

# News-Line

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

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## Your Summer "To Do" List

From Music Director, Beverly Perella

- Attend our Summer Mini-Concert Series each week. These concerts — by our own musicians and guest artists — begin at 10:30 am, followed by the Traditional Service. Our June 1 concert will feature our church youth; the Chancel Choir and friends will present the June 8 concert. A

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## CHURCH TASK FORCE To Meet with Consultant

From Pastor McGrath

The Church Task Force and Administrative Council will have a special meeting **Tuesday, June 3, at 7 pm**, with church consultant Byron Leasure. He will help us explore our vision and our direction for our church in detail.

We will also be talking about:

- methods of communicating clearly
- managing conflict in healthy ways.

Byron has been a church consultant and interim pastor in the Presbyterian, United Methodist, and United Church of Christ denominations for over 25 years, specializing in church growth. Currently, he is the interim pastor at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Shillington.

Please be in prayer for this meeting and our leaders as we look forward to taking the next steps in the right direction for our church.



# WORSHIP IN JUNE

From Pastor Jerry McGrath & Pastor Dorris McCoy

Summer schedule of Worship, June 1 - September 7:

9 am - Contemporary Service

10:30 am - Preludes to Traditional Worship, with Service at 10:45

## Sunday, June 1

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS/GRADUATION SUNDAY

“Ready for Prime Time” - 1Kings 19:15-20, Luke 9:57-62

## Sunday, June 8

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Still” - 1Kings 19:9-13a, Mark 4:35-41

## Sunday, June 15

FATHER'S DAY

Contemporary Service: “Jerry Letterman Honors Father”

Traditional Service: “Appreciation of Our Fathers”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 21:28-31

## Sunday, June 22

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship services evolve from these Lectionary Scripture readings:

Psalms 17, Romans 6:1b-11, Genesis 21:8-21, and Matthew 10:24-39.

The message will be a cooperative effort by member **Tim McHale** and

**Pastor Dorris**, with the theme of "Walking in Newness of Life."

Tim has been involved in LP's youth ministries and stewardship/finance areas.

He will witness to the importance of the church (especially Lincoln Park) and its message in his life.

## Sunday, June 29

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

One service at **10 AM** - Upstairs Sanctuary

Lectionary Scripture Readings include Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, and Matthew 10:40-42. Preaching will be LP member, **Jennifer Hope**, junior at Ursinus College, where she assists the Chaplain's Office in planning and conducting worship. **Pastor Dorris** and **Becky Chadwick**, Contemporary Worship Leader, will assist as Liturgists as Celebration Sunday examines how we, as Christians, are often "Our Own Worst Critic," as we seek the footprints of God in our lives and start living as the blessed people of God that we are.



To date, our annual  
Flea Market has  
yielded  
**\$4,295.26**  
for Lincoln Park  
Church  
Thank you,  
one and all!

## CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERS SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

From Pastor Dorris  
McCoy

Lincoln  
Park's Church  
School be-

gins a much abbreviated  
Summer Schedule, coinciding with our  
summer worship schedule, (see pg 2).



Beginning Sunday, **June 1**, a mini-  
lesson with Bible story and activity for 3,  
4, & 5 year olds will follow Children's  
Time at the 9 am service. The fall teach-  
ing and learning sessions for all children,  
youth and adults will resume Sunday,  
September 7. Watch the *News-Linc* and  
Sunday worship announcements for de-  
tails.

If you have suggestions or ideas for  
new options or want to volunteer your  
leadership or teaching skills, contact  
**Kim DeHart**, Christian Ed Chair, 610-  
775-8835, or see **Pastor Dorris**.

### Just a reminder...

... beginning June 2,  
Church Office hours are:

**Monday - Thursday**  
**9am-2pm**  
**Closed Fridays**



## 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

**T**here have been many comments about the vision and direction of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church. Many have commented on leadership and terms like *coaching, equipping, and empowering*. What is the role of staff in leadership? Shouldn't the pastor be making all the decisions? As I have been wrestling with the direction and leadership of the church, I came across a great article about Words at a Service of Ordination spoken by the Rev. Don Meir. This article was a God-Send, and I want to share part of it with you.

