



News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
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Youth Group Plans for Summer, Fall

From Leah Easterday

A newsletter designed for our youth and their parents will arrive in homes soon, beginning with a July/August issue and continuing on in September. Every month we hope to inform and share with you in this special newsletter what the youth are doing and what we hope to accomplish in the future.

Beginning in September, the Youth Fellowship will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at noon, unless other plans are made.

This fall we'll help the Mission Committee with coat and food collections and

with Operation XMAS Child. In September we'll do a fundraiser — we welcome your ideas!



Can you draw? Youth Fellowship needs ideas and designs for a youth t-shirt. Call Leah, 316-708-4328. Check out designs at www.churchartworks.com.

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Summer Dates to Remember

July 5: Opportunity House Supper
We'll meet at 4:30 pm in the Kitchen. See p. 20. Call Leah for a ride. Rita's to follow.

July 17: Pool Party at the Hope's house. Carpool from church after the 10:15 service.

Aug 14: Back to School Party — an End of Summer Bash.

WORSHIP IN JULY and AUGUST

From Pastor Larry Carl



Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 3 – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY COMMUNION – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Freedom Is Not Free!” based on Romans 7:15: *I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but the very thing I hate.*

Sunday, July 10 – THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Life Assurance” based on Romans 8:1: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Sunday, July 17 – THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Were You Adopted?” based on Romans 8:14-15: *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear but you have received a spirit of adoption.*

Sunday, July 24 – THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Maurice Pap La Rin will be guest speaker on this Sunday.

Sunday, July 31 – THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Jim Hendricks, United Methodist Concert Pianist, will bring a special musical program during the 10:15 service. He will also play during the 9 am service where **Becky Chadwick** will bring the message.

Sunday, August 7 – THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY COMMUNION – The Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglas, Chaplain at Methodist Home for Children, will be guest minister on this Sunday.

Sunday, August 14 – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Majoring in Minors” based on Matthew 15:19-20: *For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.*

Sunday, August 21 – THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Did You Lose Your Keys?” based on Matthew 16:19: *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

Sunday, August 28 – THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “What Is Love?” based on Matthew 16:24: *Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’*

Lection Lessons for July and August

Sunday, July 3 – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Psalter: Psalm 45:10-17

Sunday, July 10 – Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Psalter: Psalm 119:105-112

Sunday, July 17– Genesis 28:10-19a; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Psalter: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Sunday, July 24 – Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Psalter: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Sunday, July 31 – Genesis 32:22-31; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
Psalter: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Sunday, August 7– Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Sunday, August 14 – Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28
Psalter: Psalm 133

Sunday, August 21 – Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
Psalter: Psalm 124

Sunday, August 28 – Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45



Emilie Kathryn Friemel Bohn, daughter of **Richard & Valerie Bohn**, on June 5.

Joshua James Woessner, son of **Troy & Lisa Woessner** on June 16.

Valerie Mohler Kerschner, daughter of **Barry & Sandra Kerschner**, on June 26.

May God bless these little ones and their families as they grow in faith and love.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

Forty years! It hardly seems possible, yet it was in the spring of 1965 that I was licensed as a probationary member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Shortly after I received a call from the Rev. Dr. Warren Mentzer asking if I would be interested in serving as pastor of Bethesda Evangelical United Brethren Church in Phoenixville. I assumed the pastorate of Bethesda Church on July 1, 1965. I was married to Brenda on July 10. In September I entered my junior year at Albright College.

For the most part those 40 years have been, as they say in auto racing, "a good ride." I have been blessed to know many wonderful people and to experience many inspiring events in the churches I have served. I could reflect on each church and lift up persons or events that had a profound impact on my life. I have learned much from the people with whom I served in ministry that has stayed with me through the years.

When I first went to that little church in Phoenixville, the congregation's "sage" of down-home wisdom gave me a lot of advice that has served me well in my ministry. Among the things he shared

was, *You ain't gonna (sic) please everybody. You better learn that right away.* That's a hard lesson for clergy to learn, for we tend to be *pleasers*, wanting to please everyone. I learned that Lester was right.

Instead of trying to please everybody, I have struggled to find a way of pleasing God in my ministry. Integrity has become a by-word for me. I want what I do to reflect my confession of faith. And I want people to know that what I do and say is consistent with what I claim to believe. For me, it is a sad commentary on the church that integrity seems too often lacking in our clergy and in our parishioners.

