

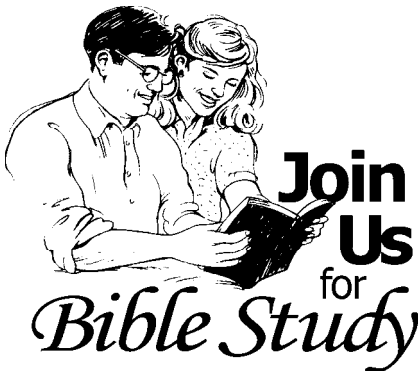
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Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

November, 2004

Contemporary Adult Bible Study Begins!

From Lisa Gallagher



NEW NIGHT, NEW TIME, NEW MATERIAL
.....NEW MEMBERS????

If you've ever thought about trying a bible study group, now is the time to see if this one is for you! We are making lots of changes and hope that we will have lots of new faces (and ideas and opinions!) as well as some familiar faces, too. This group is for members of all ages and backgrounds who enjoy thought-provoking and lively discussion of the impact of biblical teachings on our *everyday lives*.

Our new fall session begins **Tuesday, November 9**, 7-8 pm in the Church Library. We'll meet weekly for 6 weeks for a study of 1 Corinthians. There is no book to purchase; there are reproducible pages to be handed out at class. This is a very hands-on, interactive way to deepen our understanding of Paul's message to the people of Corinth. And yes....his message still speaks clearly to us today!

Please contact **Lisa Gallagher**, 610-775-7904, or glendalough@msn.com to sign up for the fall session. Childcare is provided. Hope to see you there!!!

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WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, November 7 – The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY – HOLY COMMUNION – Pastor Larry's sermon will be entitled *Attention Grabbers*, based on Ephesians 1:18, *with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he (God) has called you.*

Sunday, November 14 – The 24th Sunday after Pentecost – The sermon will be entitled *The End?* based on Luke 21:9, *When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, **but the end will not follow immediately.***

Sunday, November 21 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – Pastor Larry's sermon will be entitled *Seeing the Invisible* based on Colossians 1:15, *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

Sunday, November 28 – The First Sunday of Advent – Pastor Larry's sermon will be entitled *What Time Is It?* based on Romans 13:11, *Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first became believers.*

LECTIONARY LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 7 – Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
The Psalter is Psalm 149

(Please note: These are the lessons for All Saints' Day rather than the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost.)

Sunday, November 14 – Isaiah 65:17-25; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
The Psalter is Psalm 98:1-6

Sunday, November 21 – Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
The Psalter is Psalm 95

Sunday, November 28 – Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
The Psalter is Psalm 122

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
22ND ANNUAL AUTUMN AUCTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7 PM
IN THE SOCIAL HALL**

From Mark Bisignaro

We are in need of your donated craft items, art work, collectibles, services, baked goods and activities for the auction. All items should be clearly and securely tagged with the description of the item and name of the donor. Your donations may be delivered to the church office at your convenience, but before *November 16*. Please call for the office hours at 610-777-1422.



Please complete the form below and drop it off at the church office or mail it to Mark Bisignaro, 320 Stitzer Avenue, Wernersville, PA 19565. Questions, call 610-670-5610.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Description of item/activity/service _____

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

While on a short-term mission trip, a pastor was leading worship at a leper colony on the island of Tobago. A woman who had been facing away from the pulpit turned around.

It was the most hideous face I had ever seen, the pastor said. The woman's nose and ears were entirely gone. She lifted a fingerless hand in the air and asked, "Can we sing 'Count Your Many Blessings?'"

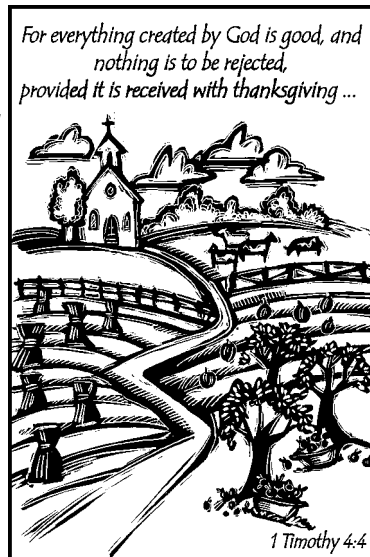
Overcome with emotion, the pastor left the service. He was followed by a team member who said, *I guess you'll never be able to sing that song again.*

Yes I will, the pastor replied, *but I'll never sing it the same way.*

It is amazing how some experiences along our life's journey have such a profound life-altering impact on us.

