

# News-Line

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*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter*  
*Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania* *February, 2007*

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## MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BRUNCH

Noon, February 18

From Pastor Dorris McCoy and Tracy Goldsbrough



**PANCAKES!**

Something new is rising---like pancakes! Join the Pre-Lenten Mardi Gras Festivities at the JR GROUP'S Pancake Brunch with all the trimmings of a hearty Berks County breakfast at noon, Sunday, February 18! Prepare yourself for Lenten disciplines and learn about customs through the years, like why we eat fastnachts and/or pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!

Tickets go on sale beginning Sunday, February 4, free for under 3, \$3 for ages 4-10, and \$6 for 11 thru adult. Wear your Mardi Gras masks and jewels and join the fun! LP's JR GROUP (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders) serves as your wait staff with proceeds to benefit their annual spring retreat. With questions, please contact **Tracy Goldsbrough**, 610-777-6991.

### Mission Trip to India

You can participate in **Betty Frederickson's** upcoming trip to Lucknow, India, without leaving Pennsylvania! When she leaves for a medical mission trip on March 10, Betty will take along ibuprofen and vitamins with iron (adult and children). Collection boxes for these will be found in the Wagner Room and Memorial Hall

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# WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



**Sunday, February 4** - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - Worship Leader Becky Chadwick will preach; Pastor Dorris McCoy will be Liturgist. "God Calls! Imagine My Surprise" - Psalm 138, Luke 5:1-11.

**Sunday, February 11** - VALENTINE SUNDAY - "God's Love Letter" - 1Corinthians 13:4-13, 1John 4:4-12.

**Sunday, February 18** - TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY - "Glimpses of Glory" - Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-36.

**Wednesday, February 21**, 7 pm - ASH WEDNESDAY - "Christ on Trial; The Lawyer" - We hear a lawyer's opening statements about who people are saying Jesus is and who will be on the witness stand in the weeks to come.

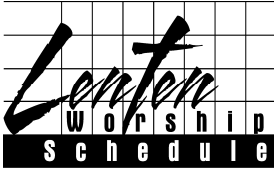
**Sunday, February 25** - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - "Christ on Trial: Matthew" - Matthew, a tax collector, testifies about Jesus' association with sinners.

## Coach/Leadership Training Empowering Our Church for the Future

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

The Rev. Val Hastings will lead our church in a transformation and ministry empowering training event on Saturday, **February 24**, from 8:30 am to 3 pm. The Rev. Hastings, an ordained United Methodist pastor, Leadership Coach and Change Specialist, is the Executive Director of Coaching 4 Clergy, which seeks to develop pastors and transform congregations. This training event will prepare and equip our church to be effective and viable in our 21<sup>st</sup> century ministries. The Rev. Hastings also will assist us in discovering and better utilizing our God given gifts in ministry and help us to grow spiritually. For further information and reservations, please see **Pastor McGrath** or **Pastor Dorris McCoy** or contact the church office, 610-777-1422.





## **Pastor to Present Worship Series During Lent**

**CHRIST ON TRIAL** is a series of Lenten worship services in which court is in session to determine who Christ is. This series will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 21, at 7 pm and continue at all three Sunday morning worship services during Lent, concluding Easter Sunday. A synopsis of topics includes:

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

We hear a lawyer's opening statements on who people are saying Jesus is and who will be on the witness stand in the weeks to come.

### **FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

Matthew, a tax collector, testifies regarding Jesus' association with sinners.

### **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

A once-crippled woman testifies that Jesus illegally healed her on the Sabbath.

### **THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, speaks of Jesus disturbing the peace.

### **FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**

A woman caught in adultery testifies how Jesus halted her execution.

### **FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

John speaks to the accusation of consuming Jesus' body and blood.

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Mary Magdalene is a witness to Jesus' activities, especially his last week.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Mary Magdalene shocks people with news that Christ has risen from the dead.

