

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

January, 2005

LP Member Plans Medical Mission Trip

From Dorris McCoy

A 35-member team of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and evangelists will travel to Chalchuapa, El Salvador from March 12 - 20. **Betty Frederickson** feels privileged to travel as a member of this team. With the help of the Oasis Ministries Church, the team will reach out to the underprivileged of the city of Chalchuapa (population 100,000). The types of diseases they expect to treat include parasites, skin fungus, gastrointestinal problems, infections, flu, colds, and respiratory problems.

Over the counter medicinal items such



Mission Needs

as Ibuprofen (200 mg) and multi-vitamins with iron for adults and children are in great need. Boxes have been placed in the Wagner Room and Multi-Purpose

Social Room for your donations. The team is asked to label and pre-package all items; Betty's deadline for accepting your gifts must be **February 28**.

Especially needed are your prayers for the team's success in serving as our Lord's workers to bring His message of hope and spiritual healing as well as medical healings.

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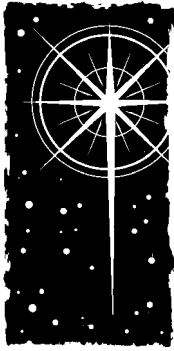


LP member **Barbara Wenger** during her mission trip to Guatemala
January 11-22.

WORSHIP IN JANUARY

From Pastor Larry Carl

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Sunday, January 2 – The Second Sunday after Christmas – HOLY COMMUNION – ONE SERVICE AT 10:15 AM – **The Rev. Frederick Douglas**, Chaplain at Methodist Children’s Home, Philadelphia, will be our guest minister.

Sunday, January 9– THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – **The Rev. Clifford Flick** will be our guest minister. Cliff’s message will be entitled *Skin Deep*.

Sunday, January 16– The Second Sunday after Epiphany – HUMAN RELATIONS DAY – Pastor Larry returns with a message entitled *What’s the Use?* based on Isaiah 49:4, *But I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.’*

Sunday, January 23 – The Third Sunday after Epiphany – The sermon will be entitled *What’s Gotten Into You?* based on Matthew 4:17, *From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’*

Sunday, January 30 – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled *Bless Your Heart!* based on Matthew 5:3-12, the Beatitudes, *Blessed are . . .*

Lection Lessons for January

Sunday, January 2– Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Psalter Lesson: Psalm 27:1-6

Sunday, January 9– Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 29

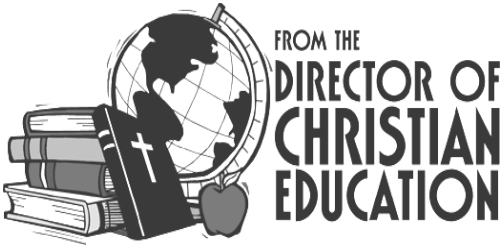
Sunday, January 16– Isaiah 49:1-7; I Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11

Sunday, January 23– Isaiah 9:1-4; I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Sunday, January 30 - Micah 6:1-8; I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12.
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 15

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN ED IN REVIEW

From Dorris McCoy



After two weeks of a single worship service and limited Christian Education options on Sunday mornings, Church School returns to its full menu of learning opportunities for children, youth and adults. The Sunday Church School program schedule offers the following options, beginning January 9:

- At **9:30 am** during the Contemporary Service sermon, a mini-lesson and activity are available for children ages 3 through 3rd grade in Room 101, while older elementary ages worship with their families in the Multi-purpose Room
- At **9:30 am** for adults, the Adult Lectionary Bible Study explores the morning's worship scriptures under the tutelage of **Norm** and **Nancy Dettra** in the Church Library.
- At **10:45 am** Church School uses Group's Faith Weaver curriculum resources and includes graded classes for all children:
 - Room 101 for 3, 4 & 5 year olds
 - Room 102 for 4th, 5th & 6th graders
 - Room 104 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders

Youth meet and discuss contemporary films searching for Christian meaning in Room 103.

