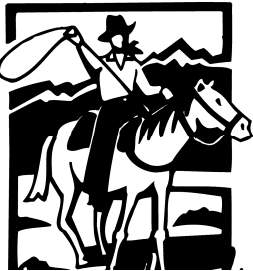




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Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *June, 2007*



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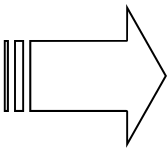
June 18-22, 9 am - Noon

From Karen Osika

Come join the **AVALANCHE RANCH** Vacation Bible School crew on an exciting adventure into God's Word. Here you'll enjoy Bible Point Crafts, exciting games, experience thrilling Bible stories, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music.

You'll see old friends and make new ones. Cowpokes from three to 99 years old are welcome to experience the fun activities and lively music. Part-time or full-time help is gratefully accepted. Please watch for the wish-list board. Donations are always appreciated.

So come on down to **AVALANCHE RANCH** VBS at Lincoln Park Church, **June 18-22**. Early Bird begins at 8:30, and all other activities begin at 9am. When you come, be prepared for a hardy *WAH-HOO!*



**Flea Market
Fundraiser
Yields \$4,463.80**

**Thanks to all who helped!
Special thanks to Beverly
Ruffner, Elaine Meckes,
and Barbara Wenger!**

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WORSHIP IN JUNE

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Our summer worship hours begin June 3:
Contemporary Worship 9 am
Traditional Worship 10:30 am,
(Music Prelude 10:15 am)

Sunday, June 3

GRADUATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

“Childlike not Childish” - Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Luke 18:15-17. *Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.*
Luke 18:17.

Sunday, June 10

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Sunday, June 17

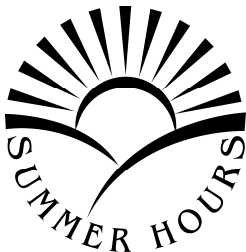
FATHER'S DAY

“Spittin’ Image” - Ezekiel 34:11-30, John 17:20-25. *As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* John 17:21b.

Sunday, June 24

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our preacher will be **Pastor Dorris McCoy**. The sermon title is "God's Soft Whisper." Scriptures are 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42, and Galatians 3:23-29. The day's worship will explore God's call to us in different times and places. We are challenged not to be afraid of silence but to search for quiet times; to listen for God's word in unexpected places, from different people, and from differing traditions.



Summer hours for the Church Office begin on
Monday, June 11:
Monday - Thursday, 9 am-2 pm
Closed Fridays

Meet Our New Members



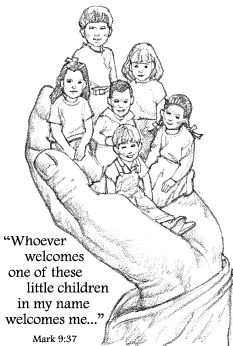
The following persons were received into membership on May 13. We extend to them our Christian love and welcome them into our fellowship.

Katherine Hagee (501 Erich St, Wernersville, PA 19565, 610-927-2467) is married to Steven, and is mother of Moryn. She is a teacher in the Wilson School District. Her hobbies include reading and Book Club. Kathy comes to us from St. John United Church of Christ in Wernersville.

Karen McGrath (50 East Court Blvd, Reading, PA 19609, 610-670-1022) is married to our pastor, Jerry McGrath, and is mother of Marguerite and Katherine. She is a stay-at-home mother. Her hobbies include volunteering with Opportunity House, reading, and spending time at the beach. Karen comes to us through transfer from Addisville Reformed Church.

Thanks To You, Kids Are Busy and Welcome!

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me..."
Mark 9:37

Thank you one and all for your response to last fall's Consecration efforts. Because of members' generous stewardship commitment, Christian Education is able to provide new resources and programs, like our new **WELCOME PACKS FOR KIDS**. The Welcome Packs are filled with activity books and simple projects for LP's youngest. They are available at the Welcome Tables at worship entrances. Biblically-based, fun materials and supplies are

included to engage children's attention and divert energies during worship. Children return totes with unused resources neatly inside to ensure readiness for the next child's enjoyment. Another plus---God's message travels to homes with kids!

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

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Sonship. And by him we cry Abba, Father. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. If indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Romans 8:14-17.

