

THE LIGHTED CROSS

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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www.berwynumc.org

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WEBSITE: umnews.org
(United Methodist News)

HARVEST DINNER 2021 *Rick Stoker*

Harvest Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 17. Worship that Sunday will be held at 9:30am and the dinner will be served at 12pm. We have extended the invitation to our brothers and sisters at Paoli United Methodist Church. The meal will feature roast turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, 2 vegetables, salad, bread and assorted desserts. The cost for the meal will be \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for children 5-10 and free for children under 5. Reservations will be required. You can make your reservations at church on Oct. 3 or 10 or call or email the church office.

We hope most of our church family can attend as it will be the first time that we will really be able to be together in a fellowship setting in a very long time.



LOVE RENEGADES *Paula Renneisen & Yattah Jones*

The Love Renegades Ministry (alliance between New Life UMC and Berwyn UMC) will host its 4th annual outdoor worship experience **Prayer and Praise Rally for PEACE** in Upper Darby, PA at the 69th Street Transportation Center on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00am (rain date is 10/16/21). We are grateful for another year and look forward to lifting up our joys and concerns to the Lord through prayer, song, spoken word, poetry and dance! As you may know, there is a lot to seek God's face on, repent from and even more to thank Him for. So, this event allows members of the body of Christ, of diverse backgrounds and the local community to come together for a 2-hour, non-stop, praise and worship experience.

We welcome members of the community, faith groups and local representatives to attend and/or participate. We pray in between each musical/poetic/spoken word/dance selection on topics such as Healthcare, Education and Justice System. If you or someone you know would like to participate or attend, please contact us at theloverenegades@gmail.com. Myself or one of our team leaders will get back to you. Please feel free to spread the word about the event too!





Dear Friends,
 To say that I'm overwhelmed by your generosity would be an understatement. Our family is so grateful to you, for so many things. You've prayed for us through illness, through grief and through uncertainty, and that alone is immeasurable. Your love offering was such an incredible gift, and we thank you from the very bottom of our hearts.

I wish you the very best in all you do and promise to check in. Take care of one another, and continue to lift each other up. I look forward to hearing what God is working on next in Berwyn. Any and all things are possible through Him.

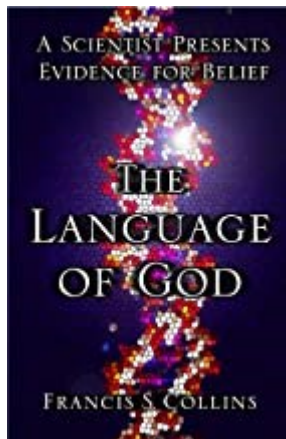
With love and gratitude,
 Amy



BUMC LIBRARY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Marjorie Smink, Church Librarian

Another new book in the BUMC library is ***The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*** by Francis S. Collins, c2006. [215 Col] The author, Francis Collins, is a physician-geneticist who is well-known for his discoveries of disease genes and his work on the Human Genome Project. He came to Christianity as an adult after growing up as an atheist and has become a proponent of the concept of theistic evolution. Theistic evolution comprises views that religious teachings about God are compatible with modern scientific understanding about biological evolution. It promotes the idea that faith in God and faith in science can be harmonious and combined into one understanding of the universe. Collins proposes a new way of thinking about an active, caring God who created humankind through the evolutionary process. Thanks to Carol Cherry for donating this powerful testament to our church library.



TIME FOR TRUNK OR TREAT *Kristine Adams*



Can you believe Halloween is almost here? First though, it is time for Trunk or Treat! Invite friends and family to join us for **Berwyn UMC's 6th Annual Trunk or Treat!** If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out goodies to the kiddos please email Kristine Adams at kidl.adams@gmail.com. Be sure to spread the word to your little ghosts and princesses that Trunk or Treat will be Oct 23 from 3pm to 5pm. Remember, this is a **FREE** event!! Children of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate.



Jane Harris

The nursery school is full of happy smiles and children's laughter once again. We had a few tears from our youngest friends to begin but they soon dried up.

The hallways will soon be full of Halloween decorations and the children are already discussing their Halloween costumes! 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.

We are also hoping to have fall field trips again this year as these take place outside. Please take a look at all the happy faces in the 'First day at BUMNS' photos on the notice board inside the door.



Dear Berwyn Family,

As we welcome the new fall season, many of us are enjoying the cooler weather, the leaves beginning to change colors and the fresh start in our lives that a new season brings! As we are experiencing the changing season in our calendar year, this is also the beginning of a new season for our congregation and church life at Berwyn UMC!

The past year and a half have been quite an unexpected journey for us. The pandemic brought changes we could not have anticipated, and it is evident that our church continues to feel their impact. Additionally, we set out to re-structure the church's administrative structure and transition to a Leadership Council and Team Ministries model this year. Through it all, it has been such a joy to serve as your Pastor and I thank you for your patience as I have worked with our Leadership Council to prayerfully discover ways to better serve our church.

This month we will be holding Team Ministries Commitment Sunday, which will be the kickoff for our team ministries model taking shape at Berwyn UMC. Prior to Team Ministries Commitment Sunday, we will be having a congregational meeting on October 10th following the Worship Service. During this meeting, Leadership Council will be introducing the new mission and vision statements we have worked on for Berwyn UMC and will further explain how team ministries will work in our congregation and answer any questions you may have.

Friends, it is no secret that change is difficult. While I am confident that God is leading our church towards increased vitality and fruitfulness through this structure change, I recognize the depth of each of your love for Berwyn UMC and that the idea of change occurring may be difficult. I pray that you will faithfully embark on this journey with our congregation with optimism for all God can do in our congregation. For this structure change to be successful, we need each of your participation and faith that God is leading us somewhere extraordinary together!

As long as I am your Pastor, I assure you that my mission here will be to lead us towards that which will lead to the highest good for Berwyn UMC and God's greatest glory. My commitment is to faithfully proclaim the Word of God to the people of Berwyn and the surrounding community through our church. My goal is for people to come to know Jesus in a personal way and be liberated to live the abundant life that Christ desires for all of us.

Throughout this season of transition, I ask for your continued prayers for our church. I pray for our renewed commitment to prayer, Scripture, mission work, genuine fellowship, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and passionate worship. Jesus shed his blood on the cross for us that we may walk in newness of life and be a source of hope, love and forgiveness to others until his kingdom comes. Our commitment to Jesus is the key to our spiritual growth. Our spiritual growth is the key to effectively impacting our community.

I am encouraged by your commitment to doing God's work through Berwyn United Methodist Church. Without your faithfulness, our doors would not be open today. Without your generosity, people would not hear the good news of Jesus. Without your labor of love, we would not be able to maintain our building. Without your joyful voices singing on Sunday mornings, our worship would be lifeless. In short, without you, we would not be a church.

I am confident that God will bless Berwyn UMC in new and miraculous ways this season. I am encouraged by the promise of Scripture, which says, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." I look forward to our growth and success. Together with Christ, there is no limit to what we can do!

Blessings,
Pastor Rodney

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



Our Mission Statement

Worshipping God, Serving Jesus, Loving Others

Our Vision Statement

We are committed to being a diverse community of socially conscious believers, affirming our faith in Jesus Christ through action.

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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