



News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

April, 2005

Trustees Recognize Faithful LP Steward

From George Weikel

On Sunday, February 27, at the 10:45 service, the LPUMC Trustees honored one of the finest, most loyal members of our congregation. This recognition was long overdue and well deserved; if you were not able to make this service, you missed a real surprise.

We surprised this outstanding church steward by providing him a recognition plaque stating *“In grateful appreciation for over 40 years of exemplary stewardship to our congregation and to the Lincoln Park United*

Methodist Church”.

This man became a member of the LPUMC on March 25, 1957, by letter of transfer and was welcomed into the

church by our first Pastor, the Reverend Mark J. Hostetter. This member has always been a loyal steward and has worked on and chaired most of the church operating committees throughout the years.

Year after year, he has trimmed trees and shrubbery around the church properties

and kept flowers blooming in spring and summer. He keeps a fresh coat of paint on windows and doors, and in the fall you can catch him cleaning leaves from rain gutters. His labors save the congregation hundreds of dollars a year.

I’ll bet over 90 % of *News-Line* readers realize that I’m talking about our beloved **Carl Madeira**.

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WORSHIP IN APRIL

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, April 3 – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – HOLY COMMUNION. Albright's Gospel Choir will provide special music. (See a related article on p. 12). The sermon will be entitled *Witness for the Defense*, based on Acts 2:32, *This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.*

Sunday, April 10 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – The sermon will be entitled *Time for a Change?* based on I Peter 1:22, *Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love,*

love one another deeply from the heart.

Sunday, April 17 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – The sermon will be entitled *Then and Now*, based on Acts 2:46 – 47a, *Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.*

Sunday, April 24 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – The pastor will be on vacation. Pulpit supply has not yet been secured.

LECTION LESSONS FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 3: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31; Psalter: Psalm 16

Sunday, April 10: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
Psalter: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Sunday, April 17: Acts 2:42-47; I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10; Psalter: Psalm 23

Sunday, April 24: Acts 7:55-60; I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14; Psalter: Psalm 31:1-5,
15-16



Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

Bell Choir Members

Please check the bulletin for rehearsal times in April. We will practice every week, but we'll alternate between the full bell choir one week and individuals who are practicing ensemble ringing the next. We are also starting to rehearse for a patriotic song to perform in July.

Chancel Choir Members

We still meet in the Choir Room Mondays from 7:30 until further notice. If you're interested in joining the choir for the remainder of this year or are thinking ahead for next year, please see me. Cassette tapes with music and your vocal parts are available for you to practice with, at home or in your car.

Variety Night: April 16

Please join us for a Variety Night on Saturday, April 16. Supper will be served at 6 pm, and the show will start at 7 pm. If you're interested in singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or if you have a dramatic reading or story to tell, please sign up! If you'd like someone to accompany you on piano or guitar, it can be arranged!

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

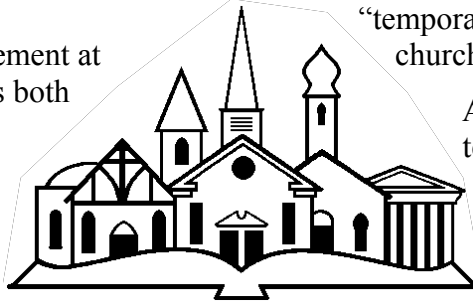
The front of the envelope proclaimed that the contents revealed *the secret to church growth*. Opening the envelope, I found a glossy flyer the headline of which announced, *People leave your church everyday!* Naturally, I found these two statements conflicting and confusing. Apart from an offer to sell mailing lists of new residents, I never did find *the secret to church growth*.

As I mused on the statement at the top of the flyer, I was both struck by the truth of the statement and troubled by it. While people may not be leaving our individual churches “every day,” the truth is that people do leave our churches on a fairly regular basis. Some leave and never assume an active relationship with a church again. Many others move their membership to other churches. A recent study indicated that most Protestant churches grow mainly by church members (many of them disgruntled with their previous church) moving their membership from one church to another.

People leave churches for many reasons. Often the reasons have little to do with matters of substance. Some that seem substantive are often nothing more

than shallow excuses that focus on secondary concerns rather than *the heart of Christian faith* and practice.