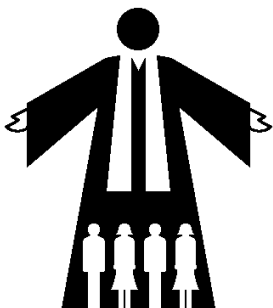
Meir gives words of wisdom to pastors and leaders taking on leadership roles in churches for the first time. He first mentions the trap of ministers taking on too much responsibility and church members letting them off the hook. A pastor or church leader's job is to equip others to be ministers too, not just as helpers in the church but in what people do in their lives and work. Rather than do all the official praying for the church, pastors and leaders need to invite others to practice the art of public and spontaneous prayer. Rather than assuming all pastoral care is part of pastoral authority, pastors and leaders need

to let the laity develop the ministry of caring for one another. When we fall into the trap of letting people call the pastor, "minister," the priesthood of all believers is diminished.

Another trap to avoid in pastoral leadership is letting what happens within the four walls consume the ministry of the church. Ministry is what happens when our members leave the church on Sunday. The job of the pastors and leaders is to support the laity, validate them, and hold them accountable to Gospel values.

Lastly, Meir warns of the final trap for pastors and leaders to avoid. *Do not let your leadership become dominating.* THE BEST

PASTORS AND LEADERS ARE SERVANTS, NOT AUTOCRATS. How many times do we see churches revolve around pastors and leaders rather than the needs and issues of the community? Pastors and leaders of the church are not magistrates. The job of pastors and leaders is not to build themselves up, but to build up others, so that the work of Christ can increase. The staff of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church are called to be spiritual leaders, serving, empowering, and equipping the laity and guiding the laity in the ministry of their daily lives.



# Check Out What's Coming Up this Summer!

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

☀ **CHURCH CAMP** brochures for all sorts of Summer 2008 camping experiences are available in worship areas and in the church office.

For scholarship assistance, please see one of the pastors.

Register now and give your children the opportunity to have fun and try new things at church camp. But most importantly, send them to a loving Christian community where they can grow closer to God and meet Jesus!

☀ **POWER LAB VBS 2008**, *Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power*, comes to LP the week of **July 21-25**, 9 am-noon. For details and to offer assistance, please contact POWER LAB Coordinator, **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726, or **Pastor Dorris**, 610-777-1422, ext. 24).

Watch worship areas for registration forms and check out the S.O.S. display (Stock Our Shelves/Supplies), a way for

all to help keep costs lower by donating a needed snack, craft or game material.



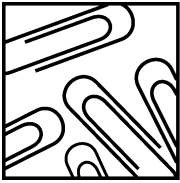
## ☀ **OPPORTUNITY**

**HOUSE** supper for area homeless will be prepared and served by LP on Tuesday, **July 1**. To prepare food or inquire about needed donations of food or \$\$\$, please contact Head Chef, **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704.

## ☀ **SUMMER MUSICAL**

dates are set to begin nightly practice from **Sunday, August 3 through Thursday, August 7**. Show performances are on **Friday, August 8**, and **Saturday, August 9**, in the upstairs sanctuary. To offer your voices, dancing feet, narrating skills or set-building talent, be sure to contact **Beverly Pella** or **Pastor Dorris**.

The Summer Musical offers great opportunities to make new friends of all ages while telling God's story in upbeat, lively music and song - plus, it's a dinner theater in the midst of those lazy, hazy days of summer!



## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

### ...Requesting Your Information Update

From Sandy Bressi

Our office staff has been busy creating Member Files and updating your church records. Now we'd like to include a picture of YOU in your file! It can be a family picture, an individual shot, or even a school picture of your children. A file has been created for everyone who attends LP Church, and we need your help collecting pictures. For those who can't give a picture away, we can make a photocopy. Please mail photos to church or drop them off in the designated box in the Wagner Room.

Another note: Please submit to the Church Office any information you'd like added to your files or records, such as birth dates, anniversaries, emergency contact information. Some people are including copies of their *Living Wills* for the pastor's use. Thanks for your help with bringing this project to completion!