## **Welcome Newcomers!**

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



# From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1John 4:7-8*

Oh, Valentine's Day; another scam by Hallmark to sell more cards? Another chance for the malls to make a profit? An opportunity for DeBeers to sell more diamonds? Perhaps Valentine's Day is just another way for Hershey to sell more chocolate. Just when you thought the commercialization of a holiday was finished, BANG! Along comes the hype and over dramatization of Valentine's Day.

What do we make of Valentine's Day, the holiday of love? Now more than ever, with so many watered down values in our society and dysfunctional, broken families, people are searching for true love.

In Michael W. Smith's video, *A Cry for Love*, we see images of false promises and distorted ideas about love that our world tries to sell as real love. We see love advertised as self-centered, self-gratifying, shallow, superficial, and conditional. In *A Cry for Love*, Smith shows that real love is not found in beautiful

appearances, cards, chocolate, and jewelry. He shows that these images that are passed off for love are not real. Yet he cannot seem to grasp love, so he cries out for someone to show him.

People are crying out for someone to show them love. As people search for the true meaning of love, we need to lead them to the cross. In 1 John 4:16, we see that God is love. If we want to experience love, we must turn to God. If we want to experience God, we just have to look at Jesus, who is God in the flesh.

Throughout his ministry, we see that Jesus takes on the very essence of love, giving his life to humanity. We see that love is all about giving ourselves away. It is about service and selflessness. As we approach Valentine's Day, may we take the opportunity to show the world the true, meaningful, everlasting, unconditional love that is found in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jerry





## ...for LP Member, Dean Starr!

Submitted by Elaine Meckes

Since 1988, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has awarded to certain graduates a *Distinguished Alumnus* honor, based on their achievements after graduation.

In 2006, our own **Dean Starr** was a recipient of this honor, having graduated from the School of Mines with honors with a degree in Metallurgy. After serving as a Lieutenant in the Navy in the South Pacific during WWII, he entered the University of Utah. From there he graduated with highest honors with a MS and a PhD in Metallurgical Engineering. Dean's credits include over 70 technical publications, 11 patents, and 15 disclosure awards registered in his name, in addition to several awards from societies in the field of Metallurgy. During his career, he has served as both Junior and Senior engineer, Technical Director, Vice President of Engineering and later as President of his own consulting firm.

We send our congratulations to Dean for his distinguished achievements in his profession.



## ...A New Opportunity Calls

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Thanks to **Jerry and Charlene Evaul** for their years of service as our coordinators. We are looking for someone new to take over as coordinators effective immediately. Our next date to serve is **March 6**. Donations of money, desserts, and fresh fruits and veggies are always welcomed. Please call the **Evauls**, 610-927-1692, for information regarding coordinator responsibilities.

## UMC Announces New National Website

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

United Methodist Communications announces the re-design of the national church web-



site. Church leaders are invited to use UMC.org to conduct searches of church resources in the new MethoPedia and help seekers find churches in their local community. Church members and leaders will also find tools to discover their spiritual gifts, identify volunteer opportunities, and connect with people of faith around the world.



## AMAZING!

From Jerry Manhart

Yes, the financial numbers you have been seeing in the Sunday bulletins are correct. At the end of November, we had a deficit of \$2,800 comparing income and expenses, and we had already added \$15,000 from our savings to help the income. At the end of December we had a surplus of \$21,900. AMAZING! How did it happen? Income for December was up by over \$13,000. Expenses for December were unusually low by over \$7,000. The Holy Spirit must have been at work among our members and staff! Please note the Finance Committee Report on page 7 for full details.

## Share Supper and Study During Lent

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Join us on **Sundays, February 25** through **March 25**, in LP's Memorial Hall, 5-7 pm, beginning with light supper. Three choices for study include:



- *How Is It With Your Soul? - A Wesleyan Way of Prayer*, led by **Pastor McGrath**, who will explore the practice of prayer within the Wesleyan spirit.
- *Worship 101*, based on John Randall Dennis' 'Living Worship' led by Worship Leader, **Becky Chadwick**. Becky will challenge participants to question what worship is, what we worship, and how we worship.
- *Spiritual Gifts Discovery* (1<sup>st</sup> 3 weeks only), led by **Jack Villecco**. This class will help individuals discover their unique gifts and how these spiritual gifts can be used in serving God through their involvements in church ministries.

