

News-Line

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

Be a Part of Our Annual Flea Market

Saturday, May 20, 7 am-3 pm

Here's your chance to support an event that's brought \$\$\$\$ to LP's annual budget plus fun and fellowship to the volunteers who make it possible. Join us to make this year's Flea Market a successful fund raiser and a lively "funraiser."



☺ Sign up to help by preparing for the sale, working at the sale, and donating food items or baked goods.

☺ Attend and support your church at this fun and profitable event!

Here's how to be part of the fun:

☺ Clean out your closets, basements, attics and bring us your books, collectibles, dishes, antiques, and any garage-sale type items good enough to sell.

So, how can you donate those nice, clean fleas you've been collecting?

Fleas may be placed in Room 200 in the basement of the Church Office, Monday - Friday, 9 am-3 pm.

When donating fleas, omit glasses

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Breaking News.... Youth for Katrina \$2003.79...

was raised from our kickoff luncheon, Cloister Car Wash tickets sale, and additional generous donations. Thanks to

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WORSHIP IN MAY

From Pastor Larry Carl



Sunday, May 7– The Fourth Sunday of Easter – HOLY COMMUNION – The message will be entitled “I Love To Go Awandering!” based on Acts 4:11, *This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’*

Sunday, May 14 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter – THE FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME – MOTHER’S DAY – The sermon will be entitled “All In the Family” based on I John 4:20-21, *Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

Sunday, May 21 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter – MUSIC SUNDAY - VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY - The sermon will be entitled “With a Little Help From My Friends” based on John 15:14, *You are my friends if you do what I command you.*

Sunday, May 28 – ASCENSION SUNDAY – The sermon will be entitled “Just Wait?” based on Acts 1:8, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Lection Lessons for May

May 7 – Acts 4:5-12; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18; Psalter: Psalm 23

May 14 – Acts 8:26-40; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8; Psalter: Psalm 22:25-31

May 21 – Acts 10:44-48; I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17; Psalter: Psalm 98

May 28 – Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53; Psalter: Psalm 47

Christian Ed Volunteers To Be Recognized

From Dorris McCoy

Christian Education wants to say THANK YOU to all LP members who shine their light so God's light will shine on in the hearts and lives of LP's children, youth and adults as they grow in their faith journeys.

All who join in many large and small ways to make LP's Christian Education classes, learning, and fellowship events possible will be recognized on VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY, **May 21**, at all worship services. All are invited to visit the Education Building Resource Room area for special treats.



There is a tremendous strength that is growing in the world through sharing together, praying together, suffering together and working together.

---Mother Theresa

From Nancy Dettra

Please worship with us this summer:



Contemporary Service

9-10 am

Traditional Service

10:30-11:30 am

Preludes (some Sundays)

10:15-10:30 am

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 the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Larry Carl

Brenda was searching for some personal history photographs. She was paging through a “Book of Memories” created by two young people after we left First United Methodist Church in Pottstown. On the pages of this special book is information about the children and youth who were part of the church while we served there. They also responded to a question: *When you hear the name Rev. Carl, what comes to your mind?* Brenda was on a page offered by a young man by the name of Philip. His response to that question was, *I want him to come back.*

Brenda sniffed a bit and noted that Philip's sentiment made her want to cry.

Of course, we're not going back. We're not being appointed anywhere. We're retiring from active ministry.

The church has been our life. It's been the place where we've invested our time. It's been where we've developed most of our relationships through the years. It's been our community, our extended family.

If there is one thing that raises some anxiety about retirement for us it is the loss of community. It will be the first time in over 40 years that we did not have a “ready-made” community to step into. Now we will have to strike out and find that community for ourselves. For me, community is an essential part of what the Christian faith is all about. The church is literally to be the visible body of Christ in the world. Dr. Leonard Sweet says that the church is an allusion – it alludes to another reality, to Christ's kingdom. To be a person of faith is to be a part of the body of Christ; it is to be part of that faith community that makes the Christ real in the world.

The church is to be about the task of building community. With few exceptions, we have always been warmly received into the faith communities where we have served. But, more importantly, we have witnessed those communities welcome others with warmth and hospitality. I am convinced that it is as we build community and all that entails that we give the most effective witness to the

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cause of the gospel of Jesus Christ through our churches.

Dr. M. Scott Peck, who became a Christian while writing his best selling book, "The Road Less Traveled," was so convinced of the importance of restoring a sense of community to our social and cultural fabric, he created an organization called the Foundation for Community Encouragement. As important as community is in those arenas, it is even more critical for the effective life and work of the church.

