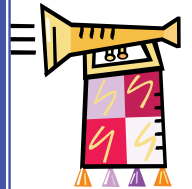


# The Trumpeter



**Good Samaritan Lutheran Church**

**October - November 2010**



**Pastor Tom O'Brien**

## From the Pastor: October 2010

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Show kids you know, the nifty new  
section Dawn created for them.

Fall, what a wonderful time of the year. We see the leaves begin to turn colors and the night is cool and refreshing. It is a time to get back into the swing of things, return to routines that we are familiar with and looking towards Advent and Christmas. October has arrived already: children are in school, vacations completed and we look towards a renewed interest in Bible studies and adult forums. Getting back into a routine that is focused by the way society is set by school terms.

Dolores and I took the week of September 6-12 for vacation. However, there were some interruptions, which I felt were important enough to attend to. When we visited Alice Martin after she got out of the hospital, she asked me to contact her daughter while we were on vacation. She also was emphatic that we meet with her old friend Yvonne Campbell. They live in Berlin, where we would be staying. She thought I might get in a round of golf with her son-in-law. I contacted Alice Martin's daughter and son-in-law while I was in Ocean City on Vacation and had a wonderful conversation, but no golf with him this time.

Dolores and I met with Yvonne Campbell in Ocean Pines on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for us to meet with a previous member of the congregation. We talked about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our congregation.

At our church council retreat we discussed several issues and one of the concerns is that we need some form of continuity between Sundays. I began to use Yahoo and Facebook to send out thoughts for the day or Bible messages. I received some feed-

back, mostly positive. One comment was that they preferred the insightful thought, rather than a Biblical quote followed by my interpretation. Others would like to see them every day. But, there is concern that those who do not have access to the internet are not receiving these thoughts for the day. I will investigate additional means of getting the message out.

We had another progressive dinner and about 15 people took part. It was great fun and gave us opportunities to gather together in fellowship with no agenda except to be with one another.

We began Adult forum classes on Sundays @ 9:30 am and family Bible studies. For six weeks the adult forum will be looking at the journey of the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Join us and let's talk about our own wilderness journeys.

Why is it that we look at Sunday school as only being in line with secular school programs? Why do we only think of Christian Education as something we do during the school year and only on Sundays? Shouldn't we be interested in reading studying and discussing the Bible every day, not just during the school year? There should be a deep yearning in our souls to know more about what God has said to us and what God does in the lives of those who went before us and how God's words affect us today in our daily lives.

The ELCA has called us to be engaged in The Book of Faith. This is a challenge for all of us to become involved in the reading, study and discussion of the Bible. It can be done in fam-

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ily settings, small groups and in church Sunday school classes. We are not being challenged to meet every week, but to look at times when some can gather together and read study and discuss what they have read in the Bible. We will be looking at ways to provide opportunities for individuals and groups to look at the Bible

I foresee groups of people who will periodically get together over a meal or coffee and cake to ask questions, to look for answers and discover together the great wealth that we can find in the Bible. Groups can get together to discuss what they had read as individuals since their last get together. Kind of like a book of the month club, only the book that they read is the Bible. Imagine making a decision as a small group to read the book of James or Ruth or Job or Amos. It can become an adventure.

Dolores and I attended the Synod Assembly and a seminar on the Genetics Social Statement draft that the ELCA has been studying this past year and half. Please take the time to see the reports on these topics.

As we all prepare for the upcoming season of Advent let us all look towards way to continue to grow in faith through the Scriptures, through prayer and through worship. For Jesus came to us as a humble infant in order to bring us eternal life.

Your Servant in Christ  
Pastor Tom



**Church worship is staying at 11:00 AM.**

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Council Meets on the Second Monday of the month from 7:30 - 9:30 pm or after service at 12:30 pm.

## Trip to Tanzania

### What was the purpose of our trip to Tanzania?

The trip was sponsored and coordinated by Shina, Inc. and it was titled **“Love Thy Neighbor Tour.”** The focus of the trip was to see what and how Shina, Inc. operates. I was assured there would be time for a safari and some rest and relaxation. I also knew that I would be busy with some dedications of things that Shina had helped to make happen. At the top of the list was the 100 year Jubilee celebration of the Northwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania.

