

News Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Our Lay Delegate Reports: 218th Session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference

From Nancy Dettra, Lay Delegate

In the words of our Bishop, Peter Weaver, "we gathered in Holy Conferencing at Messiah College, June 17-19, to celebrate God's blessings, fellowship with one another and make strategic decisions about how we will continue to be engaged in Christ's mission for the future."

For many, the service of clergy ordination is the highlight of the session of Annual Conference. This year's service had particular meaning for Lincoln Park because our former associate pastor, **Andrew Krpata**,

was ordained as a Commissioned Minister by Bishop Weaver. Bishop Weaver was assisted with the laying on of hands by **Jeanette Erskine**, who was renominated laity to the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

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Join us for Community Fest

From Tracy Goldsborough



August 28 is the date for — **COMMUNITY FEST**, last year known as MayFest. It was well received by the community and everyone had fun! This year, from 11 am to 1 pm, Community Fest activities will include:

- games
- food
- prizes
- jump castle
- Messy Hands Bus
- Kid Card
- Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Screening...

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WORSHIP IN JULY/AUGUST

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, July 4 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY COMMUNION – INDEPENDENCE DAY – The sermon will be *A Different Kind of Freedom* based on Galatians 6:7-8, *Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.*

Sunday, July 11 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Pastor Larry will be on vacation. Guest speaker will Maurice Pap La Rin; liturgist will be **Jerry Pawlikowski**.

Sunday, July 18 – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be entitled *What I Hope to Do!* based on Colossians 1:28, *It is he (Christ) whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

Sunday, July 25 – THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be entitled *Zucchini and Christian Growth* based on Colossians 2:6-7, *“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”*

Sunday, August 1 – THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY COMMUNION – The sermon will be *Destination Sickness* based on Luke 12:20-21, *But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.*

Sunday, August 8 – THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be entitled *Faith It!* based on Hebrews 11:1, *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

Sunday, August 15 – THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be *Are You Trained?* based on Hebrews 12:1-2, *Therefore, since we are sur-*

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rounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sunday, August 22 – THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be entitled *But You Can't Please All the People All the Time!* based on Luke 13:14, *But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day.'*

Sunday, August 29 – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The pastor will be on vacation on this date. The Rev. Frederick Douglas, Chaplain at Methodist Services for Children, will be our guest minister.

Music Notes

From Lin Umstead

I would like to thank all those members of the Senior and Junior choirs, Bell Choir, and Praise Team for their participation this year.

Please pray about how you may serve the church in our music program. All choirs are open for participation; whether you're interested in serving September through May, as a substitute, or seasonally, please contact me.

I am interested in forming an all-age choir that will perform on Christmas and Easter for the contemporary service. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone



with a busy schedule to join us in song for the holidays. More information to come!

Additionally, I'm interested in having the Junior Choir work with the chimes next year. They have a beautiful sound and can be learned easily. Ideally, we could have some parent participation.

There is no music reading ability necessary and no preparation or "homework" outside of scheduled practice time. Today, many families are fragmented. Church-related activities that include the entire family bring about lasting memories and a spiritual bond for all.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

Much of this article comes from the writings of the Rev. Thomas D. Peterson. One article begins with a quip, *I have a bad cold. My father says that I should drink a large glass of carrot juice after a hot bath. What do you think?* The response comes, *I think that after you drink the hot bath, you will not have any room for the carrot juice.*

Life is like that. When we're busy with large things, we don't have room for little things. When we're constructively employed, we don't have time for mischief. When we're busy giving ourselves away, we don't have room in our hearts to be miserly.

In short, when we're busy being *big*, we don't have room in our lives to be *little*. When we are full of Christ, we no longer have room to house resentment, fear, anger, or grudge. Lots of gnawing, fretful, limiting things that distort our lives cannot find room when he is in our hearts.

The same is true in the life of the church. When Christ is at the center of what we are about, we don't have time or room for things that might otherwise divide us. At a recent Strategic Planning Task Force meeting, someone noted that we've forgotten

"whose church it is." He went on to remind us that it is Christ's church; it is not *my* church or *their* church.

