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

It's a Fundraiser and a Tradition!
LP's Annual Flea Market
May 19, 7 am—3 pm
Don't Miss It! Car Wash, too.

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Mission Trip to India

From Betty Frederickson

Each mission trip is an experience unlike any other. This trip was to a land and culture 7000 miles from here, to India, a country about 1/3 the size of the US. Our mission outreach was in the Ganges Plain, India's most densely populated, fertile agricultural area.

On our trip, two groups — The Dalit Freedom Network and Global Health Outreach — partnered to serve the spiritual and medical needs of the Dalit people, known as the “untouchables.”

Five clinics were held during our stay; about 3,500 patients were treated for respiratory needs, colds and asthma, skin conditions, deformities, parasites, malnutrition, tuberculosis, arthritis, depression,

HIV/AIDS, and seizures. I received about \$1,000 in donations for medicine and supplies. A remaining amount will help buy sewing machines, as many young adults are taught a trade such as sewing. The goal is to encourage them to become independent from government and caste oppression.

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WORSHIP IN MAY

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Sunday, May 6

MUSIC APPRECIATION AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY
“Thank You for Giving To the Lord” - Psalm 33; Ephesians 5:15-20. *Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.* Psalm 33:2-3.

Sunday, May 13

MOTHER’S DAY

8:00 and 10:45 am: “Appreciation For Our Mothers”

9:15 am “My Life as a Christian Mom; The Return of Jerry Letterman”

Proverbs 31:10; John 19:25-27. *When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'* John 19:26.

Sunday, May 20

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The sermon will be preached by **Becky Chadwick**, Worship Leader, based on the following scriptures: Romans 12:1-8, Psalm 112.

Sunday, May 27

PENTECOST SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

“The Winds of Change” - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21.



Assessing Our Church Vitality

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



In the next few months, we at Lincoln Park Community UMC will have the opportunity to partake in the CHURCH VITALITY INDICATOR SURVEY. The survey will assess the strengths of our church in ministry, involving areas such as prayer life, outreach, Bible study, and hospitality. It will also help us become more effective and viable in “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ.” The Bishop of our Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, Marcus Matthews, is asking all churches to be involved in this survey so we can better serve our community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



Youth To Be Confirmed

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Three young people will have completed classes and study that lead to the Rite of Confirmation. These youth will be confirmed into the church on Pentecost Sunday, **May 27**:

- † **Emily Levan**
- † **Jordan Bartal**
- † **Corinna Piller**

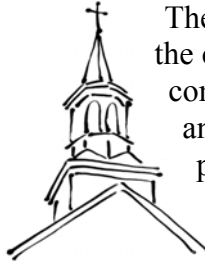
Congratulations to these three young women.

Summer Worship Times Begin June 3

9 am : Contemporary Worship
10:30 am: Traditional Worship
(10:15 am: Music Prelude)

Steeple Bells To Ring Again

From Bruce Meckes



The first phase of repair to the church steeple has been completed. This entailed re-anchoring the steeple at its present location. Much work was involved in replacing deteriorated wood. The speakers were removed, painted, and replaced with new supports. The bell was cleaned and polished and remains in the steeple.

The second phase will involve replacement of copper flashing and waterproofing all seams, requiring the use of a crane. This project has been on hold for a number of years, to the point that the steeple was about to severely damage the roof.

When all is completed, we may again have sweet bell music to our ears.

Welcome Newcomers!

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



From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
Genesis 3:20

Recently, I took an interest in coaching sports in the Wilson School District. I felt I worked well with children and youth, and thought I would be a good moral influence in their lives. As I inquired about coaching ice hockey, swimming, track and field, and baseball, I was given a job description for each sport. It seems like every hobby, task, or job today comes with a detailed job description.

Since it is May, I began to think about mothers and their job descriptions. Have you ever seen a written contract of a mother's job description? In May of 1990, the following job description appeared in *Guideposts*.

- ♥ Keeper of all things: homework papers, matching mittens, Blinky the Teddy Bear, permission slips, practice schedules...all available immediately upon request.
- ♥ Knower of all things: When "I'm sick" is sick enough to call the doctor; when a difficult "no" is more important than an easy "yes;" when learning from a mistake is

more important than "fixing it;" when to be quiet instead of speaking; the importance of birthdays; the names of all your children's friends.