Adults are deep into a 24-week lecture/video series on a historical/cultural introduction and exploration of the 27 books of the New Testament, facilitated by **Earl Hope** in the Church Library.

Come, meet, and greet fellow Christians---make a life and church family connection!

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!

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

The Rev. Harold Kohn wrote, *Everyday God can be found somewhere, getting a fresh start in unexpected stable-like places.*

On Tuesday, December 7, I began to learn the truth of Rev. Kohn's words in a very personal way. I had been at an early meeting at the Highlands, and as I was pulling out of the parking lot, I realized I had left something at the house that I needed at the office. It was raining heavily but I decided to return to the house to pick up the item I had forgotten.

I pulled into the driveway as close to the garage door as possible so that I could dash into the house without an umbrella. I took about three steps from the car when, for some reason, my right leg slipped as though I stepped on ice, and I fell with my left leg under me. As the weight of my body came to rest on my left leg I heard a strange "popping" sound that I interpreted as not a very good sign.

After I was able to get into the house, I called Brenda and she came home and took me to the emergency room. After a basic examination and x-rays it was determined I had broken the fibula, displaced the tibia, and tore a number of tendons and

ligaments. Surgery took place on Wednesday to repair the ligament and tendon damage and to place a plate and eight screws on the broken bone.

From the time I entered the emergency room at the Reading Hospital to the time I was discharged from the Rehabilitation unit 10 days later, I met God anew in many different ways.

**I have been
privileged
so to see
God
at work in
my life...**

In the doctors, nurses, therapists, and support staff God was present as the healer to bring wholeness and health. My heartfelt gratitude goes to all the staff at the Reading Hospital, all of whom were truly caring and courteous.

In visits, prayers (I was deeply touched to have lay people pray for me), telephone calls, gifts of chocolate, fruit, and books, God was present as the source of consolation and encouragement. My deepest appreciation goes to all of you who sent a card, called, stopped by, brought a gift, or brought food. Words seem inadequate to express my gratitude for your thoughtfulness and caring.

In the quick action of Dorris and Kathy to assure coverage in the pulpit and coverage for other pastoral matters during

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my absence, God was present as the one who serves. Dorris and Kathy are truly blessings to our faith community – as are all the members of our staff – and I am privileged to serve with them.

In the response of ministerial colleagues and others willing to fill in on what was rather short notice, God was present as the source of fellowship and community. For all of its shortcomings the connection with each other in the United Methodist Church is a very real strength and blessing. I am deeply appreciative of those who were able to clear schedules and help provide for the spiritual nourishment of the Lincoln Park Community.

In the caring and encouragement of my dear wife I experienced once again, as I often have in her, the presence of the God of love. She is truly a person of deep faith and commitment who lives the life of Christian discipleship faithfully. I am blessed.

There were – and continue to be – so many expressions of God at work in my life during this time. In addition to the



“...and his name shall be called **Emmanuel** (which means, God is with us).”
—Matthew 1:23

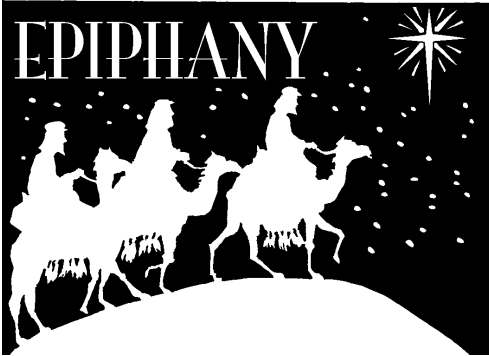
many touching expressions locally, cards and telephone calls came from all over south-eastern Pennsylvania and from as far away as Florida and Texas. I discovered word travels fast when we experience such *unfortunate events*, and people with whom we have forged a bond of fellowship in the community of faith respond across the boundaries of place. In all these, if God grants us wisdom, we are able to see God *getting a fresh start* in our lives. I have been privileged so to see God at work in my life and hope that through all of life’s ebb and flow we may all be alert to Emmanuel – God with us – seeking that *fresh start* in our lives.

