

# News-Line

---

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter  
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

September, 2005

---



## November Church Retreat –

A Time To Renew Your Relationship With God, Yourself and Others

From Jerry Pawlikowski

**I**t's hard to believe, but just over two months from now, **November 18-19**, the fall 2005 church-wide retreat will be held at MARIA WALD RETREAT CENTER in Shillington.

**The Rev. Sara Davis-Shappell**, former Lincoln Park pastor and Executive Director of Spiritual Renewal Ministries, will lead us as we

get away for a time of spiritual growth and enrichment.

The central scripture serving as the foundation for our time together is Matthew 22:37-39, *Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul and mind and....love your neighbor as yourself.*

The retreat will offer opportunity for large and small group discussion as well as personal time for quiet prayer and reflection. MARIA WALD RETREAT CENTER has good food and is a fine facility for our group. Cost will be \$40 per person, including three meals and lodging. Childcare assistance is available upon request. Retreat registration forms will be available shortly.



### Inside this issue

Worship	p. 2
Adult Studies	p. 5,6
From Pastor Carl	p. 4
Jr Youth	p.20
Church School	p. 9
Music	p.11,13,18
Drama Ministry	p.12

# WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

From Pastor Larry Carl



**Sunday, September 4**– The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – HOLY COMMUNION – **Dorris McCoy** will be bringing the message on this Sunday.

**Sunday, September 11** – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Accounts Unsettled” based on Matthew 18:32b-33, *I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?*

\*Please note: Our fall worship schedule resumes, with Traditional Services at 8:15 and 10:45 am and Contemporary Service at 9:15 am.

**Sunday, September 18**– The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – The sermon will be entitled “Is That Fair?” based on Matthew 20:11-12, 15b, *And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat’ . . . But he replied . . . ‘Or are you envious because I am generous?’*

**Sunday, September 25** – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY. This Sunday marks the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of Lincoln Park Church. **The Rev. Clifford Flick** will be our guest minister on this anniversary occasion.

## Lection Lessons for September

**Sunday, September 4** – Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20  
Psalter: Psalm 148 or Psalm 149

**Sunday, September 11**– Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:10-12; Matthew 18:21-35  
Psalter: Psalm 114 or Psalm 103

**Sunday, September 18**– Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16  
Psalter: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78

**Sunday, September 25**– Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32  
Psalter: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16



## Congratulations To Our DCE!

From Pastor Larry Carl

Our Director of Christian Education, **Dorris McCoy**, successfully completed the Local Pastor's Licensing School at Drew Theological Seminary. Dorris received a very positive evaluation and a recommendation that she be licensed as a Local Pastor by our District Committee on Ministry. She has already begun her Candidacy Studies with her mentor, the Rev. Jeffrey Raffauf. Her next step will be participation in the Course of Study Curriculum at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Dorris on the successful completion of Licensing School and our best wishes and prayers as she continues her studies. She is a blessing in our ministry at Lincoln Park and we pray God's richest blessings for her in this endeavor.

## Sunday Morning Prayer Group Continues

From Loreen Miller



Sunday Morning Prayer Group was begun originally by **Dr. David Brock** several years ago, to provide an opportunity for persons to pray for the welfare of our church.

We meet every Sunday morning in the Church Library, 30 minutes before the start of the earliest worship service. We begin with a period of silence, followed by a scripture meditation, a short reading, and an opportunity to pray for the church's ministries, staff and special needs.

Your church needs your prayers. Please consider joining us. It's a good start to the morning, and we welcome new faces!

# From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

**W**hile we were touring the city of London several weeks ago, our guide pointed out a church and asked if anyone on the bus had ever heard of the Alpha program. The church was Holy Trinity Brompton, a Church of England congregation. It is the birthplace of the ALPHA program. Our guide went on to say that it has been a very successful program for the church and that participants come there on a Sunday *to get happy and help for living the rest of the week*. She noted that because of the success of the program, *it apparently must be working*.

Brenda and I were delighted at the reference to the ALPHA program and for the opportunity to see Holy Trinity Brompton.

Lincoln Park has offered the ALPHA program for the past two years and will be offering it as an option in our Sunday evening study series once again this year. It is an informative, inspirational program dealing with the basics of the Christian faith. But it is not alone in its ability to provide inspiration and preparation for living the life of faith. As our guide in London alluded, there is something in the

gathering of the people of faith that is essential to our ability to live that life throughout the week.

