

News-Line

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

October, 2005

Let There Be Music

From Suzanne Romig

We Welcome Beverly Perella to our Music Ministry

Lincoln Park church welcomes **Beverly Perella** as the new Organist, Choir Director, and Bell Choir Director for the traditional worship service. She has taken over the 10:45 service and has begun to organize the choir immediately, so if you're in the mood for singing, here's your chance.

Beverly is a language teacher in the Twin Valley School District by

vocation, but her avocation has been music. Her musical training includes six years of vocal training, 12 years of organ training, and 15 years of piano training. She has said that she can hardly wait to see what our organ can do!



Beverly's church experience has included 10 years at Grace Lutheran Church as Organist-Choir Director, 10 years as Organist at Reformation Lutheran in Exeter, four years as Director of Christian Education and Youth at Holy Spirit Lutheran, and four years as Head Organist and Choir Director/Substitute Cantor at St. Catherine's.

In addition to church experience, Beverly has appeared in local musicals, including playing the role of Golda in *Fiddler on the Roof*. She has been Mu-

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, October 2, – 20th Sunday after Pentecost – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – SPECIAL OFFERING – The sermon will be entitled *Getting To Know You!* based on Philippians 3:8, *More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, October 9 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost – STEWARDSHIP/COMMITMENT SUNDAY – The sermon will be entitled *Peace!* based on Philippians 4:7, *And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Sunday, October 16 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – LAITY SUNDAY - Our Lay Leader, **Jerry Pawlikowski**, will be in charge of services on this date.

Sunday, October 23 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – The sermon will be entitled *Why Are We Doing This?* based on I Thessalonians . . . *just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.*

Sunday, October 30 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost – REFORMATION SUNDAY – THERE WILL BE NO 8:15 SERVICE ON THIS DATE – The sermon for the **9:15** service will be *An Encouraging Word* based on I Thessalonians 2:11-12, *As you know, we dealt with each one of you as a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.* At **10:45**, a special program, *Harp in the Bible*, will be presented.

Lection Lessons for October

Sunday, October 2 – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46; Psalter: Psalm 19

Sunday, October 9 – Exodus 32:1-14; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Psalter: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Sunday, October 16 – Exodus 33:12-23; I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:34-46
Psalter: Psalm 99

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Sunday, October 23– Deuteronomy 34:1-12; I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46; Psalter: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Sunday, October 30 – Joshua 3:7-17; I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
Psalter: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37



In his letter to the church at Philippi, the apostle Paul wrote: *I press on toward the goal for . . . the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

From Pastor Larry

Sunday, October 2 is WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, a global, interdenominational celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As we share in this special communion Sunday we are aware that we still are pressing on toward that goal that the apostle wrote about.

When we United Methodists celebrate WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, we take a special offering that goes to help young people who are pressing on toward life goals. The WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY offering provides Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students, Crusade Scholarships for international and U. S. racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students, and scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority persons seeking second careers in church-related vocations.

Our WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY gifts enable persons to *press on toward the goal* of serving God in life-changing ministries, even as our celebration of the sacrament reminds us that we are all called through the grace of God to serve in the name of the One who has loved us and redeemed us.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

When I came into ministry, I was an idealist. I suppose in my church involvement as a young person I was never part of the “reality church.” And so I entered ministry believing that people really did live by Biblical and spiritual guidelines. I knew about the disputes in the early church as recorded in Scripture, but I thought that was in the “olden days” and we are so much more sophisticated and knowledgeable now. Surely, we’ve gotten beyond all that.

Even though I’ve discovered that we haven’t gotten beyond all that, I will leave ministry still an idealist. That is, I honestly believe that there is an ideal to which we are called as the church of Jesus Christ. Just because we fail in living out that ideal does not mean that it ceases to exist; it still stands as our goal – and as our judge!

As I watched the images of the wrath of hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, I heard many newscasters say that the storm brought out both the best and the worst in people. There are times when the life of the church seems to bring out the worst in people when it ought always to bring out the best.

I think of all the people who have stood in front of me and the congregation and took vows, made covenant, to be faithful participants in the life of the church, but did not live up to those vows. I have always sought to take people at face value and have wrestled with whether many who stood before the congregation might have perjured themselves, never intend-

THOUGHTS ON APPROACHING RETIREMENT

ing to keep the vows they made. I grieve for the potential loss to both the individual and the church. Surely our best is better than that!

