



# News-Line

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

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## Plans for Autumn Auction Underway

From Barbara Wenger and Linda Woll

**W**e'll see you Saturday, November 4, at 7 pm, in Memorial Hall, for Lincoln Park's 24<sup>th</sup> annual Autumn Auction. But before the fun and fundraising begin, we need your donated craft items, art work, collectibles, services, baked goods, and activities.

All items should be clearly and securely tagged with the description of the item and name of the donor.

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### *A Unique Auction Item*

**Suzie Romig** started it: "We have a fundraising auction every year," she said to church newcomer **Sandi Rosenkrans**. "Perhaps you'd like to donate something?"



That request resulted in Sandi, a transplanted Philadelphian, donating a truly unique auction item.

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### **Congregation Invited to Make Silent Bid on A Night of Holiday Fellowship**

**George and Debbie Pyle** will host a light supper, including cookies and seasonal music, at their home on Saturday, December 16. The top 60 bidders will attend the evening festivities. Bids will be accepted until intermission of the Autumn Auction. (You'll be notified by the committee if you're in the top 60.)

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# WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



**Sunday, October 1** - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - “What is Our Role?” Matthew 28:16-20, 1Corinthians 9:19-23. *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.* Matthew 28:19

**Sunday, October 8** - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE - “Using Our Gifts” 1Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 4:11-13. *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord: and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.* 1Corinthians 7:4-6

**Sunday, October 15** - NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE - “No Less Than All” Exodus 16:15-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. *And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:8

**Sunday, October 22** - CONSECRATION SUNDAY - Special Guest Speaker, Tom Shappell

**Sunday, October 29** - LAITY CELEBRATION SUNDAY - **10 am.** Come join us for a wonderful worship celebration led by our Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church laity. This worship experience will be designed by our Lay Leader, **Jerry Pawlikowski**, for the purpose of celebrating our gifts for ministry and our Oneness in Jesus Christ. Please note there will be **one worship service** this Sunday.

## 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!



# SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: IT IS FOR LIFE!

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The words of Scripture are clear: *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; TEACH and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.* (Colossians 3:16) This scriptural mandate does not say "for children only."

God's servants of *all* ages are called to prayer, praise, and growth. LP offers Christian Education opportunities every Sunday morning at two different hours:

- children ages 3 thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and adults at 9:30 am
- children, youth and adults again at 10:45 am.

Growing as a disciple of Jesus involves life-long learning. For details, contact **Linda Hope**, Christian Education Chair, 610-670-9731, or **Pastor Dorris**, 610-777-1422, or 610-777-6128.

Remember that Christian Education can and does happen on other days of the week. Leadership and ideas are always welcomed. Search your heart for ways you can learn and grow and for ways you've been gifted to empower others to grow and serve. Your involvement is only a phone call or a sign-up sheet away!



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Minimum bid is \$15 per person. All proceeds benefit the Autumn Auction. Please PRINT your name and phone number (required) and bid amount. Place bids in designated box on the evening of the auction.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## *A Night of Holiday Fellowship at the Pyle's*

Bid Amount for ONE or TWO persons (Please circle how many)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

# From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

One of the biggest complaints about the Christian church is that it always asks for money. About this time every year as we get ready for the following year's budget, many people cringe because they think we may focus too much on money. However, the Christian church and Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church are not about begging for money, or seeing how much we can get from people. Actually we give not because Lincoln Park Church asks, but more because God expects us to give. Giving as a whole, not just money, is about our reflection of our faith in God.

As Kenneth Carter writes in his commentary on the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philippians, *We give out of gratitude to God for all things*. To rejoice in the Lord, to give thanks, is to live in the knowledge that the Lord is near. This conviction is the source of the abundant life promised by Jesus. For this reason, Paul knew the believer could live in the midst of shifting circumstances with a constancy of faith and trust in God.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God...I know what it is to have little, and I know*

*what it is to have plenty...my God will satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-6, 12,19)*

What are the gifts God has placed in Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church? How has God empowered us for distinctive service in the community? The apostle Paul calls us to rejoice. Can you name something that's happened in our church recently that moves you to offer praise to God? Does our planning for the future through our gifts, our time, our talent, and our offering exhibit the belief that God is with us? Can we begin to see that the primary gift, in personal and congregational terms, is the gift of the Gospel, the gift of Jesus Christ who gives new life to individuals and congregations?

