



News-Line



Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 24TH ANNUAL AUTUMN AUCTION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 PM

Come, bring friends, and enjoy bidding on art work, collectibles, crafts, services, and much more at this annual fundraising event. Silent bids will be taken for an evening of Christmas festivities at the home of **George and Debbie Pyle** on December 16. You can also bid on an international dinner at the home of **Sandi Rosencrans**, a culinary and cultural event! You don't want to miss this fun evening at Lincoln Park!

The Bells Are Ringing Again...

From Beverly Perella

...at Lincoln Park with the Advent of the

BELL



CHOIR

Bell Choir at the 10:45 service, beginning Sunday, December 10. Please join us for our initial presentation.

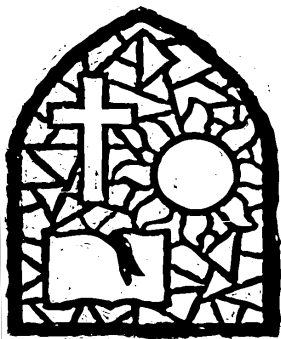
Rehearsals for this service will be held immediately after the 10:45 service on Sundays, November 5, 12, 19 and December 3.

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WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 5 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - “Eternal Hope” Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1Thessalonians 4:13-18. *For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.* 1Thessalonians 4:14

Sunday, November 12 - YOUTH SUNDAY - Our youth will lead all three services this Sunday.

Sunday, November 19 - PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - John 1:5-10, Psalm 121, Psalm 100.

Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 pm - Governor Mifflin Ministerium Thanksgiving Eve Service at Wyomissing United Church of Christ.

Thursday, November 23, 10 am - Thanksgiving Day. An Ecumenical Religious Thanksgiving worship service will take place at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 416 Franklin Street, Reading, 1 block down from the Reading Library.

Sunday, November 26 - CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - “Yet in Thy Dark Street Shineth; Jerusalem” and Wycliffe speaker, Karen Keepert.

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!



Help Us Help You

From Pastor
Dorris McCoy

You can help us speed communications between ministry areas and reduce postage costs.



HOW? Send your e-mail address to the church office site at lpcumc@verizon.net, or write it down and hand to **Pastor Jerry** or **Pastor Dorris** following Sunday worship. Thank you for helping us be good stewards!


Christian Ed Seeks People Changers

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

God can use you to change the lives of children, youth, and adults at Lincoln Park Church! You can help students of all ages understand God's word and discover how to apply God's truth to everyday life. You can help build forever friendships with Jesus, the best friend any of us could ever have!

HOW? Talk with **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or **Pastor Dorris**. In addition to Church School teachers, persons with organizational (scheduling) skills and technology gifts would open up new learning options! Pray and consider where God may be leading you to involvement and service in LP's educational ministries and programs!

COMING SOON: INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS FEST



On Tuesday, December 12, at 6 pm, we'll celebrate Christmas customs and worship from around the world.

We ask you to bring a covered dish representing your ethnic heritage. Anyone interested in sharing favorite traditions from any world culture, please see **Pastor Jerry** or **Pastor Dorris**.

More information in the December *News-Linc*.



Christmas Around the World

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

The earth has yielded its increase; God our God has blessed us.

Psalm 67:6

A family had gathered for a Thanksgiving dinner. As the meal drew to a close, the youngest member of the group, a little girl of six, asked her grandfather if he had enjoyed his turkey. *Of course, dear, her grandfather replied, I love turkey. In fact, I try to have a little turkey everyday!*

The young girl was confused; did her grandpa mean he ate turkey every day? The grandfather smiled and began to explain, just as he had once explained to this young girl's brothers and sisters, and to her parents years before. Thanksgiving day is such a nice idea, grandfather said, that he figured it ought to be celebrated for more than just a single day. So each day he would set aside some time to count his blessings and offer God a prayer of thanks. But he

didn't stop there. Praying was one thing, but he felt he must DO something, and so each day he tried to set aside some money for the needy or give of his time or talent to his church or its members.