- ♥ Maker of all things: chocolate chip cookies; Halloween costumes; dentist appointments; Christmas spirit; peace in the family; messy beds; brown bag lunches; children's smiles.



*Mothers.....
Keepers, Knowers, Makers*

The position gives no sick leave and no days off, demands lots of overtime and no pay!

Sound tough enough?

On some days, it seems impossible. But it is the greatest, most rewarding job in the world. It is a position that mothers would never trade for any other job in the world.

That is why we should take a moment on Mother's Day to say, "Out of a universe of possibilities, you came up with the idea of mothers. Thank you, Lord. On this Mother's Day, please grant mothers the wisdom, strength and patience to meet the challenge of the job description."

Join the Kids - Wear Red on Pentecost

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



PENTECOST is the day the Holy Spirit came to direct the disciples. It is considered the birthday of the church because the followers of Jesus united and were overcome

with excitement.

Afterwards, the message of Christ spread like wildfire. Christians often speak of this being the day that the disciples *caught on fire* for Christ. Scripture uses the images of flames to explain their excitement.

Today we, too, use the color red and a flame to symbolize the power and might of God's Holy Spirit. To help LP's children understand this symbolism and reflect on how red represents the flame of the Spirit and God's presence, all LP children will be encouraged to wear red on **Pentecost Sunday, May 27**. Catch the spirit! Be a kid for the day and wear red too!

Our Sympathy to...

Family and friends of **Shirley Super** who died on April 21. A memorial service was held at Lincoln Park Church on April 25. May God surround you with His love and care.

We Recognize Our Volunteers

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All volunteers who've been involved in LP's educational ministries will be recognized on VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY, **May 6**, also MUSIC SUNDAY. Christian Education volunteers, God's willing servants, may not win an Academy Award but they do win the hearts of the children, youth, and adults in their classes and programs as they model the love of Christ in their own hearts. For that we are grateful.



A few of the programs for which our volunteers actively donate time include:

- † Church School
- † Sunday Supper Series
- † Baby Buddies
- † CEd Committee
- † Special Events
- † VBS
- † Summer Theater
- † Outreach Projects
- † JR Group and UMYF

Thank you for working so diligently on behalf of LP's educational efforts in fulfilling our church's mission to seek and share Christ with all ages, everywhere. Thank you for taking the time to change lives and show others how God's love looks! Come - stand up - be recognized for the seeds of faith you have so lovingly planted!



Garden Tour

LPUMC 2007 GARDEN TOUR

From Jean Weikel

Join us for a day of touring beautiful gardens, observing eye catching landscapes, and enjoying good fellowship. The LPUMC Garden Tour will be held **Sunday, June 10**.

We'll assemble at 12:45 pm in front of church and begin the tour at 1pm sharp. A light lunch, desserts, and cold drinks will be served on the tour. You can join the garden tour by signing up in the Wagner Room or Memorial Hall, or by calling **Jean Weikel**, 610-777-3678.

Bring a neighbor, friend or relative along. The cost will be \$10 per person. Checks should be payable to *Lincoln Park United Methodist Church*. If you're interested in entering a garden as part of the tour, notify Jean as soon as possible.

Our Easter Egg Hunt Celebration Was a Huge Success...

From Raylin Ritenour



...with 50 children from under 2 to 10 years of age coming out to hunt eggs and participate in the festivities. The kids had fun with many activities and winning tickets to enter into eight different drawings for prizes.

In addition, we had 17 junior and senior youth, and 10 adults, who helped make all the activities run smoothly. Tracy and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all volunteers. We also want to applaud the congregation for their help in donating the necessary items to make an event like this happen for our children. We appreciate it and so do the young children of our congregation.

To provide an exciting, hands-on way to learn more about the Easter story, we included an activity in each goody bag. Each child was given the dry ingredients to prepare Easter Story Cookies. The recipe is on page 7, for all to save and try with your children and/or grandchildren. I tried the recipe with my girls, and not only did we have fun doing it together, but I think that they took more of the story with them than had we just discussed it. It is well worth making it a family tradition each year.

