

THE LIGHTED CROSS



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Upcoming Events

Oct 7—Blessing of the Animals

Oct 14—Fall Fest

Oct 28—Trunk or Treat

Adult Sunday School Class, ETC (Every Topic Considered) meets in person and online every Sunday at 8:30am. Contact church office for link.

FALL FESTIVAL *Steph Borelly*

The annual BUMC Fall Festival is right around the corner, October 14! We need volunteers to help with set-up, sales and clean up. Currently we are collecting knick-knacks, wooden furniture, lamps, books, jewelry and kitchen odds and ends (pots, pans, etc). If you have any questions please feel free to reach out with any questions.

The Scout Cabin will be open on:
M/W/F afternoons—connect with Cindy prior to drop offs
Sundays: 10/1, 10/8
Thursday 10/12 and Friday 10/13

We hope to have a few artisans joining us this year. They will be selling wooden baskets, crocheted items, and candles. A honey vendor may join as well, but I will also have her information for anyone interested in online purchases.

If you would like to contribute to the Bake Sale please contact Cindy Shallcross to volunteer or donate baked goods. Cindy's contact information is cbcampbell30@netscape.net or 610-644-4653.



October Events

Oct 7 Blessing of the Animals
Oct 14 Fall Fest & Flea Market
Oct 28 Trunk or Treat

140 Waterloo Ave
Berwyn, PA
www.berwynumc.org

Our Mission
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.

Ministry of the People is supported by the Staff

Pastor: Kevin Rutledge

Lay Leader: Amy Dodds

Sexton: Over Caicedo

Admin. Assistant: Veronica Mosley

Organist/Director of Music:

Nursery Assist: Eliza Chumpitaz



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Saturday, Oct 7 11am
Berwyn United Methodist Church parking lot
140 Waterloo Ave

<https://www.berwynumc.org/EventDetail/64>



Bring your princesses and super heroes to collect treats at this FREE community event. Bring your family and friends! Open to all kids of all ages and abilities.



Trunk or Treat
Saturday, Oct 28
3pm to 5pm



Berwyn United Methodist Church
140 Waterloo Ave www.berwynumc.org

Dear Berwyn Church Family,

As we stand at the threshold of a new season in the life of our church, a season marked by introspection and renewal, it's natural to feel a sense of both sadness and celebration. We find ourselves in a time when we are called to spend less, shed excess expenses, and even repurpose our facilities. Each ministry or way of being the church we must let go of is like a beloved leaf on a tree that has brought beauty and vitality during its time. However, we must remember that letting go is not a sign of failure but a testament to our church's capacity for growth and change, just as it is for the trees in the fall.

Ministries as Leaves on a Tree: Consider for a moment the image of a mighty tree standing tall in the forest. As the seasons shift and the days grow shorter, the tree sheds its leaves, letting go of the vibrant symbols of life that once adorned its branches. From one perspective, this act of shedding leaves can be perceived as a loss, akin to how we may lament the closure of a cherished church ministry.

But let us view this through a different lens—a lens that acknowledges the profound wisdom of nature and faith. Just as the tree releases its leaves to prepare for the next season, we, too, must make decisions about our ministries to ensure our church's vitality and mission. Like the tree, we're not failing; we're evolving and adapting to meet new needs.

The Spiritual Lessons in Change: In the face of change, we are reminded of the spiritual journey that we all embark upon. Change is an essential part of life and can be challenging and beautiful. These changes may seem like a painful loss, but it's also an opportunity for new growth and transformation.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NIV) reminds us: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot." Just as the fallen leaves nourish the soil for future growth in the forest, the lessons and experiences from our past ministries enrich the fertile ground of our church community.

The Blessings of Renewal and Dormancy: In this season of transition, let us remember that each decision is guided by faith and a vision for the future. We celebrate the life and impact of every ministry that has graced our church and cherish the spiritual growth and connections they have fostered.

As we enter this time of change, we must also acknowledge the spiritual significance of dormancy. Just as trees seem asleep, dormant, or even dead during the winter months, they are, in fact, resting, regrouping, and preparing for new growth that comes with the following spring.

Without the shedding of leaves and the restful winter period, the tree would die, and no new life would be possible. Similarly, in our church, by letting go of ministries that may have served their purpose, we create space for spiritual renewal and the emergence of new, vibrant ministries.

Closing: Dear friends, may we move forward with hearts filled with gratitude for the past and hope for the future. Let us not view these changes as failures but as opportunities for God's grace and purpose to manifest in our church's life.

With faith in our hearts and a vision for a stronger, more vibrant church community, let us embark on this journey of change together. Just as the tree sheds its leaves to prepare for the next season's growth, we, too, let go of what was to make way for what will be. And in the dormant seasons, let us find rest and renewal, trusting that God's plan is unfolding and new life will spring forth.

Pastor Kevin Rutledge



2023 HOLIDAY TOY, GIFT & GIFT CARD DRIVE

THANK YOU FOR DONATING ONLY NEW & UNWRAPPED GIFTS!