This was grandpa's idea of the true thanksgiving spirit: to give generously of his treasure, time, and talent. At this point the young girl's mother said that her grandfather was talking about stewardship. *That's right, her grandfather replied, most folks call it stewardship, but I call it 'have a little turkey every day.'*

Grandfather had the right idea. We say thanks because we recognize His gifts as gifts; and we see not only the gifts but the actions of the Giver to us. In maturing our spirit of thanksgiving, our interest turns to the presence of the Giver, rather than the gifts.



thank you, God!

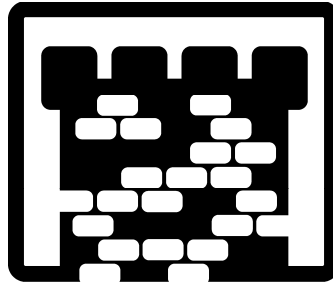
A decorative flourish consisting of a series of stylized, swirling leaves and vines.

Reminder: Charge Conference

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Our annual Charge Conference will be held **Saturday, November 18**, at 1:30 pm, with our District Superintendent, Ralph Blanks, presiding. He will meet with the SPRC at 1 pm. If you are a part of Church Council and are on SPRC, please remember this important date.

Charge Conference is the time when we share our end of the year reports and reflect and celebrate on our ministry this past year.



The Tower or Fortress

The tower or fortress is a symbol of God, our refuge and strength (Psalm 46:1). Many Psalms and other books of the Bible speak of God as a tower or a fortress. Psalm 46 inspired Martin Luther to write the hymn “A Might Fortress.”



Children to Receive Bibles

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All children in 3rd grade, and new member children above 3rd grade who have not previously received Bibles, will be invited to come forth and be presented with their very own Bibles on **BIBLE SUNDAY, November 19**. Bibles will be presented during the worship service each family chooses to attend. Children will receive the **HANDS-ON BIBLE, A NEW LIVING TRANSLATION**, an accurate, easy-to-read, kid-friendly version that encourages children to start reading and experiencing God's Word for themselves. Throughout this Bible, children will find cool facts, timelines, hands-on discovery, Bible Bonanza experiences, Bible hero biographies, fun facts, the Jesus connection and real life applications for today's children of God. To be sure your children receive their Bibles, please contact **Pastor Dorris** in the Church Office, ext. 24.

2006 Blood Drive Successful

From Jean Weikel

**Blood
DRIVE**

Many thanks to those who attended our annual blood drive at Lincoln Park Church on Tuesday evening, September 19.

A total of 26 people signed up. Four went to the Center to give, 18 people registered, and a total of 11 units of blood were donated.

Miller-Keystone Blood Center states that for every unit of blood donated, three people's lives were saved. Imagine the people we have touched! What a wonderful feeling!

A great big thank you to all the people who donated, and to **Betty Frederickson** and **George Weikel** for their assistance at the registration.

Mark your calendar for next year's drive to be held Tuesday, September 25, 2007.

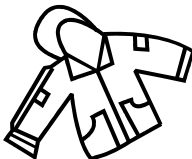
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

A good steward is a person who takes good care of something that belongs to someone else.



God owns everything. He is the source of our treasures, our talents, and all the moments of our lives. As a way of showing our love and thankfulness, God wants us to share some of what we receive. We must use God's good gifts to serve and to help others. As good stewards of each and every moment of the time He has given us, we should look for ways to use our treasures and our talents wisely.



STILL WANTED:

COATS FOR KIDS

From Kathy Avedissian

REMINDER! The COATS FOR KIDS collection deadline is **November 15**. Please place coats, hats, scarves, and mittens in either of the designated boxes in the church. Thank you!

Christmas Cookies



It's Christmas Cookie Time Again!

