

*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania
December, 2005*

Mane Men and Albright College Chamber Choir Sing at Lincoln Park December 4, 5 pm

From Nancy Dettra



The greens will be hung, the trees decorated, the voices of 27 Albright College students in the air. Come and enjoy a concert of Christmas music, under the direction of Adlai Binger, in our beautiful church sanctuary.

The Albright College Chamber Choir will combine with the Mane Men, a choral ensemble of some eight students, for this special evening. Many of you enjoyed their performance in worship at Lincoln Park earlier this year.

Here's an opportunity to open your ears, your eyes, your hearts to the sights and sounds of the season. There will be no cost, just a free will offering for the choral groups. A candlelight, catered dinner will follow the concert for those who have tickets. Part of the money collected for tickets will go toward a fund to support future musical events.

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WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, December 4 – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – HOLY COMMUNION – The pastor’s message will be entitled “Hold Everything” based on II Peter 3:9, *The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you . . .*

Sunday, December 11 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Beg To Differ!” based on John 1:8, *He himself (John) was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.*

Sunday, December 18 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “How Small Can You Get?” based on Luke 1:35, *The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.’*

Saturday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE –

6 pm – Children’s Service

8 pm – Family Service of Carols and Candlelight – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “What In the World Is Going On?” based on Isaiah 9:6a, *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. . .*

11 pm – Service of Carols, Candlelight and Communion – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “I’ll Flesh It Out For You!” based on John 1:14, *And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.*

Sunday, December 25– CHRISTMAS DAY – ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM – Pastor Larry’s sermon will be entitled “Up Close and Personal,” based on John 1:9, *The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

Looking ahead...

Sunday, January 1, 2006 – NEW YEAR’S DAY – ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM – Our Christian Education Director and recently licensed Local Pastor, **Dorris McCoy**, will bring the message.

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Lection Lessons for December

December 4 – Isaiah 40:1-11; II Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Psalter: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

December 11– Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Psalter: Psalm 126

December 18– II Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Psalter: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

December 24 – Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Psalter: Psalm 96

December 25 – Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

Psalter: Psalm 98



Living Nativity

You are Invited To a Christmas Eve Pageant

The Sunday School children will be leading worship and participating in the Christmas Pageant, **A LIVING CRECHÉ**, at the 6 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service. The children will be performing the prelude and postlude.

THE LIVING CRECHÉ tells the Christmas story in scripture, legend, and song. At the conclusion of the service, we will celebrate Jesus' birthday with cake and beverage in the Social Hall. Please come and join in this holiday celebration. Parent help is requested by **Lin** and **Dorris**.

Music Highlights Christmas Eve Service

From Beverly Perella

Special worship services bring special music, and so it will be on Christmas Eve at the 11 pm Traditional Service. The Senior Choir, along with gifted soloist and LP member, **Andrea Schmidt**, will present a variety of Christmas selections before and during the service. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early to hear God's word and praise His Son's birth through the inspirational music of this time-honored service.



From the Pastor's Desk

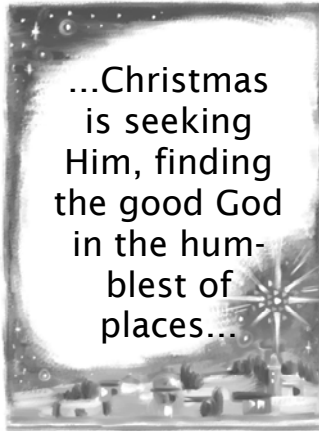
From Pastor Larry Carl

I love Christmas!

I'm not talking about the commercial celebration. I'm talking about the church's celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

I grew up in a home where not much was made of Christmas. My home church did little to mark the event. The first little church I served in Phoenixville marked it as a special celebration only if it fell on a Sunday.

But when I came back from seminary and was appointed to the Effort and Saylorburg Charge, each church had a Christmas Eve service. And there were other events and celebrations that made the coming of Christmas very special. In that charge, I remember working with a gentleman who owned a Western Auto store. He helped to make Christmas special for families that might not have much of a Christmas. After services were over in both churches, I would meet Dave at his store. He would give me his "leftover" toys and some other merchandise that I would deliver to chosen families. How blessed I was to share in bringing some Christmas joy to families that might not otherwise have known it!



