

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *April, 2008*

Fun & Fellowship While We Work **LP's Annual Flea Market Is Coming Up May 17**

From Beverly Ruffner

As we all know, *many hands make light work!* And so it is with our biggest church fundraiser of the year. Please reserve the date: **Saturday, May 17, 7 am – 3 pm.** We need your support for an event which brings many \$\$\$\$'s to our church budget. Dozens of volunteers enjoy fellowship and camaraderie while putting in a few *or many* hours to make it happen.



office starting *immediately*. The doors are open 9 am – 2 pm. Donations will be accepted until Friday, May 9. Please bring your fleas in cartons rather than bags, so they can be stored easily after they are sorted and priced.

As in past years, there are a few guidelines. We cannot accept the following:

- glasses or mugs with logos
- encyclopedias, textbooks, and magazines (all other books are

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You can help by:

- bringing in your collectibles and fleas after cleaning out your closets, attics and basements.
- signing up to help before/during/after the sale.
- donating food and baked goods.
- attending/supporting the sale on May 17.

Fleas and books may be dropped off in Room 200 in the basement of the church

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WORSHIP IN APRIL

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Sunday, April 6 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Will Your Bones Rise Again?”

Ezekiel 37:1-14, 1Corinthians 15:1-11

Sunday, April 13 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship Leader, **Becky Chadwick**, will be preaching.

Sunday, April 20 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

“Getting Out of Your Grave”

Psalm 88, John 12:18-44

Sunday, April 27 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Gates of Pearl; Streets of Gold: Just Hype?”

Genesis 2:4b-14, Revelation 21:9-27

CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Remember our ongoing Christian Education for all ages each Sunday.

All are welcome to grow in faith and understanding!

9:15 am - Children's Choir, Mini-lesson, and Bible activity for ages 3 through third graders following the Children's Message at Contemporary Worship.

10:10 am - Learning for all ages of children and youth concurrent with three study options for adults.

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!



It's Time To Learn about Church Camping

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



All three sites of the Eastern PA Conference camping programs offer exciting options for all ages to connect faith and fun. These camp sites are located at:

- ☀ Gretna Glen near Mount Gretna
- ☀ Camp Innabah near Pottstown
- ☀ Pocono Plateau in the Pocono area

Come and learn of all the possibilities at LP's CAMP SUNDAY on **April 6**. A representative from Gretna Glen will present **CAMPING MOMENTS** prior to both worship services. The rep will lead Church School with camp songs, camp crafts (a cell phone project teaching a lesson about calling God), games, and a Bible Lesson to tie it all together. Brochures will be available with detailed info and registration forms. Come - listen - is God calling you and/or your child to camp?

We Applaud Our Volunteers

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All LP's volunteers will be recognized on VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY, **April 20**, during both worship hours. LP's volunteers are VIP's - VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE - who keep ministry and service rolling in many areas of church life and mission. Join us...let us thank you for showing and sharing God's love. We are grateful!!

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fine)

- computer system components (CPU's, monitors, or printers)
- large items, such as washers, dryers, or exercise equipment.

We will accept clean, wearable clothing again this year. Please bring your donations to the Youth Room (formerly the Choir Room) beginning the week of April 28.

Please say *YES* to lending your hand to make light work while enjoying fun and fellowship. With questions, contact **Beverly Ruffner**, 610-777-0785.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Jesus answered him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' John 3:3

The Christian Ed Department of my former church would order caterpillar cocoons for Lent. The company selling the cocoons guaranteed butterflies by Easter. It was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces each Sunday as they saw changes in the cocoons. Butterflies would be released on Easter Sunday. It was a great way for the children to understand the resurrection and new birth that Christ offers us. However, part of the miracle wasn't just the caterpillars changing to butterflies, but that the change would always take place on Easter (give a day or two). The company's prediction was accurate every year.

Jesus promises us new life through His resurrection. He guarantees we can live a full, abundant life not just in the future, but here and now. The United Methodist baptismal ritual states, *We are given new life through water and the Spirit, all of this is God's gift, that Jesus offered to us without price.* Do we believe we have new life? Do we live as resurrected people? We may know it, but have we accepted that God offers us new birth, new life after every time we mess up?



When I was growing up, my brother and friends would play wiffleball in the front yard. We loved playing this game except for one problem: a crabapple tree by third base. Every time we hit the ball in the tree, it ruined our play. So, we decided that balls hit into the tree were, "Do overs." This gave the batter another chance to hit. In the real world, life may not offer "Do overs." If you make mistakes at work, you are fired. When we mess up in relationships, people end them. However, God does allow, "Do overs."

