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

Coming Soon: Sunday Suppers and Study

From Dorris McCoy

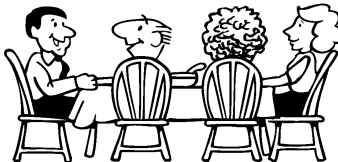
Something a bit different for Sunday nights comes this fall! A four week SUNDAY SUPPER SERIES begins Sunday, **September 17**, and concludes Sunday, October 8.

The SUNDAY SUPPER SERIES starts with a light supper at 5 pm in Memorial Hall and ends no later than 7:30 pm. The two study/discussion options will include:

- **Pastor Jerry McGrath's** exploration of John Ortberg's book, "The Life You've Always Wanted," which focuses on spiritual disciplines for ordinary people.

- **Jack Villecco's** dynamic program, leading participants through "Network" for your personal journey and understanding of God's design for serving in the right places for the right reason.

sunday



SUPPERS

Child care and activities for children of participants will be available.

See you on Sundays for supper! To sign up, watch worship bulletin announcements or call LP's Pastor of Education, **Dorris McCoy**.

NCS Is coming

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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Sunday, September 3 - LABOR DAY SUNDAY - “When Christ Comes to Our Workplaces” - Genesis 1:1-5, Galatians 6:1-10. *Whenever you have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.* Galatians 6:10

Sunday, September 10 - (note new worship times-see pg 24) -RALLY DAY - “What Are We Doing?” - Proverbs 29:8-19, John 3:16-21, *For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but, may have eternal life.* John 3:16

Sunday, September 17 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE - “Why Am I Here” - Exodus 18:16-23, Ephesians 4:7-17. *To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

Sunday, September 24 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE - ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY - II Chronicles 6:18-21, Matthew 16:13-20. Our former pastor, the Rev. Sara Davis Shappell, will be our guest in the pulpit.

Fall Into Fun at Our Church Picnic

Everyone is invited to our CHURCH PICNIC, **Sunday, September 10**, immediately following the 10:45 service, outside on our church grounds. There is something for everyone - food, games, pony rides for children, and more. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please sign up for salads and desserts on sheets posted in the Wagner Room and Memorial Hall. With questions, or if you'd like to help, please contact **Tracy Panase**, Panase@aol.com, or 610-775-7401.



Sunday Morning Prayer Group Meets Year-Round

From Loreen Miller

I recently read that the Power of the Holy Spirit comes to churches where prayer is practiced as a high priority, not just by the leadership, but by the *people in the pews*. Talking to God should be as natural as talking to an old friend.

Our group meets every Sunday morning, all year long, in the Church Library, 30 minutes before the start of the earliest worship service. We begin with a period of silence, followed by a scripture meditation, a short reading, and finally, an opportunity to pray for the ministries of our church, staff members and special needs.



Your church needs your prayers. Please consider joining us any time. It's a good way to start the morning and we always welcome new faces.



Music Patrons Step Up

From Bill Lape and
Lon Harvey

Over 30 families and friends of LP Church have returned donations to fund our music ministry and expand our music programs. To date we've received more than \$1300 for our MUSIC PATRON CAMPAIGN. Your commitment demonstrates that you believe music is not only an important aspect of worship, but also a ministry beyond worship.

We thank you for your donations and support of all musical endeavors within our church.

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 Jerry McGrath

And Jesus came and said to them, *All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always to the close of the age.* Matthew 28:17-20

In Steven Curtis Chapman's song, "For the Sake of the Call," he sings, *We will abandon it all for the sake of the Call.* What is the Call? It is the Great Commission found in Matthew 28. This is the vision and purpose of the Christian Church. All, not some, Christians are "Called" to make disciples of Jesus Christ using the Spiritual Gifts God has given us. The most difficult part of the "Great Commission" is not making disciples, it is the word, "Go."

Perhaps through time or the changing of our culture the Christian Church today views the Great Commission as an option. Christ did not say, *If you have the time, tell the world who I am.* He never said, *If there is nothing good on TV, perhaps you could share the Gospel.* Christ said, *Go, make disciples.* These are com-

manding words.

How do we carry out this commandment? The Christian Church has two major roles:

- † to go make disciples.
- † to nurture and train people to go make more disciples.