*Count your blessings,
name them one by one,
Count your blessings,*

*see what God hath done!
Count your blessings,
name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
what the Lord hath done.*



November is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is that time when we are to count our many blessings. Yet, all too few of us stop to think of the blessings that we enjoy, that ought to be counted. And even if we do think of our blessings, all too few of us think that they ought to find expression in our lives.

In one African tribe when a member wants to express gratitude to another, he or she sits for a long time in front of the hut of the person who did the favor and literally says, *I sit on the ground before you.*

As people of faith, what makes us feel blessed and how does this blessedness find expression in our lives?

This year the first Sunday in Advent falls on Thanksgiving weekend. Advent is

that season when we prepare for the coming of the Christ into the world. That event has had a profound history-altering impact on our world. The world has never been the same since the birth of that child so long ago. And, even more, the lives of those who have opened their hearts to receive this child have never been the same.

My hunch is that Tobago woman had found the peace and joy of the Christ present with her and so, despite her affliction and suffering, she was able to count her blessings. That experience had a profound life-altering impact on her. It should have such an impact on all of us.

It has been my experience that many of us are quick to grumble about what we don't have instead of seeing what we do have. But most of us have so much! And the promise of Advent is that God

will give us more than we could ever imagine, perhaps not in material blessings but rather in the kind of blessings that woman experienced: joy and peace in believing.

We may not *sit on the ground before* God, but our lives should express our gratitude for God's blessings and for the promise of the Christ's presence with us. Often, around Thanksgiving, I speak of *thanks-living*, by which I mean that we ought to live out our gratitude to God each and every day for all that God has done, is doing, and will do for us. May we all be found faithful in doing so!

In Christ,

Pastor Larry

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



For over 300 years one of the favorite Thanksgiving hymns has been Martin Rinkart's *Now Thank We All Our God*, the first line of which reads: *Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices*. . . Written at the end of the Thirty Years War for the people of his native Saxony, the hymn comes out of a background of personal suffering, tragedy, and horrible privation. With it, Rinkart called the people of his parish and community to renewal and rebuilding, thanking God that their lives had been spared.

True gratitude, as the hymn expresses, begins with an inner state of appreciation which evidences itself through deeds and words. In November we give special thanks to God for our abundant blessings as individuals, as Christians, and as a nation. Out of the background of our abundance we have an opportunity to profess and proclaim our inner awareness.

Our commitment to the church of time, talent, and treasure is a sacramental experience by which inner gratitude is tangibly demonstrated. On Thanksgiving Day we bless God for all our gifts. Thanksgiving, along with our financial commitments to the church, enable us to acknowledge *with heart and hands and voices* our gratitude, God's ownership, humanity's indebtedness, and our response to God's love expressed in Christ our Lord.

-Allan J. Weenink

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference will be held on **Monday, November 15**, at 7 pm. The Rev. Dr. David G. M. Heberling, pastor at First United Methodist Church, Lansdale, PA, will be presiding. This is a Church Conference and all members are welcome to attend.



Financial Report as of September 19, 2004

From Bob Erskine

Period Ending October 31, 2004	2004 BUDGET	2004 ACTUAL	%
INCOME			
Envelopes	\$290,544	\$240,337	83%
Plate	8,000	5,694	71%
Special Envelopes	11,000	4,064	37%
Other	18,570	16,072	87%
TOTAL INCOME	\$328,114	\$266,166	81%
EXPENSES			
CHURCH COUNCIL			
Ministries of Administration	\$14,150	\$13,290	94%
Program Ministries	56,865	45,527	80%
STAFF PARISH	172,895	135,914	79%
BOARD of TRUSTEES	86,680	77,085	89%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$330,590	\$271,817	82%
INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	-\$2,476	-\$5,650	
CASH SUMMARY			
	12/31/2003 BALANCE	10/31/2004 BALANCE	
OPERATING FUNDS			
Cash Balance TOTAL	\$80,948	\$71,235	
Designated Funds	\$13,734	\$19,217	
Cash Balance General Fund	\$67,214	\$52,019	
ENDOWMENT	\$52,345	\$52,345	
MEMORIAL FUND	\$7,590	\$5,256	
LOAN BALANCE			
	12/31/2003	10/31/2004	
FULTON BANK	205,958	186,264	
	\$205,958	\$186,264	
Building Fund - Cash on Hand	2,059		
Net Loan Balance	\$203,899	\$186,264	

SOME THOUGHTS ON PROMISES



From Pastor Larry Carl

I cited these words in a sermon on October 10, 2004. They bear repeating for those who have already heard them and for those who have not.