Can we rejoice in the greatest gifts, and begin to see that an abundant life flows from a gratitude in the presence of Jesus Christ who is with us in life and in death, in abundance and scarcity? As Christians, we live in thanksgiving and with fulfillment because we sense and believe that Jesus Christ is with us. May we give all that we have to him.

And my God will meet  
all your needs according  
to his glorious riches in  
Christ Jesus.



Philippians 4:19

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Those who chanced bidding on her authentic, formal Moroccan banquet dinner for six, in 2003, can tell you it was fabulous, indeed. This elaborate feast was prepared and served by Sandi in her Wyomissing town home.

In 2004, the bids went up, and the auctioned dinner was a traditional family dinner for six as served in Ponte Vedra, in the Galician region of Spain. And for 2005, the winning bidders were treated to a beachfront buffet dinner for eight “in” the two-island nation of Trinidad and Tobago.

Authentic background music and several souvenirs accompanied each of these ethnic dining events. The formal party invitations announce the time, date, location and even the parking specifics. (Did you know that local tribal chieftains forbid camel parking on Reading Boulevard?)

The bids for these auctioned culinary events are shared equally by the couples or individuals who want a truly great evening out. A designated group representative does the bidding. On the night of the auction, winners receive an envelope with the ground rules, and, prior to the bidding, a colorful description of the

culinary and cultural event is read aloud.

“In addition to helping the church,” explains Sandi, “my main goal is to interest Americans in geography, diverse cultures, and new dining experiences, foreign or domestic. I base this specialized cooking on my travels, many foreign friends, interest in world cultures, and my life living abroad.

My mother was a great cook, and I attended culinary classes when I lived in Germany. My sister is a professional chef, so culinary interests pervade the family blood lines.”

Lincoln Park Church is not the only lucky recipient of these donated fund-raising dinners: Sandi donated the

formal Moroccan banquet dinner for six to the auction at the Reading Country Club to raise money for the Exeter Township Capital Library Campaign — and it brought in \$487.

So, you MUST come to the auction — prepared for mouth-watering serious bidding. All the money goes to the church — and perhaps Lincoln Park’s winning bid can beat the \$487 in Exeter Township.

And some smart folks will be enjoying a really memorable evening — just ask those who know!

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## Summer Theater - "It's Good!"

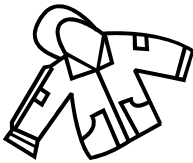
From Linda Hope

An intergenerational summer theater program was held Sunday - Thursday, August 6 - 10, and concluded with dinner and a program on Friday, August 11. There were 42 participants involved in the production; 32 were members of LP. The cast included 12 adults, seven youths and five children. Participants behind the scenes included 11 adults and seven youth. Ages spanned from three years old to 73! The musical, written by Kathleen Hart Brumm, entitled, "IT'S GOOD! A MUSICAL ABOUT THE CREATION," was presented after five days of preparation. The cast rehearsed songs, joined in various activities, and created a mural which is displayed in the Education Building.

The following comments were shared by the cast...

- ☺ It's great to be doing this again. LP hasn't done this since I was a child.
- ☺ I'm glad LP did this summer theater program because I haven't been in church for five years.
- ☺ It's wonderful to have contemporary and traditional worshipers praising God together.
- ☺ It's wonderful to be around the youth.
- ☺ It's good to be with Pop-pop.
- ☺ When do we get to do this again?

There were approximately 100 people in attendance. About \$550 was raised and donated to the YOUTH FOR KATRINA RELIEF FUND. Keep watch for news about another intergenerational theater project!



## **WANTED:**

### **Coats For Kids**

From Kathy Avedissian

We're calling for any gently used coats, hats, mittens, and scarves for the COATS FOR KIDS Drive. All sizes accepted. Bring items to the church before **November 15** and place them in the COATS FOR KIDS collection boxes. The outerwear will be cleaned by local dry cleaners and distributed to those in need by the Salvation Army. Let's help keep the children in our area warm this winter. Call **Kathy Avedissian** with any questions, 610-372-1735.



# Consecration Sunday

## October 22

From Loreen Miller, Prayer Chairperson, New Consecration Sunday Team

All members are encouraged to remember our church in their daily prayers during the NCS Campaign. The following prayer may be used during this period and beyond!

### **A Prayer for Unity**

I come before you, Lord, to lift up your church at Lincoln Park, and to pray for her faithfulness to your calling.

I promise to pray for unity among our members, in order that the will of Christ may prevail. My loyalty will be to Him.

