

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *July/August, 2006*

We Welcome the Rev. Jerry McGrath and Family from Jeanette Erskine, Chair, Staff Parish

I am sure all will want to welcome Pastor Jerry and his wife Karen to Lincoln Park. His appointment to our church is effective July 1. We anxiously await the opportunity to meet them and their two beautiful daughters, Katherine Sara, born September 14, 2004, and Marguerite "Mei Mei" Rose Hus Yus, born March 15, 2005. The McGraths moved into the parsonage on June 15.



*Greet our new
Pastor and family*

Jerry's interests include ice hockey and playing sports, while Karen enjoys reading and walking. Both are enjoying their wonderful family and all the activities that come with small children. For all our Penn State fans, remember that Karen received her MS from Penn State.

Informal receptions are planned for Sunday, July 2, following each worship service. Do come, worship, and meet a beautiful family. Let's do all we can to help them feel welcome and loved in our Christian community.

Lay Delegate Reports on Eastern PA Conference

From Jeanette Erskine

Dorris McCoy and I represented LPUMC at the 220th Session of the Eastern PA Conference, June 21 - 23, in Philadelphia. The theme was *Celebrating the Connection*. We spent three extremely full days, not without many personal rewards.

The African University Choir was a joy to behold. We heard inspiring sermons

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From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

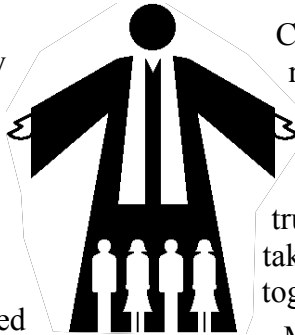
“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:18-19

This scripture passage makes change seem inviting and adventurous. However, change is anything but easy. In fact it can be scary and stressful. Change invades our comfort zones and forces us to perhaps explore the unfamiliar.

Lincoln Park has just completed five successful ministry years with the Rev. Larry Carl and is now getting me as a new pastor; that is not easy. I have served nine years at Prospect United Methodist Church and now will be moving to a place I have never lived before; that is not easy. Wouldn't it be great if for we face we could push that Staples' "Easy Button" and all our anxieties would go away? How will we all get along? Let's just push that Staples' "Easy Button" and everything will be fine.

Unfortunately, life isn't that easy. I think God brings change in our lives in order to strengthen our character and help us grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. What can we do to help this new transition in the life of Lincoln Park go smoothly? I think we have to be patient and honest with each other and most importantly lean on the

Holy Spirit for guidance. I pledge that I will do my best to serve you and listen to your visions and stories. I want to know what you feel are Lincoln Park's strengths and weaknesses. God has given Lincoln Park a very special vision and I promise to help you fulfill that vision.



Change can be difficult, but I am reminded by the Holy Spirit that there is not a better place I would rather be now than at Lincoln Park. Why? Because I truly believe God has called us to take the next journey in His ministry together.

My family and I are excited about taking this next step in ministry with you and becoming a part of the community. We look forward to raising our children in the area. We anticipate being a part in celebrating the future blessings God has in store for us at Lincoln Park. On behalf of my family, we can't wait to start our ministry with you. We look forward to seeing you all.

God's blessings,

Pastor Jerry

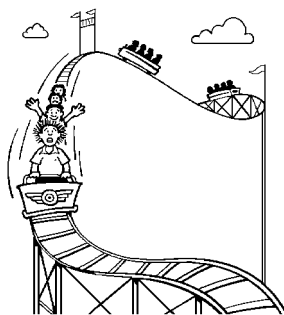
Summer Sunday School Provides Learning for the Young

From Dorris McCoy

Summer Sunday Church School offers a limited schedule of learning activities for 3 year olds through 3rd graders in Rooms 101 and 104, each Sunday 9:20-10 am, through September 3. Sundays in July focus on Joseph from biblical accounts in Genesis 37:1-11, 37:12-36, 39:20-41:49, 42:1-45:28. These stories offer opportunities to show God's perfect love and how our acts of forgiveness and serving of God give honor and praise to Him. Leaders are welcomed for one or more Sundays during the summer season; please check out the schedule boards at the rear of worship areas. See **Dorris McCoy** for lesson resources or pick up curriculum packets in Room 101 (for PreSchool) or Room 104 (for Early Elementary).



ALSO...BEFORE you leave on vacation, plan ahead for the start of our Fall Church School on Sunday, September 10. Mark your calendar to attend as a family and also consider how you might serve as a teacher or be involved in other leadership areas!