It was a warm, sunny June day in 1969, on a packed beach at Wildwood, New Jersey. I was all of four years old and followed someone I thought was my aunt into the surf. It wasn't too long before I realized this woman was not my aunt and that I was lost from my family. Frantically I looked around. There were so many people in the way. I couldn't find my family. I cried out, "Daddy! Daddy!" The surrounding people crowded in and asked, "Are you lost little boy?" Panic began to set in because I didn't want all that attention. Fortunately, from out of the mass, a huge man came and plucked me up in his arms and carried me back to my family. That man was my father. Although he is 5'5", he appeared to be the tallest man in the world.

As an adult, I have come to realize how much I have learned and experienced the love of God through my father. The older I am, the more I acknowledge that my dad really is incredibly wise. When I look at this passage, I see that my dad led

me to experience the true love and grace of God, the Father. My father represents all that the Bible says about a good, God obedient, God fearing man. I know that I have been truly blessed because, through my dad's example, I have warm, loving feelings when I refer to God as Father.



**FOR ALL WHO ARE
LED BY THE SPIRIT OF
GOD ARE CHILDREN
OF GOD.**

ROMANS 8:14, NRSV

Unfortunately, many people have negative feelings toward the term, "God the Father." Some fathers may have been neglectful, abusive, cruel or indifferent. Many people may be unfamiliar with the loving term, 'Abba' meaning Daddy, which describes God. Some can't relate because they never experienced love and care from their fathers.

As we draw closer to Father's Day, it's time to consider how we as the Christian Body can lead people to the perfect, all-loving Father. The Christian movement, PROMISE KEEPERS, trains men to become strong Christian role models. It is based on Biblical standards and challenges men

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Pastor Krpata To Be Ordained

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Pastor Andrew Krpata, former Assistant Pastor at LP, will be a recipient of the sacred orders of ordination as elder at Eastern PA Annual Conference Commissioning and Ordination Celebration, 7 pm, Friday, June 15, at the Sheraton Center City in Philadelphia. Congratulations to Andy on this achievement. May God bless him richly in all the opportunities to which Our Lord calls him to serve. Personal notes may be sent to Pastor Andy at 7801 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19128.

DISCIPLE SMALL GROUPS

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Would you like to go deeper in your spiritual journey as a Christian Disciple? Disciple Small Groups may be for you. These groups will be designed around John Wesley's small group model and will help people grow spiritually, equip them for ministry and leadership, and establish the concept of accountability before God. The key elements of the small group include:

- prayer
- mutual accountability around a shared covenant
- mutual support in spiritual and faith growth
- study

These groups will nurture communion with God and development of a Christian character towards discipleship. Please see **Pastor McGrath** for further information.



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in the Body of Christ to be father figures to those who do not have a good Christian father.

The Bible tells us about raising up men to walk in the ways of the Lord. I am proud to see the men of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church being good father figures to their own children, and to other children in the church and in the community. May we continue to respond to God's call to lead people to the Father by being strong, kind Christian father figures to those who need one.



MEET OUR CONFIRMANDS

Jordan Bartal

Jordan is the daughter of **Debbie** and **Steve** and sister to **Andrew**. She is in 7th grade at Wilson Central Junior High. An active member of our youth group, Jordan enjoys playing basketball, dancing, and shopping.

Emily Levan

The daughter of **Sue Kappenstein** and sister to **Billy**, Emily is in 7th grade at Wilson Southern Junior High. Her hobbies include Irish step dancing and playing the guitar and clarinet. She is also a member of her school's chorus and softball team.

Corina Piller

Corina is the daughter of **David** and **Carol Piller**. She attends Exeter Junior High and enjoys playing the flute.

SUMMER LEARNING SCHEDULE

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Summer options for Christian Education include Bible-based activities for children ages 3 through 3rd grades only during the 9 am worship hour. Leaders may sign up on schedule boards at the rear of the worship area.

Group's Kids Own Worship resources provide opportunities for kids to learn how God gives strength, hope, love and a listening ear while helping children discover how to be friends. Older elementary, youth, and adult study classes resume in September. Please watch the September *News-Linc* for details.