Before we can make disciples, we have to be nurtured in the faith. I think that

this is the Christian Church's biggest weakness today. We have not been spiritually healthy. The Christian Church has been weak in encouraging its people to experience and encounter the living Christ daily in their lives. In Thomas Rainer's best selling book,

"The Unchurched Next Door," he writes that the main line Christian denominational churches are declining due to spiritual lethargy. Lack of spiritual growth inevitably leads to a diminished desire to share Christ with others.

Based on John Wesley's small group Holy Clubs, we constantly need to be uplifting one another and asking, *How is your spirit with God today?* It is important that we take the Great Commission seriously and with urgency. Do we truly believe this world cannot afford to live without a relationship with Jesus Christ?

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The Great Commission

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We have been called. We have a responsibility to make disciples.

September is OPEN HOUSE MONTH in the United Methodist Church. This is a wonderful time to lead people to the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Show them that Christ can be relevant in their lives, too.

Pastor Jerry

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

New membership classes will start in September. If you or anyone you know would like to join Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church, please see **Pastor McGrath**.



Monday Bible Group Starts New Season

From Hildamay Bartron

Monday Morning Bible Group will begin **September 18**. Our topic will be the Gospel of Luke.

What's so special about the Gospel of Luke? Did you know that the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Lost Son are found only in Luke? Also found only in Luke is the song of the angels and the shepherd's visit at the birth of Jesus. We'll learn and discuss these facts and others in our Monday Morning Bible Group.

We meet each Monday from 10:30 until noon in the **Library**. Reading and sharing different interpretations bring the bible to life and make it easier to understand.

Everyone is welcome. We invite you to join us on this journey into bible times. Our group is for you if for no other reason than to read scripture one day a week.

Stewardship Moment

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was killed during the Nazi persecution in the 1940's, wrote a book called "The Cost of Discipleship." He told his readers to appreciate God's gifts. He said the Lord himself is the only one who keeps full account of our return to Him for all He gives to us. He looks at our hearts and judges our love for Him and we know He loves a cheerful giver.

UMYF Fundraising Thanks!

From Linda Hope

The UMYF would like to thank all who have supported the Youth for Katrina Relief Fund by purchasing May's Sandwich coupons and through the Pizza Hut fundraiser. Come see if the youth met their goal of \$4000 with the junior youth fellowship group at the church picnic!

The youth once again will be selling GOD'S CREATION calendars this fall. They will be available after worship services or in the church office, at a cost of \$6.



COAT DRIVE

Remember Kids in Need

From Kathy Avedissian

Are you ready for the cooler days of autumn? Perhaps you've started sorting through your warmer clothing to determine what you and your family need for the colder months ahead. If so, please remember to set aside "gently used" coats that you no longer need.

Lincoln Park Church will again be collecting coats for the Salvation Army's COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM. This drive runs **October 1** through **November 15**; both children's and adult sizes will be accepted. Outerwear will be cleaned by local drycleaners and distributed to those in need in our area. So bring your gently used coats to church and place them in the marked collection boxes. Let's help keep our neighbors warm this winter! Call **Kathy Avedissian** with questions, 610-372-1735.

ARE YOU TIRED?

From Jerry Manhart

You were very busy yesterday. You led a class at Africa University, helped in a Vacation Bible School in New Delhi, operated in a hospital in Liberia, taught a Disciple Bible Study class in California and preached in a mission in Tokyo.

You don't remember doing all that? Actually it was your contributions to the World Service Fund that made those things possible.

Our church and other United Methodist Churches form a worldwide connectional ministry through our apportioned giving to the World Service Fund. The World Service Fund undergirds missionaries around the world, provides resources for leader training, nurtures ministries with children and youth, and stimulates church growth.

Lucille Bonaventure is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC assigned to Maputo, Mozambique. *When I boarded the plane bound for Maputo, I could never have known the impact this journey was to have on my life. It is an opportunity for me to live out my faith, to grow spiritually and to continue to learn from the*

community who helped to draw me to a closer relationship with God.

