



News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

June, 2005

Pastor Larry Celebrates 40 Years in Ministry

From Bob Erskine

There are persons within the ministry of the baptized who are called of God and set apart by

the Church for the specialized ministry of Word, Sacrament and Order ...

[Book of Discipline - Paragraph 402]

Our pastor, Larry Carl, received his license to preach in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in June, 1965, and was ordained an Elder of the United Methodist Church in June, 1970.

His studies began at Albright College and he was later awarded a Master of Di-

vinity from United Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Drew Theological Seminary.

Please join us on **Sunday,**

June 12, to celebrate Pastor Larry's 40 years in ministry. Cake and punch will be served immediately after the 10:15 am service, and again at the church picnic which follows.

Brenda and Larry were married in July, 1965, so they too have a 40th anniversary coming up, a double celebration.

*Anniversary
of Our
Pastor's
Ordination*



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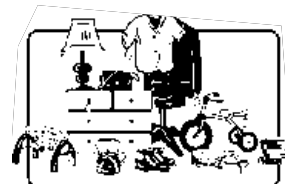
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WORSHIP IN JUNE

From Pastor Larry Carl



Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 5 – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY COMMUNION – The sermon will be entitled *Just Do It!* based on Romans 4:22-24a, *Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'* Now the words, *'It was reckoned to him,'* were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also.

Sunday, June 12 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be entitled *A Poor Imitation* based on Matthew 10:7-8, *As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come*

near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Sunday, June 19 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be entitled *Love to Live!* based on Matthew 10:37, *Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

Sunday, June 26 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – The sermon will be entitled *Make Room!* based on Matthew 10:40, *Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*

Lection Lessons for June

Sunday, June 5 – Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Psalter: Psalm 33:1-12

Sunday, June 12 – Genesis 18:1-15; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)
Psalter: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Sunday, June 19 – Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
Psalter: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Sunday, June 26 – Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
Psalter: Psalm 13

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl



Recently I ran across these findings from a study of financial giving in Protestant and Roman Catholic congregations in the US. It categorizes churches as:

Offering congregations: Churches that appeal for offerings but have no annual stewardship campaign have the lowest per-capita giving levels (their members contribute an average of 1.5 percent of their income).

Pledging congregations: People whose churches conduct annual campaigns that ask them to write their intentions on paper gave an average of twice as much as people in *offering* churches (on average 2.9 percent of their income).

Percentage-giving congregations: People whose churches ask them to base

their financial commitments on a percentage of their incomes give an average of three times as much as *offering* churches (4.6 percent of their income).

-From Money Matters by Hoge, Zech, Mcnamara, and Donahue, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press)

The challenge for us is to look at our own giving from the perspective of *percentage-giving* and to move our congregation away from a bill-paying mentality.

Our giving should be a matter of our discipleship. *The mission of the church is to build, form, and sustain disciples. The aim of stewardship development is not to finance the church's annual operating budget but to change lives. Giving is part of discipleship. Giving is part of our spiritual formation.*

(Moser and Bauknight, First Fruits)

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

In the epilogue of his book, *God's Politics*, Jim Wallis tells about a young African American woman, Lisa Sullivan. Lisa had worked with youth-organizing projects along the East Coast. She died suddenly, but she left a legacy through the young people with whom she worked. When anyone complained that there were no leaders today, Lisa would get angry. *We are the ones we have been waiting for!* she would declare. She was a person of faith, and hers was a call to leadership, responsibility, and a deep affirmation of hope.

As I read Lisa's words and Rev. Wallis' commentary, I thought of the church, the community of faith. On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, we received seven young people into membership at Lincoln Park. Almost every time we celebrate confirmation someone comments that the *young people are the hope of the church*. Just two weeks prior to Pentecost Sunday we received six new adult members into our family of faith. Almost every time we receive adult members someone comments that they represent hope for the church.

We seem to be prone to invest the power, the possibility, the hope of the

church in "other" people, "other" places. When taken to an extreme, the church is everyone else who holds membership, and we are powerless individuals on the sidelines who can do little about the life, vitality, mission, and ministry of the church. We find ourselves waiting for the "right" new member(s) to join; we are waiting for the "right" pastor or the "right" staff person to infuse the community with the vitality for which we long.

