



February 2014

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

PLAN TO ATTEND

Living with Dying:

Conversations and Considerations

A friend's husband – only 52 – diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer.... an elderly parent hospitalized with a stroke who suddenly can't talk.... a young mother killed in a car accident... these scenarios are all around us – and show how things can change in an instant. Though we can't prevent the unpreventable, we can begin to prepare for the "what-ifs." Does this mean thinking about the unthinkable? Yes! Dying is a part of living, a part of the journey we are all on, isn't it? So how do we prepare? Why *should* we prepare?

Over the last few months a group of BUMC members have come together around this topic. The result is a series we're calling "Living with Dying: Conversations and Considerations." On the Sunday evenings in March, from 6:30p to 8:30p, adults of all ages are invited. What better place to discuss such important issues than within our church home? We have so much life (and death) experience under our belts – certainly we can learn from each other – and support each other.

Plan to join us for a series beginning on March 2 when we'll view "Consider the Conversation" a powerful film about end-of-life decision-making. Betsy Payn, an experienced hospice nurse will facilitate the discussion. On March 9, Betsy will return along with Veronica Coyne, MD to help us explore issues raised in the film. The Reverend Barbara Emery will share lessons learned from her many experiences as chaplain at Paoli Hospital at the March 16 gathering. Pastor Gary will help us focus on the hope we have in Christ for the journey on March 23. His sermons during the month will provide additional guidance. The chance to view the film may be offered at another time as well.

These programs are for adults *of all ages*. It isn't necessary to attend all four evenings but we think you will want to. Consider inviting family members, friends and any adult you care for and want to help support through the journey of living fully through all stages of life. Feel free to share the information on the opposite page; contact a committee member below for a color version to post.

If you have questions, please see any of the members of the planning committee: Nancy Atchison, Janet Campbell, Steve & Carol Cherry, Barbara Emery, Gary & Bernie Jacabella, Sally Robie, Jim & Sue Tiede, Pat White, Carol Williams .



Berwyn United Methodist Church invites you...

Living with Dying....

Conversations & Considerations

A Four Part Series
for Adults of all Ages to
discuss End-of-Life Issues

6:30PM – 8:00PM

Berwyn United Methodist Church
140 Waterloo Avenue
Berwyn, PA 19312
www.berwynumc.org



Childcare Provided

Sunday, March 2, 2014

The award winning film
“Consider the Conversation” with discussion

Sunday, March 9, 2014

A panel discussion with hospice nurse Betsy Payn
and Veronica Coyne, MD

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Lessons from real life stories
Barbara Emery, Paoli Hospital Chaplain

Sunday, March 23, 2014

Hope and Guidance for the Journey
Gary Jacabella, Pastor

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Pastor Gary Jacabella

I think our celebration of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany was wonderful. All who came to worship really found an opportunity to turn their attention to Jesus' and receive his light. Everything came together so that every part enriched every other part. I feel fortunate to be able to participate in all of it. I appreciate everyone's effort. I think we had fun. Nothing was wasted. Everything shone. Thanks be to God!

We demand a lot of Christmas when in truth every Lord's Day is a celebration of Jesus, his coming, his sacrifice, his resurrection, his promise. God set up a rhythm of work and rest and celebration. Our culture seems to think God is all work and no play but pleasure comes from God. God wants us to have fun and teaches celebration and gives us reasons to celebrate. It's great to put out a lot of effort for certain seasons of the year like Christmas but some of us put out a lot of effort every week to make every Sunday a feast day. And for me, they almost always are just that. Sunday morning worship and Sunday school are a feast.

We had a smaller group than we had for Christmas Eve gather during the ice storm on Epiphany Sunday but it was another wonderful celebration. The message of Epiphany is just as important as the message of Christmas as the message of Advent as the message of Lent as the message of Holy Week as the message of Good Friday as the message of Easter as the message of Pentecost.

I can't understand why Pentecost doesn't bring out as many people as Christmas. It's probably not right to compare the importance of one feast day to another but Pentecost tells us things about God and God's people that Christmas doesn't do so great a job of telling us. Looking down through the year, I wonder why anyone would want to miss Epiphany or the Lord's Baptism or Transfiguration or Ash Wednesday or Ascension or Pentecost or All Saints.

