

Make Gifts-ONE Spirit

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Berwyn UMC - Follow Jesus
Welcome Everyone
Care for One Another
Serve the World



December 2013

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Mark your calendar with these dates to join us in the festivities! Bring a friend or two as well!

Sunday, Dec 1 9:15 am Children's Advent Fair. Pre-k through 6th grade. Advent crafts guide families on the way to Christmas Day. All children are welcome.

Dec 8 3pm Hanging of Greens. If this doesn't get you in the holiday spirit—help decorate the church and then stick around for a good ole fashioned carol sing, bring instruments if you have them and then stay for dinner.

December 15 10:30 am service—Christmas Cantata "Go Tell It" by Joel Raney. The work is for piano, choir and congregation participation. It is a beautiful and upbeat contemporary setting of familiar carols and features the popular, "Mary, Did You Know?" Everyone young and old will be sure to enjoy this fresh setting of some of our favorite Christmas music. Spread the word; bring your friends!

December 15 immediately following 10:30 service Christmas Brunch. As in the past it will be a combination of breakfast and lunch items. You need reservations for this brunch. You can sign up in church on Sun. Dec. 1 & 8 or you can call in to the church office no later than Wed. Dec. 11. Church phone number is 610-644-5555.

The price is \$10.00/adult, \$5.00 for children 5-12 and free for children under 5. We hope you will make every effort to make this event and we also hope that you will invite a family member or friend to come and hear the choir and then partake in a great meal with your church family.

Help is needed for set up and prep on Friday. Meal preparations on Sunday and of course help cleaning up after the meal is always appreciated. See you there. Contact Rick Stoker if you can help with set up or clean up.

December 15 3pm—Youth Christmas Party—6th grade and up.

December 24 Worship & Prayer Christmas Eve

5:30pm Children's Play and Worship for Families with communion.

7:30pm Carols, Communion, and Candlelight.



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS - What is HUB?

As 2014 dawns upon us, you will be hearing about the idea of Berwyn UMC becoming a "Mission Central Hub". What is a "Mission Central Hub"?

Mission Central is the mission warehouse affiliate of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church located in Mechanicsburg, PA. Mission Central responds to disasters with relief supplies. Mission Central supplies humanitarian goods and logistical services to hundreds of different ministry and social service agencies. Since Mission Central began in June 2002, the ministry has hosted tens of thousands of volunteers who come in service to "connect God's resources with human need." Mission Central processes disaster response materials, "relief kits" for use around the world, provides all types of needed supplies for local and national ministries, and assists many projects that are sending God's love, locally, nationally, and around the world. (go to <http://www.missioncentral.org/index.php>)

Mission Central HUBs are satellite operations of Mission Central that help keep supplies flowing from communities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Vermont, New Hampshire and New York. One reason BUMC is thinking about becoming a Mission Central HUB is the fact that there is no HUB in the Philadelphia area. Obviously one is needed for our area full of resources and people willing to help.

If BUMC becomes a HUB, we would start out by focusing on the core of Mission Central's work - "Relief Kits". Relief Kits include Cleaning Buckets, Birthing Kits, Layette Kits, Health Kits, School Kits and Sewing Kits.

I first became aware of Relief Kits through Mennonite Central Committee. I'm not sure who first thought of Relief Kits but the idea is brilliant. As a Mission Central HUB, we can be involved in a very practical hands on way in making sure relief supplies are ready to send to any place in the world they are needed. And they are often needed right close to home. Our United Methodist Committee on Relief is very adept and experienced at getting supplies to people in need. UMCOR knows it takes cooperation and they have connections.

What would our role be if we become a HUB? We become a place where people know they can bring supplies. For the most part the largest item we would collect would be 5 gallon buckets with resealable lids. Other items would include pencils for school kits, undershirts or onsies for layette kits, toothbrushes for health kits, buttons for sewing kits . . . One of the items that always impresses me are the 1 square yard pieces of plastic sheeting for birthing kits. For pregnant women giving birth in refugee camps or after a disaster that piece of plastic sheeting between the mother and the dirt can save her life and the life of her baby. Such a small thing can make a big difference and Relief Kits provide an efficient way to get life changing items to people in need.

