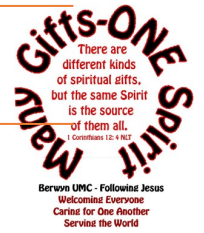


# THE LIGHTED CROSS

## BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## MORTGAGE RALLY

Dear Friends and Members of Berwyn United Methodist Church,

Thanks to your support our congregation has beautiful, useful facilities with spacious grounds. In order to continue to serve God and bless our world, we need to keep up with mortgage payments that are 15% of our budget. Giving is generous but pledges fall short of our budget.

We are setting a Mortgage Rally goal to raise \$60,000.00 dollars in 60 weeks.

- These funds will build up the account we use for our monthly mortgage payments.
- These funds will also relieve pressure on our general fund that supports day to day ministry.
- We will use any funds that go beyond the \$60,000 goal to pay down the mortgage.

We are reaching out to everyone who has shown an interest in seeing Berwyn United Methodist Church thrive as a faith community that serves and glorifies God. These friends include current members, historic members and groups that enjoy using the facilities.

We ask you to prayerfully consider giving to this campaign. We will track the giving during the campaign so that you can all see the progress we are making together.

### Save the Date!

September 7th-9:15-10:15 RALLY DAY!!!

Sept 11 Choir rehearsal starts 7:30p-9p

Sept 20 Adult Steak Fry—details inside

Oct 11 Fall Fest

Oct 26 Fall Harvest Dinner

Nov 9 Handbell Concert by Rings of Asbury UMC

Dec 14 Christmas brunch

### BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

\$60,000 IN 60 WEEKS—MORTGAGE RALLY

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help meet the Mortgage Rally Goal!

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of BUMC. Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am an historic member of BUMC

\_\_\_\_\_ My group enjoys the Facilities of BUMC

Name and Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please place your gift in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Berwyn United Methodist Church 140 Waterloo Avenue Berwyn, PA 19312

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Gary Jacobella

Recently, The United Methodist Church has been getting attention in the media over the issue of homosexual marriage.

Across the US and globally, our denomination is divided over the issue. A pastor who officiates at a homosexual wedding ceremony can be charged with violating church policy found in our United Methodist Book of Discipline. Locally, a pastor in Eastern Pennsylvania who officiated at his son's marriage to another man faced a church trial. There was a verdict, an appeal and as far as I know, an ongoing appeal of the appeal.

My thoughts here on homosexual marriage are not going to be about who is right or wrong on the issue. I am thinking more about what to do as a pastor in a society that is more approving of homosexual marriage and in a church that is divided over the issue.

I am happy to be part of a church that includes sincere people of both opinions in many different cultures all over the world. I am not interested in dividing over this issue and seeing servants of God I love separated off into another denomination. I am not interested in seeing our global church breaking down into regional churches over this issue.

Pastorally, I have understood for a long time that people marry each other. I don't marry the couples that come to me to celebrate a wedding. They marry each other. I usually correct couples when they say that I married them, "No, I married Bernie. You married each other."

(continued next column)

Because of our Quaker heritage, the state of Pennsylvania doesn't necessarily require an officiant for a wedding. A self-uniting license is available in Pennsylvania. I am attracted to this Quaker tradition.

The days are long past when the pastor or the congregation has any influence in deciding who gets married to whom. When couples come to me to talk about marriage, they have already decided to marry each other. They come to me for help in celebrating the wedding. I insist on also offering them help for their marriage partnership. I enjoy doing pre-marital counseling and most couples are grateful for the experience.

I am happy to talk with a person who wants to discuss biblical teaching about homosexuality. After we talk, it's up to that person to decide how to live out the gift of his or her sexuality in a loving, just and faithful way. I can outline the options and can even give my opinion and advice. But the other person makes his or her decision.

If I, as a United Methodist pastor, want to help a homosexual couple celebrate and work on their marriage, I think I could do that without becoming an officiant at their wedding, without breaking any instructions in our UM Discipline. I don't marry the couple. They marry each other

## LAY LEADER LETTER Janet Campbell

CAN YOU HEAR ME? DO YOU SEE ME?

