

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania November, 2005

This Silent Auction Item Is An Invitation...A Holiday Get-Together at the Home of George and Debbie Pyle

hen you come to Lincoln Park's Autumn Auction on Sunday, November 12, in the Social Hall, you may get *two* evenings of fun and fellowship. In addition to the hoopla and food that are part of this year's auction, you'll have another opportunity.

You'll be able to place your bids in a silent auction to attend another special evening of food, fun, fellowship, and caroling at the home of George and Debbie Pyle.

A maximum of 60 bids will be accepted for this special evening — Saturday, December 17, 6—10:30 pm. Open-

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ing bids start at \$15. The Pyles live at 24 Weaver Rd, Sinking Spring. (610-678-1242)

You can read more about our 23rd Annual Autumn Auction on p. You

Operation Christmas Child

From Alice Kase

Shoeboxes For the fourth year

for kids our congregation has been asked to help send gift-filled shoe boxes to children, a project of SAMARI-TAN PURSE. Their

aim is to deliver boxes to over 7 million children in 95 countries. These children have suffered through war, poverty, neglect, and disasters.

During the past three years, Lincoln (Continued on page 5)

WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, November 6 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY – HOLY COMMUNION – The sermon will be entitled, "I Hope!" based on I Thessalonians 4:13, *But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.*

SUNDAY SERVICES Sunday, November 13 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost – The sermon will be entitled, "What Are You Going To Do With That?" based on I Thessalonians 5:4-5, 11, But you, beloved,

are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Sunday, November 20 – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – The sermon will be entitled, "Thanks! I Needed That!" based on Ephesians 1:15-16, *I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.*

Sunday, November 27 – 1^{ST} SUNDAY IN ADVENT – The sermon will be entitled, "It's In The Stars!" based on Isaiah 64:1a, *O that you would tear open the heavens and come down*, and Mark 13:25-26, *And the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.*

Lection Lessons for November

Sunday, November 6 – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13; Psalter: Psalm 78:1-7

Sunday, November 13 – Judges 4:1-7; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30 Psalter: Psalm 123

Sunday, November 20 – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46; Psalter: Psalm 100

Sunday, November 27 – Isaiah 64:1-9, I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37 Psalter: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

A Poem for All Saints' Day



Dr. Robert Redcay, who attends our 9:15 am service, wrote the following poem in memory of his beloved wife, **Lynn**.

To The Loss of a Loved One

How do I keep on going? How do I weather the storm?

When everything seems lost and all wrong.
Almighty God is with me His love is here to stay.

I will keep on trying to find a better day.

But the road is rough and rocky, and there are snags along the way.

I know that I will meet them, and overcome them I pray.

So I go along in plodding though the days are long and drear.

Yet I must believe that some time there will be a rainbow that will again make life bright and clear.

Mission Committee Prepares Health Kits for Hurricane Victims

From Barbara Wenger

The Mission Committee has been busy in September and October putting together 100 Health Kits for Hurricane Katrina victims. They were delivered to Holy Cross United Methodist Church and will be given out through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief.)

I wish to thank all members of the committee for serving others in this way. Always do for other people everything you want them to do for you.

-Matthew 7:12

Bishop Matthews Comes to Reading

Reading Area
United Methodist Men's Dinner
Monday, November 14, 6 pm
West Lawn United Methodist Church
15 Woodside Ave, West Lawn

Originally from Florence, SC, Bishop Matthews is a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary.

Join us to welcome Bishop Matthews to Reading.

There will be a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the meal.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

Continuing

thoughts on

approaching

retirement

ommenting on my October News-Linc article, someone said, You must be disappointed. Yes, there have been many times when I have been disappointed in ministry: disappointed with the church in general, disappointed with specific people in the church. But that is often the nature of interpersonal relations, isn't it?