As a Mission Central HUB we will collect needed items from many people who are interested in helping. Then it's our job to make sure everything is packaged exactly right. Each Relief Kit must be standard so that that nothing will hold up getting the relief from port to people. Our volunteers will be trained to package Relief Kits and to inspect every Relief Kit that comes to us.

I love HUBs because they provide practical hands on work that congregations can do together. Children, youth and adults can work side by side. We can invite our neighbors. People who may not see Worship as useful or practical will often come and help assemble Relief Kits. We will provide a service to organizations that are looking for ways to reach out. A HUB is world missions happening right here, no air fare needed. We just have to get the Kits to Mission Central. Every kit represents a life we touch with blessing. In one year of work as a HUB we actually can touch thousands of lives.

One thing I like to do is help people see that assembling Relief Kits is an act of worship. You can check out an article I wrote about "Assembling Relief Kits as an Act of Worship" at <http://www.missioncentral.org/files/UMCOR%20Kit%20Blessing.pdf>

LAY LEADER LETTER

I recently read two auto-biographies where someone chose to solo-hike the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. I was surprised that both stories had almost nothing in common. One hiked to raise awareness of the trail in an effort to preserve it right after WWII while the other had recently lost his wife and was lost and looking to re-discover purpose in his life.

In both cases, the journey resulted in the birth and renewal of something. History shows that the first person generated enough good will and attention that the Appalachian Trail was re-built and preserved. In the second story, the man re-discovered his sense of life and purpose and found a way to re-invent who he was.

At this time of year, it always feels like the tasks, seasons, and events fly by in a whirlwind. I look back on the year and see how so many things are different and wonder if I have done enough as a participant. We move so rapidly through holiday gatherings, parties, and events that the truly important things can get lost and left behind.

I think that there is a connection between these stories and each of our lives. While we live and move through similar places and times, the events that bring us together may be the result of very different reasons. As we begin to look forward into a new year, let us also praise God for the blessings and gifts He has given us. I wish everyone blessings for safe travel and pleasant memories as you travel your path this Advent season and pray for a rebirth and renewal for those who are in need.

David Adams



BUMC United Methodist Women Advent Brunch

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2013

Time: 10 am

Where: Sue Denisevicz' home, 34 Dayleview Road, Berwyn

What to bring: Brunch item of your choice to share

RSVP to susie.denisevicz@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FROM MISSIONS



The Missions Committee will be bringing back our “Alternative Gift Giving Program” during the Christmas Season. Keep in mind that the Alternative Gift is a wonderful “Alternative” to an actual present (i.e. socks, a tie, or fruit basket). Donating money in someone’s name to your favorite Mission is the perfect gift to the person who already has enough of everything. Why not send a flock of chicks to an underserved area in Grandma and Grandpa’s name, or help a child receive proper education in Kenya on behalf of your favorite Aunt or Uncle? The Alternative Gift just might be the most meaningful gift you might give this year.

We have been communicating with United Methodist Neighborhood Services and they have asked that we do not collect mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. The toy drive will be in full force throughout the latter part of November and early December. We know that December is our committee’s busiest time of year, so please bear with us as we try to fulfill our obligations during the Christmas Season. We can’t thank you enough for your generosity and Christmas spirit. It really does go a long way!

Kelly Hogan, Missions



During the month of November the children of BUMNS focus on the gift of being thankful. Thankful for our families, food, faith, and the wonderful country we live in. Lessons during the month of November are centered on the Pilgrims and Native American Indians first Thanksgiving feast. The children create art projects depicting colorful turkeys, corn and fall leaves.

The 5 Day children toured a Lenape Reservation at the Tyler Arboretum. The children were introduced to the customs of the Lenape’s and participated in Lenape activities.

The classes will be sharing a Thanksgiving feast. Each child is responsible for bringing in a food item to share. The individual classes will bake corn bread; make Jell-O and apple crisp together. The children have been busy creating Pilgrim hats and Native American Indian necklaces, vests and headbands to wear to their individual feasts.

As teachers, we are thankful for the wonderful children we have been blessed with in our classes. The children are thoughtful, courteous and kind to one another. We couldn’t be prouder!