I will pray for those whose ideas for ministry might differ from my own, not that they might be converted to my way of thinking, but that we will be able to find a common ground in you, Lord, so that the great work of ministering to human hearts may go forward.

When I am tempted to speak unkindly

of others, I will, instead, pray for insight and wisdom, taking a few moments to be quiet before you. Help me to practice forgiveness, and enable me to speak words of peace and love.

I will make my offering to you not just one of monetary value, but that of a humble and teachable spirit, ready to be used in your service.

Come now, Holy Spirit, purify me, and purify our church. Set us ablaze with your love, until at last, our souls mirror the image of God.

Amen

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust cannot destroy and where thieves cannot break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Matthew 6:19-21**



## STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS 5 by Herb Miller

Submitted by Jerry Manhart

### The Joy of Obedient Worship

**F**ree us for joyful obedience. You may recognize that phrase as part of the congregational prayer that we pray just before we celebrate communion. That prayer describes why you and I exist: joyful obedience. You and I exist to worship. The more we realize that, the more we approach the experience of pure joy.

Tithing and giving has less to do with money than with freedom. Tithing is not about percentages. Tithing and giving are about being part of what is holy, eternal, and the truly “good life.”

I could never go back to where I was before I began tithing and retain the joy I have found in obedience and giving. I like being free. I give to be free. I give to stay free. Through tithing, I receive more than I give—the joy of obedient worship in giving. [Scott Robertson, Lubbock, Texas]

### The Security Myth

Helen Keller said, *Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature. Nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.* [John C. Maxwell, *The Confidence That Convinces*, Audio Tape]

Many people who withhold their whole-

hearted support from God’s work are victims of that “superstition of security” to which Helen Keller referred. They somehow failed to learn that no amount of money makes us totally secure from the painful experiences that life flings against our windshields without the slightest warning.

What happens when we try to create our own security blankets by avoiding the risk of being generous? Our selfishness costs more than money. It robs us of a spiritual relationship with God.

Self-giving does not bring us total security. Nothing does that. Being alive puts us at risk in a thousand ways. But generously giving our money to God’s purposes gives us a sense of meaning and purpose as we work with other people in God’s great causes. That is a far greater reward than anything we can obtain by striving for the myth of security.

### Holding onto the Best

Some 200 years ago, the French educator Alexis de Tocqueville came to America to study our newly independent republic. In “Democracy in America,” he pointed to elements of colonial life that still describe Americans today: *I have seen the freest and best educated of men in circumstances the happiest to be found in the world. Yet it seemed to me that a*

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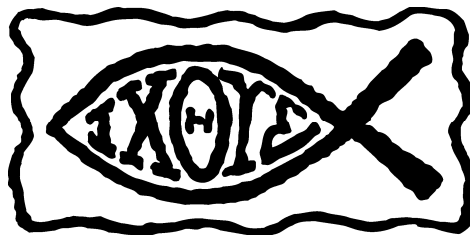
*cloud habitually hung on their brow and they seemed serious and almost sad in their pleasures. They never stop thinking of the good things they have not got. They clutch everything and hold nothing fast.*

We have grown more knowledgeable and secure over the last 200 years, but . . . The forces that hammer at us have turned us into a nation of seekers. Part of our search has been prompted by a sense that much of our lives is empty, confusing, monotonous, unrewarding. We search for meaning and inspiration, for a workable formula that can lead us to a joyful, contented, satisfying existence. [*Give to Live*, Douglas M. Lawson]

The answer is so obvious that we can fail to see it. Real meaning in life does not come from getting things but from giving something.

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In the early days of Christian persecution, the fish symbol was used by believers as a secret sign. One person would draw an arc in the sand. The other would complete the sign to show his shared faith in Christ. The initial letters of the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” form the Greek word ICHTHUS, which means “fish.”



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You may deliver your donations to the church office **before October 29**. Please call the office, 610-777-1422, for office hours.

Please complete the form below and drop it off at the church office or mail to **Barb Wenger**, 619 Wellington Ave, Reading, PA 19609.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of item/activity/service to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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# YOUTH-LINK

## UMYF Happenings

From Linda Hope

**Saturday, October 7, 12:30 pm**

### **Corn Maze Challenge**



The UMYF will be heading to Lancaster County for a Corn Maze Challenge. Participating youth should report to the church by 12:30 pm to carpool to Paradise Township, Lancaster Co. where the Corn Maze Challenge is located at Cherry Crest Farm. The cost of the corn maze will be paid with the UMYF fund. However, since this will take some time and burn up some energy, please bring money for dinner on the way home at Fuddruckers. Contact **Linda Hope** to RSVP or if you can provide transportation.

