



News-Line



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

Join Us to Bid Farewell to the Carls

From Jeanette Erskine

Pastor Larry Carl will be retiring on June 30, after completing 41 years in the ministry.

He received his license to preach in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in June, 1965, and was Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church in June, 1970. After serving several churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Pastor Larry was appointed to Lincoln Park United Methodist Church on July 1, 2000.

Brenda Carl has been part of this journey, having married Larry in July, 1965.

June 11 will be our last Sunday to have Pastor Larry and Brenda in worship with us at Lincoln Park.

You are warmly invited to attend a reception in Memorial Hall that day immediately following the last service.

Come and say farewell and thank you to two friends dearly loved by this congregation.



**FAREWELL &
Godspeed**

As of June 6, the Carls' new address and phone will be: 15 Larchwood Rd, Wyomissing, PA 19610; 610-655-8807.

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WORSHIP IN JUNE

From Pastor Larry Carl



Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 4 – PENTECOST SUNDAY – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – HOLY COMMUNION – The message will be entitled “There’s Excitement In the Air!” based on **Acts 2:1-2**, *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

Sunday, June 11 – TRINITY SUNDAY – The message will be entitled “Love, Larry” based on **Philippians 1:3-5**, *I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.*

Sunday, June 18 – THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – FATHERS’ DAY – The **Rev. Clifford Flick** will be the guest preacher on this date.

Sunday, June 25 – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – **Dorris McCoy** and **Becky Chadwick** will be in charge of worship on this Sunday.

Lection Lessons for June

June 4 – **Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**
Psalter: Psalm 104:24-34,35b

June 11 – **Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17; Psalter: Psalm 29**

June 18 – **I Samuel 15:34-16:13; II Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34; Psalter: Psalm 20**

June 25 – **I Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; II Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41; Psalter: Psalm 9:9-20**



Calling All Music Patrons

From Bill Lape and Lon Harvey,
Co-chairs, Music Committee

The Music Committee, a subcommittee of the Worship Committee, is committed to development of all aspects of the music ministry at Lincoln Park Church. To further our goal of promoting the whole church music ministry, it has been decided to reinstitute the music patron program from several years ago. These funds will help revitalize and enhance our entire music program.

Donations from patrons will be used to bring special music and talent to our church, including soloists, groups and other presentations, as well as to purchase music for our choirs and instrumental groups. We hope to enlarge and enhance our music ministry for the benefit of the entire church.

Please consider a donation to our revitalized patron program. All contributions will help expand our music program, and, in turn, enhance the worship experience at Lincoln Park UMC. Look for a mailing with additional details in the near future.

Fundraiser Surpasses Goal

From George Weikel

The Memorial Hall Renovations Fundraiser has been a huge success. We've raised over \$20,000 in a few short weeks, which will be more than enough to turn the Hall into a beautiful multi-functional place to gather for social events. The renovations will begin in June and should not interrupt any upcoming summer events.

The majority of the work will be performed during week days with the exception of the week during Vacation Bible School. All events utilizing Memorial Hall during renovations must be listed on the church calendar or brought to the attention of the Trustees so that work schedules can be altered.



A (Last) Word from this Pastor's Desk . . .

From Pastor Larry Carl

We had just returned from a wonderful retirement luncheon hosted by the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and Board of Pensions at the Reading Country Club. Brenda said to me on our arrival back home, *Well, I guess this makes it official.*

No, that didn't make it "official," but, in a manner of speaking, it did make it real. And, I am dealing with a lot of the "real" aspects of retiring. I have divested myself of much of my library, emptied my file cabinet, and processed all the necessary paperwork for the Board of Pensions and the Social Security Administration.

There are just a few things that still need to be done before I transition into retirement. This article is one of those, a last of many articles I have written for newsletters through the years. As always, there are things that I want to share with you in this "last word."

First, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve in ministry with you. To be sure, there have been times of testing and challenge – for you as well as me

– but, happily, the good and positive have far outweighed the testing and challenging times.

I have been blessed to work with a great staff and with many fine lay leaders who have inspired and encouraged me, and have provided invaluable assistance in work and ministry. For that I am

deeply grateful and know that they will continue to be a blessing to all of you in your life and ministry together.

It has been my privilege to be with many of you as your pastor – in times of joy as well as times of illness, suffering, and grief. I have been blessed to be able to be present with you and to reach

out a hand as one seeking to express the love and compassion of our great God. Through those times we have grown close, and I shall always cherish the bond of love and faith that we have shared.

Effective June 30, I will no longer be your pastor. After that date Rev. McGrath will be your pastor and he is the one that you will contact in times of need. I cannot – and will not – function in that capacity. That is not to be harsh or

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cold or uncaring, but rather to give Pastor Gerry and you the opportunity to develop the kind of relationship that is necessary for effective ministry.

