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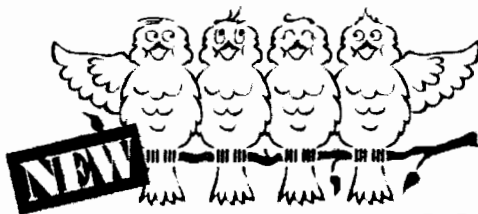
September, 2004

Fall Sunday School Schedule Begins September 12

From Dorris McCoy



SUNDAY SCHOOL – IT’S FOR LIFE and LP’s Sunday Church School is too! Bible study and Sunday morning learning activities offer exciting possibilities to learn more about God, His love in Christ and how to connect the church’s stories of faith to our everyday living. Come—learn—grow—explore—serve! Mark your calendars now for the beginning of the fall schedule on **Sunday, September 12.**



Sunday School Schedule

led by the humorous, knowledgeable **Norm and Nancy Dettra.** This Adult Class digs into the Scripture lessons upon which Sunday worship is based. Did you know that by being in worship/education through the three year cycle of the Lectionary you will have covered the major stories of the Bible?

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Check out the new schedule. There are major time changes, especially for children.

- At **9:30 am**—**ADULT LECTIONARY CLASS**—in the Church Library

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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, September 5 – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – HOLY COMMUNION – The Rev. Frederick Douglas will be our guest minister.

Sunday, September 12 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – The first Sunday of our September Stewardship Emphasis – Pastor Larry's sermon will be entitled *Just One?* based on Luke 15:4, *Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?*

Sunday, September 19 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – The sermon will be entitled *Now That You've Got It, What Are You Going to Do with It?* based on Luke 16:10, *Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.*

Sunday, September 26 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – The sermon will be entitled *You Did What?* based on Luke 16:25, *But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'*

Beginning with this issue, we will list the complete lectionary lessons for each Sunday so that, if you choose, you may read them in preparation for Sunday's service. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary, used by many mainline Protestant denominations. The lectionary consists of readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, the Gospels, and the Psalms. The readings for September are:

Sunday, September 5 – Jeremiah 18:1-11; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
The Psalter is Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18.

Sunday, September 12 – Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
The Psalter is Psalm 14.

Sunday, September 19 – Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
The Psalter is Psalm 79:1-9.

Sunday, September 26 – Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
The Psalter is Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16.

Musical Opportunities Announced

From Linda Umstead, Director of Music

Numerous and varied musical opportunities will begin in September. Please consider participating in one or more groups. Check your Sunday bulletin for more information, or call **Lin Umstead**, 610-777-1422, ext. 26.

WEDNESDAY:

- ♪ 6:30 – 7:00 pm – **NEW BEGINNINGS** Bell and Chime choir for all ages, no musical ability necessary.
- ♪ 7:00 – 8:00 pm – **JOYFUL RINGERS** Bell Choir will ring once per month at the 10:45 am service.
- ♪ 8:00 – 9:00 pm – **CHANCEL CHOIR** sings weekly at the 10:45 service. Emphasis is on sacred classics and traditional choir music with primarily organ accompaniment.

THURSDAY:

- ♪ 6:30 – 7:00 pm – **SUNDAY SINGERS**, our elementary aged kids' choir! Members are encouraged to stay for the new Praise Choir or Praise Orchestra.
- ♪ 7:00 – 7:30 pm – **PRAISE CHOIR** for ages 6 –96. This is an intergenerational/family choir and will sing at the 9:15 am service. No experience necessary.
- ♪ 7:30 – 8:00 pm – **PRAISE ORCHESTRA** – any age, bring a band instrument. We will learn music to perform with the Praise Band and/or Praise Choir.
- ♪ 8:00 – 9:30 pm – **PRAISE BAND** rehearsal with electronic instruments and audio/visual team.

Kick-Off Choir Picnic



All new and returning choir members are invited to start the choir year with a picnic at the home of Marian Longenecker on **Wednesday, September 8**. Please RSVP to Marian, 610-775-4528. She will ask you to bring a salad or dessert to share. Join us for good fellowship and good food as we look forward to our first choir rehearsal the following week, Wednesday, September 15.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

Several weeks ago Brenda and I were invited to spend a Sunday with a group from a church we had served years ago. Our hosts wanted us to arrive early so we could spend some time with them and see a recent addition to the church.