One of my best Christmases ever was the first Christmas I spent away from my childhood home. I was a full time volunteer living with a prayer community in New York City. All of us who were part of the prayer community also worked for Covenant House, a shelter for homeless youth. Every first year community member had to work on Christmas Day. I worked at the intake center on 8th Avenue in the Times Square Area. Yes, there were homeless youth looking to come in out of the cold on Christmas Day and you are probably expecting me to tell a story about helping the homeless on Christmas Day. That was part of that Christmas but the thing that made that Christmas one of the best was that we as a prayer community were always together every day celebrating every single feast day of the year. You probably haven't heard of many of those feast days. For me it was a year of Jesus. Daily celebration of the Lord's Supper helped us as a community keep Jesus at the center of everything. And that year Christmas just made more sense in the context of celebrating everything about Jesus, going through his story by following the church year step by step.

You will find on Berwyn UMCs web site a worship calendar that gives you scripture readings, themes and message titles for weeks in advance. Often these calendars alert you to a Worship Series with a theme that runs for several weeks. The best way to get the most out of a worship series is to be present for the entire series. Look for more details for a series coming up in March entitled "Living with Dying".

BUMNS

I hope your holiday season was a time of relaxation and family fun. The children returned to BUMNS with smiles and stories of vacation fun. In January, we welcomed Cindy Shallcross' 2-Day Class. Our newest students were brave on their first day. With reassuring hugs, tears often dissipate when new toys are discovered or art projects introduced. Transitioning from home to school can be a difficult time, but most adjust quickly to the routine of school. The Great Valley Nature Center visited BUMNS. They introduced the children to animals that live in our environment. A recurring theme during January was snow! There are wonderful books to read, and various mediums used to represent snow, snow people, and snowflakes! Painting snow people is a favorite art project. Lessons will be taught about Martin Luther King Jr which gives us the opportunity to explore concepts such as kindness, peace, and acceptance of all people. The 5 Day classes will resumed chapel time with Pastor Gary on January 16th.

Janet Wham

LAY LEADER LETTER

Recently, several people led by Jim Tiede gave of their time to run our second computer recycling collection. The real story though is the neighbors we met. Most of the 50+ cars that stopped by were people from the community that we didn't know. We began asking how they knew of the event; I was surprised by the diversity of answers. We heard of a variety of web sites, newsletters, signs, word of mouth, and even one who had kept track of this date since seeing a sign at Fall Fest.

Another experience we encountered was the number of people who asked us questions. Some wanted to know how we make money off of this because they couldn't figure it out (we don't make any money at all). Others wanted to know that something good was being done because there are many people who could benefit; and could we promise that this wasn't just going into the trash (that's the real mission).

The morning was so fulfilling to see bridges forming with these friends we had just met, the connection being created with the community, and the stories. One guy said, "I took my motorcycle safety class here in your *community center and I'm so happy to be back.*"

This exercise was a great reminder to me that we have so many opportunities to involve the community and our neighbors in the events and activities that we plan as committees and groups. We chatted with people who believe that we genuinely care about and love one another. The best part is, I love how each person makes it true.

David Adams

SHARED BIBLE STUDY

Dear Friends,

Have you noticed loud voices coming from the Shared Room on Sunday mornings? Our Bible class has such fun fellowshiping and sharing discoveries about our readings! We are studying the Gospel of John and learning so many interesting facts about this author: "The Gospel according to John is unique among the Gospels. Replacing the short pithy teachings of Jesus are long soliloquies about the nature and mission of Jesus. In John there are a myriad of contrasts: light and dark, blind and sighted, flesh and spirit, truth and lies, life and death, Jesus and the world." There is always room for one more at the table. Why not check us out? Contacts: Mike Benton, John Paylor, Elaine Parvin

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible and God's plan for your life?