But, my friends, *we are the ones we have been waiting for!*

It is not that we do not welcome and celebrate the new members who become part of our fellowship. Indeed, we do! Rather, it is that we must not – we cannot – hand off nor abdicate our responsibility, our contribution, to the life and ministry of the church. We should join hands with all who come into our fellowship and together work to make our church stronger, a place of ever-greater vitality.

We are the ones we have been waiting for!

Wallis concludes his epilogue by noting that there are human beings who, *because of faith and hope, believe that the*

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world can be changed. He asks the question, *if not us, who will believe? After all, we are the ones we have been waiting for!*

I would place Wallis' comments squarely in the heart of our church's life. Do we believe that things can be changed for the better? (There is always room for improvement!) Do we understand that the responsibility and opportunity to do so is ours – along with anyone who will join us in that venture? Have we come to know that *we are the ones we have been waiting for?*

Years ago the cartoon character Pogo declared, *We have met the enemy and he is us!* It is possible, as many of us have often noted, to be *our own worst enemy*. All that is needed for the “worst” to get the upper hand is for us to do nothing. When we fail to do our part, to use our gifts, our opportunities for the cause of Christ, we who are the church can become our own worst enemy. We have, as the hymn reminds us, *immortal tidings in our mortal hands*. What will we do with what we have? Will we recognize the potential in the gifts we have and use them for God's purpose and the advancement of God's will through the church? Or will we hand off and abdicate the opportunities that are ours, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, to make the church all that God wants it to be?

By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. . .I want you to think about how this makes you more significant, not less. . .You are Christ's body – that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of the body does your “part” mean anything! (I Corinthians 12: 12, 14, 27-28, The Message)

WE ARE THE ONES WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

In Christ,

Pastor Larry





COME TO OUR CHURCH PICNIC & SERVICE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

From Tracy Goldsborough

- ☀ Date: June 12 (rain or shine)
- ☀ Time: Immediately after the 2nd worship service (11:30 am approximately)
- ☀ Where: Lincoln Park United Methodist Church

Everyone is invited to our **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** to be held at the church immediately after the 2nd worship service. This will be a rain or shine event. An appreciation ceremony will be held for Pastor Larry Carl in honor of 40 years of service to our Lord.

Please bring a food, dessert, or snack item to go with the hamburgers and hot dogs provided by our Nurture & Witness Committee. Food sign-ups will be located in the Wagner Room or the Social Hall. Nurture & Witness will also provide the famous Jumping Castle for the young and young at heart to play. Our Christian Education Committee has reserved the Messy Hands Bus (craft bus) to come from 1 to 2 pm so our children can get creative. Also, the artistic **Rebecca Chelius** will do face painting for children or adults.

Volunteers are needed for setup, grilling, to organize a game (can be for children or adults) and for clean up. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in any way, please contact **Tracy Panase**, 610-775-7401.

There will be lots of fun and great fellowship, so mark your calendars.

METHODIST SUMMER CAMPS EXPLORE PRAYER

From Dorris McCoy



All children, youth and adults are reminded of the wide variety of camping experiences through the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference camping program. The summer options will engage campers in discovering God alive through prayer in their lives and the world. *Lord, teach us to pray!* (Luke 11:1) Call toll free, 1-877-UMC-CAMP, or visit online, www.epaumc.org/camping, for information and registration forms.

Contact **Dorris McCoy** or **Pastor Larry** for camp scholarships available from LP.



Meet Leah Easterday

From Susie Romig

Recently Lincoln Park UM Church hired **Leah Easterday** as coordinator of Youth Fellowship activities. She will plan and organize activities with the youth, coordinate parents and staff, and promote spiritual growth of our youth.

Leah grew up in Lehigh County. She attended Lehigh-Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, for Foundations in Education and Adult Literacy Tutor Training. She went on to York College to major in Government/Public Administration.

Leah has been employed by K-Mart as a K-Cafe assistant manager, by BPD International, a transportation company, as a logistics coordinator, by Derby USD 260 as a paraprofessional and eventually as a one-on-one full time teacher of special education students.

Being married to a husband in the military has meant Leah has moved a bit,

but she has always found a place to worship and volunteer with youth. In Wichita, Kansas, Leah and her husband, Mark, attended services with a congregation of 570 members, and 150 youth in its UMYF program. Leah was involved in adult and youth programs, including music and Vacation Bible School. She was one of 16 adult sponsors for UMYF.

