



News-Line



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

December, 2006



Joy to the World: A Christmas Cantata

Join us as we pause and prepare during Advent

From Beverly Perella

This wonderful grouping of beloved carols, arranged by John Rutter for congregation, choir and soloists, will give us the opportunity to put aside the rush of the season, and allow us time to contemplate the truth of this nearing holy day: Jesus is born anew in each of us!

Please join us for the presentation of our Christmas cantata on **Sunday, December 17**, at the 10:45 am worship service. The Chancel Choir members

and four soloists will lead us in scripture, praise, and beautiful seasonal music.

Our own **KC (Buchanan) McFadden** is the alto soloist. Our guest soloists include Peg Ruch, soprano; Keith Ruch, bass; and John Perella, tenor.



Christmas Cantata

This is the day the Lord

has made. Make it your day to invite family, friends and neighbors to share in the peace of this service.

Annual Hanging of the Greens Friday, December !st

6-6:30 pm: Supper in Memorial Hall
6:30-8 pm: Decorate church; children's projects
8-8:15 pm: Clean-up
8:15-8:30 pm: Brief worship in sanctuary
Infant/toddler care available with our nursery attendant. Please come!

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WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Sunday, December 3 - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8 and 10:45 am: “Yet In Thy Dark Streets Shineth; Nazareth”
-Judges 13:2-7; John 1 40-46.
9:15 am: “Christmas at the Mall” -Matthew 2:9-11.

Sunday, December 10 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8 and 10:45 am: “Yet In Thy Dark Streets Shineth; Bethlehem”
-1Samuel 16:1,10-13, 21-22; John 7:37-44.
9:15 am: “Dreamin' of a White Christmas” -Matthew 1:18-25 and
2:19-23.

Tuesday, December 12 - INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS FEST
6 pm: Covered Dish Dinner, games, and worship.

Sunday, December 17 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
8:15 am: “Hear the Bells”
9:15 am: “Home for Christmas” -Psalm 27; Luke 1:39-56.
10:45 am: Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir and guest soloists.

Sunday, December 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
10 am: One morning service. “What If They Said, No” -2Samuel 7:1-16;
Luke 1:26-38.



Sunday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
6 pm: Children's Service and Pageant.
8 pm: Family Candlelight Service; “What You Will Find at
Christmas” -Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 2:1-20.
11 pm: Christmas Candlelight Communion Service; “Don't Forget the
Child” -Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 2:1-20.

Sunday, December 31 - FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
10 am: One morning service: “United Methodist/Moravian Christmas Agape/
Love Feast.”

Musical Moods of Christmas

Sunday, December 3, 4 pm



You're invited to share in the spirit of the holiday with seasonal music from 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. Reservations have been taken for a candlelight dinner afterward.

MUSICAL MOODS OF CHRISTMAS is sure to uplift us as this beautiful season of Christmas begins.

Calling All Generous Christmas Elves

From Lee Riley and the Missions Committee

Our Angel Tree families number four this year. All the families were actually homeless until recently, so they're in great need of our help to make this a season of joy.

When you return your gifts, please be sure to securely attach the tag, which indicates the recipient AND the family. It's extremely important that you place the wrapped package in the box bearing the same number as on your tag. We don't want the gift to go astray and cause disappointment.



All gifts must be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, December 17**. Keep in mind that the weatherman may not cooperate with our schedule, so choose your tag(s) and shop early and shop often. Thank you and God Bless.

“How can you make this the happiest Christmas of your life? Simply by trying to give yourself to others. Put something of yourself into everything you give. A gift, however small, speaks its own language. And when it tells of the love of the giver, it is truly blessed.”