As Brenda and I contemplate how and where we will search for community, it is my hope and prayer that you will continue your search for increasingly more effective ways to encourage community, to be the body of Christ where you are. I hope that with open minds your hearts will be open to each other even as you open your doors to all who would come.

It is part of that hope and prayer that you will enthusiastically include your

new pastor and family in that community as together you bear witness to the love of Christ.

The apostle Paul wrote to the people in the church in Ephesus, *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place of God.* (Ephesians 2:19-22)

As you and your new pastor build community together, may God be "at home" with you!

Blessings!

Pastor Larry



James and Betty Garraway on the sudden loss of their son John last month. You are in our prayers!

Sandra Rosencrans on the recent loss of her brother.

May God surround you with lots of love and care!

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl

“A friend of mine, a young minister, serves at a large church that hired a church fund-raiser to help them with a large capital-funds campaign. She told this story:

At the initial meeting, the fund-raiser asked the board about our goals for the campaign. ‘You have to understand that we are a church that has a high percentage of older people, mostly widows on fixed incomes. So we really can’t expect to raise too much money.’

The fund-raiser asked to see a list of our major givers. He took the list with him at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting, he told the board that he had done an analysis of our congregation’s giving. ‘Please note,’ he told us in his report on his analysis of the church’s giving patterns, ‘that the majority of your top 50 contributors are *widows on fixed incomes*. Please note that, according to my calculations, those widows on fixed incomes pay about 60 percent of this congregation’s annual budget. I’d say if you want to improve the giving in this congregation, you need to talk to those women first, find out why they give, then try to infect the rest of the congregation with the faith of these *widows on fixed incomes*.’”

-- James Love

Here’s a thought: The mere smell of baking pastries has a marked effect on human behavior. One study showed that people are more than twice as likely to provide change for a dollar to a stranger when within the scent range of a CINNABON store. The right smells make us more cooperative. -- “Personality & Social Psychology Bulletin,” as quoted in “Scent of Cookies Brings Out Best in Shoppers,” by Matt Crensuon, Las Vegas Review-Journal, October 15, 1996. Cited in Coercion, Riverhead Books (New York, 1999).



YOUTH FOR KATRINA RELIEF KICKS OFF... & MORE

From Dorris McCoy



Thank you to all who enjoyed and supported the JR GROUP's and UMYF's KICK-OFF POT-PIE LUNCH on Sunday, April 23. The Katrina Story video by the pastor of St. Matthew's UCC in New Orleans and the testimony of LP members and relief workers, **Barb Wenger** and **Don Weller**, shared the ongoing human loss and rebuilding needs. The JR GROUP and UMYF are all set to raise \$4000 for Katrina Relief. The challenge has been issued! When the goal is reached, they get to paint **Dorris McCoy's** hair and **Jim Perry's** bald head with who-knows-how-many colors!!!

Check out the upcoming fundraising efforts to help them reach this goal:

- ☼ MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE - order Mom a gift and support a worthy cause. Hanging Basket Flowers or Bags of Bloom, \$8 each, available for pick-up on Mother's Day, Sunday, **May 14**; Coordinator is **Val Deibler**.
- ☼ CLOISTER CAR WASH TICKETS - available after all worship services and in the Church Office, \$11 for exterior wash (upgrades additional if desired upon redemption) at the new, nearby Cloister Car Wash on Rte 724. Questions, see **Tracy Goldsborough, Linda Hope, or Dorris McCoy**.
- ☼ Yet to come are special local restaurant DINING OUT OFFERS - **Nancy Villecco** coordinates!
- ☼ SPRING CLEANING SPECIAL offered by "Our Special Touch" Cleaning Services, any room for a \$20 donation to the Youth Katrina Relief effort, preferably bathrooms or kitchens (no garages, attics, or basements please). Scheduling arranged with **Jim Perry**, owner, 610-678-9297. Total proceeds will be donated to Youth for Katrina. Can you see he really wants paint on his head (no hair there) and wants the kids to win!

Friends and members may also make donations by sending a check or cash donation marked: **YOUTH FOR KATRINA RELIEF**, Designated Fund #900023. Almost \$800 was received even before kick-off of these fund-raising efforts. Your awesome prayer and financial support is such a witness in helping LP's kids and youth discover the joy that comes from sharing with others!!