Thank you again and we hope to see you all next year.

These cookies are to be made the evening before Easter. Enjoy and treasure the time with your children, as they learn about the Easter story.



EASTER STORY COOKIES



1 cup whole nuts	3 egg whites	1 cup sugar	tape
1 tsp. vinegar	pinch salt	wooden spoon	Bible

IMPORTANT: Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place walnuts in a baggie and have the child beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

Read John 19:1-3. Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.

Read John 19:28-30. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

Read John 10:10-11. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand, let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our own sin.

Read Luke 23:27. So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16. Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents – in God's eyes – the purity of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3. Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

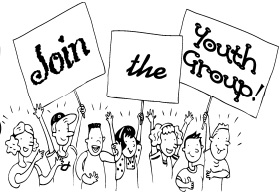
Read Matthew 27:57-60. Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

Read Matthew 27:65-66. Go to bed. Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight; Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed.

On Easter morning: read John 16:20 and 22. Open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow. Explain that on the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.

Read Matthew 28:1-9.

YOUTH-INITIATION



UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale

The Youth Group Kick-Off was a great success, with parents and teens working together to create the future vision of UMYF. The Youth Leadership Team was decided, and with adult coaches, will start planning activities. Some suggestions were: mission activities in the community, service projects for the congregation, fun social activities, and discussion topics for youth group meetings. Check the UMYF Happenings board in both worship areas for updates! Friends welcome! Questions, please contact **Cori Pasquale**, 610-568-0691 or corirow@yahoo.com.

Friday, May 11 through Saturday, May 12 - Camp Out

...at the Lee's with a bonfire, games, movies, and fellowship. Frisbee golf will be postponed due to Josh's running meet on the 12th....GO JOSH! Youth, please bring sleeping bags, pillow, and your favorite story.

Sunday, May 20, 6 - 8 pm

Youth Group Meeting. An evening filled with food, faith, fellowship and games. Bring a friend!

Sunday, May 27, 2 - 5 pm

Youth Family BBQ at Cori's house. Tony and I will provide the entrée; you bring the side dishes and desserts. From 4 - 5 pm, there will be a parent/adult meeting. Entertainment for children of all ages will be provided.

June - Reading Phillies Night at the Ballpark - date to be determined.

Sunday, June 3, 6 - 8 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, June 17, 6 - 8 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Summer Weekend Beach Retreat

Still looking for alternative options and dates. Any ideas?? Contact **Cori Pasquale** or **Pastor Jerry**.

Sunday, August 5, 3 - 7 pm - Pool Party

...at the Hope's for UMYF and their families.

◆Please see page 20 for
Worship and Service Opportunities for Youth◆



Jr. Youth Events 4th, 5th and 6th Graders

From Tracy Goldsborough

May 19 - FLEA MARKET CAR WASH

This is an important fundraiser for the Jr. Youth. Adults, adults, and more adults are an absolute need. The plan is to wash from 11 am to 3 pm. It is a shine-only event, with a possible rain date of May 20 after church.

June 3 - PICNIC AT MOHNTON POOL

If weather doesn't cooperate, we'll meet at the **Goldsborough's**.

Jr. Youth Stay Active and Involved

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Kids in upper elementary grades, often called *Tweeners*, are sometimes overlooked or lost in church programming. They're filled with so much energy and questioning. They search for friends and a place to fit in and find their own faith beliefs and connections. Thanks to **Tracy Goldsborough** and her faithful parent helpers, kids in this age group have not been at a loss for fun, service, and fellowship events at LP Church.



Their activities have included: ●movies (like *Narnia*) ●touring the Soup Kitchen ●helping at Opportunity House ●bowling for Mary's Shelter ●horseback riding ●camping at Innabah ●shopping for gifts and packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child ●singing carols at The Highlands ●delivering Valentines at the Sinking Spring Manor Care ●making gifts for pastoral care visitors to take on visits to LP shut-ins ●painting pottery ●just plain having fun playing Tracy's silly games ●being "Locked-In" ●hosting Spaghetti Lunches ●washing cars.