Rev. Kohn concludes his writing with these words, *Anyone has learned life’s first essential who knows that one such humble, manger-place is his very own heart.* May this be true for all of us in good times and challenging times as well!

Pastor Larry

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl



As we celebrate the Epiphany and the season of Epiphany, I would invite you to think with me about why the wise men brought such expensive presents to the Christ child when he was born. It was not because they owed him anything.

The wise men were bringing favors, not returning a favor. They were showing their gratitude and appreciation for the most wonderful birth in all of human history. They were witnesses to the birth of God's Son! Their hearts were full of joy and wonderment at the richness of this miraculous moment. They knew that full hearts could not come empty-handed to the Son of God. They also knew that the giver's heart is always revealed by the giver's gift.

God had laid bare his own heart when he gave the best he had – his Son. The Wise Men did the same with their costly gifts. Our tithes and offerings in this Epiphany season and throughout the year must represent the best we can offer God. Then Christmas will become for us a daily heart-to-heart experience.

---Laurence C. Keene

Operation Christmas Child

From Alice Kase

Millions of gift-filled shoe boxes were shipped to hurting children around the world. Through your generous response, we collected 132 boxes — 32 more than last year!

For many of the children, these were the first gifts they've ever received. They will never forget it. They don't know who packed the box, but they know it came from God.

Thank you for your support.



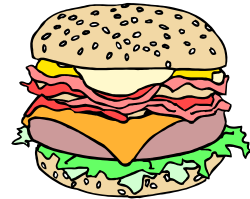
Report on Annual Giving Campaign through November 12, 2004

Total Giving Units	267	
Pledges Received	118	
Pledges for 2004	135	
Declared No Pledge	36	
Pledges with Increase	48	\$13,762
New Pledgers	9	\$12,568
Decreases/Losses	12	(\$26,784)
Total Pledged to Date		\$233,941
2004 Pledged		\$257,323
2004 Envelope Budget		\$290,544
2005 Envelope Budget		\$290,000

Redner's Italian Subs For Sale

From Becky Chadwick

Christian Education and the Leadership Development Committee are selling Italian Sub Certificates! Each certificate is on sale for \$3 each. When you purchase a ticket, you simply go to REDNER'S WAREHOUSE MARKET or REDNER'S QUICK STOP, and order a 9" sandwich from the Sub Shop whenever you want to. The sandwich will be made fresh and to your specifications. No soggy bread! No mixed up orders! And you save \$.69 a sandwich!



Sandwich choices include: Italian, ham, ham and cheese, turkey breast, roast beef, seafood salad, tuna salad, chicken salad, turkey/ham/cheese, steak, meatball, pork BBQ, beef BBQ, and chicken BBQ.

Tickets will be available in the office, and after each service. If you have any questions, please contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207.

Meet Lincoln Park's Newest Members

Thomas & Mary (Betts) Cober

2000 Cambridge Ave, The Highlands,
Apt 256, Wyomissing 19610, 610-777-
2264.

Thomas was born in Belle Vernon, PA, graduated from Monesson HS and California U. of PA, and received an MBA fro Pittsburgh U. and a Masters in Education from Syracuse U. He taught math and shop for three years and worked for IBM for 37 years. They come to us by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Allentown.

Mary (Betts) was born in Ruffsdale, Westmoreland County. She graduated from Uniontown HS, California U. of PA, and received an MA from Syracuse U. Tom and Betts have one daughter, Carol Reid. Betts enjoys writing, reading, travel, and genealogy. She taught elementary school for 33 years and has published a book and short stories for children and several professional articles.

Steve Miller

453 March St, Shillington 19607, 610-777-2886, was born in Pottsville, graduated from Lock Haven Area School District and Penn State in 2002. He is a Civil Engineer employed by Stackhouse Bensinger Inc. on Revere Blvd. Steve enjoys model railroading, Renaissance Faire, and Disc Golf. He joins by letter of transfer from Mackeyville UMC.