There is a group of men and women from our community that meets at Berwyn Methodist Church on Tuesday evenings for discussion and fellowship. We will be studying the book of 1 Samuel beginning January 7, 2014. This unique Bible study series may be used by people who know nothing about the Bible, as well as by more knowledgeable believers. Why not give us a try? We meet from 7-8:30 pm. All that is required is your attendance and your Bible. Study books are \$25.00 and can be purchased that evening. Questions? *See Elaine Parvin*

THE BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE 2013-2014

| | <u>Reviewer</u> | <u>Host/Hostess</u> |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------|
| February 18, 2014 | Barb Mckenney | Barb Mckenney 610-644-2469 |
| | <u>Mr Churchill's Secretary</u> by Susan Ella MacNeal | |
| March 19, 2014 | John Edinger | Betsy Lang 610-644-8259 |
| | <u>Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves</u> by Henry Wiencek | |
| April 16, 2014 | Nancy Atchison | Ann West 610-687-0222 |
| | <u>Defending Jacob</u> by William Landay | |
| May 21, 2014 | Chuck Parvin | TBD |
| | <u>The Great Divorce</u> by C.S. Lewis | |

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

Celebrating 100 Years!

Greetings to relatives and friends of Mabel Williams who will be 100 years old on February 13th. In celebration of this big day, we are planning a card tree so Mom can remember the big day into the future. If you would like to participate, please mail your birthday cards to arrive before February 8th to:

Mabel Williams, c/o 9 Sycamore Circle, Paoli, PA 19301.

Thank you for helping to make this a special day for Mabel.

WE COLLECTED A LOT OF STICKERS!

What does 2,840 Acme Savings Stickers redeem? Eight complete place settings of red, blue and orange Rachel Ray Dinnerware, nine complete place settings of green dinnerware, and two dinner plates of each color to use as serving pieces. For each \$10.00 that was spent at your local Acme Market, they gave out one savings sticker. So that meant the BUMC congregation spent \$28,400.00 during the Dinnerware campaign. WOW - that's a lot of calories! WOW - that's a lot of dishes! You are AMAZING. As Psalm 34:3 says, "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together." Together, we have accomplished a great goal and together we will help some families in our community. These dishes are now stored on shelving in the basement, being held for a family in need. Gary will use his pastor's discretion to direct the distribution of the dishes.

Thank you - each and every one of you - for your contribution to this outreach to help someone less fortunate. Truly we are blessed to be able to share with others.

Carol Williams, Chair

MECCA



B.U.M.C YOUTH NEWS

Happy and Joyous New Year Every,

I hope that your holiday season was full of love and joy with family and friends you know. December was an awesome month filled with both youth and young adults gathering. The youth had a large scavenger hunt and dinner. This scavenger hunt lasted over 2 hours parading all over Berwyn, Paoli and Devon. This hunt included pictures, questions, and just plain embarrassing tasks to be done. Some of these activities included the following:

Sing jingle bells as a group with a complete stranger. Have a stranger spell out spandex. My favorite of the night was taking a picture with someone over 55 giving you a high five.... This was done with a church member who will remain nameless in pier one. It was soo much fun. We had 7 youth participate. Below are a few pictures of the scavenger hunt.



I also got the chance to take two of the young adults out for a movie, good eating at Texas Road House, and bowling. We got the chance to get some good laughs in, utterly stuff our faces, get schooled in bowling, and of course get to fellowship with one another. I learned that Freddy knows how to school me in the end at bowling and that Olivia knows how to rock the bowling shoes well. We had a great time and got to make a boring Sunday fun!!!

A huge thanks to Cindy and Bernie for making the scavenger hunt such a huge success... Bernie is quiet competitive!!! Here is a friendly reminder friendly reminder that the **hoagie and chili sales are due by January 30th**. You can hand the forms to me. Happy New Year everyone!! It's weird its already 2014!! May God bless and use you in powerful ways this year,

Edward A. Moyer

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

God's Angels received Loud Applause!