As we walked through the new addition housing offices, classrooms, restrooms and a large space for fellowship and contemporary worship, our host, Dr. Bailey, kept pointing out the problems with the new addition. I, however, was awed by the transformation and enhancement of their facility.

As we concluded the "tour," Dr. Bailey remarked that he had a new perspective on the addition; that my amazement at what they had done made him appreciate the wonderful changes. He noted that this was a great addition to the church's life despite the difficulties they had encountered during construction and the problems that remained.

From time to time we need a different perspective. We need to "step back" and take in the "bigger picture." We need to be able to see things through someone

else's eyes.

Years ago, when Brenda and I were moving to Effort to serve the church there, I was driving a U-Haul truck up Interstate Route 81. In the seat next to me was Brenda's then nine-year-old brother. As we came over a rise near Hazleton, Jeff looked out the window at the vista before us and simply said, "WOW!" I probably would have passed by it as more highway scenery, but he helped me see it from a different perspective.



If only we could always see the positive, the wonder, the possibility in life. If only we could see these qualities in the life of the church. As we begin the new program year at LP Church, I hope and pray that we will all look at the positives and the possibilities. Dr. Robert Schuller, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral, is fond of saying that *anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed*. For me, that means God sees infinite possibilities where our vision is narrow and limited.

There are challenges to be faced. But rather than focusing on the problems and

shortcomings, as our friend did with his church's new addition, let's focus on the positives and possibilities. Let's help each other look at those qualities in our community life, to see the "WOW" that we might otherwise miss.

Lincoln Park Church has a special place in our hearts; it is where we nurture our love for God and our love for one another. Sir Walter Scott wrote in his poem, *The Maid of Neidpath*, "O lovers' eyes are sharp to see". So, with vision sharpened by our love for God and one another, let us see the good, the positive, and all the possibilities that exist within our community of faith.

In the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew the disciples ask Jesus why he speaks in parables. Jesus tells the disciples that they have been given to know the secret of the kingdom of heaven. George Buttrick says the "secret" is an "open secret": *God so loved the world . . . that whosoever . . .* The "secret" of the kingdom grows in those who hold it in prayer and life! Buttrick goes on to note that the secret of Christ is to be like a seed: multiplied to harvest. May we be "seers" and "sowers"!

*God has blessed you, because your eyes can see and your ears can hear!
Many prophets and good people were eager to see what you see and to hear what you hear. But I tell you that they did not see or hear! (Matthew 13:16-17, CEV)*

Together, we can be an effective community of fellowship, service and witness for the cause of the Gospel of Jesus Christ because we too are blessed to know the "secret": *God so loved the world . . . that whosoever . . .*

In Christ,



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!

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

“I heard someone once make this remark about his children, ‘I wouldn’t give you a nickel for another one, but I wouldn’t take a million dollars for the ones I already have.’

“Sometimes we forget how valuable are the people and things we have at our fingertips. When we are busy ‘using’ them, they are worth a nickel! All of a sudden, when we are threatened with losing them, they are worth a million dollars to us.

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“Our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is an opportunity to change our thinking from nickels and dimes to thinking in terms of the high-value treasures we enjoy daily. It is a time to think of each other’s love – a time to think of God’s grace and forgiveness. It is a time to think of renewed hope for fresh beginnings. It is, indeed, a time to think of how richly we have been blessed. We are certainly millionaire saints, not nickel and dime ones!”

---Laurence C. Keene

SIGN ON A KENHORST CHURCH: “Be grace-givers and not fault-finders!”



Monday Morning Bible Study

From Hildamay Bartron

Monday Morning Bible will begin the fall season on Sept 20. The study topic will be the Book of Acts. We will travel with Paul as he struggles to bring the Word to the Gentiles. We will discuss the problems the infant church had and how relevant they are today.

We start with a Chit-Chat time followed by prayer requests and an opening prayer. The study starts at 10:30 am and finishes by noon. We meet in the library. This is an open study and all are welcome to participate. Please feel free to come.

Missions Committee Delivers

From Barbara Wenger



On July 21 the many needed and promised items, collected by Sunday School students, Mission Committee and the congregation of LP, were delivered to First Baptist Church in Reading.

Donated items included:

- 19 boxes containing 250 books
- 3 large shopping bags with computer games and programs
- A large box of craft supplies (crayons, paints, paper, etc.)
- A cash donation of \$200 from VBS

Many thanks to those who supported this worthwhile project!