### Lenten Suppers & Study

Also offered is a study series on **Tuesdays, February 27** through **March 27**, 6:30-8 pm, beginning with soup and supper together at **Holy Cross UMC**, 329 N. 5th Street, Reading. Study will explore *Ways to Pray: Practices from Many Traditions and Times*, led by the pastors of the four participating churches, including Holy Cross UMC, Wesley UMC, St. Matthew UMC and LPCUMC. Anyone from LP wishing to carpool from the church is invited to contact **Pastor Dorris**.

# Church Council Finance Committee Report

From Jerry Manhart

## CASH SUMMARY December 31, 2006

Total Cash Balance		\$93,057.74
Designated Funds		\$28,537.59
Available Cash Balance		<u>\$64,520.15</u>
Endowment Fund Principal	12/31/06	\$65,856.66
Cumulative Interest		\$1,727.40
Memorial Fund	12/31/06	\$4,189.88
Fulton Bank Loan Balance	12/20/06	(\$137,564.66)
Sanctuary Adaptation Fund	12/31/06	
Checking		\$30.00
Savings		\$556.00

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES as of December 31, 2006

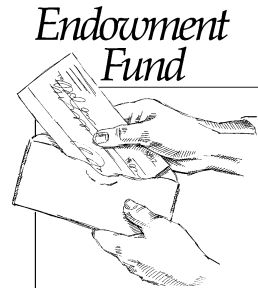
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2006 Budget</b>	<b>2006 Actual</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Envelopes	\$304,000.00	\$316,376.36	104%
Plate	\$8,000.00	\$7,892.90	99%
Special Envelopes	\$9,825.00	\$12,305.50	125%
Other	\$37,019.34	\$39,732.21	107%
Total Income	<u>\$358,844.34</u>	<u>\$376,306.97</u>	105%
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Church Council:			
Administration	\$26,512.56	\$26,460.30	100%
Program	\$49,028.23	\$44,779.09	91%
Staff Parish	\$189,456.34	\$182,701.06	96%
Trustees	\$93,847.21	\$100,389.90	107%
Total Expenses	<u>\$358,844.34</u>	<u>\$354,330.35</u>	99%
Income minus Expense	0	\$21,976.62	

# Your Endowment Fund - Gifts and Benefits

From Harold Perkins

Year-end gifts of \$2525, added to other gifts during 2006, provided a total increment of \$3975 to the Endowment Fund. These gifts raised the principal to a new high of \$68,382 as of December 31, 2006.

Annual interest in 2006 of \$1300 from the Endowment Fund will be used to provide \$800 toward a new leadership/ministry program, and \$500 to missions, extending a special interest of **Romaine Richwine**, provided for by a bequest of her husband, **Rolland**, in 2004.



An exciting new *lifetime gift* alternative to the more common bequest - the Charitable Gift Annuity - has appeared on the scene for persons age 60 or older. The Annuity calls for an irrevocable gift of \$10,000 or more, best with appreciated securities such as stocks, insurance, property, etc. One of our senior couples is now deriving the benefit of such a gift in terms of higher income and greater tax advantages for life. For more information, please consult with an Endowment Fund Committee member.

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until February 28. Here's a chance to reach out to some most unfortunate men, women, and children with your donations and with your prayers.

This trip will reach out to the Dalits living in rural villages in North India. Dalits are the "outcasts" of Indian society — the "untouchables," comprising 1/4 of the total population of India — a massive 250-300 million people. Most make less than a dollar a day and cannot afford food, clothing, and shelter.

This team of doctors and nurses will stay in hotels at night and travel about 30

minutes into the villages each day, treating patients with a variety of illnesses. Many will have colds and flu. About 10% will be treated for trauma, old and new; 10% will have more complicated diseases like PID, diabetes, neurological disorders, HIV; 15% will have diseases common to India like leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria.