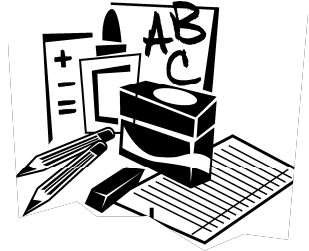
In PA, her family worshiped at a church in Oreland, and her grandfather was a Lutheran clergyman and Professor at Muhlenberg College.

Leah has begun her work with the youth at Lincoln Park, and showed up at the Easter Egg Hunt as none other than the Easter Bunny. She looks forward to seeing membership in UMYF grow, and welcomes help from volunteers.

Resource Room Redesigned!

From Lisa Gallagher

The reorganization of our Resource Room in the Education Building continues. We have found spots for most items and many arts and craft supplies, and we need your help to keep it organized! If you drop off a donation for the resource room, you will find a special *donation box*. Also, if you have used an item from the room but don't know where it belongs, or are running short on time, there will be a box marked *Returned Items*. Just drop it in that box, and it will be put back in the proper place for the next person.



A special thank you goes to **Linda Woll** and **Dorris McCoy** for a recent work day in the Resource Room. It is coming along! Hopefully there will be a master list available to keep track of items we have on hand so they are easier to find. Additionally, we will post a running list for teachers and others to list items we need to re-supply, or items needed for future projects.

WOMEN OF FAITH BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCHEON

From Tracy Goldsborough

**June 5
Sunday, noon**



Women's Fellowship

The plan was to be finished with the speakers in May but some snow threw us off. This was the only date in June that I have available. Please try to make the final luncheon so we can discuss how we can offer the speakers again after the conference in September, 2005. One thought was to offer them during the Alpha segments. If you have any suggestions and cannot make the final luncheon, please call me at 610-777-6991. I hope you all were blessed in some way by the speakers and skits that you heard and by the discussions afterward; I know I was.

Coming Up in Christian Education

From Dorris McCoy

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUPPER

The next opportunity to serve is **Tuesday, July 5**. This month's prep and serve will be under the direction of LP's new UMYF Coordinator, **Leah Easterday**; she plans a post-July 4 cookout.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

... meets for Fall Planning at its quarterly meeting, **Sunday, June 26**, 11:30 am, in Room 101. Come, share ideas, joys, and concerns, or call CE Chair, **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, with suggestions. It's never too early to get on board the learning leadership team!

FALL ALPHA & MORE

A planning meeting is set for **Monday, June 20**, 7 pm, Room 101. ALPHA leaders and Spring Seeking Series leaders will gather to evaluate the spring options presented and plan for fall offerings. If there is a faith topic or issue you'd like to learn more about, please contact **Dorris McCoy** at the Church Office or e-mail her, dmccoy2@verizon.net.

Serve
the LORD
with
Gladness



Building Communities of Faith and Serving You

From Dorris
McCoy

The **PARISH RESOURCE CENTER**, to which LP Church belongs, is available to all program and ministry chairs and planners needing assistance from a consultant. Ideas and inspiration as well as a large collection of print and visual resources are offered there.

The **PRC** saves time and money because you can borrow rather than purchase materials. It designs strategies, energizes leaders, provides resources for teachers and church leaders, stimulates ideas, and networks all types of resources. Call the PRC in Lancaster, 717-299-1113, to arrange a visit or just drop in to this quiet place to plan and seek inspiration. Call **Dorris McCoy** for simple directions---it's near Park City Mall.



Nancy and Bill Lape and family on the loss of Nancy's mother this past month. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

GATHER THE HERD AND STAMPEDE TO **SERENGETI TREK '05**

From Dorris McCoy



Be sure your kids have the greatest summer VBS ever by stampeding to **Serengeti Trek** - where kids are wild about God! You'll find plenty of action right here at LP Church, Monday - Friday, **June 27-July 1, 9 am-noon** with early bird specials for early arrivers at 8:30 am.

Each day kids will be part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch and even taste! Bible Point Crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the **Serengeti Trek** activities that help faith grow into real life. Kids will choose a Daily Challenge---an exciting way to live out what they've learned.

