

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *March, 2005*

WHY FUND-RAISERS?

From Jerry Manhart

Did you ever wonder why we have so many fund-raisers here at Lincoln Park? The obvious answer is because we need them, but there is more to the story.

Some of our fund-raisers help support the annual budget and have existed many years. Last year the Flea Market raised \$5,041 and the Autumn Auction raised \$4113 towards the budget. Other fund-raisers have benefited specific projects or programs because there wasn't money budgeted for them. The Leadership De-

velopment and church library books are examples. Some fund-raisers have been for specific items such as multi-vitamins, ibuprofen, or children's gifts.

"I have an idea...Let's make them "FUN~raisers" and try to bring our congregation together..."

Hopefully the time will come when members will pledge enough to cover all our expenses and we can expand our mission giving. As one staff leader said, *Fund-raising takes a lot of time and energy that I would rather spend with people or on programs.* However, that time has not yet arrived.

After the September Stewardship Campaign, there was a deficit of \$10,000 in the 2005 budget of income minus expenses. The Finance Committee was able to reduce the amount, but the 2005 budget still has a \$4,733 deficit, and the only new item was for a staff Youth Leader.

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WORSHIP IN MARCH

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, March 6 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – HOLY COMMUNION – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled, *What Do You Know?* based on John 9:25, *I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.*

Sunday, March 13 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled, *The Skeleton Key* based on Ezekiel 37:4-6: *Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’*

Sunday, March 20 – PASSION/PALM SUNDAY – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled *How Strange!* based on Matthew 27:11-14: *Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said, ‘You say so.’ But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.*

Thursday, March 24 – 7:30 pm – HOLY THURSDAY – HOLY COMMUNION – A reenactment of our Lord’s Last Supper will be held in the Social Hall.

Friday, March 25 – 7:30 pm – GOOD FRIDAY – TENABRAE – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled, *Looks Can Be Deceiving* based on John 19:30: *When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*



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Sunday, March 27— EASTER SUNDAY – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled *Did You See That?* based on John 20: *Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.* Special music will be presented by **Phyllis Ensher-Peters**, concert harpist, at the 10:45 am service.

Lection Lessons for March

Sunday, March 6: I Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
Psalter: Psalm 23

Sunday, March 13: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
Psalter: Psalm 130

Sunday, March 20: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54
Psalter: Psalm 31:9-16

Thursday, March 24: Exodus 12:1-14; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35; Psalter: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Friday, March 25: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
Psalter: Psalm 22

Sunday, March 27: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

As our secretary, Kathy, was working on the recently compiled Lenten Devotional booklet, I was reading through the masters before she put them through the printer. As I read, I was greatly impressed with the quality of the writing, but even more, with the warmth and sincerity of the thoughts that were conveyed in each devotional.

Characterized by a sense of commitment to Christ and a desire to be faithful to His claim on their lives, the writers expressed an optimistic outlook for Lincoln Park Church as we together live the life of discipleship. Moreover, the writers acknowledged our dependence on the spirit of the living Christ to be – and become – all God would have us be.

In this Lenten/Easter season, we remember how the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ changed the world of his first followers. Defeated and discouraged following his death on the cross of Calvary, they became empowered and emboldened by the experience of his resurrection. Later disciples, still innervated by the power of the resurrected Lord's presence,

were accused in the city of Thessalonica of *turning the world upside down*.

It is so easy at times to focus on all the problems and difficulties that confront us in the world. We do it in the church, too. We let the naysayers and the voices of negativity resound within our walls. And we are all brought down. But the resurrection tells us that such words are not the last word. God has the last word!

**I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE
LIFE**

Tony Compolo tells of a Good Friday service he attended in the African-American congregation to which he belongs. The pastor preached a powerful sermon in which he

noted that those who crucified Jesus said, *There, that's the end of that*. He goes on, *But they didn't know. Because that was Friday, but Sunday's coming*.

We, too, can *turn the world upside down*. We can bring *resurrection* – new life – to deadly ways of thinking and behaving. One of my favorite Easter hymns is *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*. The first and third verses of this powerful hymn are:

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“Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter People, let us sing.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the
faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.”

Sounds of heaven in earth should ring: life is stronger than death, love is stronger than hate, hope is stronger than despair. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. May that song always empower us to live as the people of God.

