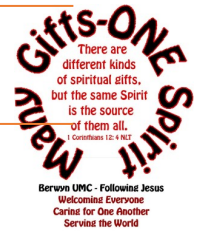


THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Is Debt Our Master? *Rosalie Hart, Finance*

God is our master and our debt is real. Funding the ministry of our church and making mortgage payments over \$5,000 per month is a struggle. Preparing a budget that meets both needs is painful.

What more can we do?

The Finance Committee begins by thanking God for the generous giving and service of so many in our church family. Unfortunately, for us we have lost several members to relocation and death.

We all want to grow our church but that is a slow process. We do need to find more ways to invite others through our doors. It is our mission and important to our future. Groups that serve the community and use our facilities - most recently our HUB TEAM and the American Heritage Girls – increase our visibility. We have space to host more groups. Policies and pricing guidelines for facilities rental have been developed. We all need to be promoters of our great facilities for many activities.

The Fall Festival has been a great fund raiser for several years. We have an immediate need for more fund raisers. A subgroup from the Finance Committee is working to identify feasible fund raising events.

We can pray for and contribute to our \$60,000 in 60 weeks campaign.

Our giving is most important in carrying out the ministry of our church. We begin this month dedicating our Giving Cards. Hopefully God will lead many of us to find ways to give more in 2015.

Working together and asking God to lead us, we can keep our debt from becoming our master.

All things are possible with God – our one and only Master.



Save the Date!

Nov 2 UMW event

Nov 2 Harvest Drive

Nov 9 Handbell Concert
Ridley Park Presbyterian
Bell Ringers 4pm

Nov 30 Advent begins

Dec 6 1pm Hanging of
the Greens

Dec 14 Christmas Can-
tata & Brunch

Dec 25 Christmas Eve
Services: 5:30pm &
7pm

HUB Update

Jim Tiede

Each day when I come into church, I can't wait to look in the boxes in the narthex to see what surprises have been left for the HUB...toothbrushes, erasers, paper, wash clothes. It's almost feels like having Christmas every week. Thank you all very much for your amazing generosity. It is so wonderful to see the support that you continue to give to our HUB initiative.

We have had a very successful Fall creating kits, both within BUMC (including VBS) and across the Western MainLine as a whole. On October 15 we delivered 208 Health Kits, 158 School Kits, 6 Sewing Kits, 3 PCs, 1 Laptop, 2 Monitors and a variety of other pieces computer equipment to Mission Central. The staff at Mission Central were thrilled to receive our delivery today. And I'm certain that there will be 366 people across the world who will be extremely grateful for the contributions you have made.

Over the next few months, we would like to focus on the creation of Birthing Kits. Birthing Kit items we are particularly in need of to support this work are clear plastic sheeting/rolls (must be 4 mil thick), small bars of soap, latex or thin rubber gloves, receiving blanket, balls of cotton string and gallon sized zip & seal plastic bags. As in the past, items can be placed in the birthing kit box in the narthex.

Thank you again for your tremendous support of the HUB. I can't wait to see how many kits we'll have in our next shipment to Mission Central.



PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Gary Jacobella

Something new happened at this year's Fall Festival. Last year we put knitted Prayer Squares in every red Berwyn United Methodist shopping bag that we gave out. This year, the Prayer Shawl Ministry decided not to repeat that kind of giveaway because they felt that the gift of a Prayer Square should be more personal.

Still, we had received some wonderful testimonies from people who found their Prayer Square in their shopping bag and were blessed by the touch of God's Spirit coming through the gift. In one case the blessing was discovered just at the time it was needed after the death of a beloved pet. The comfort and healing touch of God's Spirit that comes through these 5 x 3.5 inch knitted "squares" is surprising.

Our solution was to set up Prayer Square table where people who came to the Fall Festival could come and personally receive the gift of a Prayer Square for themselves or a friend. Our sign read, "Prayer Squares, knit with love, filled with grace, We will bless a Prayer Square for you, (or for you to take to a friend), Prayer Squares and Blessings are free"



Dave Adams and I were privileged to bless Prayer Squares and to talk about the ministry with people who stopped by the table. People seemed cautious at first but those who said "yes" to the blessing were always grateful. We could see God touching each one. The look on each face was usually one of peace with a little bit of surprise as if to say, "That was more than I expected."

In addition to the testimonies we hear about the Prayer Squares, we hear wonderful things about the Prayer Shawls. For example, people who take their Prayer Shawl with them to the hospital often find that it gives them opportunities to listen and pray with other people who ask about the Shawl.