There will be hands-on Bible adventures and daily video visits from Chadder Chipmunk. Since things might get a little messy from paints, glue and outdoor play, be sure to send your children in play clothes, safe shoes or even safari gear. Everybody also will participate in a hands-on missions project called OPERATION KID-TO-KID that involves nearly a million other children across North America. We'll collect and organize school supply kits to be distributed to needy children in Africa.

Serengeti Trek is great fun for kids of all ages; LP's teens serve as Safari Crew Leaders who help younger children find their way and guide discussion. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us each day at 11:45 am in the Social Hall where we'll be having THE MANE EVENT--a daily celebration of God's love you won't want to miss.



Mark the VBS **Serengeti Trek** dates on your calendar now. Check the Sunday bulletin or call the Church Office to register for this awesome adventure. Questions and offers of assistance from youth and adults may be directed to VBS Coordinator, **Karen Osika**, 610-6704726, or DCE, **Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422, 777-6128. Get your paws headed to big fun!

Confirmation Class Welcomed



Welcome to the following members of the Confirmation Class who entered into church membership on Sunday, May 15.

Samantha Boyer
Jayne Eckenroth
Maranda Eckenroth
Matthew Hope

Kelsey Johnston-McCormack
Becky Perry
Kevin Villecco

We pray God's richest blessing upon these young people as they assume their place in our community of faith. It is our hope and prayer that they will enrich our life together as they contribute to our celebration of faith and our service to Christ's kingdom.

COME TO SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

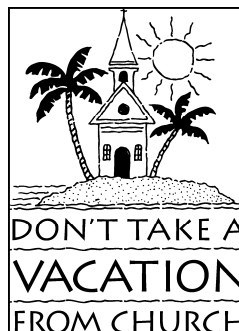
From Dorris McCoy

Summer Church School activities for children will be provided following the Children's Message during only the Contemporary Worship Service at 9 am; parents are asked to pick up children promptly following worship.

Numbers and enthusiasm of the children at this hour have been increasing by leaps and bounds, meaning more helpers are needed. If you could spare an hour once or twice during the summer, please contact **Linda Woll**, Summer Schedule Coordinator, 610-670-2130. Resource materials and project ideas are provided to help kids explore the theme, *God Leads His People*. Session activities ask questions about

- * what it means to serve the Lord
- * how and why Jonah got "outta" that whale
- * how Daniel felt in that Lions' Den

Join the teaching team---make a difference in a child's faith and life---lead kids in growing in their friendship with Jesus!



Lincoln Park Welcomes New Members May 1

Evan R. Jones

200 Princeton Ave, Lincoln Park
19609 (610-796-1980)

Evan was born in Harrisburg, VA, and moved to Cressona, PA, as a child. He graduated from Blue Mountain HS and American University, with a degree in Communications. Evan is employed as a sportswriter for the *Reading Eagle* and enjoys reading, travel, baseball and auto racing. He and his wife come to us by letter of transfer from Grace Design UMC in Danville, VA.

Stacie Jones

Evan's wife, Stacie, was born in Fort Wayne, IN. She graduated from Naperville Central HS in Naperville, IL, and The University of Alabama with a BA in Communications. Stacie and Evan are the parents of Emily, age 4. Stacie is employed as Assistant Editor of "Voices" in the *Reading Eagle*, and she enjoys gardening, reading, and shopping.

Humberto Lozoya

13 Colorado Ave, Sinking Spring
19608 (610-927-2212)

Humberto was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, and received his high school and college degrees there. He is an engineer working for Arrow International. He also enjoys plying soccer.

Humberto and Lilly joined us by Profession of Faith. Their prior church affiliation was Roman Catholic.

Lily Lozoya

Lily, Humberto's wife, was also born in Chihuahua, Mexico in a little town called Cd. Cameargo. She received a college degree in Chemical Engineering in Mexico, and moved to the US in November 2002 with her husband. They are the parents of 6-year-old Andre and 5-year-old Azue. Lily loves to paint and sing.

John Greul

207 Oak Hill Ln, Wyomissing, 19610
(610-373-1469)

John was born in Reading and graduated from Penn State University with a BS degree in Marketing. He has worked for Glidden Paint - Burkee Paint as a National Sales Manager. He retired from Lipton Foods in 1997 and is currently doing consulting work in the food service industry. He and his wife, Donna, come to us by letter of transfer from Marco Lutheran Church in Marco Island, FL.