A native of Mlang, Cotabato, the Philippines, the Rev. David Pascua is a missionary assigned to Union Theological Seminary in Cavite near Manila. *God is the power at work in this whole process of equipping God's people for the ministry. My role is to train them in the practice of ministries in the local church.*

In the remote Michigan Upper Peninsula, Margaret Madison is a church and community worker with God's County Cooperative Parish, Newberry, Michigan. *We are mission personnel devoted to uplifting the poor and disenfranchised through a wide diversity of ministries in urban and rural settings.*

Missionaries and ministries depend on your support. God calls us to give of what God has entrusted to us.

Look at the current issue of Interpreter Magazine or visit www.umcgiving.org to learn more about the World Service Fund and other apportioned funds.



NCS Is Coming

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS by Herb Miller

Submitted by Jerry Manhart

The Money Nerve

“Edgar Lee Masters, in ‘The New Spoon River,’ entitled one of his poems, *The Money Nerve*. While this nerve is not described in any book on human anatomy, we all know what the poet means by the term. The money nerve is located in a very sensitive spot, near the pocketbook, and is easily affected by anything that has to do with our cash or possessions. For example, politicians can discuss all kinds of topics without arousing public interest, but when they talk about raising taxes, they’ve hit the money nerve. Dentists aren’t our favorite persons when they drill on our teeth, but the hardest shock they give us is when they hand us the bill. They’ve hit the money nerve.

But perhaps we are most sensitive about money when we are in church. We all know the church must have money in order to function. Buildings must be built and paid for. Public utilities furnish light and heat to churches only if their bills are remitted promptly. Congregations need Bibles, hymnals, educational materials, and other supplies in order to carry on their programs. Janitors, secretaries, and clergy must receive a living wage if they are to continue to serve. And if the church is to fulfill its task of taking the gospel to all nations, there must be money for missionaries and for struggling churches in other lands. All this is clear to every Chris-

tian. Yet no subject causes more trouble in the church than money.”

[How to Talk to Christians About Money, W.A. Poovey]

Why is that? We can talk about love, family values, social injustice, even about sin. Nobody flinches. Start talking about the church budget, and irritated controversy becomes a possibility.

Could it be that shifting the subject to money and building a church budget moves us beyond general principles into a discussion of personal discipleship? Is it really talking about money in the church that causes people to feel uneasy? Or is the money nerve located close to something besides our pocketbooks?

Jesus says to each of us, *Follow me*, (Mark 1:17). We said we wanted to follow, and we pat ourselves on the back for making such a good decision. Then Jesus asks how much money we will give. Suddenly, the personal discipleship question that was general in nature becomes a personal discipleship question that calls for a specific sacrifice. Yes, the money nerve is located close to the pocketbook, but it is also located close to the backbone of our discipleship commitment. Money asks for a “follower-ship” decision that we may or may not be ready to make.

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Redner's Tape Alert!

From Pat Park

Thank you for shopping at Redner's and using your card for SAVE-A-TAPE. Without the card, the tape receipt is invalid.

From the Womens Group We accumulate tapes until we reach about \$20,000. They are then turned back to Redner's to be rechecked. We then receive a check for 1% of our total. This is an easy way for us to make money to benefit our church. Please continue to support this worthwhile program.

Another endeavor is save Campbell soup labels. Though no dollars are earned for our church, rewards for children of the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY, are many. The mission, in a badly depressed area of the US, is able to turn our labels into school supplies, in-door plumbing, basketballs and even VANS. It takes over a million labels for a van. All this from labels! We recently mailed a shoebox full of cut-and-trimmed labels totaling 1,200.

Agape Circle thanks you for your generous spirit and asks that you continue in this endeavor.

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How is it with you? Are you comfortable or uncomfortable with discussions of money in the church? What do you think that reaction means in the deep places of your soul?

The Full Life

“The key of the selfish, unregenerate person is get. The key word of the dedicated Christian should be give.

The Prodigal Son set off a series of negative events destined for failure when he said to his father, *Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me*, (Luke 15:12).

Our Lord's command was, *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over . . .* (Luke 6:38). Yet it was more than a command. It was an invitation to glorious and abundant living. If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of his life.” [Select Stewardship Sermons, Billy Graham]

YOUTH-LINK

UMYF Happenings From Linda Hope

Thanks to all who could make the parent/youth planning meeting and pool party. A great time was had by all and plans for the fall were made. With questions, please contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or lshope@aol.com. All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome at any event. Hope to see you there!!