The apostle Peter wrote, *What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for . . .* (I Peter 1:3-4, Petersen)

*The Promise
of Easter*



In Christ,

Pastor Larry

Albright’s Mane Men Beautifully Inspiring

From Debbie Harvey

Those in attendance at the 10:45 am worship service on Sunday, February 20, were richly blessed by the vocal presentation of the Mane Men from Albright College. Their a cappella repertoire included classical, traditional and spiritual religious music, presented with a beautiful blend of tone and a sincerity that touched all of us. We appreciated their sharing their gift, and especially thank **Nancy Dettra** for her role in bringing them to Lincoln Park.



COMMUNION WORKSHOP OFFERED

From Dorris McCoy

Although third graders are the targeted audience, all LP's children, their parents and any other interested adults are invited to the annual COMMUNION WORKSHOP, **Sunday, March 13**, beginning at 4 pm in the church sanctuary and concluding with a 5 pm light supper in the Social Hall.

Pastor Larry leads all through a hands-on, open question-and-answer discussion of the biblical roots of this sacrament, the ways and when offered at LP, and its meaning in the Christian's life.

Children who participate in the workshop are invited to commune at a special table with their families at MAUNDY THURSDAY worship on **March 24** (see page 2). Questions may be directed to **Pastor Larry** or **Dorris McCoy**. If you and your children have ever wondered about this *grape juice and bread* time in worship, then this is the place to be on March 13!

RECYCLE, RE-USE AND RENEW

From Dorris McCoy

Be good stewards of God's world---Recycle and Reuse to Renew the earth's resources for future generations. Ask some of LP's youth to find out about pencils made from recycled jeans and old money, blankets from plastic soda bottles, Frisbees from plastic milk jugs. The gate keeper at the recycling center gives new recruits a fun quiz about these and a myriad of other items made from recyclables that many of us just throw in the trash.



Start now...rinse, bag, and/or tie those recyclables not taken by your local township programs and bring them to the church on **Saturday, March 12**, 9-9:30 am. This is our adult assistant's last trip with us---**Carol Hockman** is retiring and moves South later in March. Thanks again to Carol for her smile and helping hands! **Jen Hope**, Youth Recycling Coordinator, 610-670-9731, welcomes offers for a new adult assistant as well as youth helpers! Come on---you can spare 2 1/2 hours 6 times a year!



Go Bowling with Us

From Gabriella Antunes

Don't miss it!!!! **Saturday, April 30** from 6 to 9 pm at Berks Lanes in Sinking Spring with **FREE PIZZA**; drinks are not included. Bring your friends and family to play games and to have fun. The cost will be \$9 per person for 2 games and \$10 for 3 games with shoe rental included. Children 10 and under are free. Contact **Gabriella Antunes** at 610-670-5045 or by email TheAntunes@comcast.net

A Note from the Trustees to the Congregation

From George Weikel



**Thanks &
a Tip of
the Hat to...**

I'm sure that all members who use the kitchen have noticed the beautiful new kitchen faucet and all members who use the Christian Education Resource Room have noticed the beautiful new storage shelving for construction paper.

These contributions were made possible by a donation from **Dennis Antunes** to purchase the kitchen faucet and a donation and the magnificent carpentry skill of **Cory Laity** to purchase the material and to construct the shelving. Please take the time to thank these thoughtful members when you see them for their generosity above and beyond their steadfast stewardship. The Trustees are very grateful for these gifts.

Thank you, Dennis and Cory!

Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

STUDY WITH THE MASTER

If you have ever thought of singing with the CHANCEL CHOIR, there was never a better time to join! Don't miss this opportunity to have an intensive vocal workout with **Carl W. Tobias**. Mr. Tobias is organist and choir master at St. John's Lutheran Church in York. Choir will be meeting on a Monday evening at 7:30 in the Choir Room.



EASTER SERVICE FEATURES HARPIST

We are blessed to have **Phyllis Ensher-Peters**, concert harpist, sharing her beautiful music with us. Phyllis has performed here at LPUMC for a Christmas Eve service and most recently at the fall 2004 Alpha Kick-off Dinner. She will play at the 10:45 am service. Please join us for this beautiful addition to our joyous Easter morning service on March 27.

New Youth Coordinator Invites You!

From Leah Easterday

Greetings! My name is Leah Easterday. I hope I will get to meet all the youth and parents at our March function. It will take place March 13, at 5 pm, in the Social Hall. Dinner will be provided (pizza). We'll discuss future activities, so bring all your ideas.