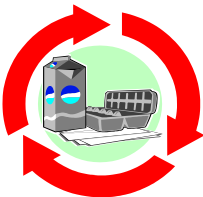
“When a person makes a promise, she reaches into an unpredictable future and makes one thing predictable: She will be there even when being there costs her more than she wants to pay.

When a person makes a promise, he stretches himself out into circumstances that no one can control and controls at least one thing: He will be there no matter what the circumstances turn out to be. With one simple word of promise, a person creates an island of certainty in a sea of uncertainty.”

-Lewis Smedes, *The Power of a Promise*

We need to rediscover *the power of a promise* in the church, where all too many promises go unkept.

Early 2005 Retreat Planned
Mark your calendars
for January or February
Details will follow.



**Remember: Recycle Saturday,
November 13...**

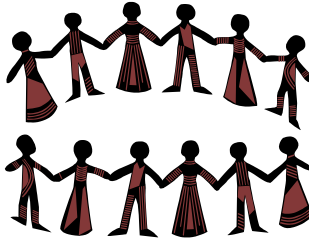
with drop off at the church office 9-9:30 am - clean and bundle items - contact **Jennifer Hope** (610-670-9731) if you can help or have questions.

New Ministry Offers Comfort **A Prayer Ministry with a Personal Touch**

From Loreen Miller

The second meeting of the Sacred Circle was held Tuesday, October 12, at 7 pm. We've added soft lighting and music for relaxation. Many deep concerns were shared, and one of our members received personal prayer before leaving.

The Sacred Circle is a safe place to come when you need prayer for troubling issues in your life. You'll find an atmosphere of trust, acceptance, and Christian love.



Also, many thanks to those who have stepped forward to assist me in praying for people in need. We are all blessed by your willingness to serve Christ in this way!

The Sacred Circle is held on the second Tuesday of each month in Room 103. The next session will be November 9, starting promptly at 7 pm.

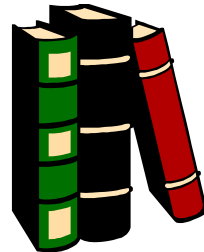
*Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you rest.*
Matt. 11:28 (NIV)

Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

The November Book Club selection is *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is the first of a series telling the story of what one reviewer calls "a delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotsewe who is drawn to her profession to help people with the problems in their lives."

We will review this book on Monday, November 22, at 7 pm at the Dettra's, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park. Please join us!



YOUTH GROUP POINSETTIA SALE

From Betsy Buchanan

Please use the order form below or in the Sunday bulletin. Your plants may be picked up after Christmas Eve services. This will be an important fundraiser for our Youth.

The Youth Group at Lincoln Park would like to extend the warmest of holiday wishes to each and every member of the congregation. Your continued support is always appreciated!



You can help our Youth Fellowship and decorate our sanctuary for Christmas by ordering poinsettias from our youth by **December 1**. The plants are from Esben-shade's Greenhouses and cost \$7 per six-inch potted and foiled plant (3-bloom). We have been guaranteed only 80 plants this year, and, unfortunately, your choice of color *cannot* be guaranteed. However, we will do our best to accommodate all orders. Please fill out the order form below and return it and your payment to the display box in the Wagner Room. No orders can be taken beyond **Wednesday, December 1**. Thanks for supporting our youth! Checks can be made out to LPCUMC.

Name _____ Phone _____ TOTAL: Plants _____ Cost _____

Please enter the # of poinsettias you wish to purchase (all plants \$7).

Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble _____ Jingle Bell (red with pink) _____

How would you like to dedicate your plants:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

To the Glory of God _____ Other _____

By _____

Order Your Christmas Cookies Today

From Raylin Ritenour

Do you or anyone you know like cookies? Maybe your daughter/son away at college, an aunt or uncle, neighbors, school bus driver, postman, etc. Well, do we have cookies for you. Yes, it is that time again. Our annual Christmas cookie sale is back! There are chocolate chip, double chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, snicker doodle, lemon pecan dainties, cream cheese sugar and chocolate crinkle to tempt you. We have a one pound assorted cookie tray and a one pound chocolate chip cookie tray for sale. The cost is still \$5! Preorders are accepted until November 21. Your cookies will be available to pick up or buy on **Sunday, December 4**.