—Norman Vincent Peale

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

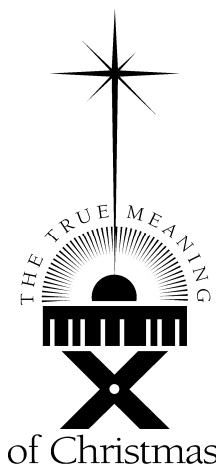
This month we enter the season of Advent, celebrating the “coming” of Jesus Christ, both in remembrance of his coming over 2000 years ago as an infant and his return in glory. It is a very busy time of the year for most of us. It is also a time of intense and mixed emotions. So let me share some words adopted from those of Henri Nouwen, one of the best known spiritual writers of our time, found in a book of meditations entitled, *The Lord is Near*.

Joy and sadness are as close to each other as the splendid colored leaves of fall are to the somberness of barren trees. When you touch the hand of a returning friend or relative, you already know that he or she will have to leave you again. When you are moved by the quiet vastness of a sun-colored ocean, you miss the one who cannot see it with you. Joy and sadness are born at the same time, both arising from such deep places in your heart that you can't find words to capture your complex feelings.

But this intimate experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to the day when our hearts will be filled with per-

fect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us. The prophet Isaiah (35:10) proclaimed to a longing people in exile 600 years before Jesus was born:

The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



Isn't this what Christmas is really about? Christ came to save us from pain and suffering and provide for us everlasting life. Christians celebrate the human birth of the infant Jesus knowing full well that he grew to be a man, gave himself up to death and was raised from the dead to new life for our sake. The mystery of death and life is part of the celebration that proclaims the victory of life over death. We have not been promised a life free from sorrow, but one in which joy will have the last word.

May you experience, once again, the true meaning of Christmas, joy's victory over sorrow and despair through the One who was born to us in a manger.

With the Love of One, in Christ,

Pastor Jerry



International Christmas Festival

Come join the celebration of Jesus' birth!

Tuesday, December 12

6-8 pm in Memorial Hall

Bring a covered dish to share.

Make a dish that celebrates your ethnic background and family traditions!

Share memories from Christmas past!

Enjoy festivities, music, games,
food and worship from around the world.

Dessert and Child Care will be provided.

Please RSVP by Sunday, December 3.

_____ would like to
participate in the International Christmas Festival on
Tuesday, December 12.

Number attending:

_____ adult(s) _____ child(ren)

Child Care Needed:

_____ Infants _____ Toddlers

For more information, please contact
Dorris McCoy 610-777-1422 or Linda Hope 610-670-9731

Opportunities to Help the Homeless and Hungry

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Tuesday, January 2

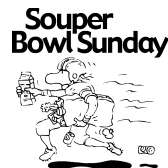
The next date for LP to prepare and serve supper for Reading area homeless children, women, and men at OPPORTUNITY

HOUSE. Donations of money, fresh foods, and time are always greatly appreciated. An easy way to help is to share your Bonus Card turkey or ham--- meats are the most expensive part of meal costs. For details, please contact the **Evauls**, 610-927-1692.

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4, '07

Watch for LP's children and their soup kettles, as they join with youth across the country to help hungry and hurting people around the globe. We are reminded by the Rev. Brad Smith, Founder of Sou-

per Bowl Sunday, of the words of Mother Theresa that *we are not called to do great things, but to do small things with great love.*



Wednesday, December 6, 11 am



Support fair trade and help provide vital income to Third World people by shopping at **TEN THOUSAND VIL-**

LAGES in Ephrata. Join Missions Chair, **Barbara Wenger**, and **Pastor Dorris** for lunch and a hands-on visit, leaving from the church office area. Give the gift that gives twice! For directions and gift options, call 717-721-8400 or e-mail eph-rata@tenthousandvillages.com.

Thanks to You, \$3,612.28 Raised at Autumn Auction



Many thanks to: **Mark Bisignaro**, Chair, **Linda Woll**, **Jack Villecco**, **Genevieve Matthews**, **George and Debbie Pyle**, **Sue Romig**, **Pat Park**, **Bob Flail**, **Elaine and Bruce Meckes**, **Doris and Ron Schucker**, **Kathryn Hafer**, **Jerry Shaeffer**, **David Wenger**, and Church Secretary **Sandy Bressi!**

Special thanks to the Autumn Auction Committee for their dedication and work on this project. We also could not have been successful without all who came for the fun and fellowship and those who donated items and services! Thank you!



Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead and Beverly Perella

Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

SYMPHONIC BAND - We'll hold two rehearsals, Saturdays, December 2 and 16, 10 am - 12 pm, in the sanctuary. Bring your instrument and music stand to prepare for the **8 pm Christmas Eve Service**. Please call Lin if you're a first time member so we can determine which part you'll be most comfortable with. Each member will receive a practice copy and a performance copy.

In December we'll also be learning songs during Sunday School times (both 9:15 and 10:45) for the CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT at the **6 pm service**. We'll hold a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 17, immediately following the 10:45 service in the sanctuary. If your child would be interested in a speaking part, please see **Lin Umstead, Beverly Perella, Dorris McCoy, or Linda Hope**.

The bells begin to ring on **Sunday, December 10**, at the 10:45 service in anticipation of Christ's birth, as the new SENIOR BELL CHOIR offers several musical selections for Advent. Their next performance will be during Lent. New members are always welcome! Please talk to organist, **Beverly Perella**, if you'd like to become a member of this group.

JOY TO THE WORLD, a Christmas cantata, will be presented on **Sunday, December 17**, at the 10:45 worship service. Please see more details on page 1.

Please join us on the evening of **December 17**, at 7 pm, for the annual LINCOLN PARK PRAISE BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT. This is a lovely service with scripture, readings, and special music.

You're invited to attend our late service on Christmas Eve. This traditional service will be highlighted by special music by the Chancel Choir and several soloists, including LP members, **Andrea** and **Michelle Schmidt**. Preludes begin at 10:30 pm, and will feature instrumentalists, **Matt** and **Alice McCoy**, son and daughter-in-law of **Fred and Dorris**. *O Holy Night* will be sung as the candles are lighted, followed by the world's favorite carol, *Silent Night*. Finally, Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* on piano and organ will usher in the long-awaited Christmas Day.

YOUTH-LINK

UMYF Happenings

From Linda Hope

Hanging of the Greens - Friday, December 1, 6 pm

Meet for dinner and then decorate the youth tree in the Narthex.

Christmas Caroling - Sunday, December 10, 5 pm

The Youth have invited the congregation to join them in caroling at the Highlands and then dinner at the church. Please see flyer on p. 15 for more details or to sign up!

Poinsettia Decorating - Saturday, December 16

Youth meet to decorate the sanctuary and Memorial Hall for the Christmas Holiday.



Future Plans: Save the Date!

January - LASER QUEST & LOCK-IN. Lock-In plans to be confirmed.

NEEDED: Parents/young adults to spend all night with 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! Any questions, please contact **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731 or lslhope@aol.com.

UMYF FUNDRAISING:

2007 Calendar Sale - God's Creation Calendars are for sale for \$6 each. 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 located with the calendars.

LPCUMC Cookbooks - UMYF will be selling cookbooks for the holidays. Look for details in the Sunday bulletin or contact **Linda Hope** with questions (lslhope@aol.com or 610-670-9731).



Katrina Relief Grand Totals

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All fundraising totals for the Katrina Relief efforts are in! Leaders are pleased to report that \$4854.74 was raised for hurricane relief in the New Orleans area. As approved by Church Council, this amount will be sent to St. Matthew's United Church of Christ in New Orleans. The president of St. Matthew's Church is a long time friend of Pastor Dorris, from church camp and youth ministry events in Texas.

Their recent newsletter reports that this church has hosted a total of 27 Recovery Teams and expects another seven by the end of '06. These teams have been mostly gutting houses but expect to move into rebuilding soon. Teams have come from Washington state, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, PA, Missouri, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Ohio to address the needs of families impacted by Katrina.