If you know you can't make it, contact me online at easterdayleah@hotmail.com or leave a message for me in the church office.

I will have my own office, and when it's all set up, any youth can stop by. I look forward to meeting everyone!



Please Come for Our Easter Celebration

Saturday, March 19, 9:30 — 11 am
from Rebecca Chelius

All children up to age 12 are invited to have some springtime fun, hunting for Easter eggs, playing Easter games, making a craft and having their picture taken with the Easter bunny. Please sign up in the Wagner Room or Social Hall so we know how many "little bunnies" are coming to our party.

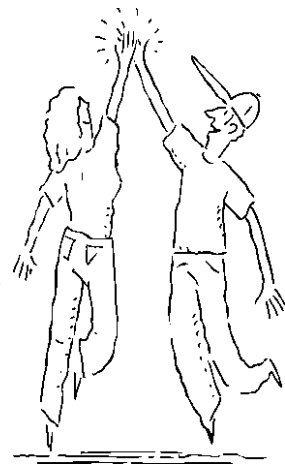
We also need to your help with supplies for our celebration. Please look for our egg tree in the Wagner Room or Social Hall. Please choose an egg and return your donation to the Easter basket. Over the years our Easter party has grown; last year we had over 40 children, so sign up your children or your grandchildren. I am also looking for helping hands, if interested mark that on the sign up sheet. For answers to your questions please call Rebecca Chelius, 610-775-4651.



Welcome: New Youth Coordinator

Staff Parish Relations Committee is happy to announce that Leah Easterday has been brought on as Lincoln Park Church's UMYF Coordinator. Leah and her husband Mark live in West Lawn.

They recently moved here from Kansas where Leah served as a youth worker, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, sang in the church choir, and attended Bible study. Leah looks forward to ministering to the needs of our church youth through various fellowship activities and mission work.



We're Talkin' about Three Special Youth!

From Cheri Fallon



"I've always liked writing and playing around with words," says Wilson HS sophomore **Andrew Bartal**.

A book of his poetry,

Equilibrium, has recently been published and was on sale for awhile at Borders. But if you're interested now, try FoothillsPublishing.com, because Borders is currently sold out!

Andrew started writing poetry in 7th grade in study halls. For an English project he had to interview a poet. So, he chose local poet Craig Czury, and at one of his readings Andrew met Czury's publisher. Czury forwarded some of Andrew's poetry to the publisher. His book was born.

Andrew is currently taking journalism at Wilson and hopes to pursue a career in magazine or newspaper writing.

At Lincoln Park, Andrew helps faithfully with Vacation Bible School as a Youth Helper. His Mom, **Debbie**, volunteers with baby care and in the 9:30 multi-age activity.

Wyomissing HS Freshman **Martha**

Blakely has been playing tennis since she was six. Considered Wyomissing's No. 1 player, this year Martha captured the Berks Singles Championship in the Berks Girls Tennis League. She is ranked No. 1 in the Middle States Division of the US Tennis Association, and ranked 10th nationally in girls 14's.

At the girls 14 National Winter Championships in Arizona, Martha won the USTA Sportsmanship award and placed 4th out of 128 players. When she won the girls 14 Nike Jr Tour National Masters at Palo Alto, CA, she became the US representative to the Nike Jr Tour International Masters and World Team Tennis Cup in France.

Whether to go on the state championship matches with her Wyomissing team or to the International Masters in France was a bit of a predicament for this talented young woman. "It was not an easy decision," says her mother **Pamela**, "but you don't turn down the opportunity to represent your country."

Look forward to hearing more about this tennis star's *remarkable* accomplishments.

Another star in girls tennis is Wilson HS Junior **Jen Hope**. Ranked No. 2 on her team, Jen had a good season at Wilson. She won 4th in doubles in the district

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Worship Committee Decides Against Blended Services

From Nancy Dettra

At its January 31st meeting, the Worship Committee decided to discontinue the blended worship services that have been held on fifth Sundays of months.

There were several reasons for this decision:

- Blended services create problems with church school schedules.
- Members of the congregation sometimes forget and come to church at the regular times.
- Changing the newspaper advertisement to announce the different worship service time is costly.
- The schedule change affects members and guests coming from the Highlands by bus.
- The Committee respects and recognizes the various music styles and preferences the congregation is accustomed to.