That knowledge, along with individual lives that are full of Christ, ought to motivate us to set aside those things that detract from our fellowship and witness as the body of Christ in the world.

"My fervent prayer is for our hearts to be full of Christ."

I once heard someone remark, *It's bigger than both of us*. So, the church as the body of Jesus Christ is bigger than the individuals who make it up. But, as individuals, we

can have a positive or negative impact on that fellowship and the cause of Christ. It's up to us. But let us be reminded that we are *to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness*.

My fervent prayer is for our hearts to be full of Christ. When he is so present we won't have room for attitudes and activities that divide our fellowship and detract from our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,



Where Do We Go From Here?

From Jerry Pawlikowski

You have probably heard about the recent church survey, or maybe seen a summary of it (in the 6/13/04 church bulletin and now available at the church office.) Feedback was received from over 120 active Lincoln Park church members. The survey generated a lot of information which church leadership is now using concerning music and worship.

It was quite apparent from reviewing the surveys that we don't have as much of a problem in music or worship, as we do a *people* problem; i.e., divisiveness, a poor *us vs. them* attitude, some lack of respect for the different needs or interests of people across our church.

My hope and prayer is that church leadership as well as the entire congregation embrace what was learned through the survey, and take some real action. Church leaders are meeting this summer to identify some new and different ways to build bridges, to nurture, and to deal with the issues.

As stated in the *Upper Room* (May 17 devotion), many churches experience disunity. When it happens we might be shocked and dismayed, but it doesn't surprise God. Jesus prayed that we would be brought to complete unity. God calls us to, *Live in harmony with one another*, (Romans 12:16) and to *Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor*, (Romans 12:10.)

Let's work together and have an attitude of Christian love, humility and mutual support.



How very good
and pleasant it is
when kindred live
together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

The Sacred Circle

A Prayer Ministry with a Personal Touch!

From Loreen Miller

We live in stressful times, and when we're troubled, we sometimes find it hard to pray. The Sacred Circle is a new ministry, offering support to those who wish to come for a listening ear and personal prayers, in a relaxed setting.

Perhaps a chronic medical condition has discouraged you, or you could be coping with loss. You might be having school, job, or family issues, or suffering from anxiety. Many people face difficult decisions and simply need prayer for God's guidance.

The first meeting of the Sacred Circle will be Tuesday, September 14, at 7 pm, in Room 103 (Youth Room, Education Bldg). We will assemble, light a candle, and after a period of silence,



discuss any issues our attendees have on their hearts and wish to share. With God's help, we will discern the prayer needs, and each person will be offered personal prayer before leaving.

This will be a monthly "drop-in" group. No commitment is necessary, just come as you are. Renew your hope and faith as we share the healing love of Christ within The Sacred Circle!

Note: PRAYER TEAM NEEDED. We're looking for a few helpers who would be willing to assist in praying for persons in need. If you feel a desire to listen, pray, and keep confidentiality, God may be calling you to be part of The Sacred Circle ministry. Please call or see **Loreen Miller**, 610-777-8185.

Significant Endowment Fund Gift Received

From Harold Perkins

A generous gift of \$5,000 has been received from Roland Richwine to the Endowment Fund in honor and memory of his beloved wife Romaine and her fervent interest in the missions program of the Church. This gift will thus perpetuate her values and wishes regarding the services of God's Church in Lincoln Park and the world at large. Record of this gift will be made in the Ferree Case in the narthex of the Church.

Contemporary Worship Back in the Social Hall

From Becky Chadwick

As most of you know, the contemporary worship location has been moving around a bit this spring! Due to storage issues related to the Flea Market, we moved the service to the sanctuary for about six weeks. We then moved to the Mohnton playground for the picnic and then back to the Social Hall!

Some of you may be wondering why we did not go back to the sanctuary or why we moved back into the Social Hall. The answer is two-fold. Number 1 — there are several weddings this summer. Every time we move, it takes about three hours to move equipment and reset the sound system.

Since the praise team is 95% volunteer, and everyone comes out for a 2-3 hour practice *every* week, this addi-

tional time is hard to find. Being part of the praise team is a huge commitment every week.