All these opportunities for fun and service let LP's Tweeners know they are loved by God and his followers here at LP. Stay tuned for more Jr. Youth doings!

WAHOO! Ride In To AVALANCHE RANCH

From Karen Osika



LP youth, kids and friends - Don't miss out! Join **AVALANCHE RANCH** for A WILD RIDE THROUGH GOD'S WORD, all at LP's 2007 VBS, **Monday-Friday, June 18-22**, 9 am-noon, with Early Bird Specials every morning at 8:30 am for even more fun! Daily ranch excursions by the crews (small groups of kids and leaders) ride through cowpoke crafts, awesome music, showtime round-up, Chadder's wild west adventure theater, church wagon chow time (snacks), and horseplay games---all here at LP, for ages 3 through 5th graders! Youth in 6th grade and above will help as crew assistants or crew leaders. Each day's exciting, fun-filled activities focus on one Bible point, set to transform the hearts of children toward God. For information or to offer your skills for planning, please contact VBS **Avalanche Ranch** Co-Coordinator, **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726. Also...if you have western-themed decorations you might like to share, please call **Rebecca Chelius**, 610-775-4651. Watch church bulletin and displays for registration forms soon!

Big Thank You!

From Becky Chadwick

A special thank you to all of you who helped with the Christian Seder! The evening was full of good food and learning. Thank you to those who helped in the kitchen, with serving, during the Seder itself, and clean up!

And...

Chili Supper Success! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Talent Show and to everyone who helped cook chili, set up the room, and clean up! Fun was had by all!



From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Christian Education Committee members and church school teachers are invited to the committee planning meeting on **Sunday, May 20**, at noon, in Room 101. On docket is a review of present curriculum/classes for all ages. Additional input and new ideas for future programs and events are always welcomed. Please come or share suggestions with Christian Ed Chair, **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or **Pastor Dorris**. Remember - Christian learning and growth are life-long!

Invitation to EPC Training Workshop


From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Making Disciples

The next MAKING DISCIPLES TRAINING FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD workshop conducted by the Eastern PA Conference of the UMC will be May 9, 10 or 11. Churches choose one of these three dates. Lincoln Park staff invites members to join them Thursday evening, **May 10**, at Ruhl's Church, to receive input from the UMC national staff on PREPARING YOUR CONGREGATION'S MINISTRY ACTION PLAN. The evening's presentation complements visioning conversations already begun at LP. Contact **Pastor Jerry** to represent LP and gather helpful insights to grow future LP ministries.

**Crosswalk
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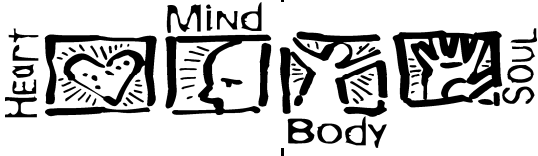



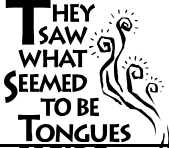





There's A SUMMER CAMP For You!
From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the UMC offers a wide array of camping possibilities for all ages:


- ☀music and drama camps
- ☀sports and fun camp
- ☀life guard certification
- ☀soccer
- ☀video productions
- ☀fishin'
- ☀challenge camps
- ☀grandparents & me camp
- ☀parents & me camp
- ☀biking & hiking camps
- ☀day camp for preschoolers.