Shortly after graduating from United Theological Seminary in 1970, I was assigned to the Effort and Saylorburg Charge in Monroe County. Both of these churches were blessed with visitors who had second homes in the Poconos. One Sunday a regular visiting couple brought a guest, a professor of New Testament and Homiletics (preaching) at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. A gracious gentleman, the professor told me I had a special gift for preaching. His words have remained with me, and I have sought to make preaching

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a priority in my ministry, to develop and use the gift well and with the same integrity I have attempted to apply to my ministry.

A social worker, who served in the same churches with me and worked with the same family in crisis, noted that I was “very accessible.” The words were meant as a compliment, but they also came as a challenge. I wanted to be accessible. Out of those words came another focus for my ministry: pastoral care. Through the years I have sought to be accessible and diligent in providing pastoral care for those in need. While I recognize that I have not been “perfect,” I hope I have been faithful in my role as pastor.

As I was working on my Doctor of Ministry degree, I was challenged to develop a personal mission statement. I took my cue from the words of the apostle Paul in his letter to church at Colossae: *I became its (the church’s) servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known . . . It is he (Christ) whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.* (Colossians 1:25, 28-29) My personal mission became to help those under my

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ministry know the word of God so they may “mature in Christ.” I hope I have been faithful to that mission.

Recently, I read the comments of a pastor retiring after many years of service. He was asked what the greatest blessings were in his ministry. His answer was *the people*. He was then asked what his greatest frustrations and/or disappointments were. His answer was *the people*. I know what he means. Many of the people I have met have been a rich source of blessing. But I know, too, the disappointment of which he speaks. It is not a disappointment born of a lack of skills or abilities, but rather a disappointment in people’s failure to live by what they claim to believe, a failure to truly be the church, the people of God. It is that integrity issue once again.

As Brenda and I have often noted, it is the positives that remain in our memory. The problems, the difficult situations, and difficult people slip out of our memory. We hold onto and cherish and celebrate those moments where the grace and love of God has made itself known in our relationship with others and in the life of the communities of faith in which we have served. Just yesterday I received a note from a man whom I have not

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seen in 18 years. It was a simple but beautiful testimony to the power of God's love in the community of faith. He simply wrote that since we left St. Andrew's he has prayed for us every day, for our family and for our ministry. What a blessing!

If I could change something about my ministry it would be to have given more of my time and energy to ministry with, and advocacy for, the poor and disenfranchised. I have come to believe that this should be the church's focus in the world. We focus much of our time and energy on other things and tend to forget that Jesus says we will be judged ultimately on whether or not we fed the hungry, provided drink for the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited the prisoner. (See Matthew 25:31 vv.)

I have been blessed to have Brenda with me on this journey. She has been a source of inspiration, encouragement, counsel, and challenge. She has always shared herself unselfishly with the churches we have served. Someone recently said that her picture should be in the dictionary next to the definition of a pastor's wife. More, I believe, her picture could be beside the definition of Christian, for she has exhibited all of the finest qualities of a life committed to Christ. I am grateful that she has been with me on this journey.

Forgive me for such a long article but I wanted you to know a little bit about my 40 year journey and some of the things that have impacted me and made me the person I am. I hope that you have seen the evidence of these molding influences in the way I do ministry. It is a blessing to be sharing with you in ministry.



Pastor Larry

Welcome Newcomers!

We invite you to any meetings or activities you read about here. Please call the church office, 610-777-1422, for names, phone numbers, information, or to speak with our pastor. If you'd like to receive *News-Linc* in the mail, just notify our secretary. Please join in at Lincoln Park!

From Dorris McCoy

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

...offers a Children's Lesson and Activities for 3 year olds through 3rd graders following the Children's Message at only the 9 am Worship Service. Anyone able to assist with this summer option is encouraged to call **Linda Woll**, 610-670-2130.



OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUPPER

The first fall supper is scheduled Tuesday, **September 6.**

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

...for all ages resumes Sunday, **September 11.**

FALL ALPHA AND MORE SERIES

Six weeks of study, supper, fellowship & discussion, Sunday evenings, beginning **October 2 through November 6**, 5 pm, in the Social Hall---includes Infant/Toddler Care and children's activities. Those who'd like to join the Planning, Teaching or Food Prep Team, call **Dorris McCoy**. More details in September's *News-Linc*.



Fall Leadership Call

From Dorris McCoy

Has there been a tugging in your heart to make a difference? Might God be asking you to serve in some way in LP's many fall educational ministries?

