

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

October, 2004

The Sacred Orchestra with Dave Stahl Returns

From Allen Buchanan

On Sunday, October 24, we will have only one worship service at 10:15 am, led by The Sacred Orchestra with Dave Stahl. This musical ensemble consists of a 20-piece orchestra plus 10 vocalists (including our own **KC Buchanan**.) Their mission is to reach out to the greater membership of any one church and reinvigorate and reconnect those people with their church and God. The combination of spoken word and sacred music becomes an uplifting religious experience, bringing praise to God.

Custom musical arrangements of familiar hymns are written in a cross section of musical styles. Original compositions of contemporary praise music and transcriptions of The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir's recorded pieces are included in the repertoire.

Since childhood, Dave Stahl has played trumpet in churches as a soloist or with his family. His professional career began in 1973 with the US Army Band in

Washington, DC. He has played lead trumpet and recorded with many of the greatest names in the jazz/popular world of music -- Woody Herman, Count Basie, Buddy Rich, Frank Sinatra, and Liza Minnelli.

Starting in 1999, Dave has combined his experience and talents with The Sacred Orchestra to play the great music of the church in worship services honoring and praising God. Dave led a service at Lincoln Park in November, 2000. We now have an opportunity to share again in this unique worship experience.

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, October 3 – The 18th Sunday after Pentecost – **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** - Pastor Larry's sermon will be entitled *No Fear*, based on II Timothy 1:7, *For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.*

Sunday, October 10 – The 19th Sunday after Pentecost – The sermon will be entitled *Approved*, based on II Timothy 2:15, *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.*

Sunday, October 17 – The 20th Sunday after Pentecost – **LAITY SUNDAY** – The message by **Jerry Pawlikowski**, Lay Leader, is entitled, *In God We Trust?* based on Matthew 14:31, *Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him, 'You of little faith,' he said, 'Why do you doubt?'*

Sunday, October 24 – The 21st Sunday after Pentecost – **One service at 10:15 am**— David Stahl's Sacred Orchestra will be in concert, leading our worship.

Sunday, October 31 – The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Pastor Larry's sermon will be entitled *Trick or Treat* based on Habakkuk 2:3, *For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.*

LECTION LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 3: Lamentations 1:1-6; II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10;
Psalter: Psalm 137

Sunday, October 10: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; II Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19;
Psalter: Psalm 66:1-12

Sunday, October 17: Jeremiah 31:27-34; II Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8;
Psalter: Psalm 119:97-104

Sunday, October 24: Joel 2:23-32; II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14;
Psalter: Psalm 65

Sunday, October 31: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10; Psalter: Psalm 119:137-144

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

From Pastor Larry Carl

Sunday, October 3, is **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**. On this Sunday we join with Christians around the world in celebrating the Sacrament of our Lord's Supper. In this celebration we affirm that Christ bids all to come to his table; we sit around that table as brothers and sisters in Christ, joined by his love for us, and our love for him.



**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

On **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** we also receive a special offering to support:

- Crusade Scholarships for international and U. S. racial-minority and ethnic-minority graduate students
- Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students
- Scholarships for racial-minority and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations

In his second letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul wrote, *It is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry.* . .

Our **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** gifts nurture members of our family of faith to engage in life-changing ministries. Please come and share with us in this special celebration of our Lord's Supper and give generously to the special World Communion offering. Your gifts make a world of difference!

A Child's Prayer

(An anonymous tribute
from a loving LP grandmother to LP's children)



Forgive me if I have today
Done any wrong in work or play;
Oh, help me always to do right
And bless me every day and night.
Amen.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

Perhaps it's just me, but it seems as though this year's presidential campaign is more negative and contentious than previous campaigns. I wish the candidates would state clearly what they believe and what they would do for citizens of the United States and leave it at that. Why must there be so much time and money wasted on *bashing* the other candidate?

I have long wondered why any of us must conduct ourselves in such a fashion. What is it about us that makes us denigrate someone else in order to feel good about ourselves?

I entered ministry as an *idealist*. I truly believed it possible for us to construct a community that lived life by a different set of standards. I believe that's what the early church was about: to build a community where people lived in keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ. If you read the New Testament, you discover that early Christians were encouraged to live life in such a way in the most inhospitable of circumstances. I am still an *idealist*! I believe our failure to realize the kind of community the New Testament writers

envisioned is a result of our Sin, our separation from God.