DOES WHAT I SAY MATTER?

As a child comes into a family and takes his place among parents and siblings there are surely times when these questions might be asked. As the child enters school and becomes part of a student population, the same questions come up. In the college environment as names become numbers and identifying badges are the norm, the questions are there. Entering the world of employment, once again you can ponder these questions. Marriage and children and the day to day activities that encompass all of our lives...the questions are still there. Walk down any hall in any nursing or elder care facility just listen, these same questions are being asked.

"CAN YOU HEAR ME, DO YOU SEE ME, DOES WHAT I SAY MATTER?"

This question can be asked by each and every one of us. Young and old, rich and poor, male and female. The question has been asked since time began and probably long after we are gone.

There is ONE who is listening...ONE who watches over us always....ONE who cares about what we are saying.....ONE who answers our prayers.

IT IS TIME TO USE OUR "KNEE MAIL"



**CHOIR REHEARSALS** will begin on Thursdays, September 11 at 7:30-9:00. We need new members; any age or size are welcome! If you want to have lots of fun while learning beautiful music, this is the group for you! Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

The 25-note set of Schulmerich handbells that JoEllyn Berky Beck used at BUMC, now belong to the church. Thanks to a very generous gift made to the Music Program in memory of Amy Dwyer, the bells have been completely refurbished and new cases purchased. A service to dedicate the bells and cases in Amy's memory will occurring soon. I need eight people who would be willing to spend four rehearsals to learn several pieces for this service. Music reading skill is preferable. Please speak to Judith ASAP.

On that note, please mark Sunday, November 9, for a **HANDBELL CONCERT** by the Ringers of Asbury UMC, directed by Tim Fattima. The program begins at 4:00 at in the BUMC Sanctuary. The grand finale will be a piece for handbells, choir, organ and piano. This concert is not to be missed. All offering money will be for the Music Ministry of BUMC and the development of a Handbell Choir.

## VBC July 20th–July 24th

### Cindy Shallcross, Children's Program

We had a successful, fun filled week with 42 children attending Workshop of Wonders VBC in July. The campers discovered how the "ordinary becomes extraordinary" with God! The week was filled with using our imaginations as we met people from the bible who used what they had to produce something amazing through Storytelling! We had a Science Session that really tested our understanding of how things work or should have worked using kitchen-found materials. Many cups of oil, vinegar, salt, baking soda, water, milk and food coloring were used in most of the science experiments. Games kept the kids hopping all evening, but Water Day was most fun! The campers were quick learners as they got the words and motions to the songs ready for Parent Sharing Thursday Night. Each camper went home with a bag filled with extraordinary creations they made using ordinary craft supplies! In all of the week's activities, we participated in the creative life of God, the one who works wonders!

Our Service Project Goal of the week was to fill 50 School Kit Bags for our HUB. Well...we were able to surpass that goal as we filled 76 School Kit Bags!!! We also received over 50 dollars in monetary donations that will be used to purchase school supplies to complete even more School Kits! The pictures show how the kids filled the bags, and a sampling of the bags completed. A BIG thank you goes to the campers and families for their generous donations!!! These bags have been boxed and shipped to HUB Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. From there, they will be distributed to places in need both nationally and internationally!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes to my volunteers, for if it wasn't for them, VBC would not be as BIG of a SUCCESS as it continues to be!

Bernie and Angel Jacabella, Sophie Brightman and Isabel Adams, Nancy Atchison and Tanner Wolov, Langston Chambers and Owen Renneisen-Counselors; Pastor Gary Jacabella-Music; Christa Fisher-Science; Kristine Adams and Janet Campbell-Storytelling; Jen and Elizabeth Cutler, Judy Fisk and Judy Edinger-Crafts; Andy and Ben Cutler-Games; Stephanie and Tyler Borelly, Barb Mckenney, Toni and Bridgette Kelly, and Julie Curtis



## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY TOUR –

October 13 – 24, 2015. Berwyn UMC is hosting trip sponsored by Alpha Christian Tours – 4 nights in Rome (Christian and Imperial Rome), 2 nights in Sorrento (Pompeii, Capri, Amalfi Coast) 2 nights in Florence (Assisi, San Geronimo, Duomo, art museums) 2 nights in Venice. Cost of \$4149\* includes airfare, superior tourist class hotels, breakfast and dinners daily, entrance fees, guided sight-seeing. For more information, and a brochure, contact the church office, Nancy Atchison or Rick Stoker. \* Cost is tentative until airfare is booked in December Discount for early booking by Feb. 1, 2015.