The Children's Christmas Eve service was a BIG hit with the audience and actors! It was a family centered service with the main attraction being the GOD'S ANGELS Christmas Play! The cast members included: Campbell Wolov (as God), Isabel Adams, Sofia Montaner, Olivia Jarrin (3 angels), Mackenzie Hogan (Mary), Henry Fuerst (Joseph), Heidi Renneissen, Rayna Shallcross, Cadence Gaiski, Beckett Gaiski (Shepherds and sheep), Tanner Wolov, Jake Hogan, Owen Renneissen (Wise Men). A special thanks goes to Joy Fuerst, Wendy Wolov, and Kelly DeFlavia for being my "behind the scenes" stage hands!

The service continued with a congregation-wide sing-a-long of new, and better known Christmas Carols accompanied by Pastor Gary and Brett Shallcross playing guitar. The Lords Supper was received followed by the glowing lights of candles and glow sticks as we sang Silent Night! The magic and miracle of Christmas was witnessed throughout the Children's Christmas Eve Service, and lasted through the night in the eyes of our children and their families.



SAVE THESE DATES!

February 13th-Ash Wednesday

****February 14th-Club Berwyn * 6:30-8:30**

****March 9th-Lenten Fair-A Family Event featuring Good Food, Good Crafts and Great Fellowship!**

9:15-10:15 in Schieck Hall

****April 13-Palm Sunday**

****April 19th- Gloria Saturday Continental Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt-9:30am**

****April 20th - Easter Service**

****July 13th-17th- Vacation Bible School**

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THESE TO FOLLOW! STAY TUNED!

MARK YOU CALENDARS

February Soups

Soupy Thursday continues during February. Take outs are available starting at 5PM each week. If you are going to eat in it is available from 6-7PM. February soups are: 2/6 – lentil, 2/13 – cream of cauliflower, 2/20 – chicken noodle, 2/27 – New England clam chowder.

Super Bowl Sub/Chili Sale

The Youth will be holding a submarine sandwich and chili sale on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014. This project will benefit the upcoming summer ASP trip.

Six inch Italian, turkey and ham subs will be available for \$5.00 each. Chili will also be available at \$5.00/Qt. Please turn in your order forms to the church office or Ed Moyer no later than Wed. Jan. 29. (Please see the attached order form in this issue of the Lighted Cross). The subs and chili will be available for pick up from the church kitchen beginning at 3PM on Feb. 2.

All Supper Club Potluck Dinner

The annual All Supper Club Potluck dinner will be held in Schieck Hall on Sat. Feb. 22, 2014. This is the chance for all of the supper club members to get together under one roof and have an enjoyable evening of food and fun. The event will start at 6pm. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. A program will be held after the meal.

Please let Sally Robie know that you will be attending. Reservations please by Wed. Feb. 19th.

New supper clubs are forming at this time. If you are not currently in a supper club but would like to join one, now is the time. Please contact Sally to let her know your interest.

Upcoming Events:

Sun. March 9 – Sunday School Lenten Fair and Pancake breakfast

Sat. April 5 – Pasta Dinner to benefit Berwyn Fire Co. and ASP trip

Sun. May 18 – Adult Fellowship Progressive Supper

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your caring during my recent surgery and radiation. The calls, notes, cards, prayer shawl and food were appreciated more than you can imagine. I carried my prayer square where ever I went at Lankenau Hospital. I told the Dr. he was being prayed for and he asked questions about our Church. My beautiful prayer shawl was over me when I was in recovery. I had told the nurses in the operating room about it and of our prayer shawl ministry. I used my shawl over the gown when I was in treatment. Many asked about it and I was able to give out the brochure. I gave out some of the prayer squares to a coordinator. She called last week with the story of one of them.

We have a wonderful, caring congregation that one does not fully appreciate until you are on the receiving end.

Thank you for being that congregation and being with me the past 3 1/2 months.