Welcome Home, Erika



After two years and three months, **Erika Garrity** completed her Peace Corps commitment in Armenia on July 12. According to Mom **Gretchen**, Erika has been traveling throughout Turkey for the past three weeks. Presently she is visiting relatives in Germany and soon will fly home. Erika looks forward to greeting everyone at church as she unwinds and re-enters our culture.

Gretchen says that Erika had a great experience and "could write a book!" We're glad Erika is on her way home to family and friends!

Marcus Matthews Elected a Bishop of the UMC

VALLEY FORGE, PA (July 22) - The Rev. Marcus Matthews, a newly-elected bishop of The United Methodist Church, has been assigned to The Philadelphia Area. Matthews will begin his new assignment on September 1 to lead the nearly 1000 churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences.

Matthews, superintendent of the Washington West District in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, was elected a bishop by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC on Wednesday, July 14.

Bishop Matthew's Installation Service and welcome will be Sunday, September 26, at Tindley Temple United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, PA. A reception will begin at 3:00 pm with the services beginning at 5:00 pm.

September Learning Options

From Dorris McCoy

ALPHA & FALL FAMILY FAITH FEST OPTIONS

- ~ **ALPHA**—a small group/video presentation by Nicky Gumbel for anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith and exploring the meaning of life. Coordinator: **Sandi Rosencrans**, assisted by small group facilitators.
- ~ **A LIFE WORTH LIVING**—Nicky Gumbel's video series on the Book of Philippians and exploring living our faith positively, practically and joyfully. Facilitators: **Jerry Pawlikowski & Harold Perkins**.
- ~ **CHRISTIANITY AS A WORLD RELIGION**—top notch video presentations by Luke T. Johnson, Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, tracing the evolution of Christianity's traditions and history throughout the world. Facilitator: **Earl Hope**.
- ~ **GIFTS FOR SERVANTHOOD**—A hands-on spiritual gifts inventory, self-discovery process to discover just what gifts God has given you to serve Him. Facilitator: **Jack Villecco**. Note: this class runs 3 weeks for those able to make only a short-term study commitment.
- ~ **YOUTH ALPHA FOR TEENS**—An opportunity for teens to experience and discover Alpha with fellow teens. Facilitators: **Jim Umstead & Bill Chadwick**.
- ~ **KIDS CLUB FOR K-6**—Faith & Fun Activities for kids K-6!
- ~ **INFANT/TODDLER CARE**—Free, professionally-supervised nursery care for

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The Sacred Circle

A Prayer Ministry with a Personal Touch

From Loreen Miller

The first meeting of The Sacred Circle will be **Tuesday, September 14**, at 7 pm in Room 103 of the Education Building. 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.

On September 14, 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.

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 suffer-



ing from anxiety. Many people face difficult decisions and simply need prayer for God's guidance.

THE SACRED CIRCLE 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.

Book Club Resumes September 27

From Nancy Dettra



Forever by Pete Hamill is the book we will review in September at the home of Nancy Dettra at 7:00 PM. "Forever" is an epic with the setting in Ireland and New York City in the early 1700's. The themes of our books continue to explore current literature dealing with life issues, always informative, always interesting. Please feel welcome to join us.

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the youngest set!

ALPHA & FALL FAMILY FAITH FEST begin with the kick-off ham dinner at 5 pm on Sunday, **September 12**, in the Social Room and continue Sundays, **September 26 through November 28**. Registration details are available at the Alpha displays in the Social Hall and Wagner Room. Persons with time and energy in the areas of hospitality, food prep/serving, children's ed, and small group facilitating are encouraged to contact **Sandi Rosencrans, Jerry Pawlikowski or Dorris McCoy**. The additional study options are presented especially for those who have been asking, "After Alpha, what's next?" The "next" has arrived.

Mission Committee Continues Projects this Fall

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Committee Chair

The Mission Committee will meet Sept 14, 7 pm in the Library, picking up where we left off in May and continuing to seek new avenues where we can grow and share with the needy people of this world. We will set up our schedule for the remaining mission year of 2004, including:

- Special donations to help the needy near and far
- Souper Sunday at Central Park UM Church
- Thanksgiving contributions of canned goods and staples to the Greater Food Bank
- Christmas Child Project of shoe boxes filled with Christmas gift items (We hope to increase the number of boxes this year!)
- Christmas Angel Tree Project, benefiting needy families through the Salvation Army in Reading, thanks to the faithful congregation at Lincoln Park Church.