We are going to be in a different situation than we have ever been in. We have never remained in an area where we have served before, but this time we are. So, if we should happen to see you when we are out and about, we are not going to turn and head in a different direction. We will be glad to see you, but obviously in a different relationship.

Know, too, that we will always hold all of you in our thoughts and prayers. There are many memories that we will cherish of our time with you and special thoughts of so many special people that we will hold close to our hearts.

On my last Sunday, June 11, I will preach from St. Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. I share that text with you now. In the first chapter the apostle wrote: *I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me. . . And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best. . . .*
(Philippians 1:3-7, 9)

Gratefully and with love,

Pastor Larry



Mark and Tina Bisignaro and family on the loss of Mark's father, Salvatore, on April 26. We will keep you in our prayers.

Stewardship Thoughts

From Pastor Larry Carl



As I approach retirement one of the things that runs through my mind has to do with the kind of legacy that I have left through my ministry. It has always fascinated me that often what we intend is opposite of what is actually perceived. That is true for clergy as well as laity. Often, too, we never have the kind of intentions that will produce a positive and lasting legacy.

In a sermon entitled “Legacy of a Lightweight” and cited in *First Fruits*, edited by David Mosser and Brian Bauknight, Philip A. Amerson writes the following:

“Through our lives we are writing a living legacy. As we rise and go about our routines, a subscript is being added – a legacy others perceive but perhaps cannot clearly see. The way we use our resources speaks perhaps of far different values when viewed by others. Day by day, each of us prepares a legacy with a subtext that reads *Being of sound mind, I hereby bequeath to the world . . .*

“You may remember the play *Requiem for a Heavyweight* written by Rod Serling. Heavyweight boxer Mountain Rivera is confronted with the question of his legacy. He is deeply in debt. A physician tells him he must never fight again. Confused, Rivera is offered a way out by gamblers around him. If he would simply throw the fight, he would be given enough money to pay off his debts. Rivera, in desperation, mutters, *It doesn’t matter; I’m dead already.*

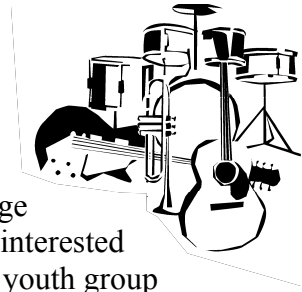
“Too many of us act as if we are dead already. We fail to understand it is never too late to begin a lasting and positive legacy. Each human being, rich or poor, struggles with this question: ‘What legacy will I leave?’ We all struggle with the complications of life. Will we behave as a spiritual lightweight or heavyweight? Neither our wealth nor our debts determine our ultimate worth. It is what we do with the resources with which we have been entrusted that makes the difference.

“Generosity is more a matter of spiritual self-understanding than it is a matter of financial planning. People give because they have some sense of their relationship with the Holy One and that frees them to know how to best use their checkbooks. Author Donald Kraybill writes: ‘It’s the question of the dog and the tail. Does our faith wag our pocketbook or does our bank account wag our convictions? . . .the scriptural vision calls for a faith which influences our pocketbooks.’”

May our legacies speak well of our blessings and our faith!

Why Contemporary Worship? (or What is All that Stuff For?)

From Lin Umstead



Last month marked the first meeting of the Sanctuary Adaptation Task Force. Before envisioning how the informal worship service could meet in the main sanctuary without affecting the aesthetics, a brief overview of the equipment that is currently being used was given. A very good question was *why do we need all that equipment?* Since many individuals may wonder as well, I would like to share my personal experience.

In the late 90's, our family attended a local E.C.C. church. The church had a beautiful sanctuary, good organ/choral music and a loving, faithful congregation. We were asked to help the pastor start a contemporary service to facilitate growth among younger families. The pastor and my husband both played acoustic guitars, I played the piano, and a college student played the saxophone. We enjoyed playing the quiet, soulful music as did many of the elderly population that stayed for the second service. The music, nice as it was, did not accomplish the intended outreach to the younger population in the community.

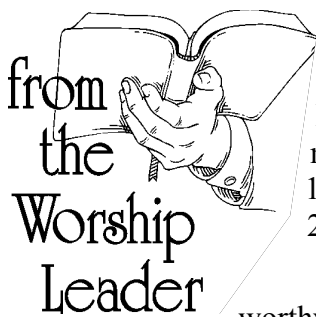
At this time, our daughters were ap-

proaching the teenage years, and we were interested in finding an active youth group for them to participate in. We did not want them to go the route of many teens today, going through confirmation and then falling away from the church at a time we felt they needed it most. We decided to join a local E. Free church that we heard so much about.