If your summer schedule slows down and allows you to lead a class, please contact **Pastor Dorris**; I'd be thrilled to discuss resources and possibilities with you. *A friend loves at all times* (Proverbs 17:17a). Come aboard---weave and build faith through our lives, church, home, work and school.

LPUMC 2007 GARDEN TOUR

From Jean Weikel



Garden Tour

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 at 1 pm sharp. A light lunch, desserts and cold drinks will be served on the tour.

You can join the GARDEN TOUR by signing up on the sheet located in the Wagner Room or by calling **Jean Weikel**, 610-777-3678. Bring a neighbor, friend or relative along. The cost will be \$10 per person. If you pay by check, make the check out to *Lincoln Park United Methodist Church*. We could use another garden for the tour, so if anyone is interested in entering a garden as part of the tour, notify Jean as soon as possible.



Summer Opportunities

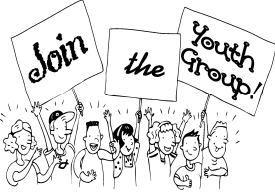
From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Add to your Calendar...

→LP Church's next date to provide supper for the homeless in the Reading area will be **Tuesday, July 3**, at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE. To provide \$\$\$ donations, fresh fruits/veggies/ground beef/desserts, or people-power, please contact **Pastor Dorris**. Celebrate the blessings of summer by serving supper with a wonderful team of servants! A permanent chef/coordinator is still being sought.

→Coming in August - **A LABYRINTH** at LP to enhance our prayer time, provide contemplation and meditation time, and promote personal/spiritual growth. If you would like to assist with developing this prayer path at LP, please contact **Pastor Dorris**.

YOUTH-INITIATION



UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale

New and exciting things are happening with our youth!

A **YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM** has been formed with the following teens who have offered their time and talents:

Heather Hope
Ashley Loeb
Jordan Bartal

Matt Hope
Josh Lee
Becky Perry

ReJeana Goldsborough

This group is open to anyone who wants to attend and take part in the future of the Youth Ministry at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church. Our adult coaches are **Dennis Antunes** and **Stacey Jones**. For information about upcoming meetings, please call **Cori**, 610-775-1110.

Next UMYF Meetings:

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

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

These evenings are filled with food, fellowship, games and faith exploration. Bring a friend and come join the fun!

Sunday, June 10 or June 24 - Reading Phillies Game TBD

Starting in August, we'll invite upcoming 7th graders to attend UMYF activities. There will be a family event to introduce the new teens and families, along with a weekend retreat, **August 23 - 27**. More details will follow.

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**.



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

From Tracy Goldsborough

**June 3 - JR. Youth Picnic
12 - 3 pm**

Pick up and drop off will be wherever we decide to have the picnic. Below are our picnic options. I will contact you shortly to take a vote.

Option 1 = Mohnton Pool

Option 2 = Goldsborough's house (trampoline, tire swing & bonfire)

Option 3 = Nolde Forest (hike & picnic on the way)

Option 4 = At the church

Thanks for all who helped and played this year with Jr. Youth. I will be in touch with newcomers and oldcomers in August to start planning. We start all over again in September for Laser Tag. Everyone, have a great summer!

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished to see how much he had learned in seven years.”

—Mark Twain



June 17

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

From Cheri Fallon

Andrew Bartal

son of **Debbie** and **Steve**, will graduate from Wilson HS in June and plans to attend Shippensburg University in the fall. He will major in journalism and hopes some day to write for a newspaper, magazine, or other publication.

Already Andrew has published a book of poems called *Equilibrium* and is working on a new book. He also writes for *Voices* in the *Reading Eagle*, his school paper, and the online publication at Wilson, *Mirror Image*.

An active member of the Youth Group at LP, Andrew enjoyed participating in a Youth Worship Service this year. "I didn't know we had it in us to pull it off," he says of the service. He read a poem he had written especially for the day and has also penned prayers for other services.

Andrew likes to read poetry and contemporary novels, his favorite being *Ham on Rye*, by Charles Bukowski.

Mark Harvey

son of Lon and Debbie, graduated Magna Cum Laude with distinction in chemistry, from Boston University on May 20. He will head to Stanford University in the fall working toward a doctorate in chemistry.