Our committee appreciates the help we've received from our youth and Church School students – the future of our church -- and looks forward to working with them on these projects. Many thanks also for the generous donations of money from the Lincoln Park congregation. We are always looking for new people with new ideas to join our committee. Come and join us!

Strategic Planning Committee Seeks to Build Community

From Nancy Dettra

Change and growth happen everyday all around us. It is healthy, but sometimes scary. This was brought home to us after our church's recent survey. Our membership saw the Contemporary Service as an important means of growth - to bring the unchurched to Christ. But it also brought about changes we sometimes are having difficulty dealing with.

Thus, our Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting with the purpose of finding ways to remove the roadblocks to again become "one in the spirit."

The following message came out of the United Methodist Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders: *United Methodists will forever be involved in unchristian action toward one another if each person does not let go of concern about "I" and make efforts to become "we." When we are doing the work of the church, we are the body of Christ in action. Ministry becomes our number one concern, making disciples our number one priority.*

The Strategic Planning Committee asks you, our membership, to prayerfully con-

sider our *roadblocks* and then, in one body and spirit, help make growth-related changes. Lack of communication is at the top of our list. There is misinformation regarding attitudes, actions, events, monetary matters, etc. We have a tendency to *think the worst* first

based on fragmentary or incorrect knowledge. We have an inordinate focus on budget, not ideas or purpose. We rely on hearsay rather than getting the facts from the pastor, lay leader, or committee member. We need to know that we all are invited to our church meetings (except Staff-Parish). We need to be positive rather than negative in con-

versations. Our God is a God of change. God gave us the church that must be ever-changing to meet today's world. God expects us to have an innovative and evolving ministry based on God's unchanging WORD.

As the Strategic Planning Committee works to help facilitate change for LPCUMC, some ideas have begun to emerge to build relationships and unify

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- Develop bold-faced focus on our Mission Statement, *Seeking and Sharing Christ*, with more emphasis throughout church on signs, literature, etc
- Encourage surveys of individual talents and interests to participate in the life of the church; incorporate this in orientations of new members
- Provide moments before church services to promote new or existing group activities, projects, Christian Education, Missions, Agape, UM Men, etc.
- Continue to promote ALPHA
- Continue outreach to the community in programming.

It's a beginning, but so ambitious we look to all of you for help. In Pastor Larry's words, *I believe firmly in the future of the church; we can answer the call to be the church God intends us to be.* And in the words of Jim Wallis, we must *re-build the kind of Community that gives substance to the claims of faith.*

Strategic Planning Committee:

Pastor Larry Carl	Beth Auman	Becky Chadwick	William Chadwick
Nancy Dettra	Jeanette Erskine	Bob Erskine	Peter Flickinger
Harry Garrity	Earl Hope	Dorris McCoy	David Nunziata
Harold Perkins	Jack Villecco		

Craft Group Restarts in September

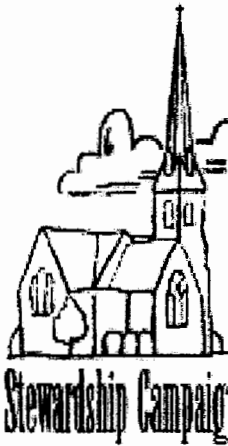
From Genevieve Matthews



The Craft Group will begin to meet on Thursday, September 30, at 1:00 pm in Room 104 in the Education Building. We are usually finished by 3:00 pm. Once again we will prepare Craft Kits for youngsters who attend the After-School Program at First Baptist Church in Reading. After the students finish their homework they are permitted to complete the craft project. They do look forward to this activity. If you enjoy good fellowship, snipping and gluing, please join us. I'm not sure who has the better time -- the kids or we crafters!

STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

From Jerry Manhart



Please reserve these dates in September to participate in the annual STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Sunday, September 26 will be **Consecration Sunday**. We will place our pledges for 2005 on the Lord's altar.

The new program year will be introduced by our leaders on Sundays **September 12 and 26**. Please attend and receive your information first hand. You will be receiving a more detailed letter during the week of September 5. Included will be information on the proposed 2005 budget and the programs it will support.