What a change that was for us- instead of the beautiful building, a refurbished factory. There was, however, a wonderful church family and a service where, in addition to traditional hymns and piano music, there was a band with electronic instruments, not very quiet, but the teens obviously loved the music. Another change was in store as our daughters wanted to fit in with other teens and now wore jeans to church instead of beautiful dresses sewed by their grandmother. But it was obvious to us that here was a format appealing to teens, and as a result those teens invited friends and the church grew to two services, then a new sanctuary- and recently the church started two services in the new sanctuary due to overcrowding!

As I reflect back I am so thank-

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Worship Leader Minute for June

From Becky Chadwick

Let's review what has been presented over the last two months.

1. Worship is what we were created by God to do.
2. God wants our worship all the time.

Worship is something that honors God because God is worthy of our respect. There is no other being that is worthy of our respect like God is. Pastor Nick Ittzes from Christian Outreach Church in Hillsboro, MO, says *We act as if the worship service were supposed to be a production done in 'our Royal Honor.'* But that's as far from biblical worship as heaven is from earth. Worship is supposed to be directed towards God. Jerry Bridges, author of "The Joy of Fearing God," tells us, *A worship service should focus on God. This doesn't mean that ministry to members of the body or even to unbelievers will not occur. It does mean that the emphasis is on worship of God, ascribing to Him the praise, adoration, and thanksgiving that are due Him.* Clearly, worship is not for us. Worship is for God, therefore it must be directed towards God.

Worship requires our active involvement. There is only one time in the Bible that worship is not an active process! In Genesis 47:31 Jacob leaned on his staff and worshiped. Only one time!! Every other reference to worship in the Bible includes the worshiper doing something to worship God. Worship must originate in the heart, but worship in the heart alone is incomplete. It is passive. Worship that is in action alone is not true worship. God wants heart and action. In 2 Chronicles 25:1 - 28 we are told the story of King Amaziah, one of the kings of Judah. He ruled for 29 years, but verse 2 sums up all that he did as king: *He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, but not wholeheartedly.*

When we come to church on Sunday, are we truly there to worship? Is our heart focused on God? The benefit of coming together on a Sunday morning is the community of people that are there for the same purpose: to bow down, sing to the Lord, and worship. The honor and the glory belong to God; not to the music, not to the Pastor, not to people who attend, but to God. Worship focuses on the creator of the universe and is for the glory and celebration of all that God has done for us. If you are thinking about where you are going to go for dinner, if you are focused on things other than worshipping God, then you are not doing what God wants you to do. God wants wholehearted worship. Our Lord wants all of you. Until next month...at the end of your life what will be the biblical summary of your worship of God?



Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead

Please note our summer service hours:

9-10 am - Contemporary Worship Service

10:30-11:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

(Plan to arrive at 10:15 to enjoy the musical preludes)

June 4 - Chancel Choir

June 11- Doreen Bilger, pianist, Keith and Peggy Ruch, vocalists, and Chancel Choir; We'll present a musical farewell to Pastor Larry in honor of his last Sunday here at LPCUMC.

June 18 - **Cliff and Wendy Flick**, Supply Pastor and former members of the popular FRED WARING AND THE PENNSYLVANIANS

June 25 - **Debbie Pyle**, pianist

July 2 - Donna Holland Danielski, soprano soloist, with Phyllis Peters, principal orchestra harpist

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ful that there was a church that thought enough of young people to hold a service that would interest them, allowing them to experience the fellowship and Christian growth that we adults experienced. As a parent, I can't express what peace of mind we had as our daughters wanted to be involved with church activities in their free time or listened to Christian CD's instead of some of today's MTV alternatives. As music director here at Lincoln Park, I believe that through contemporary music and worship formats, we can reach the teens who need their faith nurtured at this turbulent time in their lives. Those of us who have grown children can be of help to the parents of teens who are trying to bring them up in a quite different world than we grew up in.

I am honored to serve in a church that is truly fulfilling its mission of "Seeking and Sharing Christ".

GET READY FOR A SIZZLING TIME AT **FIESTA** VBS '06!

From Dorris McCoy

Join your friends and neighbors for a howling good time at LP's **FIESTA** VBS, M-F, June 19-23, 9 am-Noon. Party with us and get fired up about Jesus! Daily celebrations are offered for 3 year olds through 6th graders and feature:

- ☺ Sing & Play Ole
- ☺ Munchies
- ☺ Grande Games
- ☺ Cactus Crafts
- ☺ Fiesta Finales
- ☺ Chadder's Desert Theater
- ☺ Hot Bible Adventures
- ☺ A special Silly Chilies Preschool.



Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to serve as Crew Leaders, taking kids from one festival event to the next. **FIESTA**'s outreach projects will include daily offerings for Katrina Relief and making cuddly blankets with "Jesus Loves Me" in both English and Spanish for the children at Opportunity House's Second Street Learning Center.

To register or offer your leadership skills, contact **Karen Osika**, Fiesta Coordinator, 610-670-4726, or **Dorris McCoy**, DCE, 610-777-1422, ext. 24. Watch as Memorial Hall is transformed into a southwest village filled with cactus and plaza fountains and flowers (call us if you have colorful props). Viva **Fiesta** VBS where kids see their favorite amigos and learn that Jesus is our friend, our life, our leader, our savior and our helper always!

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!





Youth For Katrina Relief Funds Grow

From Dorris McCoy

The JR GROUP (grades 4, 5, & 6), UMYF youth (grades 7 through 12), and their advisors say a hearty *THANK YOU* to all who supported their KATRINA RELIEF fundraising efforts, including the Kick-Off Pot Pie Lunch, Cloister Car Wash ticket sales, Mother's Day Blooms sales and Jim Perry's Room Cleaning Special.

Thus far these busy young people have raised over \$2500 towards the \$4000 goal allowing them to paint Dorris' hair (neon

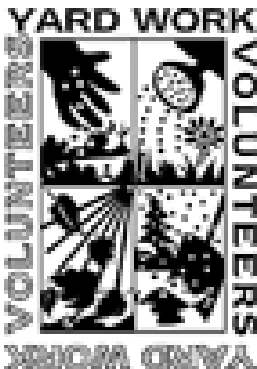
colors already purchased) and Jim Perry's bald head and face!

Thank you also to LP members, **Don Weller** and **Barbara Wenger**, who gave us personal glimpses from their relief trips to areas hit by hurricane Katrina.

Fundraising continues through the summer. See a youth if they've missed seeing you! All monies raised by LP's youth go directly to a local church in New Orleans to assist with their community outreach, family assistance, and recovery from hurricane Katrina.

Trustees Appreciate Help

From George Weikel



The LPUMC Trustees thank those who helped beautify our church properties on Church Lawn Work Day May 6. If you could not help, please thank those listed below who spread the topsoil, broadcasted the grass seeds, planted new flowers, and placed new mulch. Eight tons of topsoil were used to fill in holes in the lawn around the church, Education Building, and office. Now we need to pray for a lot of rain to help the grass and flowers grow.

Please thank **Tom Carlson; Bill, Jonathan, Parker, and Ryan Chadwick; Earl and Matthew Hope; Bill and Nancy Lape; Carl Madeira; Steve Miller** and friend **Suzanne Parker; George and Jean Weikel; Nancy and Kevin Villecco, and Mark and Abby Steinmeyer.**

YOUTH-LINK

UMYF Happenings

From Linda Hope

DAY AT KNOEBELS

Thursday, June 29 — Parents are needed to chaperone and provide transportation. Laura Perry will organize this event.

READING PHILLIES GAME - JUNE 20

UMYF and their families will go together to a ball game. Please contact Linda Lee to order tickets ASAP, llee2@psu.edu.

POOL PARTY

Join us **Sunday, August 13**, 2-5 pm at the Hopes. This event will include incoming 7th graders. Parents are invited to stay for a parent/youth planning meeting for fall. RSVP to **Linda Hope**, lslhope@aol.com, or 610-670-9731.



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for Katrina will continue through the summer. Look in the bulletin for updates on our dining out options!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Recycling - Saturday, June 3, at 9 am

Summer Theater Program - Sunday-Friday, August 6-11 6-8:30 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)



Youth volunteers are needed from 8:30 am - Noon, Monday through Friday, June 19-23. Any youth from 6th grade and up can help as a crew leader or station helper. Part-time helpers are welcome. Please contact **Karen Osika** if you can help.

MINIATURE GOLFING—SEPTEMBER 17, NOON

We need a parent to organize, chaperone, and plan this event. Can you help? Contact Linda Hope, lslhope@aol.com, or 610-670-9731.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

From Cheri Fallon

Jennifer Auman

graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, with a double major in Accounting and Spanish. She is the daughter of **Richard** and **Beth**, and granddaughter of **Dot**. As a member of the George Henry Miles Honors Program, she just recently presented her senior honors thesis—*Las Latinas del Trabajo y de la Casa: Giving Voice to Latin American Women at Work and Home*, a narrative inquiry analysis of the gender roles affecting Latin American Women at work and home.

