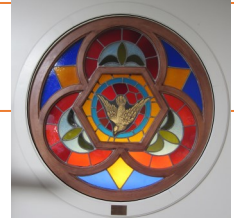


THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR CHURCH EVENTS & THE GLOBAL CHURCH PLEASE FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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YOUTUBE: Berwyn UMC

WEBSITE:

www.berwynumc.org

WEBSITE:

www.epaumc.org (Eastern PA Conference of UMC)

WEBSITE: umnews.org
(United Methodist News)

HARVEST DINNER 2021 *Rick Stoker*

We are pleased to announce that we will have our annual Harvest Dinner again in 2021. It will be held on Sunday October 17th. We have extended the invitation to our brothers and sisters at Paoli United Methodist Church. The meal will feature roast turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, 2 vegetables, salad, bread and assorted desserts. The cost for the meal will be \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for children 5-10 and free for children under 5. Reservations will be required. You can make your reservations at church on Oct. 3 or 10 or call or email the church office.

We hope most of our church family can attend as it will be the first time that we will really be able to be together in a fellowship setting in a very long time.



LOVE RENEGADES *Paula Renneisen & Yattah Jones*

The Love Renegades Ministry (alliance between New Life UMC and Berwyn UMC) will host its 4th annual outdoor worship experience **Prayer and Praise Rally for PEACE** in Upper Darby, PA at the 69th Street Transportation Center on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00am (rain date is 10/16/21). We are grateful for another year and look forward to lifting up our joys and concerns to the Lord through prayer, song, spoken word, poetry and dance! As you may know, there is a lot to seek God's face on, repent from and even more to thank Him for. So, this event allows members of the body of Christ, of diverse backgrounds and the local community to come together for a 2-hour, non-stop, praise and worship experience.

We welcome members of the community, faith groups and local representatives to attend and/or participate. We pray in between each musical/poetic/spoken word/dance selection on topics such as Healthcare, Education and Justice System. If you or someone you know would like to participate or attend, please contact us at theloverenegades@gmail.com. Myself or one of our team leaders will get back to you. Please feel free to spread the word about the event too!



GUARDIAN ANGELS NEEDED! *Amy Dodds*

Please contact me to let me know you are willing to serve as a Guardian Angel for a BUMC college student this school year. Our students are reminded that we hold them in our hearts and prayers through the cards, notes, or small gifts that are sent by an anonymous Guardian Angel while they are at college.

Parents of college students! Please provide to me the following if you would like a Guardian Angel assigned to your student:

- Your student's full name and mailing address
- Your student's college/university name
- Your student's birthday
- Your student's email address

Thank you for your participation in our 2021-2022 Guardian Angel project. I am happy to answer any questions you may have – please contact me!

Amy Dodds, dodds_A@msn.com, 610-308- 4703



The lightleed cross.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards + notes you have sent me. after my hip replacement after the long wait. It was a success. I have no more pain.

It is taking quite sometime to get my balance back. I'm sure it will come with time.

I really appreciate your thoughtfulness

Joy cometh in the morning so Psalm 30 says.

Love

May Dickenson



HUB UPDATE *Gina DeFlavia*

Our Berwyn HUB received several Health Kits Mission Central. We then donated them to St Miriam for use in their homeless outreach program. HUB is always collecting items. If you have any school or health kit items to donate, please contact Joy Feurst, Kathy Mullin or Gina DeFlavia.



BUMC LIBRARY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear BUMC Congregation,

Welcome back to the BUMC Library! You are welcome to browse the collection again! Here are recommendations for two new books recently added to the library. Stop in the library and find other inspirational and enjoyable reads.

Marjorie Smink, Church Librarian

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by

Charlie Mackesy, c2019. [F Mac]

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is a graphic novel for people of all ages. It is a heart-felt story of four unlikely friends whose conversations and discoveries reflect life's truths. The story is accompanied by the author's much-loved drawings that enhance the messages that unite us all. Please spend an hour reading this book. You will be glad you did.

Hurricane of Love: My Journey with Beth

Wheeler by Dan Wheeler, c2018. [B Whe]

Hurricane of Love is the inspiring story of Beth Wheeler's strong faith and love of life, told by her husband, Dan. Beth and Dan Wheeler enjoyed a happy, productive 31-year marriage which was rocked when she was diagnosed with Stage IV endometrial cancer. For three years, Dan balanced his career as a cheerful, upbeat QVC television host with caring for Beth as she battled for her life. Her strong Christian faith enabled her to face death with grace, dignity and courage. The beautiful legacy of love that they shared is overwhelming.