There are those who have cut and run. Something doesn’t please them. They don’t like the form of the service. They don’t get anything out of the sermon. They don’t like that John Jones has been made Lay Leader. So they cut out and run someplace else – until something there doesn’t please them. I came into the ministry believing that the life of the church was not so much about us but about building the kingdom of God and serving the Christ, that people of faith and commitment, when they saw a need in the church for things to be different, would work with Christian love and grace to make them what they needed to be.

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When we moved to Berks County, I remember billboards advertising a health insurance company and proclaiming, *It's all about you!* Sadly, too many people in the church believe *It's all about me!* They will do whatever they need to do, say whatever they need to say, hurt whomever they need to hurt, go wherever they need to go, to have it their way and get what they want. I grieve what the cause of the gospel has suffered with such attitudes. Surely our best is better than that.

I share this with you not to point fingers or level blame but to let you know that in the years I have been in ministry these things have been the greatest source of disappointment and frustration for me. They are the things that sadden and grieve me about the church.

People have told me that my view on things is not realistic. They are probably right. I neither understand nor like so-called “reality TV.” I don’t understand or like “reality church” – if that’s what it is. I will leave ministry an idealist, grieving the church’s failure to live up to the ideals that it was given by the one who is the Lord of the Church.



On a hillside in Pottstown, PA, sits Second Baptist Church, an African-American congregation. For the 11 years I served in Pottstown, Second Baptist’s outdoor sign proclaimed, *Let the Church be the Church!* That’s the ideal I longed to see: the church being the church, being what the Lord intended and called it to be.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds. (Romans 12:2a)

Pastor Larry



Deepen Your Relationship With God

ALPHA AND MORE

ALPHA & Additional Learning Opportunities will be offered Sundays from 5 pm – 7:30 pm, from **October 2 through November 6** at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church.

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

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- **TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES** - Noon to 1:30 pm, October 4 through November 8, presenting *A Life Worth Living* – based on Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Nicky Gumbel’s video leads us through this biblical study examining the changed life of a Christian.

Please indicate your choices using the registration form on page 7.

Leadership Opportunities Abound in Christian Ed

From Dorris McCoy

Many opportunities exist to pass on the Biblical story, connect God's Word and grace to learners' lives, and build Christian friendships. To explore how your God-given uniqueness can influence the lives of LP's children, youth, and adults, contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or **Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422 ext. 24 or 610-777-6128.



Enjoy the excitement of weaving faith into life via teaching, dancing, singing, acting, organizing, recruiting, advertising, developing computer use in CE, cooking--your choice! Specific needs include teachers and helpers for our new **KIDS OWN WORSHIP** program offered at 10:45 am. Group opening and closing activities are held together in the Lounge, with graded sections (Preschool, 1-3 and 4-6) in classrooms. Come share your gifts!

Sunday ALPHA & MORE Registration Form

(check one Sunday course)

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| ALPHA | _____ | (10/2-11/6 5pm-7:30 pm, includes dinner) |
| Christian Parenting Series | _____ | (10/2-11/6 5pm-7:30 pm, includes dinner) |
| Understanding Islam | _____ | (10/2-11/6 5pm-7:30 pm, includes dinner) |
| Confronting the Controversies | _____ | (10/2-11/6 5pm-7:30 pm, includes dinner) |
| Tuesday Brown Bag Series | _____ | (10/4-11/8 Noon- 1:30 pm, bring lunch) |

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please return **ALPHA & MORE** registration forms by **Tuesday, September 27**, to the church office or in the drop boxes located in the Wagner Room or the Social Hall. Call the church office, 610-777-1422, with questions.

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE - Free, professionally supervised children's activities for the youngest set!

Children's Names: _____

Ages: _____

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

Yes

You are the God who is simple, direct, clear with us and for us.

You have committed yourself to us.

You have said yes to us in creation,
yes to us in our birth,
yes to us in our baptism,
yes to us in our awakening this day.

But we are of another kind,
more accustomed to “perhaps, maybe, we’ll see,”
left in wonderment and ambiguity.

We live our lives not back to your yes,
but out of our endless “perhaps.”

So we pray for your mercy this day that we may live yes back to you,
yes with our time,
yes with our money,
yes with our strength and with our weakness,
yes to our neighbor,
yes and no longer “perhaps.”