More often than disappointment I have had a deep sense of appreciation for the opportunities that have been mine, for the people I have had the privilege to know and work with

The apostle Paul, writing to the church in Corinth noted, God has been kind enough to trust us with this work. That's why we never give up. . .Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble God is with us. (II Corinthians 4:1, 8b-9a, CEV) The longer I have been in ministry the more I know that, even with its challenges, it is a trust that comes from God who gives the power necessary for the task.

As Brenda and I have often remarked, what we remember is the good times we have shared in ministry with God's people in the churches we have served. The troubling times pass quickly from one's

mind when set against the good experiences we have had and the wonderful friendships we have developed. We are blessed to have many people from former churches that are now counted among our friends.

We recall things like impromptu Sunday afternoon picnics with church mem-

bers at the parsonage in Effort, gatherings in the Bailey's home in Warminster, those special Wednesday evenings in Pottstown. In each of these experiences – and so many more – we have been encouraged in our ministry and have found the

blessings of good and lasting friendships.

I have been blessed to share with families in many different occasions, from times of joy in baptisms, confirmations, and weddings to times of testing and sorrow in the midst of family crises and the loss of loved ones. In each of these situations I have felt God's trust and power. From each situation I have grown and have found a new sense of appreciation for the bond that is ours in the church of Jesus Christ.

Many people have joined me in ministry in the churches I have served. I know

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that I could never have done what needed to be done by myself. Added to whatever abilities God gave me were the talents and time of those people who saw a need and/or an opportunity and embraced it. I count it a blessing to have shared with them this ministry, this sacred trust.

Reflecting on my time in ministry, I remember again the words of the apostle Paul to his friends in Philippi: Every time I think of you, I thank my God. And whenever I mention you in my prayers, it makes me happy. This is because you have taken part with me in spreading the good news from the first day you heard about it. . . You have a special place in my heart. So it is only natural for me to feel the way I do. All of you have helped me in the work God has given me. (Philippians 1:3-4, 7)

I have been blessed in this trust from God!

In Christ,

Pastor Larry

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Park has collected a total of 300 boxes—68 boxes in 2002, 100 boxes in 2003, and 132 boxes in 2004. For 2005, let's increase our goal to 150 boxes.

How can you help?

- * Pick up a shoe box in the Wagner Room.
- * Follow the brochure instructions.
- * Fill the box with gifts
- * Pray for the child who will receive your gift box.

Return boxes as soon as possible. **November 21** is the last collection day. Any questions, call **Alice Kase**, 610-777-7194.





What's Coming Up and Going On In Christian Education

From Dorris McCoy

Kids, youth, adults of all ages and entire families are encouraged to participate in the following:

- ▶ Join with the MISSIONS COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE by bringing nonperishable food items (cereals, pasta, macaroni & cheese, canned fruits & veggies, tuna, beans, rice, etc.) to specially decorated boxes in the Wagner Room, Social Room and Education Building
- ► HANGING OF THE GREENS is for everybody! Eat supper, work together to decorate the church, and sing carols--kids create holiday crafts--all on Friday, **December 2**, 6-8:30 pm.
- ▶ Rehearsals for *The Living Creche--A Children's Christmas Pageant* will be at noon, Sundays, **December 4, 11,** and **18** for preschoolers through 6th graders. Parent helpers also welcomed! This pageant will be presented at the 6 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service. With questions, see **Lin Umstead** or **Dorris McCoy**. Does anyone have a cow or donkey costume?
- ➤ **Sacred Circle** for prayerful and group support--**Tuesday, November 8**, Room 103. Questions, call **Loreen Miller**, 610-777-8185.
- ▶ ALPHA AND MORE FALL SERIES concludes Sunday, November 6. Thank you to all small group leaders, cooks, hostesses and children's activity workers who helped us eat, fellowship and grow our faith!

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!

Responsible Stewards - Recycle Respect the Environment!

From Dorris McCoy



Be a responsible steward of God's precious and beautiful creation by bringing plastics, junk mail and waxed cartons not taken by your local township recycle programs. Bag, smash, flatten, or tie items to use every inch of our limited van space and drop at the church office 9-9:30 am, **Saturday, November 12**. Adult and youth helpers are encouraged to contact Recycle Coordinator, **Jen Hope**, 610-670-9731. Strong armed lifters are especially

needed. Dorris will be back, but not lifting!