Church Picnic

Sunday, September 10, 12 noon

All youth and their families are invited to the annual church picnic. Come join the fun!

Miniature Golfing

Sunday, Sept 17, 12 noon



Youth will meet after church school/worship and head to Schell's for lunch, miniature golfing and a sweet ice cream treat afterwards. Youth need to provide money for lunch/ice cream. Golfing fees will be paid for the group. Please RSVP to **Nelson/Cindy Loeb** or **Linda Hope** so we can provide transportation.

Future Plans:

- October** - Corn Maze Fun! Date/time to be arranged by the **Piller** Family.
- Sunday, Nov 12** - Youth Sunday...youth and parents will work with Pastor Jerry to plan Youth Sunday Services
- Sunday, Nov 12** - Bowling. **Karen Osika** to make arrangements.
- Friday, Dec 1** - Hanging of the Greens @ 6 pm. Youth have dinner and then decorate the youth tree in the Narthex.
- Sunday, Dec 10** - Christmas Caroling. The **Perry** Family will make arrangements.
- January** - Laser Quest Lock-In. **Linda Lee** to check on date and make arrangements. NEEDED: parents or young adults willing to spend all night playing Laser Quest!
- February** - Reading Rocks. The **Lee** family will make arrangements.



Consecration Sunday

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our Finance Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, *What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?* During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, **October 22**, we are asking our members and close friends

...Join Us on October 22

From Rich Auman,
Chairman, Church Council

to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.


Every person and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

There will be no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.




We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday Worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
<p>3 Worship - 9 & 10:30 am Church School - 9:20 am</p>	<p>4 Labor Day</p>	<p>5 Opportunity House 4 pm Trustees 7 pm Missions Committee 7 pm</p>	<p>6 Chancel Choir - Meckes Meet the Pastor</p>
<p>10 Rally Day Church School/Fall Worship schedule begins Worship - 8, 9:15, 10:45 am Church School 9:30, 10:30am Church Picnic 12 noon</p>	<p>11 Finance 7 pm</p>	<p>12 Sanctuary Task Force 7 pm New Consecration Sunday Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>13 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>17 Worship - 8, 9:15, 10:45 am Blood Pressure screening Church School 9:30, 10:30am Youth Mini Golf 12 noon Meet Pastor-Schaeffers- 2 pm Sunday Supper 5 pm</p>	<p>18 Bible Study 10:30 am Church Council 7 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>24 Anniversary Sunday Worship - 8, 9:15, 10:45 am Church School 9:30, 10:30am Laser Quest, Jr. Youth 12 pm Meet the Pastor-Rosencrans- 2 pm Sunday Supper 5 pm</p>	<p>25 Bible Study 10:30 am Book Club-Dettra home 7 pm Autumn Auction meeting 7 pm Meet the Pastor-Longenecker- 7 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Chancel Choir</p>

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Air 7:30 pm	14  Lead a life worthy of the calling... making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3	15	
7:30 pm	21	22	23 Recycle Saturday 9 am
7:30 pm	28 Endowment Comm. 7 pm	29	30 



Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead, Director of Music

"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the faithful." Psalm 149:1

Our fall/winter schedule begins on Sunday, **September 10**. Please note the time change for our first Traditional Service.

- ♪ 8:00-8:45 Traditional Service- would you like to share your musical gift with the congregation? Planned special music includes organ, piano, flute, handbells and harp.
- ♪ 9:15-10:15 Contemporary Worship; in addition to the Praise Band, there is a Praise Choir. If you'd like to sing or are interested in ringing bells, please consider joining our intergenerational bell choir. You may also be interested in performing an instrumental or vocal solo. Parents, in addition to singing a weekly song during this service, we hold a Christmas Children's Musical and have a Christmas Symphonic Band.
- ♪ 10:45-11:45 Traditional Service with Chancel Choir.

If you're interested in any of the above activities, please see **Lin Umstead**, Director of Music, or call 610-777-1422 ext. 26.