To get all those cookies mixed, baked and packed we need your help. There is a sign up sheet in the Social Hall or the Wagner Room. Please prayerfully consider how you will help; and it is fun! We need everyone's help; young, old, experienced and new bakers are welcome. Questions, please call **Raylin Ritenour**, 610-406-0117, or **Rebecca Chelius**, 610-775-4651.



Christmas Cookie Bake Sale Preorder Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



1 lb. tray of assorted cookies _____ @ \$5 each
(oatmeal raisin, snicker doodle, lemon pecan dainties, cream cheese sugar and chocolate crinkle)

1 lb. tray of chocolate chip and double chocolate chip cookies _____ @ \$5 each

Order forms accepted until November 21. Please place in the glass jar at the rear of the Social Hall and Wagner Room or mail to Raylin Ritenour, 5555 Fairway Drive South, Reading, PA 19606 or Rebecca Chelius, 529 Gregg Street, Shillington, PA 19607. Please pay for cookies at the time of pick-up.

Please select a day that you will pick up your preordered cookies:

_____ Saturday, December 3 between 11 and 12

_____ Sunday, December 4 after each service

Mission Committee Update

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Committee Chair

When the Mission Committee met October 5, we began by asking God for guidance on how to spend God's money. Decisions were made to send:

\$670 to the Bishops' Hurricane Fund

\$30 to the House of Opportunity

\$100 to the Greater Berks Food Bank

\$100 to Berks Women in Crisis



In addition, food was collected in October by the Church School and Missions Committee. Alice Kase will be chairing the Christmas Child project this year; please offer her your help. Don't forget our annual Angel Tree project, coming up in December in coordination with the Salvation Army.

The Mission Committee is seeking new members! Please contact any member to help. Many thanks to the faithful who are now helping to support Missions through Lincoln Park United Methodist Church.

Consider Mission Trips to Honduras, Guatemala

From Barbara Wenger

Two mission trips are scheduled in January by the United Methodist Church — one to Honduras (\$1,450) and one to Guatemala (\$1,760). I plan to go to Honduras; anyone is welcome on either trip.

My trip has been paid for, but if you're interested in supporting the trips, please mail checks to Central District, 130 W Madison St, Mohnton Pa 19540 (payable to "Central District." If you'd like to go and can pay for your trip, the first part is due by the end of November, the second by mid- December. Pray about it! For more information, please contact Barbara Wenger, 610-777-0952, or the Rev. Philip Poncé, 610-775-4150.

Can You Help Operation Christmas Child?

From Alice Kase

We can again share God's love with millions of poor, sick, suffering children. Operation Christmas Child delivers millions of gift-filled shoe boxes to hurting children.

A shoe box can be as unique as the person packing. Fill your box with a variety of gifts for a boy or girl. The age categories are: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Please enclose \$5 for shipping. The deadline is November 21. Any questions, call Alice Kase, 610-777-7194.



Opportunity to Serve

From Dorris McCoy



Please join us on **Tuesday, November 2** to prepare and/or help serve supper at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE in Reading. Contact the **Evauls**, 610-927-1692.

What Do You Hear?

As a doctor examined a 4-year-old boy, he thought it would be interesting to let the lad listen to the beating of his own heart. With the listening device in his ears and the probe on his heart, the boy was asked, "What do you hear?"



The boy, who attended Sunday school regularly, responded, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

ANNUAL Church BLOOD DRIVE Saves 39 Lives

From Jean Weikel and Betty Frederickson

On Friday, September 10, the MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOODMOBILE visited our Church in search of blood donors and found some friendly congregational members, with family and friends, willing to give their gift of life, a pint of blood. The organizers of the blood drive, **Jean Weikel** and **Betty Frederickson**, thank those for taking time out of their busy day to attend the Lincoln Park UMC blood drive. We provided a total of 13 units of blood. Although we did not meet our goal, the blood bank was indeed thankful for our efforts.

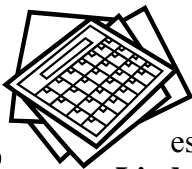


We intend to make this an annual event and have scheduled next year's blood drive for **Tuesday, September 20, 2005**. Our goal is to double the number of donors, so mark the date on your calendar and bring a friend, family member, or another member of our congregation. Rarely do people realize the value of their blood donation and the effect it has on the stability of the area's blood supply. According to the Keystone Blood Bank, three people's lives were saved for every unit donated.