Lin and I work hard to make things run as quickly and smoothly as possible. Resetting equipment and sound is not something we can do every month.

The second reason is related to atmosphere and comfort. The Social Hall currently offers us a more intimate setting where people feel free to connect with one another. Eventually, we will grow to the point that we have to be in the sanctuary full time, but for now we choose to stay in the Social Hall.

If you have not been to contemporary worship in a while, come and check us out! We are evolving into a full, lively congregation!

Joe Corbi Fundraiser a Success!

From Becky Chadwick

Thank you to all who participated in the pizza and cookie dough sale! We raised over \$1,300 for the Leadership Development Fund. With your help we will send five lay people and three staff to the Praise and Worship Conference in Lake Forest, CA. One of the top praise and worship conferences in the country, it offers over 80 speakers, artists, and song writers!

We expect to return from this trip full of excitement, with energizing ideas to share! Thank you so much for your donations, prayers, and support!!

Stewardship Connects with Strategic Planning

From Harold Perkins

As our Stewardship Campaign “warms up” for September, a brief review is offered regarding the Church Audit and Consultation Study (2001-2003) and current efforts of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Pastor Larry formed a Consultation Task Force in early 2001 to consider how we, God’s Church in Lincoln Park, **might continue to grow** rather than wither away. We were invited into small focus groups to assess our strengths and challenges as an eldering congregation. Out of this study came the “Ministry Audit Report” in May 2001 with worthy suggestions and recommendations for careful consideration over the ensuing three to 10 years. Action has been taken on several recommendations, especially in terms of “seeking and sharing Christ” and cultivating new and younger members.

A major accomplishment has been the “start” and sturdy development of the Contemporary Worship Service while continuing our Traditional Worship Services. Also, effort has been made to foster every-member (lay) leadership and participation, newly formed study groups, staff effectiveness (despite losing an assistant pastor), youth and family activity, lay visitation and discipleship teams, and others.

Another principal offering has been

the ALPHA program during the past year, providing members and **non-members** with Christ-like self-assessment.

In September 2003, a new representative Strategic Planning Task Force was formed to collect and propose “action” ideas based largely, but not only, on the Consultation Study. Six possible “action” areas of our ministry are under study:

- ▶ Special missional objectives
- ▶ Dynamic corporate worship
- ▶ Strong leadership resources
- ▶ Streamlined staff structure
- ▶ Several competent programs and activities
- ▶ Improved physical facilities

How does all this relate to our upcoming stewardship effort? It’s simple. **Our growth as a Church depends on the commitment and consecration each of us brings to Christ’s table in terms of our treasure as well as our time and talent.** Both the consultation study and strategic planning emphasize striving to be a **growing Church**. Every member will be asked to consider their best level of commitment and take one or more steps toward that “benchmark” of Christian giving that Jesus proposed — a tenth of His blessings.

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

Someone once asked Abraham Lincoln what was wrong with his two sons who were crying, and Abe said; *What is wrong with them is exactly what is wrong with the entire world. I have three walnuts and each one of my boys wants two of them!*



Life is not at all fair! There are vast differences between people in their beauty, their intelligence, their talent, their health, and in their financial

power. It is fortunate for us, however, that we are not judged by what we have received in life, but rather, by what we give. It is in giving, *as we have prospered*, that we can become equal with all others.

We know we cannot count on life's being fair. But we also know that God is counting on our being fair and our giving our fair share of what we have received. It is not important that some will give more or less than others. What is important is that when we give our *fair* share, life will become fair for us all, and we will become equal with one another!

---Laurence C. Keene

Seeking and Sharing Christ — Through an Envelope?

From Harold Perkins

Yes! Upcoming is an envelope in your monthly packet entitled *Endowment Fund*. This is another way of showing your commitment to the FUTURE ongoing mission of God's church in Lincoln Park.

Our regular envelopes sustain the important daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly support needed — BUT — the Endowment Fund represents our values and faith that the Church will carry on well beyond our lifetime...and this can be in the form of a modest gift in the envelope, a provision in your will, a life insurance policy, or other form of property transferred to the Church.