The Gift of Music

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of him who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart...the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

-Martin Luther



Recycle Saturday in September

From Dorris McCoy

God created! And we must care for what God created---for the Bible tells us so! One simple way to show our caring is by recycling. LP Church makes it easy for you to recycle those things your township does not by sponsoring periodic Recycle Saturdays. The next Recycle Saturday is **September 23**, with drop-off between 9-9:30 am in front of the Church Office area. Helpers are always welcomed with transporting and sorting, both at church and at the Recycling Services Center in Pottstown where items are taken. Get updates on acceptable recyclables at jimcra-ter@aol.com or call 610-323-8545. A Youth Recycle Coordinator is still needed. To assist in September, please contact **Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422, ext. 24.

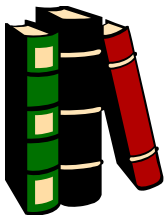
Help Cook and Serve for the Homeless

From Dorris McCoy



Put a little of God's love in the lives of area homeless living at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE by helping to prepare and/or serve supper there on **Tuesday, September 5**. Residents there always welcome our fresh, home-cooked meals. For details on how and when you can cook or serve, contact **Jerry or Charleen Evaul**, 610-927-1692. Donations of fresh veggies and fruits, desserts, or \$\$\$ also assist with meal costs.

Women's Book Club



The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls is our book club's choice for our next discussion. This autobiographical account of Walls' childhood mirrors Frank McCourt's, *Angela's Ashes*. Walls chronicles her life with her frustrated artist-mother and brilliant, alcoholic father with pathos, humor and forgiveness. Enjoy the book and join us on **Monday, Sept 25** at 7 pm at the **Dettra's** home.



Jr. Youth Events

(4th, 5th, 6th Graders)

From Tracy Goldsborough

Pizza and Laser Tag!

We kick off the new year with Pizza and Laser Tag after the 3rd service on **September 24**. One parent is asked to attend with each child so we can have a quick meeting about upcoming fun.

More information will be coming your way soon via postcard. Any questions, call or email **Tracy Goldsborough**, 610-777-6991 or flfloors@ptd.net.

Meet the Pastor Gatherings

Please contact the hosts if you would like to participate.

Wed, Sept 6, 7 pm

Earl and Linda Hope

107 Coventry Lane, Wyomissing - 610-670-9731

Sun, Sept 17, 2 pm

Scott and Luci Schaeffer

175 Kirkwood Ave, Sinking Spring - 610-796-0954

Sun, Sept 24, 2 pm

Sandy Rosencrans

1 Avondale Dr, Wyomissing - 610-376-2176

Mon, Sept 25, 7 pm

Bob and Marian Longenecker

2 Bordeaux Dr, Mohnton - 610-775-4528

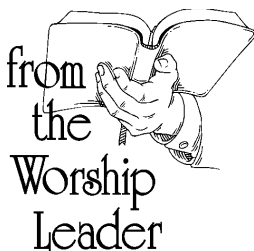
Worship Leader Minute for September

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.
6. We are all called to worship God in a way that is honoring, focused, and active.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!



What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling convocations – I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. Isaiah 1:10 – 14

In July we discussed worshiping in spirit. I suggested that going through the motions, just relying on the routine is not true worship. We must take our worship to another level. We must worship God with our heart. The routine of worship can become a stage play or an acting part. If we become too accustomed to something we fail to notice what is happening around us. *Historically this has been considered one of the seven deadly sins, and it's labeled "satiety."* When we have satiety then the best things in the world will not please us. (Pastor Nick Itzes) When worship becomes mundane, it is no longer worship. WE MUST be actively involved in the worship of God. If you can remember my first article in this series, think about the purpose of worship:

1. Honoring God
 2. Directed towards God
 3. Involving the worshiper.
- If worship is just a custom or a tradition, we are not pleasing God. Re-read the scripture from Isaiah above. God was not speaking to the people in Sodom and Gomorrah. He was speaking to the people of Israel who were just worshiping out of tradition or expectation. Their heart was not in the worship. God is only pleased when we worship with our spirit. He

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Summer Camp Update

From Barbara Wenger

CAMP NEWS

Gretna Glen Camp Director Paul Douglas shared the latest camp information with us on Camp Sunday in May. One candidate from LP attended Gretna Glen Camp this summer. We hope that more children and youth will take advantage of camping scholarships next summer.

Many thanks to **Gretchen Garrity** for her support in the project.