With love,

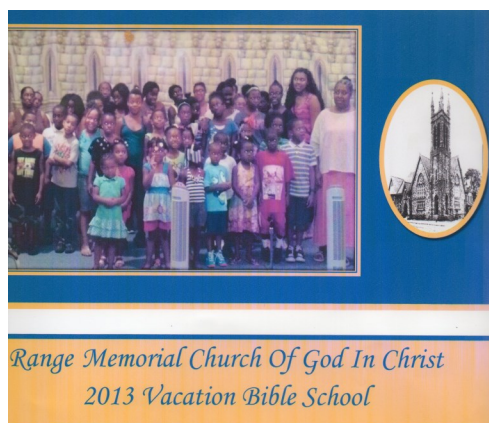
Judy Fisk



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women are about the business of mission, whether it be far away or close to home. In spring of 2013, Sue Denisevitz shared a need of a co-worker and her church in Chester, PA. Range Memorial Church of God in Christ sponsors a Vacation Bible School attended by 50+ children. It seems many of the children come hungry to the late afternoon VBS. These are children who reside in a difficult area and a church trying its best to teach and support them. Sue brought her interest in helping her co-worker Elaine's church with BUMW. Happily some funds donated by the Dwyer family in memory of Amy were available and we were able to provide \$250.00 to Range Memorial for supplies and food. On February 2 Elaine Wright and VBS Director Regina Robinson will be our guests for our luncheon meeting to tell us more about their church program.

Please join us in welcoming our sisters in mission on 2/2/13 following 10:30 worship in the library.



Thanks to Sue Denisevitz for hosting the UMW Advent Brunch December 7, 2013

BOOK / MEDIA SUMMARIES FROM CHURCH LIBRARY

ADULT

Hearing the Parables of Jesus by PHEME PERKINS, c1981 published by Paulist Press. [226.806 Per]

In recent years researchers from disciplines in the humanities have joined Scripture scholars and theologians in examining these unique stories of Jesus, his parables. This book is a guide to help readers respond to the central questions about each parable: What is the parable saying? and How do I respond to this story? The format makes it suitable for use by an individual, by a class or as part of an adult education program.

CHILDREN

God In Between by SANDY EISENBERG SASSO, c1998, published by Jewish Lights Publishing. [J 211 Sas]
Reading Level – Pre-School (ages 1-5)

Endorsed by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders, this book takes children on a sweet and holy journey into God's presence where they discover the truth that God is really everywhere. "Sandy Sasso's books consistently present images of God in healthful and imaginative ways." Rev. Patricia Rae Kessel, Associate Pastor, Columbia City UMC, Indiana.

FEBRUARY 2, 2014
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY SUBMARINE
SANDWICH & CHILI SALE

6" Hoagies- Italian, Ham, Turkey \$5 each

Includes choice of American or Provolone Cheese
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions

Chili - \$5.00/Qt

Orders due by Wednesday, Jan. 29th

Submit your order to Ed Moyer or the Church office.

Subs and Chili will be ready for pick up at 3:00 PM

Proceeds will benefit our ASP Mission trip and Youth Program.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Chili _____ Qt(s)

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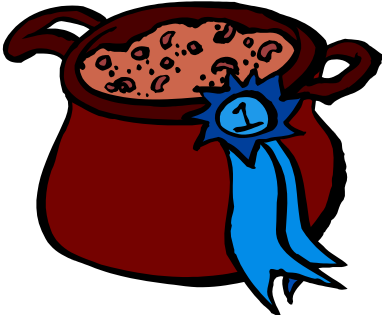
American Cheese Provolone Cheese Lettuce Tomatoes Onions

Ham _____

American Cheese Provolone Cheese Lettuce Tomatoes Onions

Turkey _____

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

Narthex Greeter

Flower Delivery

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| Feb 2 | Judy Fisk | Carol Williams |
| Feb 9 | TBA | Barbara Borst |
| Feb 16 | Sue Farina | Sue Farina |
| Feb 23 | Jack Campbell | Jane McDowell |

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: February 12

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 February 12. The next issue is scheduled to be delivered by postal mail by February 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website.

Church Phone:
610-644-5555
Office E-mail:
officebumc@comcast.net
Church Website:
berwynumc.org
Office Hours:
Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m-2 p.m.

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

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| 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 |
| Children's Coordinator: Cynthia Shallcross | Youth Coordinator: Ed Moyer |

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



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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