Donna Gruel

John's wife, Donna, was born in Reading and graduated as an RN from

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Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

On May 22, **MUSIC SUNDAY**, we honored members and friends who have contributed to the music ministry here at Lincoln Park. I would like to thank you all again for your time, talent and dedication. Each one who has contributed makes a difference and is greatly appreciated! **THANK YOU!**

Each Sunday, commencing June 5 and ending August 28, we have a special guest to join us in worship. Please take time to say hello and express your appreciation for sharing their music with us.

- ♪ June 5: Lauren Forbes, student pianist
- ♪ June 12: Debbie Pyle, pianist/private instructor
- ♪ June 19: Luci Schaeffer, vocalist
- ♪ June 26: Jim Garraway and the Pretzel City Chorus



As you can see, our June issue of *News-Linc* is chock-full of news at Lincoln Park, so we'll bring you the good news about our high school and college graduates next month.

You'll be reading about **Mark McCoy, Grant Garrity, Lynn Auman, Lindsey Villecco, Andrea Schmidt, Carson Perry, and Ryan Brobst.**

Please let us know if you know of another Lincoln Park graduate!

You Are Important to Us

From Co-Chairs,

Anna Mae Owens and Mary Klein

Why do we sign attendance sheets every week? This question is frequently asked, so here is the answer.

It's difficult to keep track of all who attend here regularly without these sheets. Each Sunday a member of the Attendance Committee picks up the sheets and marks a chart with the names of members and non-members who attend regularly.

This chart is checked monthly to see if someone is suddenly not signing in. If we don't know why people are absent, we

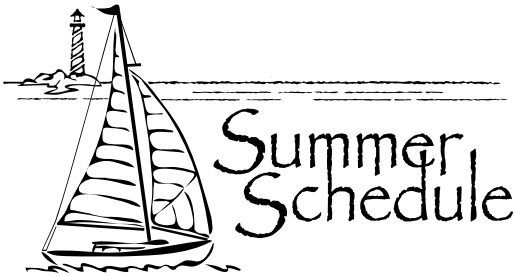
try to find out if there is a problem and help where we can.

Sometimes a phone call is all that is needed to get people back in the habit of coming more frequently. We also make a list of visitors and relay that to the Church Office.

We hope you will help us by signing the sheets each time you attend church.



ATTENDANCE



Be with us for worship
beginning June 5

9 am:

Contemporary Service

10:15 am:

Traditional Service

New Beginnings for Dorris McCoy

From Jeanette Erskine, Chair,
Committee on Staff-Parish Relations

The Staff Parish Committee is pleased to announce the confirmation of Dorris McCoy's call to new ministry and study. Dorris came before the Committee and in May met with the Central District Committee and was introduced as an Exploring Candidate.

Dorris will attend the Local Pastor's Licensing School, July 18 – July 29, as one of the steps in the process.

We are thankful that Dorris has accepted God's call for her life. We ask that you support her in all ways, but especially with your prayers.



New Secretary Welcomed

From Pastor Larry Carl

Lincoln Park Church has a new secretary!

Sandra (Sandy) Lea Bressi has come on board to replace **Kathy Jo Reedy** who resigned to accept another position.

Sandy has been a stay-at-home mom for the past 14 years, but has kept busy volunteering at school, with the Brownies and Cub Scouts. She is a Wilson High School graduate, holds a BS degree in Education from Kutztown University, and has done graduate work at Kutztown. She also had taken continuing education courses at Palomar College in San Marcos, California.

Sandy has taught Junior High art at Pottsgrove Intermediate School, served as a substitute teacher in the Pima County, Tucson, AZ, School District, and managed a commercial insurance office.

She and her husband Joseph have two children: Maranda, 10, and Anthony, 14. Sandy's mother, Mary Ann Doxie, lives with them. They look forward to occupying a new home in Werner Farms early in July.

Incidentally, she and Kathy, our former secretary, have been best friends since the seventh grade.

We are glad to welcome Sandy and look forward to a long and happy relationship as she takes up the reins in the office.

Retreat Planning Update—Looking Ahead

By Jerry Pawlikowski

Did you know that a retreat planning group at LP Church has been formed? This group met in April and May and is committed to ensure that at least one retreat occurs each year. We have been planning the fall 2005 retreat for **November 18-19** at MariaWald Retreat Center. We are confident that this retreat will match the success of the retreat last January. Some long range planning is taking place, looking at types of retreats that are needed, where to hold retreats, etc. We are always open to suggestions. Please email me, tpbric@aol.com, or phone me, 610-678-3600.