Enjoy UMC Discount Days at Hershey Park

From Dorris McCoy

HERSHEY PARK again offers discount coupons to United Methodist Churches in our region. HERSHEY PARK promotes itself as the *cleanest, greenest theme park in the East* and is open daily through Labor Day. For details on this family-friendly program and a complete operation schedule, call 1-800-242-4236 or visit www.HERSHEYPARK.COM.

New at HERSHEY PARK this year is Reese's Xtreme Cup Challenge which offers Xtreme fun to all riders. This, plus 10 exciting roller coasters, six drenching water rides and dozens of rides for the kiddies offers something for everyone in the family! As you make time for family fun this summer, check out the discount coupons for HERSHEY PARK; they are available at the rear of worship areas in the Wagner Room and Memorial Hall.

WORSHIP IN JULY/AUGUST

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday, July 2 - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “New Beginnings” Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 John 10:10

Sunday, July 9 - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “The Heart of Worship” 1 Chronicles 16:23-25, John 4:16-26; *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship Him.* John 4:23

Sunday, July 16 - SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “Dealing with Difficult People” Genesis 33:1-10, Ephesians 4:25-32; *Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger, and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.* Ephesians 4:31-32

Sunday, July 23 - SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “The Gatekeepers of Christianity; Jumping through Hoops” John 10:1-9, Romans 10:5-13; ... *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.* Romans 10:9

Sunday, July 30 - EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “Taking Off The Masks” Psalm 139:1-12, Matthew 23:13-36; *O Lord, you have searched me and known me.* Psalm 139:1

Sunday, August 6 - NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “Taste, Smell, and See that The Lord is Good” Psalm 34:1-22, Matthew 16:12-14; *O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.* Psalm 34:8

Sunday, August 13 - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; A special guest speaker will join us this day.

Sunday, August 20 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “Revealing the Da Vinci Code Fallacies, Pt.1” 1 Peter 3:8-22, 1 John 2:18-28; *But sanctify the Lord*

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God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. 1Peter 3:15

Sunday, August 27 -TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; “Revealing the Da Vinci Code Fallacies, Pt.2” Galatians 1:6-9, 2 Timothy 3:10-17; *All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teachings, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness... 2 Timothy 3:16*



A Fond Farewell for the Carls

From Jeanette Erskine

Staff Parish wishes to thank all for providing Pastor Larry and Brenda such a lovely reception on June 11. What a meaningful time spent together. They shall be missed, but always remembered.

Teller Alert

Recently it has come to our attention that our members are not always using the correct envelope from the monthly packet. There are regular budget envelopes along with special envelopes each month. These extra envelopes include Missions, Building Fund, Endowment, Special Holidays, to name a few.

If you wish your contribution to be credited to your pledge, **PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE MARKED BUDGET**. Also if you are designating your offering to more than one fund, **PLEASE MAKE SEPARATE CHECKS**. Thank you!

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!



Worship Leader Minute for July/August

From Becky Chadwick

Let's review what has been presented over the last several months:

1. Worship is what we were created by God to do.
2. God wants our worship all the time.
3. Worship is focused on God, honors God, and involves the worshiper.
4. God wants our heart and our actions when we worship Him.
5. We are commanded to worship God by God.



“The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and

truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

What is spirit? Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words: *the sentient element in man, that by which he perceives, reflects, feels, desires*. In essence it is the inner us, our heart. When we worship in spirit, we engage our inner self. It is much more than just going through the motions. It is a true heart response to God. It is completely possible for us to have a better form of worship than someone else, but it may still not be what GOD wants. We could have the perfect singers, the perfect guitar player, the perfect organist, the perfect liturgist, the perfect place, but still be letting God down with our worship. We could do everything “right”, belong to the “right” organizations, the “right” pool, the “right” school, the “right” social group and still not be doing what God wants us to do to worship God! The real question for us is, are we worshipping in spirit? Is our heart involved or are we just going through the motions? Routine can be the enemy of true heartfelt worship. I said can be. Routine can also be a tool that leads us to worship, but only if our heart, our spirit is intimately involved with the process.

There is not one single thing that we, as human beings can do that makes us good enough, worthy enough to go before God. There is no acceptable sacrifice, no noble heartfelt acts that we can take to stand before God and worship unless we go through

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Stewardship Moment

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Give Thanks

Remember, joyfully and expectantly, that it is God who blesses and showers us with an abundance of good gifts from above; not just to make us thankful, but to make us useful! By any other name, what we express to God about what He has given us is called thanksgiving. What we do with all of it is called Stewardship.