In the name of your enfleshed yes to us,
even Jesus who is our yes into your future. Amen.

---Walter Brueggemann,
Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth

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 & Linda Hope

Come--check out our fall CHURCH SCHOOL schedule and join one of LP's Sunday morning options! Church School coincides with the fall worship schedule. Sundays in October take children and teachers to the Book of Genesis and the stories of

- ▶ Noah building the ark
- ▶ God flooding the earth
- ▶ the building of the tower of Babel
- ▶ Abram following God's direction
- ▶ Lot & Abram dividing the land.

9:30 am

CHILDREN - activities for ages 3 through 3rd grade, including one class for 3-5 year olds and another for 1st through 3rd graders. Children will begin this session following the Children's Message at the 9:15 worship service.

ADULTS - a Lectionary Class taught by **Norm Dettra** will be offered in the Library.

10:45 am

CHILDREN - use KIDS OWN WORSHIP resources, with a format similar to VBS. Children gather first in the Choir Room/Lounge for music and story introductions, dismiss for classes, and return

for closing music, drama and celebrations. Classes include:

- Preschool (3, 4 & 5 year olds)
- Early Elementary (Grades 1, 2 & 3)
- Juniors (Grades 4, 5 & 6)

Watch and listen when children will soon share some of their theme songs in worship!

YOUTH - in grades 7-12 - will meet in the Youth Room (103) for discussion and study, facilitated by **Penny Snook**.

ADULTS are invited to join **Earl Hope** in the Library for challenging dialogue as they conclude the video series *The New Testament*. The group will begin a new series entitled *Jesus and the Gospels*, a 3-part series, each containing 12 lessons, which focus on the Gospels as literary compositions.

Join the lifelong journey of learning what it means to have Jesus as your friend! Find answers to your spiritual questions! Bring yourself, your kids and a friend to Sunday morning CHURCH SCHOOL.

*Please note that on **Sunday, October 30**, the 10:45 am classes for children will not meet. All children are encouraged to attend worship with their family to hear the Marini Family's *Harps in the Bible* program (see page 13 for related article.) Child care will be provided in the nursery.



Looking ahead.....

Tuesday, November 1 - **OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUPPER** -
Prepare and Serve! With offers to help, please call **Jerry
Evaul**, 610-927-1692.

Confirmation Class Announced

From Pastor Larry Carl



Once again, a Confirmation Class will be organized and begin meeting in January. These classes are open to anyone who has completed at least 6th grade and/or others who, in consultation with the pastor, are deemed prepared to undertake confirmation studies. If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact me.

Please complete the attached coupon and return it to me - or the office - no later than November 15. This will give me time to order materials and prepare for the class.

Young people enrolled in Confirmation Class are expected to be present in class and to attend worship services and church school. A meeting for interested young people and their parents will be held in early December.

Confirmation Class Enrollment Form

Name _____

Last Grade Completed _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Baptized _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, date and place _____

Parent's Signature _____

PLEASE RETURN TO PASTOR LARRY OR THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
NOVEMBER 15

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sic and Stage Director of Twin Valley School musicals for 19 years. (Where does she get all that energy?)

Taking graduate courses has also been important to Beverly, and she has continued to do so since receiving her Bachelor's Degree at Kutztown. She studied on a fellowship in the summer of 1988 at the University of Bremen in Germany, and has taught German and Russian at Twin Valley HS since 1979.

Beverly raised two sons who are now grown. Timothy lives in California and Andrew in Conshohocken.

As a church family I know you will welcome Beverly and assist her in any way to help the bells ring, choir sing, and to hear the organ play time-honored music. Put out the welcome mat for Beverly!

Upcoming Workshops

From Dorris McCoy

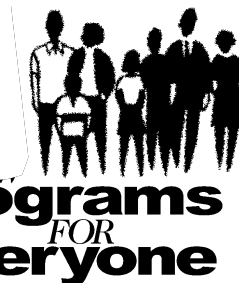
Parish Resource Center - *Keeping & Teaching Young Teenagers in the Church* - **Saturday, October 22**, 9 am - 3 pm with lunch provided. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul Hill, Professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Group Publishing's Children's Ministry LIVE Workshop - Get "OUT OF THE BOX" and explore surprisingly simple things you can do to create a dynamic children's ministry and church school experience. In Allentown on **October 15** and in Lancaster on **November 12**.