I wasn't sure what to expect. I thought part of it would be educational, part work and part vacation, but, reality is never what we expect. We had discussed the itinerary several times over the last few weeks before we left, but everything still needed to be finalized by Amos Mushala. That is why he went to Tanzania two weeks before us.

We met up with Bishop Douglas Muchiri of Ohio and Dr. Baruch Geoffrey Napper of Wash. DC, and eventually with Primrose Mushala and Reuben Tucker of Wash. DC, at Kennedy Airport, NY. Our flight was on time and we boarded a Boeing 777 for Dubais, in the United Arab Emerites.

After a 15 ½ hour flight, we arrived in Dubais airport, where we changed planes and flew to Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, where Amos met us and took us to a hotel. After dinner we all went to bed. At 4:00 am we awoke to leave for the next leg of our journey. From Dar es Salaam, we took a propeller driven plane operated by Precision Air, to Shinyanga, for a quick layover and then on to Mwanza. While waiting for our connecting flight from Mwanza to Bukoba, we went to the Malaika Beach Resort for lunch and relaxation. Finally, we took off on a very small plane by Auric Air, to Bukoba. Amos sat in the co-pilot's seat and had an opportunity to fly for a very short time.

We finally arrived in Bukoba on Wednesday evening, June 16. After dropping all of our baggage at the guest house where most of the team was staying, we all went to visit our friend Hermas Malingumu at his house, for dinner, conversation, and singing. Some of you might remember that he was the choir director for the Bukoba choir when they came to visit us last year in October and November. Finally, Dolores and I came to the home of Bishop Samson Mushemba, who was our host while we stayed in Bukoba. The bishop retired in 2007, yet is extremely active in the church and with his non-profit foundation. We were honored to be hosted by him and his wife.

We began each day with breakfast and a Bible study and discussion.

We left around 9:30 for the Cathedral for the Praise service, where Bishop Muchiri was one of the preachers. At the Cathedral we met up with Rev. Laurence Nshambo, Dean & Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Diocese, who visited us last October. We met with some of the members of the Bukoba choir and with Jessica and Amos' son, Yaosi Mushala. We all had lunch together at the guest house. Dolores and I walked to the Bishops home to change clothes. We met the Bishop's son, Joseph and his wife. We all returned to the Cathedral for additional ceremonies. Later that day we headed out into the countryside for the groundbreaking and laying of the cornerstone for the new educational center sponsored by the Bukoba choir. The presiding bishop of the Northwest Diocese, Bishop Hubera, presided over this ceremony. Bishop Muchiri and I assisted. As part of that ceremony, Bishop Hubera and I planted mango trees. Bishop Muchiri placed a stone with cement for the foundation of the new building. When we left there, we proceeded back to the grounds surrounding the Cathedral for a Shine with Shina event, where music, speeches, dancing eating, sermons and more music occurred. We finally got to bed around midnight.

On Friday, after Bible devotions, conversation with the bishop and breakfast, we headed out to for the dedication of the new women's center in Bethania in the Bugandika Parish. This is located in the village that Jessica grew up in. The women's center is now located on the same church grounds in which Jessica was Baptized, confirmed and educated in primary school. At the ceremony, Jessica's mother sat in a wheelchair next to the head table. She is paralyzed from the waist. Bishop Muchiri and I laid hands on her and anointed her. Bishop Muchiri, the Rev. Milton Mufuruki who is the presiding senior pastor of the Bugandika Parish, and I dedicated the center, which included

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planting of a palm tree on the grounds of the center. Later in the day, Bishop Muchiri and I, with the help of Pastor Milton, held a healing service for over 300 people in the women's center. The Senior Pastor kept us supplied with oil. It was an awesome service of healing for many people, and throughout the rest of that day we heard reports of great healing among those who were anointed. Later in the evening we went to the Kamala residence, where Jessica grew up and where her mother still lives. We had a celebration of music, song, dancing and food. This event went into the late hours of the night. Dolores fell and was injured while trying to dance in the dim light of the area. That night we slept at the Mushala residence that they own in Bukoba.