Jen worked as a student assistant in the Office of the President, as well as a peer tutor in Spanish, and was a student caller for the Mount Phone-a-thon. She was the coordinator of more than 85 students in the Mount Ambassador Program, working with the Office of Admissions to welcome prospective families during major programs and daily visits.

She also served as chairperson of the Senior Class Gift Committee, as well as the vice-president of the Women in Business Club. Finally, Jen was the president of the Mount chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society, in addition to being a member of four other academic honor societies.

Some highlights of being at the Mount included studying abroad in Costa Rica

and Argentina and going on a service trip to Peru, as well as recently being selected to deliver the keynote address to more than 900 people at this year's Accepted Students Day.

After graduation, Jen plans on returning to Mount St. Mary's to complete her MBA, while working for Reznick Group, a national public accounting firm, in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore.

Tyler Cooley

son of **Brian** and **Leslie**, will graduate from Muhlenberg HS in June. He plans to attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport for a BS degree in Auto Technology and Business Management.

Because of his interest in cars, Tyler began working when he was 15 with a local drag racer (a Wilson grad named Christian Rado) from World Racing. Tyler's gone to shows and races with him and been part of his pit crew, even appearing on MTV. Tyler's graduation (Senior) project was about these experiences, including taking cars and modifying them for racing.

It's all been "a neat opportunity for Tyler," and, according to his mother Leslie, it may lead to more. The Discover Channel has offered a contract to Rado to pro-

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duce a series of episodes in California and Tyler may just be inclined to join him!

Jennifer Hope

daughter of **Earl** and **Linda**, will graduate from Wilson HS in June and enroll at Ursinus College (her Dad's Alma Mater) this fall.

Jen has been interested in Physical Therapy since she had some herself with an injured knee. Later she began working with "Doc" Moyer, Wilson's athletic trainer. "She fell in love with it," says her Mom Linda. "She did her senior project on Athletic Training, has researched it, lived it, and truly enjoys it." Her majors would be Exercise and Sports Science and Biology with a minor in Music.

Music is another love of Jen's.

She's done musicals at Wilson for four years. She loves to perform in them, go to them, and even work on the other side, doing sound and technical work. This year she made County, District and Regional Chorus! She's played the violin since 3rd grade and joins the Lincoln Park Band at Christmas.

Jen has also played tennis on the Wilson HS team for four years and was a big contributor the last two years. The team went to districts both years and to

states last year. She hopes to play at Ursinus next spring.

Scott McFeaters

Robert and **Karen McFeaters'** son graduated from Penn State University at University Park this month with a BS in Chemical Engineering.

Scott began liking chemistry in high school at Wilson. These days he is interested in "Process Optimization," which his Dad Robert explains as "making chemical processes as efficient as possible."

Scott enjoyed his years at Penn State, played some intramural sports there (He was an inside linebacker on his Wilson HS team) in addition to his studies.

In the summers in Reading he did an internship with Cott Beverage Co. doing quality assurance.

Jeffrey Pawlikowski

graduated from Franklin and Mar-

shall College in Lancaster. Son of **Jerry** and **Connie**, and grandson of **Norm** and **Nancy Dettra**, Jeff had the distinction of being the only student to graduate with honors in Biochemistry, having completed a special required research project.

Jeff will attend Drexel College of Medicine this fall to pursue his PhD in a four-six year program. His work will be

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

June 9-11 - CAMP INNABAH WEEKEND.
Please RSVP for this retreat to **Tracy Goldsborough**, 610-777-6991, ASAP

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at the Hahnemann Campus in center city Philadelphia. His interest is, of course, in the sciences, says his mom, Connie, and especially in cancer research. "He could see himself working in a teaching hospital or in cancer research," she says, and may end up attaching the MD to his name, also.

He was always interested in the sciences in high school when, you may remember, he won the county science fair and then went on to the national level.

Jeff has had research internships and a research assistantship. "It's amazing how far he's gone with his specialty," says his proud father, Jerry.

Jeff also played football at F&M, starting as offensive tackle for four years. He was named to the All-Centennial Conference team last year as offensive tackle.

He recently finished playing rugby and participated in a national rugby tournament in Richmond, VA. "We were all over the place," says Connie, of following Jeff's teams. "We'll really miss that."

Jeff's grandmother, Nancy, says of his acceptance to Drexel's School of Medicine, "I am so pleased. We've never had a Doctor in the family!"

Andrew Pawlikowski

younger son of **Jerry** and **Connie**, recently graduated from Lancaster Country Day School. He will attend Furman University, a small liberal arts college in Greenville, SC, where he plans to major in Political Science for Pre-Law.

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Summer Pantry Requests

From Dorris McCoy

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE is stocking its pantry for summer. You can help by donating:

- Meats, including chicken, hamburger, turkey, ham, sausage, hot dogs and roast beef
- French fries
- Eggs.