Here's What's Coming Up at Junior Youth Fellowship

From Tracy Goldsborough



FRANKLIN INSTITUTE SLEEPOVER Friday, June 10, to Saturday, June 11

We will meet at the church on Friday, June 10 at 5 pm to head out. All the forms you received in the mail must be turned in to me before we depart to the museum. Any last minute attendees should call me ASAP and we could try to add on.



REQUEST FROM OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

From Dorris McCoy

LP has received a request from OPPORTUNITY HOUSE for items they need for their ongoing programs and services with the homeless in Berks County. These items include

- disposable razors
- feminine products
- baby wipes
- large size 3T pull-up diapers
- large zip-lock bags
- toothpaste and tooth brushes

Items may be dropped off at the shelter entrance, 430 North Second Street, Reading, at our church office, or at the rear of Sunday morning worship areas. Questions, see **Barbara Wenger** or **Dorris McCoy**.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES PLANS FESTIVAL

From Dorris McCoy

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES, a nonprofit program of the Menonite Central Committee in Ephrata, provides fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories here in the US. Take an around-the-world tour in a 30-minute drive to their Ephrata Store Outlet. Especially interesting to families is their 12th Annual International Children's Festival, **Saturday, June 4**, 10 am-3 pm, featuring an international celebration of live music (Latin American Fold Music by Katari), African Dance and Drum Ensemble, hands-on activities and crafts, games and food! Your admission is a toothbrush and large toothpaste to be donated to tsunami victims in Southeast Asia. Call 717-721-8400 or e-mail <http://ephrata:tenthousandvillages.com>.



Missions Committee Plans Donations, Service

From Barbara Wenger, Chairperson

The Mission Committee began its May 3rd meeting with a prayer from Lee Riley asking for God's guidance. We decided to make the following donations:

Habitat for Humanity	\$200
Opportunity House	\$200
Central Park Soup Kitchen - Food (Charlene & Jerry Evaul)	\$200
Camperships	
Carson-Simpson Farm	\$200
Gretna Glen	\$200
Innabah	\$200
Pocono Plateau	\$200
Red Bird Mission - Tools	\$200

We also agreed upon the following activities and hope for participation from

our congregation and church school:

September: Coats for Kids (Infants—Age 16), led by Anna Mae Owens and Barbara Wenger.

October: Food Drive, led by Anna Mae Owens

November: Operation Christmas Child, led by Alice Kase

December: Angel Tree, led by Kathy Avedissian and Lee Riley

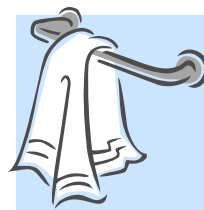
The Mission Committee will meet again, after a summer break, on September 13, at 7 pm.

Lovely Lane UMC Needs Bath Towels

From Dorris McCoy

Through a generous grant, Lovely Lane UMC, Mother Church of American Methodism, in Baltimore, has been able to install eight showers to expand their services at their soup kitchen ministry.

Manna House feeds about 1,000 people weekly and provides other services to the needy. With the showers comes the need for used, clean bath towels. So...as you spring clean, would you consider dropping your old-but-still-usable bath towels at the church? Bag and mark with **Dorris McCoy's** or **Linda Hope's** name and we will deliver the towels when our vans fill up! We learned of Lovely Lane's need as LP's Confirmands toured Lovely Lane as part of their Confirmation studies of Methodist history---what an awe-inspiring story and sanctuary!



United Methodist Connectional System

From Jerry Manhart

As United Methodists, we are connected to other Methodists in Eastern PA, throughout the USA, and worldwide. Bishop Bruce Blake says, *The sun never sets on the United Methodist Church.*

Each year Lincoln Park is asked to contribute to the Eastern PA Annual Conference. For 2005, we were asked to contribute \$36,618. However, because of the shortage after our pledge campaign, we agreed to contribute \$33,580, the same level as in 2004. Our contribution is broken down as follows:

- Eastern PA Conference Connectional Ministries Fund (\$13,227)
- World Service Fund (\$4,551)
- General Church Fund (\$4,551)
- Direct Billing for Pensions Past (\$11,251).