Mark was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, and won the College Prize for

Excellence and the Mason Memorial Award in Chemistry, based on scholarship and research. He graduated from the Honors Program at BU, and wrote and defended a thesis based on his undergraduate research, earning him distinction in chemistry.

"Mark was really loaded with work," says Debbie, and "he was taking some graduate courses." However, he was a member of the Astronomy Club, the Snowboard Team, and played some intramural soccer.

He has always been interested in music and was able to squeeze in an electronic music course last semester.

Last summer Mark was awarded a grant to do research at BU in synthetic inorganic chemistry. Debbie and Lon are glad to have Mark home this summer. He intends to work for a lab in Norristown, working with mosquitoes!

Mark's favorite book is *The Moor's Last Sigh*, by Salman Rushdie. "He's a great storyteller and crafter of the English language," says Mark.

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Matthew Lanza

son of **Kerry** and **Barbara**, Matthew will graduate from Governor Mifflin HS on June 8. He'll attend the University of Pennsylvania this fall to major in biology, specifically Biological Bases of Behavior, which Matt says "is a mix of biology and psychology."

Matt has wanted to be a veterinarian "for as long as I can remember." He has been volunteering with his dad at Red Creek Wildlife Center in Schuylkill County since he was about 15. "We took care of the animals there," he says.

Matt looks forward to going to college at Penn in the city of Philadelphia. It should be an "interesting change," he says. "I'm very excited about meeting new people and about living on my own."

Matt has been accepted to live in Riep House at Penn and as part of the residential program will be tutoring inner city kids.

Matt plays the violin (which he's done at LP Church on occasion) but also for his school orchestra and for the Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra. In fact, he'll be going with the Reading group to Europe this summer.

Matt is a member of National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, was Stu-

dent of the Month, an AP Scholar, a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, and won 1st Place at the Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair.

Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien and *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis are some of his favorite books.

An interesting note: Matt's sister **Emily**, who also went to Penn, is now at Cambridge University studying archaeology and anthropology.

Amy Lynn McFeaters

daughter of **Robert** and **Karen**, received her Juris Doctor Degree from New England

School of Law, in Boston. Amy is interested in practicing Family Law and/or Real Estate Transactions.

A Wilson HS and Penn State grad,

Amy enjoys writing and was published at Penn State in the *Oswald Review*. She found herself in an *Introduction to Criminal Justice* class at PSU and so her path to law school began.



Internships at the Berks County Courthouse in the summers provided experience and variety for Amy. One year as an undergrad she worked in the Juvenile Probation Office. Another summer she spent in the Prothonotary's Office, and last summer she worked



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JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		<p>The summer night is like thought. — Wallace</p>	
<p>3 Summer Worship: 9am-Contemporary 10:30am-Traditional</p>  <p>Jr Youth Picnic 12pm UMYF 6pm</p>	<p>4 Worship Comm 7pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10 Garden Tour 12:45pm</p>	<p>11 Agape 11:15am Finance Comm 7pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p>  <p>UMYF 6pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Vacation Bible School Avalanche Ra</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Book Club 7pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>

2007



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with Guardian Ad Litem lawyers. (attorneys who work for children, not necessarily for what the child wants, but for what the child should have).

A lawyer she worked with there noticed her enthusiasm and told Amy, "I think you've found what you want to do!" Although it's been quite a lot of work, Amy admits "I really do like it!"

Amy made the Dean's List at law school and was Editor-in-Chief of *Due Process*, the school newspaper. In July, Amy will be taking the PA Bar Exam.

Before that, on June 9, Amy will marry Jeff Neher in LP church. A honeymoon to the Dominican Republic will follow the Bar Exam in July!

Amy's favorite book, which she's reading for the third time, is *I Know this Much is True* by Wally Lamb.

Kenny O'Regan

son of **Susan** and **Dennis**, graduates from Wyomissing HS and will attend American University, with a double major in history and anthropology.

"At this time," says Kenny, "I'm interested in secondary ed, as a history teacher. I've always had a real passion for history," says Kenny. "It's something I got from my grandfather who served in World War II. I want to share that with

people."

"We can learn so much from history, not only about our world but also about ourselves," says Kenny, who looks forward to going to school in Washington, DC. "I am big into politics," says Kenny, and "American is the #1 politically active school."