As we enter September, the time when our church programs start up again, there will be many opportunities for all of us to be together *to get happy and help for living the rest of the week*. Yes, there will

be ALPHA along with other educational opportunities both on Sunday evening and Sunday morning. There will be worship services, our regular schedule of two traditional services at 8:15 and 10:45 am and our contemporary service at 9:15 am. There will be Bible studies, prayer opportunities, music programs, youth and children's programs.

All of these will present us with an opportunity to come together *to get happy* (find inspiration) *and help for living the rest of the week*.

The author of the book of Hebrews counseled that we should not neglect to meet together. He was not concerned about having a good showing on the statistical reports to annual conference. What he understood was that gathering together provided an opportunity *to pro-*

*(Continued on page 5)*



*(Continued from page 4)*

*voke one another to love and good deeds, that is an opportunity for encouraging one another. (See Hebrews 10:24-25)*

Are you seeking encouragement in the life of faith? Do you need to be inspired for daily living? Your church provides many opportunities to find that encouragement and inspiration. Resolve now as we anticipate the beginning of our fall programming to find a place where you can *get happy and help for living . . .*

Anticipating your meeting together with your brothers and sisters in Christ during the weeks and months ahead, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Larry

**Monday Morning**  
**Bible Study**  
  
**Invites You**

From Hildamay Bartron

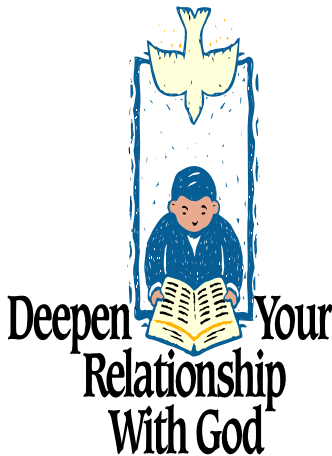
Monday Morning Bible Study will start its fall season on **September 19**, at 10:30 am in the Library. Our topic will be the Pauline Letters.

Last year we traveled through the Book

of Acts with Paul as he struggled to build a community of faith between the Jews and the Gentiles. This year we'll study the letters Paul wrote to the various churches, guiding and encouraging them through this growing process.

It will be an exciting experience to feel and understand Paul's joys, concerns, and disappointments with the building of our faith.

I invite all who are interested in the birth of the Christian Church to come and join us on Monday mornings.



## ALPHA AND MORE

### A Preview of October Opportunities

From Dorris McCoy

Response of members to May's survey regarding issues and topics for further adult study has been helpful in planning for the continuing **ALPHA & MORE** series. The fall **ALPHA & MORE** will run for six weeks, Sunday evenings, beginning **October 2** and concluding on **November 6**. Each evening begins with supper at 5 and ends no later than 7:30 pm. Child care and children's fun activities also will be offered. Courses include:

- ◆ **CONFRONTING THE CONTROVERSIES**---looks at the tough issues of homosexuality, abortion, the death penalty and the separation of church and state from the perspective of Scripture, church doctrine, and critical thinking---led by **Pastor Larry**.
- ◆ **ALPHA**---a practical introduction to the Christian faith; explores the meaning of life in a safe, fun atmosphere via small group discussion and video presentation by Nicky Gumbel.
- ◆ **CHRISTIAN PARENTING SERIES**---for parents of children of all ages; explore raising great kids. Led by **Keith Wetzel**, juvenile probation officer and dedicated Christian parent. Keith will draw on his life experiences as well as parenting training received through the Wilson School District.
- ◆ **UNDERSTANDING ISLAM**---an intro to Islam's origin, beliefs, practices, differing sects, similarities to and differences in comparison to Christianity and Judaism---includes speakers from the local Muslim community and a visit to Reading's Islamic Center; coordinated by **Sandi Rosencrans**.

Watch the Sunday morning bulletin for registration forms. Also in the works...a possible Tuesday Brown Bag Series on *A Life Worth Living*, Nicky Gumbel on video to lead us through Paul's letter to the Philippians.

With questions, suggestions, and offers to assist with food, hospitality, greeting, praying or kids' activities, please contact **Dorris McCoy** or **Pastor Larry**.



## Share Your Faith By Volunteering in Christian Ed

God Yearns to Be  
Known

From Dorris McCoy

LP needs faith builders!

LP's children, youth, and adults need persons who can inspire minds and hearts to know and follow Jesus! The church needs mentors who can provide role models and opportunities for serving God!

God yearns to be known and you can help by teaching, leading, assisting in LP's fall educational ministries, be it Sunday mornings, evenings, or mid-week. Many ways to make a difference in the faith life of fellow members - toddler, teen or young/senior adult - await you. Think creatively! Call **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, **Linda Woll**, 610-670-2130, or **Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422, ext. 24, or 777-6128, for details and to let them know where and how your gifts and talents can benefit LP's educational ministries.

