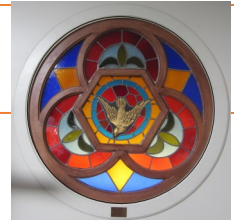


# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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### Calendar Highlights

- Sept 7—Labor Day
- Sept 15—South District Conference
- Sept 22 1st day of fall
- October 10– Fall Fest
- Oct 13 & 14 Annual Conference
- October 17—Trunk or Treat
- Nov 3—Election Day
- Nov 29—Advent Begins
- Dec 24– Christmas Eve
- Dec 25—Christmas

**STAY UP TO DATE  
WITH CHURCH EVENTS  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

**FACEBOOK:**  
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**YOUTUBE:** Berwyn UMC

**WEBSITE:**  
www.berwynumc.org

Starting August 20th Berwyn UMC began hosting a thirty minute Outdoor Worship Service every Thursday at 6pm. We will be worshipping outside at the main entrance of the church. Everyone is asked to bring their own chair, wear a mask and make a reservation.



## FALL EVENTS CANCELLED *Rick Stocker, Adult Council chair*

We are sorry to report but because of the continuing covid-19 outbreak it is necessary for us to cancel the following events: Neighborhood Fair, Adult Fellowship Steak Fry and the Harvest Dinner.

We will keep our fingers crossed that in December we will be able to have our annual Christmas Brunch.

In the mean time we are thinking of some different ideas for a couple of events to have outside this fall. Some of the ideas are an outside movie in the parking lot and/or a bonfire. If you have any ideas please let us know.

We hope you all remain safe and healthy and hope to worship and fellowship with you again soon.



Fingers crossed that we will be able to host our Trunk or Treat for the FIFTH year!! We'll keep cars at a safe distance (they are usually about 6 feet apart) and we'll ask our volunteers to keep their treats in one spot and the kids can take the candy themselves.

If you would like to participate this year, please contact Kristine Adams via email at [kidl.adams@gmail.com](mailto:kidl.adams@gmail.com) or call/text 484-574-4457. Wear your mask. Wash your hands. Stay safe everyone!

## EASTERN PA CONFERENCE UPDATES

Berwyn United Methodist Church is part of the South District in the Eastern PA Conference.

All four district offices are now in the same building. The mailing address for the conference is:

Eastern PA Conference UMC

PO Box 820

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0820

New Phone Number:

Ph: 800-828-9093 Ext. 1019

Fax: 610-666-9093

The South District has a new Superintendent:

Rev. Evelyn Kent Clark

[ekentclark@epaumc.org](mailto:ekentclark@epaumc.org)

New District Resource Assistant Email:

Deb Boyd—[dboyd@epaumc.org](mailto:dboyd@epaumc.org)



## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- South District Conference Tuesday, Sept 15 6:30pm—8:30pm via ZOOM
- Annual Conference Oct 13 & 14 virtually
- General Conference Aug 29—Sept 7 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Friends,

We are living through a time that has become characterized by a fear of the unknown effects that this time may have on our society and future lives. Fear seems inescapable as media outlets, coupled with our desire to know the latest information on COVID, spiral us into a vicious cycle of anxiety and worry.

We are all being affected by this pandemic, on some level, every day. However, we are all given the opportunity and the responsibility to respond to our fear with truth from God's Word and by calling out to God on behalf of all God's people. We must ask God to deliver those around us from fear according to the promise given to all who know God, through Christ, by the powerful working of the Holy Spirit.

Meditating on a familiar text this morning (Proverbs 3:5-6), I was struck with the words – "in all your ways acknowledge him." Recognize God to be God in all your responses! Honor God and submit to God! Worship God as the one who reigns over all things! Let thanksgiving flow from your heart, knowing that God is the healer, the sustainer and the One who is working according to God's good plan for his people!

We must set our minds on things above where Christ reigns. Fear is a response that paralyzes. Love is a response that sets us free to give by serving those around us. It is love that eagerly responds to the needs of others. It is Love that self-quarantines or wears a mask or follows social distancing to protect each other. Love is willing to bear all things for the other, knowing that in so doing we are representing Christ.

So, as we continue to confront these challenging days, let us pray on behalf of one another. Let the prayer in 2 Chronicles 7:14 give us hope. Also, let us remember that the healing that is needed is both spiritual and physical. Make use of these circumstances by asking our God to bring revival to us, his church, and to open the eyes of many to the salvation that brings peace, even amid affliction.

God is with us and for us! *"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)*

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Rodney



*Multiple ways to worship with  
Berwyn United Methodist Church*

Outdoor Worship Thursdays 6pm  
Bring your chair, wear a mask and make a reservation

Online Worship Sundays 10:30am  
[www.berwynumc.org](http://www.berwynumc.org)  
[facebook.com/BUMCservice](https://facebook.com/BUMCservice)  
YouTube channel: Berwyn UMC

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610-644-5555  
[www.berwynumc.org](http://www.berwynumc.org)

The background of the church information box is a photograph of the Berwyn United Methodist Church building, a two-story brick structure with a prominent steeple and a covered entrance.