Lincoln Park United Methodist Church was founded to **worship and serve** the Lord. Nothing has changed except that we have added new styles of worship.

When you joined LPUMC, you promised to support it with your **time, talent and treasure**. Our church cannot survive unless we all work together and every member contributes to the best of each one's ability.

Time and Talent in Action

From Susie Romig

Many people volunteer their *time and talent* to our church, often working quietly behind the scenes. We'd like to give these people a pat on the back for their valuable contributions.



- Since his retirement, **Carl Madeira** has spent extra time at church to improve the grounds with plantings of flowers and shrubs.
- **Mark Williams** has been attacking the plethora of weeds that grow where the soil was disturbed to lay the new sidewalks.
- **Gertrude Young** has agreed to step in as chairperson of HEART AND HAND, with the retirement of **Rose Hare**. Gertie will be asking you to update your commitment to this service by completing a new questionnaire.
- **Cory Laity** has built a magnificent storage rack for tables in the Social Hall. It's a work of art!

We appreciate the time and the talent these people have donated, and thank them for their commitment!

ALPHA Motivates, Exhilarates and Educates

From Sandra Rosencrans

Religious writer Charles R. Swindoll claims, *Two major mistakes are commonly found in the family of God. One is giving lost people too much theology; two is giving saved people too much of the gospel.* He contends, *Saved people don't grow if all they're told is the cross and tomb. Lost people won't understand if what they are told is the deep subjects of theology.* To Swindoll's two "mistakes" I would add a third: failing to clothe the ageless story of Jesus in relevant, contemporary attire. Without a remedy, the most regular church-goers can become numb, strayed sheep remain unclaimed and those in-between cannot be awakened from their spiritual doldrums. **THE ALPHA COURSE** effectively, efficiently and enjoyably prevents these three mistakes.

Lincoln Park UMC is both happy and blessed to offer again **THE ALPHA COURSE**, beginning **September 26**. A kick-off dinner for **ALPHA** and three other courses to be offered this Fall will be held on September 12.

ALPHA is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and non-threatening setting over ten thought-provoking weekly discussions, accentuated with a one-day re-

treat. As I recently described my own **ALPHA** initiation, *Druids, atheists and witches would find a warm welcome! I know I did!*



Exploring the meaning of life is serious business, but serious pursuits and rollicking laughter are not mutually exclusive! Each Sunday evening starts with dinner at 5:00 and small discussion groups end by 7:30. Thanks to the culinary talents of committed members, dinner is always delicious and church-home cooked. The main talk of the evening addresses a key issue. No matter how many participants are in the larger group, everyone becomes a valued member of a small group, and bonding with each other develops.

There are currently 7200 **ALPHA** courses worldwide, from Kosovo to Kentucky, from North Dakota to Nepal, from Liberia to Lincoln Park. Anyone interested to learn more about Christianity or re-evaluate what you think you already accept is invited to "taste test" the upcoming **ALPHA** course. If you are an **ALPHA** alumnus, invite friends, neighbors and strangers to a potentially life-changing experience. May we count on your support and participation?

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- **At 9:15 am**—CHILDREN are encouraged to worship with their family, as no graded church school option is available. A simple, worship-themed project for 4 year olds through second graders will be offered during the adult sermon time. The contemporary worship planners are hard at work making this worship time extra kid & family-friendly.
- **At 10:45 am**—**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES** (a switch from past years; join with us as we seek to encourage additional leadership involvement and increase attendance).

ADULTS will meet in the Church Library with **Earl Hope** facilitating a study of **EIGHT LIFE-ENRICHING PRACTICES OF UNITED METHODISTS**, the Bible, Wesley's writings and Methodism all in one hour of dialogue.

YOUTH will meet in Room 103 to continue their Faith in Films series, under the direction of **Penny Snook and Jim**

Umstead. This has been an exciting way to connect life issues with support from the Gospel message! Take a chance—drop in and discover how movies can make a point 4 a life of faith! Besides, **Penny** makes the best snacks in town!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL at 10:45 am will use Group's Faith-Weaver Friends curriculum. Faith-Weaver helps kids learn about and live out Bible truths. Projects and activities

help draw kids closer to God and present a faith-building Bible Point. Student journals and take-home pages continue the learning adventure! Ages and Graded Classes are scheduled as follows:

- ☉ 3 & 4 year olds and Kindergartners will meet as the Beginner Class in Room 101
- ☉ Grades 1, 2 & 3 will gather as The Middlers in Room 104
- ☉ Grades 4, 5 & 6 will join together as the JR Class in Room 102.