To learn about where our contributions are used, you can search the Eastern PA Conference web site (www.epaumc.org). Since United Methodists speak our own language, you may want to use the glossary found at (www.umcgiving.org/content/glossary.asp) to help with unfamiliar words. The following terms may be helpful for your reading.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: A regional, or-

ganizational unit of The United Methodist Church and the yearly business meeting of that unit, both presided over by a bishop. The business session is composed of equal numbers of clergy and laity. At least one layperson from each pastoral charge is a member. There are 66 annual conferences in the US. The conference is a time to review ministry, adopt policy and resolutions, and strengthen spiritual life.

APPORTIONMENT: The share each annual conference or local church pays to support international, national, and regional (annual conference) mission.

APPORTIONED FUNDS: These funds enable UM to do together what no church, district, or annual conference could do alone. The seven Apportioned Funds are: World Service Fund, Min-

isterial Education Fund, Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Episcopal Fund, and General Administration Fund.

CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES: Each of the 66 annual US Conferences has a budget that is apportioned to local congregations. These conference apportionments are most commonly called conference benevolences. Conference benevo-



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**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

May 16, 2005

CASH SUMMARY April 30, 2005

Total Cash Balance	\$87,495.88
Designated Funds	\$35,111.93
Available Cash Balance	\$52,383.95

Endowment Fund	3/21/05	\$63,060.00
Memorial Fund	4/30/05	\$5,690.03
Fulton Bank Loan Balance	4/20/05	\$175,354.52

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES as of April 30, 2005

INCOME	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	Percent
Envelopes	\$290,000.00	\$102,813.75	36%
Plate	\$8,000.00	\$2,353.46	29%
Special Envelopes	\$10,750.00	\$3,898.00	36%
Other	\$18,809.00	\$3,931.75	21%
Total Income	\$327,559.00	\$112,996.96	35%
EXPENSES			
Church Council:			
Administration	\$14,300.00	\$4,790.15	34%
Program	\$56,289.90	\$17,752.69	32%
Staff Parish	\$177,479.09	\$57,579.30	32%
Trustees	\$84,223.80	\$34,669.45	41%
Total Expenses	\$332,292.79	\$114,791.59	35%
Income minus Expense	(\$4,733.79)	(\$1,794.63)	

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lences fund the mission and ministry of your annual conference. This includes camping and outdoor ministries, colleges and universities, campus ministries, retirement and health facilities, urban ministry, and town and country ministry.

CONNECTION: The principle, basic to the UMC, that all leaders and congregations are connected in a network of loyalties and commitments that support, yet supersede, local concerns.

CONNECTIONAL GIVING: A method of giving that involves an amount assigned to a local church, annual conference or other United Methodist body by a proper church authority to be raised as its share of church funds. The General Conference establishes budgets for various general funds of the denomination. These are divided on the basis of a specific formula to each annual conference. Each annual conference, using its own approved formula, divides these fund requests, along with conference administrative and benevolence fund requests, to local churches.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY FUND: UM connected congregations combine our prayers, presence, gifts and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people *in every place we can* as often as we can.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND: Apportioned fund that supports general agencies whose work is administrative in nature, the cost of General Conference and other items essential to the operation of the UMC.

GENERAL CONFERENCE: The highest legislative body in The United Methodist Church. The voting membership consists of an equal number of clergy and lay delegates elected by the annual conferences. General Conference convenes every quadrennium (four years) to determine the denomination's future direction. It is the only body that can speak officially for the denomination.

WORLD SERVICE FUND: The primary source of support for ministry through the general agencies. The World Service apportionment allows United Methodists to participate in God's global mission. Basic to the financial program of The United Methodist Church, it represents the minimum needs of the church's general agencies.

The Envelope Gift that Keeps on Giving

From Harold Perkins



At the end of June comes the opportunity, once again, to make a special **ENVELOPE GIFT** to the Endowment Fund. This is the enduring gift that proclaims

our Christian faith and values both now and into the future.

As the principal grows (now at \$60,000 plus), so does the annual interest which this year (\$1800 worth) is giving support to the January Retreat, the Bell Choir,

and our new Youth Coordinator. Thus, we are adding strength to our spirituality, our musical ministry, and our youth activity.