Youth Ministry LIVE Workshop - delve into the National Study of Youth and Religion, pursue the real Jesus, train for critical thinking, recreate the parables, network with area youth leaders. In Middletown, PA, on **Saturday, October 29**.

Small Group Ministry Training - Growing churches have strong small group ministries. Discover why and how to encourage small group growth at LP. In Harrisburg, **October 22**.

To attend upcoming Christian Education Leadership Workshops, please call **Linda Hope** (610-670-9731) or **Dorris McCoy** (610-777-1422 ext. 24 or 610-777-6128).



Missions Committee News

From Barbara Wenger

On September 13, The Missions Committee began its usual meeting with a prayer from **Pastor Larry**. **Kathy Avedissian**, **Shirley Cline**, **Alice Kase**, **Anna Mae Owens**, attended, and Youth Leader **Leah Easterday** was introduced to all.

The UMCOR Relief Fund will receive \$1,500 from the Missions Committee, in support of Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts.

The next meeting will be October 4, at 7 pm.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE, CHURCH SCHOOL, AND YOUTH INVITE YOUR HELP
FOOD DRIVE BEGINS OCTOBER 10



Please bring in non-perishable food, such as cereals, canned goods (soups, fruits, vegetables), pastas and sauces, crackers, rice, boxed meal mixes, baked good mixes, or other dry food items. We'll be collecting these items in the Education Building and worship areas beginning **October 10** and continuing into November.

All donations will be sent to the Soup Kitchen at Central Park United Methodist Church in Reading for their food pantry. Please contact **Anna Mae Owens**, 610-777-4651, for more information

Ten Thousand Villages: Invest In Your World

From Dorris McCoy

Make a statement about living wages for all God's people! Experience foods, crafts, and cultures from all around the world! Explore how you can make a "LIVING GIFT," speaking the language of peace! Do all this by visiting and shopping at TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES, a nonprofit program of the Mennonite Central Committee, in nearby Ephrata. For brochures, directions, and special event calendar, go online at <http://ephrata.tenthousandvillages.com> or call 717-721-8400.



Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

We are honored to have the Marini family present their popular *Harps in the Bible* program. Harps were used for a number of purposes in Bible days:

- ♪ worship on earth
- ♪ worship in Heaven
- ♪ prophecy
- ♪ as an aid in meditation.

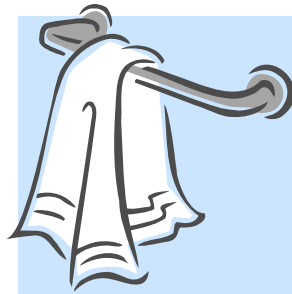
We'll consider each of these as we look at related Bible passages and listen to appropriate song selections. Musical selections will be performed by members of the Marini family on harp, piano, violin, cello, bowed psaltery, and pennywhistle.

Please join us on **Sunday, October 30**, at the 10:45 traditional service to glorify God with harps and hearts and voices.

Towel Collection Extended

From Linda Hope

Since Dorris can't journey to Baltimore yet, you are gifted with extra time to purge your linen closets of those bath towels you've been meaning to replace. All towels collected will be used in Lovely Lane UMC's outreach to the homeless in their community. Please bag and drop clean towels in the church office. With questions, contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731.



A Traditional, Blended, or Contemporary Service?

From Dr. Marcos D. Flores, Director of Worship Arts,
Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church, Vero Beach, Florida
Used with his permission and contributed by Mary Griffith and Pastor Larry Carl

Psalm 150 RSV

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his exceeding greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Which is the right way to worship God? Is there only one way to worship God? What kind of worship is the proper one? What kind of music genres and instruments does God want us to use for worship?

These and many other questions are commonly debated topics in the majority of churches worldwide. Broad terms such as *traditional*, *blended*, and *contemporary* attempt to define several worship styles in the church of today. However, this terminology cannot always include what is considered traditional, blended, or contemporary for everyone, and in many cases the lines are often crossed. Moreover, what was labeled traditional

or contemporary in previous generations is not what we call traditional or contemporary today. The same rationale tells us that this trend will continue.

