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Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *February, 2006*

Junior Youth To Serve Spaghetti Lunch

From Becky Chadwick

The Jr. Youth are sponsoring the Second Annual Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday, **February 26** at noon in the Social Hall. They'll serve spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverage.

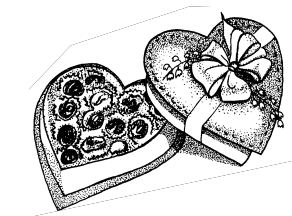
Cost is \$6 for adults and children 10 & up, \$3 for children 3 – 9, and free for children 2 and under. Tickets will be available after every service beginning February 5. Advance purchase is requested! Please contact **Becky Chadwick** or **Dorris McCoy**.



Take Home Some Valentine Sweets

From Linda Hope

Don't forget to buy some sweets for your sweetie! The UMYF will sell homemade candies after each service on Sunday, **February 12**, for VALENTINE'S DAY. Please contact **Linda Lee**, 610-286-7533, with questions.



Also, we're still asking for parent volunteers to plan and chaperone activities each month while Staff-Parish continues the search for a new Youth Coordinator. Please contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or lshope@aol.com, if you can help. Thank you!

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WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

From Pastor Larry Carl

Sunday, February 5 – The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – HOLY COMMUNION –



The sermon will be entitled “What’s The Point?” based on Mark 1: 38-39, *He (Jesus) answered, ‘Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.’ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.*

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, February 12 – The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
The sermon, “Choice,” is based on Mark 1:40, *A leper came to him (Jesus) begging him, and kneeling he said to him, ‘If you choose, you can make me clean.’*

Sunday, February 19 – The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – The sermon will be entitled “Getting In On A Good Thing!” based on Mark 2:3-4, *Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.*

Sunday, February 26– TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY – The sermon, “If You Can Imagine It . . .” is based on Mark 9:5, *Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.*

Lection Lessons for February

February 5 – Isaiah 40:21-31; I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Psalter: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

February 12 – II Kings 5:1-14; I Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

Psalter: Psalm 30

February 19 – Isaiah 43:18-25; II Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

Psalter: Psalm 41

February 26 – II Kings 2:1-12; II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Psalter: Psalm 50:1-6



Our former Church Secretary, **Kathy Reedy**, and her family on the loss of her father. We share in your sorrow and keep you in our prayers.

Souper Bowl Sunday



...comes to LP on February 5

From Dorris McCoy

Join forces and battle hunger with thousands of youth around the world by dropping \$\$\$ in a soup pot as you leave all services of worship on **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**, February 5. LP's total collected amount will be earmarked for the Soup Kitchen Ministry at Central Park UMC, Reading. Every dollar dropped in a soup pot helps people in need feel the power of God's love.

Look for our smiling, eager Church School children, and show them how much you care. Empower the **SOUPER HEROES** here at LP as they help you help others through the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** on Super Bowl Sunday. Pray with the Souper Bowl organizers:

*Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us to be mindful of those who don't even have a bowl of soup to eat.*

Don't Miss Our Second Annual Chili Supper and Talent Show

From Becky Chadwick

Do you have a talent? Can you sing, read to children, play an instrument, read poetry, or act?

Share your talent with the people at Lincoln Park UMC! Saturday, **April 29**, at 5:30 pm, we'll be serving white chili, red chili, salad, hot dogs, dessert and beverages. The talent show will start at 6:30. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under; children under 3 are free.



Proceeds will benefit the Leadership Development fund. Please contact **Cory Laity**, 610-777-1750, if you'd like to participate in the show. Contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207, if you'd like to help with the dinner.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

Recently, during the current administration's efforts to retain the ability to torture detainees as a means of getting information from them, many legislators spoke out against such treatment of prisoners. Senator John McCain, an Arizona Republican and once a prisoner of war himself, noted, *The enemy we fight has no respect for human life or human rights. They don't deserve our sympathy. But this isn't about who they are. This is about who we are.*

In his book "Remember Who You Are," Bishop William Willimon writes about when he was a young man just into the dating scene. As he would be leaving the house for a date, his mother would always say to him, *William, remember who you are!*

As I think back over my years of ministry, one of the more disturbing recollections is the ease with which people in the church have set aside or forgotten their identity, who they are as members of the community of faith. And so, we do things that are more reflective of the way "everyone else is doing it" than of the call to a unique identity and lifestyle as

disciples of Jesus Christ.

We allow culture or politics or personal prejudices/interests to set the tone for our lives instead of allowing the will of God to set that tone. Then we invest ourselves in attempting to mold God's will into our secular predilections. In so doing we deny our identity and we make ineffective our own and the church's witness.



Early in this New Year, as Lincoln Park anticipates a change in pastoral leadership, I would suggest that there is nothing of greater importance than to refocus on who we are as the people of God. There may be a myriad of issues facing the congregation this year but the major concern ought to be one of identity and how that identity calls you to live in the world. The church's ministry and lifestyle is not about "who they are" but about "who we are."