- ♥ children, youth, or adult
- ♥ Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings or mid-week
- ♥ an existing event or one not even thought of yet

Teachers, helpers, music leaders,

computer geeks, crafty or artsy folks, organizers, bulletin board decorators---many opportunities are available for all ages to learn and interact with the Biblical story and experience transformed, changed lives. Pick up that phone now and call **Linda Hope**, Christian Education Chair, 610-670-9731, or **Dorris McCoy**, DCE, 610-777-1422, at the Church Office, or 610-777-6128 at home--know that your involvement will powerfully influence the lives of the children, youth, and adults right here in LP Church. Come aboard to learn, worship, fellowship and serve! Be renewed and blessed!

Stewardship Thoughts: "Quotable Quotes" from Various Sources

From Pastor Larry Carl



"Christian stewardship begins not with an inventory of what we have, but with a recognition of whose we are."

"When a church replaces its goal of increasing the budget with a goal of helping people make a faithful response, wonders will happen."

- *Creating a Climate for Giving* by Donald W. Joiner

"A good gift is a gift that has a positive effect upon the spiritual development of the giver. It is not a grudging gift. It is not an arm-twisted gift. . . . A good gift stimulates our spiritual maturity."

- *Right on the Money: Messages for Spiritual Growth Through Giving*
by Brian K. Bauknight

"Giving is a spiritual discipline that helps us keep all the rest of life in perspective."

"Giving is an expression of a relationship rather than an effort to build a relationship."

- *That's What My Mother Taught Me* by Herb Mather

"Learning to give unto God through the benchmark of tithing is a way to mature as a Christian and grow into spiritual adulthood."

- *Holy Smoke! Whatever Happened to Tithing?*
by Herbert Mather and J. Cliff Christopher

Recycle Saturday

From Dorris McCoy



Bag and bundle those recyclables not taken by your township programs and plan to bring them to the Church Office area at 9 am on Recycle Saturday, **July 16**. As transport space is limited, please flatten/crush and sort accordingly. Adult and youth helpers are welcomed; please contact Recycle Coordinator, **Jennifer**

Hope, 610-670-9731, to offer three hours of your time and energy to assist.



From Susie Romig

Kudos to **George Weikel** and his helpers who cleaned up after the Flea Market ---**Tom Carlson, Jim Garraway, Dave and Barbara Wenger, Jack Villecco**, and more.

George Weikel and **Ron Schucker** broke down the boxes and took them to recycle, some obliging folks took bags of trash home to their curb for pick-up, Hope Rescue picked up a load of things, and **Susie Romig** and her son **Mark** helped load a van of things for the Hospital Thrift Shop.

In addition, when the Social Hall was empty, **George Weikel** and **Jim Umstead** washed and waxed the Social Hall floor. It looks fantastic!!!!

The help of many people before, during , and after the Flea Market made it a great success.

Summer Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
9 am—2 pm

Our Time, Talent, Treasure... *Seeking and Sharing Christ*

From Harold Perkins

For
where your
treasure is,



there your
heart will
be also.

Matthew 6:21

As we approach our Fall Stewardship Campaign, we could be asking ourselves **what more can we do** as individual members to carry out our mission of *Seeking and Sharing Christ*? How can we put our membership vow of “time, talent and treasure” into greater **ACTION**? In what ways can we support the efforts of our pastor and leaders to achieve new dimensions of Christ-like service?

With awareness that **God gives us everything we possess**, many of our members are already giving their **TIME** and **TALENT** generously. Each of us has unique talents to do the same.

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The purpose of this article is to take a hard look at treasure (our income) as a gift of God in a special way which may be new for some of us. If our **heart** is behind our treasure, our giving becomes both a spiritual and financial opportunity to put our faith in action. How? **AS A PERCENTAGE OF INCOME.** Some are certainly doing this already—others may not.

In the June *News-Linc*, Pastor Larry cited these references in his “Stewardship Thoughts:”

- “Churches that have no annual stewardship campaign produce the lowest average of per capita giving—1.5% of income.”
- “Pledging congregations (perhaps similar to us) average 2.9% of income.”
- **“Percentage-giving congregations average 4.6% of income.”**

In the May *News-Linc*, a profile of our congregation showed a wide variation of pledging per week — \$1 to \$300 - with 11% (24) pledging \$65 to \$300 per week, 13% (28) between \$35 and \$55 per week, 32% (74) between \$5 and \$30, and 44% (over 100) no pledge at all. Two questions arise —

- Where do you fit into this profile? and...

- Does your pledge represent a percentage of your income?