Nevertheless, some general characteristics involving these contrasting worship styles are present in most denominations and independent churches of our times. A traditional service usually employs:

- ♪ the organ and/or piano for accompaniment with natural acoustics
- ♪ a chancel choir mainly singing anthems in a four-part harmony setting
- ♪ the use of sacred-classical music and hymnals as the main musical source.

In contrast, the contemporary service usually employs:

- ♪ a praise-band with electronic and instruments usually associated with popular music
- ♪ a small ensemble of leading vocalists with microphones primarily singing melody with occasional harmony
- ♪ the use of Christian lyrics adapted to popular music often inspired by current and living Christian artists.

As a result, a blended service freely employs elements from both of these styles.

While elements such as congregational singing, prayers, scripture reading, hom-

ily, offertory, and communion are present in the traditional, blended, and contemporary services, it is really the way in which they are presented and performed that makes them unique.

Psalm 150 gives us an excellent example of how we should worship God. What does it really say? Does it lead us towards the traditional, blended, or the contemporary service? I am not a theologian, but I don't think that this psalm tells us what kind of music genre we should employ in worship.

Instead, this passage is rather very inclusive by representing different families of instruments that have gradually evolved throughout the centuries, such as brass, string-based instruments, other wind-based instruments, and even percussion. Moreover, Psalm 150 calls for everything that breathes to praise the Lord with music and even with dance. The point is that all musical instruments can be used in any type of service; it is the musical intent of the instruments and the performers which makes the difference.

Other scripture passages address the repertoire to be used in worship.

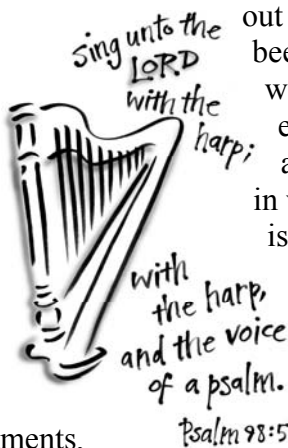
- Ephesians 5:19 – Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making mel-

ody in your heart to the Lord, and
- Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

While hymns have remained as an icon of the sacred literature throughout the ages, the song form has been exploited in the secular world. Church history reveals an endless cycle in the argument about the use of secular music in worship: as soon as secularism takes over completely, a reform calls for a return to the original sacred elements. The bottom line is that the Bible teaches us that praising God involves primarily our entire being, our spirituality oriented to lift praises to God, and that the gift of music and other arts, and their rich forms and resources, should be also dedicated for the glory of our Lord. After all, music and art are an expression of humanity. Culture, time, and personal experiences play a big role in art forms, allowing a wide spectrum of the human condition to be expressed.

Christ By the Sea is aware of the need to spread the gospel to as many

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people as possible. Having traditional, blended, and contemporary services is living testimony of our mission to reach our goal as Disciples of Christ by unconditionally opening our doors to different people with different ways to praise God.

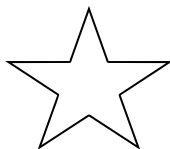
What a joy to have an organ next to a drum set, a piano next to an electric guitar, and so forth. God is not grading which service is better than the other, or which service has the proper worship style, or about the specific selection of musical genres and instruments employed. As long as our spirits adore only God, let us express our hearts out as breathing beings with the beautiful gift of the arts. AMEN!

Amen!

Model A Christ-Filled Life for Generations

From Dorris McCoy

To help LP comply with the Eastern PA Conference's mandate that abuse clearances be required for all paid and volunteer workers in children's and youth ministries, please submit your CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK AND CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE forms to **Linda Hope** or the church office ASAP. Forms and assistance are available by contacting CE Chair, **Linda Hope** (610-670-9731).



Did You Know...a team from LPUMC is the 2005 League Champion for the Berks County Softball League. Congratulations!



Stay Tuned for Jr. Youth Plans (4th, 5th, 6th Graders)

From Tracy Goldsborough

Jr. Youth fellowship for October has not been scheduled yet. Keep your eye out for a post-card in October. Whatever it is, it will be fun and you won't want to miss it.

Church Conference Set

From Pastor Larry Carl

Our Church Conference will be held on Friday evening, **October 14**, presided by the **Rev. Ralph Blanks**, our new district superintendent. He will meet with the Staff/Parish Relations Committee at 6 pm and with the Church/Charge Conference at 7 pm.