Call the church office or the pastors for a Summer Camp 2007 Brochure. Information and registration forms are also available by calling toll free 1-877-862-2267 or checking the web site www.epaumc.org/camping. Camp sites are as near as the Hatboro, Spring City, Lebanon, and Cresco (Poconos), PA areas. All are beautiful sites and offer opportunities to discover God's love, share that love, and learn how we serve God and each other in our daily lives, based on Micah 6:8. LP offers scholarships for interested campers---see a pastor. *Happy Camping!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
 		<p>1 Opportunity House 4pm</p>	<p>2 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>6  MUSIC SUNDAY  † VOLUNTEER † RECOGNITION Confirmation Class 5pm</p>	<p>7 Mission Comm 7pm Staff-Parish 7pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>13 </p>	<p>14 Agape 10am Finance 7pm</p>	<p>15 </p>	<p>16 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>20 Blood Pressure Checks CEd Meeting 12pm Confirmation Class 5pm UMYF 6 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>27 PENTECOST CONFIRMATION  UMYF Barbecue 2 pm</p>	<p>28  Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:45pm	3 Praise Team 8pm	4	5 Women's Bible Study 9am
7:30pm	10 Craft Group 1pm Praise Team 8pm	11 ← UMYF Camping →	12 Women's Bible Study 9am Confirmation Trip-Baltimore
7:30pm	17 Praise Team 8pm	18	19  Flea Market and Car Wash
7:30pm	24 Craft Group 1pm Praise Team 8pm	25	26 Women's Bible Study 9am
	31	<div data-bbox="396 1230 857 1469" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Looking ahead to next month...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/3 Jr. Youth Summer Kick-off 6/4 Worship Committee 6/10 Garden Tour 6/11 Agape 6/11 Finance Committee 6/18-22 VBS </div>	

Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead and Beverly Perella

On **MUSIC SUNDAY, May 6**, we honor the many who have contributed to our music program. I would especially like to thank the teens in the congregation. Over the last few years, many teens have unselfishly given their time and talents, even with busy schedules. The Christmas Symphonic Band and Praise Ringers Bell Choir touched the hearts of our congregation and guests.

"Saved by the Bell"

One of my favorite devotions to share is *Saved by the Bell* by Kevin McChesney. He tells of a man passing a church and hearing the sound of the bell summoning the community to evening worship. Troubled at heart, he entered the church, sat down, and prayed. The tones of the bell resounded over and over and touched a place deep within him. When the invitation was given at the end of the service, he came forward and recommitted his life to Christ.

It may not seem as if our small contributions matter, but in sharing our music we communicate the Gospel in our own special way. Thank you, and please know that your participation means so much.

For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

Romans 12:4-6 (RSV)

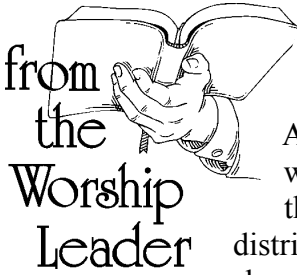
Bring Your Clothing



Time to Bring In Your Clothing!

Beginning **May 1**, your clothing will be accepted for the **FLEA MARKET**. Please bring your gently-used clothing to the Choir Room, where it will be sorted and priced.

Thank you for your help and donations!



Worship Leader Minute for May

From Becky Chadwick

Acts 6: 1 “Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, ‘It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’...7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”

Priorities! I’ve been thinking a lot lately about mine. As I write, I’m still absorbing the news that I’ll have surgery on my neck one week from today. As many of you know, I’ve struggled with back problems since January, which have limited what I can do. I’ve had a hard time putting the brakes on myself. I’ve worried about all the things that are suffering because of my inability to do them. My own priorities have really become apparent to me as well as the priorities of the people around me!

My immediate worry upon hearing this news was our Chili Supper and Talent Show, but that was calmed by a conversation with **Elizabeth Stoud** and **Rebecca Chelius**. My next worry was my children. What did I have to do to cover all of their activities? Thankfully, the two oldest have a church sleep-over, and the youngest will be with Daddy. When I called my boss, I was worried about the time that I was going to be out of work again. Another three weeks of work gone, and no one to pick up my slack! My boss was wonderful; she simply said, *What do we have to do for you so you are taken care of?* I called **Pastor Jerry** about the surgery, and his response was exactly the same, with the added benefit of a prayer! Every worry was taken care of.

So what does this have to do with the Acts scripture? The Disciples knew that everyone could not take care of everything. They understood that people have different gifts that allow them to take care of different things. People are assigned to jobs that meet their gifts and meet the needs of people around them. All the while

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STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS 10 – Herb Miller

Submitted by Jerry Manhart

Calling “Time Out”

The gift of the Sabbath has been given to us by God to free us from slavery to time which drains our strength (see Ex. 16:22-30)

“To observe the Sabbath means to call ‘Time Out!’ This day of rest is to re-create that which has been expended during the week. The Sabbath allows us to receive the strength God supplies so we can continue to produce wealth, while keeping wealth in the proper perspective.” [*Partners With God*, Bobby L. Eklund and Terry Austin]

The tithe—giving 10 % of our income to God’s work—gives us the same opportunity. It helps us to take a “time out” from serving the god of money so that it cannot become a compulsive destroyer of our lives.