Often, we find people who have a history of moving from one congregation to another. They are labeled *church hoppers*. It is a safe assumption that if people have left a number of churches because they became unhappy with things in those churches, they will only be “temporary residents” in any new church.



Although we clergy types tend to understand this behavior, it does not mean that we are not troubled by it. In fact, I must say that I find it

very disconcerting. I am particularly troubled when someone I have received into membership leaves – particularly those who become totally inactive and lost to the church – for I had hoped that I had helped them to an understanding of the importance of the church to their faith journey.

Those who move their membership elsewhere because of what I have noted as *secondary concerns* also trouble me. When the color of the carpet or the location of the hymn boards or the singing of an occasional new hymn (these are meant to serve as examples, not representing

any actual situations – even though they could) become the focus of one’s relationship with the church, there is a serious disconnect between professed faith and practice.

Occasionally, someone will have a serious theological problem with a particular church. I respect individuals who wrestle with such theological issues. United Methodists, along with most major Protestant denominations, currently wrestle with the place of homosexuals in the ranks of the clergy. This is a difficult issue that does not yield itself to an easy solution, for there are committed Christians on both sides of the debate. It seems to me that when people on one side of the debate leave they are, in essence, abandoning their cause.

In my years in ministry people have left churches I served because they disagreed with me theologically, some finding me too liberal, some finding me too conservative. Yet, where such departures have taken place following an open and honest conversation, I have been able to affirm the person and respect him or her in their decision.

Yes, people leave churches for all kinds of reasons, perhaps not every day but with a disturbing degree of regularity. I grieve their leaving, for it reflects badly on the cause of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the church that bears his name.



**ONE LORD,
ONE FAITH,
ONE BAPTISM**

The apostle Paul counseled the people in the church at Ephesus, *I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* (Ephesians 4:1-6, NRSV)

Perhaps *the secret of church growth* lies somewhere in Paul’s words!

Pastor Larry

SPRING SEEKING SERIES OFFERS OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE

From Dorris McCoy



Deepen Your Relationship With God.

- Do you sometimes wonder what the Gospels are all about?
- Do you ask why and how certain writings were chosen?
- Would you like to know more about who John Wesley was and how early Methodism took root and grew to who we are today?
- Would you like to serve as a church volunteer but you're not quite sure what gifts you have to offer in ministry?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, you belong at LP's **SPRING SEEKING SERIES** where discussion will seek answers and build understanding about these questions of faith. Three options will include:

- **THE HISTORY OF THE GOSPELS**, a video lecture series emphasizing the historical context of the Gospels and their portrayal of Jesus in each, facilitated by **Earl Hope**.
- **METHODISM 101** presented and facilitated by **Pastor Larry**.
- **SPIRITUAL GIFTS: MINISTRY NOT A JOB**, a hands-on workshop led by **Jack Villecco**.

THE SPRING SEEKING SERIES begins **Sunday, April 3**, and concludes **Sunday, May 1**. Each of the 5 weeks starts with supper and fellowship at 5 pm and concludes by 7:30 pm. Youth are encouraged to join in, too. **KIDS CLUB & NURSERY CARE** will be provided for the younger set. Check church bulletins for registration info.

Please note: this short term study replaces Alpha for the spring time. The 10-week **ALPHA/FALL FAITH FEST** returns September 11. Watch *News-Linc* for details.

Ruth Tinsley Bible Donated to Our Church

From Pastor Larry Carl

Lincoln Park Church has received a gift of **Ruth Tinsley's** large family-edition Bible, in the Living Translation. Ruth's daughter, **Ruth Baer**, noted that it was her mother's desire that the Bible be given to the church.

The Bible is currently in the library, available to anyone who desires to use it. We miss Ruth as part of our community of faith, but we are grateful for this reminder of her life with us and the importance that the church had in her life.



Fall 2005 Church Retreat Is Now Being Planned

By Jerry Pawlikowski



It is eight months from now, but please mark your calendars for November 18-19 for Lincoln Park Church's Winter/2005 Retreat at Maria Wald Renewal Center. We are blessed once again to have Pastor Sara Davis-Shappell lead us. More details will follow in the coming months.