**FALL FEST UPDATE** *Stephanie Borelly*

During these unconventional times, I know we are all looking for some type of normalcy. So, we are going to TRY to have the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10, 2020. It is going to look a little different this year. We will most likely be under tents and positioned all over the front lawn of the church. Pray for dry weather and sun!

In the meantime, we are still collecting and storing treasures in the Scout cabin.

Here is what we are looking for:

- Knick knacks
- Wooden furniture
- Kitchen odds & ends
- Pots
- Pans
- Lamps
- Puzzles
- Games
- Pictures/frames
- Vases



And so on.....

Unfortunately, we are NO LONGER accepting any upholstered furniture.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out via email [Johnborelly@comcast.net](mailto:Johnborelly@comcast.net) or by cell 610-299-6254.

**LAY LEADER’S LETTER** *Lee Paylor*

My new piano keyboard came last week. \*My keyboard must have a name, and it will bring me “Joy” !!!

A few days before “Joy” arrived, I thought – what should I play/sing for my first song ? Immediately, “How Can I Keep From Singing” came to mind.

“My life flows on in endless song... I hear that music ringing...

All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing?”

*Worship and Rejoice, page 424*

My second song: “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” –

“ I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”

*The Faith We Sing, page 2146*

I noticed the hymn before this one --

“I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul....”

*The Faith We Sing, page 2145*

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3: 15,



We still may be practicing physical distancing, but we are not alone. Berwyn United Methodist Church is still here and is still ready to serve its members and its community. If you or a loved one needs assistance with grocery shopping or anything else, please contact the church office and we will make sure you get the help you need. Also, please let us know of any prayer concerns and as always share your joys with us! We want to know how you are doing. Office email is [officebumc@comcast.net](mailto:officebumc@comcast.net) and church phone number is 610-644-5555.

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

Pastor: Rodney Brailsford

Children's Coordinator: Cindy Shallcross

Lay Leader: Lee Paylor

Sexton: Over Caicedo

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Amy McLoughlin

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

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



Jane Harris

It has been an interesting summer for the nursery school. Although we have not been in session, the management of the nursery school has not sat still. We have convened a health and safety committee to oversee the protocols for keeping our children safe in the fall. Nursery school is going to look very different, but we are confident we will be able to keep the children, the staff and the church community safe. For example, all children and adults will be wearing masks, classes will be smaller, we cannot allow visitors. There are some families who have decided not to return this fall, there are some staff who feel unable to return at this time. Our families have been so supportive of us throughout this whole ordeal, so we feel very grateful. We have a staff who are dedicated to the children, so we feel blessed. We are thankful for the church's continued support. Our plan is to welcome our children back into school on Tuesday September 15th. The sound of children's laughter and chattering will again fill the church building!

## STORM DAMAGE—TRUSTEES REPORT *Carol Williams*

This summer we have had some strong storms. Our church building and property sustained some damage due to two of the recent storms we have had.

On June 3, 2020 a strong wind took down a major portion of the Norway Maple on the exit side of our driveway taking with it a portion of the Nursery School playground fence. Four Seasons Tree Service removed the downed portion of the tree but strongly suggests removal of the remaining standing tree as there is considerable rot at the crux of the trunk.

On August 4 the Tropical Storm Isaias rainfall caused considerable flooding in the basement of the "educational building" where the Nursery School has classes. Floor tiles, rugs, some bookcases in all the classrooms, offices, and boiler room had inches of water. This was discovered by Jane Harris the school director. Pastor Rodney, Jane and myself surveyed the damage. It was soon apparent that this was not something the Trustees could do on their own. In fact, because it will be used by children, we needed to get professional restoration people to come in and sanitize the whole area. Because no one was in the building during the storm, we have no idea where the water initially came in. We are hopeful the professionals will be able to tell. The Conference and the Conference insurance company have been contacted as well as made a Property Loss Claim.

These recent two events were shocking and unexpected; however, we will survive. As a congregation we need to stay strong and keep our little church in prayer.



*Dear Friends,*

*Berwyn has been my Church Home for many years: Here my children were christened and Chuck was celebrated. Through the years I have found joy, comfort, and consolation in the beautiful sanctuary, the choir voices, Bible studies, and friendships.*

*My heart swells with gratitude for the people of Berwyn, My "birthday card shower" was overwhelming! I will treasure the notes you wrote.*

*The poet of Ecclesiastes wrote about a time for everything and it is time for me to say-NOT GOODBYE - but SEE YOU SOON. I will begin my new journey in Garden Spot Village in New Holland, PA in August. I will be absent from Berwyn, but friends will always be in my heart.*

*With love, Elaine Parvin*





## Our Mission Statement

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

## Worship Schedule

Thursdays 6:00 PM      Outdoor Worship Service  
Sundays 10:30 AM      On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/Church Website

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