## BUMNS

Welcome to a new year of fun and learning at BUMNS. We are looking forward to the 2014-2015 year. The classes are full this year. BUMNS Parent Open House is being held on September 8th. The first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

BUMNS Parent/Teacher Board is planning a series of coffees this fall. The coffees provide the opportunity for parents to meet one another in a social atmosphere. Invitations will be sent when the dates are finalized. BUMNS is fundraising with Yankee Candle, Mom's Bake at Home Pizza and Highland Orchard Pies.

Every year the school chooses an Outreach project. The children collect pennies and donate the money to the project. This year we will be collecting pennies to support Berwyn United Methodist Church's HUB mission. I look forward to supporting the church in this wonderful outreach.



The words "Thank You" are insufficient to express our appreciation to the members, choir and staff of Berwyn United Methodist Church for the prayers, cards, and gracious support provided in our time of dealing with the loss of mom, Mabel Williams. The comfort offered through kind words and deeds has been overwhelming.

Thank you all for being there for our family.

God Bless, Marsha, Carol & Gene

## BOOK / MEDIA SUMMARIES FROM CHURCH LIBRARY

### Adult Collection

Many resources were recommended for further study during the BUMC "Living with Dying" series last spring. Some of these titles have been added to the church library for your borrowing pleasure.

### **BOOK: *The Best Care Possible: a Physician's Quest to Transform Care Through the End of Life*** by

Ira Byock, c2012 [616.029 Byo]  
In this book Dr. Byock, a renowned palliative care physician, presents an agenda for end-of-life care that could be an ideal template for the final days of those we love – and ourselves. It is suggested as a corrective measure for our society where many who would prefer to die peacefully at home spend their last days in a treatment system ruled by high tech procedures. *The Best Care Possible* is a compelling and passionate meditation on medicine and ethics. (Donated by Carol and Steve Cherry)

### **BOOK: *Dying Well: Peace and Possibilities at the End of Life*** by

Ira Byock, c1997 [306.88 Byo]  
*Dying Well* brings the reader to the homes and bedsides of families with whom Dr. Byock has worked, telling stories of love and reconciliation in the face of tragedy, pain and conflict. It provides a guide for families, showing them how to deal with doctors, how to talk to friends and relatives and how to make the end of life as meaningful and precious as the beginning. This

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Shared Bible Study Class is going to examine the Old Testament roots and the context of the Beatitudes, while exploring contemporary implications to enrich faith. The Kerygma study BLESSED ARE YOU: THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND IN LIFE will begin September 14, 2014. Please pick up the Resource Book on Rally Day to prepare for class on the 14th. Please contact Elaine Parvin or Mike Benton, if you are interested in joining us.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY -  
Come join us for a study of 2 Samuel.  
Beginning September 16, 7 – 8:30 PM.  
Books available on September 16  
\$20.00. Contact for more information -  
[whilemanlo@aol.com](mailto:whilemanlo@aol.com)



### BUMC Book Club 2014-15: 7:00pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month

Sept. 17 Book: J.Q. Adams

Presenter: Marge Smink

Host: Sally Robie 610-644-6631

Oct 15 Book: The invention of Wings

Presenter: Nancy Atchison

Host to be determined

The Book Club is open to anyone interested in the book(s) we are reading.

Come to one or all of the meetings.  
We are always looking for new members.

We do ask anyone planning to attend a meeting to notify the Host prior to the meeting

## DSP Announces 2015 International Mission Trips

Discovery Service Projects will lead Mission trips this coming January and February to both Honduras and Costa Rica.