For anyone facing a serious illness, caring for a loved one or grieving over a loss, *Hurricane of Love* is recommended reading. This book will remind you to live your life "in the moment" making the best out of every situation. After Beth passed away, Dan worked through his grief by sharing the Beth Wheeler story. Sharing Beth's story he wrote this book and became an inspirational speaker. I was fortunate to hear Dan's message at a recent meeting of the Delaware Valley Congregational Librarians.

FAREWELL FROM AMY MCLOUGHLIN

Dear BUMC Friends,

I want to thank each of you for your constant care not only for me, but for my family. From the first moment I walked through the doors there, I have been met with love, acceptance, grace and encouragement. Thank you for your support of the music ministry. The commitment and drive of the volunteers here is just amazing. I will cherish every moment spent in the choir room, in worship and during special services here. This community is truly so very special. I know you will greet your new music director with the same open arms as you did with me, because that's just who you are. Thank you BUMC for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful church, even if for only a little while. I will look back on my experience here with great fondness and lots of lots of love.

I thought it only fitting to leave you with a song....so here it is.

God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.

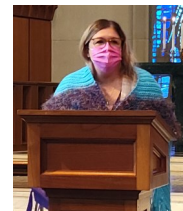
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you;
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.



TROOP 181 UPDATE *Mary Ostien*

This has been a very active summer for Troop 181. We had several scouts go to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for a two week 110 mile hike in July along with a stop in Colorado to go white water rafting. While hiking in New Mexico they camped out under the stars, did rifle shooting, mined for gold and several other activities. Our scouts also spent a week at Camp Horseshoe earning badges in swimming, hiking, engineering, and more!

Eric Ostien also completed his eagle project at Johnson Park. He built a mini basketball court for young kids to use versus the larger basketball court already there for adults. Our scouts have made many improvements a Johnson Park with trails, clean up, the new sandbox, and the basketball court. Check them out! Our meetings for scouts starts soon. Check out our website www.paoli181.org for more information. We meet Tuesday nights at 7 o'clock. You can reach Mary Ostien at Mary.ostien2@gmail.com for more information.



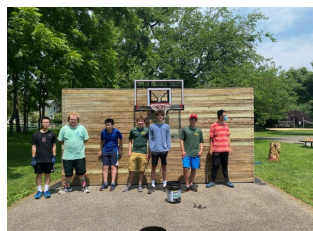
Jane Harris

The Nursery School has had a busy time painting and cleaning the school in time for the new school year. We will be back in September and the we will again be filling the hallways with children's laughter, and maybe a few tears, from September 14th. We are still restricting visitors and we all be wearing masks again but we will be thankful to be back together again. We will be welcoming lots of new friends and welcoming back some 'old' friends. Happy Fall to everyone!



**TIME FOR
TRUNK OR TREAT**
Kristine Adams

It's that time again! Time to have a howling good time at Berwyn UMC's 6th Annual Trunk or Treat! If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out goodies to the kiddos please email Kristine Adams at kidl.adams@gmail.com. Be sure to spread the word to your little ghosts and princesses that Trunk or Treat will be Oct 23 from 3pm to 5pm. Children of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate.



Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

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Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

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

Dear Berwyn Family,

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:4, 13

The world could really use some hope these days! Since the last time I wrote a Lighted Cross article, much has happened in the world. Natural disasters (earthquakes, tropical storms, and wildfires) have placed countless individuals in danger. The situation in Afghanistan is heartbreaking. And we endure difficulties on the home front as well as in our communities, workplaces, and homes – some unique to these times, some which every generation has experienced. I will admit that it is hard to take in the news and be optimistic about today or tomorrow.

However, where the circumstances around us give us reasons to fear, God's Word gives us even greater reason to have hope – not just a “maybe this will turn out all right,” but a confident “all is well!” Our hope does not rest on what we see or can project, but on what God has said, and in Christ, what God has done. When the world around us looks like it is out of control, God speaks to us in the Scriptures to remind us of God's complete authority.

In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end. – Psalm 102:25-27

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” – Matthew 28:18

Jesus embodied that power and authority by destroying the power of sin and death through His death and resurrection for us. Think of the power of his greeting on that first Easter evening. His disciples are locked up in a room, fearful and devastated. Their world has fallen apart. And then he appears. “Peace be with you” (John 20:19). When the Death Conqueror stands in front of you and speaks peace, that's a reason for hope!

As summer is ending and we are approaching the beginning of the new fall season, I hope all of you will commit to worshipping with us every week. While we hope to see you in the sanctuary, if you are not comfortable yet doing so, please continue to worship with us every week through our online services. And as we worship together every week – let us not leave our joyful confidence in the church parking lot! Take it with you, and share it with friends, neighbors, and colleagues who need a real reason to hope. God will certainly be with you!

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Rodney



Our Mission Statement

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

Worship Schedule

Sundays	9:30AM	In Person Worship in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/ Church Website/YouTube

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