**Sunday, November 12**

### **Youth Sunday**

Our youth will be leading worship. Youth and parents work with Pastor Jerry to plan the service. Please contact **Linda Hope** if you are able to participate. Planning needs to begin now!

### **Future Plans: Save the Date!**

**Sun, November 12** - Bowling. **Karen Osika** to make arrangements.

**Fri, December 1** - Hanging of the Greens @ 6 pm. Youth have dinner and then decorate the youth tree in the Narthex.

**Sun, December 10** - Christmas Caroling. The **Perry** Family will plan.

**Sat, December 16** - Poinsettia Decorating. Youth meet to decorate the sanctuary and Memorial Hall for the Christmas Holiday.

**January** - Laser Quest & Lock-In. Lock-In plans to be confirmed.

NEEDED: Parents/young adults to spend all night with the youth.

**February** - Reading Rocks. The **Lee** Family will make arrangements.

Retreat - plans are being discussed for a weekend getaway...probably in the late spring.

Any other ideas you would like to do with the youth group?? We'd love to hear them!

All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend any outings/events. And don't forget to bring a friend! The more the merrier! Any questions, please contact **Linda Hope** at 610-670-9731 or [lshope@aol.com](mailto:lshope@aol.com).

## Jr. Youth Events

(4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)

From Tracy Goldsborough



Join us on  
a hayride!

Meet your friends for lunch and a hayride around Lincoln Park on Sunday, **October 29**. We won this hayride from the bowl-a-thon last year! Anyone who bowled is welcome too. We'll meet in Memorial Hall after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service; the wagon will pick us up at noon. We'll have gifts for shut-ins in Lincoln Park, and, like a parade, we'll throw candy to any kids who are out. Afterward we'll have hot dogs and snacks. RSVP to Tracy Goldsborough, 610-777-6991, or [ffloors@ptd.net](mailto:ffloors@ptd.net). Bring friends but please RSVP.

## Preteen and Teen Girls - A Conference Just For You!

From Tracy Goldsborough

Concerts and speakers who share their own stories will come together at The Liacouras Center in Philadelphia, Nov 3-4, for the **REVOLVE TOUR**, presented by WOMEN OF FAITH. Go to [revolvetour.com](http://revolvetour.com) for a video and feedback about the tour. The artists and speakers include: Natalie Grant, ZOEgirl, KJ-52, Tammy Trent, Chad Eastham, Laura Wilkinson, and Kimko Soldati.

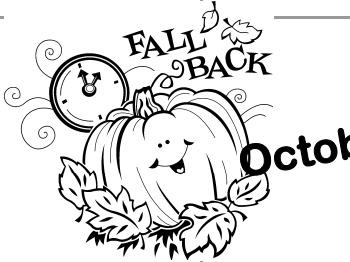
If interested, call **Becky Chadwick** or **Pastor Dorris** at the church office or **Tracy Goldsborough** at 610-777-6991. Scholarships are available; any donations would be gratefully received by **Pastor Dorris**.

Parents are welcome to attend with their daughters. Volunteer opportunities are available for parents or adults 18 years or older at the conference. Please check out the opportunities at [revolvetour.com](http://revolvetour.com).

Most importantly, **PRAY**. Pray for those girls attending and for any girls who really need to go. Pray for the conference itself, those parents and adults helping, and safety for all who travel and attend.




# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>1 WORLD COMMUNION Youth Sun. Planning noon Meet the Pastor-Bisignaros 2 pm Sunday Supper Series 5 pm</p>	<p>2 Bible Study 10:30am Mission Comm 7pm</p>	<p>3 Music Comm 7pm Meet the Pastor-Lapes 7 pm</p>	<p>4 Joyful Ringers Meet the Pastor Chancel choir</p>
<p>8 Sunday Supper Series 5 pm</p>	<p>9 Bible Study 10:30am Finance 7pm</p>	<p>10 Worship Comm 7pm</p>	<p>11 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>15 Blood Pressure screening NCS Team meeting 3pm NCS Leadership Team, dinner at W Lawn UMC 5:30pm</p>	<p>16 Bible Study 10:30am</p>	<p>17 Sanctuary Task Force 7pm</p>	<p>18 Meet the Pastor Chancel Choir</p>
<p>22 <b>CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b> -with buffet brunch after each service</p>	<p>23 Bible Study 10:30am Autumn Auction Comm 7pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>29 <b>LAITY SUNDAY 10AM</b> UMYF Cookbook deadline C Ed meeting 11:30am Jr Group Hayride/lunch 12pm Staff Meeting 12:15pm</p>	<p>30 Bible Study 10:30am Staff Meeting 12pm</p>	<p>31</p>	