We are looking for ways to become more in tune with the spiritual needs of the people in our community. The Prayer Shawls and Prayer Squares have been uncovering an openness to prayer that seems pretty common to just about everyone. We also had a good response to the ministry of Healing Prayer that was offered at Jazz Vespers in 2013.

That's why I am planning a worship series on Prayer that I am thinking of calling, "We All Know How to Pray". Along with that series, I would like to offer a workshop for people who want to practice prayer and I hope some of them will form a healing prayer team. Then we can offer a Healing Service at Berwyn UMC on a regular basis as well as Healing Prayer at every service of worship. We can reach our community through prayer because more of our members will be ready to pray with others and we can find ways to take this ministry outside of the walls of our church building.

Let me know if you are interested in being part of the Prayer Workshop in 2015.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Judith Lang

On Sunday, November 9, the Praise Ringers from Ridley Park Presbyterian Church will present a handbell concert in the sanctuary at 4:00. This concert will include bells, choir, organ, and piano.

A free will offering will be taken to support the Music Ministry at BUMC.

The Christmas Cantata at 10:30 on Sunday, December 14, will be *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* by Hal Hopson. This cantata of familiar and older carols is for choir, organ, handbells, and instruments.

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, November 2 from 12:30 - 2:30. Please join us for this beautiful service.



Spirituality and Apple Pies

Janet K Campbell

Can you imagine our parking lot full of cars! People circling onto Waterloo Avenue to reenter the parking lot to try again to find that elusive parking spot. Can you imagine a line of people waiting for the appointed time to enter our building? Can you imagine a swarm of people heading for the areas in our church for what their needs might be? Now can you imagine this all happening on a Sunday morning for either our 8:30 or 10:30 services?

What are we doing on Fall Festival Day that we can duplicate on Sunday morning? Pastor Gary and David Adams manned a PRAYER TABLE to be available for people and there were a few visitors on that Saturday that stopped to speak with them. Twelve of our beautiful 'Prayer Squares' were given to those who needed them. We were reaching out. The jewelry table was encircled by so many looking for that elusive treasure....is that what they really needed? The flea market items were picked at and picked up to go to homes and live a new life..we can offer a new life in our Sanctuary. So many books will be read and enjoyed again....we have beautiful bibles and hymnals in our sanctuary that can be read again and again. Apple, pecan, and pumpkin pies, cookies and cupcakes and breads disappeared off of the Bake Sale table...a simple lunch was offered and shared by many....we have ways to nourish both body and soul. The Collectibles were displayed beautifully....we have a beautiful display of our love within our doors all the time. We were welcoming, we smiled, we served, we shared our love with all.

Is there a way to get the excitement we experienced on Fall Festival Day through our doors every day?



DID ANYONE NOTICE?

Our church sponsored Boy Scout Troop#181 patched holes and white washed the scout cabin. We are fortunate to have a troop that cares about our church. Thank you to Troop 181



**BOOK / MEDIA
SUMMARIES FROM
CHURCH LIBRARY**
Marjorie Smink

Pre-School and Primary Reading Levels (up to age 9)

I Was Born on 9/11 by Cindy L. Rodriguez, c2009. [J FIC Iwa]
Who would have dreamed that the day on which he/she was born would be the same day that one of the most world-changing, history-making events ever occurred? With poetic rhyme and brilliant colors, the narrator of this book, *I Was Born on 9/11*, shares what happened on September 11, 2001. The reader sees the events in New York City, how Americans pulled together, how our people championed the value of our country, and how our nation hopes for a safer tomorrow. The reader is left with a sense of patriotism, cooperation, passion, and a deep respect for those who gave their lives to help keep our country safe that day, and for those who continue to protect us even today.

Junior Reading Level (ages 10-12)

Avery's Battlefield, Book One by Deanna K. Klingel, c2011 [J FIC Kli]
Here is the story of a boy and a dog and their search for peace in the first years of the Civil War. Avery and his dog, Gunner, are part of a loving family in Virginia where they live on a large farm near a community of friends. Their peaceful world is shattered with the start of war when Avery's father, brother and uncle leave to join the army of the South. What can a simple farm boy bring to the war effort? With his courage, faith and healing hands, Avery realizes that he may make a contribution in the clinics and hospitals that are part of the war effort. (Donated by Marjorie Smink)

Avery's Crossroad, Book Two by Deanna K. Klingel, c2011 [J FIC Kli]
Avery's Crossroad is the sequel to *Avery's Battlefield*. It is the story of a boy, a dog and their adventures during the last few years of the Civil War. Avery's skills as a doctor's assistant and his dog Gunner's appealing manner make them favorites with the soldiers in the Civil War. Avery begins to realize that the real wounds of the war, the wounds of the soul, will take years to heal. He finds hope for the future in his friendships as he prays for the long war to end. (Donated by Marjorie Smink)



CONFERENCE &

DISTRICT NEWS Judy Fisk

Be sure to read the Sept/Oct issue of *The Interpreter*, and look for an article they did on Ministry. If you are interested I will try to find an issue for you to read.