The Honduras trip will be working for the LAMB institute on the campus of the Residential Children's Home, constructing a boys cabin at the orphanage so that the younger boys can be separated from the older boys. The campus is located in San Buenaventura (outside Tegucigulpa). The Honduras trip will run for 3 consecutive weeks beginning on Jan. 3.

We will continue for 3 consecutive weeks in Costa Rica beginning on January 25. In Costa Rica we will again be working with Rice and Beans. This year we will be constructing a Sunday school building on the grounds of the Palmares Methodist Church as well as delivering rice and bean food bags to the needy of the area.

Cost for both locations is \$1400.00 if paid in full by Oct. 1. The cost would be \$1500.00 if paid after Oct. 1. The price includes round trip air from Philadelphia with the group, 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 Philly. A \$425.00 deposit is required with your registration and should be turned in asap.

For further info please contact Rick Stoker at 610-613-0335 or go to [www.discoveryserviceprojects.org](http://www.discoveryserviceprojects.org).



### Adult Fellowship Steak Fry

The fall kick off for the Adult Fellowship will be our annual Steak Fry. It will be held on Sat. Sept. 20 beginning at 6PM. The event will take place at the church in Schieck Hall not at the Stokers as originally advertised.

The cost for the event is \$10.00/person. Includes your whole meal – you will have a choice of chicken or steak. Reservations should be made in advance and will be taken at the services on Sept. 7 & 14.

This event is open to all members of the congregation. If you are a regular attendee of Adult events please invite someone new from the congregation to join us. See you there.

## CONFERENCE NEWS BRIEFS

Judy Fisk, Lay Delegate

Clergy and lay members of Conference will be reading the book, FINDING OUR WAY authored by 8 United Methodist Bishops. There is a copy of the book in the Church Library compliments of Nancy Atchison. Gary and other Conference attendees will be discussing this book in October with Bishop Peggy Johnson. We hope to discuss the book in late September or early October here at Berwyn.

We invite any readers to join us. The book can be purchased through Cokesbury for approximately \$10.50.

Bishop Unda from the new East Congo Episcopal Area preached at the Conference Communion service. Bishop Johnson went to the East Congo area August 14th for a return with him and his conference

The Rev. Mike Slaughter from the Ginghamburg UMC from Tipp City Ohio shared his visions of the Church. He was with us for an evening and the next morning. He was very interesting as he has done away with committees, but has teams that run this multi-campus Church.

This Church started out in a small town. You can listen to part of his visions on the EPC web site [www.ourchurchvideos.com/19482/epumc](http://www.ourchurchvideos.com/19482/epumc)

Dr. Mary White has retired after 8 years as the Conference Lay Leader. Our new leader is David Koch from Grove UMC in West Chester. He has been active in the conference for many years. Mr. Koch is a retired Human Resource professional. David is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and has a law degree from Widener University.

Our District Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Anita Powell is now Dean of the Cabinet.

New Safe Sanctuary laws will be going into effect December 1, of this year.



Did you know BUMC is on Facebook? Like us and help spread the word of all the events happening at church! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and in the Search section type in Berwyn UMC. Help expand our online community.

## THE FALL FESTIVAL

by Stephanie Borelly

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

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex so you are aware of times needed 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 – Marjorie Smink

Collectibles – Judy Fisk

Bake Table – Janet Campbell

Silent Auction – Cindy Shallcross

Flea Market – Stephanie Borelly

It looks like we **will** be serving a lunch this year!! Tom Pierce has agreed to man the kitchen so he will need volunteers to help in the kitchen.

The menu will be: hotdogs; chilli/soup; chips; cookies and beverages (soda, tea, coffee)

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.

Next deadline of The Lighted Cross: September 17

Please submit your article or card of thanks by the deadline to [kristineadamspsc@verizon.net](mailto:kristineadamspsc@verizon.net). 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.



## Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Gary Jacabella

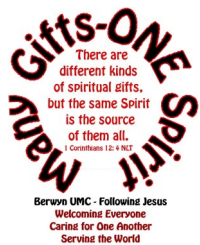
Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro



## 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

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