OPPORTUNITY HOUSE
contact Delia McLendon,
dmclendon@opphouse.org, to arrange for delivery; if you have no computer or internet access, please contact **Dorris McCoy**. OPPORTUNITY HOUSE thanks you all for supporting their efforts to improve the quality of life for homeless families in our area.

Missions Committee Plans for Fall

From Barbara Wenger

When we met May 2, the Missions Committee made plans to continue projects from past year(s) including:

- Coats, Hats, Gloves for Children, Chair--**Kathy Avedissian**, Sept-Nov
- Annual food Drive, Chair--**Anna Mae Owens**, Oct-Nov
- Christmas Child, Chair--**Alice Kase**, Nov
- Salvation Army Angel Tree, Chair--**Lee Riley**, Co-Chair-- **Shirley Cline**

I'd like to thank the above committee members for their dedication to our work of helping others. We'll meet again September 5.

It's Summer Camp Time

From Dorris McCoy



Summer camp brochures for all Eastern Pennsylvania Conference camping opportunities are available in the Church Office. Why not stop in and ask for one? Or call 1-877-UMC-Camp or visit them online at www.epaumc.org/camping for registration and event details.

If you'd like a personal, parent witness about how great these opportunities are, please call LP's Camp Liaison, **Gretchen Garrity**, 610-670-0930; for a youth's perspective talk to **Josh** or **Andrew Lee**. Thanks, Gretchen, for bringing Camp Gretna Glen Director, Rev. Paul Douglas, to share the camping spirit in worship and church school on LP's Camp Sunday, May 14!

All camp experiences share the common theme of **BEYOND THE BORDER**, teaching that there is no border that will keep Jesus away from us and that God's grace through Christ is available to all people. LP Church offers scholarships; see **Pastor Larry** or **Dorris McCoy**.

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS

From Jerry Manhart

Money Is Everything!

“Money plays a major role in our personalities . . .

The way money exerts these enormous influences in our lives is determined less by how much of it we have than by the philosophy we have adopted regarding money.

That personal philosophy determines how we think and behave regarding money, and tends to fall into one of four general patterns:

- ◆ Some people insist that money is not important. *Money does not buy happiness.*
- ◆ Other people insist that money is the most important thing in life. *Money is not the key to happiness, but if you have enough of it, you can have a key made!*
- ◆ Still other people say that life is like two lanes of traffic. *Money is important in the material lane but not in the spiritual lane. To connect with God, you move to the spiritual lane—you pray. To be in touch with the real world, you move to the material lane—you run in the rat race, trying to make a buck.*
- ◆ Jesus held a fourth view. Jesus said that money is everything—not in the usual sense of that term but in the spiritual sense. Jesus did not divide

reality into two parts—the material and the spiritual. He said that the way we think and behave with regard to money impacts us both physically and spiritually. Its use and misuse affect our relationship with God and the quality of our life. *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*, Jesus said (Luke 12:34), illustrating his point with a story about a rich man who tried to achieve a quality life by building more barns to hold his wealth. The punch line says, *So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God*’ (Luke 12:21).”

-Money Is/Isn’t Everything,
Herb Miller

Which of those four views describes your philosophy of money?

When It Is God Versus “Stuff,” Who Wins?

“We live in a culture . . . that is preoccupied with money. We respect people who have it and write whole television series about how they make it and spend it. While church members hear one sermon a week on average, they are exposed to about 1600 commercials every day, on billboards and bus seats, in

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PLANNING AHEAD FOR LAZY (?) SUMMER DAYS

From Dorris McCoy



→**Jerry and Charleen Evaul** need an extra hand for the July 4 supper at OP-PORTUNITY HOUSE since they're taking a well-deserved vacation that week. The residents of OP-PORTUNITY HOUSE were most appreciative of the donated hams and turkeys prepared for May's meal; the value of your generosity was multiplied many times over in the expressions of gratitude. If you can lend a hand to prepare or serve on this summer holiday, please contact **Jerry** or **Charleen**, 610-927-1692.



Recycling Drive

→**RECYCLE SATURDAY** needs youth and adult helpers on **Saturday, June 3**. There'll be lots of stuff because

we take the cardboard and recyclables left from the Flea Market. Last year we needed two vehicles; please help us be good stewards of God's precious resources. Please contact Youth Recycle Coordinator, **Jen Hope**, 610-670-9731, to help. Be sure to express your appreciation to Jen for serving as Recycle Coordinator these past two years (Jen graduates...see pg ?). Any youth or adult willing to fill Jen's shoes, please contact **Jen** or **Dorris** for details.