It is said that whenever Martin Luther found himself in testing or tempting situations he would utter to himself, "I am baptized." Luther would recall his place in the family of faith and find in that recollection the strength to be who

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he needed to be as a disciple of Jesus Christ. We, too, should remember our place in the family of God, the family of faith, and the unique identity that is ours because of that.

The apostle Paul, in the 12th chapter of his letter to the church in Rome, took note of the marks of Christian identity:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not lay claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:9-21)

Remember who you are!

Pastor Larry



SPRING ALPHA & MORE

From Dorris McCoy

All members are encouraged to put the **SPRING ALPHA & MORE** on their schedules for Sunday evenings, **February 26-April 2**, beginning with fellowship and a light supper at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Child care for infants and toddlers and activities for children will be provided by LP's Professional Child Care Staff (**Gabi Antunes, Amy Krebs & Holly Newman**). A variety of topics will be covered. Watch the Sunday bulletin in mid-February for detailed options and sign-up instructions.



Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

Your church:

- Involves you in the community that remembers and recognizes Jesus Christ.
 - Welcomes you at birth and baptizes you in the Christian faith.
- Stimulates spiritual maturity through worship and study.
 - Provides principles to guide you in daily living.
 - Stands ready to counsel with you in time of need.
 - Gives you a context in which to express thanks for what you have received.
 - Points to the deeper meaning of life.
 - Hears your call in times of sickness and trouble.
 - Offers you a supportive fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ.
 - Proclaims to you God's forgiveness of sins.
 - Provides a means for alleviating society's ills and human needs.
 - Remembers and appreciates you in your later years.
 - Stands with you in times of sorrow and death.
 - Comforts you with the message of Christian hope.
 - Gives you a part in God's work in the world.
 - Serves as a channel for translating faith into action.

When you give to the church as an act of worship it becomes the personal expression of your love, concern, and gratitude, which is translated into action and service by those who represent you here and throughout the world. You are involved!

We are called upon to give as God has given to us. This is the standard the Bible teaches: planned, purposeful, and proportionate giving. For faithful Christians there can be no other way. Partnership is not a matter of occasional impulse of fortuitous surplus, but a constancy in response to God's constancy.

In this New Year you can be certain as in other years that *Dollar for dollar, no other institution that exists today gives greater service to humanity than the church.*

-Bishop James L. Duncan

Finance Committee Reports to Lincoln Park Church Council
From Jerry Manhart

2006 VBS: Come Join the High-Energy, Faith-Filled Fun

From Dorris McCoy

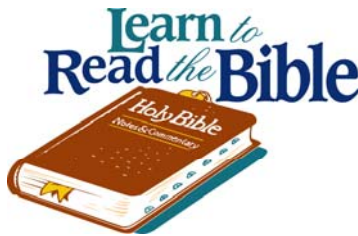


LP Church will offer Group's FIESTA VBS: WHERE KIDS ARE FIRED UP ABOUT JESUS, Monday - Friday, **June 19-23**, 9 am - noon. Vacation Bible School is for Preschool through 5th grades, with 6th Graders and Junior and Senior High Youth serving as Crew Leaders.

Karen Osika, VBS Coordinator, invites children, youth helpers, and adult leaders to come forth to celebrate; call her at 610-670-4726 for news about *grande* opportunities for getting kids excited to praise God! To learn even more directly from Group's website, anyone can contact groupvbs.com which offers sizzling support via a message board, music clips, and theme helps. Also...if you can't teach but can offer Fiesta-themed decorations you may have in your attic, give **Dorris McCoy** a call!

Children To Receive Bibles

From Dorris McCoy



Although Bible presentations are being made a bit later in this Church School year (due to Dorris' fall, surgery and recuperation last fall), all LP's third graders will be invited to come forth on **Sunday, February 12**, and receive their very own Bibles.

Third graders will receive a letter about this special event in their journeys here at LP. Children of new members and all who have previously not received Bibles also are invited to participate. Just give **Dorris McCoy** a call so enough Bibles are on hand.

The presentation Bible is Group Publishing's HANDS-ON BIBLE, which is packed with more than 200 interactive, age-appropriate activities and more than 100 family devotions. This colorful, easy-to-read, New Living Translation speaks to the heart, makes God's Word come alive and helps kids and their families live the Truth!

Church School For All in New Year

From Dorris McCoy



Hopefully we're all resolving to learn and grow in faith in this new year. Sunday mornings offer just that ongoing opportunity for all ages and stages. There are two morning time options, 9:30 and 10:45, for both children and adults. Take a sneak peek and then bring your kids, yourself and a friend!

Each children's learning time begins differently. At 9:30 am children are escorted to the Education Building after the Children's Message in the Contemporary Worship Service; at 10:45 am children gather in the Choir Room/Lounge for opening music and introduction of the Bible story and theme.