From Raylin Ritenour

It's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner! This year has flown by and it's time for our annual **CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE**. We had a great sale last year, making over \$1000. We'd like to accomplish the same or even increase our sales this year, so we need your help. We'll take orders and need you to spread the word about our famous cookies. We offer a one pound tray of double chocolate chip and regular chocolate chip for \$6, and an assorted one pound tray for \$6. We need plenty of helping hands to mix, bake, pack and sell cookies. Sign up sheets will be posted at all services, so check your calendars. Everyone is invited to help: young, old, experienced and new bakers alike. Announcements concerning orders, donations, etc. will be placed in the bulletins on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Raylin Ritenour**, 610-406-0117.

Christmas Cookie Bake Sale Preorder Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

1 lb. tray of assorted cookies _____ @ \$6 each

1 lb. tray of chocolate chip and double chocolate chip cookies _____ @ \$6 each

Order forms will be accepted until November 19 and can be placed in the basket at the rear of Memorial Hall and Wagner Room, or mailed to Raylin Ritenour at 5555 Fairway Drive South, Reading, PA 19606. If you have any questions, contact Raylin, 610-406-0117.

Please select a day that you will pick up your preordered cookies:

_____ Saturday, December 2 between 11 and 12

_____ Sunday, December 3 after each service

Please pay for cookies at time of pickup.



STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS 6 by Herb Miller

Submitted by Jerry Manhart

The Dash

After walking through a cemetery, a man said, *Have you noticed how much meaning a dash can have? Born 1921—Died 1981. What a way to summarize a life—with a dash!* That will eventually describe the years of every person's life—a dash. We cannot stop our movement toward the final destination, but we can choose what we do with our dash. We can spend it on significant matters or on meaningless trivia. Thus a congregation's ministry of stewardship is a matter of ultimate importance—far more significant than fund-raising.

Shrouds have no pockets. We do not see Brinks trucks in funeral processions. Hearses do not pull U-Haul trailers. But stewardship lets us take it with us. *Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.* (Matt. 6:20) Through prudent stewardship, we can enter the abundant life of joy and meaning. Through stewardship, we can protect ourselves from being possessed by our possessions, thinking they are permanent and that they buy permanent security. Through stewardship, we can grow spiritually. Through stewardship, we create a meaningful dash.

-*The Vital Congregation*, Herb Miller

Defeating Materialism and Selfishness

Part of the difficulty many people face is

that they have become enslaved to money and possessions. The Scriptures warn of being caught up in 'stuff' and encourage us to focus on what is important, i.e., that which is eternal, heavenly and significant. The Bible provides many stories of people who worked hard, achieved big and emerged desperately poor in spirit. Proper priorities are a key to success; those priorities rely not upon acquisition and achievement, but upon obedience and richness of spirit.

Scriptural Perspective

- Ecclesiastes 5:10 (recognize that wealth is meaningless and unsatisfying).
- Matthew 6:19-34 (be anxious about nothing; seek first God's kingdom).
- Matthew 6:24 (master money by serving God with it).
- Matthew 19:16-24 (if the rich cannot part with their wealth, they are not following Christ).
- Luke 12:16-21 (the rich cannot buy God's favor; recognize material goods for what they are).
- Philippians 4:10-13 (Paul was content in all situations, with whatever he had).
- 1 Timothy 6:6-10 (the love of money is the root of all evil).
- James 5:1-6 (wealth distorts our values and lifestyles).

-*How to Increase Giving in Your Church*, George Barna

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From the Editors

Debbie Harvey and Cheri Fallon



Please note our early **deadline of November 9** this

month for our December issue. Your attention to the deadline really makes a difference to us.

Also, we want to remind you that our December issue should include any news you might have for the first week or two of January. Our January issue will come out sometime in the second week of January. As in other years, we ask that you keep your articles short for this early January issue and save lengthier, less time-sensitive articles for our February issue. Thank you!

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Research Says, “Givers Also Get”

While most people probably subscribe to the general theory that charity is ‘good for the soul,’ almost all would be hard-pressed to say why. Many would also be surprised to learn that philanthropic acts are also good for the mind and body. Research is beginning to confirm these claims. These emerging findings can transform the way people live and feel about themselves . . . philanthropic involvement is measurably wholesome for mind, body, and soul.