## Recycle Saturday Set For September

From Dorris McCoy

Recommit yourself and your family to be good stewards of God's wonderfully created earth! Gather those recyclables not taken by your township programs (certain plastics, plastic coated juice/milk cartons and papers/cardboards to name a few) and bring them to our next Recycle Day, **Saturday, September 24**, 9-9:30 am.

Please drop bagged, sorted and/or tied items at the Church Office on Carlisle Avenue. An ongoing adult helper is still needed. All youth and

adults interested in helping are encouraged to contact Recycle Coordinator, **Jennifer Hope**, 610-670-9731, immediately.



## 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!



## Be a Good Steward

## Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

*The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth with gain. This also is vanity.*

---Ecclesiastes 5:10, NRSV

One of Aesop's fables tells of a dog with a fine slab of meat in his mouth that crossed a bridge over a river and saw his reflection in the water. Thinking it to be another dog with a larger piece of meat, he let go of his own and dived at the other dog to take it. He surfaced with nothing, and his dinner washed away in the current.

This fable is an example of what happens when we make money or possessions our most important goal – we can wind up losing everything.

The Bible reminds us that if we make money our goal, then we will never be satisfied or have enough money. God wants us to be good stewards of money. A steward is a person who manages someone else's money. Our money is truly God's money. God has given us money to manage in God's best interest.

Money, if used wisely, can be a source of great blessing; however, money is not our only blessing or even the most important blessing. A cure for greed is thankfulness!

Here are some things for all of us to think about:

- ◆ What does it mean to be a good steward?
- ◆ What are some ways we can use money to please God?
- ◆ What are some things we can do to remind ourselves that we are God's stewards?

-Janet Zimmerman

---

**“Properly understood and applied [prayer] is the most potent instrument of action.”**

—Mahatma Gandhi





From Dorris McCoy

## All Are Invited To Grow A Strong, Living Faith

Weave your faith into your life. Check out our fall Church School schedule and join one of LP's Sunday morning options! Church School resumes with the return of the fall worship schedule on Sunday, **September 11**. Both children's options encompass the same Bible-based stories, with differing crafts and approaches. September tells the creation stories, Adam & Eve, and Cain & Abel.

### 9:30 am

- ▶ Church School for CHILDREN includes activities for ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, including one class for 3-5 year olds and another for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Children will begin this session following the Children's Message at the Contemporary Service. These classes will use Faith Weaver curriculum from the same wonderful people who write our VBS materials.
- ▶ For ADULTS, a Lectionary Class taught by **Norm Dettra** will be offered in the Library; the Lectionary presents the Scriptures upon which LP's worship and sermon are generally based. The discussion is a

thought-provoking opportunity to delve into what you've heard at 8:15 worship or to prepare yourself for the worship experience at 10:45.

### 10:45 am

- ▶ CHILDREN will use *KIDS OWN WORSHIP* resources, with a format similar to VBS, gathering first in the Choir Room/Lounge for music/story introductions, dismissing for classes, and returning for closing music/drama/celebrations. Classes include:
  - Preschool (3, 4 & 5 year olds),
  - Early Elementary (Grades 1,2,3)
  - Juniors (Grades 4, 5 & 6)One goal is to have children and teachers share music from these sessions at the two later worship hours.
- ▶ YOUTH in grades 7 - 12 will meet in the Youth Room (103) for discussion and study.
- ▶ ADULTS are invited to join **Earl Hope** in the Library for challenging dialogue springing from the continuation of the Gospel video series.

If you have a question, an idea, or wonderful program materials sitting on a shelf...stop right now...and call **Dorris McCoy** in the Church Office. I'm eager to hear members' input about what growing a relationship with Jesus and our God means, and how LP Church can nurture members of all ages to make the connection between God's love for us and what he did for the people in Biblical times.

## Can You Serve September Supper at Opportunity House?

From Dorris McCoy



Gratefully,  
**Jerry's** recovery  
has progressed so  
well that he and  
**Charleen** can re-  
turn to supervise  
supper preparations  
for OPPORTUNITY  
HOUSE on **Tues-  
day, September 6,**

beginning at 4 pm in the Church  
Kitchen.

However, due to stamina limita-  
tions, they have requested extra  
help for a Serving Team to leave  
church by 6:30 pm. They'll serve  
supper to approximately 90 home-  
less men, women, and children at  
the shelter.

To help prepare, serve, or offer a  
dessert or \$\$\$ donation, please call  
**Jerry or Charleen Evaul**, 610-  
927-1692.