After a good nights rest we woke on Saturday June 19 and after breakfast and a time for devotions, we headed out to dedicate a library for the primary school at Bugorora village, which is near the Mushala residence. Bishop Muchiri and I prayed and dedicated the library for the school, where each child received a composition book and 2 pencils. The goal last year for Shina, Inc. was to raise enough money so that there would be one text book for each child for each subject in this primary school. The goal was not achieved, so the textbooks will be shared so that it will be one book for every 2 children. The library consisted of a display of the text books for each grade, shelves for the books and maps displayed on the walls. Shina, Inc. had also donated money to repair one of the buildings that had lost a roof and had some work that needed to be done to repair the walls. There was a great celebration, with song, dancing, and speeches.

Dolores and I had to leave around 1:00 pm in order to be at the dedication of a church in Ibuga, which was about a 2 hour journey. When we arrived, the ceremonies were in full swing. The bishop's son, Joseph met us and made sure we got something to eat. The dedication was attended by many bishops from the area, including the presiding bishop of Tanzania, Bishop Malasusa, and the presiding Bishop of the Northwest Diocese, Bishop Hubera and from other countries. The dedication included a full communion worship service. We left with a woman who we were introduced to by Joseph. She was originally from Holland, but moved to Tanzania over 35 years ago. We found out later that she was one of Jessica's teachers.

On Sunday June 20, after breakfast and devotions, the Bishop and I began to walk to the church where the Jubilee celebration was to be held. This church was originally built by German missionaries 100 years ago. The community built and extension and platforms for this celebration. Tents had been erected and there were chairs laid out on the lawn, with an area for dancers and choirs. Dolores rode in a van to the ceremony, but it had a flat tire. So the women chose to walk also. Dolores, however unfamiliar with the terrain tripped and fell and was injured again. The Bishop and I processed from the gathering area to the church with many bishops, pastors, deacons and ministers. The event was filled with testimonies, speeches, dancing, singing and finally the arrival of the President of Tanzania. This event finally came to a close around 2:00 pm. We attempted to get lunch, but to no avail. We then proceeded to a newly built church that had a roof and concrete floor, but no walls, yet. The pastor was ordained in the Lutheran church, but led a more Pentecostal congregation. We participated in worship and a healing service. We witnessed many people truly receive healing and were so spirit filled, we didn't realize that we were hungry. Later that evening, we went to a restaurant at the Banana Hotel, for dinner, speeches and fellowship with the Mushala extended family and friends. The dance troupe that had participated in several of the celebrations headed back to Dar Es Salaam, by bus, and we finally got to bed around midnight.

On Monday June 21 the Bishop's eldest son who had let us in the house last night was with us in the morning and Joseph, the bishop's other son stopped in with his wife. We had conversation about the Bishop's foundation that is building schools. We discussed the great need in Tanzania. Dolores and I left to go to the Guest House. We then proceeded to go visit Amos( Bukoba Choir chairman) at the dispensary in Kaigara, where he works. After going through the administrative protocols we finally got to see the dispensary, which consists of several buildings that are not connected. The paths and roads to each building are not paved; they are dirt paths and rocky roads. Shina Inc. donated some simple things like sterile pads, hydrogen peroxide and first aid creams and bandages. Because they only receive a limited amount of money form the government, they normally run out of these things

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within the first 8 months and have to scrounge for the rest of the year. So they reuse some bandages and do with what is available. So this small donation was greatly appreciated. In the maternity ward we witnessed some newborn babies who were in distress and one who had malaria. It was tough to witness these poor helpless children and know that they might not survive.

Later that day we went to a village where Shina, Inc. had helped to build a house for a widow who had lost everything, and had to live under the banana trees to survive with her 5 children. When her husband died, the brothers of the husband came and took everything and abandoned her and the children. Another village that has many orphans took her in and supported her in the building of her new home. It was a great celebration and dedication of her home. The most moving part of the day was when this family presented Shina, Inc. with gifts of fruit and vegetables. In her poverty, she gave us gifts. We can learn a lot about stewardship from people like this.