-Give to Live, Douglas M. Lawson

Of course, that research is not new information. The Bible has been telling us for 2000 years that giving is more blessed than receiving.

Coming Up In December...

From Pastor
Dorris McCoy



HANGING OF THE GREENS - Friday, December 1, beginning with supper at 6 pm, in Memorial Hall. All ages join for food, fellowship and festivities to usher in the Advent season of preparing for Christ's birth. We decorate our worship and educational areas to warmly welcome all during this holy holiday celebration!

Watch mid-November Sunday bulletin inserts for supper reservations and work possibilities!

YOUTH-LINK

UMYF Happenings

From Linda Hope



Sunday, November 12

Youth Sunday

Our youth will be leading worship. Youth and parents will work with Pastor Jerry to plan the service. Please contact **Linda Hope** if you're able to participate.

Sunday, November 12

UMYF will go bowling at Colonial Berks Lanes at 12:30 pm. Please contact **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726, or email kdosika@aol.com, by November 5.

Future Plans: Save the Date!

Fri, December 1 - Hanging of the Greens: 6 pm. Youth will 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**, 610-670-9731, or lslhope@aol.com.

Jr. Youth Events;

From Tracy Goldsborough

Lunch & Shopping for Operation Christmas Child Sunday, November 19, 12 - 3 pm

We'll meet in Memorial Hall for lunch. Afterward each child will be given money to spend at the Dollar Store to shop for a boy or girl for Christmas. We'll head back to church to pack what we bought in a wrapped shoe box provided by the Mission Committee. Please RSVP to me at 610-777-6991 or flfloors@ptd.net ASAP.

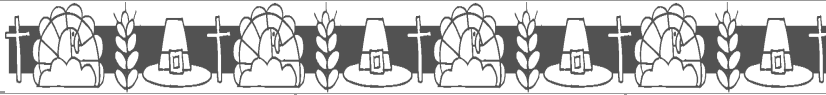


Confirmation Class



From Pastor Jerry McGrath

All youth between 12-18 years old are invited to join our confirmation classes this fall and winter. This is an exciting time for young people as they explore their faith in God and commitment to the church. All interested youth and their parents will meet with **Pastor Jerry** on Sunday, **November 12**, at 5 pm.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><i>We</i> GIVE YOU THANKS, AND <i>praise</i> YOUR <i>glorious</i> <i>name.</i></p> <p><small>I CHRONICLES 29:13, NIV</small></p>			
5	6 Bible Study 10:30am Mission Comm 7pm	7 Opportunity House	8 Chancel Choir
12 YOUTH SUNDAY Church Council Mtg 12pm UMYF Bowling 12:30 pm	13 Bible Study 10:30am Finance meeting 7pm	14	15 Chancel Choir
19 Blood Pressure screening	20 Bible Study 10:30am Church Council 7pm	21 Cookies 6pm	22 Chancel Choir
26  Staff Meeting 12:15pm	27 Cookies 10am Bible Study 10:30am Staff Meeting 12pm	28 Cookies 6:30pm	29 Cookies 9am Chancel Choir

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	2 Praise Team 7:30pm	3	4 Autumn Auction 7pm
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7:30pm	16 Cookies 9am Praise Team 7:30pm	17	18 Charge Conference 12:30pm
7:30pm	23 	24 Cookies 11am	25
7:30pm	30 Cookies 9am Praise Team 7:30pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Looking ahead to next month...</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Fri 12/1 Hanging of the Greens Sat 12/2 Cookie Packing Sun 12/3 Christmas concert and dinner Sun 12/10 Caroling Mon 12/11 Finance Sat 12/16 Pyle's Christmas Party Sun 12/17 Christmas Cantata; Praise Celebration Sun 12/24 One service 10am, Christmas Eve services 6, 8, 10pm </p> </div>	



Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead and Beverly Perella

Sunday, November 5: All Saint's Day - a musical tribute to those who have passed within the last year, and at the 9:15 service, a celebration of a new life through the ritual of baptism. All services will be held in the sanctuary.