Back to our Mission — seek and share if you can.

Financial Report as of May 17

From Bob Erskine

Period Ending April 30, 2004	2004 BUDGET	2004 ACTUAL	%	
INCOME				
Envelopes	\$290,544	\$99,723	34%	(\$190,821)
Plate	8,000	2,463	31%	(5,537)
Special Envelopes	11,000	4,049	37%	(6,952)
Other	18,570	4,924	27%	(13,646)
TOTAL INCOME	\$328,114	\$111,159	34%	(\$216,955)
EXPENSES				
CHURCH COUNCIL				
Ministries of Administration	\$14,150	\$5,677	40%	(\$8,473)
Program Ministries	56,865	17,976	32%	(38,889)
STAFF PARISH				
	172,895	54,209	31%	(118,686)
BOARD of TRUSTEES				
	86,680	38,499	44%	(48,181)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$330,590	\$116,361	35%	(\$214,229)
NET REVENUE MINUS EXPENSES	(\$2,476)	(\$5,202)		
 CASH SUMMARY				
	12/31/2003 BALANCE	04/30/2004 BALANCE		
OPERATING FUNDS				
Cash Balance TOTAL	\$80,948	\$76,546		
Designated Funds	\$13,734	\$24,240		
Cash Balance General Funds	\$67,214	\$52,307		
ENDOWMENT	\$52,345	\$52,345	Estimated	
MEMORIAL FUND	\$7,590	\$5,548		
 LOAN BALANCE				
	12/31/2003	04/30/2004		
FULTON BANK				
	205,958	196,849		
	\$205,958	\$196,849		
Building Fund - Cash on Hand	2,059	100	Estimated	
Net Loan Balance	\$203,899	\$196,749		

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE OFFERS SERVANT OPPORTUNITY

From Dorris McCoy



Perhaps you've wondered what **OPPORTUNITY HOUSE** is and why some LP members have been involved over the years. Here's a brief summary.

- **OPPORTUNITY HOUSE** offers emergency shelter services for men, women and children as well as permanent and transitional housing for families and single individuals with a disability.
- They also offer expanded life skills programs with day and evening classes and partnership with the Literacy Council to offer classes 4 afternoons a week.
- Berks Counseling Center offers mental health and drug treatment services directly on site to clients through a satellite office there.
- Reading Hospital has opened a new dispensary on the 1st floor of **OPPORTUNITY HOUSE** while the Early Learning Center has expanded to encompass the entire ground level. They are open 24/7, serving children 6 weeks to 12 years.
- The Job Readiness Program, Job Quest, has expanded and is located nearby.

As all who have participated can affirm, the needs are great but the opportunities to share God's love are even greater.

So...think about it...why not give **Jerry and Charlene Evaul** a call to help on the next visit, **Tuesday, July 6**? Helpers gather at church at 4:30 pm to prepare the evening meal, transport to the shelter around 6:30, and head home by 7:30... and it's only every other month; that's just 6 times a year. All donations of fresh food supplies (our fruit & veggies are a major hit), desserts, or \$\$\$ to purchase foods are always welcomed!!

Welcome Newcomers!

We invite you to any meetings or activities you read about here. Please call the church office, 610-777-1422, for names, phone numbers, information, or to speak with our pastor. If you'd like to receive *News-Linc* in the mail, just notify our secretary. Please join in at Lincoln Park!

September & Beyond



From Dorris McCoy

Mark your Fall calendars now for the following upcoming events and programs; details will follow in September's *News-Linc*!