When I was appointed to St. Andrew's in Warminster we had two Christmas Eve services. What I remember most about those services is the number of people who came to worship. One year, at the 8:00 service, we had over 400 people in a sanctuary that should seat approximately 235 people. It was awesome to share in a service where so many people had come to hear the good news of Christ's birth.

I could go on noting events and celebrations in churches I have served that have fostered my love for the church's celebration of Christmas. What I have learned through all of these is the Christmas is not just "for the kids." Christmas is for anyone who will open his or her heart to the presence of God in the world. There are a myriad of events and moments which testify to that presence!

At some point, I was introduced to the writings of the late Rev. Harold E. Kohn, an Evangelical United Brethren pastor and author. He became – and still is – my favorite author on the Christ event - Christmas. Rev. Kohn wrote, *Christmas is not merely the commemoration of a*

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long ago event. It is the repetition of the best of all human experiences, once shared by shepherds and wise men, the recognition that God has entered our midst by coming to us in flesh like our own. And Christmas is seeking Him, finding the good God in the humblest places, even our shabby, unworthy hearts, and giving Him our wholehearted devotion.

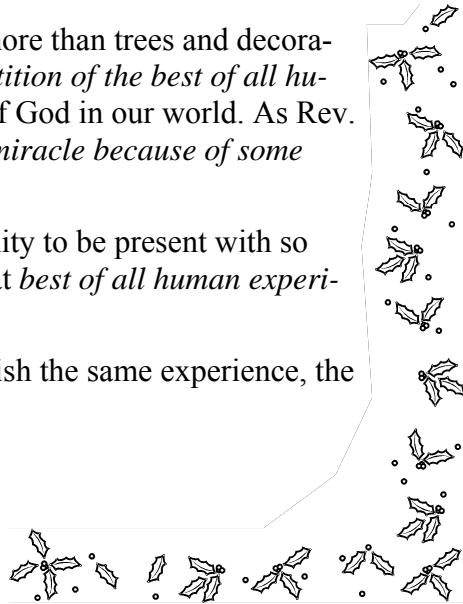
Yes, Christmas is more than a history lesson, more than trees and decorations, more than spending and gifts. *It is the repetition of the best of all human experiences* – to see and hear the presence of God in our world. As Rev. Kohn has written elsewhere, *Let us not miss the miracle because of some dullness of the soul.*

I love Christmas. I am grateful for the opportunity to be present with so many people in so many places who have had that *best of all human experiences.*

And, for you, this Christmas and everyday, I wish the same experience, the same miracle.

In the name of the Christ Child,

Pastor Larry



For Home and Holiday at Ten Thousand Villages

From Dorris McCoy

Bask in the spirit of the holidays in this freshly decorated store! Discover the extensive collection of nativities from around the world. Decorate your home with the delightful, handcrafted ornaments and garlands and benefit the entire world! Shop TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES--your fair trade source for distinctive, handcrafted holiday gifts and home decor. Purchase these holiday treasures and invest in the lives of skilled artisans in 33 countries. All this and more, available at TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES in nearby Ephrata, 717-721-8400.



**My All-Time Favorite
Harold Kohn Piece**

(I know I've shared it before, but it is a
gem and bears repeating)

From Pastor Larry

No man
has learned the first essential
of the good life
Until he knows that
everyday
is
Christmas Day;

Everyday
God can be found somewhere,
getting a fresh start
in
unexpected,
stable-like,
places.

Anyone
has learned life's first essential
Who knows that
one such humble, manger-place
is
his
very
own
heart.



Share the Joy

From Barbara Wenger

The congregation at Lincoln Park and the Youth Groups have been shopping early this year. Our annual Angel Tree project has begun, and many of you have bought presents for the three families we have "adopted" for Christmas giving this year through the Salvation Army.

Thanks to all of you who have been so generous again this year! You have helped to bring joy to these children and their parents.

If there are poor among you, in one of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be selfish or greedy toward them. But give freely to them, and freely lend them whatever they need.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

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!

Report on 2006 Stewardship Campaign

through November 7, 2005

From Derek Ritenour

Total Giving Units	263	
Pledges Received for 2006	109	
Pledges for 2005	120	
Declared "No Pledge"	22	
Pledges with Increase	68	\$ 37,624
New Pledgers	13	\$ 16,872
Decreases/Losses	33	\$ 28,923
Total Pledged to Date for 2006		\$ 248,272
2005 Pledges		\$ 234,491
2005 Envelope Budget		\$ 290,000
2006 Envelope Giving Required for a Balanced Budget		\$ 331,000
2006 Envelope Budget	To Be Determined	

"As we are given, so let us give."