National physicians — who have a handle on local outbreaks, customs, and will do follow-up care — will work with the team to provide care.

Please keep Betty and this mission team in your prayers March 10-24.





## **Jr. Youth Events 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

From Tracy Goldsborough

### **Sunday, February 18**

Prepare and serve Pancake Brunch, after 10:45 Worship and Sunday School hour. Parents, we'll need your help, please!

### **Sunday, March 18**

Mary's Shelter Bowl-a-Thon @ Berks Lanes

### **Saturday, March 31**

Help with games at Easter Party at church with private Easter hunt for volunteers afterward

### **Friday, April 27 – Saturday, April 28**

Spring Retreat at church with horseback riding Saturday

### **Saturday, May 19**

Car Wash Fundraiser at Flea Market, 10 am - 3 pm

We'll need parents help!

### **Sunday, June 3**

Picnic at Mohnton Pool to kickoff summer

**YOUTH-LINC**





## **UMYF Happenings**

From Linda Hope

Sunday, **February 11**, from 4 -7 pm , join the Youth at **READING ROCKS** for rock climbing; contact **Linda Lee** to join the fun, 610-286-7533.



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.              1 John 4:7</p>			
<p>4</p>	<p>5            Bible Study 10:30am            Mission Committee 7pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7            Adult Bell Choir            Chancel Choir</p>
<p>11            Usher Meeting 12:15pm            UMYF Rock Climbing 4pm            Confirmation class 5pm</p>	<p>12            Bible Study 10:30am            Agape 12pm            Finance Committee 7pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14            ♥ <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>            Adult Bell Choir            Chancel Choir</p>
<p>18            Blood Pressure screening            Pancake Brunch 12pm            Confirmation trip</p>	<p>19            Bible Study 10:30am</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21              ASH WED            Worship Service            Chancel Choir</p>
<p>25            Supper Study Series 5pm            Confirmation class 5pm</p> <p></p>	<p>26            Bible Study 10:30am            Staff-Parish meeting 7pm</p>	<p>27            Lenten Study/Prayer Series @            Holy Cross UMC 6:30pm</p>	<p>28            Adult Bell Choir            Chancel Choir</p>

# February 2007



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Praise Team 8pm	2	3 Family Movie/Potluck night- 5:30pm
7pm 7:45pm	8 Craft Group 1pm Praise Team 8pm	9	10
<i>Valentine's Day</i> ♥ 7pm 7:45pm	15 Praise Team 8pm	16	<p>Says the LORD, return to me with all YOUR heart.... JOEL 2:12, NRSV</p>
WEDNESDAY 7pm 8pm	22 Craft Group 1pm Praise Team 8pm	23	24 Coach/Leadership Training- 8:30 am-3 pm
7pm 7:45pm	<p><b>Looking ahead to next month....</b></p> <p>3/5 Worship Committee 7pm                      3/6 Opportunity House 4pm                      3/11 Reading Philharmonic Orchestra 3 pm;                      Daylight Saving Time begins                      3/19 Church Council 7pm                      3/23 Confirmation trip to Synagogue</p>		



# Grace Notes

I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the staff and many members who helped make the Annual Praise Band Concert and the Christmas Eve services a blessing not only to our congregation, but also to the community.

Special recognition is due to the many young people who came forward to join the Christmas Symphonic Band and ring the bells for the lighting of the candles at the 8 pm service. Thanks also to the men and women who were kind enough to participate so that we could bring out all five octaves of bells. I cannot tell you what it meant to hear the beautiful bells in their entirety.

I also am quite honored to have accompanied the children who sang so gloriously in the 6 pm service, as well as a brand new drummer, **Parker Chadwick**, who graciously agreed to play his first solo to provide the prelude and postlude. At the 8 pm service, I had the honor of accompanying **Lindsey Villecco, Luci Schaeffer, Jim Perry, and Nancy Villecco** on various traditional and contemporary selections. Pastor Jerry delivered a fresh and relevant message with wonderful visual reinforcement by **Dennis Antunes**.