If you are a member of the Church Council, you are expected to attend the 7 pm meeting; all members of the congregation are invited to this meeting as well. The Staff/Parish meeting is for members of that committee only.

IF YOU BUILD IT, HE WILL COME!

By Jerry Pawlikowski



Are you seeking a relationship with God? Are you looking to re-new your relationship or do you want to experience an even deeper more rewarding relationship with God?

You are invited to build or strengthen your foundation for spiritual growth at the fall 2005 Church-wide Retreat. **Sara Davis-Shappell**, former LPCMC pastor and Executive Director of Spiritual Renewal Ministries will lead us as we examine and renew our faith, strengthen our church family relationships, and nurture our individual relationship with God.

Our weekend of building begins **Friday, November 18**, at 6 pm, at the Maria Wald Retreat Center in Shillington and concludes **Saturday, November 19**, at 4:30 pm. A \$40 registration fee includes three meals and overnight lodging. Overnight lodging is encouraged but not mandatory. Childcare during the retreat is available on request.

NOVEMBER 2005 CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

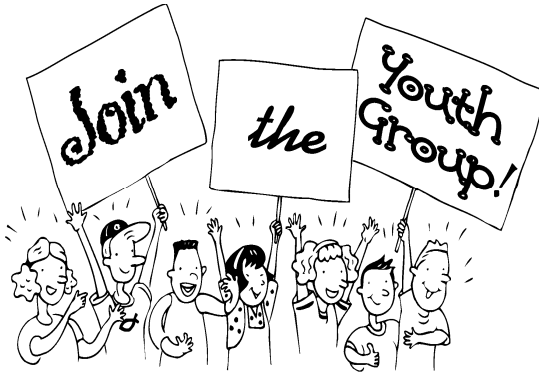
Enclose a check for \$40 per person and mail with this form to:
LPUMC, 1 Carlisle Avenue, Reading, PA 19609. Attn: Christian Education.
Registration deadline is **October 30**.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

YOUTH-TEENS

From Leah Easterday, Youth Leader
easterdayleah@hotmail.com
610-987-0910; cell: 610-763-8844



Please mark your calendars with the future meeting dates of the UMYF. We'll meet the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of every month at 12 pm in the Youth Church School Room in the Education Building, unless other plans are made.

I encourage all youth in grades 7-12 to come and join us!

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP!

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| October 2 | To Be Announced |
| October 15 | Potato Bar, Chili, Soup, Salad – Talent Show, organized by Andy |
| November 5-6 | Lock-In at the Church |
| November 20 | Visit the Highlands to share Thanksgiving cheer. (We will not be participating in the service. We'll be handing out homemade cards.) |
| December 4 | Ice Skating |
| December 18 | Christmas Caroling |

Please keep in mind that these plans may change, but we'll try to stick with this schedule.

MISSIONS

We'll continue to help the Missions Committee this fall. They've asked that we help collect items for their activities:

- ☀ October: Collection of food, all non-perishable items. (The Food Bank has also requested money, so that food can be shipped south to New Orleans.)
- ☀ November: Operation XMAS Child



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



October 12
for our
November
issue



**From our
mailbox**

♥ Dear LP Friends,

What a blessing for Fred and me to have LP Church as our church family! I've known it all along these many years as I journeyed with you all in our Christian Education ministries, events, and programs. And even more so now, your love, encouraging prayers, supportive cards, "Methodist" food tradition and "step-to-the-plate" attitude have made God's presence and healing power all the more real as I recuperate from my fall and subsequent surgery.

Thank you one and all for working so generously with me. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your comforting touch. I look forward to returning and serving with you when given the medical green light to go forward! God Bless you all! May God's peace and joy be with you and in you,

-Dorris and Fred McCoy

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Birthdays in October

(age 1 to 10 years old)

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| Jacob Gehman | 8 years old |
| Julia Gehman | 8 years old |
| Taylor Epler | 10 years old |

Hey Moms!

From Lisa Gallagher



Before you completely fill up your fall schedule will all those "good" things, consider the "best" thing you can do for your children...**PRAY!**

MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL (MITI) is an interdenominational organization of mothers meeting one hour each week to pray for their children and the schools they attend. To start or join a MOMS IN TOUCH group, contact:

- ♥ Loie Readdy, 610-775-9441
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www.MomsInTouch.org



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