→Coming at the end of summer is LP's first ever **SUMMER DINNER THEATER** production of Kathleen Hart Brumm's "It's Good: A Musical About the

Creation." The fun happens Sunday-Thursday evenings, 6-8:30 pm, at church, beginning Sunday, August 6. The week of preparation concludes Friday, August 11, with a light supper in Memorial Hall at 6 pm, followed by the performance at 7 pm in the Church Sanctuary. Watch for ticket information in the July/August *News-Linc*.

"It's Good" is a musical interpretation of Genesis 1:1-2:4 and offers dramatic, dance, musical and set-building opportunities for all ages, 3 to 93+, member and non-members welcome. Student Directors, **Jen Hope** and **Tanner McIntosh** (Wilson '06 Grads and County, District & Regional Chorus Members and Spring Musical participants) will team and labor with Producer, **Bev Perella**, to offer this new outreach venture to the community. Tigers, angels, fishes, birds, Adam, Eve---all God's creatures---come forth and make a joyful noise!

Summer Church School Begins June 4

From Dorris McCoy

Beginning Sunday, June 4, Church School runs its summer schedule with abbreviated activities from 9:20-10 am for ages 3 through 3rd grade. Resources for lessons and projects are taken from Group's KIDS OWN WORSHIP curriculum. Kids will go to Genesis and its stories of

- ▶ God testing Abraham
- ▶ Isaac marrying Rebecca
- ▶ Jacob deceiving Esau and Isaac
- ▶ Jacob marrying Leah and Rachel.

The focus is on how our obedience honors God and how God is always truthful and works in all situations!

A schedule of summer Sundays is posted in worship areas and awaits your leadership commitment---or---call **Dorris** to schedule and receive your resource materials! Thank you for showing children how to love God! You are modeling a Christ-filled life for a new generation!



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newspapers and magazines, on matchbooks and clothes with designer and product logos, on radio and television, each offering advice on how to spend their money. What is the church's responsibility for guiding them through this cacophony of opportunities?"

-Behind the Stained Glass Windows, John and Sylvia Ronsvalle

People who object to any mention of money in the church forget that Jesus talked about it frequently. He said that commitment to "stuff" undermines our spiritual health and challenges his lordship. *Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'* ([Matthew 12:24-26](#)).

On the playing field of your personality, who wins—God or stuff?

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When asked how he became interested in law, Andrew said, “My grandfather [Norm Dettra]...being with him and talking with him about his own experiences as a lawyer.” As his senior project, Andrew helped Norm coordinate a political house visit with Sen. Chip Brightbill.

Andrew transferred to Lancaster Country Day from Conrad Weiser between his sophomore and junior years. He played lacrosse, soccer, and baseball there. He was part of a Mock Trial Team (sponsored by the Pa Bar Association), a club that simulates a trial. The jury is composed of actual lawyers.

Andrew very much enjoyed traveling with a group from his school to the Hague. The two-week trip was part of his Model UN Class, and his group was one of only six schools from the US. They joined 5,000 students from across the world to participate in this model UN. “I represented China on the Security Council,” Andrew says.

Mark Villecco

son of **Jack** and **Nancy**, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. He received the May 2006 Information Technology Faculty Award and the Alpha Chi PA Xi (National Honor Schol-

arship Society) Chapter Award.

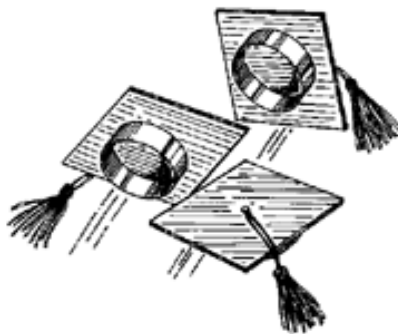
“It’s always been his passion,” says his mother Nancy, of his interest in computers. “By 9th grade he knew what he wanted to do.” In 10th grade he signed up to study computers half days at the Berks Career and Technology Center. “When he graduated, he was their highest ranked

student,” says Nancy. Mark is fortunate, she says, in that “he can combine what he loves to do with a job.”

A job would ideally be in network administration, which is “making sure that all the computers at an organization can talk to each other and connect with servers,” says Mark.

Mark also likes video production (which he did at Wilson HS) and playing the electric and acoustic guitar. He plays with the Praise Band at our contemporary worship service when he is at home. “I like it,” he says, “it keeps my musical chops current.” Mark did some voiceovers and narrations for video productions at school for their website and has done some short comedies for fun!