Cook and Serve For OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

From Dorris McCoy

As crisp, cold weather creeps into fall, more of Reading's homeless will seek hot food, warm shelter and other services of OPPORTUNITY HOUSE. LP Church prepares and provides hot suppers 6 times a year on 1st Tuesdays beginning in January. The next opportunity to help will be Tuesday, **November 1**! With offers to help cook, serve, bring a dessert, or even share a \$ donation towards food costs, please call **Jerry Evaul**, 610-927-1692. Getting to know fellow church members and learning new recipes from Jerry are definitely fun benefits!

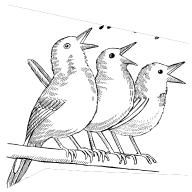
Clearance Reminder!

From Dorris McCoy

All workers in all children's and youth ministries are reminded to submit their criminal record checks and child abuse clearances to **Linda Hope** or the church office immediately. LP Church must request these clearances to comply with Eastern PA Conference's recent mandate to have them on file by 12/31/05. For forms and/or assistance in completing the paperwork, please contact CE Chair, **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or SPRC Rep, **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726.

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl



In *Run with the Horses*, Eugene Peterson writes about seeing a family of birds teaching the young to fly. Three young swallows were perched on a dead branch that stretched out over a lake.

"One adult swallow got alongside the chicks and started shoving them out toward the end of the branch – pushing, pushing, pushing. The end one fell off. Somewhere between the branch and the water four feet

below, the wings started working, and the fledgling was off on his own. Then the second one.

"The third was not to be bullied. At the last possible moment his grip on the branch loosened enough so that he swung downward, then tightened again, bulldog tenacious. The parent was without sentiment. He pecked at the desperately clinging talons until it was more painful for the poor chick to hang on than risk the insecurities of flying. The grip was released, and the inexperienced wings began pumping. The mature swallow knew what the chick did not – that it would fly – that there was no danger in making it do what it was perfectly designed to do.

"Birds have feet and can walk. Birds have talons and can grasp a branch securely. They can walk; they can cling. But flying is their characteristic action, and not until they fly are they living at their best, gracefully and beautifully.

"Giving is what we do best. It is the air into which we were born. It is the action that was designed into us before our birth. Some of us try desperately to hold on to ourselves, to live for ourselves. We look so bedraggled and pathetic doing it, hanging on to the dead branch of a bank account for dear life, afraid to risk ourselves on the untried wings of giving. We don't think we can live generously because we have never tried. But the sooner we start, the better, for we are going to have to give up our lives finally, and the longer we wait, the less time we have for the soaring and swooping life of grace."

Join in at Sunday Church School

From Dorris McCoy and Linda Hope



Set that alarm! Get an early, meaningful start to the day by joining one of LP's Sunday morning church school

options. There are time, subject, and curriculum choices Read on!

During Sundays in November, **CHIL- DREN** at both the 9:30 and 10:45 am sessions move through Genesis, Chapters 12-21. Here the stories of

- Abraham
- Lot
- God's covenant with Abraham
- Sodom and Gomorrah
- Isaac
- Hagar & Ishmael

help children learn that our God is yet a present, caring, listening God. **Linda Woll**, 610-670-2130, coordinates staffing for Preschool and Early Elementary 9:30 am sessions, which follow the children's message at the 9:15 am worship service. At 10:45 am, children gather first in

the Choir Room for musical fun, then dismiss for Preschool, Early Elementary and Junior Department Classes, using Group's Kids Own Worship resources.

YOUTH in Grades 7-12 meet with leader, **Penny Snook** in the Youth Room (103) to find "Meaning in the Movies."

ADULTS may choose between two Bible Study opportunities meeting in the Church's Library.