Edmond and Kristina Newton

619 Lawrence Ave, Lincoln Park 19609,
610-777-1600.

Ted was graduated from Wilson HS and Alvernia College with a degree in Business Management and Marketing. He is the son of the late Ted Newton and Jeanne Newton, long time members of our church. He is employed at CAN Insurance Co. in the Commercial Claims Dept.

Tina graduated from Pomona HS in California and received as Associate Degree in Personal Computer Networking from Allentown Business School.

Tina and Ted enjoy walking, home improvements, and crafts, and Tina enjoys cooking. They will be the proud parents of Elizabeth Michael Newton in late March '05. They join by Affirmation of Faith.



JR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GOES PAINTING

4TH, 5TH & 6TH Graders
From Tracy Goldsborough

BRUSH WITH SUCCESS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

TIME and COST TO BE DETERMINED

We will meet at **BRUSH WITH SUCCESS** (new location in Sinking Spring near Dairy Queen) in the afternoon to make Valentine gifts for the shut-ins of our church. Each child will make one gift.

VALENTINE GIFT DELIVERY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

NOON

MEET IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

We will deliver our **BRUSH WITH SUCCESS** gifts to the shut-ins. How long this will take is based on how many gifts we must deliver.

- * More details will be sent out in a postcard closer to the date.
- * Please mark your calendars.
- * Try to make both dates.

2005 Leadership Announced

Attached to this edition of *News-Linc* you will find a copy of the report from THE COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT for 2005. These are the individuals who will be providing leadership for our church during the coming year. Please keep them in your prayers and be supportive of them as they seek to serve God by serving our faith community.

CALLING ALL WOMEN – CALLING ALL WOMEN – CALLING ALL WOMEN

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TIME
KICKOFF SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**



Women's Fellowship

**MEET IN SOCIAL HALL AFTER LAST SERVICE
BRING A BAG LUNCH**

From Tracy Goldsborough

PLAN: OPEN WITH PRAYER, LISTEN TO ONE OF THE CORE SPEAKERS OF WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE WHILE WE EAT. AFTER THE SPEAKER WE'LL HAVE A BRIEF DISCUSSION.

There are a total of 5 speakers (Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, and Thelma Wells) and six short skits by Nicole Johnson. We will only hear one speaker and one skit each time we get together. We'll meet every 4th Sunday of the month till we hear them all.

Look for the sign-up sheet and the speakers' biographies located in the Wagner Room and the Social Hall (signup is so I have an idea who to call if weather is bad).

Please feel free to ask the following people who have attended a **WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE** about the speakers: **Betty Frederickson, Charleen Evaul, Linda Lee, Beth Blank, Becky Chadwick, and Tracy Goldsborough.**

Any questions, you can call me, **Tracy Goldsborough**, 610-777-6991, see me at the Agape meeting in January, or catch me at church.

Join Us for Our Sacred Circle

From Loreen Miller

Now that the Christmas decorations have been put away and New Year's Eve is just a memory, does the thought of a long, cold winter get you down? Many of us fall victim to the "doldrums" even before Valentine's Day!



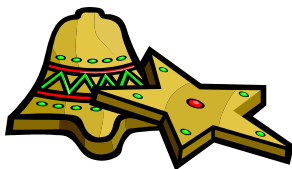
The Holy Spirit candle, however, continues to burn brightly at the Sacred Circle, where you'll find caring friends who will listen and pray with you.

The next Sacred Circle meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, at 7 pm, in Rm 103 (weather permitting). If you have prayer needs, or would like to come and relax in a spiritual atmosphere, please drop in. We'd be happy to have you join us.