Some critics of the church claim that we are always against things. Perhaps they are right! It is time that we speak out about what we believe, what we are for, and what we are willing to do for the cause of the kingdom of God. You've probably heard the story about the old backwoodsman who just came from church when he was met by a friend. *Where were you?* asked the friend. *I was in church,* said the backwoodsman. *What did the reverend preach about?* asked his friend. *He preached about sin,* said the man. *What did he say about it?* asked the friend. *He said he was against it,* said the backwoodsman.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...



Hebrews 10:22

Perhaps we would join that preacher in being against sin. But what are we for? That's the real question. How can we state positively what we believe and what we envision God is calling us to be and do?

If you have attended any meetings where I have given the closing prayer you might have heard me refer to what is

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

one of my favorite passages of Scripture: I Peter 3:15b. I will often cite it in prayer by asking that God will make us ready always *to give a word of testimony . . . to the hope that is in us*. True hope – based on faith in Jesus Christ – can only be expressed in the most positive way. The author of the epistle of Peter says that we are to give our testimony *with gentleness and reverence*. *Keep your conscience clear, so that when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.* (I Peter 3:16-17, NRSV)

I have little hope that the politicians in our country are going to lead the way in being *positive*, but I do hope with all my heart that we in the Christian community will take the lead in being positive about our faith, in our speech to and about one another in our faith community and in the larger community that surrounds us.

“Positively Yours,”

Pastor Larry

“Have you ever heard the expression, *Beggars can't be choosers*? What is meant is that anyone who is in need should be grateful for anything that is given.

He or she should not question or resent the quality of what is given. The statement sometimes carries with it an air of contempt for the person in need. It conveys the feeling that a beggar is without dignity and power. Because this is true, people's remedy for beggars is usually in the form of scraps and leftovers – the easiest thing to give.

God has never spoken to us who are spiritual beggars in that way. Though we are sinners, God remedied our situation by giving us the finest that could be given . . . God's Son! God gave from abundance, not from the leftovers. May the gifts we present to God reflect the best we have to give, not the least!”



---Laurence Keene

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 _____

21st Annual Laity Academy Provides Training

From Barbara Wenger,
Christ Servant Minister

From August 6-8, many United Methodists met at the Sheraton in Reading to gain knowledge and improve abilities for better serving their congregations. Speakers and study leaders emphasized the importance of laity in the spiritual community.

Participants take the Basic course first, taught by Dr. J. Dennis Williams, and under the direction of Conference Director of Christ Servant Ministries, George J. Hollick, Jr., and then become local Church Servants. The next year they can choose a different course – *The Power of Prayer, Worship and Music, Youth Adult Ministry, or Visitation and Nurturing Ministry*. All courses provide eight hours of training. Attendees receive certificates, to be signed by our District Superintendent at Charge Conference.

The Laity Academy, under the auspices of the Board of Lay Ministry of the Eastern PA Conference of the UM Church, was founded in 1983 at Albright College, by Dr. Chuck Yrigoyen and Reta Bartow with the Rev. Kent Kroehler. Fallon Blaker, Marian Miller, and Dr. Mary White have served as Deans.

If you are interested in attending in the future, contact Pastor Larry Carl.



Photos to be Taken for New Church Directories

From Chad Chelius

Beginning **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**, there will be camera equipment in the Choir Room to begin taking pictures for the new church directory. Someone will be there to take pictures beginning with the start of the first service at 8:15 am and extending through the end of the late service.

The idea is to have people come at intervals after each service on a first-come, first-served basis. This will happen each Sunday for approximately four consecutive Sundays depending on turnout. If necessary, additional Sundays may be added.

Hopefully everyone will make themselves available during one of those Sundays. Any questions, contact Chad Chelius, 610-775-4651, or

Purpose Driven Worship Conference

LEARN – PARTICIPATE – EXPERIENCE

From Bill Chadwick

I attended, along with seven members and staff of Lincoln Park UMC, the 2004 Worship Conference at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA. This four-day conference was filled with Daily Devotions, two Worship Services, General Speaker Sessions, and Workshops. Every day we had 1.5 hours of worship and 1.5 hours of an uplifting speaker (*sermon*) with the daily message/inspiration. After lunch we moved to workshops, and after dinner we enjoyed a three hour concert. At 10 pm, Late Night began at Saddleback Church.