Monies from LP's youth will help purchase supplies for rebuilding projects and the many ongoing needs, which we cannot fathom, still existing a year after Katrina. Youth and leaders express thanks to all who supported them in this outreach ministry!



Christmas Eve for Parents and Kids


From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All kids ages 3 years and above, and their parents, are encouraged to celebrate Christ's birth in song and narration at the **6 pm Christmas Eve** Worship hour.

Church school children, at both 9:30 & 10:45 am sessions each Sunday, have already begun to learn new songs. Please say "YES" when approached for leadership and/or musical possibilities by **Mrs. Umstead, Mrs. Perella** or **Pastor Dorris**.


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 NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year
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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		 <div style="text-align: center;"> Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord </div>	
3 Cookie Pick-up Play rehearsal 11:45-12:15 Bell Choir rehearsal 12pm Christian Ed. 12pm Concert & Dinner 4pm	4 Bible Study 10:30am	5	6 Ten Thousand V shopping- 11am Chancel Choir 7
10 Play rehearsal 11:45-12:15 Christmas Caroling 5pm	11 Bible Study 10:30am Finance meeting 7pm	12 Internat'l Christmas Fest 6pm	13 Chancel Choir 7
17 Angel Tree gift deadline Blood Pressure checks Christmas Cantata 10:45am Dress rehearsal 11:45-12:15 Praise Celebration 7pm	18 Bible Study 10:30am	19	20 Chancel Choir 7
24 One Service 10am Christmas Eve Services at 6, 8, and 11pm	<div style="text-align: center;"> MERRY CHRISTMAS  </div>	26	27
31 One service 10am			

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NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hanging of the Greens 6pm	2 Recycle 9am Symphonic Band rehearsal-10am Cookie Packing & Pick-up - 9-12
Villages n 7:30pm	7 Praise Team 8pm	8	9 Women's Bible Study 8:30am
7:30pm	14 Praise Team 8pm	15	16 Symphonic Band rehearsal-10am Poinsettia Decorating-Youth Pyle's Christmas Party
7:30pm	21	22	23
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Looking ahead to next month... Jan 2 Opportunity House Jan 9 Worship Committee Jan 16 Music committee</p> </div>			
	28	29	30
			

Analog Catalogue

An original poem by Andrew Bartal

The Holy Spirit

Isn't always the glossy photo of flowers or doves or the skyline or a toddler praying. It isn't always throwing your pocket change into the red Salvation Army pail because it's Christmas.

The Holy Spirit

Is a straight line, which runs off the edge of the page because the architect sneezed with pencil in hand.

The Holy Spirit

Is two slices of wholegrain bread, slathered with mayonnaise and slices of turkey, and the first bite when the lettuce crunches in between your front teeth.

The Holy Spirit

Is a bell jar; moth included.

The Holy Spirit

Is finding that you have wandered out of the bathroom after a shower and are now staring out a window in the front of your house, hair still wet.

The Holy Spirit

Is lying on the beach for an hour tanning, and waking up. And when you look around, everything looks blue. Blue sand, blue sky, blue faces, blue sea.

The Holy Spirit

Is being able to take your shoes off after walking all day. Separate the sole from the sock, and make contact with the la-z-boy.

The Holy Spirit

Is a white-haired woman sitting outside a lighthouse, sighing, with the waves stretching towards her bare ankles.

The Holy Spirit

Is a tarnished WWII medal resting in the pocket of a sergeant's uniform hanging on a rack in Good Will.

The Holy Spirit

Is a cracked glass peanut jar with a withered rose standing in it. Dried thorns as an aged protection, and scarlet petals wrinkled and clinging to the stem against the dust, against the windowpane.

The Holy Spirit

Is Walt Whitman praying in the middle of a field with a blade of grass

between his thumb and index finger, his hair blown across his face in the breeze.

The Holy Spirit

Is a candy wrapper sent flying off the ground as a freight train rattles past; cellophane wings fluttering.

