



# THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR CHURCH EVENTS & THE GLOBAL CHURCH PLEASE FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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**WEBSITE:**

[www.berwynumc.org](http://www.berwynumc.org)

**WEBSITE:**

[www.epaumc.org](http://www.epaumc.org) (Eastern PA Conference of UMC)

**WEBSITE:** [umnews.org](http://umnews.org) (United Methodist News)

## 2022 Graduates!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATE. CONTACT AMY DODDS WITH YOUR STUDENT'S NAME, SCHOOL NAME AND DEGREE, ANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT, AND FUTURE PLANS. PLEASE SEND GRADUATE DETAILS TO [DODDS\\_A@MSN.COM](mailto:DODDS_A@MSN.COM) BY MAY 15.



*Blessed Be the ties  
that Bind*

Join us as our Communities  
worship together at 10am

**May 15**

**Berwyn United  
Methodist Church**

140 Waterloo Ave  
Rev. Sarah Weisiger  
preaching

**May 22**

**Trinity Presbyterian  
Church**

640 Berwyn Ave  
Rev. Rodney Brailsford  
preaching

[www.trinityberwyn.com](http://www.trinityberwyn.com)

[www.berwynumc.org](http://www.berwynumc.org)



Jane Harris

The nursery school year has flown by. It is almost the end of our school year. It is a bittersweet time of year as we will be saying goodbye to some of our families and celebrating our 5 Day children as they prepare to leave us and continue their journey to kindergarten. But we also welcome spring as a time of renewal and we encourage the children to observe the changes outside their classroom. We will also be observing caterpillars as they turn into butterflies.

This year has again posed many challenges but we have worked through them with the support of our families and we are hopeful for the next school year. If you know anyone who is looking for a nurturing happy place to send their child, please pass on my email to them, [director@bumns.org](mailto:director@bumns.org). We would love to welcome them to our school. We would like to wish everyone a safe and good summer and look forward to returning in September.



**SPRING CABIN SALE** *Stephanie Borelly*

The Spring Cabin Sale was a wonderful success.

Our total profit was over \$900.00 with proceeds from online furniture sales still coming in.

We experienced a little winter weather, a summer-like storm and Saturday was an absolutely BEAUTIFUL spring day!

I want to thank everyone who helped make it happen: BSA Troop 181, Cindy, Judy, Carol, Kathy, Laurel, Sally, Claudia, Judith and Sue.

It was a wonderful way to clean out the Scout Cabin and earn a couple of bucks in the process.

We are hoping to do this again in the Fall and continue on with our Annual Fall Festival.

**Save the date – 2022 Fall Festival 10/8 from 9AM – 2PM**



**WANTED!**  
**TRUSTEES NEEDS YOUR HELP**



LOOKING FOR ANY EXTRA "PAIR OF HANDS" OR RETIRED HANDYMAN/WOMAN WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE VARIOUS TASKS TO MAINTAIN THE CHURCH PROPERTY. THIS INCLUDES PHONE CALLS, MINOR JOBS, ASSISTANCE ETC....

IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE TRUSTEES!



Contact Darlene Spofford at [darspoff@aol.com](mailto:darspoff@aol.com)

**THANK YOU FROM UNITED METHODIST NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES** *Jeff Barger*

Millicent Clark, Director of UMNS, was very appreciative of our donations from Feed the 5000 event. We collected 27 bags of groceries which will go to food needy families.

We made \$200+ from the Pi Day Bake Sale event. The money will help fund our new BUMC Food Pantry. Thank you to our generous and loving congregation.

**Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff**

Pastor: Rodney Brailsford

Sexton: Over Caicedo

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Lay Leader: Amy Dodds

Organist/Director of Music: John Lewis

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz

*You can view any Sunday Worship Service on our YouTube Channel Berwyn UMC*

**PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM** *Stephanie Borelly*

Thanks to all who participated!  
I am tallying up mileage – currently we are around 800 - 1000 miles. This gets us to Bermuda! (I was keeping us out of the Ocean for those non-swimmers!)