Bequest to the Church Endowment Fund

From Harold Perkins

Recently the church received a \$1000 bequest from the estate of **Grant Stocker**, on behalf of his wife, **Beatrice**, and himself. This gift was gratefully acknowledged to their son, **Wayne**, executor of the estate.

Fiesta Fun

From Karen Osika

This year's Vacation Bible School was HOT, HOT, HOT! Sixty-seven children, 10 youth, and 25 adults experienced Jesus with a fiesta flair. They joined in bible stories, did creative crafts, played refreshing games, visited Chad-der, and ate tasty treats. Children danced and sang to energetic music, and fun was had by ALL. Daily offerings, which totaled \$300, were used toward the Katrina Relief Effort.



Dorris and I thank all who worked behind the scenes to prepare, who gave their time during the week, who donated supplies, and those who allowed us to share a wonderful experience with their children. We hope to see you next year for the Avalanche Ranch in June. Adios!!

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prefers imperfect worship over routine worship. He prefers our whole heart, all our actions, everything that we have to give to honor Him.

It's a new school year. It's time in our church to go back to the "regular schedule" and start Sunday school again. Is it going to be just a "regular" Sunday or are you going to look for God and actively worship? Until next month...how can you put your heart/spirit into your worship?



Mission Committee News

Calling Our Members to Many Opportunities for Service

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Chair

School Days

◆ Mission Committee has been contacted by First Baptist Church in Reading. They need school supplies for their homework study program. Donations of the following items are appreciated:

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Colored markers for drawing, etc.
- Tacky Glue
- White unlined paper
- Scotch Tape
- Staplers and staples
- Games (Parcheesi, Trouble, Mancala)
- Puzzles (25-75 pieces)

Items will be collected **Aug 26-Sept 24**.

Please step up and help our friends at First Baptist.

Sharing our (Food) Wealth

◆ The Mission Committee asks church school students, youth and the congregation at LP to assist in this plea. There is a never-ending need to donate staples of dry and canned food to the Central Park Food Ministry. This collection will occur **Oct 20-Nov 19**.

Now, suppose a person has enough to live on and notices another believer in need. How can God's love be in that person if he doesn't bother to help the other believer? 1 John 3:17

Prayer Shawl Ministry

◆ Do you like to knit or crochet? We're looking for a group of people to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. You may be house-bound, or you may be able to get out. You need not be a member of LP Church to join this group.

Shawl: (Webster Dictionary); *a loose covering for the shoulders*.

This Ministry was started by Bethany UMC in Hamburg. Shawls are made for women as well as men. The yarn is prayed upon before knitting or crocheting begins. After the shawl is finished, the group says a prayer. Members then seek out someone who's been sick or lost a loved one, or in need of spiritual guidance. The prayer shawl is prayed over for the last time, and a note is enclosed signed "Prayer Shawl Ministry."

We'd like to begin this new ministry at LP. Please contact **Barbara Wenger**, 610-777-0952, for information.

Volunteers In Mission

◆ *VIM Team: Orwigsburg* has official status, and member **Barbara Wenger** is part of the team. They'll travel to Camp Nugent, N Gulfport, MS, January 5-12, 2007. Please keep Barbara and the team in your prayers.



Church School Classes Resume

From Dorris McCoy

Christian Education returns to the fall Church School schedule, as does worship, on Sunday, **September 10**, with the following choices.

9:30 am

- † Lectionary Class for adults, led by **Norm and Nancy Dettra**
- † Classes for children from ages three through 3rd grade, following the Children's Message at 9:15 worship

10:30 am

- † Classes for all ages of children
- † Youth Class for 7th - 12th graders
- † Adult Class with **Earl Hope** on "Great Figures of the New Testament."

Children's classes at both hours will explore the stories of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea before moving to the stories

of God sending manna and water and giving us the Ten Commandments (Exodus and Psalm 23). These lessons seek to build our trust in God and how we, as God's children, can put God first in our lives.

Children, youth, and all ages of adults are encouraged to mark their calendars and resolve to be involved in LP's faith-building, educational opportunities. With questions and suggestions for additional options and to offer to share your leadership gifts, please contact CE Chair, **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or **Dorris McCoy**, Pastor of Christian Education, in the Church Office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of God's calling to you to become involved in our educational ministries---Christian growth is for life!