If we are at all like the “pledging congregations” noted above, our total congregational income could be estimated at \$11,295,137 based upon our operating budget of \$327,559 and the 2.9 percentage of income.

Consider these possibilities...

- If we achieved the average percentage giving of 4.6% of income, our annual operating budget could reach a total of \$519,576...a significant increase in support of our ministries, AND—guess what? — pay off our debt in one year.
- But...picture this—if we became a **TITHING** congregation (10% of income) —as a few members already do — we could achieve an annual budget of \$1,129,514. At this level, we could advance our services in major ways, enhance God’s Church and property, and move on to additional exciting goals and objectives.

As we approach Commitment Sunday in early fall, our Stewardship Committee asks us to prayerfully consider **placing God first** by committing to the **highest percentage of income** we are able. If we all did this, we would witness **amazing grace and service** in the name of *Seeking and Sharing Christ*.

WHO'S ON FIRST, WHAT'S ON SECOND, I DON'T KNOW'S ON THIRD

From Jerry Manhart

Costello: That's what I wanna find out.

Abbott: I say Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know's on third.

Costello: You know the fellows' names?

Abbott: Certainly!

Costello: Well then who's on first?

Abbott: Yes!

Costello: I mean the fellow's name!

Abbott: Who!

Costello: The guy on first!

Abbott: Who!

This is part of the famous baseball routine by Abbott and Costello. It is very popular and has been translated into 30 languages. I was able to print out a copy from the Internet, but it's much funnier on a TV rerun or videotape.

WHO'S ON STAFF?



Can you name the members of the Lincoln Park Church staff? Naming the Pastor, the Christian Education Director and the Director of Music is easy, but then it starts to get harder.

MEET THE STAFF

Perhaps some of the people you are thinking about are volunteers and not staff. Other positions were once held by volunteers but were changed to staff positions such as Worship Leader and Youth Leader. Maybe you won't think of part of the staff unless you have small children (Nursery Attendants) or see the grass being mowed (Custodian).

Members of the office staff, such as the Bookkeeper, will be best known by committee chairpersons and those who visit the church office. Our Secretary might not be whom you think. Did you notice the change in the June *News-Linc*?

Do you know how many staff members there are? Three, six, 10? I am defining staff as any person being paid a salary or hourly wage by the church; there are 11 staff members currently. The staff has grown over the years as more expertise was

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Congratulations to Our Graduates!

From Cheri Fallon

Lynn Auman

daughter of **Rich** and **Beth**, is a graduate of Wilson HS. She will attend Immaculata University in Exton, to work toward a degree in Family and Consumer Science Education (“That’s what they call Home Ec teachers now!” says Beth) and minor in Spanish. “Lynn loves to sew and cook,” says Beth.

Lynn was in Marching Band, Band and Chorus and participated in Wilson’s musical this year — *Anything Goes*. She was also a paper carrier for five years.

Some special circumstances make Lynn’s accomplishments extra sweet. In October, 2003, she was diagnosed with reflex neurovascular dystrophy. “She ran track in May and was not walking by October,” says Beth. Lynn was out of school for three months. Today she’s 95% back to normal, thanks to doctors and therapists at Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia and her own hard work.

“We lost a year there,” says Beth, “she learned a lot getting back to where she is.” Lynn’s senior project was a presentation on the therapy program she herself participated in at Children’s Hospital.

Best wishes for future success and good health to a fine young lady.

Ryan Brobst

graduated from Wilson HS and will attend West Chester University. Ryan is the son of **Dale** and **Rene** and brother of **Krystin**, who also attends WCU for Elementary Education. He will study Criminal Justice and possibly go on to the State Police Academy in Hershey. Rene says his interest in this field may have begun in confirmation class when **Keith Wetzel**, a parole officer, was his mentor.

Ryan also took a photography class at Wilson, and crime scene photography interests him.

A pitcher on Wilson’s baseball team, he was an All-Berks and All-Division selection, compiling a 8-1 record with a

3.31 ERA. Darryl Grumling in the *Reading Eagle* says, “He earned the decision in the 5-2 victory over Exeter in the county final, throwing 6 1/3 innings of four-hit ball.”

“It was the first championship game Wilson has won since 2000,” says Rene. Ryan currently plays for the West Lawn Owls and hopes to play at West Chester.

An Honor Roll student, Ryan’s other activities include Chorus and Habitat for Humanity (his mom is Coordinator of Volunteers). Ryan’s Senior Project included 40 hours of service on the job site



there. Congratulations Ryan and lots of luck with your studies and your baseball!

