



# News-Line

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

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## **Don't Miss this Fundraiser and Tradition!** **LP's Annual Flea Market** **Saturday, May 17, 7 am - 3 pm**

From Beverly Ruffner

### **You can help by...**

- ...continuing to bring your collectibles, fleas, and books to Memorial Hall.
- ...bringing your gently-used clothing to the Youth Room (former Choir Room).
- ...donating food and baked goods.
- ...attending and supporting the sale.

Donations of fleas, books, and clothing are accepted until Friday, **May 9**. Doors to Memorial Hall and the Ed Building are open daily 9 am - 2 pm. Remember to



bring your donations in cartons rather than bags.

Please remember we cannot accept glasses or mugs with logos; encyclopedias, textbooks, and magazines; computer system components (CPU's, monitors, printers); large items (washers, dryers, exercise equipment).

**We especially need help on the day of the sale:**

**at 6 am to set up and  
at 3 pm to clean up.**

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Contact **Beverly Ruffner**, 610-777-0785, with questions. Please sign up to donate food and baked goods at the Worship Area Information Tables or using the flyers in your church bulletin. Thanks for your loyal help with our biggest fundraiser of the year!

# WORSHIP IN MAY

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

**Sunday, May 4**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Pastor Dorris McCoy** will be preaching.

The sermon title is "The Christian as a Partner with Christ," exploring how we as Christians are in a covenant/partner relationship with God where God acts in our lives and we, in turn, are called to response in word and action.

The Scripture is: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35.



**Sunday, May 11**

MOTHER'S DAY/PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION

"Your Women Will Dream Dreams" - Proverbs 31:10-31, Acts 2:1-21

To celebrate Pentecost, all God's children and all LP families are invited to wear red, symbolic of the flame reminding us of God's Holy Spirit. Red is a happy color that reminds us of the church's birthday celebrated on Pentecost. All women in worship will receive red carnations to remind us of the nurturing role they play in our families and in our church.

**Sunday, May 18**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Music in Worship" - Psalm 33, Matthew 26:26-30.

**Sunday, May 25**

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

"Leaving Your Mark" - Genesis 11:4, Ephesians 4:11-13.



## 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!

## Introducing LP's Confirmands



On May 11, our church will welcome a wonderful group of young people who have been working for months to prepare for this occasion. They have met with their class and pastor many times, have discussed faith questions with their mentors, and gone on field trips to a synagogue, mosque, and a funeral home. May God bless them as they continue to grow in faith as church members.

**Audrey Ann Blakeley, Jonathan Chadwick,  
Dylan DeHart, Kristen Goshert, Megan Osika**

## Sunday Morning Church School Plants Seeds of Faith

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Sunday Church School celebrates Pentecost and begins to wind down for the summer schedule beginning in June. During May, the ongoing schedule continues with:

- † 9:15 am - Children's Choir and Mini-lesson and Bible activity for ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders follows 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.



Come; grow through Jesus' teachings and be nurtured in Christ's view of the world. All are welcomed to make Sunday Church School a priority and to be strengthened in prayer, worship and study, essential faith disciplines and practices.

Bring the whole family---plant the seeds that give all God's children a faith that grows!!

# From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

*I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure lives in you. 2Timothy 1:5*

**I**n the above passage from Timothy, Paul reminds us of Timothy's mother and grandmother. These women were well grounded in their faith.

Through faith, a mother realizes that she does not have to raise a child by herself, but that God guides. If a mother lives her life based on the Word of God, there is a good chance her children will turn out good and faithful also. Look at Timothy; much of the credit for who he was as a strong Christian leader is due to the influence of his mother and grandmother's faith.

Through my relationships with so many families in the church, I see godly mothers raising wonderful Christian children. Our hope for raising strong Christian families is actually based on past generations. What? Our future lies really with our children's mothers and our church raising

the children to be strong Christian disciples for the future. We can't move forward without learning from our past, without learning from the traditions of our mothers and grandmothers and strong Christian leaders from the church.

Nothing really good is likely to happen to the next generation unless there is a vital faith and commitment from the previous generations. We must be willing to live exemplary lives that will inspire children and young people to aim high.

It is exciting to think that you and I can make such a difference, exciting to think that you and I might put the hand of some child or some young person into the hand of God.