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Jesus Christ himself. *Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.* (Hebrews 13:15) It is through Jesus that we are able to go to God, and to worship. Jesus laid the path to God.

The gift that Jesus gave us was not only eternal salvation, but also an open door to God. In 1 Peter 2:5 we are told *...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.* No, we are not all called to be Pastors! But we are all called to worship God in a way that is honoring, focused and active. As individuals and as a community of faith, we are being built up to worship God through Jesus Christ.

Until next month...Do you consider Christ's role in your worship on a regular basis? Is worship just a routine practice for you? Is your heart actively involved in your worship?



Our Hearts
go out to...

Jan Ferree and family on the recent loss of Jan's brother, Roy.

The **Snook** family on the loss of **Penny's** nephew.

May God comfort you and surround you with his love and care.

Congratulations to More of Our Graduates

From Cheri Fallon

Michelle Schmidt

...daughter of **Michael** and **Joan**, graduated from Wilson HS in June. She'll attend Cedar Crest College in Allentown to pursue her Master's Degree in Forensic Science.

In addition to Forensics, Michelle's "love" is music. She has participated in every school musical since 6th grade. Most recently she had one of the female leads in Wilson's production of *Titanic*.

Through high school Michelle participated in County, District, Region, All-State, and All-Eastern Chorus. She spent last summer touring Europe with the American Music Abroad Honors Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. She was awarded the Music Award at Wilson's academic banquet for all three high school years, and she received the senior music scholarship award for chorus from the Wilson Music Boosters. Michelle also plays the flute in the school concert band. She took flute lessons from one of our own, **Megan Wright**.

Michelle is also an athlete. She loves to pitch for the school and STAA softball teams. She takes private pitching lessons and hopes to play softball at Cedar Crest. She's been a cheerleader since 3rd grade when she cheered for the Van Reed

football team and went on to cheer during her junior high and high school years for Wilson's football, basketball, and soccer teams.

Although she's very active, Michelle has managed to be in the top 20 of her class of over 440. She's been on high honor roll every quarter from 7th-12th grades, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has had perfect attendance since Kindergarten.



Chris Avedissian

...son of **Michael** and **Kathy**, graduated from the University of Redlands on May 27, with a degree in English Literature. "He made a big decision four years ago, says Kathy, "to leave the safety of the home area and go to the West coast, but loved it. He enjoyed much of what southern California has to offer, including visiting some beautiful state and national parks, driving up and down the coast, and experiencing an earthquake or two."

He participated in water polo all four years as one of two "lefties" on the team. His team won the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic conference

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Why Is Money So Dangerous?

By Herb Miller, submitted by Jerry Manhart

John Wesley said, “I fear, wherever riches have increased, (exceeding few are the exceptions) the essence of religion, the mind that was in Christ, has decreased in the same proportion. Therefore do I not see how it is possible, in the nature of things, for any revival of true religion to continue long. For religion must necessarily produce both industry and frugality; and these cannot but produce riches. But as riches increase, so will pride, anger, and love of the world in all its branches.” [Selections from the Writings of John Wesley, Herbert Welch, ed.]

Ironic, isn't it? The more God blesses us financially, the more difficult our decision to keep putting first in our lives the God who blesses us. What kinds of choices are you making with your money?

What Does the Bible Say about Giving?

A friend of mine, Gilbert Davis, tells about a “defining moment” he had in seminary. One day an elderly gentleman he had never met stopped Gilbert in the hallway. “Young man, are you studying to be a minister?” the man asked.

When Gilbert replied that he was, the stranger asked if he might talk with him a few minutes. Although unsure of what he was getting into, Gilbert consented. (Several weeks later, he learned that Arthur A. Everetts owned what at that time was the largest jewelry store west of the

Mississippi.) After leading Gilbert into an empty classroom, Everetts asked him whether he

preached tithing in his student church. Before Gilbert could reply, Everetts gave him a forceful set of arguments for the value of tithing, especially for a young minister who ever hoped to amount to anything for Jesus Christ. At the end of that several-minute sermon, Everetts issued an altar call. Would Gilbert begin giving 10 percent of his income to God's work?

Finally getting a chance to speak, Gilbert drew himself up to his full theological stature at that youthful age and said, “But, sir, we are Christians now. We are New Testament people, not Old Testament. We are not under the Law; we are under Grace.” The old man replied with a question: “Young man, can you show me a verse in the New Testament that says less commitment is expected of a Christian under Grace than of a Jew under the Law? If you can, I will gladly subscribe to your position.”