Please join us in September!



Labor Day, September 6

Since we have the privilege of being “workers together with God” it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work. Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate **Labor Day**.

Western Berks Free Medical Clinic Needs Nurses

The Free Medical Clinic, located at St. Daniel's Church in Robesonia, serves people who need medical care, but have no money or medical insurance. The clinic is staffed with 7 volunteer physicians and 13 volunteer nurses. They see patients every Monday evening from 6-8:30 PM. The clinic is supported by church and service groups in the community.

Their need now is for volunteer nurses who have a current license and liability insurance. If any nurse would like to volunteer to help one evening every six weeks, please call Lori Small at 610-693-5615.



Your prayers, support and assistance are sincerely appreciated.

Contemporary Adult Bible Study Plans for Fall Schedule

From Lisa Gallagher

The leaves will be changing color, school buses will be on the roads.....and the **Contemporary Adult Bible Study** group will be starting another session of Christian fellowship, education and spiritual growth through Bible study. We will have a planning session in September to choose our study materials for the first session. We generally meet one evening, every other week starting in mid-October. Childcare is provided.

Please consider becoming part of this dynamic study group. We offer plenty of opportunity for those who enjoy exploration and discussion of God's word and its meaning for each of us. Please contact **Lisa or Jim Gallagher**, 610-775-7904 or online at glendalough@msn.com).

Come Along for the Ride!

From Lisa Gallagher

Saturday, **October 2!** Mark your calendars! We will head to Duncan Farms to enjoy all the autumn fun a farm can offer! We'll make our way through a fantastic corn maze and see the sights riding on a hay wagon! And to wrap it all up, we'll roast hot dogs & marshmallows by campfire....yum!!!!



**Join us on
a hayride!**

Plan to come along from 4-7 pm. There will be a sign-up list posted during September in the Wagner Room and Social Hall. For more information, please contact **Lisa Gallagher** at 610-775-7904 or at glendalough@msn.com.



NEW SIGNS PROVIDED BY FLOYD FREEMAN FUND

From Harold Perkins

Five new directional signs, professionally designed, have been afforded by the Memorial Fund in honor of Floyd Freeman. Approval of this project was given by Betty and Paul Freeman, widow and son of Floyd, prior to Betty's death.

Two new directional signs are being placed on roads leading to the Church and three others on Church property; one each in front of the Office Building and Education Building, and one affixed to the Education Building.

Memorial funds have brought about many enhancements to the Church and its ministries and hopefully will continue to do so in the future.

Pairs and Spares

From Elaine Meckes



Fellowship

Not a bowling league, but a social outreach of our church for couples and singles of all ages. This group began in 1998, and

has planned an activity almost every month, including plays, dinners, golf, pot luck suppers and more.

At this time, your committee has run out of fresh ideas for the Fall. We need some folks to show an interest and offer

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STEWARDSHIP

From Bob Longenecker

September will be **Stewardship Month** for our church as we look to the programs of the church and how we will provide financial support for the program activities.

Some of us may not be aware of the many activities conducted by the church and how far we reach into other places and lives as we endeavor to spread the Good News of Christianity. During this month we will be examining the program activities of the church with various communiqués that will provide food for thought as each of us considers our decision regarding financial support for our church in the coming year. Bringing these messages into focus about the programs of the church also will help each of us consider ways we might get involved by providing a time commitment to one or more of these programs.

Please look forward to these messages and don't hesitate to ask questions if things need further elaboration

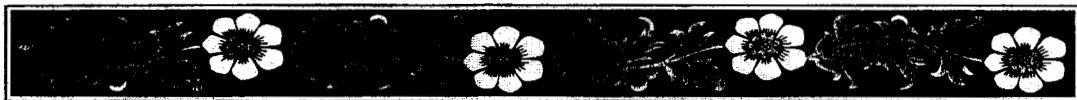


OPPORTUNITY HOUSE GIVES LP OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

From Dorris McCoy



Can you bake a cake? Peel a carrot? Toss a salad? Lift a spoon? Smile and pass a plate? If you can do any of these tasks, then the **Evauls** can put you to work helping to prepare and serve supper at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE on **Tuesday, September 7**. Meet at the church at 4 pm if you can help cook, or stop by at 6:00 and journey with us to serve the supper for 60-90 homeless men, women, and children at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE on North Second Street. You can even bake the cakes or cookies or brownies at home and drop at the church by 6:00 – it's as simple as that! Call **Jerry or Charleen Evaul** (610-927-1692) with offers of how you are willing to share in this servant ministry!