The Worship Services were as diverse as the speakers, bringing new understanding of what worship is. Both Worships each day were musically driven, utilizing both traditional hymns and contemporary Christian music. The techniques used to weave these musical styles into an uplifting experience made me feel the spirit of the Lord to the core of my body. The music lifted me up and invigorated my being and gave me energy needed to move through the rest of the day. I learned through these daily services that worship

is the way we live our lives everyday, and that we attend church on Sunday based on the design of I Am and to worship with others who believe the Lord is our Savior! Without living in worship of our savior, we are not honoring the purpose of our lives. This purpose is to reach out to the unchurched. Every day I have seen the great works of God and have not always looked at them as his gift to us.



The General Speaker Sessions were also extremely uplifting. They were essentially sermons that spoke to many of the issues facing today's church.

The basic message was that we must be focused on the most important aspect of this world, God; that it is our purpose, as God's children, to bring the word of God to the unchurched. I was reminded that by bringing the word of God to the unchurched, we fulfill the purpose of God's great design. These Speaker Sessions made me laugh, cry, and examine my faith. My faith grew over those four days and my view of my purpose in this world has changed.

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The workshops I attended were related to the transition of the Church Service to one that is about the great I AM! The primary purpose of the Church Service is to praise and uplift the word of God to the unchurched. Those who are already truly worshipping in the context of the church are tasked with helping the unchurched find the word of God. How we praise and uplift the word does not matter, as long as it follows God's design! God has set the standard and as long as the Church Service upholds the word of God, we will be in favor of God's grace. I also noticed that the great things we are doing here at Lincoln Park UMC were being put forward:

- the development of small groups within the church to support the spiritual journey of the church and unchurched (ALPHA, Sunday School, study groups, Thursday Night Bible Study.)
- the development of a mission statement (vision) for the church that defines the specific purpose of that church (Sharing and Seeking Christ.)
- the development of new worship styles (Contemporary Service.)

The primary focus was on providing the style of Church Service that is relevant to the unchurched. Whether it is in the style of dress, music, culture, language, etc., if it uplifts and is faithful to God's word, it will bring people into the presence of God.

The nightly Concerts were not really "Concerts". Yes, they were performed by leading contemporary Christian music artists, but it was worship. Most of these music artists today are praise worship leaders or bands. They lead worship in churches every week. They revealed that in their own churches, it is hard to get people to worship. It is a struggle to reach the unchurched, but it is the purpose for which they have devoted their lives. Several revealed that during their services there are those who stand with their hands crossed and do not sing until their "song" is sung. But in the end, they are all there to worship God!

Late Night was late! We, as a group, only lightly acquainted ourselves with the opportunities of Late Night. Late Night was an opportunity to experience Christian comedy, have an opportunity at Christian Open Mic, experience a taste of Saddleback's Gospel service, and dance to Christian Swing. It provided a larger perspective of how God's design can be present in many different experiences.

The most important thing I learned is that we (LPUMC) are not alone in this desire to grow in faith and reach the unchurched! We are doing so much that is right! We are growing in faith and, with any growth, there are growing pains. In the end, it is all about God, the great I Am. There will never be perfection on Earth, only in heaven with God.

New Ministry Begins **A Prayer Ministry with a Personal Touch**

From Loreen Miller

The first meeting of the Sacred Circle was held on Tuesday, September 14, at 7 pm, with five persons attending. We shared prayer concerns around the Holy Spirit Candle, which was a bit like sitting around a campfire without the marshmallows. (We plan to use an additional accent lamp in the future.)

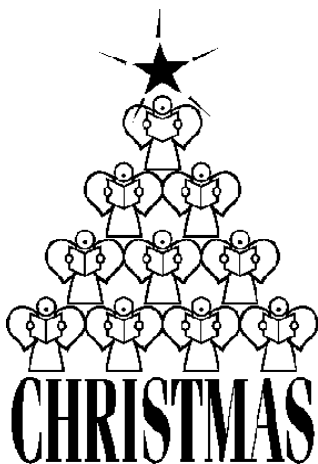


It was an uplifting time. We were encouraged by one another's prayers and helpful comments. If you are facing a difficult life issue and would like prayer, please join us.