Alyson Fisher

A Governor Mifflin grad, Alyson will attend Penn State Berks to become a Radiologic Technologist. Daughter of **Dennis** and **Diane**, she played soccer (“since I could walk”) and Field Hockey through her senior year. She was on the Senior Executive Committee, in the Student Government Association, and in the Imagine Club. This club developed at Governor Mifflin after the Columbine shootings “to foster togetherness, establish friendships, and stop school violence,” says Alyson.

She was on the Honor Roll through high school and won the Unified Achievement Award, given to the all around outstanding male and female in the Senior Class, and also the Outstanding Family and Consumer Science Award.

Alyson volunteered at The Montessori Country Day School. At Lincoln Park Alyson was a greeter, delivered altar flowers to shut-ins, and worked in the nursery. She says she’ll always remember “the fun we had a confirmation class with Pastor Jack,” and “the friendly and supportive pastors and congregation” at Lincoln Park.

Alyson became interested in being a radiologic technologist a few years ago and was influenced when she watched some technologists in action “when my

grandma (**Alice Kase**) went through chemotherapy.” She shadowed some technologists at St. Joe’s and decided it was for her. “I would want to make the patient comfortable,” says Alyson, “I like to make people feel relaxed.”

Lots of good wishes to Alyson!

Grant Garrity

is a recent *cum laude* graduate of Indiana University of PA with a degree in Business Technology Support. Son of **Harry** and **Gretchen**, Grant is presently installing Dell computers for faculty and staff at Villavona University and transferring data from old computers onto new.

“He’s the support person, a troubleshooter with computers,” says his mom Gretchen. Grant would ideally like to move to the DC area where his sister **Erika** is located and get a job in the Information Technology Field.

AT IUP, Grant was President of the Help Desk Institute, an organization for technology support majors. “Part of that job is being president of the computer lab,” says Gretchen, “helping kids with computer problems.”

Grant has worked at college and here in Reading (at Beverly Hills Tavern) as a bartender. “He’s a hard worker,” says Gretchen, “He’s worked since he was 14 — he’s reliable.”

Grant says, “I’m excited to get out there and see what I can do.” Congratulations, Grant. Go for it!

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Alex Johnston-McCormack

son of **Randy** and **Kim**, graduated in April from Marine Training School in Parris Island SC. He completed his first three months of classes,” says his mom, “and was sent to 29 Palms CA (in the middle of the desert).”

He has recently been selected for training in communications, which is “a pretty high honor,” says Kim, “and will be going directly to Japan for two years of more intensive training.”

In Boot Camp Alex won a sharpshooter award and “just missed making Platoon Leader, which is also a real honor,” says Kim. “The other recruit beat him by 1/2 a second,” she says, “Alex is short and the other guy was tall.”

Congratulations to Alex. We’ll keep him and his family in our prayers as he serves our country around the world.

Cedric Lessig

son of **Barbara** and **Kevin**, graduated in June from Wilson HS where he attended the Berks Career and Technology Center for the last three years. Cedric studied horticulture there and is proud of the drawings he did of the school, the mowing of the grass, and the work he did on the memorial gardens. He hopes to pursue landscaping.

Cedric will be working with a job coach at Goodwill Industries, says his Dad, Kevin, “Cedric is autistic, and they are going to help him in the job hunting

experience.”

Cedric says that he will miss his friends from school and his teachers, especially his homeroom teacher, Mr. Prokopovitz, Mrs. Cooke, his autistic support teacher, and Mr. Nawozzenski. “They have a very good program at Wilson,” says Kevin.

Congratulations to Cedric on his diploma and all the work he put into it. Good luck with your job search!

Mark McCoy

graduated from Penn State University, University Park, in May. Son of **Fred** and **Dorris**, Mark spent his first two years at Boston College before transferring to Penn State. “I liked Penn State a lot better,” says Mark. He was a science major, with a degree in biology, and was inducted into the honor society recognizing the top 5 % of his graduating class.

At Penn State Mark worked for the food service and was a member of the Student Red Cross Club. He worked briefly since graduation in the research lab at Campbell Soup Company in Camden, NJ. He will start a new job as a Chemical Analyst at NORAMCO, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson in Wilmington, DE.

Mark says that being a chemical analyst at J & J means, “if they have a chemical to make a drug, I make sure it’s up to par to be used.” Lots of congratulations and success with your new job, sounds like important work.

Alyssa Owens

is excited about going to Penn State University in State College. “My mom went there, and I decided in 5th grade I wanted to go there, too.” She plans to major in Political Science. At Wilson, Alyssa was in National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Junior Statesmen of America, Student Council, and Varsity Girls Volleyball.