However, both options for children will focus on stories in the Gospel of Mark, presenting how Jesus heals, prays and preaches. Check in Mark 1:29-39, 4:35-41, 2:1-12, & 10:13-16---you'll find how Jesus calms a storm, helps a paralyzed man, and blesses the children---all to teach children and remind us how Jesus cares for us and helps in our lives each day.

Youth in Grades 7-12 meet in Room 103 at 10:45 am to continue their faith search in the series, *Messages at the Movies*. Contact **Penny Snook**, facilitator, for details.

The 9:30 am Adult Lectionary Class has embarked on a study of the Scripture passages selected for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B. LP's worship focus and sermon themes are based upon these Biblical texts. In addition to The Bible, this class uses the group study material, *Keeping Holy Time*, edited by Douglas E. Wingeier. Join **Norm and Nancy Dettra** in the Church Library. Be prepared to ask how your life can become different when the selected key passages are taken seriously...then act on that answer!

At 10:45 am, also in the Church Library, **Earl Hope** provokes growth and discussion in his "Jesus and the Gospels Series." Participants will be viewing and discussing the books of Luke and Acts and the implications of reading the two volumes as a single work; they will also delve into how Luke uses geography and prophecy as literary devices. The topics include:

- Luke-Acts: The Prophetic Gospel
- The Gospel of Luke: God's Prophet
- The Prophet and The People
- The Acts of the Apostles: The Prophets Movement

If you like to be challenged with new insights and questions from fellow so-journers, you'll want to drop in and join this lively group of adult learners.

Mission El Salvador: What It Was Like

From Barbara Wenger

From January 10—21, I was one of 15 members of three churches (Berwyn UMC, St. Andrews UMC, and Lincoln Park UMC) to travel to El Salvador to work on a building project at New Jerusalem Methodist Church in Aupachan, El Salvador. We hoped to put in a cement floor in the church building, where dirt had been.

In the 7 1/2 days that we were there, the New Jerusalem dream started to come true. It took 60 tons of dirt, that is five large truckloads, to make the floor. The process involved pounding down the dirt by foot, much like the old “I Love Lucy” segment where she stamped on grapes. Then the dirt was watered down to harden as a new foundation.

If you looked out the window of the church at the worksite there, you saw many people filling buckets of sand and stones, more delivering water buckets to the cement mixer, and still more pushing wheelbarrows of mixed cement to be poured into forms and smoothed out.

We ran out of cement bags on the last day and had to pack up our tools and go back to the hotel. But as we boarded the bus the next day for our trip home, we heard that the floor had been completed that morning.

Three women and I also had the chance to paint some cabinets off-white for the Metodism Medica Clinic. (A doctor and



nurse were part of our team.) A six year old boy watched me, pointing out spots of paint I had forgotten to smooth out. He wanted the job done right! We later rearranged medicines on the newly painted cabinets.

Children in El Salvador have off from October to January and start their new school year in January. Unfortunately, education is only for lucky students who can afford to pay for it.

On January 21, we awoke to another beautiful, typical day in El Salvador. It was 80 degrees; the sun in the sky was decorated with different shapes of clouds, leaving us to our imaginations. We had worked hard and we had enjoyed many types of meals. We were ready for a safe journey home.



The children from El Salvador thank you for the school supplies that traveled with me. It's nice to know that the Church School, youth, and congregation of Lincoln Park UMC are there to help when someone has a special need!



Lincoln Park's Bulletin



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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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♥ To Lincoln Park Church
...from the bottom of my heart,
Your kindness and caring mean so
much to me. Thank you for all the
prayers and the beautiful flowers and, of
course, Pastor Larry's visits.

Nancy Zuber

♥ Dear Friends,

Your cards, prayers, and visits were so
thoughtful and brightened my dark days. It
helped my sorrow to know that many peo-
ple cared. I felt your love and concern and
thank you so much.

Alice Ulrich

A Special Thank You to All

♥ My family and I would like to extend a
thank you to the congregation of Lincoln
Park Church for all the prayers and support
that we received during this difficult time
in our lives. A special thank you to Pastor
Larry for all of his visits to my father and
always going the extra mile. I feel so lucky
to have been blessed with such a special
family at Lincoln Park Church. Thank you
to all.

Sincerely,
Kathy Reedy

Change of Address

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Birthdays in February (age 1 to 10 years old)

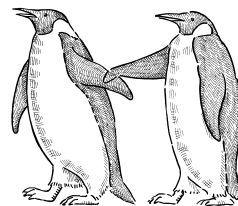
William Lamm	3 years old
Aubrey Pence	4 years old
Kaila Rapp	7 years old
Julianna Pierdomenico	9 years old

Birth

Congratulations to **Steve and Moira Fallon** on the birth of **Katherine Grace** (Katie) on January 9, weighing 8 lbs 8 oz. Older brother (2 1/2) **Jona-
than** says, "Isn't she cute?" Her grandparents, **Ed and Cheri**, say "YES!"

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!



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