The next meeting of the Sacred Circle will be on Tuesday, October 12, in Room 103. Sessions start promptly at 7 pm.

Be an Angel this Christmas

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Committee Chair



The Mission Committee is looking for a special archangel to help us with this year's Christmas tree. The Angel Tree has been a rewarding, successful annual project, shared by Lincoln Park Church with the Salvation Army.

Some of the tasks:

- * Set up two Christmas trees.
- * Decorate them with ornaments with names of recipients.
- * Deliver Christmas presents to the Salvation Army on a particular day.

Barev Dzez!

From Erika Garrity

Hello Lincoln Park United Methodist Church members! I am a LPUMC member and I recently returned from two years of U.S. Peace Corps service in Armenia. I had a wonderful experience, but I am happy to be home.

I want to thank you for your continuous support, prayers, letters, packages and assistance - it was greatly appreciated! The toothbrushes and toothpaste that you collected for me to take back to Armenia last year were happily received by two fourth and fifth grade classes in the village of Zaritap, located in the south-central region of Armenia. Along with the gifts, my Armenian counterpart, Lusina Sarkisian, a medical doctor, and I taught the children about the importance of brushing their teeth and the correct way to do so. The kids really enjoyed the classes and greatly appreciated the gifts. About 25% of the children in each classroom claimed to have never owned a toothbrush and about 50% of the children had already had a permanent tooth pulled. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

The NGO I worked with, *Support to*

Communities, also was very grateful to receive a financial donation from the LPUMC missions committee to purchase 16 medical books for their new medical resource library. The doctors and nurses in the region were excited to learn about the new resources and stopped by the office frequently to look information up in the books. Many doctors had been relying on out-dated medical information from the 1970's and 1980's. I wrote a note for the front of each book in Armenian and English to let those who use the books know they were provided by the LPUMC in Pennsylvania, USA, with warm wishes of health and happiness. A

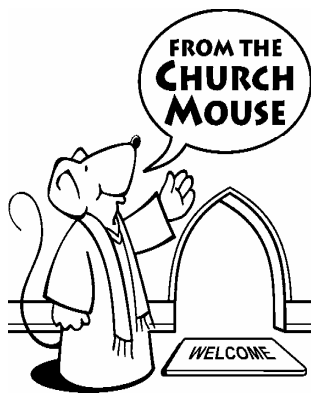
new Peace Corps volunteer was assigned with *Support to Communities* for the next two years and will be continuing to assist them with their library, seminars and future projects.

So, thank you again for everything. Because of you and LPUMC some children in Armenia are brushing their teeth daily with their own toothbrush and toothpaste, and doctors and nurses of the Vayots Dzor region have up-dated medical resources to better serve their community. Shat snoragalutjun - thank you very much from those in Armenia!



New Adventures for Steve Fallon, Cliff Flick

From Cheri Fallon



“It was the most rewarding surgical experience of my residency,” says **Steve Fallon**, of his mission trip this summer to Honduras. A gradu-

ate of the University of PA’s School of Dental Medicine, Steve is a fourth-year oral and maxillofacial surgery resident at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

With the support of the Friends of Barnabas Foundation and a local Richmond church, his group of two doctors, three nurses, two surgical assistants, and two auxiliary people from the church spent six days in the town of La Lima.

They operated on 23 patients, ranging in age from six months to 80 years. Most were children from six months to eight or nine years old. Eighteen of the cases were cleft lip or palate.

“We treat children all the time but these kids in their societies are outcasts. There are a lot of false beliefs; some think they [children born with cleft palates] are acts of the devil.”

In this part of the world, the incidence

of cleft lip or palate is higher (normally 1 in 750 births). “Pregnant mothers have poor nutrition which contributes to the higher occurrence,” says Steve. One of these children “is looking at a series of about five surgeries until he/she is 14.”

The team worked long hours, 7 am – 7 pm, then back to the hospital for post-op care, but it was well worth it in terms of satisfaction.

“This was my first trip to a third world country. Everyone should go to see how much we have in the US to be thankful for. They have nothing. The parents were so thankful. To help them live a little better quality of life and smile for the first time is pretty powerful,” he says.

