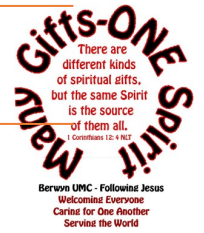


# THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## SATURDAY, OCT. 11 — 9 TO 2

### The Fall Festival and Flea Market

With a little more than one month to go, open those basement storage doors, and climb up into those hot attics to collect your “don’t need anymore’s” and bring it all to church.

Books are needed; Look into your cook-books and get the ingredients for that cake or pie or any sweets you have been wanting to make but not keep in the house to tempt you. *No custards or refrigerated items, please.* That special vase from Auntie Mae you have not used in years? The Collectibles Table is waiting for it.

The Reiter family plans to come with a load of pumpkins and gourds for us to choose for our jack o’lanterns and fall fancies.

Donations can be left in the following locations:

Jewelry – Leave in the gold box in the Sanctuary entry.

Used Books for the Used Book Tables may be donated any Sunday and deposited in the back storage closets in Schieck Hall or at another time by appointment. Please – NO magazines, text books, or books needing repair (i.e. musty or torn).

All Other Donations – go to the Scout Cabin. The cabin will be open the **first** and **third** Sundays of each month in between church services, or you can call Stephanie Borelly to meet you there after 6PM week days or on the weekend.

**Contact Janet Campbell at 610-647-8291 with your baked good donations.**

**Contact Judy Fisk at 610.644.2269 for Collectible donations.**

**For Book donations call Marge Smink 610-359-5445**

**Silent Auction donations call Cindy Shallcross 610-644-4653**

This year we will be serving lunch...

It will be a simple menu - hotdogs, chili, chips, cookies, soda, water or coffee.

Seasoned as well as novice kitchen support are needed to work side by side.

We will need **YOU** to make this day a success. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex for everyone to pick times to volunteer for set-up, selling and clean-up. The tables will need to be set up in Schieck Hall before the Flea Market items are moved from the cabin on Wednesday, Oct. 8. And the Flea Market items and books will need to be sorted, displayed and priced on Oct. 8, 9 and 10th.

We will need plastic and paper bags to help shoppers carry their purchases.

If you have any questions, need to drop off donations other than on Sundays, or wish to volunteer to help, please call Stephanie.

Stephanie Borelly 610-948-4389

#### Save the Date!

Oct 11 Fall Fest

Oct 26 Harvest Dinner

Oct 26 Youth Rock Climbing @ Phila Rock Gym

Oct 28 Handbell Dedication in Memory of Amy Dwyer 10:30am

Nov 2 UMW event with Barbara Emery

Nov 9 Handbell Concert by Ringers of Ridley Park Presbyterian

Dec 14 Christmas Cantata & Brunch

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Gary Jacabella

Every summer my daughter Olivia and I serve as camp co-directors for a week long camp for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The name of the camp is "Native American Adventure." This year Olivia and I along with Alejandro from Bolivia spent the week with 7 boys and 6 girls.

Every day during the week we have what is called a "discovery time." It's the time when we present and discuss the Bible passage for the day.

This year I was inspired to try something different. I asked each camper to find their own vision quest spot that they could use on their own every day. I gave each camper a sea shell, some white sage leaves and a box of matches to use for "smudging."

Smudging is a way of praying. You take a small amount of white sage leaves lay them in a sea shell such as an albacore shell and light them so that they smoke and give off a spicy aroma. Then you use your hand to bless yourself with the smoke over your heart, shoulders, head and around your body.

Along with the smudging materials, I showed the campers how to do an active prayer that is prayed toward the seven directions (the four directions along with above, beneath and in my heart) and a mediation about nature.

The campers took to the experience in a way that went beyond my expectations. They valued their private vision quest spot. They came back full of experiences to talk about from their time of prayer and meditation.

At the end of the week one camper commented, "I didn't know there were so many ways to pray. I only knew one way."

That comment got me to wondering how many ways of praying are being practiced by those of us in our congregation. There are many more ways than one – meditation, centering prayer, the examen, lectio divina, the Jesus prayer, prayer beads, breath prayer, ACTS prayer, prayer of the hours and so on.

I want to figure out ways to bring the experience our campers had at Gretna Glen home to Berwyn and ways to invite you to join us for an experience out at camp.



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The dedication of the refurbished handbells in memory of Amy Dwyer is on Sunday, October 28 at the 10:30 service. They will be ring for the first time by eight ringers.

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.



## LAY LEADER LETTER David Adams

We've got so many exciting activities going on right now. The momentum of being a Hub for Mission Central, used computer collections, facility repairs, mission trips, the love and caring for each other and the community. These aren't things that are so easy to do, but we work at it with help from each other.

"Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good."

- Romans 12:13-17, 18, Common English Bible

Let us continue to commit to share the salvation that Jesus brings with others and extend this wonder through the community so that all know we have open doors and are a welcoming congregation.



Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It's no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

For four weeks during October, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our spiritual and emotional lives.

We begin our worship series called Treasure on Sunday October 5. We will explore Matthew 6 and Jesus' teachings on money, giving, worry, and more.