Thanks To All Who Contributed To The 2005 Lenten Devotional

By Jerry Pawlikowski

I want to thank the over 30 Lincoln Park church members who contributed to this year's Lenten Devotional. You will have another opportunity to share your Christian faith journey later this year when we put together our first ever Advent devotional.

Charitable Giving

from Jerry Manhart

Have you filed your 2004 tax returns? If you're in the process of filing your taxes, you'll want to figure your charitable deductions to add to your itemized deductions page. The more you give to charity the less you give the government to spend.

Some members have given stock as gifts for the Endowment Fund and the Capital Campaign. Now a few have given stock to meet their annual pledge. They received full credit for the value of the stock on the date sold and were able to avoid paying the capital gains tax.

Perhaps you've heard of paying your utility bills by automatic payment. A few members are paying their monthly church giving using that method. Contact your bank if you're interested.

Did you tithe last year? Tithing is making a voluntary, systematic contribution of financial support to your church. In the Old Testament, a tithe was a tenth of total property. Today we could use 10 % of our income. If you did not tithe last year, consider increasing your giving this year.

You can estimate your percent of giving using the following chart.

YEARLY INCOME	10% Giving	8% Giving	6% Giving	4% Giving	2% Giving
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$1,200	\$800	\$400
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$2,400	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$600
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$3,200	\$2,400	\$1,600	\$800
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
\$60,000	\$6,000	\$4,800	\$3,600	\$2,400	\$1,200
\$70,000	\$7,000	\$5,600	\$4,200	\$2,800	\$1,400
\$80,000	\$8,000	\$6,400	\$4,800	\$3,200	\$1,600
\$90,000	\$9,000	\$7,200	\$5,400	\$3,600	\$1,800
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
\$110,000	\$11,000	\$8,800	\$6,600	\$4,400	\$2,200
\$120,000	\$12,000	\$9,600	\$7,200	\$4,800	\$2,400



TAKE A SPRING BREAK AT THE PRC

From Dorris
McCoy

Why not take a leisurely drive into the Lancaster County countryside and visit the **PARISH RESOURCE CENTER**. The PRC is definitely the place for help in all areas of church life— music, worship, education, crafts, stewardship, VBS, outreach.

The PRC has consultants, an exciting resource collection, an inspiring arts studio, timely workshops and seminars, and well-equipped meeting space to stimulate ideas, design strategies, energize leaders and facilitate planning or events and programs.

So, plan a spring break for yourself and your program/committee area...plan a visit to the PRC by calling 717-299-1113 with your questions and to secure directions.



Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl



**GIVE
AND
IT
WILL
BE
GIVEN
TO
YOU**

Luke 6:38

J.L. Kraft, head of the Kraft Cheese Corporation, who had given approximately 25% of his enormous income to Christian causes for many years, said, *The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is*

the money I have given to the Lord.

A man had a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital. He could receive little company and was not to be excited. While in the hospital a rich uncle died and left him a million dollars. His family wondered how to break the news to him with the least amount of excitement.

It was decided to ask the preacher if he would go and break the news quietly to the man. The preacher went, and gradually led up to the question.

The preacher asked the patient what he would do if he inherited a million dollars. He said, *I think I would give half of it to the church.* The preacher dropped dead.

Mission Committee Allocates Donations

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Committee Chair



When the Mission Committee met March 14, **Kathy Avedissian** led us in prayer, asking God for the guidance to reach all who need our help.

We decided upon a number of donations:

- Iglesia National Metodista, in Guatemala \$200
- Greater Berks Food Bank \$200
- African University, in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe \$200
- Reading Berks Conference of Churches \$200
- MEFIJA - Philanthropic Evangelical Mission \$200

Jesus Loves You, mission of Dennis Antunes' father, a philanthropic social-religious institution with the purpose of recovering loves of those lost in drugs, independent of race, color, religion, or social position.

Our next meeting will be April 6.

Angel Tree Brings Joy!

Please check the lovely letters on p. 18 from the families we “adopted” this Christmas through the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree project.

Your generosity and caring are much appreciated.

TGI Friday's Fund Raiser!

From Becky Chadwick

Enjoy dinner at TGI Friday's restaurant on Sunday, April 10, and 20% of your bill will be returned to Lincoln Park UMC Leadership Development Fund!