Tuesday June 22, we and left by caravan to Uganda. The trip took several hours and the roads were rough. It was an adventure to leave Tanzania and enter Uganda at the border. Before we got to the border we saw the still remaining devastation left by Idi Amin. We were stopped along the roads by military or police several times and we had to deal with these speed bumps along the major roads. When we arrived at the equator the road was under repair and the area was extremely dusty. We chose not to eat at this location. On our way back to Tanzania we stopped at a roadside stall to buy some fruit and vegetables.

Wednesday we woke and had an opportunity to say good bye to the Bishop Mushemba and his family. We were picked up by van and loaded all of our gear and we all then proceeded to the airport to take a flight from Bukoba to Mwanza, where Bishop Muchiri left our group so he could go to Kenya to visit his father. We then flew to Kilimanjaro, where we checked into the Silver Palm Hotel in Arusha. This is the first time I had an opportunity to check e mail. We had a lovely dinner at the hotel and got a good nights rest.

Thursday June 24, we woke at 4:30 am, prayed, had devotions and prepared for the day. We loaded into safari vehicles and headed for Ngorongoro Conservation Area in the Arusha crater. Before we entered the crater, we stopped by a Masai village and they invited us in of a tour of their village and their homes. It was interesting to hear about the way they live. Their homes are huts built with sticks, mud and cow dung. The huts are cramped inside and very little ventilation. After our visit with the Masai, we headed into the crater. It was cloudy, misty and cold outside the crater, but once inside it was sunny, hot and dusty. We had several opportunities to see animals in their natural habitat, including some close visits with lions. We ate lunch at the favorite watering hole for hippos. We had another late night dinner at the hotel and packed to be ready for the next leg of our trip.

On Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>, we woke early in order to load all our gear into one van and we began our long road trip from Arusha to Dar Es Salaam. Uncle Charlie took our large bags to the Mushala Residence and dropped us off at the airport. We had been running late and took a "short cut" where we were bounced and bumped on the worst road in the world. We arrived just in time to make our flight at 5:20 pm to Zanzibar. We arrived safely and stayed at the Ocean View Hotel. We had dinner and called it a night.

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> I woke at 6:15 and woke Malia so we could take a morning dip in the Indian Ocean. We changed and met everyone for breakfast. Later, we headed out to visit a village that Shina Inc. helped 2 widow groups with seeds to grow vegetables, like: okra/tomatoes/eggplant/squash and to build and maintain chicken coops. We were asked to participate in their first harvest and to see the chickens. We visited a school where many orphans were taught. The total attendance at this school is 592 students with only 14 teachers. It costs \$2 a year to teach each student and \$20 a year for their uniforms, books, pencils, paper, tablets, etc. There was a great celebration for Shina, Inc. where we ate lunch with some of the officials and where Dolores and I were called to dance with many others to celebrate our 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We eventually returned to the hotel, rested about a ½ hr then went swimming. We watched the sunset and swam by moonlight. Later we washed up for a late dinner. I went for a walk with Dr. Baruch on beach, while Dolores received a massage from Auntie Anna. We

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found some really neat things along the beach.

Sunday June 27 we woke @ 6:30 am, and had breakfast and left for the airport for our flight to Pemba. In Pemba, we stayed at a hotel in the city. When we arrived we got our rooms and then immediately headed out to visit a village that received support from Shina, Inc. We saw their farms and chicken coops. We then visited a school that Shina Inc. helped build. Their old school had walls that crumbled due to a sinkhole that appeared alongside the school house. This school supports 105 students, who are all in the first grade and are taught by only 4 teachers. Because the school is not completely finished, the government would not supply any teachers, so the community pays the teachers from their meager wages. They had no books and the representative from Shina Inc. took money out of his own pockets to purchase pencils and paper plates. The paper plates are cheaper than the government supplied booklets. As a group we decided that the most important thing was for these children to get books and composition booklets. Then they could complete the school classrooms in the building. We promised they would have the books that week. We also visited the new office of Shina, Inc. We dedicated this office and saw the work that has been accomplished including the productive rice fields that helps to support the organization in Pemba. After a dinner at the hotel we all called it a day and headed for our beds.