Sunday, November 12: Youth Sunday - the youth will present all musical and non-musical portions of the three services in the sanctuary. Please come to support and enjoy!

Sunday, November 19: Prayer and Praise- The Praise Ringers Bell Choir will present offertory music at the 9:15 service, which will be moved back down to Memorial Hall.

Sunday, November 26: Christ the King Sunday - Karen Keepert, a recent college graduate and Media Specialist from Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be here to share new methods of spreading the gospel abroad. She'll deliver the message at the 9:15 service, and speak at the 10:45 service as well.

Please mark your calendar for December...

Sunday, December 17 at 7 pm - Our annual Christmas Concert with the LPUMC Praise Band and the Praise Ringers in Memorial Hall.

Watch for exciting details in next month's *News-Linc* about special music at the traditional service on **Sunday, December 17**, and at the 11 pm service on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsal for Christmas Eve services:

6 pm Children's Service - We'll begin rehearsing songs for the pageant during Sunday School times beginning in December. Rehearsal for those with speaking parts to be announced.

8 pm Family Service - Rehearsal for the annual Symphonic Band will be held Saturday mornings, Dec. 2, (music distributed), Dec. 16, and Dec. 23, 10-12 noon.

Care For Creation: Recycle

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

God created our beautiful world and calls us to be caretakers of that world. Be an earth-friendly, responsible steward of God's creation by recycling.



You'd be amazed at what the Recycling Services Center in Pottstown makes out of recycled items...blue jeans and old dollar bills become pencils, plastic 6-pack rings become fuzzy afghans, cardboard and papers transform into new cardboard and new paper...and on and on.

Join the youth green team by bringing recyclables not taken by your township programs to the church office area, 9-9:30 am, Saturday, **December 2**. Adult and new youth helpers welcomed. Join us and learn more about this exciting place! Transport space is limited so please tie, bag and sort items. With questions or to volunteer, contact **Pastor Dorris**, 610-777-1422, ext. 24, or **George Weikel**, 610-777-3678.

Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra



Our Book Club will meet Monday, **November 27**, 7 pm, at the Dettra home, to discuss *One Thousand White Women*, by Jim Fergus.

At a peace conference in 1854, Cheyenne Chief Little Wolf requested 1000 white women as brides for his men. Inspired by this true event, Fergus spins an alternate history. He imagines what would have happened if the "Brides for Indians" program, intended to assimilate native Americans into white culture, actually occurred. This is historical fiction based on true accounts. Please join us to share your views about this thought-provoking novel.

Serving Supper

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

As the weather turns cooler, so increases the chilling discomfort for Reading area's homeless and hungry. Mother Therese reminds us that we can address hunger by *feeding the hungry one person at a time*. We at LP Church can do a small portion of our share in meeting these needs by preparing and serving supper for approximately 100 homeless men, women, and children at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE on **Tuesday, November 7.**



We begin preparing at church around 4 pm and leave from church to serve about 6:30 pm. For specifics and to offer your donations of time, money or foods, please contact **Jerry and Charleen Evaul**, 610-927-1692. Food and supply shoppers, cooks and servers can split their involvements to fit their schedules!

Eastern PA Camp Connection

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All Eastern PA camp sites offer exciting fall and winter adventures. Upcoming events at Pocono Plateau include:



- ▶ Fall Children's Retreat, November 17-19, for children in grades 3-6. The weekend will be spent doing cool indoor and outdoor activities.
- ▶ Junior and Senior High Winter Retreat, December 29-31, offers three days of winter fun, games, adventure programming and worship.

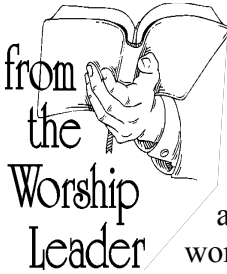
For detailed information, call 570-676-3665 or e-mail camp@poconoplateau.org for online registration.