Is God in First Place?

“Why should I tithe? It demonstrates that God is in first place in my life. Deuteronomy 14:23, *The Living Bible*: ‘The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life.’

“I can say God is in first place in my life, but there are two things you can look at that will tell what is really first place. If you look at my schedule and if you look at my checkbook stubs. That tells what is first place, no matter what I say is first place. The way I use my money and the way I use my time tells what’s first place in my life.” [*Discovering Spiritual Maturity*, Rick Warren, audio tape]

That is one of the major reasons why churches take offerings in their worship services each week. In addition to helping accomplish God’s goals of ministry, this action restates who ranks in first place in our life.

Why Did Jesus Talk about Money So Much?

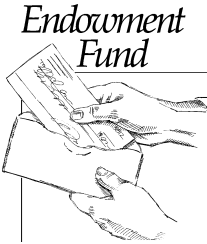
“Jesus’ insistence that money is both physical and spiritual explains why he spoke of it so frequently.

“Buttrick’s classic book, *The Parables of Jesus*, lists 43 parables. Twenty-seven of these (62 %) refer to money and possessions. One out of every 10 verses in the Gospels (a total of 288 verses) deals with money. The Bible includes 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, and more than 2,000 verses on money and what it buys.

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Endowment Opportunity in June

From Shirley Cline, Endowment Committee



American Heritage Dictionary defines endowment as *providing with income or a source of income.*

You've been hearing a lot lately about the Endowment Fund and its role in the future of LPUMC. There are many avenues of supporting this fund, but I will remind you now of a very easy one coming in June.

In your "giving" envelope packet for June, one will be marked *ENDOWMENT FUND*. Won't you prayerfully consider using this envelope as a way of "giving for a lifetime and beyond?"

With your support, our mission of "Seeking and Serving Christ" goes on.

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"The question Jesus illustrates so perfectly with the story of the rich barn builder is as current as the morning paper. Each of us asks the same question every day of our lives: 'Will I try to achieve a quality life by focusing on money or by focusing on God?' As we answer that question, we tend to believe, yet resist believing, Jesus' teaching that money is both material and spiritual. On one hand, we see that Jesus is right. On the other hand, we are constantly tempted to think and behave as if Jesus missed the turn on this issue." [*Money Is/Isn't Everything*, Herb Miller]

What Is Your Focus?

"Worry gives you a wrong focus, in that it says, 'God can't take care of me.'" [John Maxwell] Giving to God gives us a right focus, in that it says, "God can and will take care of me."

"A checkbook is a theological document. It tells you what you are putting first in your life." [John Maxwell]

Still Collecting Labels For Red Bird Mission

From Suzanne Romig

LABELS! Last spring the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky sent in Campbell product labels for the purchase of new items for the school children of Appalachia. They redeemed 1,668,620 labels to purchase their 24th van and 30 other items for the school.



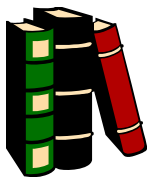
Lincoln Park Church has been one of thousands of United Methodist churches nationwide which supports the Red Bird Mission. If you wish to see what your labels purchase, please stop in the church kitchen and check out letters from Red Bird. You'll be amazed to see what those labels can provide, including encyclopedias, playground equipment, and overhead projectors. A number of years ago, **Harvey and Evelyn Davidheiser** packed up our labels plus other donations and headed to the Red Bird Mission so they could see what it was all about.

As with so many things in our lives, change is here. The front panel from the Campbell labels is no longer accepted. We must save the UPC bar code, along with the "Labels for Education" symbol, in order to qualify for redemption. The General Mills BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION are still collectable also.

The list of eligible products for collection is posted in the kitchen on the cabinet fronts, behind the swinging door. Please check it out, and put your clipped "bar-code, Labels for Education" in the jar or box on the counter. The children of Appalachia will be grateful.