Alyssa is the daughter of **William** and **Kelly**, and granddaughter of **Anna Mae Owens**. She’s been active at LP in the youth group, as a Vacation Bible School Counselor and a crib room volunteer. “I love working with little kids and giving back to the church,” she says.

“I will always remember the strong sense of community I experienced at LPUMC. There were always people to talk to, groups to join, and activities to participate in,” she says.

At Wilson she won the President’s Award, was on the High Honor Roll, and was a Best of Berks Nominee in Social Studies. Through the National Honor Society, she worked at Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels.

Congratulations to this energetic and accomplished young woman!

Carson Perry

graduated from Conrad Weiser HS in June and will attend Millersville University to study Early Childhood Education. His mom Laura, says “he’s always been involved in sports!” At Conrad Weiser Carson was the starting soccer goalie for three years and made 1st Team All Division. He was also asked to play in the

Senior All Star Soccer game.

Is he musical like his dad Jim? “He played bass guitar in a rock ‘n roll band called Relegate for three years. They performed locally,” says Laura. He was also active in TV courses at Weiser and produced shows for CW TV.

“He’s been around kids, working at soccer camps,” says Laura (who is a 1st grade teacher), “and decided he liked the little ones. Then he came into my classroom, and decided he didn’t want 1st!” Third grade may be his first choice, although tech ed in middle school is also an option.

Carson did his senior project on black and white photography. “He created a dark room in the basement and developed portfolios,” says Laura.

“He’s a good kid and has made choices to be his own person,” says Laura. Congratulations to Carson!

Lindsay Sakmann

is a Wyomissing HS graduate and will be attending Ursinus College. “It’s small and has wonderful arts and communications departments,” says Lindsay, who plans to major in communications. Daughter of **Lynn** and **Charles**, Lindsay’s been an active student at Wyo...on the Bowling Team, Debate Club, French Club, Jazz Band, Marching and Concert Bands, Chorale, and Colloquy (a book discussion group.)

In addition, she was a tutor and did the

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Sacred Circle Summer Schedule

From Loreen Miller



Prayer needs don't take a holiday, so we are offering the Sacred Circle Prayer Ministry year round. For those of you not familiar with the Sacred Circle, it's a spiritual support group which meets the second Tuesday of every month in Rm 103, in the Education Building.

We offer a listening ear and personal prayers for anyone in need. You need not be a member of the church to avail yourself of this opportunity. It's a drop-in group, and no commitment is necessary. Please join us!

Our next three meetings are July 12, August 9, and September 13. Sessions start at 7 pm. Any questions? Call Loreen Miller, 610-777-8185.

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school's morning announcements. This summer you'll find Lindsay working at Bath & Body Works.

Lindsay says "I'll miss my teachers, friends, and after school activities." Lots of success at Ursinus, Lindsay!

Andrea Schmidt

daughter of **Michael** and **Joan**, graduated from Syracuse University with a BFA in Musical Theatre and is off to NYC to pursue her dream of performing on Broadway. She's already had her first audition: "It was a lot of fun. They seemed to like me, but I think I was too young," she says.

Andrea has been interested in musical drama since she was a little girl. She credits her participation in the Almost Angels Choir with **Nancy Buttmer** as Director as a starting point. "I loved sing-

ing so much. I stood in the front and just shouted." Andrea has had many roles since then, at Wilson HS (Dolly in *Hello, Dolly*, for one) and at Syracuse (in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*).

Andrea looks forward to returning to Reading over Christmas to sing again at our Christmas Eve service.

Break a leg, Andrea!

Lindsey Villecco

daughter of **John** and **Nancy**, graduated from Wilson HS and will attend Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester VA, for a BFA in Musical Theatre. This young woman has been a Drama Club officer, and a member of County, District, and Regional Choruses. Also, she is a Co-Founder and Co-Director of the ABC Community Theatre.

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Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

Summer Special Music for the 10:15 am service

July 3: Pianist Debbie Pyle

July 10: Vocal Soloist Barbara Schlosser

July 17: Pianist Doreen Bilger/Vocalist Lindsey Villecco

July 24: Organist Bev Perella

July 31: Concert Pianist Jim Hendricks

August 7: Harpist Phyllis Peters

August 14: Organist Bev Perella

August 21: Pianist Lauren Forbes

August 28: Pianist Debbie Pyle

Please take a moment to thank our guest musicians after the service!

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needed or a volunteer was not available.