All you need to do is bring one of the coupons (available in the weekly bulletin or in the Church Office) to Friday's on Sunday, April 10, order your lunch or dinner, and give your waitress the coupon. The restaurant will return 20% of your check to us!

Annual Flea Market Is Our Biggest Fundraiser

Saturday, May 14, 7 am—3 pm

From George Weikel

In last month's *News-Linc*

Jerry Manhart wrote about the importance of fundraisers to our church budget. Here's your chance to support an event that's brought \$\$\$ to LP's annual budget and fun and fellowship to the volunteers who make it possible. Join us to make this year's Flea Market a successful fund raiser and a lively "funraiser."

Here's how to be part of the fun:

- ☺ Clean out your closets, basements, attics and bring your books, collectibles, dishes, antiques, and any garage-sale type items good enough to sell to church.
- ☺ Sign up to help by preparing for the sale, working at the sale, and donating food items or baked goods.
- ☺ Attend and support your church at this fun and profitable event!

Beverly Ruffner and **George Weikel** will be coordinating the 2005 Annual Flea Market. **Susie Romig** has volunteered to provide Beverly with all of the information she has gathered from her past experiences in running the show.

Beverly will be responsible for coordinating all activities up to and including the day of the flea market. George will be



responsible for coordinating storage of fleas before the flea market set up, the final cleanup of the Social Hall and Christian Education Building, and dissemination of the unsold fleas.

Both George and Beverly will be seeking a lot of help from church members to make this fund raiser possible, so help them out by volunteering your time to the flea market effort; and also donating some of those nice fleas that have been collecting dust in your attic.

Fleas may be brought in anytime between now and the Friday before the event and placed in Room 200 (also, when available, in the room beside Room 200). Both areas are in the basement of the church office.

Old computer systems, monitors and printers will only be accepted with a \$5 donation to the flea market fund. Electronic equipment usually don't sell, and it costs the church \$5/ component to dispose of them.

A date will be announced in the near future for where and when coats, hats, suits, clothes, purses and shoes may be dropped off.

Albright College Gospel Ensemble to Sing

April 3, 10:45 am

From Nancy Dettra

We are delighted to have this group from Albright at our 10:45 am worship service on April 3. The Ensemble was formed seven years ago when eight students approached Dr Brenda Ingram-Wallace, Associate Professor of Psychology, eager to express their spirituality.

The non-denominational group has grown to include 40 students striving to promote Christian values through

gospel music to the Albright College Community and the community at large. They have had multiple engagements in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, including one with Barry Manilow, and are recording a demo CD.

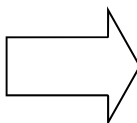
The current advisors for the group are the Rev. Quentin Wallace and Lisa Blount. The choir does not charge a fee, but gifts are appreciated.

1st - 3rd Graders Get Scrapping!

From Lisa Gallagher and Raylin Ritenour

This spring our Sunday School lessons during the 10:45 am time slot are bringing out the artistic side of our students. We're putting together individual scrapbooks in class to show how Jesus is working in our lives.

This is just the thing for the two teachers in this class! We both love to scrapbook at home, and it's great to share this hobby with the children in our class and teach about God's love for them at the same time. If your child is in grades 1,2, or 3, we'd love to have them join us to make some awesome "pages" to add to their own scrapbook!



Our classroom has switched rooms with the preschool class. Grades 1-3 meets in Rm 101. Children in the preschool class meet in Rm 104.

See you at Sunday School!

LOOKING AHEAD!

From Dorris McCoy

May 3, 4—8 pm

Prepare and serve supper for OPPORTUNITY HOUSE. Contact **Jerry and Charleen Evaul** to assist.

The **JR GROUP** thanks all who supported the Spaghetti Lunch which raised funds for these supper costs; this group was able to channel \$375 towards these servant hood efforts.

May 17

JR Group Election Day Bake Sale---see **Dorris McCoy** or **Tracy Goldsborough** to donate baked goods---proceeds to benefit OPPORTUNITY HOUSE.

May 2005						
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29	30	31				

And looking even further ahead...

2005 VBS goes on a **SERENGETTI TREK** where kids are wild about God, at LP Church, Monday through Friday, **June 27-July 1**, 9 am-noon. Bring your whole herd! **Karen Osika** again serves as Vacation Bible School Coordinator, so you may want to give her an early response to serve as a leader or helper or to help gather props to transform our building into an exciting safari site.