At this time it is natural to look back over the past year while facing the New Year with the joy of new possibilities and undertakings, and once again I can say that I am truly blessed. -Lin Umstead

Special thanks to the Chancel Choir members and guest soloists for their talents and dedication during the holiday season. -Beverly Perella

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ADULT BELL CHOIR rehearsals begin on Wednesday, **February 7**, 7 - 7:45 pm, under the direction of Beverly Perella. New ringers are welcome! You can do it!

Chancel Choir rehearsals in February will start at 7:45 pm.

RESERVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, March 11**, the READING PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA will present their annual winter concert at LPCUMC. Bad weather date is March 18. More details will follow next month.



## Worship Leader Minute for February

From Becky Chadwick

A group of seminary students asked their theology professor which translation of the Bible he preferred, *The Message*, *King James*, *New Revised Standard* or which? The professor thought for a moment and then he answered, *I prefer my mother's translation*. The students were perplexed. *Which translation was your mother a part of?* they asked. He replied simply, *She translated the Bible every single day...into her life*.

As Christians we can say the right words, use the right phrases, quote the scriptures, but if we don't integrate those words into our everyday lives they mean nothing. One of my memories from childhood is adults around me saying, *Do as I say, not as I do*. I am sure that many of you have heard the same thing! Did it make a difference? Not really. We modeled their behavior. We pretended to do what they did. We played dress up to look like them, we tried to talk like them, and we mimicked their attitudes and comments. The example our parents, our grandparents, our other family members and friends set is what really made the difference to us, and to our choices. If we want people who come to our church to "try it out" or the people that we encounter everyday in everything that we do to see Jesus Christ, then we need to take the words that we read in the Bible, and that we hear on a Sunday morning, and put them into practice in all things that we do. The message is important, but our actions carry the meaning of the message.

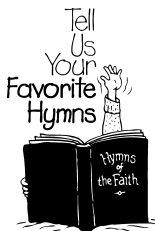
I have spent a lot of time writing about worship, and what it is and what it means to us as individuals. I am going to shift my focus this year and look at how we take our worship and move it out to the world. The Great Commission tells us to go and make disciples. Let's do that together!

Question to ponder: How do I show others that I believe in Jesus Christ?

## Hymn Requests Needed

From Beverly Perella

Now is your opportunity to hear that favorite hymn on a Sunday morning before 10:45 service begins. I'll be happy to include hymn requests during the time of preparation played on the piano each week. Please give your ideas to me, and come to enjoy everyone's favorites.



# Conference Offers Year-Round Learning

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



## Making Disciples

The Eastern PA Annual Conference initiative, MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD, provides renewal, practical skill training, and leadership development. Sessions are scheduled for 2007 with childcare provided at all events. Lay leaders and staff are invited to attend workshops pertinent to their ministry areas. Please call **Pastor Jerry** or **Pastor Dorris**

to attend. Workshops include:

- ◆ January 10, 11, 12 was "Transformational Spiritual Leadership" with Kelvin Sauls, Church Development, General Board of Discipleship. Pastor Jerry, Becky Chadwick, and Dorris McCoy attended.
- ◆ February 17: Transformational Spiritual Leadership Part 2-What Kind of Leadership Do We Need for the Implementation for the Ministry Plan?
- ◆ March 14, 15, 16: Preparing Your Congregation's Ministry Action Plan.
- ◆ April 14: Prayer.
- ◆ May 10: Living as Christian Disciples-The Means of Grace and Ordinances of God (three satellite locations with simultaneous transmission).
- ◆ June 13, 14, 15: Faith Sharing and Evangelical Recruitment (during Annual Conference with streaming video/audio to persons not attending---suggested through Plenaries Session 6 & 7).
- ◆ July 21: Vibrant and Transformative Worship.
- ◆ August 18: Ways to Increase Your Church Attendance---By the Rev. Rene Perez & the Rev. Dorothy Watson Tetem.
- ◆ September 8: Christian Education and Spiritual Formation-Congregational Leaders Team---Carol Krau, General Board of Discipleship.
- ◆ October 13: Faith Sharing-Using Communications in Evangelism Recruitment---led by the Rev. Larry Homitsky, Director of Connectional Ministries, Western PA Conference UMC, and Suzy Keenan, EPA Director of Communications.
- ◆ November 14: Stewards of God's Gifts---led by Stacy Martin, Executive Director, Eastern PA Conference United Methodist Foundation and General Board of Discipleship Staff.
- ◆ December 13: Accountable Discipleship-The Power of Small Group Ministry for All Ages, led by Steve Manskar, GBOD.