Join in the as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can avoid some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.

A companion book of daily readings is available. You can pick one up in the lobby at worship for a suggested donation of \$6.50 or you can download it to your favorite e-reader such as a Kindle (\$7.69) or Nook (\$8.49).

November 2 will be the Sunday on which we will dedicate our 2015 plans for giving to God through our church by presenting our giving cards.

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Have you seen the flock of little girls in red, white and blue uniforms around the church? Did you have to take a second glance? Those little girls are part of a new troop of American Heritage Girls which has adopted BUMC as their new home.

American Heritage Girls is a faith based character development program with scouting activities for girls age 5- 18 years. The American Heritage Girls program was started in 1995 by a group of parent volunteers who wanted a scout-type program for their daughters that reflected the Christian values they held dear. They began developing an organization with the help of their daughters, that would be fun, challenging, memorable and honoring to God. Today there are more than 25,000 girls actively participating in the AHG program in 49 states and several countries.

American Heritage Girls troop PA1234 has hit the ground running and are delighted to be here at BUMC where the air is fresh and the future is bright. Troop Coordinator, Janet Sainsbury, states that the troop will engage in many great activities which will guide it's members to become women of integrity through faith, service, and fun. This year the girls will learn skills in needle arts, sewing, outdoor skills, physical fitness, nature and wild life. The troop will also participate in service projects including a food drive on AHG's National Day of Service, Christmas Caroling in December, and their big service project from February to April which will benefit the Philadelphia Children's Alliance. "We are eager to embrace our new family here at BUMC," Janet says "and have several fellowship activities planned where we will reach in and invite the members of BUMC to join." These include a Bonfire on Nov 1st, Christmas Caroling Dec 12th, a Spaghetti Western Movie night in the spring.

AHG PA1234 is currently receiving new members. If you know a girl (age 5 and in Kindergarten through 18) who might be interested in participation in this troop please contact Janet Sainsbury at [janetsainsburyahg@gmail.com](mailto:janetsainsburyahg@gmail.com)

## LET'S PARTY!!!



Every summer we

struggle to find new ways to celebrate our family's summer birthdays. Will we have a party at home or at a venue? What will we use as a theme? What do we tell parents when they ask for gift ideas?

There is a great way to eliminate the decision-making, have a great time and help others in the process – have a "Kit Party". No need to clean the house for a party or find a venue or theme, Schieck Hall provides all the space needed and use of the kitchen facilities is included. Friends and family bring kit supplies in lieu of presents and a fun party activity can include assembling kits.

Birthday parties for "kids" of any age, baby or wedding showers, retirement parties or a girls' night out....all are great ways to celebrate someone special in your life and touch someone else's life with a school kit, health kit or birthing kit.

Contact any member of the HUB team for more information.



## RENTAL SPACES AVAILABLE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF BERWYN!

Use our beautiful surroundings for your next children's party, community meeting, school function or family event. Large parking lot with handicap accessible spaces close to the building. Available areas can each access handicap accessible restroom facilities. In addition to Schieck Hall Community Life Center and our wonderful institutional kitchen, the Sanctuary is our beautiful worship area with sound system seating for 280 people, Library and Media Center with large conference table and mounted large flat screen flat screen, and Parlor with comfortable sofas and small kitchenette for a comfortable informal meeting. Call our church office at 610-644-5555 for our policies, price list and applications.



### Harvest Dinner

Our annual Harvest Dinner will take place on Sun. Oct. 26 at 12 noon. The meal will feature: Roast Turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, squash and assorted desserts.

Reservations should be made in advance. Reservations will be taken on Sun. Oct. 12 and 19 between and after the services. Or call the church office to make your reservation. Price is \$10. for adults, \$5. for children ages 6-10 and free for children 5 and under.

If you would like to help please contact Rick Stoker at 610-613-0335. See you there!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Cindy Shallcross

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect day than the one we had on September 7<sup>th</sup> for our Rally Day. The sun was shining brightly as many families and members arrived to share a light breakfast. The kids enjoyed several crafting activities. The kids also decorated picture frames for their smiling faces to be displayed in the hallway by the Choir Room...check them out!

The Sunday School kids heard the letter sent to them by Evaness, the church sponsored child our kids collect coins for each Sunday. They had the opportunity to either write a letter or draw a picture to be sent to her. We are anxiously waiting to hear back from her after she receives our letters and pictures. This year I look forward to continuing our "Pen-pal"-ing with Evaness!

### Looking Ahead!

The Sunday School classes have begun! Sunday School begins at 9:15 in the Choir Room to learn new songs. We plan to have the kids sing in the 10:30 church service at least once a month. After singing, the kids go downstairs to their age-based classrooms for the Bible story and activities until pick up time at 10:15.

During the 10:30 church service, the children collect coins for a church sponsored child in Zambia and have a Children's Sermon at the altar. The children are then dismissed to Story Time where they have a snack and play.

We also have a theme-based Club Berwyn on a Friday night (6:30-8:30) once a month! This October we will be having a Halloween Club Berwyn! So wear your costumes and come out to have fun! Ghoulish games, crafts and snacks are being planned! Are you ready for the excitement?!