Not quite to Jerusalem, but a very nice place to plant our toes in the sand!  
If there are additional miles you would like to add here is my contact information:  
[borellysteph6@gmail.com](mailto:borellysteph6@gmail.com) Or Text me at 610-299-6254



May 1— 3pm to 5pm South District Conference (That's Us!)

May 4—3pm or 6:30pm via Zoom Listening Session with Bishop John Schol

May 20-22 Annual Conference via Zoom

You can register for all of these events by going to this website: <https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/south-district-conference>



**24 Ryan Anderson**

**24 Steve Cherry**

**28 May Dickenson**

**30 Jim Spofford**



**PROGRESSIVE SUPPER** *Rick Stoker*

Here is the info for the Progressive Supper Sunday May 22, starts at 4pm.

Appetizers: at home of Pastor Rodney and Lauren

Main course: at home of Jim and Darlene Spofford.

Entree will be beef burgundy over noodles.

Dessert: at the home of Judith Millsap.

Reservations will be taken on May 8 & 15. Please think about what you might like to bring.



Thank you for all of the sympathy cards, love, and support, it is greatly appreciated. Your thoughts of my family during this difficult time of losing our mother, Hui Chen Ku have been very encouraging. The many acts of kindness are helping me through a difficult time. Thank you, John Ku

Dear Berwyn Family,

This month, we honor the mothers in our lives as we celebrate Mother's Day. I would like to thank all the women who have accepted the significant responsibility of being a mother. We all bear a debt to you. The gratitude we offer this weekend to mothers barely expresses what we truly owe to our mothers. We thank you, and we love you.

Mothers instinctively tend to put everyone else first. They spend their days caring for people who are, at times, helpless to care for themselves. Often, it seems, Mothers spend so much time and energy caring for others that they may forget to care for themselves. Even after their children are grown, they may still operate like they did when they were small and helpless. It could be said that Mothers just do not know how to follow that familiar safety lesson we hear before a flight takeoff – “put on your own oxygen mask before assisting others!”

Remember when Mary and Martha had Jesus over as their guest and Jesus rebuked Martha? Caught up in the tasks she felt she must do to serve her guest, Martha forgot how much she needed to be present to receive the authentic Jesus. Her sister, however, chose the better option: having her soul fed by listening to Jesus. This Scripture reminds us of the importance of a mother taking the time to prioritize her own self-care.

We all need to feed our spirits. When we do so, we acknowledge we are finite creatures who cannot do it all, who cannot survive on our strength alone. When mothers pause from the stressors of life to pray, they are giving their children a positive example of praying and spending much needed time with the Lord.

Our minds and spirits need daily sustenance just as our bodies need daily nourishment. Without this, we become weak and undernourished in spirit and mind. When I feel starved in my spirit, my stores of hope, peace, and grace deplete. It is not wise to neglect to feed my heart with the grace of God; starving myself makes my spirit weaker. We cannot grow to be like Christ if we do not know him. And we will not know who Jesus is if we do not spend time with him.

In marriage, parents work to find the balance between the needs of their children and the needs of the couple's relationship. Their love for each other will create a home for their children filled with peace, kindness, security, and joy. Yes, their time with their children may be less, but the blessings are more. In the same way, mothers need to take time to grow spiritually, receive God's graces, and rest in God's loving arms. “Put on your own oxygen mask before assisting others!”

Your family may be doing things for you this weekend, expressing their deep love for you. Count on that love every day and not just this weekend, then take time to be with the Lord. Trust that your spiritual growth will be a powerful gift to all who know you.

To all the mothers in our congregation, I thank God for you and the loving ways you care, not just for your family at home, but for your BUMC family as well. We are blessed by every one of your giving and nurturing spirits! I pray you will take time to care for yourself this Mother's Day and always.