The Holy Spirit

Is a small white flashcard zipping in front of the face of a first grader. One plus one with a two on the back.

The Holy Spirit

Is a child who holds his orange up to the sky to block out the sun, creating citrus rays and a sweeter light on the summer afternoon.

The Holy Spirit

Is a wallflower being asked out to a slow dance, and he peels his roots from the wall as he walks out.

The Holy Spirit

Is a needle scratching on vinyl: *era era*. The mechanical cosmic vibration; a rift in the bass beat a perfumed hiccup in the heart.

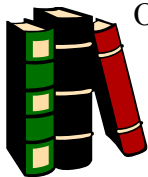
The Holy Spirit

Is the moment when you are standing before the door to your home, and hear a dog barking on the other side. So you slide the key into the lock, carefully rotate the doorknob, and squeak the door open a few inches, but there is no dog; only a soft kitten sitting in the doorway, yawning, staring up at you.

Editor's Note: **Andrew Bartal** is a Senior at Wilson High School and a church member. He is a published poet and attended the Governor's School for the Arts in Poetry.

Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra



Our Book Club will not meet in December but will gather again Monday, **January 22**, at 7 pm, at the Dettra home, to discuss *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, by Leslie See. The book takes place in China. Please join us at 407 Harvard Blvd, Lincoln Park, to share your views!

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS 7 by Herb Miller:

Enjoying What Belongs to God

Submitted by Jerry Manhart

“On a recent mission trip to India, I learned about a fascinating practice of the Evangelical Church of India.

When the church baptizes a new believer, this new member is given a coconut palm tree. The new believer takes it home and plants it, and within four years, this tree starts to bear fruit.

When the coconut palm is young, it will bear about \$50 worth of coconuts a year, and when it matures, it will provide about \$100 of annual income. In India, \$100 of yearly income is a significant amount of money, even for the middle class.

The church gives new believers coconut palms for two reasons. First, almost everyone in India is needy, and the income helps to provide for their needs. Second, the coconut palms teach a lesson about Christian stewardship. The church tells each new believer that it expects them to give 10 %, a tithe, of whatever income they get out of that coconut palm tree.

The ‘coconut tree plan’ is a wonderful idea and a great expression of the deeper meaning of Christian stewardship. The income the family gets from the tree comes free, entirely as a gift... Also, the tithe, the 10 %, is money they get free. The family is able to enjoy the fruits of a gift given freely to them and also to have the joy of freely giving something away themselves.

Moreover, these new Christians play a crucial role as stewards in all of this. They have a choice. If they wish, they can take the tree home, throw it in a corner, and let it die, never growing any coconuts. But they also can choose to plant their tree in a good spot, take care of it, and harvest the coconuts. Everything depends on their decision making. No one forces them to tithe . . . they . . . are free to choose to give or not.

The idea that human possessions are really gifts comes from the Bible. The biblical understanding of wealth and possessions is that everything comes from God and everything belongs to God... as Psalm 24 put it clearly, *The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.* Everything and everybody belongs to God. *If I were hungry, God says to the people, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine* (PS. 50:12)

Usually when we think of stewardship (of giving to charitable causes, if you want), we define it as our giving to God or to the church something that belongs to us. But in the Bible, stewardship is just the reverse— our freely using, enjoying, and giving what already belongs to God.” [*Speaking of Stewardship*, William G. Carter]

***Silent Night, Deck the Halls,
and Come All Ye Faithful***



Yes, it's the time of year to spread good cheer.

**Christmas Caroling
at
The Highlands on December 10.**

Who: The Youth of our church invite everyone to join them

When: Meet at LPUMC at **5 pm**. We'll go to the Highlands together and return to the church between 6:30 and 7 pm.

Meal: Sloppy Joes, hotdogs, salad, hot chocolate, and cookies!
*Anyone who would like to bring a dozen cookies to share is more than welcome, too!