- ♣ OPPORTUNITY HOUSE Supper Prep and Serve---**Tuesday, September 7.**
- ♣ FALL CHURCH SCHOOL Schedule Resumes---**Sunday, September 12.**
ALSO....start now to think about how you can make it all happen. Exciting opportunities to serve the Lord and share His love and ongoing story are available---teaching/helping/technology options await your response. Pray about where you may most fully serve and then contact **Dorris McCoy** , 610-777-1422, ext. 24, or **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731.
- ♣ FALL ALPHA KICK-OFF DINNER---**Sunday, September 12**, 5 pm in the Social Room.
- ♣ FALL ALPHA SERIES---BEGINNING ALPHA for all who have never taken ALPHA plus 3 ADDITIONAL SMALL GROUP STUDY OPTIONS (**Jack Villeco's** exploration of Spiritual Gifts, **Earl Hope's** examination of World Religions, and **Jerry Pawlikowski's** discussion of Nikki Gumbel's talks based on the Book of Philippians)---all starting with a light supper at 5 pm, **Sunday, September 26.** Persons with organizational talents, small group leadership skills, or food prep interests may please see **Jerry Pawlikowski** or **Dorris McCoy**.
- ♣ SACRED CIRCLE PRAYER SUPPORT---meeting monthly beginning in September under the direction of **Loreen Miller**, 610-777-8185.
- ♣ SOUPER BOWL OF CARING---**Sunday, February 6, 2005.** SERVICE BLITZ, **Saturday, February 5, 2005.** Congratulations to the children of LP Church for participating in the 2004 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. Over 12,600 organizations reported a collection of over \$4.2 million this year. Since the Souper Bowl began, more than \$24 million has been generated to help those who are hungry and hurting. Each dollar collected will be sent to the local charity selected by each participating group. LP's Souper Bowl Collection was donated to Central Park UMC's Soup Kitchen ministry. Thank you for supporting our children and youth in their efforts!

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE SUMMER!

From Dorris McCoy

Something new for kids (in place of Summer Sunday Church School) began at LP mid-June! Only worship-themed craft activities will be offered in the Social Room during portions of the Contemporary Service, giving children an opportunity to share in worship with their families. Multi-age learning projects will be offered in Room 104 following Children's Time during the 10:15 am Traditional Service. Please call **Debbie Bartal**, 610-670-0847, or sign-up at the rear of worship areas to volunteer at either learning opportunity...for any number of Sundays you have available---resources, supplies and encouragement are generously provided!



SHOP FAIR TRADE AND INVEST IN YOUR WORLD

From Dorris McCoy



Does your family have summer gift-giving needs? Would you like a short, fun escape that connects you to people around the world and also helps artisans

worldwide receive fair income to pay for food, education, health care and housing? Then....visit **Ten Thousand Villages** in nearby Ephrata; call them at 717-721-8400 for directions. Their Nav Jiwan Tea Room also offers lunches from Brazil, the Philippines, India,

Kenya, Nepal, Thailand, Tanzania, Sri Lanka and Ecuador during July and August; stay in touch with their weekly lunch and dinner menus via ephrata@tenthousandvillages.com for cuisine in detail. By popular demand an African Drumming Workshop is being offered in August---call to register!

Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit program of the Mennonite Central Committee and seeks to provide vital, fair income to Third World peoples; check with them for details on another way to share in Christ's work in our world!

LAVA LAVA ISLAND COORDINATOR SAYS THANKS



LP's LAVA LAVA ISLAND COORDINATOR, **Karen Osika**, says thanks to all who let Jesus' love flow at VBS 2004! Thanks to the congregation's generosity in providing supplies and funding, bunches of kids were reached with the Gospel at Lava Lava Island.

We're overflowing with appreciation for all the youth and adult helpers and leaders who made Lava Lava Island the hottest VBS ever! We're glowing with excitement about all we saw and heard happening in the lives of all the kids who were able to attend---you were awesome! By working together, a week of Bible fun erupted for all!!!! More statistical details shall be forthcoming in the September *Linc*!

SUMMER RECYCLE SET

From Dorris McCoy

Thank you all LP members who have helped our youth

- ▶ REDUCE waste
- ▶ REUSE when possible
- ▶ RECYCLE resources for future generations of God's children!

The summer **RECYCLE DAY** for items not taken by township efforts is **Saturday, July 10**, with 9-9:30 am pickup in the Church Office area. Youth and adult helpers may contact **Jen Hope**, 610-670-9731, to offer their assistance to load and unload or provide transport. Please remember to rinse and flatten coated containers and bind cardboard/cereal boxes as transport space is always at a premium! Thanks for being good stewards!