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>rs meet 6:45pm or-Weikels 7pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>5 Pastoral Care Team 1:30pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 UMYF Corn Maze 12:30pm</p>
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<p>ber 29</p>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Looking ahead to next month...</b>            Sat 11/4 Autumn Auction            Tues 11/7 Opportunity House            Sun 11/12 Youth Sunday;            Special Church Council meeting            Mon 11/13 Finance            Sat 11/18 Charge Conference            Mon 11/20 Church Council</p> </div>

  
 "I KNOW THAT  
*you can do all things,*  
 AND THAT NO PURPOSE  
*of yours*  
 CAN BE THWARTED."  
JOB 42:2. NRSV



# Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead and Beverly Perella

## The Bells are Ringing....Children are Singing!

Whether your child attends the 9:15 or the 10:45 Worship Service, there's an opportunity for them to praise God through song. At the 9:15 service, children sing weekly before the Children's Message. During the Pastor's message, there is guided singing led by **Beverly Perella** before going to their age-appropriate classrooms. During the 10:45 service, children gather in the Choir Room and are led in song and worship by **Lin Umstead**, **Becky Chadwick**, and **Elizabeth Stoudt**. We are coordinating resources so that the children will rehearse separately, then come together and share this music with the congregation. Music styles range from traditional hymns and anthems to contemporary songs with motions.



Would you be interested in joining one of our two Bell Choirs? The Praise Ringers is a group that rings at the 9:15 service, with practice and performance dates announced at that service. The Joyful Ringers is an adult group that will ring at the 10:45 service. An informational meeting for the latter group will be held Wednesday, October 4, at 6:45 pm, in the rear of the sanctuary.

Perhaps you'd enjoy singing during the worship service. If you'd like to sing with the Praise Band, please see **Lin**. If you've considered joining the Chancel Choir, see **Bev** for information. The Chancel Choir has a goal to reach 20 members this year! Although with any of these musical opportunities the ability to read music is helpful, it is not necessary. Most important is the ability to attend a weekly evening rehearsal, and enjoy the fellowship of other members while praising God.

For more information on any of these groups, please call the Music Office, 610-777-1422 ext. 26.

## Church School in Outreach - Looking Ahead

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

- Opportunity House Supper—next opportunity, Tuesday, **November 7**. Contact the **Evaults** for ways and times to help, 610-927-1692. \$\$\$ funding, food donations, and people power welcomed.
  - Coats for Kids - children, youth and parents are encouraged to participate in the Mission Committee's COATS FOR KIDS drive (see pg 6).
  - MOTIVATED MOMS, a ministry teaching ESL to immigrants in Reading, needs dedicated, caring volunteers to be tutors in the English classes and/or provide child care for moms/dads while they are in class. Training is offered. Call 610-373-5777.
  - A preview from the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING---Don't sit on the sidelines this upcoming Super Bowl! LP's Church School kids and youth join thousands of young people across the nation in fighting hunger by participating in the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING, Sunday, **February 4**, 2007! Watch for them!
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## FREE WORKSHOPS AT PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Celebrate the PRC's 30th anniversary by attending these workshops/seminars in Lancaster:

- Tuesday, **October 31**, 9 am-3 pm, features Gil Rendle, UMC Pastor and Senior Consultant for the Alban Institute, on GROWING CONGREGATIONS: TELLING THE BETTER STORY.
- Wednesday, **November 1**, 9 am-noon, Gil presents on GROWING CONGREGATIONS: COPING WITH A CHANGING WORLD.

Contact **Pastor Dorris** by October 1 to attend.

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suggest that you look again at what you are worshipping.

All of us can be better worshipers. So what can we do? It's hard to go it alone. We have many great opportunities at Lincoln Park to grow and to share. We fall into our human pit-falls easily, but the help we need is right here, if we're willing to honestly look at our lives and say we want to worship God. Opportunities for us to work with others to re-focus our lives and center our beings onto the one true, honest, everlasting, never changing thing: the love, acceptance, and friendship of Jesus Christ. That is what makes a true Worshiper!