Christmas Cookies Baked and Enjoyed by Many

From Raylin Ritenour

The annual cookie sale was a huge success. It was wonderful to see all of you come out and enjoy each other's company and fellowship. **Rebecca Chelius** and I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who mixed, baked, packaged, sold and purchased those famous cookies. We hope that everyone enjoyed them. The final figures look like this:



- ◆ mixed 149 batches of dough
- ◆ baked 11,600 cookies
- ◆ packaged 339 one-pound trays
- ◆ sold 326 trays
- ◆ gave 13 trays to our shut ins

A huge thank you for this very successful fund raiser that benefits our church. We have donated \$725 to both the Christian Education ministries and the leadership development fund. None of this would be possible, if not for the prayers and support of all of you.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

A WONDERFUL VALENTINE GIFT
TO EACH OTHER

Marriage Enrichment Workshop

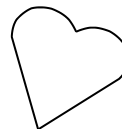
WHEN: Friday, February 11, 6:30 pm - 11 pm
Saturday, February 12, 7:30 am - 10 pm (2+ hour break during day)
Sunday, February 13, 7:30 am - noon

ALL MEALS & SNACKS INCLUDED

WHERE: Lincoln Park Church

COST: \$40 per couple

DEPOSIT: Registration Form & \$20 by 1/30/05
(Forms are located in brochure in Social Hall & Wagner Room)



SNOW DATES: 2/18/05 thru 2/20/05

This workshop is hosted by **Rodney and Tracy Goldsborough** and **Larry and Brenda Carl** who are alumni of Marriage Enrichment. Because our marriages were so blessed by this workshop, we would like to share this gift with couples in our church and community.

- ♥ The workshop is not just for marriages where there are problems or for couples who have just been married. This workshop is designed to help enrich any marriage; every couple will benefit.
- ♥ The program is based on Christian values but is not associated with one denomination.
- ♥ Any couple is invited whether part of our church family or not.
- ♥ It is not necessary to be free of children to benefit from the workshop, but it is encouraged to make your weekend as special as possible.

Brochures are available in the Social Hall and Wagner Room. Don't hesitate to contact **Rodney and Tracy**, 610-777-6991, or **Pastor Larry and Brenda**, 610-670-1022.

GRACE NOTES: 2005 Musical Program Schedule Announced

From Lin Umstead, Director of Music



Wednesdays: 6:30-7 pm - Advanced Ringers *
7-8 pm - Joyful Ringers
8 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursdays: 7-7:30 pm - Youth Choir (including chimes)
7:30-8 pm - Praise Choir/Orchestra*
8 pm - Praise Band

*Denotes activities meeting on a seasonal/holiday basis

Once again, we are expanding the music program by adding a time for **Adult/Advanced Bell Choir members** who would like a challenge! This time will be set aside for solo, duet and ensemble ringing. I will be holding chime practice during the **Youth Choir** time on a Thursday evening. Please call for more information.

The Praise Choir/Orchestra will continue to meet on a Thursday evening but on a seasonal basis. We will be working on an Easter presentation shortly- for those new or interested in singing at the Informal Worship Service on Easter, please see me for a copy of music/tape/orchestral scores.

We will continue to have a **Symphonic Band** for the 8 pm Christmas Eve service next year. Rehearsals will be held on the first three Saturday mornings in December from 10 -12. If you would like to have your name added to the mailing list, or would like to see an sample of the music we'll be performing, please call for information.

Many thanks to those who have supported these ministries. I look forward to seeking and sharing Christ through song with you in this New Year!

UMYF Coordinator Search

From Linda Hope



LPCUMC is currently searching for a UM Youth Fellowship Coordinator to organize youth activities and to build a stronger youth-oriented program at LP. The creation of this position arose because the church was unable to recruit a volunteer from within the congregation and from the concern of current active youth and parents during a meeting with Pastor Larry and Dorris McCoy last fall.

It was felt that in order for the youth program to grow and strengthen, the group needed to have someone who could focus on the youth and be a role model and mentor. A job description was created to describe the function, responsibilities and qualifications for this position (20 hours/month) and was presented with a proposal to the SPRC and Finance Committee for hiring and funding approval. The position was included in the approved 2005 budget.