RECYCLE SETS SEPTEMBER DATE

From Dorris McCoy

July's recycle trip saw an amazing accumulation of paper, cardboard, and plastic recyclables from the church office, VBS, flea market, church kitchen, church school, and dedicated recycling church members. Enough was dropped to warrant the use of the large work van of the **Goldsborough's** flooring installation business—thanks Rodney for giving LP's DCE the nerve-testing thrill of getting it off church property without hitting anything! Items accepted for recycling include only those not taken by your local township efforts. Please bag, bundle, sort and flatten all items to maximize available transporting space. Adult and youth offers to assist are eagerly accepted by Recycling Coordinator, **Jennifer Hope**, 610-670-9731, or jlhope2006@aol.com.



PARISH RESOURCE CENTER AND GROUP OFFER WORKSHOPS

From Dorris McCoy



The Parish Resource Center in nearby Lancaster offers a broad spectrum of training workshops beginning this fall. Lincoln Park Church belongs to this well-staffed, multi-media & ecumenical resource-filled facility that presents a myriad of opportunities for church planning and creative programming. The Fall 2004 Workshop schedule includes sessions on Christmas dramas and musicals, stewardship, newsletter design, discerning a congregation's future, and Godly Play Storytelling of the Parables and Advent stories. For details, contact **Dorris McCoy** or call the PRC at 1-717-299-1113.

Group Publishing, those great folks providing us our wonderful VBS Lava Lava Island resources and Sunday Church School's Faith Weaver Friends curriculum, announces their Fall 2004 Children's Ministry Live and Youth Ministry Workshops. These are high energy events guaranteed to power up your ministry visions and refresh your soul. To attend, see **Dorris McCoy**.

Both these opportunities to learn and grow in leadership and ministry skills will have funding made available for registration fees through LP's Leadership Development Designated Funds. Inquiries may be made to **Bob Erskine**, LP's Finance Chair.

Teachers' Meeting



CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS SET SEPTEMBER MEET

From Dorris McCoy

LP's Church School teachers and helpers are invited to gather together to share their faith stories and pick up resources for the Fall. Church School leaders will meet

in the Lounge/Choir Room on **Tuesday, September 7, 7 pm** – refreshments too! Meet your fellow teachers—see what's new for September (check out our new computers)—bring your ideas for special projects! Church School teachers make an eternal difference, provide lifelong learning for church members, touch the hearts and souls from young to old and connect all participants to the true Source of life! What an awesome, inspiring task!

**FINANCE REPORT
CHURCH COUNCIL
June 19, 2004**

Period Ending June 30, 2004	<u>2004 BUDGET</u>	<u>2004 ACTUAL</u>	<u>%</u>	
INCOME				
Envelopes	\$290,544	\$141,961	49%	(\$148,583)
Plate	8,000	3,398	42%	(4,602)
Special Envelopes	11,000	4,059	37%	(6,942)
Other	18,570	12,345	66%	(6,225)
TOTAL INCOME	\$328,114	\$161,763	49%	(\$166,351)
EXPENSES				
CHURCH COUNCIL				
Ministries of Administration	\$14,150	\$7,871	56%	(\$6,279)
Program Ministries	56,865	28,174	50%	(28,691)
STAFF PARISH	172,895	80,615	47%	(92,280)
BOARD of TRUSTEES	86,680	52,954	61%	(33,726)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$330,590	\$169,613	51%	(\$160,976)
NET REVENUE MINUS EXPENSES	(\$2,476)	(\$7,851)		