Easter is all about "Do overs." It is about new chances. Christ gives us new opportunities to change from our old sinful ways and habits, not just at Easter, but every day. The great hymn writers, Richard Avery and Donald Marsh, wrote the song, *Every Morning is Easter Morning*, to remind us that as believers of Christ's resurrection, we should be celebrating Easter every day. Each morning we could be experiencing wailing out of our tombs of sin and worldliness. This is the Easter message: Every morning can be a new birth.

LOOKING AHEAD to May...

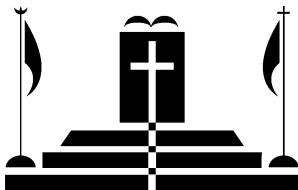
From Pastor Dorris McCoy

◆ **May 4** - Church Family, including adults, families and children - Join us for a PB&J Lunch, at 1 pm, in Memorial Hall, and hear the *Joseph Story* with **Betsy Buchanan** (plus other fun activities). Then journey with us to the Sovereign Performing Arts Center for Reading Civic Theater's 3 pm performance of Andrew Lloyd Weber's, *JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT*.

Upper balcony tickets for \$10 each are available by contacting **Pastor Dorris**. Info on orchestra seating and tickets is available from **K.C. Buchanan**, **Alex Goshert**, or **Emily Levan**, three of LP's members in the cast. The show will also be presented on Friday, May 2, at 8 pm, and Saturday, May 3, at 2 and 8 pm. If you're interested in tickets for these shows, contact K.C. , 610-777-2501, for more ticket information. We thank them for giving us advance notice of this wonderful opportunity!

◆ **May 6** - OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUPPER. Prepare at 4 pm and serve at 6 pm. Contact **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704.

◆ **May 8** - 8:30 am-2 pm, "Holistic Ministry - Connecting Mind, Body & Spirit," presented by Ruth Stoll, DNSc, RN, Coordinator for Congregational Health Ministries of Samaritan Counseling Center (Harrisburg Office), presented at Cornwall Manor, Lebanon.



General Conference of the United Methodist Church meets April 23 — May 2 in Fort Worth. You can follow preparations and actual sessions at gc2008.umc.org.

Come Have A Blast!!!
VBS: Power Lab
Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power
From Karen Osika



July 21-25, 9am -12pm (Early Bird Activities at 8:30)

We've got a solution to summertime boredom...send your kids to **POWER LAB**, where they'll discover Jesus' miraculous power! This is the place that's oozing with Bible Adventure.

Each day your children will take part in fun Bible learning they can see, hear touch, and even taste! Bible crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the **POWER LAB** activities that help faith flow into real life.

POWER LAB is great fun for children of all ages, including teenagers who sign on as Crew Leaders to help younger children. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us each day.

If you have any questions, contact **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726, or kdosika@aol.com.

Remember to mark your calendar: **JULY 21-25!**

Peace, Be Still

When I sang in the small rural church choir of my youth, one of my favorite hymns was about a storm at sea and the winds and the waves obeying Christ's will. The refrain, "Peace, peace, be still," came to me again today when everything about me seemed in crisis. Tense, worried, anxiously running to and fro, I was like that tumultuous sea...



I suddenly realized that as long as I was rushed and agitated, I could not see beyond the surface of my problems. I asked Jesus to calm my emotions as He calmed the winds and the waves.

—Jill Bakke, in *The Upper Room*, September 14, 1996



Families Helping Families

From Karen McGrath

The Missions Committee would like invite everyone to be part of our Community Spring Mission Outreach - collecting much needed items for residents at Opportunity House in Reading.

We'll be collecting: **diapers (large and extra-large), wipes, lotion, soap, shampoo, and over-the-counter medicines for allergies, fevers, upset stomach.**

Please feel free to donate items, monetary gifts and coupons.

Opportunity House's goal is to "help families and adults become and remain independent members of our community." Please also remember Opportunity House's needs as you spring clean. A list of household items (new or used) as well as utensils needed for the Shelter's kitchen will be listed on the collection boxes. Opportunity House's website is www.opphouse.org Please contact **Jim Eckert** , 610-373-1064, or **Karen McGrath**, 610- 670-1022, with any questions. Thank you!