Note: All youth attending (without a parent) must have a signed permission slip.

Please fill out this bottom portion and return to Jim, Laura, or Becky Perry.
Any questions call us at 610-678-0687

Number Attending:

Names: 1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____



Christmas Comes to the Library

From Jan Ferree



The Church Library has some new titles you'll want to add to your Christmas reading list for the whole family. There are also some books that will get the New Year off to a good start. Our library has something for almost everyone. For children and the family, there is:

- Christmas in the Manger, by Nola Buck, a board book for little hands about the birth of Jesus.
- An Angel Came to Nazareth, by Anthony Knott. As the first Christmas draws near, four travelers make their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. An angel asks four animals to choose which traveler they will carry. Through simple rhymes and lavish illustrations, this book conveys the very special spirit of the season.
- Christmas After All, by Kathryn Lasky, a book in the *Dear America Series*, is written as a diary. It takes place in 1932; Minnie Swift knows this will be an odd Christmas. Instead of sugar plums and presents under the tree, everything is diminishing--their money, the light of day, and even the hours that Papa works. But Minnie knows that somehow, someday, there will be Christmas.
- When Christmas Comes Again, by Beth Seidel Levine, is another book in the *Dear America Series* set in

1917. Written as a dairy, this book tells the story of a young girl joining the Signal Corps of the US Army in World War I.

- Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas Treasury for Kids, by Jack Canfield, provides a story a day from December 1 - Christmas, giving families 25 gifts of inspiration and Christmas spirit to share.
- Diamonds in the Dust, by Joni Eareckson Tada, is a devotional guide with a story for each day of the year.
- Daily Word, by Colleen Zuck, another devotional guide--a word for each day, a prayer for each need.
- On the Wings of Angels, compiled by Gail Harvey, celebrates the wonder of God's marvelous messengers.
- The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant, a fictional book based on Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, sister of his dozen sons in the book of Genesis. Told in Dinah's voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoil of ancient womanhood.

New
in the
Library

Please come to the Church Library and check out these books. Each book will add to your Christmas spirit and will carry you through the long winter. Merry Christmas and happy reading in the New Year!!!

Christian Education in December

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Christian Education offers an ongoing, all ages Church School experience. The 9:30 am options range from sessions for 3 year olds through 3rd graders and an Adult Lectionary Class. This 9:30 am Lectionary Class, under the guidance of the **Detras**, pursues an in-depth look at what kind of king was born for us on that Christmas morn long ago.



At 10:45 am, children gather in the Choir Room/Lounge for a musical and theme introduction to the morning lesson, then disperse to age-appropriate classes. Children at both Church School hours will hear the prophets' foretelling Jesus' coming, prepare to celebrate his birth, and learn how we honor God by living right. Youth return to discovering meaning in the media and movies after spending the past month creating the Youth Sunday Worship Celebration. Adults at this hour gather with facilitator, **Earl Hope**, to dig deeper in the lives and messages of "Great Figures of the New Testament." For December, study includes Doubting Thomas, The Gentile Mother, and the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son.

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH SCHOOL
FOR ANY AGE LEVEL ON
SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 24 and DECEMBER 31.**

Children, youth, adults and families are encouraged to worship together on these days to prepare for and celebrate Christ's birth.

In this season of giving and reflecting for those New Year's resolutions...we have an excellent opportunity to resolve to share your spiritual gifts in ministries in Lincoln Park Church. Explore the possibilities by calling Christian Education Chair, **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or see **Pastor Dorris**. Bless others by sharing your own blessings!

Children and youth are also encouraged to give as God so generously has given to us by joining with the Missions Committee Angel Tree project (see p. 9).



Mission Committee News

Calling Our Members to Many Opportunities for Service

From Barbara Wenger, Mission Chair

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- ▶ For those interested in making shawls for people who've been sick or lost a loved one, five brown boxes of yarn (donated by a church member) can be found in the sitting room in the Church Office. Please take what you need.