*I have been reminded of your sincere faith,  
which first lived in your grandmother...  
and in your mother...and...now lives in you also.*

2 Timothy 1:5

**Come and Worship  
Music Sunday  
May 18  
at Both Services**



**Supper at Opportunity House Serves Homeless**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE, on North Second Street in Reading, is a multi-service organization that offers a wide variety of programs to improve the quality of life for homeless children, adults, and families. One service available is temporary overnight, dormitory-style lodging that includes meals. This is where members of LP can help. Six, yes only six times a year, LP prepares and serves a fresh, home-cooked meal to residents there (140 in March). If you can offer prep or serving supper time, or donate \$\$\$, or drop off desserts/fresh veggies/fruits, then please contact Coordinator and Head Chef, **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704.



Thank you for helping OPPORTUNITY HOUSE help those to whom life has thrown a hard punch!

**Safe Haven Lighthouse Takes Summer Break**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Safe Haven Lighthouse at Lincoln Park takes a summer break after the last spring session on May 20. This after school child care program, in partnership with West Lawn UMC and Advent Lutheran in West Lawn, will resume in the fall on Tuesday, September 2. With questions, to volunteer, or to register a child, please contact **Mark** or **Abby Steinmeyer**, 610-777-3513, or see **Pastor Dorris**. Spread the word for September - we're looking to expand!

# VBS '08 Buzzes About POWER LAB

From Karen Osika

Mark calendars now to be sure that your kids and friends are free to feel the power at LP's '08 VBS: **POWER LAB**, Monday-Friday, **July 21-25**, 9 am to noon. Come to **POWER LAB** and discover Jesus' miraculous power!



Everyone who comes to our lab can expect to:

- make new friends
- create amazing crafts
- eat wacky snacks
- journey through mind-blowing Bible adventures
- follow Chadder's mischievous tale at cinema science
- play hyperspeed games
- sing incredible music
- reach out to a local church day camp with our daily offerings

Get ready for an exciting VBS experience where we follow Jesus as he heals, helps, and gives power to people who need him and share his love!



Mad professors (adult leaders) and funologists (teen/youth crew leaders) will gather on Tuesday, May 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, in the Education Building to preview **POWER LAB** resources and plan more details for this event. All interested in working in LP's **POWER LAB** are encouraged to contact VBS LAB Coordinator, **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726, and plan to attend this orientation session. Questions may also be directed to **Pastor Dorris**.

Please note that all leaders 18 years and over will need to complete criminal record checks and child abuse clearances as per the Eastern PA Conference Safe Sanctuary guidelines (see p.13).

Also...watch for the **POWER LAB** wish list of supplies/snack items for those who want to help but can't teach! Get involved - have a blast at **POWER LAB** - glow with the light of the Lord!!!

## Thank You!

LP Church raised \$633.93  
for the Souper Bowl of Caring

From the Rev. Dr. Brad Smith

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the entire community has seen the good that happens when we all work together to help those in need. Together, we are transforming Super Bowl weekend into an unprecedented time of giving and serving.



## Suitcases Needed!



From Kathy Avedissian

The Salvation Army has expressed a need for used, functioning suitcases. In June the Salvation Army will help to send underprivileged children to summer camp. However, many of these children do not own a suitcase or duffle bag in which to carry their clothes and other essentials.



If you have any luggage that is no longer being used, bring them to church and place them in the designated containers. The deadline for suitcases is May 18. Call **Kathy Avedissian** with any questions, 610-372-1735. Be a part of giving a child a fun week at camp!

## Join Our Church Family

### To See *Joseph*

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All in the LP Church Family are invited to join the fun and fellowship as we attend the Reading Civic Theater's production of *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, on **Sunday, May 4**, for the 3 pm matinee performance.



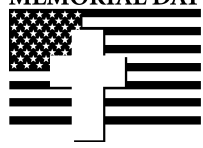


A simple lunch at 12:30 pm begins the afternoon experience in the Education Building. This time also includes the telling of the *Joseph* story by our own **Betsy Buchanan** as well as other fun stuff to prepare us for our trip to the Sovereign Center for the Performing Arts. There we will see and hear the musical telling of this story of forgiveness and learning to trust God to turn bad into good.

Tickets are \$10 for upper-most level of seating; please see **Pastor Dorris** immediately!