We have a new District Resource Assistance. Her name is Darlene DiDomineck. She is a Deaconess of the Church. The Central District Office may be reached at 215-878-4607 or ddidomineck@epaumc.org. Contact Darlene if you need information on events happening in the Central District.

There are some wonderful workshops coming up that all are welcome to attend:

- **Planting Seeds for Growth** at Hopewell UMC Saturday, November 15 2pm-5:25pm
- **Workshop for SPRC** February 7, 2015 with Dr. Powell Messiah UMC
- **Workshop for Lay Leaders** Place to be announced Led by the Lay Leadership team. Others are being planned for April and May.
- **The Tools for Ministry** will be March 7, 2015 at Christ UMC in Lansdale. This usually has many workshops all in the space of a few hours.
- **Annual Conference** is May 14-16 2015 in Oaks. You can be an observer at this Conference.

There was a wonderful meeting with Bishop Peggy Johnson on October 9th. The Clergy met in the morning and had round table discussions concerning the book FINDING OUR WAY. The delegates met in the evening at St. Matthews, Valley Forge. Our meeting was run somewhat different. It was more of a question and answer session. Groups are being set up to discuss the differences of thinking within the Church. If you would be interested I recommend that you read the book first. It's not a long book and then call the District office. Our new Conference Lay leader joined us at the meeting.



Thank you to one and all for ALL of your prayers, visits, phone calls, beautiful cards, meals and altar flowers I received during my recovery. There has not been one day that the wonderful prayer shawl has not been wrapped all around me....I felt every thought and every prayer as I kept warm under the comforting coziness. While in the hospital and in rehab I had the opportunity to share with so many the story behind the prayer shawl and how I came to be a recipient of this perfect gift of love from our church family. Because of the small little prayer squares, I was able to extend the blessings from our church family to six other fellow patients and one therapist who needed to know they were loved. This was not the way I expected to spend the last eight weeks of summer, however, I can now move forward because of your love and prayers. Thank you, Janet



United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday Nov 2 following 10:30 worship for lunch and to prayerfully consider the Ebola crisis. Barbara Emery's program on the Go Wish game (follow up to the Living with Dying series) has been postponed.

We will collect the World Thank Offering during worship on Sunday, November 23.

A box is in the narthex for collection of coats, gloves, hats and scarves for the "One Warm Coat" Drive in memory of Amy Dwyer.

Save the date now for our Advent Brunch and birthing kit-making on Saturday morning December 6. We are inviting other UMW units from the Western Mainline Area to join us. Everyone is invited to help.

2014 Fall Festival

Steph & Cindy

It was a rainy day, but it worked to our advantage. 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 damp and slightly chilled people stretching down the hallway towards the sanctuary. At the time of this writing, we have raised over \$5500.00. And it is still rolling in!!

Visitors were greeted and given numbers for the Silent Auction bidding. Our Berwyn United Methodist tote bags were stocked with information from our church, including the latest issue of the Lighted Cross and a BUMNS flyer. Totes were given out to our shoppers when they made their purchases.

The Flea Market was readied by Stephanie, Cindy and a lot of "pricers". Our treasures were organized, priced and quickly pounced on by our eager bargain shoppers! There was a steady stream of shoppers throughout the entire day. I think the rain actually worked in our favor! Thanks to our three teams of cashiers. They kept our checkout lines moving and our customers happy.

The Collectibles presentation was beautiful and crafted by Judy Fisk and her crew. The book tables were perused throughout the day as many shoppers found just the books they were looking for to enjoy! Thanks to Marge Smink and Sally Robie for chairing the Book Nook!

The Bake Table was filled with scrumptious treats to tempt all of our visitor's taste buds! Many loving hands helped Janet Campbell pack, wrap, ice, decorate and price all of the wonderful donations of goodies from your kitchens! Close to 100 pies were prepared by our talented pie makers and sold throughout the day. The Bake Sale tables were overflowing in the beginning and empty by days end.

The Silent Auction table offered a chance to bid on the generous donations of our church. Donations came from local vendors and from those in our church family who want to share their talents and products to the Silent Auction.

Tom Pierce manned the Kitchen cooking hotdogs one week after having knee surgery!!! What a trooper!! Lunch was simple and a great success! Tom has already accepted the role as chef for next year and he has a lot of ideas for the menu! For anyone who is interested – the hotdogs and cookies were purchased at BJ's.