Women's Book Club

From Connie Pawlikowski



Because of Memorial Day, we'll skip May and meet on June 25, at the Dettra home, 407 Harvard Boulevard, Lincoln Park. Our selection for June is *Double Bind*, by Chris Bohjalian.

The story centers on Laurel Estabrook, a young social worker and survivor of a near-rape, who stumbles across photographs taken by a formerly homeless client. She tries to understand how a man who'd taken snapshots of celebrities in the 50's and 60's might have wound up on the streets. *Double Bind* races toward a conclusion that boosts a shocking twist.

This elegantly crafted tale is well worth delving into. Join us in June!



From Barbara Wenger, Mission Chair

Homeless Still Seek Meals

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The April 2 meeting was opened with prayer by **Pastor Dorris McCoy**. The following donations were allocated:

- African University-\$70
- Pocono Plateau Camp-\$100
- Gretna Glen Camp-\$100
- Camp Innabah-\$100
- Carson-Simpson Farm-\$100
- Mission Trip to Biloxi, MS (Barb Wenger)-\$200.

Homeless people use the housing and assistance programs that OPPORTUNITY HOUSE offers for employment training and permanent housing. In warm weather, numbers may drop from 130 to 90 or so men, women, and children seeking shelter and a hot evening meal, but their needs remain. They ask our heartfelt response.

The next Mission Committee meeting is Monday, May 7, at 7 pm in the Library. Please join us.

LP serves supper there every other month. We welcome cash donations or cooking assistance; please contact **Pastor Dorris**. Still needed is a permanent menu planner and chief chef!

Prayer Shawls Update

Five prayer shawls were presented to our Pastoral Care Team, chaired by **Anne Wardrop**, to be delivered to homebound or hospitalized members or friends of LP Church. Special thanks to those who made the shawls.

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the worship of God goes on within every activity. Whether you're feeding the hungry at Opportunity House, cooking chili for the Chili Supper, pricing fleas for the Flea Market, or serving every Sunday, God is there. Our worship of God needs to be in all that we do. It is also important to note that the people called to serve in this new job had never done it before. It was a new experience for everyone involved. The cool thing is that God is in this with us, and God will provide the people needed if the job is for God's purpose.

I'm still nervous about my surgery, but I truly have a peace within me that God is going to provide for me and my family. I just have to trust God and praise God for his continued presence in my life! God is good! God is great! God will take care of each of us the way we need to be taken care of! Praise God for all his love, care, and goodness! Praise God for knowing what we need and providing for it!

CHURCH SCHOOL: Learning For All Ages

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



LP's ongoing Church School Schedule, September-May, offers learning for children beginning at age 3, youth in grades 7-12, and young to senior adults. There's always room for new ideas and new leaders, so don't hesitate to call CE'd Chair, **Linda Hope**, 610-670-9731, or see **Pastor Dorris**, who's always ready with resources and encouraging support.

At 9:30 am

...after Children's Time in the Contemporary Service, 3 year olds through 3rd graders enjoy music fun with **Beverly Perella** in the Choir Room before heading to Rooms 101 & 104 for age-appropriate, fun Bible discovery.

...adults meet in the Church Library with **Norm and Nancy Dettra** for Bible study using Lectionary Cycle C.

At 10:45 am

...children ages 3 through 6th grade meet for music and theme introductions with **Lin Umstead** and **Becky Chadwick** in the Choir Room, before heading to specific studies in Rooms 101, 102, & 104.

...youth Class for 7th through 12th graders meets in Room 103.

...adults explore the Bible and its messages today with **Earl Hope** in the Library.

PLEASE NOTE: Church School schedule changes when the summer worship schedule begins **Sunday, June 3**. Then, there will be Children's Church School only for ages 3-3rd grade after the Children's Message at the 9 am Contemporary Service. Children are invited for other summer activities, such as VBS (p. 10) and Summer Theater.

WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Mon, June 18 - Fri, June 22, 8:30 am - Noon: Vacation Bible School

Youth are needed for crew leaders. Please contact **Linda Hope**, **Pastor Dorris**, or **Karen Osika** if you can help!