Thank you to our BUMNS families who have generously supported Berwyn United Methodist mission projects. Personal items, toys, clothing and food have all been donated to the church during the months of October and November.

Janet Wham

THE BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE 2013-2014

	<u>Reviewer</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
January 15, 2014	Betsy Lang	Alan & Jeanette Hess 610-430-3679
A Fort of Nine Towers: An Afghan Family Story by Qais Akbar Mar		
February 18, 2014	Barb Mekenney	Barb Mekenney 610-644-2469
Mr Churchill's Secretary by Susan Ella MacNeal		
March 19, 2014	John Edinger	Betsy Lang 610-644-8259
Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves by Henry Wiencek		
April 16, 2014	Nancy Atchison	Ann West 610-687-0222
Defending Jacob by William Landay		
May 21, 2014	Chuck Parvin	TBD
The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis		

Note: Ash Wednesday is Mar 5, 2014 and Easter is April 20, 2014

Betsy Lang

B.U.M.C YOUTH NEWS

Greetings Everyone, I would like to begin by saying thank you to everyone for making me feel welcome at your church. Youth group this season began with a fall kick-off. We began by having a pie eating contest. After all, you can't have a great fall season without pumpkin and apple pies. Our activity included a timed 3 minute challenge to see who could eat the most pie with their hands behind their back. The winner was Olivia Jacabella, winning a \$50 I-tunes gift card. Youth group is a lot of fun filled with crazy antics like these pictures show. It is also of course filled with fast paced, adventure filled, and at times pain filled game times. Finally, of course learn about Jesus!!!!



Fall has arrived and winter is about to show its head very shortly. On November 2nd the youth group had the opportunity to go to Cherry Crest Farm in Lancaster. I never knew you could have so much fun at a corn maze. At our arrival we went on a boring non-fun filled hay ride. I expecting the worst, we actually had a lot of fun. We participated in many activities, one including a hay bale maze. Guess who got stuck in -between a hay bale or two?? (Me!!) The corn maze was huge and was quite enjoyable. Between scaring each other, getting frustrated at being so lost, or saying Marcoand getting Polo back form random people. This event was awesome!!! We got to know each other, enjoy hot chocolate, and see a little bit of what Amish country has to offer.

Some upcoming events for the month of December include the following:

December 7th- Babysitting Services 6 -10 P.M. Ages 3-10 Cost: \$5 a child or \$12 max family (Funds towards A.S.P Trip)

December 8th - Caroling group event, both youth and adults gathering at 5:00 P.M

December 15th- Scavenger Hunt and Christmas Party at 3 P.M

So get ready to baby sit and make a joyful noise caroling according to Psalm 100:1. Singing can be fun . . . Even if you don't think you can sing, it brings joy to others. All are welcome to come to this event. Also, be ready youth for a fun filled scavenger hunt that will make you get lost all over town, while having fun. There are more big up-coming events planned for the next few months, so stay tuned. May God bless you during this holiday season.

Edward A. Moyer

Edward (Ed) Moyer Youth Director of B.U.M.C

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The Church's Fall Festival and Flea Market

was a BIG success!!

We managed to squeeze out a beautiful day for this year's Fall Festival! Schieck Hall was once again transformed into a market place filled with many treasures to be found. With special thanks to so many, we opened the doors at 9 a.m. to a line of slightly chilled people stretching into the parking lot. At the time of this writing, we raised over \$8000.00.

The Evangelism and Nurture Committee did a wonderful job. With John Paylor at the helm and other committee members, along with Pastor Gary, visitors were greeted and people up received numbers for the Silent Auction bidding. Wonderful Berwyn United Methodist tote bags stocked with information from our church including the latest issue of the Lighted Cross and a BUMNS flyer were handed to each guest.

The Flea Market was readied by Stephanie Borelly. Many thanks go out to our "pricers" and "positioners". Our treasures were well organized, priced and quickly pounced on by our eager bargain shoppers! Thank you to Betsy Newman and Paul Polasky for keeping the lines at the check outs moving with high efficiency. The furniture was "staged" by Stephanie Borelly and Judith Milsaps who expertly arranged it so our customers could walk through the furniture aisle. Jeremy Borelly was our furniture mover for the day.