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Rodney



**THE MANY GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP** *Steve Cherry*



St. Paul was all over people of the church to give back. He would visit and write to various churches around the Mediterranean, even from prison making sure they knew, NOT that everyone is the same, but that contributing something is needed for the fellowship to thrive. He didn't want anyone to miss the importance of the fabulous gifts that participants bring to the faith community. He was very encouraging, straight forward and sometimes adamant on this point.

He loved to point out that people are different – good at different things. Some are good at prophecy (talking about what's important), some at providing service (looking after neighbors), some at making contributions (writing out generous checks), some at teaching (many things are complicated now), some at working miracles (fixing computers). [see Romans 11]. In all these ways, Paul says, every church friend is a critical part and all kinds of talents are needed.

It would have been good if Paul had included making MUSIC. It's always been part of faith community experience and persons who can and would make music are needed. We think back to the special music of Holy Week and Easter in April. The end-result of BUMC people singing along with hired musicians was wonder-filled and uplifting.

The music has and will continue to bless the BUMC community, thanks to John Lewis and music makers. Those who support specific ministries, allow for creative expression to augment worship and spirit filled living. SO, as we even now begin to plan for the Fall and holiday season, your designated gifts to the music program will expand possibilities for artistic, musical expression.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE to the music program, make checks payable to Berwyn UMC, and mark the memo line "Choir Fund."



**EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A SUCCESS!**



**MISSION:**

“Worshipping God, Serving Jesus,  
Loving Others”

**VISION:**

“We are a diverse community of socially conscious believers affirming our faith in Jesus Christ through action”

# Your Gifts to Berwyn United Methodist Church

*-Investing in our beloved community of faith-*



## Dynamic Worship

\$172,000

Gathering together to worship and celebrate God. Embracing the grace of sharing in community as we gain clarity about life's meaning, and the hope to live richly and fully in this life.

**Online Worship Service · Seasonal Services · Lessons & Carols · Communion Sunday · Christmas Eve Candlelight Service · Special Music & Instrumentalists · Altar Flowers · Holy Week Services**



35 percent

**Our Vision:**  
"We are committed to being a diverse community of socially conscious believers, affirming our faith in Jesus Christ through action."  
**How Do We Do This?**  
*By Worshipping God, Serving Jesus & Loving Others.*



37 percent

## Outreach & Passionate Service

\$178,000

Ministries and missions beyond the walls of the church building. Engaging and sharing with all God's children and serving those who need it most.

**Feed the 5000 · Trunk or Treat · HUB Ministry · Christmas Gifts Drive · Walk to Jerusalem · Neighborhood Fair · Pop Up Food Pantry · School Backpack Drives · Mission Trips · Guardian Angels · Soupy Thursday · BUM Nursery School · Easter Egg Hunt**



## Witnessing our Christian Faith

\$64,000

Teaching and sharing our Christian faith through word and deed - so others can experience the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.

**Vacation Bible School · Choir · ETC Sunday School · Prayer Shawl Ministry · Prayer Chain Ministry · St. Andrew's Devotionals · Bible Study · Adult Sunday School · Love Renegades · Lenten Prayer Stations · Church Greeters and Ushers · Spirit Cafe · Homebound Member Visitation**

13 percent

15 percent



## Nurturing Fellowship

\$73,000

Preparing, equipping and loving people within our community - things we do for those who come to God's church.

**Fall Festival · Christmas Brunch · Steak Fry · United Methodist Women · Harvest Dinner · Pi Day · United Methodist Men · Carols & Cocoa · Widows Support Group · Card Ministry Team**



## Our Mission Statement

Worshipping God, Serving Jesus, Loving Others

## Our Vision Statement

We are a diverse community of socially conscious believers affirming our faith in Jesus Christ through action

## Worship Schedule

Sundays	10 AM	In Person Worship in Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/ Church Website/YouTube

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