Contemporary Service to Move Upstairs

From Jerry Pawlikowski

These are exciting times in the life of Lincoln Park Church! The move of our four-year-old contemporary worship service from its current downstairs location to the church sanctuary is now being planned. This move was discussed at a Church Council meeting on March 20.

A task force, headed by **Tom Hubric**, has been doing a feasibility study over the past few months as part of an initial evaluation phase concerning the move. They are studying:

- what the worship service move might entail,
- how it can be done so that it maintains the beauty of our sanctuary,
- and how much it might cost.

Tom recently brought in a representative from B&B Communications who presented many options for us to consider in upgrading the video and audio systems in the church sanctuary.



This task force will be part of a larger group, now being formed, consisting of members of our Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Worship Committee, and the Praise Band. This group, which will be responsible for the process involved in moving the contemporary service upstairs, had its first meeting in April and will continue to meet monthly.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me, 610-678-3600, or **Tom Hubric**, 610-775-0609.

Quilters Seek Your Expertise

From Susie Romig

The Lincoln Park Church Quilters have been a working group since 1978. We've had as many as 12 ladies quilting with us from time to time, but with the death of some older quilters, and the move out of town of others, we have just three regular quilters.

If you've enjoyed quilting in the past, why not give us a try, even if it's just for an hour or two at a time? We quilt tops which we've pieced ourselves, and tops which others bring to us to finish. All money earned is given to church. For further information, see **Susie Romig**, **Betty Frederickson**, or **Kathryn Hafer**.

Spring Alpha & More Series Concludes

From Dorris McCoy

Perhaps small in number, but no less lively in questioning and discussing, were participants in LP's SPRING ALPHA & MORE series; **Brenda Carl**, **Bev Ruffner**, and **Hildamay Bartron** (chief cooks) outdid themselves with our beginning evening meal and fellowship time.

Thank you to facilitators, **Pastor Larry** (Old Testament), **Jack Villecco** (Spiritual Gifts), and **Becky Chadwick** (Alpha), and to Child Care Providers, **Gabi Antunes**, **Amy Krebs**, and **Holly Newman** for coming forth and helpin' it happen. Input and suggestions are welcomed for the fall. Dates, times, topics, and leadership will be announced in the September *News-Linc*.

Clearance Records Needed

From Dorris McCoy



The Christian Education Committee and Staff Parish Relations Chair, **Jeanette Erskine**, remind all LP workers with children and youth that submitting criminal record checks and child abuse clearances is an Eastern Pennsylvania Conference-mandated requirement. This *sign of the times* necessity involves all paid staff and volunteer leaders and helpers, over age 18, who assist on a regular basis in any children and youth related programs. This includes Church School, VBS, UMYF and JR GROUP events (transporting and parental hosts/advisors), child care, child/family social/fellowship events. For procedures and paperwork, please contact **Linda Hope**, CE Chair, 610-670-9731.

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everyone, youth and adults, for your hard work preparing and serving lunch, and all who so generously supported our successful Youth for Katrina Kick-Off. The JR GROUP and UMYF are now halfway to their goal of \$4000 and being able to paint Dorris's hair and Jim Perry's bald head. Please watch Sunday bulletins for continuous updates. For more information about the Youth for Katrina project, see p. 7.

Worship Leader Minute for May

From Becky Chadwick

Let's review what we discussed last month.

1. Worship is what we were created by God to do.

The Merriam Webster Online Dictionary defines worship as the following:

Main Entry: ¹wor·ship

- 1: *chiefly British* : a person of importance -- used as a title for various officials (as magistrates and some mayors)
- 2 : reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power; also, an act of expressing such reverence
- 3 : a form of religious practice with its creed and ritual
- 4 : extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem "worship of the dollar"

Main Entry: ²worship

Function: verb

Inflected Form(s): -shipped or -shipped; -ship·ing or -ship·ing

transitive senses

- 1 : to honor or reverence as a divine being or supernatural power
- 2 : to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion

intransitive senses : to perform or take part in worship or an act of worship



The original English word was "worthship." This word means someone worthy of our respect. Who are we supposed to worship? Who is worthy of all of our respect? God is the one that we were designed to worship. God created us to worship God. Isn't that an amazing thing to contemplate? God made us for no other reason than to worship God! When you really think about it, what else can we do for the all mighty creator of the universe? I know that I am quite limited in comparison to anything God can do!