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championships and was the lone Wilson player to win her first set at the first round of state championships in Altoona.

Jen's been playing tennis since third grade, but she has another love and that's music, says her mother **Linda**. When she isn't playing tennis, Jen is participating in musicals at Wilson — in *Once on this Island*, *Les Miserables*, *Guys and Dolls*, and (currently) *Anything Goes*. She also belongs to the ABC Theatre Group and has participated in their shows.

At Lincoln Park, Jen is part of the Praise Band and youth group, and is

chairman of our youth- recycling program.

Jen wants to pursue physical therapy or athletic training in the future, and spends her winter and spring seasons working with Wilson's athletic trainer Doc Moyer.

This is one busy and talented girl. "She enjoys it," says Linda, "Jen likes to do many things well."

P.S.

Please send the Church Mouse news about church members to our *News-Linc* mail slot, or email cherfallon@earthlink.net.

Church Building Goes Up in Guatemala

From Barbara Wenger

A mission group of nine members plus myself left before 5 am on January 11 from the Philadelphia Airport, just before a snowstorm. After landing and taking off again from Houston, we continued to the Central American country of Guatemala on a 2 1/2 hour flight.

When we arrived at the Guatemala airport, we were joined by eight people from Honduras and two people from El Salvador who completed our work team.

The object of our work mission was to construct the first floor of a building to adjoin a church, consisting of two Sunday School rooms, a storage room, and a garage. The second floor will be added when another mission group comes and there are more funds to finish it.

We attended evening church services on January 12 and began working the next day. We worked for four days straight. On Sunday, January 16, we had a morning tour of a market in the town of Quetzaltenango, about 100 miles south of



Coatepeque. In the afternoon we attended church services.

From Monday, January 17, to Friday, January 21, we finished the construction on the first floor. The two Sunday School rooms

would be in use that Sunday!

We left on Friday afternoon to spend our last evening in LaAntiqua, the oldest city in Guatemala.

After a bus ride to the Guatemala City airport, we said good-bye to the Honduras and El Salvador team members. We boarded our plane for Houston. Because of a snowstorm in the Philadelphia area, we flew into Newark and took Amtrak and Septa trains to the Philadelphia airport. It was a joyful arrival in Reading late Sunday night!

Please pray for Betty Frederickson and the medical missions team going to Chalchuapa, El Salvador, from March 12 — 20. A prayer schedule is available in the Wagner Room and Social Hall.

Join Us for Our Sacred Circle

From Loreen Miller

Just a reminder...the next meeting of the Sacred Circle will be on Tuesday, March 8, at 7 pm, in Room 103, weather permitting. If you are hurting in some way and need God's peace, we will pray with you.

This ministry is offered on a "drop-in" basis. No commitment is necessary. Anyone is welcome.



WOMEN OF FAITH



Women's Fellowship

BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCHEON

**Sunday, March 20
12 noon**

We will meet in the Social Hall. During lunch we will view a WOMEN OF FAITH speaker. Discussion and a small skit from WOMEN OF FAITH dramatist, Nicole Johnson, will follow. All women are welcome. Childcare will be available only if you contact **Dorris McCoy** or **Tracy Goldsborough**. Plan to spend about 1-1/2 hours with us.

Let's Go for a Swim!

From Gabriella Antunes



Family and friends of Lincoln Park UMC, it's POOL TIME! Come **Saturday, March 12**, 3-5 pm, to the Governor Mifflin School swimming pool to enjoy the water and each other's company.

Cost is \$4 per person (cash or check payable to LPCUMC). Kids 10 and under are free (must be with a swimming adult). No food or drinks allowed in the pool area.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Wagner Room and in the Social Hall. See you there!! Please contact **Gabriella Antunes**, 610-670-5045, or

TheAntunes@comcast.net.

Souper Bowl Nets Super Profits

From Dorris McCoy



Thank you to all Lincoln Park members and friends who dropped donations into the SOUPER BOWL soup pots on **SOUPER/SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**, February 6. Your generosity — totaling \$412.25 — made LP's kids and the ministry at Central Park Church's Soup Kitchen **SOUPER BOWL** winners.

Nationally, as of February 16, 9,185 organizations reported contributions of \$3,262,550 to help the hungry and homeless.