A Task Force from SPRC and parents of youth was established, and advertising for this position will begin after the holidays. Parents of youth will continue to host monthly gatherings for the youth until the position can be filled. For more information, please contact the church office.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS

From Pastor Larry Carl

Confirmation Class sessions will begin on **Sunday, January 23**, at 12:15 pm, in the Choir Room/Lounge. Sessions will meet weekly through May 8. Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 15.

**Confirmation
Class**



If you are enrolled in the Confirmation Class, please be present on January 23. If you are interested in Confirmation Class but have not yet enrolled, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. Confirmation Class is open to those who have completed at least the sixth grade in school.

Here's What's Coming Up....

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January 7-8 (6 pm Friday through 4 pm Saturday) - Church-wide **Retreat for Spiritual Renewal** at the Mariawald Renewal Center, led by the **Rev. Sara Davis-Shappell**; a time to GET IN THE SPIRIT...GET WITH THE SPIRIT...and...SHARE THE SPIRIT! Pray that all may be renewed in spirit and return to build bridges of hope with our community of faith!

January 15 - The postponed adults' **ALPHA Day Away**, 9-4, at the home of **Sandi Rosencrans**.

February 5 - **RECYCLE SATURDAY**; contact **Jen Hope**, 610-670-9731, to offer assistance

March 1 - Prepare and serve supper for almost 100 homeless at **Opportunity House**. Call the **Evauls**, 610-927-1692.

Coming Sunday, February 20 10:15 am — Blended Service The Mane Men

From Nancy Dettra

This Albright College male chorus of students and adults will sing a selection of music appropriate to the Lenten season at our morning worship service. This presentation is brought to you by our newly formed Music Committee, under the direction of **Bill Lape** and **Lon Harvey**.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

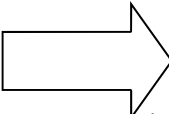
From Dorris McCoy



Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.

This prayer started the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** on Football's Super Bowl Sunday for a single South Carolina youth group. The national movement of God's love has grown to include 12,700 groups and has donated over \$4.25 million to local charities in 2004. This year's goal is \$6 million. LP's kids join in their efforts by contributing to Central Park UMC's Soup Kitchen Ministry in Reading.

Youth everywhere are feeding the hungry and learning that our Lord can use them to make a difference in the world. Like kids and youth across America, LP's Church School kids and youth will stand with soup pots at sanctuary exits, encouraging your donations to the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** on Sunday, **February 6**. Thank you!

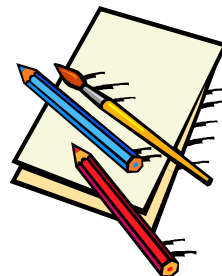
 Hunger hurts. Did you know that almost 35 million people, including 13 million children in the US, experience hunger or its risks? According to the US Conference of Mayors, requests for emergency food assistance increased an average of 19%. Learn more about hunger and how you can make a difference by visiting www.bread.org, the Bread for the World website.

KIDS TO KIDS IN THE MISSION FIELD

From Dorris McCoy

Thank you to God's children of all ages who contributed pencils, markers, tablets and notebooks for member, **Barb Wenger**, to take to the kids in Guatemala (we know we said Honduras BUT Volunteers In Mission changed the site)---**Barb** promises us a full report on how she will be able to share these items with children she meets on their construction sites.

See p. 1 for another mission opportunity for all! What wonderful ways **Barb's** and **Betty Frederickson's** mission trips open up for our children to share God's love around the world, helping us to see how richly we are blessed.



YOU CAN HELP BY SAVING BOX TOPS

Something new has been added to the items which bear the logo *Box Tops for Education*. As General Mills (company producing the labels) makes new products, this logo also appears on items that are not box tops. Originally, the logo was on cereal boxes. Later it appeared on baking items packaged in paper, and as bonus points on receipts from your grocery stores. Now, the label appears on "Old El Paso" jar caps.

Please put these jar caps with the other labels in the big jar in the church kitchen. Each label is worth 10 cents to the Tyson Schoener Elementary School. Recently the labels turned in were worth \$40 to them.