The really cool thing is that God created us to worship God all the time, not just on Sunday morning. Not when we are with a group of people, but all the time - seven days a week, 24 hours a day. I know that some of you are saying "Oh Becky, you have gone way overboard with that! You had me until you said I have to worship all the time. I cannot do that. I work, I am taking care of my kids/grandkids, I am so busy with this or that, I can't worship all the time." But the truth is you can worship God all the time in

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Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

DOUBLY BLESSED

Special MUSIC

On **Sunday, May 21**, we'll recognize many individuals who've contributed to the music ministry of Lincoln Park Church. Special music is being planned for each of the three services. I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who contributes!

I would also like to recognize two special individuals- **Bev Perella** and **Becky Chadwick**. Becky and I have been working together for over two years. Those who know her are aware of her busy work schedule advocating for special needs children, an oftentimes traveling husband, and three young boys. Becky is extremely dedicated to the contemporary worship service and Christian education. In her "spare time," she has started the procedure to become a licensed local pastor.

Though Bev and I have been working together just since August, it seems like we've known each other much longer. I'm amazed how Bev can teach German and Russian all week, negotiate union contracts, direct play rehearsals, and then come in on a Sunday morning and play beautiful masterworks on the organ. Bev also has three "children" (two grown sons and one demanding guinea pig named Oliver) and is a mentor and friend to many Twin Valley High School students.

Bev and Becky, you are appreciated not only as colleagues, but as good friends as well.

How good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133, verse 1

UMYF HAPPENINGS!

From Linda Hope

Saturday, May 6, 9 am

Dirt Dumpin' Day

Under the supervision of **George Weikel**, the youth will help move dirt around the church yard to help beautify the outside of our church. Afterwards, we'll move on to Schell's for lunch and miniature golfing.



Thursday, May 18, 7:30 pm

Parent/Youth Planning Meeting



Parents and Youth will meet in the Lounge to discuss plans for the fall. Come share your ideas!

A big **Thank You** to all who donated items for OPPORTUNITY HOUSE! We received a wonderful response from the congregation and will have the items delivered when the church serves dinner on Tuesday, **May 2**.

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all that you do. If we make decisions based on honoring God, then we are worshipping God. If we help someone reach a can in the grocery store when we are running late, we are worshipping God. If we say a prayer for that person who just popped into our head, or the person/situation we saw on the news, we are worshipping God. If we refrain from gossiping and stop someone else from doing the same we are honoring God. Worship is something that we can do every minute of every day. Until next month...how often do you worship God when you are not in church or doing church work?

1 Corinthians 14:25 ...so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS – Herb Miller

From Jerry Manhart

How to Live a Meaningful Life

Many Americans live with two opposite feelings. On one hand, they want to experience meaning and purpose in their lives. On the other hand, they often feel that they are running on empty.

In his classic novel, *Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo tells us how to eliminate that second feeling. The bishop befriends Jean Valjean and gives him lodging. Valjean repays that kindness by stealing the bishop's valuable candlesticks. After the bishop reports the theft, the police magistrate questions Valjean in the bishop's presence.

As the interrogation progresses, Valjean seems headed for jail. At that point, the bishop unexpectedly retracts his charges and offers a plausible reason for why the candlesticks are missing.

Jean Valjean is amazed. When he and the bishop are alone, he says, *Why did you do that? You know I am guilty.* The bishop replies, *Life is for giving.*

Why do churches receive an offering in their worship services? Some people say, *Because the church needs the money.* That is only part of the answer. Even if a wealthy benefactor fully underwrote our congregation's expenses, we would still need to provide people

with the opportunity to give an offering in our worship services. Weekly giving teaches us—and reminds us because we keep forgetting—that life without unselfish giving is life without meaning and purpose.

Victor Hugo is right. Life is for giving.

Which God Shall We Elect?

Loren Mead says he often asks this question in church audiences across America: *Are you rich?*

“The usual audience response is denial. *Raise your hand if you are rich.* Most hands stay down, and only slowly and reluctantly, one by one they go up. Some refuse to participate.

Objectively the question should be easy to answer. I have never asked the question in any audience in which every person present is not rich. Some are absurdly rich in comparison to 99 percent of those in the world. And others, just by being Americans, are probably better off than 95 percent of the world's population . . . You see, wealth . . . is the natural condition of all North Americans . . .

