**THANK YOU!**

*I want to thank everyone at BUMC for their cards, calls, and most importantly prayers during my extended hospital stay.*

*I truly believe I am here today because of all your prayers after my complicated heart surgeries.*

*May you all be as blessed as I have been. Thank you.*

*Glen Pusey*

**LAY LEADER'S LETTER** *Lee Paylor*

*"This is the day that the Lord hath made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it..."*

Methodist Hymnal 657

Even a few weeks ago, as school supplies were emptying the shelves in the stores, Halloween candy was moving in! I guess we do need to plan ahead. Rally Day is being planned, Sunday school study guides and topics are being chosen, UMW programs being arranged, charge conference, Bishop's day on the district...And Advent and Christmas will soon be planned! Pray for these programs and the leaders and all that we do in the church, that we will feel God's love and guidance and share God's love with others.

Let's not forget to be thankful for Today- each day and feel God's love and blessings.

We still have summer days to come, to prepare ourselves for fall schedules and activities.

*"Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and our eternal home."*

Methodist Hymnal 120



**FALL FESTIVAL BAKE TABLE**

*Barb Stockler* Please consider helping to fill the bake table with goodies for the fall festival! Popular items include cookies, brownies, and pies, pies, pies! Please let Barb Stockler (bhstockler@gmail.com) or Janet Campbell (jack.campbell@verizon.net) know if you can provide baked goods.



**THANK YOU!**

Dear Friends in Christ,

thank you so very much for the warm welcome to BUMC. My family and I have felt the love and caring of this congregation already!

I'm looking forward to celebrating worship and meeting all of you. Please continue to remind me of your names. I apologize if it takes me a while to remember. With 3 small children, I often find my brain isn't as quick as it used to be!

Our first choir rehearsal will be on August 30th at 7:30 in the choir room. All are welcome, loved and wanted! You don't need to read music, or understand singing. All you need is a servant's heart and a willingness to help lead worship on Sunday's with a wonderful and loving group of people. Choir is like small group. During rehearsals we will share with one another, pray for one another and this church, as well as lift praise together. We'd love to have you!

If you are interested in playing instruments, or offering special music, please contact me directly. I'd love to know your talents, so that we may use them to glorify God together!

If music isn't your "thing", there are many other ways to help with the music program here at BUMC. Our choir library always needs help. So maybe your special skills are organization or office help? Please let me know how you'd like to serve.

My email is: amyamcloughlin@gmail.com

My phone is: 610-716-3066

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you, and praising God together. Thank you again for your kind welcome.

In faith and music!

Amy McLoughlin





## CALLING ALL

### GUARDIAN ANGELS

Barbara Stockler

The new school year is fast approaching, and we have several rising college freshmen this year. Please consider becoming a Guardian Angel, providing outreach to our post-high school young adults through anonymous notes of encouragement and the occasional fun gift throughout the academic year. Please let Barb Stockler (ph. 610-296-3451; email [bhstockler@gmail.com](mailto:bhstockler@gmail.com)) know if you would be interested in participating in the program or

## FROM THE LIBRARY OF AMY DWYER

Marjorie Smink, Church Librarian

Amy Dwyer, a vibrant and much loved BUMC member who passed away a few years ago, exemplified her deep faith through her thoughts, actions, and personal library. Jim Dwyer, her husband, recently donated her outstanding collection of over 80 inspirational books and DVDs to our church library. These materials have been cataloged, added to the BUMC library collection and labelled **FROM THE LIBRARY OF AMY DWYER**. At this time Amy's materials are shelved together in the bookcases on the south wall of the library (facing Schieck Hall). Summaries of selected books and DVDs will appear in upcoming issues of The Lighted Cross. Using the online catalog (accessible through the BUMC website), enter the search term "Amy Dwyer" to bring up all her donated materials. The BUMC congregation thanks Amy – and Jim!

Introducing some of Amy's books:

***What Matters Most: The Power of Living Your Values*** by Hyrum W. Smith, c2000 [170.44 Smi]

The author contends that many people feel that something is missing from their lives because of conflicts between actions and personal values. He outlines a simple formula to help people identify their own values and live them to the fullest. Discover what matters most to you. Make a plan. Act on that plan. This book is a timely guide to living a fulfilling life.

***Women of Prayer: An Anthology of Everyday Prayers from Women Around the World***, compiled by Dorothy Stewart, c1999 [242.643 Wom]

Women from all walks of life have made unique contributions to the rich tradition of prayer. This book is a celebration of diversity with its selection of international prayers, contemporary and traditional, which embrace the spirituality of women through the ages. Saints and homemakers, queens and poets, Nobel Prize winners and grandmothers – all have been inspired to share their prayers and supplications.

***The World's Family***, photographs by Ken Heyman, c1983 [779.20924 Hey]

Showing the faces of people all over the world, this book follows in the footsteps of *The Family of Man*, *The Family of Children* and *The Family of Women*. Photographs from fifty countries reflect the oneness of mankind while also showing the magnificence and complexity of the human spirit.



## TRUNK OR TREAT 2018

Saturday, October 20 3PM TO 5PM

FREE EVENT for kids of all ages



**TRUNKS WANTED!!** If you would like to decorate your trunk please see Kristine Adams ([kidl.adams@gmail.com](mailto:kidl.adams@gmail.com)) or sign up in the Narthex. Greeters are also needed. Costumes Optional. We have Teal Pumpkin Stations for our friends with food allergies.