Sunday, July 29 - Sunday, August 5

Summer Theater - Intergenerational Drama/Musical

Evening practices throughout the week (Sunday - Thursday), from 6-8 pm, with performance on Friday, at 7 pm, and an encore performance for the congregation on Sunday, August 5, at 10 am. Auditions TBA. For more information, contact **Linda Hope**, **Pastor Dorris**, or **Beverly Perella**.

Pastoral Care Committee Calls for HELP!

From Anne Wardrop, Chairman

Our Pastoral Care Committee desperately needs new members. Our present members are so faithful, and have served since the PPC was initiated, about 15 years ago.

Each member is assigned a person. This person could be a shut-in, or living in assisted living or a nursing facility, or someone very lonely.

You would visit your person as often as you like, perhaps once a month. At that time, you may have a small gift to give to her or him, such as a craft item made by our Sunday School children. A phone call or note is always welcome too.

We meet three or four times a year. At that meeting, we present an update of the persons we are visiting. The Pastor meets with us and serves communion.

I would like to add five or six new members. Would you consider serving this way? Please call me at 610-777-3178.



Pastoral Care Team



Annual Flea Market Saturday, May 19, 2007

Needed: Food Concession Donations



- _____ Soda (2 liter bottles)
- _____ lbs. BBQ
- _____ doz. Hamburger rolls
- _____ doz. Hot dog rolls
- _____ Baked Goods (brownies, cookies, cakes, pies, etc.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Please deposit this donation sheet in the box provided in the Wagner Room or Memorial Hall.

Help our Telephone Committee eliminate excess calls - complete this form TODAY!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Please bring your donations to the Church Kitchen by Friday, May 18.

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While we were not free to verbally share the love of Jesus, we could physically reach out and touch, listen and talk with patients. These simple acts may be much more than they've previously known.

Our team stayed in basic hotels in Allahabad and Lucknow. We were transported 1 1/2 hours to and from the clinic sites each day. Much of the trip was over rough, narrow roads filled with motorized vehicles, cows, foot traffic, or the unexpected.

Each mission trip is a blessing and an opportunity to grow in the love and grace of our Lord, to share His love with others, to look back at the end of the trip and realize He had been with us each step of the way.

Thank you to all who prayed for the team. We wouldn't want to do any of this work without your support.

In His Service,
Betty Frederickson

May 12 is the 15th annual Letter Carrier Food Drive. You can participate by donating food. Simply leave the food in a bag or box by your door or mailbox, and let your mailman do the rest. We accept all non-perishable food items, please no glass. Everything collected is distributed by the Greater Berks Food Bank.

Please note: Drop-off boxes can be found at the back of both worship areas at LP Church.



Wedding Congratulations

...to **Erika Garrity** and Aaron Pied, who were married on Monday, April 2, in Rockville, MD.

Erika has accepted a two-year position as a Nutritionist in Thailand. She and Aaron will leave for Thailand on April 26. When they are settled there, an address will be available.

...and to **Andrew Fallon** and Sonja Smith, married April 14, on Captiva Island, Florida. Andrew works as a project assistant for the law firm of Kellogg, Huber, Hansen PLLC, in Washington DC. Sonja is a Real Estate Agent with Long and Foster in Washington DC. Their address is 3318 Volta Place NW, Apt 2, Washington DC 20007.



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Births

Congratulations to **Edmund** and **Kristina Newton** on the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Pauline**, on April 6.



...and to **Scott** and **Luci Schaeffer**, on the birth of daughter, **Abigail Jessica**, on April 17. May God bless these growing families with His love and care.

Jeanne and Harold Perkins celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in April. Congratulations!



May Birthdays

“When you can’t solve the problem, manage it.”

Robert H. Schuller

Trisha Goldsborough	5/5/2000
Ariana Thomas	5/6/1998
Ashley Foltz	5/6/1999
Christopher Raab	5/16/2001
Grace Deibler	5/20/1997
Emily Ritenour	5/30/2000
Jonathan Fallon	5/30/2003



Please call the Church Office, 610-777-1422, if you have a graduate in your family. We'd like to recognize and congratulate them! Thank you!

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