Calping All Kids!



KID TO KID IN EL SALVADOR: A GIFT IDEA

From Dorris McCoy

During December,
the children at Lin-

coln Park are challenged to share God's love in a special way with kids in El Salvador. Bring in

- ☺ pencils
- ☺ pens
- ☺ pencil sharpeners
- ☺ coloring books
- ☺ crayons

- ☺ magic markers
 - ☺ small tablets/note pads
- for **Barb Wenger** to distribute to children she meets on her January, 2006 VIM (Volunteers in Mission) Trip. Smaller boxes of crayons and markers are encouraged due to weight limitations of airline travel.

Collection boxes are located in the Educational Building, or children may bring the items up to the manger during the offering collection at the 6 pm Christmas Eve Children's Service.

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

CHRIST ON OUR SHOPPING LIST

“Christmas means putting Christ and his cause on our shopping list. Isn’t it strange that in all the multitudes that throng our stores there is rarely a person who is thinking, *What shall I do for Christ at Christmas?* Dad and Mother are remembered. Careful consideration is given to children and grandparents, to certain favorite cousins, aunts and uncles, and even the paperboy and apartment house janitor. Should Christ be the only exception?

“Sometimes at Christmastime I feel like shouting to the crowds of Christmas shoppers, *What do you think this is, your birthday?* A meaningful Christmas surely includes remembering Christ on his birthday by gladly giving to some cause that faithfully represents his compassion and loving helpfulness to those in need.”

---Rev. Harold E. Kohn

Help Prepare Our Church for Christmas

From Dorris McCoy



HANGING OF THE GREENS takes place on **Friday, December 2**. This is a time of church family fellowship, fun

and food for all ages; a time to gather and work together to decorate our church facilities for the holiday season; and a time to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming! There's an activity for everyone in our Church

family, starting with supper at 6 pm.

Following supper, adults will make wreaths, hang swags, and decorate trees. Kids will complete make-and-take crafts for their homes and LP shut-ins. We will conclude by 8:30 pm with brief worship and carol singing in the beautifully-decorated sanctuary! There's nursery care for infants and toddlers. To attend, complete the registration form in your Sunday bulletin or contact **Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422 or 610-777-6128.

Sunday Church School: A Life-Long Journey

From Dorris McCoy



LP's Sunday Church School offers a variety of classes to connect people's lives with the transforming message of the Gospel. Don't be left out of life-giving, life-long opportunities. Resolve now to check your choices and attend--church school is for ALL ages!

During Sundays in December, children's sessions at 9:30 am and 10:45 am, follow:

- † the prophecy in Isaiah 64:1-9
- † John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus (Mark 1:1-8)
- † *the Word becoming flesh among us* (John 1:1-14)
- † Jesus being born (Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20)
- † the wise men finding Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12).

Children will be challenged to learn about these old and new testament stories to grow closer to Jesus every week.

To share your gift of leadership at 9:30 am Preschool and Early Elemen-

tary options, please contact **Linda Woll** , 610-670-2130. To assist with music, drama or classroom teaching (special need is at Preschool level) at 10:45 am, please see **Dorris McCoy** or **Karen Osika**. New youth and adult leaders are also welcomed!

Youth in Grades 7-12 continue 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 Detra** explore the Lectionary Scripture readings upon which Sunday worship and its sermon are based--rediscover what it means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- † At 10:45 am, **Earl Hope** facilitates *Jesus and the Gospels*, based on video presentations by Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor at Emory University--a 36 week series exploring the history, culture and meaning behind the Gospel stories.

Holiday Sunday Church School Schedule

On Sundays, December 25 and January 1, there will be only one worship hour at 10 am. **No regular Sunday Church School classes will be held.** Infant and toddler care will be provided in the church nursery. Regular worship and Sunday Church School will resume on Sunday, January 8.

\$\$\$ NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES \$\$\$

To save on the cost of gas, water and electric at the church facilities, we all must be diligent stewards and remember to off the lights, turn down the thermostats, and report faulty toilets at the conclusion of meetings and other church functions. We can all benefit from the savings. Thank you!