Steve hopes to return to Honduras in March. Two websites with more information are www.fobf.org (about the Friends of Barnabas Foundation) and www.aaoms.org (the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery).

The opportunity for you to take a mission trip to Honduras in January, 2005, is just a phone call away. See our related article on p. 13.

Our former Assistant Pastor, **the Rev. Clifford Flick**, leaves his position at Annville United Methodist Church this month to work at the US Department of Defense Logistics Agency Supply Center

in Philadelphia. The department “provides logistics support for combat and peacetime missions of the military, such as repairing aircraft engines or providing replacement parts for downed aircraft in Iraq. It also supports US humanitarian and disaster-relief efforts, according to the departments Web site,” says Chris Sholly, in an article for the *Lebanon Daily News*.

Cliff, 44, had served as pastor in Annville the last four years and in New Holland after leaving Lincoln Park. He has also served 21 years in the military, six in active duty with the Air Force, the rest in the Air Force reserves.

During his tenure at Annville, Cliff has overseen a capital fund-raising campaign to raise money for renovating the church nursery, for more parking, and for air-conditioning the sanctuary. Also, a second more contemporary service was added.

It was a difficult decision for Cliff, but he and his family will continue to live in Annville, and he hopes to serve local UM pastors in their ministry. The Flicks’ two children, Jennifer, a high school sophomore, and Jeremy, a 5th grader, will attend school in Annville.

Many good wishes to the Flicks!

*Information for this article was gleaned from a piece in the *Lebanon Daily News*, written by Chris Sholly.

Join Me for a Mission Trip to Honduras



From Barbara Wenger

Would you like to add some excitement to your life? Something meaningful, new, and spiritual, too? Would you like to travel to a beautiful and different country?

I am hoping that someone will come along with me on a mission trip to Honduras, from January 11-22, 2005. Participation does not require a skill or a trade (though having one can be helpful.) But the ability to learn by watching can be an asset. You’ll need a passport and may be asked to carry some tools on the trip.

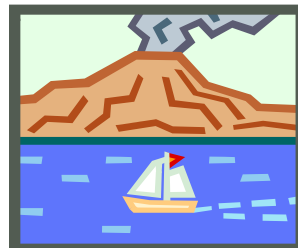
Think on it! Pray about it! For more information, please contact Barbara Wenger, 610-777-0952.

Lava Lava Island VBS Was a Huge Success

An update from Karen Osika

June was an exciting time at Lincoln Park as our church was transformed into a tropical island. Palm trees, volcanoes, grass huts, tropical flowers and hanging monkeys set the stage for a week-long adventure. The 50 children who attended Vacation Bible School were carried away by...

- ☺ uplifting songs
- ☺ fantastic bible stories played out in drama
- ☺ creative crafts to carry the message
- ☺ exciting games to promote fellowship
- ☺ tropical treats to nourish the body
- ☺ fun-loving Chadder who demonstrated how to live your faith in the context of the *Survivor* series.



The children had a fabulous time and so did the 40 youth and adults who gave their time.

During the week the children and congregation brought offerings of \$448. The First Baptist Homework Study program received \$200 and many boxes of books. The remaining money was used toward VBS expenses.

The children also completed Daily Challenges, acts of kindness toward others. These acts included giving a compliment, making a bed without being asked, praying with or for someone, and helping others. Each act of kindness allowed the child to add a piece of “lava” to our volcano. The children were so excited with this activity that the volcano was overflowing. It was a beautiful sight.

Thank you to the congregation for your contributions to this summer’s VBS. All donations and prayers were appreciated. God has greatly blessed us!

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!

PARISH RESOURCE CENTER ANNOUNCES WORKSHOPS

From Dorris McCoy

The PARISH RESOURCE CENTER, an ecumenical gathering place with people and paper resources for church planning, announces expansion of workshop opportunities.



If you've been to the Park City Mall in Lancaster, you're in the PRC's front yard. Why not stop in and

browse. Coming this fall are:

- * *Discerning Your Congregation's Future*, led by Roy Oswald & Robert Friedrich on October 25, 7-9:30 pm
- * *Godly Play Storytelling*, led by Kitty Collier on October 5 (intro session), October 18 (Parables), & November 16 (Advent), all at 6:30 pm at the PRC.