## Children's Workshop Offered

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

A Teacher Training Workshop by



Group's Children's Ministry Magazine, *Children's Ministry Live*, will be presented on

Saturday, **February 24**, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, in Lancaster.

The workshop, *Come To Jesus: The Create-A-Place-Where-Kids-Want-To-Be*, explores today's kids and helps you master new skills.

Find out what's working best in other churches! Renew your own relationship with Jesus! Come, then leave relaxed, refreshed, and renewed.

Reserve your space now by contacting **Linda Hope**, CE Chair, or **Pastor Dorris**.

## Parish Resource Center News

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



The PARISH RESOURCE CENTER, a non-profit, non-sectarian educational institution in Lancaster, provides congregations with encouragement, support, and cutting-edge resources through the consultative process. Their Spring 2007 Workshops include:

- AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION: SAFE KEEPING INDIVIDUALS & CHURCH RECORDS, Wed, March 14, 10 am - noon
  - EVERYONE IS VULNERABLE: RISK MANAGEMENT FOR CONGREGATIONS, Tues, March 27, 7 - 9 pm
  - TRANSFORMING STEWARDSHIP - FROM SCARCITY TO ABUNDANCE, Sat, April 21, 9 am - 2 pm
- Register through **Pastor Dorris** in the Church Office or contact the PRC, 717-299-1113, for more information.

## VBS 2007 Riding into Town

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



AVALANCHE RANCH - A WILD RIDE THROUGH GOD'S WORD, will come to LP M-F, **June 18 - 23**. Anyone with western items for use in our decor transformation should see **Karen Osika**, VBS Coordinator, or **Rebecca Chelius**, Chief Decorator. Stay tuned for details.



## Church School Continues Winter Schedule

From Pastor Dorris  
McCoy

Christian Education for  
all ages continues at the following hours  
each Sunday:

### 9:30 am

- Children ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Adults continue lectionary studies  
with **Norm** and **Nancy Dettra**

### 10:45 am

- Sessions for children 3 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Youth
- Adults continue New Testament stud-  
ies with **Earl Hope**.

Leadership volunteers for teaching and  
for scheduling staff, as well as technol-  
ogy development, are needed. Tasks are  
varied; for possible involvement in LP's  
educational ministries please contact  
**Linda Hope**, CE Chair, 610-670-9731,  
or **Pastor Dorris**, 610-777-1422, ext. 24.

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“Courage is being  
scared to death—but  
saddling up anyway.”  
—John Wayne

## Kids in Mission X3

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

### Project #1

Church School children  
and youth will partici-  
pate in the **SOUPER**

**BOWL** on **February 4**.

They will be standing

by with soup pots for donations on **SU-  
PER/SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** as worship-  
ers leave all worship areas that Sunday.  
Monies collected will be sent to Central  
Park UMC's Soup Kitchen. Please help  
support their efforts.



### Project #2

The Church School will join the Mis-  
sion Committee's new initiative, the  
**HEIFER PROJECT**. Children and youth  
participation will be spearheaded by **Cori  
Rigato**.

### Project #3

Church School  
children already  
have begun making col-  
orful bookmarks for **Betty  
Frederickson** to share with the chil-  
dren she meets on her upcoming medical  
mission trip to India. Children and youth  
may bring vitamins and ibuprofen to the  
designated drop-off boxes. See our re-  
lated article beginning on p. 1.







From Barbara Wenger, Mission Chair

### News and Allocations

At the committee meeting January 8, we welcomed **Marian Longenecker** as a new member to our group.