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Many years ago I attended a lecture at Moravian Seminary, author Brian McClaren was speaking about what the church might look like in the 21st century. He said something interesting when it came to church growth, "churches grow when people are excited enough about their faith and their church that they invite other people to come, not just because we want more people in the pew on a Sunday or more money in the collection plate, but because we truly care about and desire to be in relationship with other people in our community." In the intervening years I have seen this premise lived out over and over again. The more a community genuinely loves and cares for their neighbors, the more people in that community desire to be a part of that church fellowship.

In my short time among you I have observed that you, the members of Berwyn U.M.C., have a tremendous capacity for loving and caring, not only for each other but for others as well. I furthermore believe, that once the people in this great community discover just how wonderful you are, they also will want to be a part of this loving and caring church community.

To this end, we are inviting our membership to host social gatherings in their homes and in their communities, inviting their friends and neighbors to get together. The primary purpose of these events is to connect with those around us. To get to know our neighbor's hopes and dreams as individuals and for the larger community, because we care and desire to be involved as a faith community.

As your pastor, I plan to attend each of these gatherings and at an appropriate time as invited by the host to take no more than a couple minutes to talk about Berwyn church and our ongoing mission and vision as a part of the community. I will remain available for anyone who would like to know more about the church or would like to share anything, especially what they see as some of the needs in our community.

To make these gatherings successful we need your help and participation. Specifically we need:

1. Volunteers to host these gatherings.
2. Every member of the church to commit to helping plan and participate in a social gathering in their community.
3. Church members to invite their friends and their neighbors to come.

I look forward to partnering with you as we reach out in genuine love and care, as we get to know our neighbors. Please partner with me in this important time in the life of our congregation and our community.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Dr. Timothy Duchesne



## **VBC: ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE RECAP** *Cindy Shallcross*

Throughout the week of VBC, all of our campers experienced the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the white water rapids, campers discovered that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise. That they can trust God to be with them through everything!

VBC was a great success with about 40 kids in attendance! A little less than in years past, but they came through with nearly 50 school bags filled by week's end. They brought in so many school supplies to each day, the bin was overflowing!



I would like to thank Kristine Adams, Deb Dunn, Kim Brightman, Carol Cherry, Judy Edinger and Nancy Atchison for being the leaders of Storytelling, Science, Games, Music and Crafts. The kids loved doing all of the activities each day. Thank you to Pastor Tim for the prayer before dinner each night, and being an extra set of hands wherever needed.

Also a thank you to my counselors who led the campers to each activity. My counselors were Mark DeStefano, Isabel Adams, Owen Renneisen, Langston Chambers, Sofie Brightman, Sam Hewitt, Heidi Renneisen, and Brianna Kelly. They all did a great job! I can always count on them!

Lastly, a thank you to my chefs! They braved the hot stove and oven to prepare only the best kids cuisine each night-Barb Mekenney, Julie Curtis, Toni Kelly, Stephanie Borelly, and Paula Renneisen.

Onto planning for next July's VBC! See you at Rally Day September 9th!



## **SOUTH DISTRICT NEWS**

### ***BUMC To Host South District Clergy Meeting***

Berwyn UMC will be hosting the South District Clergy Meeting on Wednesday, September 12. The meeting is called "A Time for Prayer and Dialogue." This district day of prayer and dialogue will be co-facilitated by Dr. Anita Powell and District Superintendent Dawn Taylor-Storm. The goal will be to help clergy share with each other as they seek God's vision for our future. They will reflect on the contexts, as they share their hopes, questions and their faith with one another. They will review the information released by the Council of Bishops, offer resources for local church dialogue and spend time in prayer and dialogue.

### ***Bishop's Day on the South District***

All laity are invited to the Bishop's Day on the South District on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm. Bishop's Day on the District will be held at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 600 Walker Road Wayne, PA, 19087. Bishop Peggy Johnson will be offering a presentation on "The Way Forward" followed by questions and conversations. Registration is required for planning purposes. There is NO fee for this event.



## Mission Musings

Seems like we just kicked off the summer with a lovely retreat in June hosted by Debbie Nemetz in NJ. Thanks to all for a time of reflection and fellowship by the sea. Now we turn our attention to how God is calling us to faith, hope and love in action as the seasons change. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



Saturday, Sept 22: Joy Fuerst will share how she and Henry spent a week in August 2017 volunteering on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana, near Glacier National Park.

Meet at 9am at Carol Cherry's home, 289 Old State Road, Berwyn.



Saturday, October 27: Ruth Frey, Senior Director, International Business and Program Development at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, will share how CHOP helps sick children from around the world.

Meet at 9 am at Lee Paylor's home, 1507 Maple Avenue, Paoli.



Saturday, November 10: The Rev. Barbara Emery, Chaplain at Paoli Hospital and Carol Cherry will review the book *Everything Happens for a Reason And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. Meet at 9 am at Marge Smink's home.

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

Pastor: Tim Duchesne

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross    Lay Leader: Lee Paylor

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Amy McLoughlin

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Recordings of Sunday Services are available—Contact Jon Stockler, 610-348-3385 or JStockler@aol.com



### **THE FALL FESTIVAL** *Stephanie Borelly*

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

**Mark your calendar – Oct 13th 9AM – 2PM RAIN or SHINE**

As we get closer to the date, there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

That way 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/Kathy Mullins

Bake Table – Janet Campbell/ Cindy Shallcross

Flea Market – Stephanie Borelly



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!!!!

If you have questions???

Here is my contact information:

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Call or Text me at 610-299-6254





## Our Mission Statement

God **CALLS** us to **Care, Accept, Love, Laugh and Serve**

## Worship Schedule

Fall Schedule beginning September 9

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

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