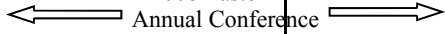
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><i>"My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it." -Mark Twain</i></p>			
<p>4 "Joseph" Lunch &amp; Theater 1pm Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>5 Bible Study 10:30 am</p>	<p>6 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30 Opportunity House 4pm Confirmation 7pm</p>	<p>7 Chancel Choir 7:30</p>
<p>11 <b>Wear Red Today</b>  PENTECOST CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  <b>Mother's Day</b> </p>	<p>12 Agape 12pm Finance 7pm</p>	<p>13 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30</p>	<p>14 Chancel Choir 7:30</p>
<p>18 🎵 Music Sunday 🎵 Jr Group Hike 11:15am Youth Group 6pm</p>	<p>19 Church Council 7pm</p>	<p>20 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30 (last program until September)  VBS Teacher/Leader Training - 6:30pm</p>	<p>21 Chancel Choir 7:30</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> </p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>



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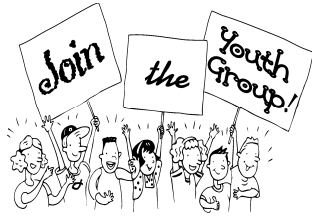


Day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Praise Team 8pm 	2	3
0pm	8 Praise Team 8pm	9	10
30pm	15 Praise Team 8pm	16	17  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LP Annual Flea Market &amp; car wash 7am-3pm</b></p>
0pm	22 Praise Team 8pm	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Looking ahead to June...</b></p> <p>6/1 New Members Received                          Start of Summer Worship Schedule                          Mini-Concert Series Begins 11am                          6/16-21 UMYF Mission Trip</p> <p>Summer Office Hours Begin 9 am—2 pm                          Closed Fridays</p> </div>
	29 Praise Team 8pm <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <p>2008 Eastern PA Annual Conference</p> </div>	30	

# YOUTH-THINK

## UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691



**May 4** - Youth Group Meeting. 6-8 pm

**May 18** - Youth Group Meeting, 6-8 pm

Food, Fun & Faith Exploration.... Bring a friend and join the fun!!

### **May Fundraisers for the Youth Summer Mission Trip:**

#### **CAR WASH**

Bring your car(s) for a wash at the *Church Flea Market*, Saturday, **May 18**.

#### **FLAMINGOS**

Starting **May 4** and continuing through June 1, lovely pink flamingos will find their way into the yard of various members of our congregation.

Within 24 hours of finding a pink flamingo in your yard, contact the name listed on the tag hanging from your pink flamingo's neck. At that time you can make a free-will donation phone pledge to the youth group.

→ SPECIAL OFFER...ONE YOUTH SERVICE HOUR AWARDED TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD IF YOU CATCH THE YOUTH PUTTING THE FLAMINGO ON YOUR YARD.

"But wait," you say. "Is there anything I can do if I don't want a pink flamingo in my yard?"

For \$10 you can purchase *Anti-Pink-Flamingo Insurance* which will assure from May 4 through June 1 that your yard is a designated *Flamingo-Free Zone*!

#### **BUT WAIT...THERE'S MORE....**

For a \$20 donation you can have a flock of 12 flamingos to be delivered to a friend's home.

Flamingo insurance will be sold after both services starting **Sunday, May 4**.

Call **Cori** with any questions, 610-568-0691.





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

From Tracy Goldsborough

### **MAY 18 - HIKE AT HAWK MOUNTAIN**

11:15 am - leave from church

Weather permitting (Wii games at church if we can't hike). Our trail guide will be **Jim Eckert**. Pack a lunch to eat on the hike and bring lots of water. After hiking, we'll stop for ice cream. Time to pick up from church will be decided later.

### **JUNE 1 - RAIN DATE FOR HIKE *or* PICNIC AT TRACY'S HOUSE**

If we missed the May 18 hike because of rain, we will hike, hopefully with **Jim**. If we hiked already, we'll picnic, weather permitting (see rain date below), from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Bring a change of clothes if we decide to get wet. Everyone will be asked to bring something.

### **JUNE 8 - RAIN DATE FOR JUNE 1**

Again it will be either Hike or Picnic. If it rains again, we'll meet at the church and figure something out.

### **SEPTEMBER**

We start all over again with LAZER TAG!

## SUMMER CAMP 2008: LISTEN! GOD IS CALLING

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Summer camp can offer children, youth, and adults a place free from the fast-paced world and its everyday distractions. It's a place where all God's children can take time to be with God in new settings and a new loving Christian community.

Where? The Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church offers four different camp sites and a myriad of camp venue styles all based on the theme: *LISTEN! GOD IS CALLING*.

