

THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Berwyn UMC



Worshipping God.
Serving Jesus, Loving Others



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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

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www.epaumc.org (Eastern PA Conference of UMC)

WEBSITE: umnews.org
(United Methodist News)

“ask not – but renew” *Steven Cherry, Finance Team*

John F Kennedy recently came to mind, along with his 1961 inaugural speech: ‘ask not what your country can do for you ... but what you can do for your country.’ Thinking about stewardship, there’s this underlying thread of invitation to join the community, working together for the cause, being a part of a collective mission.

Fallout from pandemic includes a lingering, we hope not permanent, distance among church community constituents, maybe even an increasingly passive approach to church engagement and participation mainly as an observer. But the nature of covenant community is engagement that includes ‘...what you can do for your church.’

Berwyn UMC is at a pivotal point – a crossroad if you will. The congregation has been spending reserves to maintain basic operations for several years. It is alarming and obviously not sustainable, such that 2022 will be critical financially. So, year 2022 must to be for BUMC a year of study, prayer, renewal and invitation to engage.

The newly designed Team Ministry structure can be used to invite and encourage participation and there will be regular opportunities for all to contribute financially to specific projects and initiatives. Furthermore, special events conducted and planned are pleasant to enjoy. They are ALSO invitations to re-engage. They’re designed to augment the life of the congregation and help rebuild fellowship.

No matter your connection to the congregation, you are invited to join in. You’re an important part of the community. If you’ve been away, welcome back. If you have a request or an idea, we’re listening. Come join us.



Take out will be available each week from 5pm-6:30pm. Soup will be \$5.00/Qt., bread will be \$3.00/loaf and cookies will be 3 for a \$1.00. We ask that you please bring your own container for the soup.

If you are coming to Schieck Hall to eat your soup it will be available from 5:30pm-6:30pm. There will be a free will offering taken for the soup. Soup, bread, cookies and beverage will be offered each week.

SOUPY THURSDAY RETURNS

- Jan 6 corn chowder
- Jan 13 lentil
- Jan 20 tortellini
- Jan 27 cream of broccoli
- Feb 3 chili
- Feb 10 cauliflower cheese
- Feb 17 vegetable
- Feb 24 New England clam chowder

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A Late Thank You

On behalf of the Sharpless/Spofford families, we want to Thank Everyone for their caring and kindness during the most difficult time in our lives.

On Sunday, November 21st 2021, a huge piece of our family and hearts was taken from us as Heaven gained the best angel.

My dad/grandfather, Dick Sharpless was not only a huge support system for us, (our family) but for too many people to count.

He always had the biggest smile on his face, and worked tirelessly to put everyone else's needs before his own.

He was truly the best and most selfless man I knew, and life will not be the same without him.

We will miss him tremendously.

Darlene Spofford



FIFTH SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

There will be a Fellowship Breakfast held in Schieck Hall in lieu of service in the Sanctuary on these Sundays.

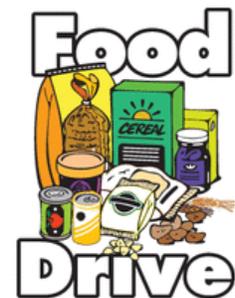
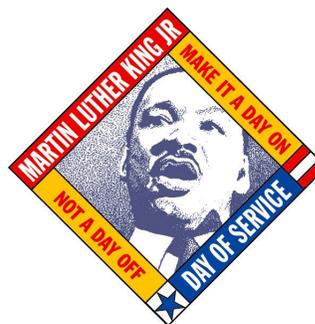
The dates for 5th Sundays are

- Jan. 30th
- May 29th
- July 31st
- Oct. 30th

Look out for details in your email this week.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE

There will be a food drive for BUMC's new **Pop-Up Food Pantry**, on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Donate/drop off non-perishables food items at the church and help set up/organize our food pantry.



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

Dear Berwyn Family,

Happy 2022! It is hard to believe that 2021 has come and gone and we have experienced so much change together. I pray that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas season and the opportunity to rest over the last days of 2021.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians 5:17 says, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” This passage reminds us that our lives are in Christ and that whatever is behind us stays behind us. Theologically, as Methodists, we are called to remember our baptismal covenant and the Word of God spoken to us regarding forgiveness. Each day, Christ calls us to repent and wash away all we have done to cause harm and begin anew with a clean slate. As we repent and give away the things that have turned us from God, our neighbors, and ourselves, we start again as a new creation in Christ. We can look ahead, as new creations, instead of dwelling on past failures.

As we speak of looking ahead to the new year, it is worth pointing out that January is named after the Roman god Janus. Janus is pictured as a man with two faces, and one face is looking backward and the other forward. The beginning of a new year is a time to review the past and plan for the future. We cannot change the past; however, a person can receive forgiveness for failures. The hope is that we learn from past mistakes. This new creation and making all things new may undoubtedly be a lofty goal, but we can make a difference when we try it.

In Philippians 4:2-9, one can find five godly goals for 2022.

The goals are:

1. Repair a broken relationship. (Phil. 4:2).
2. Rejoice in your relationship with the Lord Jesus. (Phil. 4:4).
3. Reflect Jesus’ gentleness. (Phil. 4:5).
4. Rest in God’s loving care. (Phil. 4:6-7).
5. Reverse destructive thinking. (Phil. 4:8).

Make time to read the verses that connect to each goal. Remember that whatever God commands us to do or not to do, God will give us the power to obey God’s Word. The Bible says, “It is God who works in [us] to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Phil. 2:13).

I look forward to a healthy and prosperous new year for all of us! I continue to pray for all of you and hope you are healthy and well. Though we cannot completely close ourselves off from the realities that constantly bombard us from the outside of our lives, we can undoubtedly open our hearts and minds to God calling out to us in love, walking with us, upholding us, and strengthening us. May God bless you richly, and may you have a happy and prosperous New Year!

Blessings,

Pastor Rodney

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Our Mission Statement

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Our Vision Statement

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Worship Schedule

Sundays	9:30AM	In Person Worship in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	On-Line Worship on Facebook Live/ Church Website/YouTube

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