Contact **Dorris McCoy** at the Church Office to attend (LP's Leadership Development funds at work). More details are also available at the PRC (717-299-1113).



CHURCH SCHOOL FALL FOOD DRIVE

From Dorris McCoy

All Church School classes are cooperating with LP's Missions Committee to assist Central Park's Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen ministry. The Soup Kitchen's Food Pantry makes food available to needy persons in the Reading area.

The fuller their cupboards, the more families they can serve. Let's give them a hand. Needed items include:

- all types of non-perishable foods
- cereals
- canned and dried soups
- meal and baked good mixes
- pastas, macaroni
- spaghetti sauces
- canned vegetables & fruits

All donations may be placed in Food Drive boxes in the Education Building, Social Hall, or Wagner Room. Anyone wanting to help with delivery of items to Central Park Church, after the collection deadline of **October 3**, may contact **Dorris McCoy**, DCE, or Missions Chair, **Barbara Wenger**.

**JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP PLANNING LUNCH
AND LASER QUEST — October 10**

From Tracy Goldsborough



Noon - Parent Meeting (one parent is asked to attend) and Pizza in Social Hall

2 pm - Laser Quest

3:30 pm - Parents must pick up child at Laser Quest

Bring a friend! If you have questions, call **Tracy Goldsborough** at 610-777-6991.

YOUTH-LINK

**You're Invited —
Youth Fellowship Fall Kickoff
October 23**

From Linda Lee

The Youth Group (7th -12th grade) will have its fall kick-off event with a Fall Festival at the Lee home. All youth and their families are invited for a hot dog roast and pumpkin carving October 23, from 4—7 pm.

Hot dogs, rolls, drinks, items for s'mores, and pumpkins will be provided. Every family is asked to bring a munchie or side dish. RSVP to the Lees, 610-286-7533, and directions will be provided upon request.





ALPHA & FALL FAMILY FAITH FEST UPDATE

From Dorris McCoy

Come and explore the meaning of life at **Alpha** and the **Fall Family Faith Fest**---for all ages of children, youth and adults! This is a relaxed time to question and discuss issues about God and life in an informal environment. Ten weekly sessions run through November 28. Each Sunday option begins with a light supper and fellowship at 5 pm and concludes promptly at 7:30 pm. In addition to **Alpha**, other learning opportunities include:

- ♥ Spiritual Gifts for Servanthood, a three week study on November 7, 14, & 21,
- ♥ Christianity as a World Religion
- ♥ Youth Alpha for Teens
- ♥ Life Worth Living: The Book of Philippians
- ♥ Kids Club for K-6.

Approximately 55 friends and members have already registered---but there's room for that many more! For more info, contact Coordinator, **Sandi Rosencrans** (610-376-2176), or Small Group Trainer, **Jerry Pawlikowski** (610-678-3600).

NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO TEACH AND TRANSFORM

From Dorris McCoy



- ▶ Helper positions in Sunday morning children's groups---no specific teaching responsibilities assigned; just offer an extra pair of hands and loving direction to spirited, active children. Interest in teaching is encouraged; someone just to take attendance and pickup offering would be a wonderful asset.
- ▶ Technology in Christian Education: Help LP's CE go from B.C. to PC. Computers are available in LP's Resource Room. Persons with a love for kids and a knowledge of computers are needed to put it all together. Anyone wishing to serve on a Technology Task Force to explore possibilities in this exciting area, please contact **Bob Erskine** (610-775-7643) or **Dorris McCoy**.
- ▶ New ideas for new, additional educational ministries and activities are always welcomed by **Linda Hope**, CE Chair (610-670-9731), or **Dorris McCoy**, DCE. CE Committee members also sought for CE program development and planning.

FALL CHURCH SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE

From Dorris McCoy

The Fall Church School Schedule is as follows:

9:30 am

- **Adult Lectionary Class** in the Church Library.
- **Mini-session in Room 101** after the Contemporary Service's Children Message (for ages 3 through grade 3). Children in grade 4 and above are encouraged to join with their families in worship.

10:45 am

- **Faith & Life Adult Class** in the Church Library.
- **Church School Classes for Children & Youth** in the Education Building:
 - BEGINNERS (3, 4 & 5 year olds) in Room 101
 - MIDLERS (Grades 1, 2 & 3) in Room 104
 - JUNIORS (Grades 4, 5 & 6) in Room 102
 - YOUTH'S "Reel to Real" Series (Grades 7-12) in Room 103.