YOUTH-LINE

Join in at UMYF

From Linda Hope



UMYF (7th-12th grade) will be once again sell Christian Calendars from YOUTH GROUP PROMOTIONS starting **Sunday, October 17**. The cost of the calendars is \$6. If you're interested in purchasing a calendar, please see any youth or contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731.

On **Sunday, November 14**, the **Hopes** will host a lunch for the youth at the church immediately following Sunday School. After lunch, the group will go to **Reading Rocks** for some adventurous climbing from 1-4 pm. The cost is \$6/person climbing. So bring a friend and let's get rockin'! Please contact **Linda Hope** if you're interested in participating or if you have any questions.



Friday, December 3 is **Hanging of the Greens** from 6-8:30 pm. Youth and their families are invited to join in the fun and help decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas holidays. The Youth will be responsible for decorating the youth tree in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact **Linda Hope**. Watch for the sign-up sheets in the bulletin closer to the date!

On **Sunday, December 12**, UMYF will meet at **LaserQuest** for an evening of LaserTag! We'll begin at 4:45 pm and the cost is \$6 per game. Friends are welcome to join in the fun! If interested, contact **Beth Blank**, 610-286-0640.



So come on, Youth...get involved and have some fun! We'd love to see you at our next activity!

JR YOUTH MEET FOR PIZZA, SHOPPING



Operation Christmas Child
Sunday, November 14
12 - 2:30 pm

From Tracy Goldsborough

Calling all Jr Youth (4th, 5th and 6th graders) to meet us in the Church Social Hall for pizza on Sunday, November 14, at noon! We'll watch a video about Operation Christmas Child while we eat.

Afterward, we'll each get money to go shopping at the Dollar Store to fill our shoe boxes for a child (you can pick girl or boy and the age range). Each box will cost \$5 to ship, so if you can donate the shipping cost, it would be appreciated.

Friends are welcome to come, too. Parents should pick up at the church at 2:30 pm. Everyone, please try to RSVP by 11/13 by calling Tracy, 610-777-6991, and leaving a message.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We already have the shoeboxes but will need some adult volunteers to wrap the boxes and lids ahead of time. We will also need two adult volunteers to help out on that day.

POCONO PLATEAU: EASTERN PA CONFERENCE RETREAT NEWS

From Dorris McCoy

A special **Fall Retreat** designed just for 3rd-6th graders will be offered Friday-Sunday, **November 19-21**. The theme will be *Livin' in the Light* and the retreat will be led by Crista Meyers. Make new friends at this super-fun event and enjoy crafts, games, singing and great food---all for \$70. LP Scholarship \$\$ are available if needed.

A **Junior High/Senior High Winter Retreat** will be offered for 6th through 12th

graders over the Christmas holidays, led by Program Director, Crista Meyers. Plan on plenty of indoor and outdoor games, Christian fellowship and a worship band. This year's theme is *Winter in the Woods* and it's all happening **Wednesday, December 29, through Friday morning, December 31**; cost is \$78 per youth. LP \$\$ assistance is available.

Call the Church Office for details or call the camp directly, 570-676-3665, or go to camp@poconoplateau.org for e-mail contact.



Youth Retreat

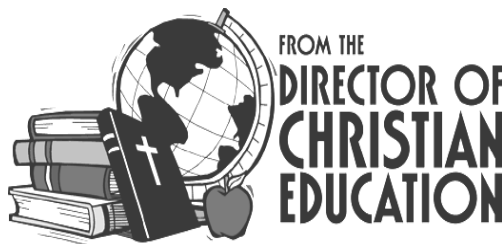
CHRISTIAN ED's VISION INVITES YOU TO GROW

From Dorris McCoy

The mission of Christian Education at Lincoln Park Church is to:

- change lives by inviting and encouraging all ages of LP members to participate in a life-long journey of learning the essentials of the Scriptures and the Christian faith
- challenge members to connect their faith to their daily lives
- involve members in sharing God's love by serving Him through outreach and mission ministries in the larger church and world communities
- provide safe, quality, Christian relationships and environments for all the church's teaching/educational ministries.

That's Christian Ed's vision! But it needs YOU to be more than a bunch of words on paper! It needs you, LP members of all ages, to get involved in learning, growing, worshiping, and serving! YOU are invited to participate and to make growth in your life, your family's life and the church's life strong and healthy! Many opportunities are offered throughout the church year and are explained throughout the **News-Linc**; please read this issue carefully and join me in one group or class where you can connect with fellow Christians and with Christ!