LP's kids and youth were also part of 12,055 SOUPER BOWL Weekend Service Blitz projects by sponsoring Recycle Saturday on February 5 and delivering Valentine gifts and cards to LP's homebound on Sunday, February 6! Thanks for influencing the life of a young person and sharing funds with those in need!

EASTERN PA CONFERENCE OFFERS MANY CAMP OPTIONS

From Dorris McCoy

Although mid-February snows make summer feel far away, a snow day also gives kids and families much needed respite and time to peruse the summer camping options. Stop in the church office, or when you're in church on Sunday, pick up one of the colorful brochures describing the many opportunities, differing locations, leaders, and costs.

The unifying 2005 Summer Camp Theme is **PRAY!** and is taken from 1 Thessalonians, *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

LP has camp scholarship assistance available---for details, contact **Pastor Larry** or **Dorris McCoy**.



OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUPPER

From Dorris McCoy



Although some of us may be starting to think of summer gardens, vacations and family camping excursions, many in our surrounding community don't have homes to think of leaving for summer breaks or dirt to dig in to plant those luscious tomatoes and veggies for our summer picnics.

Many of these Berks homeless are fortunate to be able to use the services of **OPPORTUNITY**

HOUSE for temporary housing, meals, counseling, job training, and child care. LP is blessed to have the organizational and cooking skills of **Charleen and Jerry Evaul** (610-927-1692) to help prepare and serve supper every other first Tuesday at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE. LP's next supper night is **Tuesday, March 1**. Preparation begins at the church around 4 pm, serve supper at the shelter around 7 pm, and return to church no later than 8 pm. Assistance is welcomed for part or all of that time---or call the Evauls to donate a dessert, veggie/meal item, or \$\$\$ to cover food costs.

Annual Flea Market Set for May 14

It's time to start cleaning out your closets, basements, and garages so we'll have plenty of "items" to sell at our annual Flea Market in May. This event is lots of fun and profitable (\$5,041 last year) for our church. We need all the helping hands we can get — to get ready beforehand and on the day of the sale. Please mark your calendars and keep this date open to help out! More information will be coming soon!

PRC INVITES YOUR VISIT

From Dorris
McCoy



A warm welcome awaits all LP members and leaders at

the PARISH RESOURCE CENTER.

Whether you are looking for encouragement in ministry, help with leadership or teaching assignments, or a quiet place for reflection and study, the PRC is there for you.

Visitors may call 717-299-1113 for an appointment, drop in unannounced at 633 Community Way, Lancaster (not far from Park City Mall), or check them out online —

www.parishresourcecenter.org/lancaster to review materials. Evening and Saturday hours are available. LP's DCE, **Dorris McCoy**, will gladly provide directions and invites your companionship on her frequent visits there.

INVEST IN YOUR WORLD--- SHOP FAIR TRADE AT TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES



From Dorris McCoy

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES, a non-profit program of the Mennonite Central Committee, thanks all who shopped and dined at their nearby outlet in Ephrata over the holiday season. Your support means life-giving income for artisans around the world. Invite a friend to become a part of the fair trade difference, helping Third World crafts persons realize a better life.

Beat the winter doldrums at their **AFRICAN DRUMMING: A BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP** on **Friday, March 18**, 7-8:15 p.m.---for all ages 12 and up! Contact **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES** online at ephrata@tenthousandvillages.com or call 717-721-8400.

Doing Something for Lent

A family was visited by an older aunt during the season of Lent. The aunt was a devoted Christian who liked to read mystery stories, especially murder mysteries. The family made sure there was a supply of them in her room.

Toward the end of the aunt's stay, the family noticed that she had not touched a single book. "What's the matter," asked a nephew, "don't you like our books?"

"Oh, no, it's not that," she replied. "I've given up murder for Lent."



Where Those “Extra Envelope” Dollars Go

From Jerry Manhart

Each month there are extra envelopes in the packet mailed to you. Some are for the Building Fund; others are for Missions and twice a year Endowment envelopes can be found. If you have placed a contribution in one of them, it became multiplied by the contributions of others.

Contributions to the Building Fund are applied directly to the outstanding principal on our loan. During 2004 an additional total of \$6,395 was applied to the loan. At the end of December, the outstanding loan balance was \$182,753.

Mission contributions are distributed to various projects selected by the Mission Committee. The committee publishes the selected projects in the bulletin and the *News-Linc*. A total of \$5,909 was contributed to missions during 2004.