A huge note of gratitude goes to  
our summer substitute team who  
served a fantastic post-  
Independence Day picnic supper---  
*well done, good and faithful ser-  
vants.*

## Safety & Sanctity Foremost

### An Update on Abuse Clearances

From Dorris McCoy



The Eastern Pennsylvania  
Annual Conference of The United Meth-  
odist Church passed Resolution 2005-  
14S at the '05 Annual Conference, requir-  
ing all paid and volunteer workers with  
children and youth to have on file current  
appropriate Child Abuse Clearances in  
order to continue in  
these ministries.



This is in keeping  
of Jesus' command-  
ing his disciples and  
us to *Let the little  
children come to me,*  
(Matt. 19:13) and his  
indicating that chil-  
dren should be pro-  
tected and respected

in his community (Matt. 18:1-10). Local  
congregations are also called to affirm  
their valuable workers, both volunteer  
and paid, and to protect them from suspi-  
cion and gossip. This requirement is ef-  
fective December 31, 2005; LP's compli-  
ance with this resolution must be a matter  
of record at its annual Charge Confer-  
ence.

What does this mean for LP Church?  
This means that all of our dedicated, car-

*(Continued on page 12)*



From Becky Chadwick

The Lincoln Park Praise Team has continued to have a busy, productive summer! **Chad Chelius** and **Rebecca Chadwick** attended the Praise and Worship Conference at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA. Thanks to the generous giving and contributions of the Lincoln Park congregation, the Leadership Development Fund paid for Chad to attend the conference. Becky paid for her own trip. The learning experience was terrific and filled both of us with many new ideas.

Practice continues every Thursday evening from 8– 9:30 pm. We are excited to report that **George Weikel** and **Jim Perry** have joined the Praise Team as regular vocalists. We are busy learning new songs and expanding our repertoire for the betterment of the service and the worship experience at 9:15. We are in great need of a soprano voice to join us, so if you feel called to sing, please speak to **Lin Umstead** or me. We will be happy to discuss possible participation in the Praise Team.

## Giant Gift Cards Still Available

From Becky Chadwick

The Giant gift card fund raiser continues! Gift cards are available in the church office and after each service. We are in GREAT need of people to volunteer to sell the cards after every service. It is easy and only takes about 15 minutes of your time. If you're interested in covering a month or two a year, please contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

## BonTon CARE TO SHARE Day Reports Success

From Becky Chadwick



The BonTon CARE TO SHARE Day was a big success, thanks to **Elizabeth Stoud** and **Becky Chadwick**.

Elizabeth and Becky were at BonTon at 6 am and sold coupon books until the last possible minute! \$275 was made and split among the Leadership Development Fund, the Junior Youth group and the Senior High Youth group. The Missions Committee decided not to participate in this fund raiser, as was advertised previously. Many thanks to Lincoln Park members who purchased coupon books at the church and at BonTon.

## Drama Ministry Forming This Fall!

From Becky Chadwick



Have you ever wondered if there was another method to illustrate scripture, possibly a more dramatic and exciting way to share God's message with others? The opportunity is here to discover and explore a drama ministry at Lincoln Park. I am looking for people to join me in exploring the possibilities of providing dramatic skits to all three worship services. Skits would be only 3 – 5 minutes in length.

How do you know if drama is the activity for you? If you answer yes to any of the following statements you are a great candidate for participation!

- I am between the age of 4 and 104.
- I take the opportunity to be the *ham* on all possible occasions.
- I am not afraid to stand and speak in front of large groups of people.
- I have a heart for God and want to spread His word!

We'll be looking at using puppets, acting, and dramatic readings to enhance the worship experience for all attending Lincoln Park's services. We also will explore doing some activities outside church for members of our community.

Please join me at an informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 13**, at 7 pm, in the Social Hall. If you have any questions, please contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207, or email me, [bbchadwick@msn.com](mailto:bbchadwick@msn.com).

---

*(Continued from page 10)*

ing workers in child care and Christian Education classes and programs will be contacted and asked to provide these clearances. Anyone involved with children and youth, birth through age 18, and serving in a regular capacity, will need to provide documentation. Clearance forms and procedures will be available from **Dorris McCoy** and the Church Office.

Persons having current clearances from their employers may provide these to be

on file in the Church Office. Payment assistance will be made available from the Christian Education budget unless workers wish to pay it as a contribution to the work of the church. Details and forms also will be reviewed by **Karen Osika**, Staff Parish Representative, and **Dorris McCoy** at the fall Teacher Gathering.



# Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

## Musical Offerings for the fall

**CHANCEL CHOIR**– supports the sermon in song weekly at the 10:45 Traditional service. Weekly practice Wednesdays 7:30- 9 pm.