CASH SUMMARY	<u>12/31/2003 BALANCE</u>	<u>06/30/2004 BALANCE</u>	
OPERATING FUNDS			
Cash Balance TOTAL	\$80,948	\$71,156	
Designated Funds	\$13,734	\$21,498	
Cash Balance General Funds	\$67,214	\$49,658	
ENDOWMENT	\$52,345	\$52,345	Estimated
MEMORIAL FUND	\$7,590	\$5,968	
LOAN BALANCE			
<u>12/31/2003</u> <u>06/30/2004</u>			
FULTON BANK	205,958	193,638	
	<u>\$205,958</u>	<u>\$193,638</u>	
Building Fund - Cash on Hand	2,059	100	Estimated
Net Loan Balance	\$203,899	\$193,538	

CONFIRMATION CLASS ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

From Pastor Larry Carl

Confirmation Class



Once again, confirmation class will be held for any young person who has completed at least the sixth grade. Classes will begin in early January, 2005, and continue through May. Young people enrolled in the class are expected to attend class sessions, worship service and church school.

While there are other expectations for the class members, I do not want anyone to be intimidated by those expectations. I will work with any class member who makes the effort to ensure that he/she successfully completes the course and has a positive experience in confirmation.

An enrollment form is attached for you to let me know of your interest in the confirmation class. While I understand this is early notice, it will help me plan for the class sessions. Please complete the form and return it to me at your earliest convenience, but no later than October 15, 2004.

Confirmation Enrollment Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Last Grade Completed _____ Age _____

Baptized? Yes No If yes, when _____

Where _____

Parent's Signature _____

From our mailbox



- ♥ Dear fellow members and friends of Lincoln Park UMC,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns extended to me during my hospitalization and recovery from my recent hip operation. The cards, phone calls and visits were greatly appreciated. I enjoyed the beautiful flowers from the June 13 church service, and also the visits and prayers from Pastor Larry.

Thanks and God bless everyone.

-Mike Wardrop

- ♥ To Lincoln Park UMC,

Many thanks for bringing the church flowers over to Betty Brown in the Highlands. The beautiful yellow flowers helped cheer her during this week's cloudy days and she appreciates your thoughtfulness and generosity very much!

-Mr and Mrs R S Brown

- ♥ Dear friends,

Thanks for all the cards, prayers and visits during my recent illness. The flowers from the altar were beautiful and brightened the hospital room. Thanks to Pastor Carl for his visits in the hospital and at home.

-Don Klein

- ♥ Dear LP congregation,

Thank you for giving Courtney and Camryn such a wonderful experience with Vacation Bible School. They absolutely love the CD and put "concerts" on for Tom and me (and whoever else will watch) almost every day!

Thanks again!

-Kim Hubric

- ♥ We had a great time at Lava Lava Island. Thank you.

-Katie, Patrick and Shannon Joyce

-Molly, Meghan and Meredith Gavin

- ♥ To LP Church,

Words can't express our appreciation to LP church for your generous gift. The books, supplies and your check are very much appreciated. Our homework study program at First Baptist Church will begin again in October and these gifts will do so much for the children who attend. Your church has been supportive to us in so many ways. Again, thank you to all who made this gift possible. God's blessings to you all.

-Sylvia Krallis, Volunteer Director,
Homework Study Program

- ♥ Many thanks for your cards, telephone calls, visits, etc. during my brief hospitalization. Thanks to Pastor Carl for his hospital visit. Friendship is Lincoln Park's greatest asset.

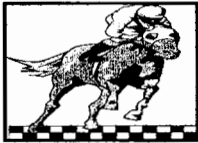
Thanks again!

-Bruce Meckes & Family



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

News-Linc Deadline



September
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for our
October issue

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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Birth



Congratulations to Dennis and Gabi Antunes on the birth of their son, Daniel Michael, on August 5.

Daniel was 8 lb., 6 oz. and 20 inches long, and joins brother Phillip.



Our Hearts
go out to...

the family and friends of Wilmer Lied, who passed away on June 2, and the family and friends of Mrs. William (Ruth) Weaver who passed away on July 3. We extend our Christian sympathy.

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suggestions so we can put together some fun events and again enjoy the fellowship we had. The continuation of the group depends on you. A planning meeting will follow as soon as we get some interested people. Please call Elaine Meckes, 610-670-2015.

Blood DRIVE

Don't forget the Blood Drive organized by MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK on **Friday, September 10**, at church from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Please join us in the giving of ourselves to help someone else. Contact Jean Weikel, 610-777-3678.

Worship with us:	8:15 & 10:45 am (Traditional Worship)	
(Beginning September 12)	9:15 am (Contemporary Worship in Social Hall)	
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