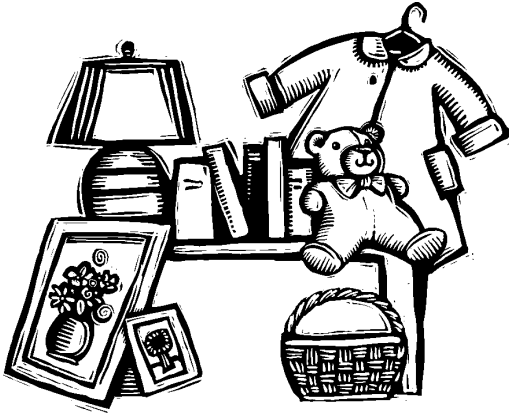
Our graduates are such diverse and interesting people! We wish them all the best! If we’ve omitted your graduate, please contact Cheri Fallon, 610-678-8735, or cherifallon@comcast.net!



Flea Market Raises \$4,983.04*

From Barbara Wenger

* as of May 22, 2006



May 20 was sunny and warm, bringing a large crowd to the grounds and buildings of Lincoln Park Church for our annual Flea Market.

Fleas were plentiful. There were clothes in up-to-date styles and accessories to match. Straw baskets, small appliances, bright throw pillows, sports equipment, books — we had them all! Our sales clerks were the best, and our workers had a lot of fun greeting new and old church members.

With everyone's support we can say it was quite successful and we reached our goal.

Thanks go to:

Co-Chair:	Beverly Ruffner, George Weikel
Food Chair:	Lucy Flail
Bake Sale Chair:	Suzanne Romig & Wonderful Crew
Clothes Chair:	Genevieve Matthews & Wonderful Crew
Publicity Chair:	Linda Woll
Telephone chair:	Shirley Cline
Book Chair:	Donald Schlosser
Flea Pricers:	Beverly Ruffner (Chair), Elaine & Bruce Meckes & Wonderful Crew
Outside:	Bruce Meckes & Wonderful Crew
Flyer:	Nancy Madeira & Wonderful Crew

Special thanks to all who donated and brought items for this annual Fundraiser!

From our mailbox



♥ What an awesome caring and loving congregation we have. I was so overwhelmed with all of the get well cards and prayers you all provided after my heart attack that I felt I had to make a speedy recovery. Thank you all especially for the prayers. They worked.

Love you all with all of my heart and “stents,”

George Weikel

♥ A special thank you to all of you who remembered me during my time spent in the nursing area at the Highlands. The many get well cards and phone calls were very much appreciated.

Kathryn Hafer

♥ We would like to say thank you to all of our congregation members who have either sent a card, planter, flowers, made a phone call, or given their condolences in person during our sorrow time. It is nice to know that we are so blessed to be part of a caring, giving, warm, and sincere congregation at the time of need. Thank you to everyone and may God bless you.

Mark and Tina Bisignaro

♥ To Our Church Family:

Betty and I would like to thank you for the many beautiful cards, the church flowers, and the many verbal expressions of sympathy. A very special thanks to Pastor Carl for his home visits, spiritual support, and the beautiful service he provided for our son John. Thanks to Brenda for being with Betty in the hospital when needed and deep appreciation to both the Praise and Senior Choirs for the floral baskets.

Jim and Betty Garraway

From Nancy Dettra

Please worship with us this summer:



Prayer Group	8:30 am
Contemporary Service	9-10 am
Christian Education (3 yrs-3rd grade)	9:20-10 am
Traditional Service	10:30-11:30 am
Preludes (some Sundays)	10:15-10:30 am



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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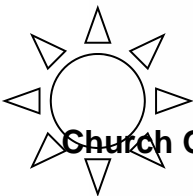
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Baptisms

Aydn Andrew Cannon, son of **Andrew Thomas Cannon** and **Abbey Colleen Rhinehart**, on May 21.

Mikenna Joy McFadden, daughter of **Ryan** and **Shelly McFadden**, on May 28.

May God bless these little ones as they grow in faith and love.



Church Office Summer Hours

JUNE

Monday—Thursday 9am-3pm

JULY & AUGUST

Monday—Thursday 9am-2pm

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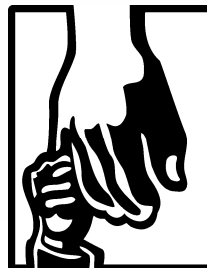
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Birthdays in June!

Olyvia Woll	6/2/2003
Sarah Snyder	6/14/2002
Jacob Painter	6/22/1999
Watson Maack	6/27/2000
Niko Galanos	6/29/2001
William Stone	6/29/2002



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other...

I Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV



**Join Us for Vacation Bible School
June 19-23, 9 am-Noon
For details, see p. 10.**

Worship with us: 9 am (Contemporary Worship in Memorial Hall)
10:30 am (Traditional Worship, Preludes 10:15)

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