**JOYFUL RINGERS**- adult bell choir, for those who'd like to ring a few times each year at the Traditional Service. Practice times to be announced.

**PRAISE BAND**– supports the sermon in song during the 9:15 Contemporary Service. Weekly practice Thursdays 8-9:30 pm.

**PRAISE CHOIR**- will sing a traditional style anthem for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter at the Contemporary Service. Practice times to be announced.

**PRAISE RINGERS**- will ring bells and/or chimes for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter Contemporary services. Practice Thursday evenings before scheduled performance, to be announced.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**- will rehearse during the Sunday School hour.

**CHRISTMAS SYMPHONIC BAND**- rehearses the first 3 Saturdays in December to perform at the 8 pm Christmas Eve service.

Please prayerfully consider if you will lend your gifts and talents to one or more of these ministries!

# STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

From Derek Ritenour

**Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)**



**Annual  
Stewardship  
Campaign**

Please reserve the following dates for the 2006 stewardship campaign:

**Sunday, October 9** will be CONSECRATION SUNDAY.

We'll place our pledges for 2006 on the Lord's altar.

Many programs supported by our pledges will be presented by our leaders, in person and by inserts in the bulletin on

**Sundays, September 18, 25 and October 2.** Please attend and receive your information first hand. In addition, you'll receive a detailed letter the week of September 12. Included will be information on the proposed 2006 budget and the programs it will support.

Lincoln Park United Methodist Church was founded to worship and serve the Lord. When you joined LPUMC, you promised to support it with your time, talent, and treasure. To both sustain and grow the church, we need to work together, and every member needs to contribute to the best of their abilities.

The chart outlines the 2005 pledges of LPUMC members. Pledges are nonbinding, but are important to the annual budget planning process. We can't afford a budget where expenses exceed income.

For 2006, please consider increasing your pledge so that we can grow the ministries of the church. If you're not currently pledging, please give it serious consideration for next year.

Pledges converted to per week	But less than	Number of Pledges
\$300	\$350	1
\$250	\$300	0
\$200	\$250	0
\$150	\$200	1
\$130	\$150	3
\$110	\$130	1
\$100	\$110	5
\$90	\$100	4
\$80	\$90	2
\$70	\$80	2
\$60	\$70	2
\$50	\$60	5
\$45	\$50	6
\$40	\$45	10
\$35	\$40	2
\$30	\$35	6
\$25	\$30	13
\$20	\$25	15
\$15	\$20	7
\$10	\$15	9
\$5	\$10	13
\$1	\$5	14
No Pledge		147

## Mission Committee Begins New Project



From Barbara Wenger, Chairperson

We hope you've all had a restful summer and are ready to get back to our projects, new and old. The Mission Committee appreciates all the help we receive to reach our goals, from the Youth Group and leader **Leah Easterday**, from Church School students, and from our faithful congregation, too!

This fall we need your help with a new project called **COATS FOR KIDS**, sponsored by Dry Cleaners Association and the Salvation Army, *because a warm child is always in style*. You can make a child happy this winter by donating coats, mittens, and hats for infants to children, size 10.

Please bring these items to church and drop them in the specially marked boxes, any time from **October 1 to November 30**. The clothes will be taken to a dry cleaner and then distributed to needy children by the Salvation Army. Please contact family and friends who may be cleaning out useable clothes that are no longer needed.

Many thanks again!

## Parish Resource Center Reschedules Teen Workshop

From Dorris McCoy

The Parish Resource Center in nearby Lancaster has re-scheduled its one-day seminar,

*KEEPING AND TEACHING YOUNG TEENAGERS IN THE CHURCH*, for **Saturday, October 22**, 9-3, lunch included. Presenting is the Rev. Dr. Paul Hill, a member of the faculty with Children, Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He has 35 years of experience in youth ministry.

The Rev. Hill comes ready to address the questions of

- so what do we do with early adolescent youth
- how do they learn
- why is this the perfect age to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Please call or see **Dorris** to join her in attending.



# Who Are They?

From Susie Romig

As soon as I tell you about this couple, you're going to know who it is, so I'll say flat out that this is about **Evelyn and Harvey Davidheiser**. It's meant to be a pat on the back to them and others in our church who have given many years of their time, talent, and treasure as pledged when they joined Lincoln Park Church.

Evelyn grew up on a farm near Lehighton, graduated from Penn State, and began a teaching career in home economics. Harvey grew up in Douglassville, went on to a school in New York to learn diesel mechanics, and was ready to move into a career of mechanics and truck driving.