Last year a total of \$9,535 was given to the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund principal has reached \$60,004. Each year 90 percent of the interest earned is made available to new church programs. This year \$1,800 was allocated for uses beyond the Program Budget.

Please consider making a contribution in these extra envelopes.

News-Linc Makes the Internet

From Cheri Fallon

Did you know that you can read the *News-Linc* on the web now? Thanks to **Chad Chelius**, you can check out issues monthly, even look up back issues. Just go to www.lpcumc.org. Will wonders never cease?

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH JR. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

From Tracy Goldsborough

Mary's Home & Shelter Bowl-A-Thon Sunday, March 20



We will begin raising money as a group for this on March 6. We donate our prize if we win again like last year when we came in 2nd for raising the most money. We will meet at Colonial/Berks Lanes at 2:45 pm and everyone should be picked up by 5 pm This is not just bowling but we get food, drinks & prizes

the whole time we are there. Please RSVP by calling **Tracy Goldsborough**, 610-777-6991, or sign up as soon as possible. Of course, friends are welcome.

Car Wash at Lincoln Park Saturday, April 9

The car wash money will be used toward the expense of our sleep-over at the FRANKLIN INSTITUTE. We need lots of adults and Jr. Youth volunteers for this. Rain date: April 23.



Franklin Institute Sleep-Over Fri-Sat, May 20-21



Cost will be \$20 per person. Check the details out online at <http://sln2.fi.edu/tfi/programs/camp-in.html>. We will meet at 5 pm at the church and travel as a group to the Institute where we will eat, sleep & have lots of fun till the next morning. Chaperones are needed. RSVP will be absolutely necessary & a nonrefundable deposit will be needed.

Financial assistance is available; contact **Dorris McCoy**.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: LEARNING FOR LIFE

From Dorris McCoy



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Christians never know it all! People's lives (all ages) are changed by knowing, loving and following Jesus. And in that transforming process, Christians are called into community, to be in relationships and fellowship with fellow Christians, to worship, to serve God in all we do daily, and to learn the Bible stories and their applications in our homes, church, school and work.

That is why ALL are invited to join in the Christian Education options offered for all ages on Sunday mornings. Come and join the journey.

9:30 am

- During the Contemporary Service sermon a multi-age, mini-lesson-activity is offered for ages 3 through 3rd grade in Room 101, while older ages worship with their families.
- Adult Lectionary Bible Study, led by **Norm and Nancy Dettra**, meets in the Church Library to review and dig deep into understanding the scriptures upon which Sunday worship is based.

10:45 am

- Graded Classes for ages 3 through 6th grade in Rooms 101, 102 & 104
- 7th through 12th grade YOUTH CLASS in Room 103
- New Testament Adult Study led by **Earl Hope** in the Church Library. This New Testament series is a top-notch video introduction addressing Biblical culture, authorship, intended audiences and history as well as message and meaning explorations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT LINCOLN PARK CHURCH---IT'S FOR LIFE---LIFE-GIVING---CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE OF LIFE---ABOUT REAL LIFE---AND LIFE-LONG!!!



Endowment Provides Extras

From Harold Perkins

Beyond our regular budget, four “extras” can be added to the thrust of God’s Church in Lincoln Park. Funding will come from accumulated interest of \$1800 in the Endowment Fund.

Our mission ministry will be extended by an extra \$150. Our Bell Choir will function better by adding four complementary lecterns, costing \$200.

Pending the appointment of a Youth Fellowship Coordinator, \$350 will be available for further training and support, if needed. And \$1100 will round out expenses of the inspiring “Bridges of Hope” Retreat held in January.

Through the generosity of a number of our members during 2004, with gifts ranging from \$10 to \$1,000, the Endowment Fund reached a total in principal of \$60,004 on December 31. A goal of \$100,000 appears to be within reach based on continuing envelope and cash gifts and three confidentially disclosed bequests.

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Since fund-raisers are still necessary, perhaps you can think of some way that we can add to a fund-raiser we already have. Last year Kaufman’s barbecued chicken was sold in conjunction with the Flea Market, and the Pyle’s offered a Christmas Open House at the Autumn Auction.

Can you think of something new? Let’s make them “Fun-Raisers” and try to bring our congregation together as the Flea Market and Autumn Auction have in the past.