Worship Leader Minute for November

From Becky Chadwick

‘You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you’, declared the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:13-14a



I am currently reading *Living Worship* by John Randall Dennis. His focus is authentic worship through biblical understanding of true worshipers. He looks at people in the Bible and explores how worship centered their lives and was the essence of their living, and then he applies it to us today. What I like the most about the book is his approach to understanding the concept of worship. I have spent the last six months helping you to define what worship is. I have tried to focus the discussion on the essence of worship as being the core of who we are and the one true thing that we were created to do. This month, I simply want to share John Randall Dennis’ prayer with you as you prepare to spend time with those that you love, and possibly cause you to pause and reflect again on what worship is and how you are worshipping.

“Abba, we are generations and cultures removed from the worship of the Bible. We need wisdom about worship. We confess with our mouths: We believe your promise that you will freely give us wisdom if we ask. We’re asking right now. Please grant us revelation – don’t allow us to wander in the blindness of our own faulty understanding, or meaningless traditions. Give us a willingness to look at worship with fresh eyes. Please help us to let go of any hardhearted unbelief we’re so prone to clutch so that we can embrace truth. We may not have believed before but now we’re willing to change. Your kingdom come – in our worship. Your will be done – in our worship. Just like it is in heaven. Thank you for inviting us to ask. You’re the best! You withhold not one good thing from your sons and daughters who ask. What a generous Father we have in Heaven! Yours is the kingdom! Amen.”

I wish you all safe travel, happy homes, fresh worship, and the blessings of Christ our King!