Dawn Baxter spoke about the Interfaith Hospitality Network as part of the National Family Promise Organization.

Items for discussion included the following donations:

- Family Promise of Berks Co - \$100
- Council on Chemical Abuse - \$100
- Opportunity House - \$150
- Africa University, tuition - \$50
- Heifer Internat'l (whole goat) - \$120
- Women in Crisis - \$100
- Souper Bowl Sunday - \$148.75
- Red Bird Mission (Clinic) -\$50

### HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Calling for your Support

The Mission committee asks everyone— children, youth, and adult members—to support this on-going project. HEIFER INTERNATIONAL has helped lift poor families out of poverty since 1944. Food, livestock and training are some of the benefits of your contribution.

Please see the poster in the rear of the Wagner Room for details. Many thanks for your help.

### Mission Trip Planned

...to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, April 13-22, 2007. For more information or questions, call Lee Smedley, 610-562-3938, or 610-914-3846.



Add to  
your  
Calendar...



### Our 2007 Flea Market Date

Reserve this day: **Saturday, May 19.**

We need many people to help make this church-wide fundraiser a big success. Please contact co-chairs, **Barbara Wenger**, 610-777-0952, or **Beverly Ruffner**, 610-777-0785.



From our  
mailbox



♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the fresh fruit and pasta salad. Our clients really enjoy fruit when we can add it to their meal. Your kindness brought smiles to their faces. May God bless your kindness.

-Ann Marie Wallace  
Soup Kitchen Manager

**“Snowflakes are one of nature’s most fragile things, but just look what they do when they stick together.”**

— Verna M. Kelly



## Leadership Development Workshop Was A Success!

From Jerry Pawlikowski

A group of about 50 church leaders, led by **Pastor Jerry** and **Pastor Dorris**, met for a leadership training event on Saturday, January 20.

It was a great opportunity for us to:

- Review conference information regarding transformation and coaching training.
- Learn about spiritual gift basics from **Jack Villecco**.
- Review roles/responsibilities for church committees.
- Share visions and possibilities for committees and new ministry areas for the church.

What stood out for me occurred when we broke into nine ministry teams — the new word at Lincoln Park Church for church committees! Each team separately brainstormed on its purpose, vision, goals and dreams. The total group then reconvened and each team shared their thoughts and ideas. As a member of the Nurture and Witness Ministry Team, we identified seven areas where God might be leading us, such as community outreach and improved communications. It was great to hear what the other eight ministry teams had developed as their goals and dreams. We also heard from Nancy Brown and Sandy Bressi and steps that are being taken for all of us to become more organized and efficient.

After having gone through this training event, I am looking forward to a follow-up meeting scheduled on February 24 when The Rev. Val Hastings provides us a seminar on equipping and empowering.



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## Change of Address

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## Found

...a "leopard-looking" dangle earring.  
Please see or call Sandy in the church  
office. Thank you!

... be ye all of **one mind**,  
having **compassion**   
one of another,  
 love as **brethren**,  
 be **pitiful**,  
 be **courteous**.

1 Peter 3:8

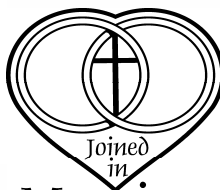
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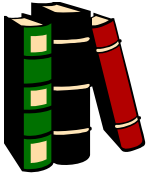
## February Birthdays

Kaila Rapp 2/9/1999  
Julianna Pierdomenico 2/19/1997  
William Lamm 2/25/2003  
Aubrey Pence 2/19/2002



**Marriage**  
**Christine Michelle Fallon**, daughter of **Ed and Cheri**, and **Michael Park Brown**, son of **Tina and the late Ray Brown**, on January 6, in our church. May God bless Christy and Mike as they begin their new life together. Their new address:

Mr & Mrs Michael Brown  
308 W Lafayette St  
West Chester PA 19380



## Women's Book Club

From Nancy Dettra

All are welcome to join us on **Monday, February 26**, 7 pm, at the home of **Nancy Dettra** to discuss our February selection, *Water For Elephants*, by Sara Gruen.

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