- At 9:30 am, Norm and Nancy Dettra explore the Lectionary Scripture readings upon which Sunday worship and its sermon are based--a good time to dig deeper in preparation and reflection for worship
- At 10:45 am, Earl Hope facilitates "Jesus and the Gospels," based on video presentations by Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor at Emory University--thought-provoking and soul-searching discussion to enhance our understanding of God's word.

Come! Bring yourself and the kids! Let yourself be challenged to learn the Bible stores anew and grow in faith together.

A word of spiritual wisdom and perspective on life's challenges from theologian, Soren Kirkegaard:

Life is lived forward but understood backward.

Blood Donations Appreciated

From Jean Weikel, Blood Drive Coordinator



Many thanks to those who attended our annual blood drive at Lincoln Park Church on Tuesday, September 20. We had a total of 34 people signed up, 26 people registered, and a total of 18 units of blood donated. MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER states that for every unit of blood donated, three people's lives were saved. Imagine the people we have

touched. What a wonderful feeling that is.

Thanks again from MILLER-KEYSTONE and a great big thanks to **Betty Frederickson** and **George Weikel** for their assistance in helping to coordinate the registration. Mark your calendar for next year's drive which will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

THE CHILDREN'S FIRE

From Dorris McCoy

In native Hopi tradition, decisions are made around the children's fire. All members of the Hopi community sit in a circle. The grandmother and grandfather hear from all who wish to speak, and in the end, they choose by asking, *How will it be for the children?* (Logos Productions, 7/05)



So...how will it be for ALL God's children at LP Church? How will you share the Biblical story and its message with all God's people? One way is to be involved in Christian Education - attend, teach, coordinate, create, organize. The list is endless and ongoing. Call or see **Linda Hope** (610-670-9731), **Karen Osika** (610-670-4726) or **Dorris McCoy** (610-777-1422).

Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

November's Book Club selection is *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham. Please join us for fellowship and a lively discussion on **Monday, November 28**, at 7 pm, at the Dettra's home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 23RD ANNUAL AUTUMN AUCTION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

From Mark Bisignaro

We are in need of your donated craft items, art work, collectibles, services, baked goods and activities for the auction. All items should be clearly and securely tagged with the description of the item and name of the donor. Your donations may be delivered to the church office at your convenience, but before *November 8*. Please call for the office hours at 610-777-1422.



Please complete the form below and drop it off at the church office or mail it to Mark Bisignaro, 320 Stitzer Avenue, Wernersville, PA 19565. Questions, call 610-670-5610.

Jr. Youth Events for 2005

(4th, 5th, 6th Graders) From Tracy Goldsborough

November 20, Noon to 2 pm

We'll have lunch at church and go shopping for OpChristmas ERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Meet us at church after
the 3rd service (about noon) and we'll head over to
the Dollar Store where each shopper will have a \$10
limit to purchase items for their child for Christmas.
We'll return to church to package up our shoeboxes.
If possible, please donate at least \$5 to cover shipping the shoebox. Additional donations will go to-

ward purchases. A few adult volunteers will be needed. RSVP by Nov 18. As always, friends are welcome.

December 11, Time to Be Announced

Go see the *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* movie at newly remodeled Fox Theater in Exeter, then back to the church for ice cream sundaes and discussion. Cost will be a donated item from Barb Wenger's list of items she'll be taking along for the kids on her mission trip. (See p. 13). Bring your own money for snacks/drinks at the theater. We'll buy tickets in advance, so RSVP is essential by Dec 5. A few adult volunteers will be needed. As always friends are welcome, but they must RSVP.



A Filled Heart

When a heart is filled with gratitude, there is little room for such things as grudges, unforgiveness, hatred, envy, jealousy, greed and the like. A sense of gratitude does good for both the spiritual heart and the physical heart. Consider that many heart attacks may be precipitated by stress, worry, pressure and anxiety. Let gratitude fill your heart.

—Syndicated columnist Bill Ellis,

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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 CHURCH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 15



Bob Miller on the recent loss of his son **Timothy**. May God surround you with His love and care. We are praying for you!