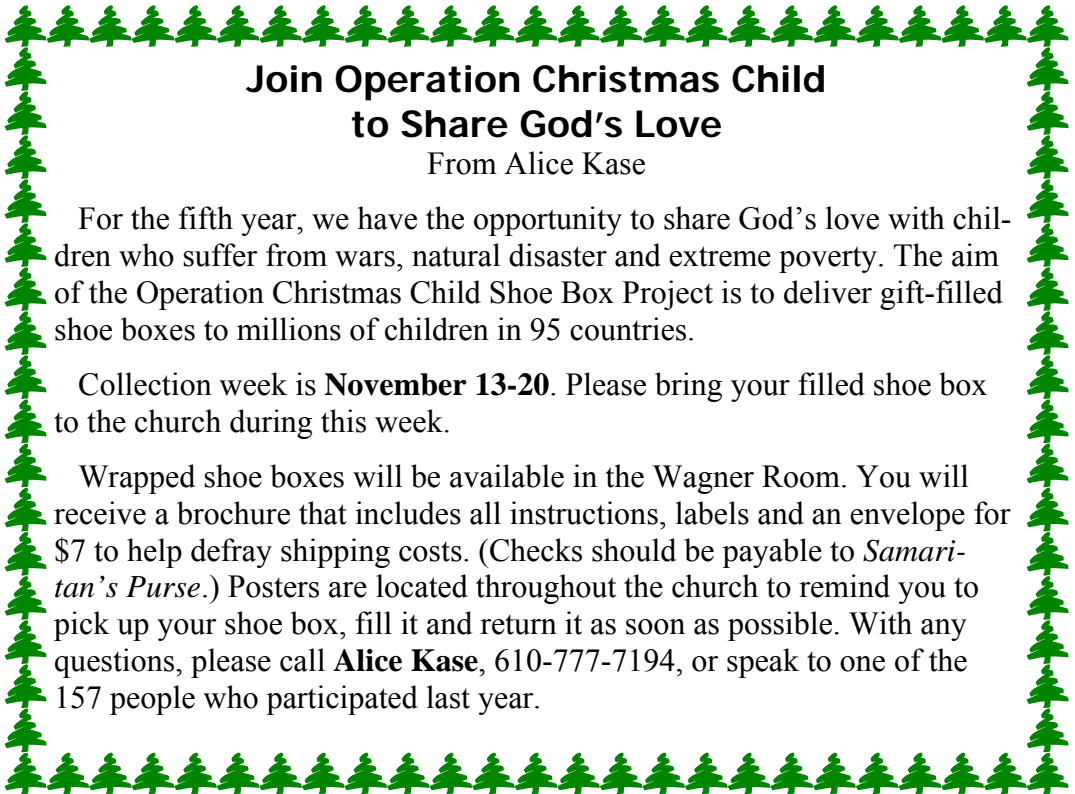


Musical Moods of Christmas

Concert and Dinner to Initiate the Holiday Season

Sunday, December 3, 4 pm

You're invited to share in the spirit of the holiday with seasonal music followed by a catered, candlelight dinner. We are pleased to announce the return of the accomplished group of singers from Albright College, ALBRIGHT ANGELS and MANE MEN. Join us in the sanctuary on December 3, at 4 pm, for a delightful and inspiring concert of Christmas music. A candlelight dinner, catered by Chef Troy again this year, will follow in Memorial Hall at approximately 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. **MUSICAL MOODS OF CHRISTMAS** is sure to uplift us as this beautiful season of Advent begins.



Join Operation Christmas Child to Share God's Love

From Alice Kase

For the fifth year, we have the opportunity to share God's love with children who suffer from wars, natural disaster and extreme poverty. The aim of the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project is to deliver gift-filled shoe boxes to millions of children in 95 countries.

Collection week is **November 13-20**. Please bring your filled shoe box to the church during this week.

Wrapped shoe boxes will be available in the Wagner Room. You will receive a brochure that includes all instructions, labels and an envelope for \$7 to help defray shipping costs. (Checks should be payable to *Samaritan's Purse*.) Posters are located throughout the church to remind you to pick up your shoe box, fill it and return it as soon as possible. With any questions, please call **Alice Kase**, 610-777-7194, or speak to one of the 157 people who participated last year.

SENIOR YOUTH POINSETTIA SALE



Please use the order form below to help beautify the church for Christmas while assisting the youth in raising funds for their activities. There are limited numbers of flowers so please order early. Every effort will be made to accommodate your order. Cost is \$6 per plant. Size this year is five inch pots with 3-4 blooms per plant.

Red _____

White _____

Pink _____

Marble _____

Total number of flowers: _____ x \$6.00 = _____
(total amount due with order)

Please print the following information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please indicate a dedication for each flower:

In honor of _____

By _____

In memory of _____

By _____

To the glory of God by _____

All orders must be received by November 26. Order forms **accompanied by check or cash** may be placed in the baskets at the rear of the worship area. Make checks payable to LPCUMC. They also may be mailed to **Linda Lee**, 4800 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543. Please call **Linda Hope** with any questions at 610-286-7533. Thank you for your support.



SCOPING OUT SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Every Sunday morning during the 2nd and 3rd hours of worship at LP, there also is study of the Scriptures during Church School classes for adults, youth and children. Children at both Church School hours practiced special songs about God's love to share in the Laity Sunday Celebration on October 29.

9:30 am:

- Children ages 3 through 3rd grade first learn God's story in song with **Mrs. Perella**; then their leaders use Group's "Faith Weaver Friends" resources in multi-age activities in Room 101 & 104
- Adults join the **Dettras**, in the Church Library, for an in-depth look at themes of Christian life and faith through study directed by the Revised Common Lectionary.

10:45 am:

- Children ages 3 through 6th grade open themselves to the Biblical story with singing and stories with **Mrs. Umstead, Mrs. Chadwick and Pastor Dorris**; then classes use Group's

"Kids-Own-Worship" curriculum to dig deeper into the power of God's Word.

- Youth Class, with **Mrs. Penny Snook** facilitating, has opted to continue their "Meaning at the Movies" series, searching for Christian themes and value messages in the media and how they connect with Scripture.
- Adults are exploring the large cast of characters in many stories of the Bible via a video series, "Great Figures of the New Testament," facilitated by **Earl Hope**. November's *great figures* will include doubting Thomas, the Gentile mother, The Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

Come! Be nourished! Be challenged!
Grow in your faith journey! If you don't see a topic of your faith interest or need, see **Pastor Dorris** and help us start a new venture! Worship, learning, and serving are life-long!