Monday, June 28 we woke early and had breakfast at the hotel, then headed to the airport to catch our flight from Pemba to Zanzibar. We left for airport @ 10:10 am and barely made our flight which left @ 10:45 am. We arrived @ 2:25 pm, where we got into taxi's to go to the home of our emcee and comedian from 2 days ago, who works for local radio station. We had a wonderful lunch at his home. We all left his home for the airport to catch our flight to Dar Es Salaam. We arrived in Dar Es Salaam and went to Mushala residence to relax and have a wonderful dinner. After a good nights rest we woke to find no water. The main water line had developed a leak overnight and the water tower was totally drained. No distress, we all had breakfast and washed up with the little water we did have and headed for the beach.

So on Tuesday June 29, we went to the beach and romped in the waves. We all had a good time and came back to the house where the plumbers had repaired the leak and we had water again. We lounged around before dinner and called it an early night, because we lost power.

On Wednesday, June 30 we left Mushala residence after a good breakfast, and went to hotel, where we checked in and went to Auntie Anna's to have lunch and meet with orphans supported by Shina Inc. That night there was a big party at the hotel to celebrate Jessica's birthday and our anniversary.

On Thursday, July 1 we all left the hotel for airport to go home.

Some interesting facts:

Dr. Bishop Samson Mushemba served as bishop of the ELCT, Northwest Diocese from 1984-2000, but also as the Presiding Bishop of ELCT between 1997-2007. He also served on the Lutheran World Federation executive Council from 200-2004.

The Bukoba Choir was founded in 1974. It is one of the oldest choirs in the Kagera Region of Tanzania.

The women of the Bugandika Parish will support financially the work of the church with 25% of the proceeds of their work at the women's center.

## Needed for the church

### Property:

The church is need of several lawn care items...We are looking for used wheelbarrows, weed eaters, mulch, grass seed, wood chipper/mulcher, chain saw and gasoline for the mower and tractor. Thank You to all who have already donated in the past.

We are also looking for people to cut, weed whack and edge the lawn .

If you are interested please call the church office, speak with Patty Skewes, Amos Mushala or Homer Smith. Pastor Tom can be called also if you have a problem contacting others.

Thank You!

## SOCIAL STATEMENTS OF ELCA

### Genetics Social Statement

Dolores and I have attended two seminars on the draft of this new proposed statement. Several areas were discussed, especially those dealing with cloning and genetic alteration of seeds, plants, etc.

The following are several excerpts from that draft statement.

Scripture never uses the word 'genetics' and is not aware of its fundamental concepts. We believe (the ELCA) that God's word in Scripture illuminates the challenges and issues posed by genetic knowledge and its applications.

The ELCA is very concerned about the impact of genetic research and application on those who have no voice in how the policies may affect their lives.

Many poor countries, for instance, have critical needs that do not require genetic solutions. These include infrastructure, food distribution, clean water, housing, and basic healthcare. Genetic research may inhibit the availability of these critical needs to third world countries.

The temptation to misuse or abuse power always has been present in regard to human technology, but when human beings gain power over the 'genome' in a global context, that temptation carries qualitatively new dangers.

The reproductive cloning of human individuals is rejected. ... the decision to clone a complete genetic replica of a human being violates the principle of respect for the individual who is brought into existence. No individual should be brought into life for the sake of repeating another individual's genotype.

Should reproductive cloning progress, this church would honor the God-given dignity of cloned individuals and would welcome each to the baptismal font like any other child of God.

If you would like to read or discuss this statement, please contact Pastor Tom.

All comments to change this draft are due October 15 and will be formulated by committee for introduction for vote in 2011.

The ELCA is looking for input towards this draft so it can be brought to vote possibly in 2011. For additional information visit the ELCA website [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

Pastor Tom

## Help the Homeless

Our congregation participates each year in association with Help by Phone to help homeless men from Prince George's County by providing safe, warm places to eat and sleep during the cold months of the year. Melissa Steiner has coordinated this ministry for over 18 years. She is looking for people to help coordinate, organize and participate in this ministry with us.

St. George's Episcopal Church will be participating in Safe Haven the week after us and will not be able to provide us with as much help as in previous years

We will need people to:

Set up on Sunday

Register the men @ 6:30 pm each day of the event

Make supper

Serve supper

Make breakfast

Serve breakfast

Help with laundry

Overnight volunteer chaperones

Clean up

Move equipment to next location (St. George's Episcopal Church on Lanham Severn Rd.)