It's Time for Christmas Cookies

From Raylin Ritenour



It's hard to believe that Christmas is less than 60 days away! Those days will fly. That brings me to our annual Christmas cookie bake sale. We made over \$1500 last year. We'd like to accomplish the same or even increase our sales. To do this, I need your help. We'll take orders beginning Sunday, October 30, until Sunday, November 20. Please spread the word about our famous cookies. One

pound trays sell for \$6. Assortments include:

- double chocolate chip and regular chocolate chip
- snickerdoodle, cream cheese sugar, lemon and chocolate crinkle.

We also need plenty of helping hands to mix, bake (including bake at home cookies), packing and selling of cookies. Sign up sheets are posted at all services. I tried to find times for everyone's schedules. All are invited to help, young, old, experienced and new bakers alike. There will be announcements concerning orders, donations, etc. in the bulletins on Sunday mornings. The sell date is **Sunday, December 4**, after each service. People also may pick up their preordered cookies on the packing day, Saturday, December 3, 11-noon. We hope to have extra trays for purchase on December 4. This is a great ministry of our church. It allows us to meet other members of our congregation and have a good time in Christian fellowship. Please prayerfully consider how you will participate. Contact **Raylin Ritenour**, 610-406-0117, with questions.

Christmas Cookie Rake Sale Preorder Form

Name:
Phone Number:
1 lb. tray of assorted cookies @ \$6.00 each (snicker doodle, lemon cookie, cream cheese sugar and chocolate crinkle) 1 lb. tray of chocolate chip and double chocolate chip cookies @ \$6.00 each
Order forms will be accepted until Nov20 and can be placed in the glass jar at the rear of the Social Hall and Wagner Room or mailed to Raylin Ritenour , 5555 Fairway Drive South, Reading, PA 19606. Contact Raylin at 610-406-0117 with questions.
Please select a day that you will pick up your preordered cookies: Saturday, December 3 between 11 and 12 Sunday, December 4 after each service

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The 28-member MANE MEN of Albright College and their chamber choir will present a program of traditional and popular holiday music to be followed immediately by a catered candlelight dinner on Sunday, December 4, at 5 pm.

Child care will be available at no charge, so please take this opportunity for a relaxing evening before the holiday season, with inspiring music, a delicious meal, and wonderful fellowship.



Mission Committee Collects Gifts for Children of El Salvador

Christmas is the best time of year to share our many joys, and this year we hope you'll share with the underprivileged children of El Salvador. When you make your shopping lists, we hope you can add one item to send with Barbara Wenger on her mis-

sion trip to El Salvador, January 10—21, 2006.

Our wish list includes: pencils, pencil sharpeners, writing tablets, pens, crayons, and coloring books. Also, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and any size soap are good gifts to send. Please bring your items to church between **December 18 and January 8**.

The Mission Committee will work with **Tracy Goldsborough** and our Jr Youth Group and Leah Easterday and the High School Youth, along with the faithful congregation of Lincoln Park Church to collect these necessary items. Many thanks to every person supporting this special effort!

Enjoy A Night On Your Own

From Gabriella Antunes



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT, FAMILY NIGHT OUT, FRIENDS' NIGHT OUT, you name it! Enjoy a night out to have fun or do important tasks during December without dragging along your children. Child care is available at your church! We'll make sure your little or big ones are having fun while you're out.

There will be three groups segregated by age. Ages newborn to 2 years will stay in one half of the nursery; ages 3 to 5 years will stay in the other half. Ages 6 and up will have fun in the Choir Room. You may choose where you'd like your child to stay. Snacks and drinks will be offered; however, they'll need to bring a lunch box for dinner.