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION



Mission Committee News

Calling Our Members to Many Opportunities for Service

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Chair

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- ▶ The Mission Committee decided at its October meeting to establish this program at Lincoln Park. The idea (started at Bethany UMC, Hamburg) is to make shawls to be presented to people who've been sick or lost a loved one, or are in need of spiritual guidance. The yarn and shawls are prayed over before they are made and given. We need your prayers and support for our ministry.

Central Park Soup Kitchen

- ▶ Our committee purchased 50 new food trays for the Soup Kitchen at Central Park UM Church in Reading.

El Salvador

- ▶ Norma Jeaneth Vasquez Castaneda is the recipient of a \$160 scholarship towards her high school education in

El Salvador. Our Mission Committee established this scholarship earlier this year to pay for the books, uniforms, bus transportation, and lunch for a deserving student. Our hope was to promote the growth and knowledge of a student there. This is the second installment of the scholarship money.

Food Drive

- ▶ Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to church in November to be sent to the Soup Kitchen at Central Park for their food pantry. Cereals, canned goods (soups, fruits, vegetables), pastas and sauces, crackers, rice, boxes of meal mixes and mixes for baking, and other dry food items are needed. Please leave them in the designated areas in the Education Building or worship areas.

...family and friends of **Roland "Rolly" Richwine**, who passed away October 15. Our Autumn Auction will be dedicated to Rolly this year.

...**Elaine** and **Bruce Meckes** and family on the loss of Elaine's mother and Lincoln Park Church member, **Grace Walizer**, on October 27. A Memorial Service will be held at Lincoln Park Church for Grace on November 11, at 11 am.

...family and friends of **Ernest J. Bauschman**, of Sewickley Heights. While not a member of LP church, he was intensely interested in our congregation.



From our mailbox



♥ Gabi and I would like to thank our friends at Lincoln Park for the amazing love and support that our family received during this difficult time. When news of my brother-in-law's struggle with a very aggressive cancer reached our congregation, Lincoln Park made it possible for me to go to Brazil to give my family emotional support.

While there, my mother passed away and I was able to say my goodbyes and be with my family. Lincoln Park gave Gabi, Phillip, and Daniel extremely good care while I was away. We would like to thank you all for the cards, meals, prayers, and all the support we received.

Dennis and Gabi

♥ Lincoln Park Family,

Once again your support was and is so appreciated during my recent surgery and long recovery. Your many cards, flowers, visits, and meals made everything easier. Your prayers will always be my treasures.

Doris Schucker

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your \$50 gift and for all the items you donated for the Homework Study Program at First Baptist Church. Your support to our program has been a great asset to us. Our churches have formed a strong bond over the years and you have helped us in so many ways.

I can't begin to express how much we at the church and the children involved in our program appreciate your support and your love.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Krallis, Volunteer Director



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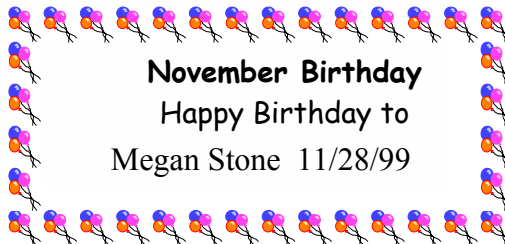
It's a Girl!



Congratulations to **Dr. Jaime and Jonathan Law** on the birth of their daughter **Noelle** on Sep-

tember 28.

Noelle's proud grandparents are **Dick and Carol Bashore**. She was named for her great grandmother, Carol's mother, who was a member of LP Church her whole life. She weighed 7 lbs and was 20 1/2 inches. Noelle and her parents live in Scottsdale, Arizona, where Jaime is doing a fellowship in gynecology.



November Birthday
Happy Birthday to
Megan Stone 11/28/99

*Now Thank We All
Our God*



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