An Eagle Scout, Kenny says "I've done a whole lot in scouting. It's a really nice way to be able to give back."

At Wyomissing, Kenny was President of the Debate Club, Treasurer of Latin Club, and on the Chess Team. He ran cross country in the fall, also indoor (winter) and spring track.

This summer Kenny will be working at the Shoe Department in the Berkshire Mall, going camping with friends, and "running a lot around Wyomissing. I'm a big outdoors person."

He has most enjoyed reading Hemingway's *Old Man and the Sea*, Orwell's *1984*, and Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*.



We'll have more graduates next month. If you have a graduate in your family, or are a graduate, please call me, 610-678-8735, or email me, cherfallon@comcast.net, so we can hear all about you!

"May your dreams stay big and your worries stay small, may you never have to carry any more than you can hold."

—Rascal Flatts

Change of Locale for Mission Trip

From Barbara Wenger

God had changed the location of my mission trip from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, to Biloxi. Our work assignment was the reconstruction of a home there.

Six of us represented four churches: Annville UMC, Annville, Bethany UMC, Hamburg, Central Park UMC, Reading, and our own Lincoln Park UMC. We traveled from April 13-21 on a trip for the Volunteers in Mission of the Mississippi District of the United Methodist Church.

We spent many hours spackling inside a restored rancher in Gulfport, a small suburb outside Biloxi. We were very

happy to finally apply the primer to the dining room, kitchen, and one bedroom.



The next mission team will add primer to the other rooms and paint the top coats.

The joy of seeing and talking to the homeowner was the best reward for our mission there!

Many thanks to the Mission Committee for the money donation and to all for their prayers for me!



“The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience.”

—Emily Dickinson

Grace Notes

From Lin Umstead and Beverly Perella

Our church mission statement here at LPUMC is *Seeking and Sharing Christ*. Through the summer special music is planned for every Sunday. We encourage you to invite a friend or two to enjoy not only the musical offerings, but also the message and fellowship.

The traditional worship service will begin at 10:30 am, but please plan to come at 10:15 to enjoy the musical preludes to worship.

♪ June 3: Sr. Choir Sunday - ensemble music featuring members of LPUMC's Chancel Choir.

♪ June 10: Charles and Diane Kadyk- French horn and string duet.

♪ June 17: Sacred and classical selections on the pedal harp.

♪ June 24: Camerata String Quartet featuring LP member, **Barbara Lanza**.

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

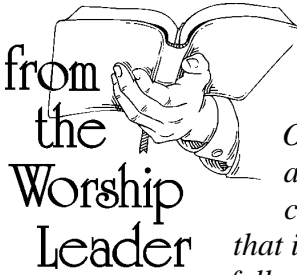
“When In Our Music God Is Glorified,” UM Hymnal, stanza 2.

Training Offered in June

The next MAKING DISCIPLES TRAINING will be offered during sessions at Annual Conference in Philadelphia, June 13-15. The Rev. Dr. Tom Albin, Dean, Upper Room Ministries, will present on "Living as Christian Disciples: The Means of Grace and the Ordinances of God." If you're interested in more details and would like attend this workshop on faith sharing and evangelical recruitment, please see **Pastor Jerry**.



Making Disciples



Worship Leader Minute for June

From Becky Chadwick

Our glory as the Church of the Living God is to be out where the action is. No, I'm not talking about just worshipping God in the cocoon of our four church walls. I'm talking about a Church that is in the highways and byways, passing out food and giving folks clothing while we tell them with unquenchable joy: 'God is not counting your trespasses against you!' That is our glory as saints of the Risen Christ. -Bishop Joseph L. Garlington, *Worship*, p.103.

We are GREAT worshipers! We were made to worship God in everything that we do, all the time, in all situations. It doesn't matter what our job is, what we are doing on Saturday afternoon or Friday night, we should be worshipping God. But more than that, we should be INTENTIONALLY thinking about what we do to share that worship with others. Worship is not a private interaction with God 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Yes, it is vitally important to have private worship time and interaction time with God, but just as important is how we publicly worship God. Public worship is more than attendance at church on Sunday, a Chili Supper, a great concert, or any other activity that is held at the church. Public worship involves movement into the community. Public worship involves taking risks in the name of Jesus Christ in order to spread the wonderful news of Christ's love and grace.