Helpers are needed!!! I don't know yet how many helpers we'll need, depending on the number of children signed up. I usually like to have two helpers per group. The night out is **Saturday, December 10** from **4 to 7:30 pm**. Look for sign-up sheets beginning November 13. For more information, contact **Gabriella Antunes**, 610-670-5045 or at TheAntunes@Comcast.net

Church Women United Invites Your Participation

From Rhoda Lyons

Our next program, on **Tuesday, November 8** at 1 pm, at Bern Lutheran Church, 820 West Leesport Rd, will be *A Light to the Nation*, presented by Michael Reinert, Senior Sales Executive of Channel 69 – WFMZ, and host of *Time Train*. Everyone is invited, both men and women. Hope to see you there!

Our Christmas Gift Project will support Berks Advocates Against Violence in providing gifts to the children of 30 families involved in their program. There are all ages, from infants to teens.

Suggested items are:

- ♥ Clothes –various sizes of blouses, shirts, socks, slacks, jackets, sweaters
- ♥ Infant items clothes, diapers, toys
- **▼** Toys for older children games, puzzles
- ♥ Books for all ages of children

Please bring your unwrapped items to our December 13 meeting, and they will be dedicated and delivered to the agency in time for Christmas.

Youth Fellowship Poinsettia Sale

Please use the order form below to help us raise funds for youth fellowship outings.

Single Bloo	oms, <i>Cost</i> \$3	B, perfect for t	tables.		
Colors:	Red	White	Pink	Marble	
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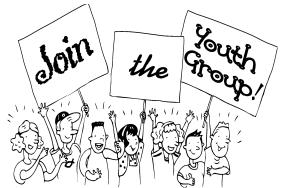
All orders must be placed before November 30. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee your choice of color, but every effort will be made to accommodate the color you choose when you order.

Thank you for supporting our youth! Make checks payable to LPCUMC.

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

November 5 and 6 Senior Youth Lock-In

Saturday, Nov 5, noon, until Sunday, November 6, noon. With activities at Ozzy's Fun Center and Church on Sunday. Parents asked to serve as chaperones.



November 20 - Visit to the Highlands

to share some Thanksgiving cheer. We'll deliver cards we'll make during the Lock-In. A fun activity will follow the service activity at The Highlands. Meet after the 3rd service (noon) in the Youth Fellowship Room.

From our mailbox



♥ Norm and I have been members of LPUMC for almost half a century. We have treasured the love and fellowship of its members over all these years. In this time of need, as I am recovering from knee replacement surgery, you have again proven your love and concern. The food, the visits, the cards and calls, and the help with transportation, the flowers, the grocery

stops have all been a tremendous help for Norm and I to get through a difficult time. We have known you have been with us, and our prayers of gratitude and love are with you.

-Nancy Dettra

♥ Harold and I wish to thank all who offered prayers and sent cards, messages, and flowers during my recent surgery. We have felt surrounded by the love of God. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring Christlike community.

-Jeanne Perkins



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



NOV 10 for our December Issue

Please include news for early January.

Birth

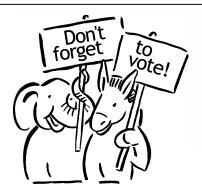


Congratulations to **Paul** and **Elizabeth** (**Buchanan**) **Kirkpatrick** on the birth of daughter

Megan Elizabeth on October 11. The proud grandparents are **Allen** and **Betsy Buchanan**. God bless!

Birthdays in November

(age 1 to 10 years old) Skylar Freyling 10 years old



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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♥ Dearest Larry and Everyone at Lincoln Park Church:

Thank you all so much for the wonderful cards and all the prayers you have sent to me after my surgery, and for all the thoughtful gifts as well. No one could be luckier than me to have such a loving, caring, warm and giving church to work for as I do with Lincoln Park. I love you all!!! xoxoxoxoxoxo

-Sandy Bressi

Dear Church Family,

My heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your prayers, kind thoughts, uplifting cards, visits, calls, and yummy meals and treats. Everything you have done has helped me greatly with my recovery from knee replacement surgery. It's a long, hard road; but your being there for me is making that road a lot easier. Thank you.

-Lee Riley



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.

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610-777-1422

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Ed Bldg 40; Nursery 39

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