Since Jesus spoke so often about the power of money to distract us from God, why do the four gospel writers report

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A Visionary Conversation

From Harold Perkins

John and Mary (fictitious names), ages 81 and 79, married, having already set up a bequest of \$10,000 to the church, began a conversation that went like this...

John: “Do you remember, we got that letter from the church a month ago about a new way of making a lifetime gift to the church...different from the \$10,000 bequest we already have in place...and it has some benefits right now...while we’re still living...I think it was called a *Charitable Gift Annuity*?”

Mary: “Yes, I remember the letter...how was it supposed to work?”

John: “First we’d look at some of our stocks that have gained value but aren’t producing much in the way of dividends. Some day, we or our executor, would have to pay capital gain tax on them if the market holds up. In addition, the Annuity would pay us around 8% interest income for the rest of our lives...that’s better than the percent we’re getting now...and there are some annual tax benefits from that.”

Mary: “Is there more?”

John: “Yes, if we gave the minimum of \$10,000 toward the annuity, we’d also get a partial but sizable income tax benefit for that year.”

Mary: “It seems to me we’d get more joy out of this kind of gift...making it happen now, rather than having it happen after we die...do we substitute the annuity for the bequest, keep both, or just stay with our bequest?”

John: “Good question...we have to consider that the annuity is irrevocable...the pamphlet which came with letter offered the opportunity to call Stacy Martin at our Foundation Office in Valley Forge and ask her to prepare a personal proposal for us based on our age...want to do that?”

Mary: “OK, let’s do it.”

PS: Charitable Gift Annuities of \$10,000 or more can be started at age 60 with payout rates of 6%, and in increasing amounts up to age 90 at 11%. Stacy Martin is Executive Director of the Eastern PA United Methodist Foundation, PO Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482. Phone: 1-800-828-9093.

Bottoms Up

The surprising place to find the newest logo for the “Box Tops for Education” program is on the new Kleenex box BOTTOMS. Take a peek. Then cut them out and contribute to the collection in the kitchen. These logs are worth 10 cents each and go to Tyson Schoener Elementary School. Thanks for your past help.

SUMMER DINNER THEATER

From Dorris McCoy



Children, youth and adults of all ages who have a bit of “ham” in them are encouraged to join in the fun of LP's first ever Community Summer Dinner Theater. There are many opportunities to be on stage singing or dancing, narrating, working backstage or serving dinner.

Producer, **Bev Perella**, and Student Directors, **Jen Hope** and Tanner MacIntosh, will put it all together Sunday through Thursday, August 6-10. The grand performance will follow on Friday, August 11, at 7 pm, in the Church Sanctuary. Dinner is a summer picnic barbecue under the chef's hat of **Penny Snook** at 6 pm in Memorial Hall.

Dinner and show adult tickets are \$6; show only tickets are \$4. Children 6-10 years - \$4 for show and dinner, show only \$2; 5 years and under free. Child care for infants and toddlers will be offered upon request.

The production of "**IT'S GOOD: A MUSICAL ABOUT CREATION,**" will feature talent of all ages. Watch for Youth selling tickets soon!

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title three of four years, Division III, and they came in second in the Western Water Polo Association, Division I, standings last year, behind Stanford.

Chris will teach English in a program within the New York City Teaching Fellows system, and will work with middle and/or high school kids in Manhattan,

Upper West side, for two to three years. During this time, he'll study at Fordham University to earn a Masters in Education degree.

“Chris is excited about ‘the next big step,’ as he calls it,” says Kathy.

His email address is: christopheravedissian@gmail.com, and he would love to hear from everyone.



UMYF Katrina Fundraisers - Summer Dining Out Opportunities

From Linda Hope

Don't feel like cooking? Support LP's YOUTH FOR KATRINA FUND by eating at any Berk's County Pizza Hut (Delivery, Eat In or Take Out), including Morgantown area Pizza Hut(s), on any Monday through Thursday from June 12 - August 17. All you have to do is submit a flyer (opposite) and LP will receive the credit for the donation. It's that easy! So share with your friends and have a pizza party!

UMYF also will be selling May's Sandwich coupons for \$3. This coupon is valid for a small Ham, Italian or Steak sandwich sold at May's Sandwich Shop (2525 Penn Avenue, West Lawn). You may upgrade for an additional charge if you wish to purchase a different type of sandwich. Coupons valid through September 2, 2006. LP's YOUTH FOR KATRINA FUND will receive \$1.25/coupon sold. So buy your coupons now, and have May's for lunch/dinner whenever you need a quick meal this summer!