Congratulations to Our Graduates!

From Cheri Fallon

Lincoln Park Church is blessed with some outstanding members who completed academic studies this spring, including:

Janelle Mann..

daughter of Rick and Linda, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Millersville University. She majored in Elementary Education with a specialty in Urban Education. Janelle says her interest in education began with the influence of “past teachers I’ve had.” She did her student teaching in Lancaster city schools and enjoyed the experience. “I miss student teaching,” she says, “It’s different not working with kids right now. I miss the people, the kids. I feel like I should be going back.”

At Millersville, Janelle was a member of the STSEA, the student form of the Pennsylvania State Education Association. She was involved in tutoring and was in charge of Study Buddies, a tutoring club at Millersville.



Janelle will be working this summer at BCIU at one of their day cares in the latch key program. She would like to find a teaching position in Berks, Lancaster, or Lebanon counties. Good luck, Janelle!

Amy McFeaters..

daughter of Robert and Karen, graduated from Penn State University, Main Campus with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Crime, Law and Justice. A member of Alpha Phi Sigma (National Criminal Justice Society), Amy will attend New England School of Law in Boston this fall. Good luck, Amy!

Christopher Nicholas..

is the grandson of Gertrude Young. He graduated from Aracadia University in Glenside, Philadelphia. He received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Christopher lives in Sinking Spring right now, but will be moving to South Carolina. Congratulations, Christopher!

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Another significant part of the ordination service was the conclusion for Peter Weaver as resident Bishop of our Conference. He has been elected as president of the Board of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, consisting of approximately 90 bishops. At Jurisdictional Conference in July, the Episcopasy Committee will assign him as bishop in a new area. A new bishop then will be assigned to the Philadelphia Conference.

Annual Conference is three days of inspirational words, music, prayer and worship. One in particular sends her love to those who remember – **Sara Davis Shappell.**



from Pastor Larry Carl

We had a very successful Flea Market this year and owe thanks to all who helped to make it a success – far too many to list. But we do want to express special appreciation to **Harry Garrity** for serving as coordinator and for all he did to make it a success. Thanks Harry! Thanks everyone!

Also a special thanks to those who made our annual picnic, at Mohnton playground, on June 6, a success. Our gratitude goes to **Tracy Panase** for her splendid job of coordinating the picnic, to **Tracy Goldsborough** for her counsel and assistance to Tracy P., to **Jim Umstead** for his help in preparation for the picnic and set up for the worship service, to the praise team for their worship leadership. Also, to those who helped behind the scenes with cooking and more: **Beth Blank, Linda Lee, Derek Reitnour, John Panase, Lisa Gallagher, and Doris Schucker**. And thanks to all who came out and shared in the food, fun, and fellowship.

And a sincere thanks to the Confirmation Class for a great class and for the gift that was presented to me on Confirmation Sunday.

Blood Drive News

From Jean Weikel

We at Lincoln Park Church have been solicited by MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK to host another blood drive on **Friday, September 10, 3 - 7 pm**. We hope that you can join us in giving of ourselves to help someone else.

We sometimes think that blood is only needed when there is a tragedy like 9/11, but blood is needed every day by someone, and if not available, would be a terrible tragedy. The membership here at Lincoln Park Church could help prevent this by sharing our blood with the

Blood DRIVE

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK.

As we draw closer to the date of the blood drive, more details will be provided in our church bulletins. If you're a frequent donor at the Miller-Keystone Blood Bank, note that donors are eligible to give blood every 56 days. To participate in the Lincoln Park UMC Blood Drive, you must not give blood after July 15. Mark this date on your calendar so that you can plan to be with us on September 10.

Junior Youth Group Day at Dorney

From Tracy Goldsborough

On **Sunday, August 1** we plan to go to **DORNEY PARK** right after church. Your whole family is invited. Tickets include both the park and waterpark. Cost is \$20/ ticket if you and your family have volunteered for the church car wash. Tickets are \$25 if you were not able to volunteer. If you want a discount, call **Dorris McCoy** at the church office to arrange for other ways to volunteer and earn the discount.