If we wish to keep the present number of staff members, and want to have the best staff possible, then staff members must be adequately compensated. Their salaries will have to be considered during the Stewardship Campaign. Salaries and other Staff compensation account for 53% of the 2005 Budget, or \$177,479. Our mission is “Seeking and Sharing Christ” and we need our staff to help us accomplish that goal.

Turn to page 18 for “Answers to Staff”

SERENGETI TREK '05 SAYS THANKS FOR BEING WILD ABOUT GOD

From Dorris McCoy



LP appreciates all leaders, parents, and participants who joined us for unforgettable, fun Bible learning at 2005's VBS **Serengeti Trek**. We "PAWS" to thank all our friends who made **Serengeti Trek** such an awesome VBS adventure! Be aware---you were spotted at **Trek**, helping kids be wild about God---THANKS! Please watch September's *News-Linc* for a detailed update, including how many KID-TO-KID KITS of school supplies were sent to Africa!

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Lindsey is a member of the National Honor Society. A High Honor Roll student, she won the Principal's (Top 10%) Award, Wilson Academic Boosters Scholarship, Reading Music Foundation Scholarship, and an Excellence in Acting Award.

At Lincoln Park Lindsey helped at Vacation Bible School, was in Praise Band, Drama Ministry, and was a Children's Time Assistant. Lindsey says "LPUMC is a wonderful, caring community of people who are very supportive!"

We wish this talented and dedicated young woman much success!

If we've missed hearing about your graduate, please contact Cheri Fallon, 610-678-8735, or cherfallon@comcast.net!

ANSWERS TO STAFF

(from pages 11, 17)

Pastor- Larry Carl
Christian Ed. Director- Dorris McCoy
Director of Music- Linda Umstead
Worship Leader- Rebecca Chadwick
Youth Leader- Leah Easterday
Church Bookkeeper- Nancy Brown
Church Secretary- Sandy Bressi
Custodian- Mark Bisignaro
Nursery Attendant- Gabriella Antunes
Nursery Attendant- Amy Krebs
Nursery Attendant- Holly Newman

Editor's note: Staff members' names and information appear every month on the back page of your *News-Linc*.

A Trip to the Ball Game



It's LPCUMC Jr Youth Night at the Reading Phillies

From Kim DeHart

Calling all Jr Youth and their families. Join us for a fun night of baseball on **Saturday, August 27**, at 7:05 pm. Admission is free! The Jr Youth earned free admission to the Reading Phillies as a reward for earning top fundraiser for Mary's Shelter. We'll reserve tickets in

advance so we can enjoy the game together. If you'd like to participate, please fill out the form below and return to the church office no later than July 5. Parents and sibling tickets are free on a first come-first served basis.

Post-game fireworks follow the game. Depending upon how long the game runs, it may be a late evening – after 10 pm.

Transportation to and from the game will be provided for Jr Youth who would like to attend but will not have a parent accompanying them. Please circle "Yes" below if transportation is needed. Please list the names of all sibling/guests and the total number of tickets you are requesting.

Youth Name _____

Parent(s) _____

Sibling/Guest(s) _____

YES – I will need transportation to and from the game.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

Mission Committee Prepares Health Kits

From Barbara Wenger

In June our Mission Committee assembled 20 UMCOR Health Kits to be used for Tsunami relief efforts. Each kit contained (in a zip lock bag) a hand towel, wash cloth, comb, nail file or clipper, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and bandages.

These kits were collected at Annual Conference June 16-18 and shipped to the countries in need.

THANKS FOR THROWING IN THE TOWELS

From Dorris McCoy

Thank you to all LP members who *threw in the towel(s)* in LP's drive to assist Baltimore's Lovely Lane UMC in their outreach ministry with the homeless in their community.



Since there's still space in our transport vehicle, donations are still being accepted by **Linda Hope** and **Dorris McCoy**. Just drop off clean, bath-sized towels at the church or church office; please bag and label as a donation towards this effort.

Opportunity House Supper Set for July

From Dorris McCoy

While LP's Opportunity House Chef, **Jerry Evaul**, vacations and recuperates, LP's UMYF group and advisor, **Leah Easterday**, are graciously stepping in to serve.



The next Opportunity House supper date is **Tuesday, July 5**. Youth and adults who can help with meal preparations are asked to join at the church at 4:30 pm; those who can help serve supper are invited to meet at church for a UMYF pre-supper cookout/picnic at 6 pm before journeying to the city to serve a picnic-style supper to the men, women, and children residing at Opportunity House.