Why do we work so hard to hide the fact that we are rich? Why hide it even from ourselves? Why does our wealth

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Hola, Amigos! Spice Up Your Summer at **Fiesta!**

From Dorris McCoy

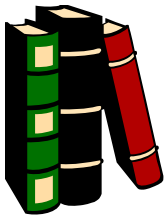
All LP children are invited to come and bring a friend to this summer's VBS **Fiesta**: Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus! Again this year LP's VBS will be jumping with excitement as we have a **Fiesta** to provide fun, Bible-learning activities and adventures for kids and youth crew leaders, sing catchy spirited songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble Maraca Munchies, take a Daily Challenge to let Jesus' love grow into their homes, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind all of God's Word, and create Bible Point Crafts to take home for fun all summer long.

Fiesta is an exciting way for kids to learn more about Jesus' love. Kids will also share Jesus' love by creating blankets for the children at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE and by sending portions of their daily offerings along with LP's YOUTH FOR KATRINA RELIEF drive. Each day concludes with the **Fiesta Finale** at 11:45 am - a celebration that gets everyone involved in lifting up Jesus' love in our community.

Fiesta begins right here at LP Church, Monday through Friday, **June 19-23**, 9 am-Noon (Early Bird Activity Specials at 8:30 am.) For information, call the church office or **Karen Osika**, Coordinator, 610-670-4726. Registration flyers will be available mid-May.

Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra



Please join our group Monday, May 22, 7 pm, for some lively discussion about *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* by Lorna Landvik. We meet monthly at the Dettra home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park.

This selection is "a lively story as delectable as a 5-lb box of chocolates, a thoroughly engaging chronicle of friendship and the substantive place it holds in women's lives" says Anne D. LeClaire, author of *Leaving Eden*.

Sunday Church School Invites You!

From Dorris McCoy



LP's Sunday Church School classes are for all ages of members, friends, and visitors. We invite you to grow in knowl-

edge and understanding of what it means to seek and share Christ (LP's stated mission).

Church School offers opportunities to:

- experience God's story
- understand and learn God's Word
- explore how to apply God's truth to our everyday life
- build a forever friendship with Jesus
- fellowship with our friends in Christ

9:30 am:

Sessions are available for 3 year olds through 3rd graders via a Preschool and Early Elementary Class in Rooms 101 & 104.

An Adult Lectionary Study with **Norm** and **Nancy Dettra** meets in the Church Library.

10:45 am:

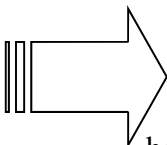
Classes for 3 year olds through 6th graders begin in the Choir Room/Lounge. Youth meet in Room 103. The Adult Study of the Gospels with **Earl Hope** takes place in the Library.

Both hours of Children's Church School focus on the Book of Acts, with activities designed to explore God's power in the early church. We learn how God's spirit strengthens us today and how we too are asked to follow where God leads, to tell others about Jesus and encourage each other in faith.

Come - take care of your soul - be challenged and equipped to put your faith into action!

The Spring Church School series concludes on Sunday, **May 28**. Summer schedule for Church School will be offered for 3 year olds through 3rd grade during the latter 45 minutes of the Contemporary Service of Worship, beginning June 4 through September 3. Contact **Dorris McCoy** to lead a session during these 14 Sundays and share your gifts of teaching in the upcoming Fall season.

Calling all Graduates!



If you haven't already done so, please call the Church Office, 610-777-1422, or **Cheri Fallon**, 610-678-8735, if you have a graduate in the house. We'd like to write about them next month.



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

Activities coming up:

May 20 - Car Wash during the Flea Market.
Rain date is May 21.

June 9-11 - Camp Innabah weekend.
Information will be sent soon.

Please call **Tracy Goldsborough** at 610-777-6991 ASAP if you can help out.

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and mugs with logos, encyclopedias, textbooks, and magazines. Computer system components (CPU's monitors, printers, etc.) cannot be accepted.

Please bring fleas in cartons, NOT BAGS, so items can be priced and stored in the same cartons.

Starting May 1, clean, presentable clothing (including purses, shoes, hats, etc.) can be dropped off in the Choir Room in the Education Building. *Friday, May 12 is the last day flea or clothing donations will be accepted.*

Any questions or concerns, please call **Barb Wenger**, 610-777-0952, or **Bev Ruffner**, 610-777-0785.

LP Member Needs You

June Maier reports that her father, **Henry Taylor**, has moved to assisted living at the Highlands (Rm AL801).

He wants to come to church but needs help. He uses a walker. He would love visitors now and then and maybe a time out for lunch or a trip to the drug store.