# Stewardship Moment

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

for the Committee on Lay Leadership and Development

We, the members and friends of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church, are the Body of Christ. We are charged with being Stewards of God's Mission of Seeking and Serving Christ. Believing God has blessed and gifted me with talents and abilities, I am willing to serve the Lord and Lincoln Park United Methodist Church in the following area(s) for the year of 2007.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Member
- Chairperson

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Committee Member
- Teacher
- Helper
- Nursery Volunteer

## CHURCH COUNCIL

- Member-at-large
- Chairperson

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Member
- Chairperson

## LAY PASTORAL CARE TEAM

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

## NURTURE AND WITNESS

- Chairperson

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- Member
- Chairperson
- Ushering Team
- Greeter
- Punch & Coffee

## CHOIR

- Chancel Choir
- Sunday Singers
- Bell Choir Member
- Praise Choir
- Music Committee

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- Praise Band
- Praise Orchestra
- Symphonic Band

## OTHER

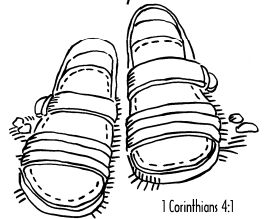
- Autumn Auction
- Clean-up, small maintenance projects
- Flea Market
- Fund Raisers
- Heart and Hand
- Offering Counter
- Community Fest
- Family Activities
- Fellowship
- Coordinator

## STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## LAY LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

## OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

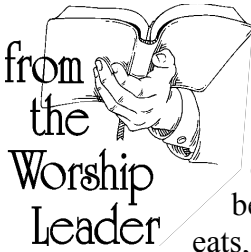
Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Please give this form to Jerry McGrath or mail to the Church Office. Thank you for your help.)





## Worship Leader Minute for October

From Becky Chadwick

As I reflect on the meaning of worship today, I'm reminded of an old "Dharma and Greg" episode I recently saw on re-run. Dharma becomes totally enthralled with football, specifically the 49'ers. She eats, breathes, loves, talks, walks, and lives football. She worships football. It consumes her life. Steve Young guest stars as himself and tries to deter Dharma at Greg's request, but gives in to Dharma's enthusiasm for football. Dharma has placed football in the number one spot in her life. That is worship. Her time, money, thoughts, and energy are focused on football. That defines worship. While "Dharma and Greg" is fiction, doesn't it represent the truth about all of us? We choose what to set our heart and mind on.

The Praise Team has recently begun a video series on Worship by Louie Giglio. Its focus is on defining worship and making us better worshipers. Giglio claims we say one thing with our mouths and do another thing with our lives. We all say we worship God. We all say God is the center of our lives, but when we look at the "bread crumbs" of our lives, we often see a different picture. Giglio says if we really want to know what we worship, we need to look honestly at our lives. We need to ask:

- ◆ Where do I spend my money?
- ◆ Where do I spend my time?
- ◆ What do I think about most of the time?

If God doesn't pop up somewhere in the top two answers to each question, maybe you need to look at what you are really worshipping. Are you worshipping your money? A person in your life? A particular toy? A car? A team? A sport? Music? A job?

Do you spend your time thinking about getting that next promotion or do you spend your time thinking about doing the very best job you can to bring glory to God? Do you worry that you're going to fall behind the Joneses or do you look for the Smiths that need a hand up? Do you spend money on that next generation I Pod or do you look at the needs around you and base your spending decisions on that? Do you get so caught up in the process of worship that you forget the purpose of worship? Are you so busy running kids from one thing to another that you don't take the time to look for God in what you are doing? Look closely at the "bread crumbs" of your life and they will tell you what you are worshipping. If God only comes into your life on a semi-daily whim, or on a Sunday morning, or Christmas Eve, or Easter, or on rainy days, then I

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## Support UMYF Fundraising... Calendars, Christmas Flowers and Cookbooks

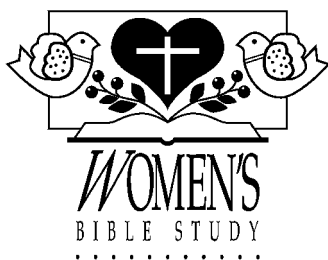
From Linda Hope

▶ 2007 Calendar Sale...God's Creation calendars are on sale now for \$6. Calendars are located in the back of worship areas and in the Church Office. Envelopes are provided for payment and can be placed in the boxes.