The Jewelry table held many well displayed baubles. It was flooded early by shoppers looking for that special, unique something. Collectibles were carefully chosen by Judy Fisk and her team. Each one was washed, polished and presented beautifully!

The book tables were perused throughout the day as many shoppers found just the books they were looking for to enjoy! Thank you to Marge Smink, for chairing the Book Nook! Thank you to all of the Book Nook helpers for their hard work sorting and setting up the many tables of books. The Children's section was filled bookend to bookend at the onset but practically empty by the end of the day.

The Bake Table was filled with scrumptious treats to tempt all of our visitor's taste buds! Janet Campbell, Lee Paylor, Sue Denisevich, Bernie Jacobella, Peggi Robinson, and Betsy Newman packed, wrapped, iced and decorated, and priced all of the wonderful donations of goodies from your kitchens! Fifty-five pies were lovingly baked by Janet Campbell, Adrianna Stoker, Jan Polasky. All 55 pies were sold before 9:30 a.m.

The Silent Auction table offered a chance to bid on the generous donations of our church and community. Cindy Shallcross deserves a HUGE round of applause for contacting and collecting donations from local vendors and from those of our church family who donated their talents and products of their talents to the Silent Auction.

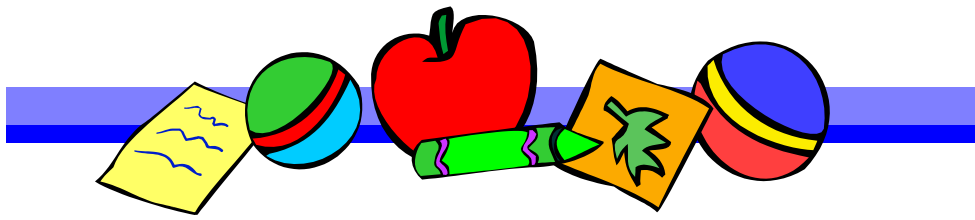
The Reiter family brought a horse trailer and pick-up truck bed filled with pumpkins, gourds, and harvest decorating to our special day once again. It is always fun to welcome Becky, Darryl, Abby, Albert, Alias and Adrianna! Many of us walked away with that special pumpkin for our Halloween jack o'lantern. They drove home with much less of everything than they brought.

Thank you to all of our chairpersons, volunteers, donators of flea market items, silent auction gifts, books, bake sale and treats, jewelry, collectibles, to all the "movers", "set-uppers" and "take-downers". Boy Scout Troop 181, and the Girl Scout Troop were great helpers moving and sorting the flea market items. A special round of thanks goes out to Roger Toro, who helped in so many ways!

Thank you, one and all, for another great day of fellowship and "FUN"draising!

We have enjoyed our tenure as Chairpersons of this event for the past two years. Next year, we will be going back to being Chairs of a booth, be it together in jewelry or at separate tables. Without Jeremy, my "monster" sized muscle and his pick-up truck, I will be unable to assist with pick-ups and deliveries. Cindy and I have enjoyed working together, shoulder to shoulder, these past two years and we look forward to working with the next Chairman of the BUM Fall Festival.

Cindy Shallcross and Stephanie Borelly



UPCOMING BABYSITTING OPPORTUNITY

To benefit BUMC Youth Group ASP Mission Trip

WHAT: Babysitting your children ages 3-10

WHERE: Berwyn United Methodist Church

140 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn-Schieck Hall

WHEN: Saturday, December 7th- 6 until 10 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 per hour/child (\$12.00 maximum per hour/family)

To reserve a spot for your child/ren or if you have any questions please email Cindy Shallcross at cbcampbell30@netscape.net

Arts & Crafts

Games

Stories

Refreshments

For more information about our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip planned for this summer, please visit ASPHOME.ORG

On site adult supervision by Youth Group parents, and both BUMC Children and Youth Coordinators

THANK YOU!!!