May God our Father himself and our Master Jesus clear the road to you! And may the Master pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you, just as it does from us to you. May you be infused with strength and purity, filled with confidence in the presence of God our Father when our Master Jesus arrives with all his followers. -1 Thessalonians 3:11-13.



The family of **Anna Mae Owens** who died on May 7. May God's peace and love be with them and also with all of her church friends.

The **Shaeffer** family on the recent loss of **Joan's** sister, Bev Dodd, on May 2. May God surround them with his love and care.



NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS

From Jerry Manhart

If you gave money to Lincoln Park UMC during 2006, you are somewhere on the table on page 19.

Some people can look at a spreadsheet or table and all they see are numbers and more numbers. Other people can look at the same data and not only see numbers, but also can see the story that they tell. The Finance and Stewardship Committees have reviewed and will continue to look at the attached table to try to determine what the numbers say for Lincoln Park UMC. They already noticed that the 2006 table is very close to the one made for 2005.

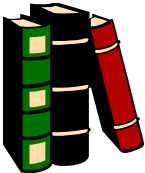
To read the table, look in the left column and find \$5,001 - \$6,000; you will see a 4 in the column to the right of it. What that means is that 4 contributors gave a total amount of money last year between \$5,001 and \$6,000.

Looking at the bottom row, you can see that we had a total of 267 known contributors and they gave a total of \$359,202.86.

Look at the left column and find \$1,501 - \$2,000. To the right you will see that 19 contributors gave in that interval. To the right again you will see that they gave, on average, over \$28 per week. To the right of that you will see that 77 contributors gave that amount or more. Again to the right, you will see that the 77 contributors are 29% out of the total 267 givers. To the right you will see that the 77 contributors gave a total of \$284,482. In the last column you can see that that amount is 79% of the total given, \$359,203.

The conclusion is that 29% of the contributors gave 79% of the money last year.

If members honor their pledge for 2007, the table for 2007 will have more contributors in the upper part of the table. *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over...*
(Luke 6:38)



Women's Book Club

From Connie Pawlikowski

Our Book Club will meet on June 25, 7 pm, at the Dettra home, 407 Harvard Boulevard, Lincoln Park. Our selection is *Double Bind*, by Chris Bohjalian. Join us to share in discussion of this elegantly crafted novel.

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS 11 – Herb Miller

Breakthrough to Freedom

Submitted by Jerry Manhart

“Becoming a tither provides a definite breakthrough for every Christian. It unlocks the door of his mind, heart, and will. It releases. It emancipates. It frees. Becoming a tither is a milestone in a Christian’s life

“There is a release from within that is very liberating and pleasant . . . This release is not only a feeling of peace and rest but a grace to do things with more vigor than ever before—whether it be effectiveness on the job or understanding the Bible.

“In other words, tithing does something for you spiritually . . . It does something for you that cannot be explained in terms of material return. It sets you on a course to become more than you have been—more what God wants you to be, more of what you are naturally capable of being. Tithing is so essential to your development as a Christian that nothing will be its adequate substitute.

“Why is this? Because tithing is as much a part of Christian gratitude and obedience as any commandment God ever gave. We are so made that until God has all of us we are unhappy with our-

selves. Augustine put it like this: ‘Thou hast made us for Thyself; our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.’ So it is with tithing—sooner or later. We are made to respond graciously to God. This response, if it does not affect our checkbooks, is very minute indeed. Tithing is God’s way. Until we consistently, regularly, and faithfully tithe there is something defective about our Christian life that will not be remedied by any other form of Christian obedience. But when that area of obedience is dealt with, the reward is wonderful indeed.

“Reward is possibly not the right word. It seems at first that the blessing should be called reward. But the time is likely to come that one sees the reward as tithing itself—not the blessing that emerges from doing it but merely doing it! It works like this. At first we are like babies, or children, who need reinforcement and encouragement. But there is a stage in which a Christian doesn’t even look at it that way; he thanks God for the privilege of tithing. Tithing, then, becomes its own reward.” [Tithing, R.T. Kendall]





From Barbara Wenger, Mission Chair

The May 7 meeting opened with prayer by **Lee Riley**. The following allocations were approved:

Greater Berks Food Bank	\$100
Methodist Services for Children	\$100
Habitat For Humanity	\$100
Women in Crisis	\$100
Salvation Army	\$100
UMCOR for Kansas	
(Greensburg) Recovery	\$200

Mission Committee will take time off for the summer but will resume September 10, ready to complete the mission church year.