▶ Christmas Poinsettia Sale...UMYF will sell poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. Watch for order forms in the bulletin (towards end of October) and in next month's *NEWS-LINC*.

▶ LPCUMC Cookbooks...UMYF will publish and sell cookbooks. Recipes can be submitted to **Linda Hope**. Please see flyer on page 19 for more information.

We'd like once again to thank everyone for their generous support in our efforts to raise \$4000 with the Junior Fellowship Group in our joint YOUTH FOR KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT. A grand total has not been confirmed, but the \$4,000 mark was reached and the youth had fun painting **Jim Perry's** bald head with face paints, spraying **Pastor Dorris's** hair with neon colors, and spiking **Pastor Jerry's** hair with neon hair cement. The kids then enjoyed their artistic flair by doing their own hair and face painting their bodies. Thanks again for your support!



### Real Women, Real Lives, Real God!

From Becky Chadwick

Beginning Saturday, **October 7**, from 8:30 – 9:30 am, a new group is forming for women of all ages! Are you having trouble finding Christ in your life every day? Do you feel alone in your walk with God and need help connecting with God? Are you friends with Christ and want to help other women make the same connection with Him?

We'll be studying the Bible in down-to-earth, practical ways so we can connect Christ to our everyday lives. No outside reading! If you need childcare, please call **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207.

# What's Cooking?

The UMYF will be publishing a Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Cookbook and we need your help! Do you have a recipe (or better yet...several recipes) that you would like to share? We are looking for all kinds of recipes for your favorite dishes, i.e., soups, salads, desserts, entrees, vegetables, kids recipes, etc. All you have to do is submit the recipe with this form (box located in the back of worship areas) or e-mail the recipe with all the information to Linda Hope at [lsihope@aol.com](mailto:lsihope@aol.com) by Sunday, October 29. Cookbooks will be on sale by Thanksgiving for the Christmas holiday. The cookbook will be a great gift for someone on your Christmas list! Proceeds will benefit UMYF programming for next year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make sure to list all ingredients and measurements separately, as well as detailed step by step instructions. Typed recipes preferable.

If you would like to add comments regarding the recipe's history, please feel free to do so. Thanks for your participation! Questions, call Linda Hope 610-670-9731.

Also, to assist with printing, please indicate if you would be interested in purchasing. Thank you.

Yes \_\_\_(##) No thank you \_\_\_



# Adult Education Class

*Oh, I didn't know about that!* is often heard around

churches. Our *News-Linc* updates us monthly about all church programs. Here's the scoop on adult education at LP.

## **9:30 am in the Church Library**

... **Norm and Nancy Dettra** bring their knowledge, faith, and life experiences to facilitate the Lectionary Bible Study Class. Embark on a study of the Scriptures selected for use in the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B. The primary resource for this study will be the Bible itself, so bring your Bible and join the lively discussion. This class combines historical background and personal insights into a concise commentary on the four lections designated for each Sunday and most special days, highlighting common Biblical themes, offering questions for thought and reflection, and providing weekly study. In October, the Scriptures will include passages from the Book of Job, Hebrews, the Gospel of Mark, and the Psalms.

## **10:45 am in the Church Library**

...**Earl Hope** facilitates "Great Figures of the New Testament." A broad range of great figures is encountered: shepherds and kings, friends and enemies, evangelists and martyrs, a prodigal son, and a

## An Invitation for Adult Sunday Morning Learning

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Good Samaritan.

Each Sunday's session will begin with a brief retelling of the day's figure presented by a video lecture by Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. October includes The Virgin Mary; Joseph, Magi and Shepherds; Peter; John and James, the Sons of Zebedee; and Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Now we all know it! Let us come together each week in worship, prayer and learning. Bring the kids. Bring a friend. Let LP's hearts, minds and doors be opened!

### TWO CHRISTMAS CONCERTS PLANNED

**December 3, 4 pm**  
Albright College Mane Men & Angels

**December 17, 7 pm**  
Christmas Praise Concert



**Dennis and Gabriella Antunes** on the recent loss of Dennis's mother...we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.