If you can help, please call the Church Office. It would be much appreciated!



Mission Giving



Your Missions Dollars Make a Difference

From Barbara Wenger

When the Missions Committee met on April 4, we asked God for guidance in serving others. The following donations were decided upon:

Salvation Army	\$300
Central Park Soup Kitchen	\$300
UMCOR—Katrina	\$500
LP's Youth for Katrina Relief Fund	\$200
Habitat for Humanity	\$100
African University	\$100
Opportunity House	\$100
Reading Food Bank	\$100
Women in Crisis	\$100

Our next meeting will be May 2.

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embarrass us?

Somewhere deep inside us is a place that cannot come to terms with what it means to be what we are. This is a spiritual question, and it is the one spiritual question all Americans share. It may be the one that most threatens us." [Financial Meltdown in the Mainline. Loren B. Mead]

In the deep places of our souls, we know that Jesus was right when he said, *No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.* (Matthew 6:24). In each of our lives, two candidates are running for election as president. Each day of each week, each of us must decide which god to elect.

The weekly offering in our worship service helps us to make the right choice.

Charleen and Jerry Say Thank You

Charleen and Jerry Evaul, LP's OPPORTUNITY HOUSE Supper Cooks/ Coordinators, appreciate all who donated their free Giant Bonus Card hams/turkeys. Your generosity keeps costs down and provides a tasty dinner for the homeless men, women and children at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE. LP prepares and serves supper there on Tuesday, **May 2**, with preparation beginning at 4 pm in our Church Kitchen under Jerry's watchful eyes. Donations of time to prepare/serve, desserts/foods, and/ or \$\$\$ towards meal costs may be directed to the Evauls, 610-927-1692. Please mark calendars now for LP's summer supper day, **Tuesday, July 4**. Watch for details on this holiday meal.



A Big Thank You!

...To
Linda
Woll

Christian Edu-
cation says a
most heartfelt

word of appreciation to **Linda Woll** who, for almost three years, has helped recruit and schedule the leadership for LP's 9:30 am Church School hour. In addition, she often teaches at either church school time and has coordinated the curriculum resources provided for the earlier activities.

Please, stop Linda and share your word of thanks; let us keep Linda in our prayers as she discerns where the Lord is moving her and she moves into new avenues of teaching ministry...like leading the Pre-school Class at '06 Fiesta VBS! Olé!!!

Linda's retirement from these responsibilities opens the door for a new opportunity for another LP leader with the gift to ask for others' involvement and the gift of administration to oversee this scheduling task.

To explore the possibilities, please contact or see **Linda Hope**, CE Chair, 610-670-9731, or **Dorris McCoy**, DCE, 610-777-1422, ext. 24, or 777-6128. If you're wondering what your gifts are, please call **Jack Villecco**, 610-777-4312, to discover insights and possibilities.

Fiesta Calls VBS Leaders to Fun

From Dorris McCoy



You love what you've heard about LP's past VBS experiences! You love watching kids' faces light up as they sing and worship! You love the awesome Bible adventure dramas the kids have told you about! Perhaps you dream of wild, elaborate **Fiesta** decorations you could help create! Or maybe crafts are right up your alley!

VBS offers fun, energizing opportunities to connect with other LP and community people who have a passion for the Gospel and children's ministry--- people like those described above who serve as station leaders and/or crew leaders.

Preview this year's **Fiesta** theme, station leader job descriptions, and curriculum resource tools at the **Fiesta** VBS TEACHER/HELPER meeting set for **Tuesday, May 9**, 6:30 pm, in Room 101. Child care will be provided.

You don't have to wait till training night, you may call **Karen Osika**, VBS Coordinator (610-670-4726), immediately or contact **Dorris McCoy**, DCE, in the Church Office, ext. 24.



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Easter Egg Hunt Is a Hit: Thank You!

From Raylin Ritenour

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time, and to all who came to our Easter Egg Hunt Celebration. Despite the weather, lots of fun was had by everyone: hunting eggs, playing games, doing crafts, and eating snacks. We could not have been so successful without your help.



Look Who Is Having a Birthday in May!!!

Andrew Kruse	5/1/1996
Trisha Goldsborough	5/5/2000
Ariana Thomas	5/6/1998
Ashley Foltz	5/6/1999
Christopher Raab	5/16/2001
Grace Deibler	5/20/1997
Emily Ritenour	5/30/2000

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Organize and Update Pictures in Albums for
Church; Call Carl Madeira
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