Questions, contact **Nancy Villecco** or **Linda Hope** regarding these dining out activities. Thanks for your support!

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from our Bishop Marcus Matthews, and Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, who brought greetings from Mississippi. The Katrina Recovery Appeal brought in \$73,961.15 which was presented to Bishop Ward.

We heard the Rev. Mindy McKonley, former pastor at LPUMC, sing a song she wrote entitled "The Saturday Night Blues." With tears from laughter flowing down, all stood for a standing ovation.

We attended the Appointment and Sending Forth Service for pastors receiving new appointments. We had the privilege of entering into this covenant for the membership of LPUMC.

"Recognizing our needs for guidance and the care of those who are called of God and prepared to preach the gospel, to administer the sacraments, to give administrative leadership in our churches, and to equip us for our minis-

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"FUN" DRAISER NIGHT!

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Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead, Director of Music

July 2 - Please join us in this special service welcoming incoming Pastor **Jerry McGrath**, featuring the music of Donna Holland, soprano soloist, and Phyllis Peters, principal harpist.

July 9 - pianist Lauren Forbes will join us again this summer. Lauren was the recipient of the Reading Musical Foundation and Dorothy Sutton scholarships and was also nominated for Berk's Best in the Fine Arts category.

July 16 - TBA

July 23 - member pianist, **Doreen Bilger**, with solo selections.

July 30 - soprano soloist Erin Ellsworth will visit us from Texas and flutist Lisa Speece from Trinity Lutheran Church.

August 6 - Camerata string quartet featuring member, **Barbara Lanza**.

August 13 - Courtney Eby, student vocalist

August 20 - Congregational Hymn Sing. In addition to our congregational hymn sing during the 10:30 church service, an afternoon Hymn Sing at Gring's Mill will be presented by the Reading-Berks Conference of Churches. Contact Rev. Calvin Kurtz, 610-375-6108, for information.

August 27 - **Debbie Pyle**, member pianist

While enjoying the summer break, please consider joining the chancel choir, and bring a friend along for next year's choral season. A cantata is being planned for the advent season.

Joyful Ringers rehearsals will commence in the fall- please contact **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150. This group will ring bells at the later traditional service

Praise Ringers is an intergenerational bell choir that will ring bells at the contemporary worship service. Contact **Lin Umstead**, 610-777-1422 ext. 26, for information.

Mission Update from El Salvador

Iglesia Evangelica Melodista

From Barbara Wenger



Hello! ¿Cómo?
Wishing everyone
warm and best
wishes and
blessings from
JesuChrist.

I am writing to
say that school is
coming along fine at the University in
El Salvador. I am busy taking Social
Science as my major course.

Only with everyone's help I can make
a better life for myself. I will write
again when the opportunity lets me.

Many thanks for your University
Scholarship given to me!

Thank you,
Norma Jeaneth Vásquez Castaneda

Considering a Mission Trip?
Some Opportunities for You

Place: El Salvador

Date: January 9--20, 2007

From: Berwyn United Methodist
Church, Berwyn PA 19312

Contact: Pastor Philip I Poncé
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From: Salem United Methodist
Church, Orwigsburg PA 17961

Contact: Rev Timothy J Patterson
570-366-0201

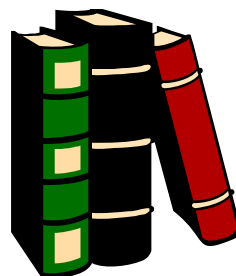
salem@uplink.net

Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

The Book Club will not be meeting during June and July, so we will have all summer to complete our new book, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, by Philippa Gregory. This book introduces a woman of extraordinary determination and desire who lived at the heart of the most exciting and glamorous court in Europe and survived by following her own heart.

Won't you read this book this summer and join us for discussion on Monday, August 28, 7 pm, at the Dettras, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park.



UMYF Happenings

From Linda Hope

Pool Party

Sunday, August 13, 2 - 5 pm

UMYF will be inviting the incoming 7th graders to a pool party at the Hopes. There also will be a parent/youth planning meeting to plan for events this fall. Come, have some fun and share your ideas! Contact **Linda Hope** (lslhope@aol.com or 610-670-9731).



Miniature Golfing

Sunday, Sept 17, 12 noon

A parent is needed to plan, organize and chaperone this event. Please contact **Linda Hope** (lslhope@aol.com or 610-670-9731) if you can help.