Missions Committee Update

From Barbara Wenger

When the Committee met in November, **Lee Riley, Shirley Cline, Anna Mae Owens, Kathy Avedissian, and Barbara Wenger** were present. Lee Riley led us in prayer, asking for God's guidance in spending God's money. Decisions were made to make the following donations:

- \$ 75 Habitat for Humanity
- \$ 75 Women in Crisis
- \$ 75 Greater Berks Food Bank
- \$ 75 House of Opportunity
- \$250 Central Park's Soup Kitchen (1/2 of \$500 needed for new dishwasher)

No meetings are scheduled for December and January.

Congratulations!

Habitat for Humanity (one of the many projects sponsored by our Missions Committee) has awarded a Volunteer Recognition Plaque for 2004-5 to LP Church. It hangs in the church office.

Course on Islam Enthusiastically Received

This will be a short flight over a tall mountain--so we'll be viewing only a glimpse, is how instructor/facilitator **Sandi Rosencrans** opened her five-week course, INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM which concluded Sunday, November 6. An ESL tutor for over 30 years and "affiliated" with Islam for 10 years, Sandi has an on-going interest in cultural and religious bridge-building and offered to design and conduct a course which would reflect that goal.

Three-time guest speaker, Jamal Abodalo, Vice-President of the Islamic Center of Reading, is a Kuwaiti-born engineer, a long-time resident of Berks County and a personal friend of Sandi's who provided insightful historic detail on the origins, beliefs and development of Islam. In his first appearance, he greeted the class as fellow Muslims explaining that anyone who submits to the will of God is Islamic (*Islam* is an Arabic word which means submission to the will of God as a means to inner peace.)

On Saturday, October 30, the class and three accompanying guests visited the mosque from 6-8 pm to experience

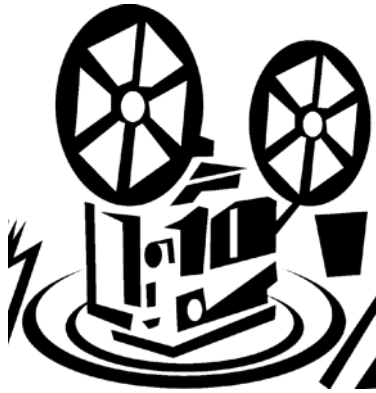
Ramadan prayers and the breaking of the fast during which participants enjoyed a sampling of food with mostly Middle-Eastern accents. As one participant described it, *The mosque is like a United Nations!*



The last class presented three Muslims of diverse backgrounds: Rabia, from Morocco, who brought her two delightful and religiously knowledgeable children, Will and Kamilia; Khadijah, a self-described "Pennsylvania Dutch born-and-bred ex-Catholic" who converted to Islam some years ago, and Karima, mother of seven and a traditionally raised black American who converted to Islam 27 years ago.

The total course emphasized the many similarities between Christianity and Islam. Critique sheets as well as conversational feed-back on this unique class validated the decision of the CE office to sponsor it. A letter of appreciation was sent to the Islamic Center of Reading thanking them for their cooperation and for their time, talent, candor and generosity of spirit.

Jr. Youth Event
(4th, 5th, 6th Graders)
From Tracy Goldsborough



December 11, Time to Be Announced

Go see *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* movie at newly re-modeled 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. 7). 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.



The Mission Committee and Church School thank all who supported the food drive for Central Park UMC. As of November 10, 109 items have been collected, including canned fruits and vegetables, soups, tuna, salmon, peanut butter, crackers, pasta, rice, cereals and much more. These items and any others received will be delivered the latter part of November.

Why Should I Pledge?

From Jerry Manhart

One answer is that it will help you reach your commitment goal, and staff and committee members won't need to guess the amount of money they will have to work with in 2006.

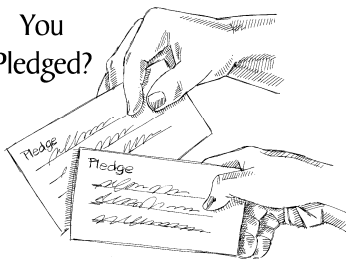
A goal is more likely to be reached if it is written down. A pledge is a commitment to the Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church and its Christian service. Most of our members do reach the pledged goal that they set. Because costs go up each year, we hope that members will increase their giving each year and therefore increase their pledge. Some members find that circumstances won't allow them to increase their pledge, so they pledge the same amount for an additional year. A few members find that they have to decrease their pledge. Although we hope we don't have too many, when members decrease their pledge, it still gives us more information to use in planning than not receiving a pledge.