The Reiter family brought a horse trailer and pick-up truck filled with pumpkins, gourds, and harvest decorations to our special day once again. It is always fun to welcome Becky, Darryl, Abby, Albert, Adrianna and Alias! Many of us walked away with that special pumpkin for our Halloween jack o'lantern. This year they brought and sold many of their prize winning pumpkins.

Thank you to all of the chairpersons, our volunteers, everyone who donated flea market items, silent auction gifts, books, bake sale treats, jewelry and collectibles. A special thank you goes to our Boy Scout 'movers' who were there on Tuesday evening helping empty out the Scout cabin with trucks and trailers. A special 'thanks' goes to Jeremy, who came home from College to lend a hand on Tuesday evening and Sunday. We appreciate all those who helped set-up and everyone who helped take everything down, especially Roger Toro, who helped in so many ways!

Thank you, one and all, for another great day of fellowship and "FUN"draising! We have less than 360 days until next year's Fall Festival and Flea Market! Tell your friends!



Christmas Love Offering

Finance Committee

Christmas season is already upon us. The flurry of activity seems to start earlier each year. As you think about all your friends and loved ones with whom you plan to share Christmas gifts, please keep in mind the loving, giving staff within our church. To that end, our SPR (Staff Parish Relations) Committee is collecting your gifts for our church staff for this Christmas season. If you would like to contribute to the collective gift, please place your love offering marked Christmas Love Offering in the offering plate starting Sunday, November 9. Gifts will be collected each Sunday until the second Advent Sunday, December 7. We are truly blessed with a wonderful team leading and caring for the Church and our Ministries. Thank you for helping to show our love and appreciation for all they do throughout year.



Upcoming Mission Events

Thanksgiving Offering – The offering this year is going to Midtown Parish United Methodist Church in Philadelphia to help with rebuilding of the church that was destroyed by fire some years back.

Interfaith Hospitality Network - Volunteers needed to help out at St. Thomas of Villanova Nov. 10th. Contact Gail or Scott Campbell for information.

Christmas Gift & Toy Collection - Starts Nov. 9th.

United Methodist Neighborhood Services - Dr. White is asking for new toys this year. They will be delivered the first week of Dec.

Methodist Home For Children - Toys for children and gifts for mothers.

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church – Toys for children. Toiletries, new socks and, slightly used clothing for homeless men.



During the month of November the children of BUMNS focus on the gift of gratitude. 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 will tour a Lenape Reservation at the Great Valley Nature Center. 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!

We are thankful for the unending support from Berwyn United Methodist Church.

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.



Recordings of Sunday Services are available.

Contact Jon Stockler at 610-348-3385 or JStockler@aol.com

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent begins Sunday, November 30. Please be sure to join us each Sunday in Advent as we prepare for the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Join us for Hanging of the Greens! Saturday December 6 at 1pm. A wonderful event for the whole family and a great time to bring a friend along.

Dec 25 Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

5:30pm Childrens Play

7pm Carol sing—bring your instruments!

11p Candlelight



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

November 16th : Youth Night at Gretna Glenn Camp

<http://www.gretnaglen.org/>

Dec 28th : Youth Group Christmas Party (Past Youth welcome to come)

January 9-11 Youth Conference Ocean City Maryland

February 1st superbowl party

March 6-8 Youth retreat at Gretna Glenn: Cost \$60..If you bring a friend...Friend is half off

April 24th to 25th : 30 hour Famine



BUMC Book Club 2014-15: 7:00pm, 3rd Wed. of the month

November book: The Invention of Wings

Presenter: Nancy Atchison

Host: Betsy Lang

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.

FALL HARVEST DRIVE

Every year the Worship Committee sponsors a food drive for Trinity Presbyterian's Food Bank. We are going to do it again however with a different focus.

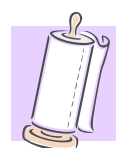
WE ARE COLLECTING PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER AND TISSUES !!!!

The Food Bank must use their cash for these items as they do not qualify for funds from agencies. Everyone needs these paper products.

The collection will start NOVEMBER 2nd and end on November 23rd.

Look for the Fall Display in the lobby. Hopefully we can fill the whole corner with stacks of these paper products!!

Thanks from the Worship Committee.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do you like puzzles and riddles? The Adult Bible Class will be delving into the Book of Revelation beginning October 26. We will be using the study *Breaking the Code* written by Bruce Metzger. Grab a cup of coffee and join us Sundays in the Library at 9:20.

Contact John Paylor and Mike Benton for details.



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.



Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

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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	Traditional Worship

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