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

From George Weikel

Do you know we have a few magicians in our congregation? A few ladies have turned a work of art into three new, lightweight folding tables for use in the Social Hall. After many hours of tedious, laborious sewing, the quilters (**Susie Romig, Betty Frederickson, Kathryn Hafer, Jackie Stuart, Lois Lasowecky, and Annette Williams**) finished a beautiful quilt.

The proceeds from the sale of this masterpiece were donated by these ladies to the church toward the purchase of the three new folding tables. This is not the first time these ladies have performed magic. The Trustees are truly indebted, and the congregation thanks them for their hard work.

If you've used the restrooms in the Christian Education Building lately, you must have noticed the shiny new faucets on the sinks. Thanks to a monetary donation from **Tina and Mark Bisignaro**, the dingy, worn out faucets have been replaced. Isn't it amazing how much this improves the overall appearance of the lavatories? The Trustees are very thankful for this donation from Mark and Tina. With charitable stewards like them, our Church will remain a beautiful place to worship and socialize.

WOMEN OF FAITH



Women's Fellowship

BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCHEON

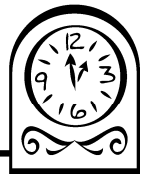
**Sunday, April 24
12 noon**

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.

REMEMBER?



**Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!**



April 3

WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE

From Dorris McCoy



April 17-23, 2005

Each year, our nation sets aside a time to recognize the contributions of people who volunteer. This year all volunteers are saluted nationally April 17-23. Many volunteer centers, businesses, nonprofits, hospitals, schools, and social service agencies, as well as churches, benefit from the helping hands of their many unpaid heroes. We at Lincoln Park are blessed with many who give their time and talents to our church.

The 2005 theme, *Inspire by Example*, communicates the impact volunteers have as they inspire the people they serve. Just ask some of our Church School teachers who have received visits from former class attendees. The theme also serves as a rallying cry for others to get involved in church and community service. What an excellent opportunity for church members and volunteers to reflect on how they transform our culture by following the biblical servants of old who inspire us to use our gifts in ministry today.

Let us be challenged to be involved in service and also take a moment to thank the many volunteers who make all the programs, services, and ministries of LP Church possible. Celebrate with a fellow volunteer!!!

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Carl's loyalty and caring for our church is extraordinary. Almost every night Carl takes a tour of the facilities to lock doors accidentally left unlocked; turn out lights and air conditioning that was neglectfully left on; reset the heat to 65 degrees in the winter when the buildings are unoccupied.

He reports leaking faucets and running toilets so that they may be repaired. Many days these utilities would be operating continuously all night or worse yet, all weekend if it wasn't for Carl. One can just imagine how large our utility bills would be if it weren't for Carl.

If this isn't enough, he is one of our Lead Ushers and takes his turn as a greeter and refreshment server with his wife **Nancy**. This recognition was well deserved to one of our finest stewards at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church. The Trustees, as well as the congregation, are very grateful to Carl.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH JR. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

From Tracy Goldsborough

Car Wash at Lincoln Park Saturday, April 9, 9 am—2 pm

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, and you'll be contacted in regards to scheduling. Rain date is April 23.



Franklin Institute Sleep-Over Fri-Sat, June 3-4

Cost will be \$20 per person. Check the details out online at <http://sln2.fi.edu/tfi/programs/camp-in.html>. We'll leave promptly at 5 pm from church and travel as a group to the Institute where we'll eat, sleep, and have lots of fun till morning. More details will be mailed to you. The registration deadline has passed, but if interested, contact me immediately (610-777-6991), and we'll see if they'll allow add-ons. Financial assistance is available; contact **Dorris McCoy**.



YOUTH-LINE

From Leah Easterday

All Jr-Sr High Youth
are invited to
a get together on
Sunday, April 3
2-4 pm

Place to be announced
Please join us!

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL INVITES ALL

From Dorris McCoy

Every Sunday...for ALL ages of LP members and friends...LP's Church School schedule offers the following options:

9:30 am



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

◆ During the Contemporary Service sermon, a multi-age activity and lesson for ages 3 through 3rd grade, Room 101, while older elementary ages worship with their families.