Professional Infant and Toddler Care is offered during all Christian Education options in the Preschool/Nursery Rooms.

The **Adult Lectionary Class** at 9:30 am is taught by **Norm and Nancy Dettra**. This insightful and often humorous

discussion (thanks to Norm's generous wit) centers on the weekly lectionary Scripture readings (see p. 2) upon which LP's worship is developed. A study resource, *Keeping Holy Time*, with reflections and exegesis is provided for all participants. Come, be challenged, enriched and engaged in deepening your understanding of God's Holy Word.

The **Adult Faith & Life Class** at 10:45 am is taught by **Earl Hope**.

Their low-keyed searching for life's purpose presently takes them into L. Gregory Jones' book, *EVERYDAY MATTERS: INTERSECTIONS OF LIFE AND FAITH*. L. Gregory Jones, noted scholar and church leader, is Dean & Professor at Duke University Divinity

School. As we grapple with the challenges we all face, how do we connect our faith in Christ with the everyday issues that we think about, struggle with and hope for, in our lives and in our world? The book contains brief reflections that originally appeared in the author's columns in the *Christian Century*. Each reflection invites questions, discussion and Biblical and spiritual growth. Join in---grow and be transformed in the Christian faith knowing that every day matters.



Both the **Mini-activity** and graded **Children's Church School** opportunities use Faith Weaver Curriculum resources from Group Publishing, those creative folk we've grown to love at VBS. LP's Christian Education goal is that our program be R.E.A.L. R.E.A.L. Learning makes life-change happen!

- R---learning is **Relational**; learner-to-learner talk involves everyone, enhances understanding, and builds Christian friendships.
- E---learning is **Experiential**; kids learn by doing and using multiple senses to increase learning and retention.
- A---learning is **Applicable**, connecting God's Word to kids' real worlds to move beyond information to transformation.
- L---learning is **Learner-based**, addressing how learners learn best, to focus not on how much is taught but on what is learned.

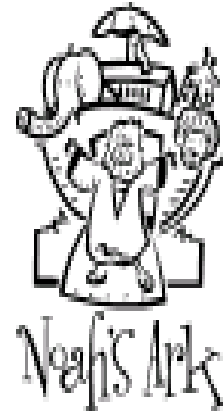
These R.E.A.L. lessons in this fall season will take the kids to the book of Kings and its stories about the wisdom of Solomon and the message of Elijah, the Prophet, to ask questions about who really gives wisdom and whom we should ultimately trust and follow.

So...bring the kids to Church School to begin their faith journeys...and then stay and continue yours to be renewed and strengthened---make it a family commitment!

Everything I Need to Know...

I learned from Noah's Ark...

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really important.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. The ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



Mission Committee Update

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Committee Chair

When the Mission Committee met on September 13, Pastor Larry led us in prayer asking God to guide us and touch those in need.

We donated:

- † \$200 for Reading/Berks Conference of Churches
- † \$200 for Reading Habitat for Humanity
- † \$200 for SHARE
- † \$400 for Bishop's Appeal for Hurricane Relief



The Mission Committee and youth will collect food in October for Central Park's Food Ministry and Soup Kitchen. (See related article on p. 15.)

Alice Kase will conduct the Christmas Child program again this year. For more information, please contact her, 610-777-7194. We discussed the upcoming Angel Tree with the Salvation Army.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES: FALL 2004

From Dorris McCoy

Shop fair trade! Invest in people and in your world community by shopping or dining at **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES** in nearby Ephrata. This ministry of the Menonite Relief Committee gives crafts persons worldwide the opportunity to sell their crafts at fairly-set prices and not only increase their income but improve their living conditions. The Ephrata site also has African drumming workshops. Their Nav Jiwan Tea Room prides itself in offering dishes made with fresh ingredients and seasonal organic produce. Their commitment is to quality and to serving a different country's cuisine each week.