Along came WW II. The day after Pearl Harbor, Harvey signed up to go in the Civil Service to the Canal Zone. For the next six years, he worked on diesel repairs of the stations where the US had the very new "radar" technology.

When the war ended, Evelyn was teaching in Pottstown. She roomed with a relative of Harvey's, and when he stopped by one day, as they say, *the rest is history*. They've been married 54 years.

Evelyn and Harvey joined LP Church in 1981. Many donations of their time to the church have been as a team. If Har-

vey got up on a ladder and painted windows, so did Evelyn. If Evelyn volunteered time to set up for a dinner, Harvey helped her. And we all benefited from the wonderful stash of decorations that Evelyn squirreled away over the years, be it Easter, Halloween, or any other occasion.



They were part of the group of retired volunteers who saved our church thousands of dollars in volunteer upkeep. When the quilters agreed to pay for a new toy shelf for the nursery, Harvey made it in his home shop, painted it blue, and delivered it a few weeks later. At Flea Market time, both of them spent

many hours helping **Elaine Meckes** and succeeding chairmen prepare for the big day.

Nowadays we don't see this couple as often as we'd like. Bad knees cause them to carefully manage their activities. They no longer cruise (they've been on 15), this year they gave up their garden, and most Sundays they worship at Calvary Methodist where there are fewer steps.

When we look at the beautiful brass candelabra on Sundays, which they donated, we can wish Evelyn, 84, and Harvey, 88, our blessings and many more years of togetherness.



## 2005 LINCOLN PARK UMC BLOOD DRIVE ANNOUNCED



### *Blood Drive*

From Jean  
Weikel

It's that time  
of year again  
when we need

to plan for our annual KEYSTONE-MILLER BLOOD DRIVE held at Lincoln Park Church. This year the blood drive will be held **Tuesday, September 20**, from 3 to 7 pm. Blood donors are eligible to give blood every 56 days. Registration forms will be provided in future church bulletins and also will be available in the Wagner Room and on the information table at the Contemporary Service. For any questions contact **Jean Weikel** at 610-777-3678.

## Craft Group Invites Your Participation

From Genevieve  
Matthews



Making craft kits for the youngsters who attend the First Baptist Church's after-school program will start toward the end of September. Watch the bulletin for the exact date. We've been making 45 kits weekly but understand we may have the opportunity to make a few more. We would love to have a few more ladies join our group.

We meet Thursdays from 1-3 pm. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. If you have questions, please call **Genevieve Matthews**, 610-670-9711

## Church School Teachers & Helpers To Meet

From Dorris McCoy



All Church School teachers, leaders, and helpers are invited to meet and greet one another and kick-off the beginning of the fall schedule on Wednesday, **September 7**, 6:30-8 pm, in Room 104. Child care will be provided.

Plan to review the resource changes, hear the update on abuse clearances, share your vision for Church School, and be in fellowship with fellow teachers (refreshments too). Persons who are interested in some area of teaching or educational ministry but are uncertain about where they'd like to serve are also encouraged to attend---anyone with questions is asked to contact **Dorris McCoy**.

**You Are Cordially Invited to the  
CHANCEL CHOIR  
First Seasonal Rehearsal  
and  
Ice Cream Social**



**Wednesday, September 7  
7:30 - 9 pm  
in the Choir Room**

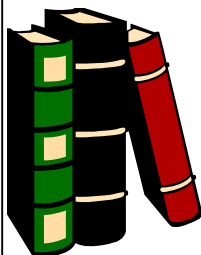
from Lin Umstead

Please join us for this rehearsal, but most importantly, to welcome our new organist/choir director, **Bev Perella**. Many of you have had the opportunity to meet Bev as she served as interim organist in January, 2004, and more recently as substitute organist this summer.



Bev has an extensive background in organ music and choral conducting. She is the chair of the language department of the Twin Valley High School, where she has taught German and Russian for many years. I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with such a fine and gifted individual.

Bev also enjoys baking in her spare time, and will be treating us to brownies along with our ice cream. Please join us, and feel free to bring a friend or two!



**Women's Book Club**

From Nancy Dettra

September's Book club selection is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Please join us for fellowship and a lively discussion on Monday, **September 26**, at 7 pm, at the Dettra's home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park.

## Prayer Ministry Celebrates Anniversary

From Loreen Miller



It's been one year since the first meeting of the **Sacred Circle**. It has been interesting to see the way the Holy Spirit works in our small group. Time and again we have experienced the love of Christ moving in our midst, bringing comfort and hope to people in need.