# Mission Committee News

## Calling Our Members to Many Opportunities for Service

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Chair

### School Days

◆ Thank you to the congregation and the Agape Circle for your donations to the First Baptist Church in Reading for their Home Study Program: pencils, notebooks, erasers, drawing pads, glue, glossy tape, mechanical and twist pencils, scissors, colored pencils, glue stick, drawing paper, scotch tape, foam stickers, washable markers, games of Twister, Pictionary Jr., Chutes and Ladders, a Sesame Street puzzle, personalized pens, and crayons! Many thanks to everyone!

### 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*

### Missions Committee Donations

◆ At its September 5 meeting, the committee decided upon the following donations:

Salvation Army	\$100
Greater Berks Food Bank	\$100
Women in Crisis	\$100
Habitat for Humanity	\$100
First Baptist Church	\$ 50

Our committee would like to encourage new members to join us. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 2, at 7 pm, in Room 101. Please come!

Many thanks to the congregation and friends for their donations to our mission projects.

**Operation Christmas Child: Our 5<sup>th</sup> Year**

From Alice Kase

It isn't too early to buy gifts to fill your shoebox for a child who's known nothing but war, disaster, illness, or neglect. Thanks to you, we sent 68 boxes in 2002, 100 boxes in 2003, 132 in 2004, and 157 in 2005. Operation Christmas Child responded to Hurricane Katrina by sending bags of soccer balls, cuddly lambs, and encouraging Bible materials. More information will be coming before the mid-November collection date.

*With Your Help, Wishes Come True at Lincoln Park*  
**Memorial Fund Wish List**

From George Weikel

We've had an excellent response to our LP Wish List. These projects have been completed or begun:

- A window was installed in the handicap entrance, donated by **Aletha Stehman** in memory of **Timothy Miller**.
- Water fountains have been installed in the Education Building and at the entrance to Memorial Hall, donated by **Robert Miller** in memory of **Timothy Miller**.
- A paper cutter and envelope sealer for the office was donated by **Robert Miller** in memory of **Timothy Miller**.
- The **Villecco** Family has donated \$500 toward pew pads for the sanctuary. We need a minimum of \$1,500 before we can get estimates for the total cost of this project. These will help beautify the sanctuary, and of course make seating more comfortable.
- The floor lamp, for the copier in the office, was donated by **Suzanne Romig**.
- The library table for the Wagner Room was donated by **Sandy Bressi**.

The Trustees thank those who have participated and would appreciate any help on the remaining items on the list. Anyone wishing to donate funds or designate a memorial fund toward any item may do so by contacting **Pastor McGrath**, 610-777-1422 ext.44, the Chairman of the Trustee Committee – **George Weikel**, 610-777-3678, or the Treasurer of the Trustees – **Tom Carlson**, 610-373-0018. All donations are tax exempt.

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>ESTIMATED COST</i>
New room divider for Nursery (materials and installation)	\$4,000 - \$6,000
2 Banner stands (2@\$250)	\$500
2 Banners (2@\$100)	\$200
New riding lawn mower	\$2,000
Lavatory Faucets (3@\$50)	\$150
Carpeting for Education Building (classrooms/entrance/halls)	Open
Pew Seat Pads for Sanctuary	Open



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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## Change of Address

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**From our  
mailbox**



## Cornwall Manor Bazaar Saturday, October 7, 8 am-2 pm

All proceeds from the Bazaar benefit the Health Center at Cornwall. Since our church no longer has an active United Methodist Women's group, which for many years supported the Bazaar, any monetary contributions from other groups and individuals would be greatly appreciated.

Contact **Anna Mae Owens**, 410 Lawrence Ave, Lincoln Park PA 19609, 610-777-4651. Checks should be payable to: Cornwall Manor Society Bazaar.

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♥ Thank you for your thoughts and your thoughtfulness. I received so many cards from the congregation stating that they were praying for me. Thanks for the phone calls and flowers, also.

The church has been a great source of comfort for me. Pastor McGrath's visits were also appreciated.

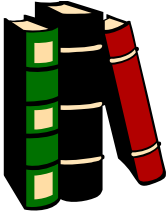
I'm looking forward to returning to church and Bible Study with people who truly care.

Gertrude Young



## October Birthdays

Jakob Duffy	10/13/1998
Jacob Gehman	10/24/1997
Julia Gehman	10/24/1997
Sarah Foltz	10/26/1996



## Women's Book Club

Please join us on Monday, October 23, 7 pm, for some lively discussion about *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. This is a well-crafted drama about family secrets and the power of love. The Book Club meets monthly at the Dettra home, 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park. Come and enjoy!

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