I have an idea. I enjoy gardening and Lou likes to do container gardening. We have attended garden tours as fund-raisers for other organizations. Is there any interest in having a tour of Lincoln Park Church members’ gardens? Are there 7 to 10 additional members willing to show their gardens and provide some light refreshment?

If you do have an idea for a fund-raiser and you expect to raise over \$500, it must be approved by the Finance Committee or the Church Council. All fund-raiser dates should be given to the Church Secretary to be placed on the Church Calendar to avoid conflicts. The purpose of the fund-raiser and how proceeds will be used must be part of any advertisement.

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

The modern word *worship* derives from one of those beautiful old Anglo-Saxon roots: *woerthscipe*, which means *worthiness, repute, or respect*. Originally, the word referred to a person of honor, as when a citizen referred to the king as *your worship*.

There are many ways to worship the Most Worthy. We can fall to our knees. We can pray. We can praise. We can sing. We can conduct our daily lives with such honor and beauty that the One we serve is proud to call us citizens of the Kingdom. But there is nothing more honoring, honorable, and worshipful than in putting our money where our mouths are.

In some ways, our gift to the church is the highest and most concrete act of worship we perform, simply because it is the most difficult; it requires us to sacrifice



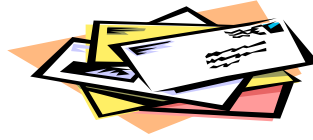
the work of our hands, the fruit of our labors, a good portion of the legal tender with which we might otherwise have purchased many of the good things of life. The way we spend our money is the most eloquent testimony to what we consider worthy and honorable.

When you stop to think about all that God has given – this shining planet, friends to cherish, a bountiful table, a Son at Calvary, a victory over death – God doesn't ask for much, only a small portion – an hour a week in praise, a couple more in service to church and community, small daily acts of mercy and justice. You get to keep at least 90 percent of your hours and dollars. That's not a bad deal, as deals go. Won't you respond extravagantly to God's extravagance?

-William A. Everstsberg



From our mailbox



♥ Dear Friends at Lincoln Park,
Don and I want to thank you for your many cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of my father, Karl Schmidt.

Although he wasn't a member of Lincoln Park, he enjoyed worshiping here because you all made him feel so welcome.

Thank you so much,
Barb Schlosser

♥ Dear UMC Family,
It is with a grateful heart that I say thank you to all of you for your many cards, calls, flowers, and food during my recent hospitalization and recovery. There is no doubt that this Christian bond of love helps to heal.

I also want to thank Pastor Larry for his phone calls while he himself was recovering from his injury. God bless you all.

Pat Park

♥ Dear Friends,
On behalf of the Central Park United Methodist Church Food Ministry, I would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$412.25. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-375-2662.

Sincerely yours,
Helen Ruth
Food Ministry Coordinator

♥ To: Sunday School Children and
Congregation of Lincoln Park UMC
Church,

The children of Coatepeque, Guatemala would like to express their sincere joy and thanks for the special gifts of writing tablets, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, and many other items. They will help them learn all about God in Sunday School.

Many Thanks,
Barbara Wenger
Mission Committee Chair

**“Faith came singing into my room
And other guests took flight.
Grief, anxiety, fear and gloom,
Sped out into the night.”**
—Elizabeth Cheney in *The Children’s Treasury*



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

News-Linc Deadline



March 12

Please submit as soon as possible this

month. The editors have a busy March! E-mail submissions should go to both debharv3@verizon.net and cherfallon@earthlink.net

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

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Birth

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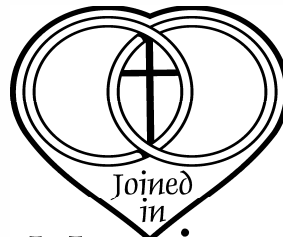
Woessner was born on January 12 at 8:45 pm. Congratulations to his parents, **Troy and Lisa Woessner**, and grandmother **Sue Woessner**.

Joshua weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. May God bless Joshua and his family!



Wedding

Donna Loreen Miller and Barry



Marriage

Scott Pitkoff were united in marriage on Sunday, January 30, in an interfaith ceremony at Westover Country Club,

Jeffersonville, PA.

Rabbi Shimon Berris and the Rev. Alan Lee officiated. Donna is the daughter of **David and Loreen Miller**. Congratulations and best wishes for your new life together!

**Received by E-mail from Former Church Secretary Chris Hacker:
"Working for God on earth does not pay much, but his retirement plan is out of this world."**

Fill a Pew



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