Autumn Auction Set for November 4.. How Can You Help ?

From Mark Bisignaro, Chair, and Barbara Wenger, Co-Chair

- If you've served on the committee before or would like to join us organizing this fun fundraiser, please let us know, 610-670-5610, or 610-777-0952. We can use you!
- From today until October 29, you can bring craft items, art work, collectibles, and promises for services (babysitting, clerical work, baking, etc.) to the church office, to be auctioned on November 4.
- Mark your calendars and plan to be there on November 4 for our 24th annual Autumn Auction!

The Bells Are Ringing... For Me and My Choir From Bev Perella



Handbell Choir We'll meet in the Wagner Room, at a time to be determined. Both beginning and experienced ringers are welcome...and no singing ability is necessary! Please let **Bev** know of your interest, 610-603-0150.

Something New for Jrs. And Youth...

a Jr/Youth choir is being considered. Are you interested? We would sing four times a year at both the Contemporary Service and the Traditional Service. Let's build on the great experience we had with the musical this summer. Please see or call **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150.



From Bev Perella

Start singing in the shower to warm up your voices for the first rehearsal of the **CHANCEL CHOIR** on Wednesday, **September 6!** We'll meet at the home of **Bruce and Elaine Meckes** for a picnic to kick off our year. Returning choir members, new singers, and spouses are invited. Please contact **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150, to determine what picnic item you can bring. We'll have a brief rehearsal after supper to prepare for our first fall worship service on Sunday, September 10.

Our choir is growing with the promise of at least four new members. Have you considered sharing your voice with God and our congregation? No ability to read music is required, just a desire to praise God, enjoy good fellowship, and to laugh!

Join us in the Choir Room every Wednesday at 7:30 pm to help us raise our voices in praise.

From our mailbox



♥ My thanks to all who remembered me with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and flowers after my recent surgery. Our church is truly a loving congregation.

-Anna Mae Owens

♥ Thank you once again for having an opportunity to be part of your Bible School. I don't know what our summer would be like without your Bible School. So much in a week with wonderful memories, and just a great feeling to share with everyone.

-Ruth, Meghan, Meredith and Molly

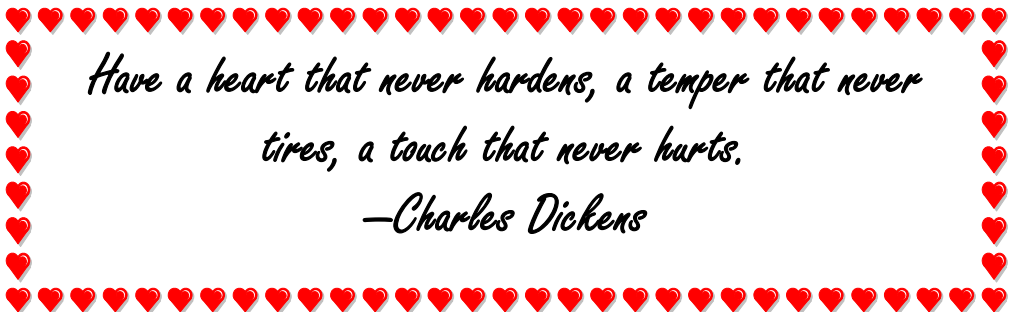
(I had a lot of fun being a crew leader. I can't wait for next year. -Molly)

♥ On behalf of my family I would like to thank the Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Family for your warm welcome. It can be very stressful uprooting a family from an area where we have lived pretty much all our lives, but you have made our move so comfortable. You have helped us feel that we are now a part of your family. From the bottom of our hearts thank you for making this move to your community a wonderful experience.

-The McGrath Family

♥ Dear Friends,
Thank you for your donations of bread and items for our pantry, and soup to our kitchen. Your thoughtfulness does not go unnoticed. Donations help to keep the variety in our items and we truly appreciate them. God bless you for your kindness.

-Ann Marie Wallace
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Payton Horst	9/7/96
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Logan Horst	9/23/99
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...new worship times begin September 10

Traditional Worship 8-8:45 am
Contemporary Worship 9:15-10:15 am
Traditional Worship 10:45-11:45 am

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