What happens when members don't pledge?

When members don't pledge, the Stewardship Committee has to guess what their giving will be. If they guess

too much, at the end of the year the expense budget will be in the red. If they don't guess enough, opportunities for Christian service will be lost for fear of lack of funds. Most of the time the committee guesses that those members will contribute the same as they did last year.

Have
You
Pledged?



For those who have never served on the Stewardship Committee or the Finance Committee, you may not know that making a budget is a year round process. This is the process we used in 2005. Starting in

January, 2005 until April, members were sought for the Stewardship Committee and preliminary plans were made for the Fall Commitment Campaign. From May until July, the church staff and church committees were asked to meet and plan their 2006 Budget request. In August, the Finance Committee put the Proposed 2006 Budget together from the requests, and final plans for the Commitment Campaign were made. During September and October, information was distributed to the congregation, and the campaign was held. As I write this in early November, the

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Reaching Out to Bahirdar, Ethiopia

From Betty Frederickson



I have been a member of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church for about 12 years. In the past six years it

has been my privilege to serve on medical mission teams under the guidance of our Lord and the Christian Medical & Dental Association-Global Health Outreach - traveling to El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala and Cameroon, Central Africa.

From Jan 28 - Feb 11, 2006, it will be my privilege to travel with a GHO medical team to Bahirdar, Ethiopia, located 250+ miles northeast of the capital, Addis Ababa. The population is about 168,048, plus those who come from surrounding areas. While Christianity and Islam are the predominate religions, less than 2% are professing evangelicals. We will work with the Emmanuel Light and Life Church, who will help with interpreting the Amharic language and the Christian discipleship and follow-up for new believers.

There are many medical needs. Those we expect to see most include:

- Malaria
- Bacterial/fungal skin infections
- Muscular rheumatism

- Tonsils infections
- Bronchopneumonia
- Parasitic infestations
- Gastroenteritis
- Tuberculosis
- Inflammatory diseases of the eye
- HIV/AIDS
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Malnutrition, especially in children

In the past, you at LPUMC have graciously offered your prayer support for success in sharing the Lord's love with the people of the region, and for safety and health of the team. Prayer is the key to the success of any outreach. I ask for your prayers for open doors, open hearts to receive His gift of salvation, and for strength and health of the team. In January, a daily prayer schedule will be available for anyone who would like one.

If you wish to donate over-the-counter medications, I will be carrying with me the following:

- Adult or children's multivitamins with iron
- Ibuprofen 325 mg tablets or capsules

Any monetary donations will be used to purchase prescription medicines. My travel and personal expenses are my responsibility.

Thank you to each for your support.

Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead



SYMPHONIC BAND practices will be held in the sanctuary, 10 am to noon, the first three **SATURDAYS** in **December - 3, 10, and 17**. Please bring your band instrument and music stand. We will be rehearsing to play the prelude, offertory and postlude for the 8 pm Christmas Eve service.

Rehearsals for the **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** to be performed at the 6 pm Christmas Eve service will be held the first three **SUNDAYS** in **December - 4, 11, and 18** from 11:45 am (immediately following Sunday School) to approximately 12:30 pm. Speaking parts are available and also parts in the Sunday Singers chorus if your child is not ready for the speaking parts just yet!



If your child is able to attend the three rehearsals and would like to participate, please leave a message in the music office at 610-777-1422 ext. 26 *before* rehearsals start. I also am willing to work with your child for solos on their band instruments and/or piano using whatever material would be appropriate from their current band or lesson book.

Parents, I would like to ask for your participation again this year and also thank you again for helping last year to keep everything organized and running smoothly between the 6 pm and 8 pm services. If you have further questions, please call **Lin Umstead** or **Dorris McCoy**.



Let's Go Bowling 

Come Out for Bowling Night

From Gabriella Antunes

Don't miss it!! Join us on **Saturday, January 28**, from 6 to 9 pm at Berks Lane in Sinking Spring with **FREE PIZZA**. Drinks are not included.