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Jesus saying so little about tithing? He did not need to. Jesus spoke primarily to Jewish people who for a thousand years had assumed that they should give 10 percent of their incomes to God.

However, in the one New Testament verse where Jesus mentions the tithe, he affirms its value. Upbraiding the Pharisees because they think they are “super-spiritual,” Jesus calls them hypocrites. They carefully gave God 10 percent of everything—even their garden produce like dill, mint, and cumin. Yet, they failed to give their neighbors love, justice, and mercy. “These you ought to have practiced,” Jesus says, “without neglecting the others” (Mathew 23:23), referring to the tithe.

The Christian faith is an attitude of the heart, not just a keeping of regulations. We give our money as an act of worship. We give our money as a way of seeking God’s spiritual kingdom first, not because a rule requires us to give it. Yet, if Jesus assumes that giving 10 percent of your income is important, does it not seem wise for each of us to consider its value in strengthening our spiritual connection with God?



Jr. Youth News

(4th, 5th, 6th Graders)

From Dorris McCoy

The Jr. Youth recently returned from a weekend retreat at Camp Innabah. The site and facilities were beautiful; the leader, Margaret Keefer, a youth pastor from Columbia, Lancaster Co, was creative and fun with activities connecting faith and life in kids' lives. Food was delicious; parent chaperones were awesome and patient role models. The kids were open and sharing in group presentation. And no one tipped their canoes in French Creek.

The Jr. Youth and UMYF are hovering at the \$3000 mark on the way to their goal of \$4000 for their YOUTH FOR KATRINA RELIEF effort. That means they approach their opportunity to paint UMYF Parent Advisor **Jim Perry's** head and face and **Dorris McCoy's** hair. This much-anticipated event will take place during the Church Family Picnic on Kick-Off Sunday, **September 10**. With questions and to donate toward this youth outreach project, contact **Tracy Goldsborough, Linda Hope, or Dorris McCoy**. See p. 13 for UMYF's summer restaurant fundraising options available to all members and friends. Car Wash tickets also are still available.



From our
mailbox



- ♥ Thanks for all the cards, flowers and kind words after the death of my brother. I did appreciate them all. It is nice to be a part of the kind and caring church family at Lincoln Park.

Love to all,
Jan Ferree and Family

Many Thanks to All

VBS '06 **FIESTA** Coordinator, **Karen Osika**, says a heartfelt THANK YOU to all leaders, helpers, and kid participants who helped make the week such a success. GRACIAS TO ALL who attended and helped, making **FIESTA** the best VBS ever!

Stay tuned in September's *Linc* for final totals on offerings shared with LP's YOUTH FOR KATRINA RELIEF efforts and numbers on "Jesus Loves Me" (in English & Spanish) blankets shared with the children at Opportunity House's Second Street Learning Center child care program.

Adios, amigos!

Thank You from Pastor Larry

Words seem inadequate to convey my appreciation for the wonderful reception held in honor of my retirement on Sunday, June 11. Your graciousness in honoring me in this manner is deeply appreciated. I am grateful for your generous gift, the many individual gifts, the many cards, expressions of appreciation for my ministry, and your good wishes for the future.

Thank you, too, for welcoming so many from my former churches to share in the service and reception. Their presence was a pleasant surprise that meant a great deal to me.

The music was a wonderful "gift" that touched me deeply. All in all, the day made for a very special memory that I shall carry with me as long as I live. Thanks, again, to all of you who arranged for this honor, participated in the services, prepared the reception, and shared in it. May God continue to richly bless you all!



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try in the world, we gladly accept our Elder, Rev. Gerald McGrath. We pledge to them our cooperation, love and support, as together we strive to fulfill the mission God has given to the church.”

Conference closed with Ordination on Friday night. Thank you for the opportunity to represent LPUMC.

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Devin Krick	7/4/2001
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Camryn Hubric	7/7/2001
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Quinn Dickinson	8/4/2000
Daniel Antunes	8/5/2004
Caitlyn Christopher	8/24/2000
Adrianna Swinehart	8/28/1997
Brennan Reazor	8/28/2002

Homelessness Takes No Vacation

From Dorris McCoy



We'll prepare and serve supper at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE on **Tuesday, July 4**, at 6 pm. Our coordinators, **Jerry and Charleen Evaul**, will be taking a much needed vacation that week. Please contact them at 610-927-1692, to offer your helping hands or food donations. Think summer picnic menu!

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