We are moving up our in-hand submission date to the Week of December 11

Young Children: Infants & Toddlers

Board Books, Toddler Toys, Mr. Potato Head, Peg Puzzles, Push & Ride-on Toys, Bibs, Diapers & Wipes

Pre-School: Ages 3-5 Years

Age-Appropriate Books, Mr/Ms Potato Head, Age-Appropriate Toys, Safe Blocks, Art Supplies (Paints, Finger Paints, Markers), Playdough, Fun Foam, Kinetic Sand, Craft Supplies (Ribbon, Yarn, Fabric, etc), Trucks, Cars, Active Toys, Dolls (African American, Latino, Other), Wooden Puzzles, Dress Up Clothing & Accessories, Learning Games

Elementary School: Ages 6-10 Years

Action Figures, Legos, 30 to 50 Piece Puzzles, Age-Appropriate Books, Sports Equipment, Team Apparel, Arts & Crafts Supplies, Trucks, Train & Car Sets, Dolls (African American, Latino, etc.)

Middle School: Ages 11-14 Years

Age-Appropriate Books, Bi-Lingual Books & Games, Arts & Crafts Supplies, Science Kits, Robotic Sets, Beauty & Grooming Items, Sports Equipment, Team Apparel, Jewelry, Video Games, Gaming Systems

High School: Ages 15-18 Years

Age-Appropriate Books, Gift Cards, Arts & Crafts Supplies, Sports Equipment, Beauty & Grooming Items, Jewelry, Video Games, Gaming Systems

Young Adult: Ages 18-24 Years

Pillows & Twin Comforters, Twin Bed Sheets & Mattress Protectors, Towel Sets & Washcloths, Shower Curtains & Liners, Dish Cloths, Board Games, Journals, Small Room Trash Cans, Dish Sets, Pots/Pans

Adults in Our Programs

Books, Jewelry, Beauty & Grooming Items, Personal Care Baskets, Hats, Scarves, Watches



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Ways To Participate

ONLINE: Make a secure online donation via methodistservices.org & click “Donate Now” and Choose Holiday Gift in the drop-down menu.

BY MAIL: Make a cash donation via check, payable to Methodist Services. Mail to:
Methodist Services, 4300 Monument Road, Philadelphia, PA 19131 ATTN: Holiday Gift

DROP OFF & PICK UP – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

If you’d like to donate new, unwrapped toys or gifts, gift cards, or arts & crafts, contact Carole Boughter at cboughter@methodistservices.org or 215.877.1925 ext.104

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Our families treasure Gift Cards of any value from Target, Kohl’s, Walmart, Best Buy & Old Navy. Please mark the amount of the Gift Card on the envelope. Many of our programs serve young children and families who would also benefit from the donation of NEW car seats, bouncy seats, high chairs, boxes of disposable diapers (all sizes) and other baby care items. We also appreciate receiving wrapping paper, gift bags and bows.



The nursery school has returned and once again the hallways are full of happy smiles and children’s laughter. There have been a few tears from our youngest friends but they will soon dry up. Every year It always amazes us how quickly the children adapt to their new environments and routines. October brings field trips to the pumpkin patch and Halloween. We will be having our annual Halloween parade at the end of October. Thank you to the church for the invitation to the BUMC Trunk and Treat on October 28th. Please take a look at all the happy faces in the ‘First day at BUMNS’ photos on the notice board inside the entrance to the nursery school.



Thank you!

Many thanks to the person or persons who generously donated a case of King Arthur flour and a case of pink salmon to the food pantry this week. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS


Contact church office
to update Birthday information

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To keep up with local, national and global church news follow:

BUMC Newsletter:
The Lighted Cross

 BUMCservice

 Bumcares

 YouTube Berwyn UMC

Church Website:
www.berwynumc.org

Eastern PA Conference website:
www.epaumc.org

UM News website:
www.umnews.org



**BUMC
Pantry Open
Tuesdays 9am to noon**

**OCTOBER PANTRY
NEEDS**

**Breakfast Bars
Granola Bars
Cooking Oil**

**Drop items off in the bin
in the narthex.**

*To share church events and member news in *The Lighted Cross*, please submit them via our website www.berwynumc.org/media-resources.

*To include items in the church bulletin, email the church office at Office-bumc@comcast.net.

BUMC LIBRARY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS *Marjorie Smink*

Each book for the next several months comes from the library of Rev. Dr. William T. Cherry, father of BUMC member, Rev. Steve Cherry. Bill Cherry passed away in 2020.

Middle Church: Reclaiming the Moral Values of the Faithful Majority from the Religious Right by Bob Edgar, c2006 [277.3 Edg]

Bob Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (the leading U.S. organization in the movement for Christian unity) is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church – and the author of this book. He has been a pastor, teacher, college chaplain, Claremont School of Theology president, and six-term member of the U.S. House of Representative from the Seventh District of Pennsylvania. Edgar contends that the radical religious right has placed the wrong issues (opposition to gay marriage, abortion, and stem-cell research) at the forefront of the moral agenda for America. The moral issues that are central to America's faithful majority (Middle Church) are peace, poverty, and planet Earth. Middle Church is the place where people of faith – Christians, Jews, Muslims – can come together and replace tolerance, social justice, and love at the top of our country's political agenda.



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Worship Schedule

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

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