Throughout the year we enjoy various events for family fellowship like Children's Christmas Eve program, Lenten Fair and Egg Hunt and Vacation Bible Camp in July.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY TOUR

Oct 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. PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME TO COME. For a complete itinerary contact the church office or Rick Stoker or Nancy Atchison.



## What is the purpose of United Methodist Women?

To be a community of women

To know God

To develop a creative and supportive fellowship

To expand concepts of mission

We are a local unit of a much larger national and global organization. Our rich history of serving women and children began in 1869.

On October 12, all women and teenage girls are invited to meet and greet other UM Women from the area. We'll gather at

Paoli UMC, South Valley Road and Devon Road from 4-5 pm. Contact Carol Cherry if you want more info or need a ride: 610-644-8864

or [CACherry1@comcast.net](mailto:CACherry1@comcast.net)

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday November 2. Barbara Emery will lead us in a follow-up to the Living with Dying Series. We will use the Go Wish Game, an entertaining way to think and talk about what's important to you if you become seriously ill. Plan to stay after the 10:30 worship service for lunch and program.

## BUMNS—Janet Wham

October brings cooler weather, colorful leaves and exciting events at BUMNS. The children will be travelling to various venues for fall field trips. The 2 Day classes will visit Sugartown Pumpkins where they will go on a hayride and pumpkin picking. The 3 and 4 Day classes travel to Milky Way Farm in Exton. The tour includes lessons on farm animals, hayrides and pumpkin picking. The 5 Day classes tour Highland Orchards for apple picking. The children pick apples, learn how to make apple cider, and venture through a corn maze. Mrs. McDermott and Mrs. Hanzsche's children are trick or treating at Highgate Assisted Living on October 31st. The senior residents love seeing the children. Following the visit, the children will return to school for BUMNS' annual Halloween parade and parties. The 5 Day children will have their first chapel time with Pastor Gary on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

BUMNS is opening registration for January's 2 Day Class. Cindy Shallcross teaches the class. Children enrolling in the class should turn 2 by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Call or email BUMNS office if you are interested in scheduling a tour....610-296-2246 or director@bumns.org.



**Recordings of Sunday Services are available.**

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

## YOUTH GROUP – Ed Moyer

It's Fall!!!!For some youth fall is a great time....full of getting new books, friends, even clothing. For some youth it's only a few more years until they graduate. Summer has come and gone with an amazing Appalachian Service Project in West Virginia... This was a huge success with 22 people going... God did amazing things and exceeded ASP's goals for the group. In total 5 homes were worked on many of which were finished or close to being finished when the group was done. This was the last group for the summer in that area for ASP. What a blessing it was to see both youth and adults from multiple churches working together showing the love of God to a community in need. I encourage you to ask anyone who has gone to ASP to start a conversation with them. Ask them individually what they did during ASP and how it affected their lives individually.

With the end of summer came our first fall youth group event.....Paintball. We had 15 people commit to hitting each other with paintballs. This included a parent and even Pastor Gary. For most it was their first time using a paintball gun. With each hit came a new adventure and possibly a welt on their body. Each person whom went said they loved it and would do it again. The goal for this event was to show youth that church is not always in a physical building. You can have some fun as a church in fellowship..... hitting each other with massive amounts of paint !! When all was said and done I had 19 welts on my body. Way to go youth!!!! All in all an amazing event!!



## ACME SAVER STAMPS

Carol Williams, MECCA chair

If you've been to the ACME recently you will have noticed that they are giving out Saver Stamps again, this time redeemable for FREE Cuisinart® Chef's Classic™ Stainless Cookware. It's pretty good looking cookware, but don't you already have pots and pans?

Much like the Rachel Ray dishes, BUMC is joining together as a congregation to purchase the cookware to be given to a local family in need. We have not given out the dishes yet. This is fortunate since it means no one has had a tragedy to need these dishes. So far we have reached out to the Trinity Presbyterian Food Cupboard and to T-E Cares but no one has had a need. We have thought to more actively seek someone in need by reaching further into neighboring communities, such as West Chester, Newtown Square, the local Lions Clubs, neighboring churches, the VFW, etc. However, when the need does come up, I would think if they needed dishes, they would also need cookware.

It has been suggested that MECCA coordinate collection of these stamps and redeem them for the cookware. I'll go out on a limb and say YES, MECCA will coordinate collecting the stamps, sticking them in booklets and redeeming them for cookware. We just need your help in turning in the stamps. A box will be available on the MECCA table in the Narthex for you to deposit the stamps.

If we collect as many stamps for cookware as we did for the dishes, we should be able to put together several cookware sets. We could help out five or six families in need. WOW!



### Ministry of the People

is supported by the Staff

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Lay Leaders: Janet Campbell & David Adams

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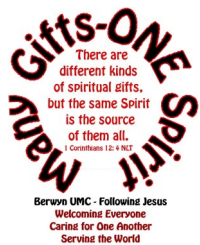
Organist/Director of Music: Judith Lang

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

Sexton: Roger Toro

Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross

Youth Coordinator: Ed Moyer



## 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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