Happy summer days with enjoyable vacations to share.

Food Ministry Seeks More Volunteers

From Angela Juckem, submitted by Carl and Nancy Madeira

Your church has been supporting the Food Ministry at Central Park UM Church by volunteering in the soup kitchen. We certainly appreciate what you do, as without your help we could not continue this ministry.

We need more volunteers in the Kitchen Cupboard either on a regular basis or as substitutes. The Kitchen Cupboard is open every Wednesday, 10 am-1 pm, and volunteers usually arrive at 9:45 am.

We'd be happy to have your youth volunteer during the summer. If you can help, please call Helen Ruth at the church, 610-375-2662, or me at home, 610-796-0697.

Focusing Within A Bequest

From Rolland Ackelson

A bequest, as defined in a legal dictionary, is simply *a transfer of property by will*. However, most bequests are much more personal and usually represent gifts of gratitude or honor to someone or some institutions that have played a significant part in a person's life.

By that standard, LPUMC ought to be among the first considered by parishioners when creating an estate plan. What better way to benefit the church in your will than to designate the LPUMC Endowment Fund as the recipient of your bequest? Naming the Endowment Fund will assure that your gift of gratitude will benefit the church and its spiritual mission for years to come. As a next step, consult with your attorney or financial advisor, or read the pamphlet, "Giving For A Lifetime and Beyond," available on the FERREE MEMORIAL DISPLAY CASE in the Narthex.

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From our mailbox 

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the assorted groceries and \$3 you donated to our Pantry. It is good to know that God has given us friends who will help us in our ministry. With you by our side, we are able to offer a greater variety of items to our clients. May God continue to bless you for your kindness.

-Anna Marie Wallace,

Soup Kitchen Mgr, Central Park UMC

♥ Thank you for your kind words, prayers and cards throughout pregnancy and the birth of our daughter, Sarah. We feel it is really a blessing to raise our girls within such a faithful and loving community. We look forward to the baptism with anticipation.

Glory be to God!

-The Newtons

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers that you sent to me after my recent neck surgery! They all meant so much to me. Thank you also for the dinners that you sent for me and my family. Bill and I are very thankful to be members of such a wonderful, thoughtful congregation.

-Becky Chadwick

Note that our next *News-Linc* covers both July and August; please submit news for both months at the June deadline. Thanks!

Margin Anyone?

From Bobbi French

Does your life have any breathing room? ...In *The Overload Syndrome* Richard Swenson invites us to consider the need for margin in our lives.

“Margin, he says, “is the space that once existed between our load and our limits, between vitality and exhaustion.” With margin we have room for joy, service, health, relationships, and *availability for the purposes of God.*

Henry Nouwen suggests that “discipline means to prevent everything in your life from being filled up.” For me and my family this is a challenge that requires deliberate choice nearly every day.

Donna Schaper, in her book *Sabbath Keeping*, says “In Sabbath keeping...we say ‘no’ to a life that is without play or rest or grace. We say ‘yes’ to a life that is grounded in God’s grace. For Sabbath keeping allows us time to love, and thus restores us to the joy of our salvation.”



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Births

Congratulations to **Jennifer (Troutman) and Michael Gilinger** on the birth of their son, **Zachary Dean**, on April 27, in

Bryn Mawr Hospital. Proud grandparents, **Dean and Nancy Troutman**, and great-grandmother, **Mary Harmon**, welcome their first grandchild. God bless all.



Congratulations to **Robert and Sally Lamb** on the birth of their son, **Owen Mark**, 8 lbs. 9 oz, 21 inches, on May 3. God bless!



June Birthdays

Olyvia Woll 6/2/2003
Sarah Snyder 6/14/2002
Jacob Painter 6/22/1999
Watson Maack 6/27/2000
Niko Galanos 6/29/2001
William Stone 6/29/2002



Summer Worship Times Begin June 3

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

Worship with us:	10:30 am (Traditional Worship)	
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