◆ The Adult Lectionary Bible Study, led by **Norm and Nancy Dettra**, in the Church Library.

10:45 am

◆ Church School options include graded classes for children in Rooms 101, 102, & 104..

◆ Youth in Room 103.

◆ A New Testament video series led by **Earl Hope** in the Church Library.

All are invited to be renewed in knowledge and spirit, to be nurtured in journeying as Christ's disciples, and to be challenged to serve and be in mission to address the needs in our communities and all of God's world! Additional suggestions and leaders are welcomed; contact CE Chair, **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or DCE, **Dorris McCoy**.

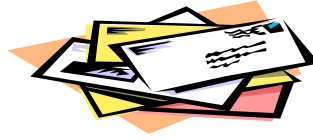
We're Switching Around!

From Lisa Gallagher

The preschool Church School Class and the 1st—3rd grade class have switched classrooms in the Education Building. This move will be a better fit for both classes. The preschoolers will be closer to the restrooms, and Grades 1-3 will be closer to the computers in the Resource Room.

★ If you haven't seen the new computers, take a minute to check them out!

From our mailbox



- ♥ To whom it may concern,
Hello: my name is Ana Soto. I'm the proud grandma of six grandkids 4 boys and 2 girls but only 4 with me. And we all want to thank you for making this our special, special Christmas. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us and may God Bless you all always.

Again thank you,
Ana Soto

P.S. The kids got so excited when they saw all the gifts. Their eyes lit up like Xmas lights. They never saw so many.

- ♥ To my adoptive family,
I'd like to extend my greatest thank you for all you have done for me and my family at this time of year. Your generosity and kindness and love will never be forgotten. Last year at Christmas I was so depressed. I had just gotten out of the hospital, I had separated from my husband, and my children had to stay with my sister while I stayed somewhere else.

We had no place to live. We became homeless. I had no money for

Christmas gifts or food. This was a very sad time for us. This year I felt was going to be the same, that is until you, my adoptive family, made this Christmas the most special.

When I saw all the gifts and food I was so grateful. I then opened up the gift cards. The tears of joy began to flow. My oldest son said mom, "Why are you crying?" I said these are tears of joy and happiness.

I also like to thank God. Without him, this too would not be possible, so once again we thank you from our hearts. God Bless you and your family and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From,

Jeanel, Jason, Roger, Hermaine

- ♥ I would like to add my own thank to all of you. In the past, we gave a \$15 fruit basket and a \$50 Giant gift certificate. This year because of your generosity, we gave a \$30 fruit basket, a \$100 Giant gift certificate, and a \$50 gift certificate to each of the three families we adopted for Christmas through the Salvation Army.

Blessings and thanks,
Lee Riley



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

News-Linc Deadline



April 12
for our
May issue

Thank You!

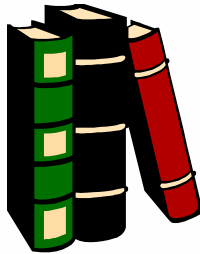
I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all the members of Lincoln Park's congregation for the prayers and support given during the passing of my father, James Perry.

Sincerely,
Jim Perry

Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

Please join our group on Monday, April 25, 7 pm, for some lively dialogue about the book *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. We meet monthly at the Dettra home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park. See you there!



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.

Our staff-

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Birthdays in April

(age 1 to 10 years old)

Mason Raimo	1 year old
Lucy Maack	2 years old
Emmerson Piacine	2 years old
Ryan Chadwick	5 years old
Megan Stone	6 years old
Alyssa Gehris	7 years old
Lexie Gartner	9 years old
Billy Levan	9 years old
Megan Osika	10 years old

Happy Birthday to all of you and may God bless you on your special day with lots of love and presents!! Please contact Gabriella Antunes (TheAntunes@comcast.net) if your child's name is not on the list above.



Attention All Car Owners

From Tracy Goldsborough
Please come and support the Jr. Youth Car Wash on April 9 (Rain date: April 23), 9 am—2 pm, in front of the church office on Carlisle Ave. Cost—\$5 for car; \$7 for SUV/van/truck. Proceeds will offset our trip to the Franklin Institute.

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