Beginning November 13, **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES** also offers the opportunity to give a Living Gift during this upcoming holiday season. Living Gifts speak the language of peace, as peace comes when everyone's most basic needs are met. Loved ones can be honored with a different kind of holiday gift, a special "life-giving" gift such as:

- Education for children in Pakistan
- Trees for reforestation in Haiti
- Housing materials in Appalachia
- Health Care in Cambodia
- Warm blankets for families in Bangladesh.

Call or visit the **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES** shop for the Living Gifts brochure (717-721-8400) or download at ephrata.tenthousandvillages.com for details.

Hooray for Our Time and Talent Volunteers

From Susie Romig



In our church kitchen a box marked *SOUP KITCHEN* sits in a corner 365 days a year awaiting any donations, from a can of beans to a jar of fruit--anything non-perishable. That box is emptied twice a month by our two soup kitchen teams, and taken to Central Park UM Church for distribution to needy families. Here's the story of our soup kitchen teams.

For about 20 years our church has joined others in volunteering aid to Central Park to serve a noon meal to needy persons. **Mary and Sam Gundy** and **Gloria Kotzer** have headed up our 2 teams. In the beginning it was just calling and asking if someone could help.

Finally, **Jill Parke** organized people into regular working teams.

Gloria Kotzer's team includes **Bunny Carlson, Lee Riley, Mary Hodges** (who started coming with **Fran Moulton**), and **Aletha Stehman and Paige DeAngelo**--church friends but not members. Sometime helpers are **Nels and Ginny Freyling, Ruth Towles, and Tracy Goldsborough**.

The **Gundy** team included **Don and Bepps Cutting, Ken Sensenig, and Eve Kintzer** and for the last few years has been **Mary Gundy, Susie Romig, Anna Mae Owens, Arlene Lentz, Jan Ferree, and Hildamay Bartron**. Sometime helpers are **Nancy Dettra, Nancy Lape, and Ray and June Kirschman**. As of September, Mary Gundy, Don Cutting, and Annamae Owens have retired and **Nancy and Carl Madiera** now head the team.

Central Park has had to hire a paid coordinator as the kitchen now serves approximately 130 people daily. Donations of food are always needed, and volunteers to Gloria's and the Madiera's teams are more than welcome when a team member is ill or away. Would you like to help?

❖ The Lord doesn't ask about your ability, ❖
only your availability; and if you prove
your dependability, the Lord will increase your capability.

-Author Unknown

From our
mailbox



♥ To Our Friends,
We both want to thank you for the cards, calls, visits, flowers, and fruit we received during Tom's recovery from heart surgery. Thanks also for your prayers and Pastor Larry's visits. It is wonderful to belong to such a caring church.

God Bless --
Bunny & Tom Carlson

♥ Dear Lincoln Park Church,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you gave to us in honor of our new daughter, Jalynn. We also wanted to thank everyone for all the cards, well wishes, and gifts. We appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely,
Lisa and Cory Laity

Redners Tapes Bring \$\$ for LP Projects

from Pat Park for Agape Circle

Many thanks to all who use your "Save-a-Tape" card when buying groceries at Redners. On August 30, we received a check for \$207.97 which was put into the Designated Fund of Church Women.

Mary Klein does the tallying and a big thank-you to her. When she reaches a total of \$20,000 or more, we submit them to Redners and in return receive a check for 1% of the total. Please remember to keep the *whole tape* and do not mark on it.

Also, we appreciate the Campbell soup labels. They are cut, bundled, and sent to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky where they do much to help fill some of their many needs.

Thanks to all!



October 31



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

News-Linc Deadline



*October 14
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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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Cornwall Manor Society

Harvest Bazaar & Open House Saturday, Oct 2, 8 am—2 pm

Rain or Shine

From Anna Mae Owens

Our church no longer has an active United Methodist Women's group, which for many years supported the bazaar; therefore any monetary contributions from other groups and individuals would be appreciated. All proceeds benefit the Health Center at Cornwall. Checks payable to *Cornwall Manor Society Bazaar.*

Contact Anna Mae Owens, 410 Lawrence Ave, Lincoln Park, PA 19609, 610-777-4651

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

—Tom Brokaw

Come Along for the Ride — Saturday, October 2, 4-7 pm!

From Lisa Gallagher

We'll 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!!!! Questions, contact **Lisa Gallagher** at 610-775-7904 or at glendalough@msn.com.



Join us on
a hayride!

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