Eye Glasses

- ▶ Please bring used eyeglasses to the collection box in the Wagner Room. The committee will send them to Third World countries. Questions, contact **Dave** or **Barb Wenger**, 610-777-0952.

Donations by the Committee

- To Norma Jeaneth Vasquez Castaneda, a scholarship towards her high school education in El Salvador. \$160
- Food Bank \$250
- Salvation Army \$250
- Methodist Home for Children \$250
- RedBird Mission \$130
- Opportunity House \$250
- Habitat for Humanity \$250
- Samaritans Purse \$210

Food Drive

- ▶ Thank you for your many contributions to our collection of food items for the Soup Kitchen at Central Park UM Church in Reading.

Heifer International

- ▶ We're planning a new adventure for 2007, a unique and successful approach to ending hunger and poverty. Since 1944, Heifer International has sent food and income-producing animals and training to millions of poor families in 125 countries.

When families receive livestock, they are on the way to lifting themselves out of poverty and becoming self-reliant. The livestock provide families with the benefits of food and nutrition and income for education, clothes, health care, better housing, and the start-up of small business. The cost of giving a whole heifer is \$500, to share in part, \$50; a water buffalo is \$250, to share in part, \$25. Are you interested in helping? Contact **Barb Wenger**, 610-777-0952.

Join Us

- ▶ Many thanks for all past and future donations. Our next meeting will be January 8, 7 pm. We welcome new members to our committee. Please come and travel on our Mission Journey with us.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*December
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for our early
January issue*

From the Editor

As in past years our January issue should reach your homes in the second week of the month. We try to keep the issue small so we can enjoy our families at Christmas.

Also, our daughter will be married here at Lincoln Park on January 6, so **Debbie Harvey**, Assistant Editor, will be putting it together without my help. Please keep your articles brief and timely; save lengthier articles for our February issue. Thank you!

Change of Phone Number

Alice Ulrich 610-898-5175

Baptisms

Brodie Matthew Miller, son of **Richard** and **Elizabeth Miller**, on November 5.

And **Keaton Matthew Piacine**, son of **Kristian** and **Kristie Piacine**, on November 26. May God bless these babies and their families with lots of love!

News-Linc, monthly publication of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church, hopes to link you to your church with information about its programs, plans, and people. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and may be left in the newsletter mailbox by the church office.

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Birth

Another new grandson! A son was born to Barry and Donna (Miller) Pitkoff, Schwenksville, Montgomery County, in Abington Memorial Hospital, on October 27. His name is Benjamin Henry Pitkoff; he weighed 5 lb 6 oz and was 18 inches long! Donna is the daughter of **Loreen** and **Dave Miller**. Congratulations to all!



Happy Birthday in December to...



John Pierdomenico 12/04/99

Kara Brown 12/12/03

Kyle Lee 12/14/96

Phillip Antunes 12/15/00

Ella Hubric 12/20/03

David Goshert 12/21/98

Emily Bohn 12/30/04

Valerie Kerschener 12/30/04

Emma Chandler 12/31/03

Welcome Newcomers!

We invite you to any meetings or activities you read about here. Please call the church office, 610-777-1422, for names, phone numbers, information, or to speak with our pastor. If you'd like to receive *News-Linc* in the mail, just notify our secretary. Please join in at Lincoln Park!



Worship with us:	8:00 and 10:45 am (Traditional Worship)	
	9:15 am (Contemporary Worship in Social Hall)	
Office hours	9 am-3 pm Mon-Fri	Pastor: Jerry McGrath, 610-670-1022
Office phone	610-777-1422	Dir of Education: Dorris McCoy, 610-777-6128
Ext: Kitchen	28; Rm 200 35;	Dir of Music: Linda Umstead
Ed Bldg	40; Nursery 39	Secretary: Sandy Bressi
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	Nancy Brown 29	Worship Leader: Becky Chadwick
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