Bring your friends and family to play games and have fun. Cost will be \$9 per person for 2 games and \$10 per person for 3 games, with shoe rental included. Children 10 and under are free. Contact **Gabriella Antunes**, 610-670-5045, or by email at TheAntunes@comcast.net

CHILD ABUSE & CRIMINAL CLEARANCES NEEDED NOW!

Child Abuse & Criminal Record Check clearance resolutions were passed at Eastern PA's 2005 Annual Conference. All workers with LP's children and youth are required to provide these clearances to SPRC by Dec 31. If you have current clearances, please give copies to **Linda Hope**, or mail to **Dorris** at the church office. If you need forms and assistance with completion, contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731. Thank you for helping us comply with conference rulings and assure the safety of our children.

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Stewardship Committee will soon report the results of the campaign to the Finance Committee so that expected income and expenses can be balanced. The Final 2006 Budget will be voted on and approved later in November or December by Church Council.

It is **never too late** to make a pledge. If you have not already made a pledge and would like your **commitment to Lincoln Park UMC to be counted**, then place a note in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

YOUTH-LINK

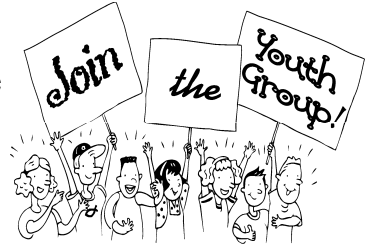
LP UMYF Fundraising

Thanks to all who purchased pies, turkeys for our "I AM THANKFUL..." board, and poinsettias for Christmas. The money from the pie sale and the poinsettias will help offset the cost of a retreat the youth are planning for next summer. The turkey money will be donated to the Missions Committee to be added to their October Food Bank Project.

The UMYF also is selling 2006 *God's Creation* Calendars. They may be purchased after services on Sundays for \$6 or in the church office throughout the week. Stop in and pick up your calendar today!

LP UMYF Upcoming Events

The following is a list of meeting/event dates for Lincoln Park's UMYF. If you have any questions or would like to help with the youth, please feel free to contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or lshope@aol.com.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6 - 8:30 PM

Hanging of the Greens...eat together and then decorate the youth tree.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 6 - 8:30 PM

Serve dinner at the Mane Men Concert and help with clean-up.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 ... time to be announced

Arranging poinsettias throughout the church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2-5:30 PM

Ice Skating at BodyZone (\$5 per person) and Dinner at NY NY Pizza

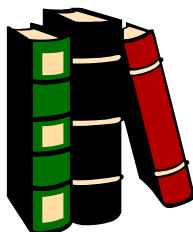
Congratulations!

...to **Fay Strickler**

...who recently was named *Educator of the Year* by the NATIONAL EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER EDUCATORS. Fay was chosen for this distinction from 560 other nominees from across the country.

Coming in January—Join us...

...Tuesday, January 3, to prepare and serve a New Year's Pork and Sauerkraut supper at Opportunity House! Contact **Jerry Evaul**, 610-927-1692.



Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

We will not meet in December, but please plan to join us January 23, at 7 pm, at the Dettra's home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park. Our book will be *A Million Little Pieces*, by James Frey.

"Remember, the basic impulse behind giving gifts is a wonderful one: to let people know we value their presence in our lives."

Carol McD.Wallace

in *Positive Thinking Magazine*



Family and friends of **Grant Stocker** who passed away on November 15.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*December
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for our mid-
January
Issue*

Editor's Note: Early submissions are much appreciated, especially before Dec 16. Please keep items for this issue brief and time-sensitive. Save your lengthier articles for our February issue! Thanks!

Change of Address

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*From our
mailbox*



♥ I wish to thank you all so much for the prayers and beautiful cards and flowers I received in remembrance of my son, R. Timothy.

Bob Miller

Birthdays in December

(age 1 to 10 years old)

Kara Brown	2 years old
Emma Chandler	2 years old
Ella Hubric	2 years old
Phillip Antunes	5 years old
John Pierdomenico	6 years old
David Goshert	7 years old



***Just a
Reminder...***

All contributions for 2005 must be received by
Sunday, December 25,
so they can be counted by the tellers.

Worship with us:	8:15 & 10:45 am (Traditional Worship) 9:15 am (Contemporary Worship in Social Hall)
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