Wheelchair Donated to Church

From Sandy Bressi

Our former Church Secretary, Kathy Reedy, kindly donated a wheelchair to our church. It is located right now at the bottom of the church elevator, near the kitchen. Please feel free to use it! Many thanks to Kathy!



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30 Confirmation Class 7 pm	2 Chancel Choir 7:30
6  Camp Sunday	7 Bible Study 10:30 am Staff Parish Comm 7pm	8 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30 Confirmation Class 7 pm	9 No Choir Rehearsal
13 Jr Group Bike/Hike 11:30am Youth Group 6-8pm	14 Bible Study 10:30am Agape 12pm Finance 7pm	15 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30	16 Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7:45
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Day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0pm	3 Craft Group 1pm - Rm 101 Praise Team 8pm	4	5
1	10 Praise Team 8pm	11	
5pm	17 Craft Group 1pm - Rm 101 Praise Team 8pm	18 Confirmation Class & Mentors visit Mosque	19
5pm	24 Praise Team 8pm	25 Confirmation Class & Mentors visit Synagogue 7:45pm	26 Chili Supper 6pm
5pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Looking ahead to May...</p> <p>5/4 "Joseph" Lunch & Theater event 5/6 Opportunity House 5/12 Agape; Finance 5/17 Flea Market 5/18 Music Sunday; Jr Group Help-a-Member 5/19 Church Council 5/28-30 2008 Annual Conference</p> </div>		

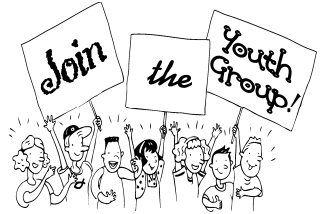
UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

Sunday, April 13 - Youth Group Meeting, 6-8 pm

Sunday, April 27 - Youth Group Meeting, 6-8 pm

Meetings are open to 7th-12th graders. We start in the kitchen, creating and eating a meal, followed by faith exploration and games.



Monday, April 14 Is Family Fun Night at Friendly's

Penn Ave, West Lawn 5-8pm

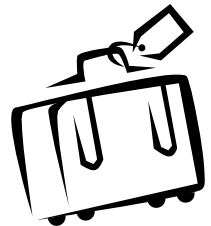
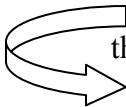
Bring friends and family to support the UMYF Summer Mission Trip. Friendly's will donate 10% of the proceeds! Take-outs are included. The youth will be singing...Come have dinner with us and join the fun!

UMYF Praise Band is Up and Running!!!

Music has been reviewed, and practices will start soon....Play an instrument? Like to sing? Want to be involved with the sound board or creating images? Please join us! Contact **Becky Perry** or **Cori** for more information.

UMYF Summer Mission Trip Update...

The youth have been busy raising money for their upcoming mission trip, and we've raised over half of the funds needed. Thank you to all who've supported us! There's still time to become a sponsor. Once the youth return from the trip, you'll be invited to a dinner to learn about their mission experiences.



We've discovered that there will be a group from Iowa and Minnesota at our work site, and there should be about 70 teens total. Along with creating a Vacation Bible School for children, painting houses, and working at a local soup kitchen, Youthworks has also arranged for us to visit a marble cutting studio, and also planned a hike and a rock climbing experience. We are so excited!



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

From Tracy Goldsborough

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 HIKE AT NOLDE FOREST/HAWK MOUNTAIN...

...or bike at new trail off Rt. 10 - at 11:30 am. We'll pack a lunch to eat on the trail. We'll meet at the location we decide and pick up where we end up. If it rains, we'll have a *Wii game day* at church. Friends are invited.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

HELP CHURCH MEMBER(s) OR CHURCH...

...and then go for ice cream at Friendly's - 11 am, to be decided. We'll meet at church and either go to a church member's home(s) to help with a project around their home, or we'll help with something that is needed at the church. Afterward we'll go to Friendly's for ice cream. Pick up will be at Friendly's in Sinking Spring.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

FAMILY PICNIC AT THE GOLDSBOROUGH'S HOUSE - Noon

The whole family is invited. Fun activities include: roasting hot dogs on the fire, games, trampoline, tire swing, and anything else fun. If we're outside, plan to get wet or messy. If it rains, we'll move inside.

Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella

- ♪ A “musical” note of thanks to all of our superb musicians who performed for the many services during Lent and Easter! Their music was beautiful, inspiring, and uplifting!
- ♪ We’re looking for suggestions for our 15-minute summer mini-concerts. If you have an idea, please let me know. These musicians will perform before and during the service.
- ♪ We’ll start a Children’s Choir next September that will meet for rehearsals during the week. Parents, please let me know of possible rehearsal times.
- ♪ Music Sunday will be celebrated at both services on May 18. Plan to attend to hear God’s word through song, and to recognize the dedication and talents of our many musicians.
- ♪ Do you have a favorite hymn we have not sung for a while? Let me know what it is, and I will schedule it during the summer. I will even let you know when we’ll sing it.

A Letter of Christ

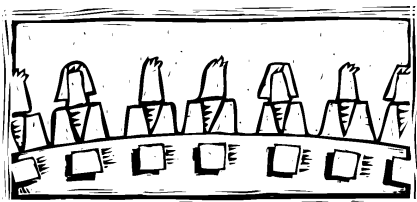


St. Paul gave a wonderful compliment to the church at Corinth. “You show,” he wrote, “that you are a letter of Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God...on tablets of human hearts” (2 Corinthians 3:3).

Would you consider yourself to be “a letter of Christ?” Whatever the case, shouldn’t that be an ambition for us all?

An Update from our Trustees

From Bruce Meckes



BOARD of **TRUSTEES**

Due to the shortfall of the 2007 budget, many necessary repairs had to be put on hold. Therefore, those projects will be given priority in early 2008.

- We have contracted to have the broken, cracked, and missing slates replaced on the sanctuary roof, a three-year project.
- The water softener at the parsonage at E. Court Street needs to be replaced.
- The ceiling must be replaced in the Music Director's office, due to water damage that occurred before the new roof was installed. Damaged also was the overhead lighting, which will be replaced.
- The driveway needs to be sealed to maintain and prevent cracking.
- The rental property needs exterior painting and estimates are being sought for this project.
- We are securing estimates, also, for replacing the outside railing at the office complex.
- Pew cushions are in the process of being constructed.
- Several air conditioners are needed for the Education Building before warm weather. If you have an air conditioner in good condition, please consider donating it.

This Gift Gives Back!

From Pam Shenk

There are many ways you can make a significant gift to the church while retaining or, in many cases, increasing the income you receive from the asset used to make the gift. This entitles you to a charitable deduction.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND appreciates monetary gifts; however, there are other "gifts" you can donate. For example, in lieu of flowers for a funeral, you may make a donation to the Endowment Fund in the name of the deceased. Other gifts to consider are life insurance policies, annuities, real estate, and retirement plans, to name a few. Members of the Endowment Committee welcome your questions or comments.

From our
mailbox



♥ To Pastor Jerry, Bev, and the Entire Lincoln Park Community UMC Congregation:

We would like to share our sincere thanks with everyone for their prayers, cards, kind thoughts, and support during the recent passing of our mother and grandmother, **Dorothy Auman**. Thank you to all who were able to attend the memorial service celebrating her life and the times and memories she was able to share with all of us. A special thanks to **Bev Perella** and members of the Senior Choir, who shared some very special and beautiful music at the service. We are happy to be part of such a loving, caring community.

God bless,
Rich, Beth, Jen, Lynn, and the entire Auman family.

♥ My Friends,

We have lost someone very special...Thank you for sharing our grief. Thank you for the flowers, your love, support, and prayers.

Elizabeth Stoud

Support Your Church On the Internet

Submitted by Becky Chadwick

What if Lincoln Park Church earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or if a % of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

Good Shop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37% of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores, including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's, and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop; every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word! It's easy and free! Please help us raise money for Leadership Development! Share it with your friends because the more people who search, the more money we raise! Thank you!



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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May issue*

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

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Withdrawn:

Tanya Duncan and sons, Kendel,
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2-19-08.



April Birthdays

Ryan Chadwick	4/7/00
Alyssa Gehris	4/6/98
Tanner Lee	4/19/98
Azul Lozoya	4/7/00
Lucy Maack	4/4/03
Addison Mosley	4/11/02
Sarah Newton	4/6/07
Emerson Piacine	4/5/03
Mason Raimo	4/2/04
Abigail Schaeffer	4/17/07



**Our Hearts
go out to...**

... the family of
Dorothy Auman, who
passed away on 2-26-08.

... **Tina Brown** and her
sons, **Matthew** and
Michael, upon the recent death of Tina's
mother, Evelyn Burroughs.

May God surround these families with
His loving care.



Worship with us: 9:00 am (Contemporary Worship in Memorial Hall)
 10:10 am (Christian Education)
 11:00 am (Traditional Worship)

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