Jazz Vespers was a tremendous success in many ways. First, the music was fantastic and enjoyed by a nice attendance. Secondly, the reception was superb as only Rick Stoker and his crew and do. Thirdly, many people unfamiliar with BUMC found their way through our doors and were warmly received. Lastly, we raised over \$2500. for our Music Program! Many, many thanks to the patrons and others who contributed financially, to those who prepared the food, to those who advertised to get the word around, to those who prepared the church (who can forget Sue Denisevicz's beautiful altar display), to those who ushered and especially those who attended. Let's do it again!

Dear Berwyn United Methodist Church,

I want to say thank you . When my father was so sick, you kindly gave me a prayer shawl to give to my mother. My mother found great warmth and comfort from the shawl; she loved it. When she died, I brought it to my house. I would put it around me for those times when I needed to find strength to move ahead with the dilemmas I faced. Today you so graciously gave me a shawl to give to my neighbor who just lost her husband. I hope you can know how much it meant to her. Her sister-in-law told her about a prayer shawl ; my neighbor, Mary, found some comfort. She cried and talked the few hours I was with her. She kept holding the shawl and at one point hugging it. All I can say is thank you from Mary for helping her at this difficult time of the tragic death of her husband. Your small act gave her some strength today.

Thank you, sincerely,

Josie Anthony (Josie teaches in our nursery school)

CONGRATULATIONS TO----

Gail Campbell and Kate Walker for their work on Easttown Township's Volunteer Youth Aid Panel. Last February the Easttown Board of Supervisors approved this youth program. The program is designed to help young, first-time offenders avoid criminal records for summary defenses such as underage drinking, shoplifting, or vandalism. Participation in the program must be recommended by the arresting officer. By appearing before this 5 member panel, the teen is required to talk about his poor decisions and how these decisions hurt others. Through the discussions with the panel, some kind of restitution for the offense is eventually required. Both Gail and Kate feel strongly in the importance of the community to help young people and their families. Our church can be proud to see Gail and Kate's faith at work in our local community.

Main Line Suburban Life: October 20,2013

Soupy Thursday Returns

Soupy Thursday will return beginning on Thursday Dec. 5th. For those of you who are new or might need a refresher we prepare a different soup each Thursday and make it available for purchase for your dinner or maybe the next days lunch. You can purchase it by the quart (\$5.00) and take it home or you can come and eat it with your friends in Schieck Hall.

Besides soup you can also purchase bread baked fresh that day in the church kitchen. And some days there are also cookies that you can purchase. For take out the soup is \$5.00/Qt and the bread is \$3.00/loaf. The soup is ready for takeouts at 5PM. If you prefer to eat in we start serving at 6pm and you can leave a free will offering to pay for your dinner.

We need your help to pull this off. First we need YOU to come and eat or buy the soup. Next, we need people to buy groceries, help prep the soup on Thursday afternoon, serve and clean up. We also need individuals to deliver the soup on Fridays to shut ins and possibly someone to provide transportation to bring individuals to church to eat.

If you can help in any way please give Rick Stoker a call and let him know what you are willing to do.

*Sign up to greet visitors and members
or to deliver flowers to the ill and home bound.*

Narthex Greeter

Flower Delivery

Dec 1 Judy Fisk
Dec 8 Jeff Barger
Dec 15 Jack Campbell
Dec 22 Sue Farina
Dec 24 5:30pm TBA
Dec 24 7:30pm TBA
Dec 29 TBA

Carol Williams
Jane McDowell
Maxine Jex
Sue Farina
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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 and in the Search section type in Berwyn UMC. Help expand our online community.



REMINDER

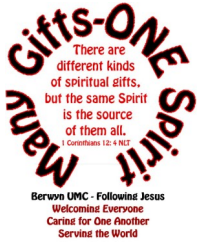
From the office: The HIPAA Law prevents hospitals from calling the church./ If you are aware of anyone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-644-5555 or Pastor Jacabella at 484-318-6389.

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: December 11

Our mission is to spread the good news about the activities of Berwyn United Methodist Church. Chairs and members of committees are invited to submit articles to inform the congregation about events and the work of the church. Individuals are invited to submit cards of thanks and brief items of interest about congregation members. Submit items to kristineadamspc@verizon.net by the end of the day December 11. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by January 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

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Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m-2 p.m.



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
10:30 AM	Worship

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