To be sure the label goes to our project, look for the label pictured here.

The Tyson Schoener School, on S. 5th Street in Reading, is the school that has

the after-school program for which our ladies are supplying craft projects and materials. This school has about a 90% turnover in students from the beginning of the year to the end. What is remarkable under the circumstances is that Tyson Schoener met all 13 of its objectives for the "No Child Left Behind" assessment.

Surely, our efforts on their behalf are paying off.

Mission Committee Has Busy Year

From Barbara Wenger

On the heels of its October Food Drive, the Mission Committee, Church School, and congregation worked together, under the direction of **Alice Kase**, on its Operation Christmas Child. We collected more boxes (132) for children around the world, thanks to your support.

In December the Angel Tree, our annual project with the Salvation Army was again a success. Many thanks to everyone!

We welcome new committee members, **Anna Mae Owens, Kathy Avedissian, Shirley Cline, Alice Kase, and Lee Riley** aboard our 2005 committee. Many thanks to **Kathy Hogg, Jim Eckert, and Dennis Antunes** who served with us in the past.

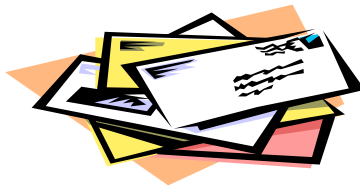
Many Thanks...

From Barbara Wenger

To the children and adults at Lincoln Park for bringing special items for my Volunteers in Mission trip to Guatemala January 11-22.

The pencils, crayons, markers, tablets, and notepads, presented to me at the Christmas Eve Family Service, will be enjoyed by the children there.

From our mailbox



♥ To the Lincoln Park Family,
Though I said it in my *Pastor's Desk* article, I want to be sure that you all know how much I appreciate all of the kindness you extended me during my recent injury, hospitalization, and recuperation at home. If you stopped by, called, sent a card, sent fruit, brought candy or books, brought food, said a prayer, I want you to know how much your expressions of concern and support have meant to me. All of these expressions truly make "the best medicine." I thank God for you during this time – and always. May God richly bless you all!
Pastor Larry

♥ To Our Friends at Lincoln Park Church,
Words cannot express our thanks for all the cards, phone calls, and your many prayers for Nels's recovery. We sincerely thank each and every one.
Ginny & Nels Freyling

♥ The staff wishes to thank the members of the congregation for their generous Christmas gifts. We wish you God's blessings throughout the coming New Year.

♥ Please extend my thanks and deepest appreciation to the Church Council for once again allowing the use of our beautiful facilities for the 51st annual student auditions of the Reading Symphony Orchestra League. The church provides a perfect setting for the auditions, and the Reading Symphony Orchestra League is very grateful to be able to host the event at Lincoln Park.
Sincerely,
Debbie Pyle, RSOL Student Audition Chairman, 2004-5

♥ A belated thank you for bringing me World-wide Communion October 4. Also wish to thank the gentleman who delivered flowers to me from church on December 5. I am grateful for such a loving and caring church family.
Sincerely,
Vera M. Wennell

♥ Dear Friends in Christ,
Once again, I feel compelled to express my gratitude for your continuing to grace my apartment with your floral expressions of love and concern. My church "family" is truly a blessing!
Sincerely,
Catherine S. Diehl



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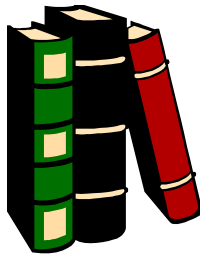
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Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

Everyone's welcome to join us at the Dettra's home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park, on January 24, at 7 pm. We'll discuss *Living to Tell the Tale*, an autobiography of Nobel Laureate Gabriel Barcia Marquez.



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From Becky Chadwick



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A MEALTIME PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

-Submitted anonymously from a Family

Thank you, God, for giving us:

Hands to Help with, Eyes to See with,
Ears to Hear with, Noses to Smell with,
Mouths to Taste with, and
Hearts and Hands to Share our Love.
Amen.



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