For details or to make fresh food or \$\$\$ donations, please contact **Leah Easterday**, ext. 42, or **Dorris McCoy**, ext. 24, at the Church Office, 610-777-1422.

Youth and adults---come---picnic with a purpose!

A Special Thank You to a Special Couple

From Dorris McCoy

Did you know that LP's Jr Group, comprised of 4th, 5th and 6th grades, continues to do the fundraising, with occasional help from the Missions Committee and other members, to sponsor the food costs for suppers at Opportunity House six times a year? These suppers are prepared and served every other month, first Tuesday, beginning in January annually.

The Jr Group's funding recently received a really GIGANTIC, surprise assist through the thoughtful, caring generosity of a LP couple celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. In lieu of gifts, **Debbie and George Pyle** asked anniversary celebrants to make a donation to the Jr Group's account, designated for the Opportunity House suppers. The JR's and their advisors are happy to report that \$855 was received. That means almost a whole year's supper costs are now covered. Through **Jerry Evaul's** frugality and individual food/dessert donations, each supper costs between \$125-\$150. Thank you, **Debbie and George** for sharing your special day of love in such a thoughtful way, allowing our children and LP Church to share God's love throughout the coming year!!!



SOUPER HEROES TO THE RESCUE

From Dorris McCoy



Again...thank you to all LP members who supported our Church School children and youth in the **'05 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. Think of the thousands of lives changed for the better through your donations. People ate and their hearts filled with joy as you looked beyond yourselves to help neighbors in need.

Almost \$4 million was reported from the simple act of holding soup pots. More significant is that young people experience

the joy of giving and serving. The **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** may happen once a year but there are people in need every day right in our own neighborhood.

Let us work to instill in our children and youth the desire to serve throughout the year and to develop a lifelong desire to help others, fight hunger, and erase poverty. Mark your calendars for the **'06 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING, FEBRUARY 5**, at Super Bowl XL in Detroit, MI.

From our mailbox



♥ Dear Friends at Lincoln Park UMC,
Thank you so much for the kindness shown to me and my family over the past months. Your cards, prayers, thoughtfulness, and delicious food were greatly appreciated.

It is a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

Love,
Donna Greul

♥ I wish to thank the congregation for all the cards, notes, flowers, prayers, and the visits of Betty Frederickson and Loreen Miller while I was in the hospital, also Pastor Larry visiting me while I'm home recuperating plus more phone calls, cards, and notes. I am so blessed. Thanks to all of you.

I love you,
Aletha Stehman

A Word of Thanks

From Pastor Larry Carl

I was deeply touched by the recognition of my 40 years in ministry on Sunday, June 12. To have so many of you share in that time was a very special blessing. My thanks to the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, and especially **Jeannette Erskine**, Chair, and **Jerry**

Pawlikowski, our Lay

Leader, for arranging and participating in this recognition.

Thanks, too, to the ladies who served the refreshments in the Wagner Room following the service. My heartfelt gratitude to all of you for the generous gift presented to me, for the many cards and well wishes and the words of appreciation you shared with me. The beautiful Baldwin Cross will serve as a reminder of this special day. I will always treasure the memory of this recognition. God bless you all!



Happy 50th Wedding
Anniversary to

**Walter and Nancy
Artz**

God Bless You Both!

From your daughters
and their families.

Happiness keeps you sweet,
Trials keep you strong,
Sorrows keep you human,
Failures keep you humble,
Success keeps you glowing,
But only God keeps you going!

Received from
our former Church Secretary,
Chris Hacker



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



August 14
for our
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issue

From the Editor

My email address has changed, for all future *News-Linc* submissions. Contact me at cherfallon@comcast.net. Thanks!

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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Our Hearts
go out to...

Family and friends of **George Shay** who died on April 20.
George was 90 years old. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Birthdays in July (age 1 to 10 years old)

Claire Chelius	2 years old
Courtney Hubric	4 years old
Camryn Hubric	4 years old
Devin Krick	4 years old
Jordan Krick	4 years old
Gabriel Chelius	5 years old
Ryan Gallagher	8 years old
Kaithyn Raab	9 years old
Amelia Deibler	10 years old

Birthdays in August (age 1 to 10 years old)

Daniel Antunes	1 year old
Drennan Reazor	3 years old
Caithyn Christopher	5 years old
Brendan Gallagher	5 years old
Adrianna Swinehart	8 years old

Happy Birthday to all of you!!!!

**Lincoln Park Has Some
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Begins on p. 12.**



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