How? Pick up a camp brochure with registration forms included in either worship areas or stop for one in the church office. For scholarship assistance available to all LP campers, please see **Pastor Jerry McGrath** or **Pastor Dorris McCoy**. Register now to experience exciting new programs, make new friends, sing around the campfire, and best of all - **GROW CLOSER TO GOD!**



From Marian Longenecker

During the month of May, to fulfill special needs at the Soup Kitchen and Food Bank at Central Park United Methodist Church, the Mission Committee will be collecting the following items:

- ◆cereal
- ◆soup
- ◆#10 cans of fruit
- ◆#5 or #6 diapers
- ◆liquid dish soap

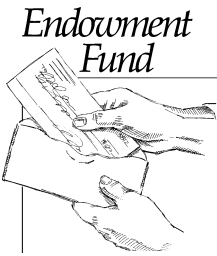
Look for the *Blue Bucket* in the Wagner Room for your generous donation. Thank you!

*“An unhurried sense of time is in itself a form of wealth.”*

*—Bonnie Friedman*

## Options for Church as Beneficiary

From Nelson Freyling



Life insurance has been referred to as the miracle of a piece of paper and a drop of ink. Sizeable estates are created by the stroke of a pen and the payment of a small premium estimated over the years as three cents for every dollar of coverage. We all own life policies and annuities and where appropriate to the needs of our families, the following paths could be considered.

- Naming the church as a primary, secondary, or final beneficiary for all or part of the proceeds.
- Transferring the ownership of an existing policy to the church irrevocably.
- Naming the church as a remainder beneficiary in an annuity in cases where death occurs before the receipt of all of the guaranteed payments.

These aforementioned options can be tailored to your own wants and desires by the Endowment Committee.

## Safe Sanctuary: Criminal Record and Child Abuse Clearance Update

From Linda Hope



It has recently been brought to our attention that the Conference mandates that all clearances be renewed every three years. Therefore, many of you who have been through the process will need to once again apply for updated clearances. This can be easily done by contacting me (lshope@aol.com or 610-670-9731) or going to the following website to download the appropriate forms (<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildWfare/003671038.htm>).

If your current clearances are dated prior to May 2005, please complete the paperwork and either process it or return to me for processing. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important step in maintaining our Safe Sanctuary Guidelines, which state that any volunteer working with children under 18 years of age must have a current Criminal Record and Child Abuse Clearance on record in the church office.

From our  
mailbox



♥ Our Dear LPCUMC Family,

We want to thank each of you for your prayers, thoughts, visits, calls, flowers, cards and refreshments...

While we would not say the past several weeks were a “vacation,” the results were much more rewarding ...walking again.

A great surgeon, medical staff, and facilities were without a doubt very important: but, the guiding and comforting hand of our GOD was and is the only needed ingredient... (and, for a Scot free).

As Tiny Tim has said it, “Thank you one and all.” You can find our love for this church of ours in the words of Hymn #328 in the pew hymnals.

Our love to and for all of you,  
Bob (Robertson) and Snoopy

♥ To our “Church Family”-

Many thanks to all of you who have had a “hand” in supplying all the “goodies” that have come our way. Phone calls, cards, flowers, food, hand-crafts from the children, visits from Pastor Jerry and other church members also - all much appreciated!

Sam is the “patient” but Mary, the “caregiver,” appreciates everything as well! What a neat “Family.”

Sincerely,  
Mary & Sam Gundy

## Keep in mind...

Our summer *News-Linc* is a single issue covering both July and August. Please submit all summer news by our June deadline.



From Cheri Fallon

Do you have a graduate in you house? If so we'd like to recognize them and highlight their activities and school careers in our *News-Linc*. We are looking for information about their activities, awards, employment, future plans, and more. Their favorite book and movie, too.

Please leave a note in the News-Linc mailbox in the Church Office or email me with information: [cheri-fallon@comcast.net](mailto:cheri-fallon@comcast.net).

We are always looking for information for our Church Mouse column about church members. If something special has happened to you or your family member, please share it with us!



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



May  
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for our  
June 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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## Removal from membership requested:

Julia A. Gantner, effective 3-24-08.

## Transfer of membership:

Ronald & Nan Reichwine, to West Lawn UMC, effective 3-13-08.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## May Birthdays

Trisha Goldsborough 5/5/00  
Ariana Thomas 5/6/98  
Ashley Foltz 5/6/99  
Christopher Raab 5/16/01  
Emily Ritenour 5/30/00



...the family of **Grace Youndt**, who died March 25. Grace was one of the original members of LP Church.

*“Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.*

*—Marion C. Garretty*