We will be hosting these homeless men beginning Sunday February 6, 2011 through Sunday February 13, 2011.

## Metro DC Synod and Conference Events

### Synod Assembly Fall 2010

At this Fall Synod Assembly we heard a wonderful speaker talk about the church in transition. His talk emphasized that when we are in transition it is a time of feeling out of sync with the familiar, a time filled with tension, stress and anxiety. But when we pray and keep faith in the promises of God, we can endure and grow during those times of transition.

The ELCA and the Synod as well as many congregations are going through major transitions. According to history, every 500 years the church goes through major transitions. However, the church rarely realizes that they are in transition except in hindsight. We have the unique advantage over our predecessors because we can see that we are indeed in a transition period. The world has changed and our society is no longer predominantly Christian. Therefore, we must rethink how we do church, how we are church and what does church mean to those who don't come.

It would be interesting for us to have similar conversations within our own congregational makeup. Over the past two years while I was involved in a program for mission leadership development, we discussed similar topics about the change within our society. What is the difference or similarities between spirituality and religion? Let us look at these topics and discuss them in groups or one on one, but let us not pretend that it does not exist.

The Synod also passed a new budget for 2011. Some programs were reduced and we lowered our benevolence to the greater church by 5%. Some congregations have been slow in giving to the synod this past year and they do not expect this trend to get any better in the near future.

Let us pray for our synod, our congregation and the greater ELCA.

## Following Means Losing Luke 14: 25-33

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, this was the Gospel reading. Often this Gospel passage on the cost of discipleship is focused on what we must give up if we are to follow Jesus as faithful disciples. We are called to give up family, we are called to give up possessions—all things we must do, all sounding like one more law to fulfill. The challenge in worship is to proclaim something more than the impossible—give up everything and only then can you really follow Jesus.

However this Gospel is much harder to live when we look closer to the truth of what we are called to do.

Do we understand what the consequences of discipleship will be? I mentioned a book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, **The Cost of Discipleship**. In this book he emphasizes that a Christian life should be lived in a spirit of genuine brotherhood, and how such a life could naturally and freely grow if there were only people who entirely belonged to the Lord and therefore, in brotherly love to one another. To truly belong to the church, to truly belong to the family as children of God, we have to learn to “lose” ourselves. We are called to be engaged in Christian action and self-sacrifice. As good stewards of God’s church, we are called to sacrifice our time, talents, abilities and our money in order for the church to fulfill its mission that God has planned for us.

Following what God calls us to do means losing. He calls us to lose our self centeredness. Losing ourselves means finding how we belong to the family of God, how we are connected with Jesus.

We don't sacrifice or choose to give up things to prove our worth to God; we do these things to help us grow in a spirit with God.

If we sacrifice for any other reason, our focus becomes a dead end of spiritual competition and showmanship that accomplishes nothing.

We have the ability to follow Jesus because of our Baptism and by his invitation we can walk with him. When we let go of our ego we can let go of the excess baggage of status seeking. We have been made worthy because of Jesus Christ, not by anything we do. We have been offered the kingdom of God.

This Gospel draws us back to Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler, who could not answer the call when the perception was that he was already blessed. The cross is not possible on our own but with God, all things are made possible. The burden of family is restored to joy, the weight of wealth and possessions become resources for service, and self-centered existence becomes transformed into a free life shaped by the presence of the living Jesus in and around us. It is in the losing we are set free to follow Jesus.

Let us take the time to discern for ourselves what it really means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. As a member of the family of God, we are called to follow Jesus Christ. Let us begin to pray for direction in order for each one of us to understand what God is calling us to do individually and as a congregation.

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*Coming Good Sam Events:*

**KEY FUTURE EVENT DATES:**

**Yard Sale: November 6**

**Family Bible Study: November 21**

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service:  
 Berwyn Presbyterian Church 7:30pm**

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*Ongoing Events*

**Sunday AM Worship**  
 11: 00 AM worship service

*Family Bible Study*  
 2 Sundays a month

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