These service activities include:

- ☉ helping with supper at Opportunity House on July 6
- ☉ helping at Recycle Day on July 10
- ☉ weeding church flower beds.

Please call **Beth Blank**, 610-286-0640, to reserve your tickets now. Full payment is expected in order to reserve. Make checks payable to Lincoln Park UM Church. Even if you have told us you were definitely going, please call Beth right away.



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and hopefully new medical stands. I'm happy to plan it again, but need lots of help.

I'd like to setup outside *and* inside whether it rains or not so I'm going to need tents. If you know anyone who can offer big tents or help me get a deal, let me know. If you volunteered last year, please tell everyone how great it was and call me to volunteer again. If you have any ideas for a stand and want to organize it, give me a call. If your family wants to sponsor a children's game, face painting, obstacle course, etc. that you could make and run, call me. I also will need people to bake and to cook. This is just to get you thinking and planning. I'll have more information in the weeks to come. If you have questions or interest, call me, 610-777-6991, or email me at finelineinstall@msn.com.

From our Mailbox

- ♥ Thanks to all of you for your generous donation of household items (*from Lincoln Park's Flea Market*) for our Supportive Housing Program. We now have 13 families in the program and four others are waiting for housing. You have made a real difference in the lives of these families. They all have lovely, beautifully furnished homes. Nine families are now attending churches regularly.
- Blessings!
Kay Meitrott
Director of Social Services
The Salvation Army
- ♥ Dear Fellow Congregants,
Thank you for all of the support you provided during my confirmation. This especially would have been impossible without Pastor Larry's help. The brunch that was prepared was delicious, and I am thankful we are blessed with such nice people and good cooks. I will cherish the gifts and use them often.
- Yours truly,
Josh J. Lee, "New Member"
- ♥ Dear Lincoln Park,
Thank you for helping me with confirmation. And a special thank you to Pastor Larry and Brenda for organizing all of it.
- Andy Lee
- ♥ Lincoln Park UMC,
Enclosed is a donation to the church to express our thanks for letting us use the church facilities for our many practices in rehearsing for our show(s). We appreciate your support very much!
- ABC Youth Theater
- ♥ I have so many people to thank for helping me through my recent illness. I want to thank the prayer chain for all those prayers, Betty Frederickson for her kind and caring ways and Pastor Larry for his cheery visits. Your prayers, kind words, visits, cards and messages were all very healing and helpful during a trying time. I am appreciative and thankful for each one of you. You make Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church a truly caring place.
- Thank you and God bless!!!
Jan Ferree
- ♥ I would like to thank everyone for their gifts of food, time running me to appointments, calls, cards, flowers and prayers during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. Words can't begin to express my heartfelt thanks. And last but not least, Pastor Larry's visits and beautiful prayers. I am so proud and blessed to be a member of such a loving and caring church. God bless us all.
- Much love,
Rose Hare

Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

News-Linc Deadline



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For our
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News-Linc, monthly publication of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church, hopes to link you to your church with information about its programs, plans, and people. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and may be left in the newsletter mailbox by the church office.

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From the Editor

Please note the early deadline for our September *News-Linc*. It's usually a large one! **Debbie Harvey** will be putting this issue together (*thank you, Debbie!*)

All e-mail submissions should be sent to debharv3@aol.com or placed in the *News-Linc* mailbox in the church office. If you need to speak with us about the September issue, your calls should be made to Debbie, 610-775-3041 .

Birth

Congratulations to Matthew and Rebecca Hummel on the birth of daughter Jessica on May 25. **Jane Reitz** is the proud "Grammy."

"He enjoys true leisure who has time to improve his soul's estate."

—Henry David Thoreau



Sadly, **K.C. Buchanan** and **Lucy Schaeffer** have *retired* from their service as Youth Counselors at Lincoln Park. We greatly appreciate all they've done with our youth over the last two years. Now we need a replacement(s) for them for the fall program. If God places it on your heart to be involved in the ministry of Lincoln Park Church through our Youth Program, please speak to **Pastor Larry or Dorris** and make your interest known.

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