Here is our Sunday morning in review! You may worship and then study, or study and then worship---the choice is yours!

9:30 am

LP's Sunday morning learning schedule for children includes a mini-lesson, scripturally-based activity for 3-year olds through 3rd graders following the Children's Message at the Contemporary Service. This mini-session uses Group's KIDSOWN Worship curriculum resources for hands-on, exciting learning, provided by six rotating teachers. Children return to join their parents upon completion of the activity. Upper elementary (grades 4, 5, 6) children are encouraged to remain in worship with their families throughout this service (some serve as youth helpers on a rotating basis).

An Adult Lectionary Bible Study Class uses Cokesbury's *Keeping Holy Time* to focus discussion on the Scriptures upon which all Sunday morning

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worship is based. This group is led in lively, often humorous probing by **Norm and Nancy Dettra** and meets in the Church Library (check p. 2 for upcoming Lectionary passages for study).

10:45 am

Sunday Morning Church School for 3 year olds through 6th graders uses Group's Faith Weaver curriculum materials:

- BEGINNERS (ages 3, 4 & 5) in Rm 101
- MIDLERS (Grades 1, 2, 3) in Rm 104
- JUNIORS (Grades 4, 5, 6) in Rm 102
- Junior High and Senior High YOUTH (grades 7-12) in Rm 103 use *Reel to Real* curriculum to explore the Christian connects in the media/film/faith worlds.
- An ADULT option is based upon the book, *Everyday Matters: Intersections of Life and Faith*, stimulating discussion and search for personal meaning and application of the Christian message to our daily lives. This fall 2004 series is led by **Earl Hope** in the Church Library.

Church School classes are involved in outreach projects. Thus far about five large boxes of non-perishable food items have been collected for the Food Pantry

ministry of Central Park UMC in Reading. In November, Church School Classes will participate with **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** by bringing in articles for needy children across the world. It's all about serving and sharing out of all that we have been given!

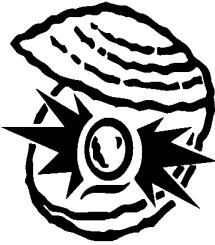
Church School and other educational events don't just magically happen! Your ideas, input and volunteer assistance are always welcomed and encouraged in CE's programming and planning efforts. A wonderful opportunity to make a beginning difference in the faith experiences of LP's youngest is available in the Beginner Class at 10:45 am; just call **Dorris McCoy**, DCE, or **Tricia Pence**, Lead Teacher.

Your faithfulness touches hearts! I can tell you about the 4-year old who begs his parents to stay for church school, or the 7th grader who recently told classmates that Sunday Church School really is cool, or those Juniors who think their teacher is awesome! LP is truly blessed with enthusiastic, caring teachers---won't you join them?



WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

From Dorris McCoy



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Recovery: The Road to Wellness, Healing the Body, Mind, & Spirit

...is sponsored by the COUNCIL ON CHEMICAL ABUSE on Thursday, **November 4**, 7:30 am-4:15 pm, at the Sheraton Berkshire Hotel. Did you know that in Berks County there are over 100 twelve-step meetings,

offering support to individuals in recovery as well as support for significant others associated with addictions? Did you know that every \$1 spent on treatment yields a return of up to \$7 in a reduction of drug-related crime and criminal justice costs? For details on the keynote speaker and individual workshops, including one on *Spirituality: A Journey For Life*, which lifts up the profound relationship between spirituality and recovery, call the COUNCIL, 610-376-8669.

Children's Ministry Magazine's *CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST* Workshop will be in our area on **November 13**, 8 am-2:30 pm, at Calvary Church in Lancaster. Don't miss the best day of practical and inspiring training for children's ministry leaders and volunteers! You'll laugh, cry, learn and be challenged as you make discoveries and meet new friends involved in similar ministries. Give **Dorris McCoy** a call to register and join in this renewing event!



Friday, December 2 Hanging of the Greens

A family event to prepare the church and Education Building for the holidays.

Supper and somethin' for everyone!

Come join us!



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

News-Linc Deadline



**Nov 10 for
December**

Please remember,
our January issue comes out the 2nd
week of January. News for the 1st 2
weeks of 2005 should be included
in the December 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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**From our
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♥ Dear Friends at LPUMC,

Sincere thanks to you for the many cards, phone calls, visits and flowers during my recent hospitalization and long current recovery from unexpected bypass surgery. Indeed, "blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Sincerely,
Don Reber

"Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me I always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me are those which I do understand."

—Mark Twain



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