Gifts ranging from \$10 to \$1000 - tax deductible - have made the difference between the start of the Fund in 1985 with a \$2000 gift to its present significant level.

Let your **ENDOWMENT FUND ENVELOPE** carry another lasting message of thanks to the Lord for His manifold blessings to you.

ONE FURTHER THOUGHT — Have you included the Church in your will as part of your legacy?

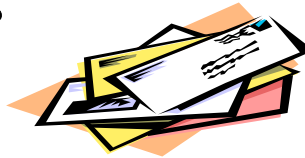
Electronic Debiting System Explored by Finance Committee

From Rolland Ackelson

Since January, the Finance Committee has been considering automated contributions by parishioners through an electronic debiting system maintained by the church. In an April survey, members of the congregation were asked to indicate their level of interest in the concept. Based on the results, the Finance Committee has decided to “shelve” the idea and to reconsider it in the future.

In the meantime any parishioner who is interested in the “divine debit,” because of the advantages to the parishioner and to the church, should contact his/her local bank directly.

From our mailbox



♥ To All Members and Friends of Lincoln Park United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for all of your cards, well wishes and especially your prayers during my recent surgeries. I am almost fully recovered and will be glad to return to work soon, to be a nurse instead of a patient. I am so thankful to be a member of such a caring and friendly church, seeking and sharing the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Love, Jean Weikel

♥ TO ALL FELLOW "LINCOLN PARKERS:"

Just a brief note to THANK everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent hospitalization. Charleen and I always knew how wonderful you all were, but not how wonderful! The outpouring of feelings, your cards, visits and even meals were just beyond belief. Pastor Larry's visits made my five week hospital stay seem much shorter - along with some wild tales from the rehab nurses about his escapades in a wheelchair. Again, you have no idea what a positive difference you made in my recovery. THE POWER OF PRAYER DOES WORK !!!

THANKS EVER SO MUCH!

Jerry and Charleen Evaul

♥ I wish to thank the congregation for all the cards, notes, flowers, calls, and prayers, and Betty Frederickson and Loreen Miller for their visits to the hospital, also Pastor Larry for visiting me recuperating at home. I am so blessed. Thanks to all of you.

I love you,
Aletha Stehman

♥ Dear Friends and Family of Lincoln Park Church,

Words cannot express the sincere gratitude that I can only begin to thank you for during my mother's illness. Thank you for all of the prayers and cards during this very difficult time. I can't begin to explain how much it made a difference in my life and my family's. My friends and family will always hold a special place in my heart.

God Bless,
Kathy Reedy

♥ To All Our Friends at Lincoln Park Church,

Please accept our most heartfelt thanks for all the expressions of sympathy in the death of my mother. Nothing touches the heart like knowing you are in the thoughts and prayers of your friends.

Most sincerely,
Nancy Lape and Family



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*June 13
for our
July/August
issue*

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

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Did You Know?

From Becky Chadwick

You can support our Jr and Sr Youth programs, missions, and leadership development at Lincoln Park by purchasing BonTon Care-to-Share Day coupon books for \$5 each. Please contact **Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422, or **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207, to purchase.

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Chester County Hospital. She has spent 35 years in the nursing profession, retiring from a home health agency. John and Donna have three daughters: Tracy Panase, Kimberly Dodds, and Kristin Krause.

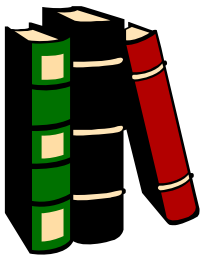
Birthdays in June (age 1 to 10 years old)

Sarah Snyder 3 years old
William Stone 3 years old
Niko Galanos 4 years old
Watson Maack 5 years old
Jacob Painter 6 years old

Happy Birthday to you and may God bless you on your special day with lots of love!! Please contact Gabriella Antunes (TheAntunes@comcast.net).

Thank You, Kathy Reedy

The members and staff at Lincoln Park are very grateful to Kathy Reedy for her faithful service as our church secretary. Her cheerful efficiency has been an asset to our church and we will miss her! Good luck in your new job!



Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

Please join our group Monday, June 27, 7 pm, for some lively dialogue about *The Mermaid Chair*, by Sue Monk Kidd. We meet monthly at the Dettra home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park. Please come!

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