The **Sacred Circle** is a spiritual support group, offering personal prayer in a relaxed, confidential setting. Our group is open to men, women, boys and girls. Anyone in need of prayer is welcome. We all have troubling issues in our lives. Here you will find an atmosphere of trust, acceptance, and Christian love.

Sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month, weather permitting, at 7 pm, in Room 103. Our next four sessions are scheduled for September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

There is no commitment necessary, and you need not be a church member. These are *drop-in* meetings. Come as you are. If you've been seeking God's comfort and peace, the **Sacred Circle** may be your answer.

*The master is come, and calleth for thee.*

John 11:28 (RSV)

---

## Attend the Cornwall Manor Society's Harvest Bazaar & Open House

Saturday, October 1

8 am—2 pm

From Anna Mae Owens

All Harvest Bazaar proceeds benefit the Cornwall Manor Health Center and assisted living residents. Please make checks payable to *Cornwall Manor Society Bazaar* and send them to your area representative, Anna Mae Owens, 410 Lawrence Ave, Reading PA 19609-2306.

## Learning Options Offered

From Dorris McCoy



Group Publishing, whose materials LP uses in VBS and Church School, offers several options for leadership development this fall:

- + CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LIVE, in Harrisburg on **September 17**---tons of creative ideas for dynamic children's ministry
- + CREATING CONNECTIVITY IN YOUR CHURCH: A Small Group Leadership Experience---discover how to nurture and cultivate the power of Christ in your church's small groups---in Harrisburg, **October 22**
- + GROUP LIVE: BRING JESUS ALONG FOR THE RIDE---an all new, one-day Youth Ministry Workshop packed with practical ideas and tips to lead teens in a Jesus-centered life---in Harrisburg, on **October 29**, or Philadelphia, on **September 17**.

Please contact **Dorris McCoy** for details, directions, and registration info to attend these high-energy, spiritually enriching opportunities---or ask **Tracy Goldsborough** about the experience she had at last spring's children's ministry workshop in Lancaster.

### Coming Up for the Jr. Youth Group (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)



HORSEBACK RIDING  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
1:30 – 4:30 PM  
\$10/RIDER

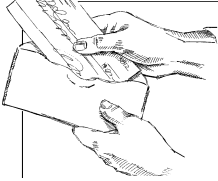
MUST PAY IN ADVANCE BY Sept 8 to  
**Tracy Goldsborough**

We'll meet at Skyline Stables.  
Parent Meeting will be held during horseback riding.  
Snack & drink will be provided.

# LIFTING UP The Endowment Fund

From Harold Perkins

## *Endowment Fund*



A number of members gave a total of \$290, using the June 30 Endowment Fund envelope. This brings the total in the Endowment Fund (EF) to \$60,754.

Your EF committee has been informed, confidentially, of an intended non-revocable Charitable Gift Annuity of \$10,000, which will provide immediate tax benefits and quarterly interest payments, based on age, to the donor. This is in addition to other similarly disclosed bequests or lifetime gifts amounting to \$6000.

The Committee stands ready to discuss various ways to consider a lifetime gift, such as a bequest by will, insurance, property, appreciated stocks, or charitable gift annuity. These gifts are expressions of one's wishes for the future of our *Living Church of God* seeking and sharing Christ.

Rolland Ackelson  
Allen Buchanan  
Dan Christopher

Ira Mohler  
Harold Perkins  
Don Schlosser



“Dogs teach us about faith, trust and devotion. They teach us how to devotedly serve a higher master, how to attend and wait and how to let go of a grudge. But most of all, they teach us about the meaning and experience of unconditional love.”

—Lama Surya Das,

From the book *Dog is My Co-Pilot*

## Attention Church Women United

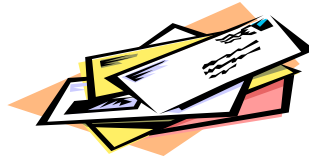
Our programs will resume again in October. The first program will be on Tuesday, October 11, at 1 pm, at Bern Lutheran Church, 820 West Leesport Rd.

The program will be *Identifying and Understanding Spiritual Boundaries in a Healthy Relationship*.

The speaker is the Executive Director of Berks Advocacy Against Violence, Rebecca Stubbs.

Everyone is invited, both men and women! Hope to see you there!

# From our mailbox



♥ I am overwhelmed with gratitude at the response from my church family. Prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, and the beautiful altar flowers were a joy to receive. All of these things have certainly lifted my spirits and helped with the healing process involved in total knee replacement.

Thanks for everything,  
Alice Kase

♥ Dear Members and Friends of  
LPUM Church,

I would like to thank everyone for their expressions of care and concern during my hospitalization and recovery from my recent hip surgery. The cards, calls, and visits were a great comfort to

me, and I am grateful for all the support from my friends and fellow members here at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church. Thanks again and best regards to everyone.

Love,  
Mike Wardrop

♥ To Everyone Involved in LP's Bible School,

I say it every year – how much my children look forward to Bible school even as they get older. I can't thank you enough for all you do and continue to do. I hope you continue with this wonderful summer tradition. My girls have learned so much. Thank you again. You truly are an amazing and special group.

Ruth Gaven

♥ I want to express my appreciation to the many church members who sent cards, phoned me, and, especially, prayed for my recovery since my accident. Special thanks to Pastor Larry for his visits and Betty Frederickson for her special caring. August 7<sup>th</sup> was a long-awaited day for me — when I could return to worship with my fellow parishioners

Mary Griffiths



Family and Friends of  
**Elizabeth Brown** who passed away on July 6. Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, Zoe Tenley, and sons, E. Michael Brown, and Peter Brown. She was born in Adamstown on February 19, 1916.

# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



September  
12  
for our  
October  
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.

Our staff-

Editor: Cheri Fallon , 610-678-8735

Assistant Editor: Debbie Harvey

Staff: Nancy Artz, Bunny Carlson, Ginny Freyling, Kathleen Hogg, Gloria Kotzer, Elaine Meckes, Suzanne Romig, Doris Schucker, and Barbara Wenger

## Change of Address

Matthew Brown  
100 4th Ave S Apt 139  
Saint Petersburg FL 33701-4367

Alyssa Chandler  
2 Carlisle Ave  
Reading Pa 19609-2419

Dr. Steven Fallon  
637 Chase St  
Annapolis MD 21401

Nan Ferree  
7296 Route 580 Hwy  
Cherry Tree PA 15724-6910

Kelsey Johnston-McCormack  
7027 N Draycott PL  
Peoria Il 61615-9295

Sharon Owens  
PO Box 2723  
West Lawn PA 19609-0723

Polly Stark  
The Highlands at Wyomissing  
2000 Cambridge Ave, Apt 286  
Wyomissing PA 19610

## Birthdays in September (age 1 to 10 years old)

Jalynn Laity	1 year old
Ashley Ritenour	3 years old
Madysen Raimo	4 years old
Peighton Schwalm	4 years old
Logan Horst	6 years old
Benjamin Kostival	6 years old
Caitlyn Panase	6 years old
Shelby Button	8 years old
Lexie Gartner	9 years old
Benjamin Lessig	9 years old
Logan Mulally	10 years old

## Birth



Congratulations to  
**Robert and Sally  
Lamm** on the birth of  
**Nathan John** on

July 9. Nathan has an older brother,  
**William**. May God bless Nathan and  
the whole Lamm family.



**Fall  
Worship  
Schedule**

**...resumes Sunday, September 11**

Traditional Worship- 8:15 & 10:45 am

Contemporary Worship- 9:15 am

Christian Education- 9:30 & 10:45 am

**Come join us.**

Worship with us:	8:15 & 10:45 am (Traditional Worship)	
	9:15 am (Contemporary Worship in Social Hall)	
Office hours	9 am-3 pm Mon-Fri.	Pastor: Larry Carl, 610-670-1022
Office phone	610-777-1422	Dir of Education: Dorris McCoy, 610-777-6128
Ext: Kitchen	28; Rm 200 35;	Dir of Music: Linda Umstead
Ed Bldg	40; Nursery 39	Secretary: Sandy Bressi
Fax line	610-777-4309	Editor: Cheri Fallon, 610-678- 8735
Voice mail	Pastor Larry 44, Sandy Bressi 21,	cherfallon@comcast.net, debharv3@verizon.net
	Linda Umstead 26, Dorris McCoy 24,	Nursery:Gabi Antunes/Amy Krebs/Holly Newman
	Nancy Brown 29, Leah Easterday 42	Worship Leader: Becky Chadwick
Web:	www.lpcumc.org	Bookkeeper: Nancy Brown
		UMYF Leader: Leah Easterday
		Custodian: Mark Bisignaro
E-mail:	lpumc@verizon.net (church), lpumcpastor@verizon.net (Pastor Carl),	
	dmccoy2@verizon.net (Dorris McCoy), musicdir@verizon.net (Lin Umstead),	
	lpumcbkpr@verizon.net (Nancy Brown)	

## *NEWS-LINC*

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church  
1 Carlisle Avenue  
Reading, PA 19609

**Non-Profit Organization**  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Reading, PA  
Permit No. 233

*Change service requested*