### **SAFE HAVEN LIGHTHOUSE Dims Until Fall**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Thank you to all members and friends who have supported LP's outreach to the community by assisting in offering the Safe Haven Lighthouse's after school care to area elementary students every Tuesday afternoon this winter and spring. Your generosity brought snacks, projects, homework time, games (indoor and out), stories, wonderful conversations, bus transport, and smiles to children and adults.



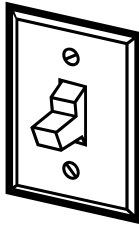
Plan now to make supply, snack, or time commitments for the fall, beginning **Tuesday, September 2, 2:30-5:30 pm** in the Education Building. ALSO spread the word to parents and children to help the numbers grow and serve more families. Please contact **Mark and Abby Steinmeyer**, 610-796-2710, to join the fun!

## Ensure the Future through the Endowment Fund

From Rolland Ackelson

We get up in the morning, flip a switch, and expect to have light. We step into the shower anticipating warm water to awaken us. Later, we go to the garage and turn the ignition switch without a thought as to whether the engine will start. And so it is with our reliance on our church. We readily *flip the switch* when we have spiritual needs, expecting our church and its support to be there when needed.

Why not ensure the expectation for the future by including LPUMC in your financial planning through a gift to the ENDOWMENT FUND? The details of making such a gift are contained in a pamphlet found in the Narthex.



## Calling All Kids for Day Camp

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Coming this summer at Holy Cross United Methodist Church, N 5th St., Reading, is a 2-week day camp led by staff from Gretna Glen. Area children are invited to participate Monday-Friday, 9 am- 3 pm, August 4-8, and August 11-15.



Lincoln Park can get involved in a variety of ways:

- send children
- provide teen and adult volunteers
- serve a light lunch
- send snacks/supplies
- make a \$\$\$ donation towards the Camp Gretna fees

Please contact **Pastor Dorris** to get on board.

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## Summer Children's Sunday School Volunteers Needed



From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Beginning June 1, following the Children's Message during the 9 am worship service, a mini-lesson and activity will be available for ages 3 through graduating K only. Teacher volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated. A sign-up board will be placed at the Carlisle Avenue entrance for volunteer sign-up.

When no volunteers are committed for a particular Sunday, all children will be invited to experience the joy of worshiping with their parents during the 9 am service as they already do at the later service. Children's activity bags are always available at the worship entrance. Please contact **Lisa Laity**, 610-777-1750, or **Tricia Pence**, 610-404-8574, with questions.



# JUNE

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  |
|---|---|--|------------|
| 1<br>Summer Worship Schedule Begins<br>New Members Received<br>Graduation Sunday        | 2   | 3  | 4          |
| 8<br>Confirmation<br>Jr Youth Picnic 12pm   | 9<br>Agape<br>Finance 7pm   | 10   | 11         |
| 15<br> | 16<br> | 17   | 18<br>UMYF |
| 22  | 23  | 24   | 25         |
| 29<br>Celebration Sunday - One Service at <u>10am</u>                                   | 30  | <b>LORD, MAKE ME SEE THY<br/>-MICHELANGELO</b> |            |



# 2008



| Day                     | Thursday              | Friday  | Saturday   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
|                         | 5<br>Praise Team 8pm  | 6   | 7<br>District Family Picnic 12pm   |
|                         | 12<br>Praise Team 8pm | 13  | 14<br><br><i>Flag Day</i> |
| Mission Trip to Vermont | 19<br>Praise Team 8pm | 20<br><b>First Day of</b><br><br><b>SUMMER</b> | 21   |
|                         | 26<br>Praise Team 8pm | 27  | 28   |
|                         |                       |   |  |
|                         |                       |   |  |

**Looking ahead to July...**  
 7/1 Opportunity House Supper  
 7/14 Finance  
 7/21 Church Council  
 7/21-7/25 VBS *POWER LAB*

**Y GLORY IN EVERY PLACE.**



From Cheri Fallon

### **Chris Avedissian**

is graduating with a Masters Degree in Education from Fordham University in New York. He is the son of **Michael** and **Kathy**. For the past two years Chris has been a faculty member in the New York City Department of Education, teaching literacy to middle school students in upper Manhattan. Most of his students are from the Dominican Republic. He's been quite busy as a teacher and also as a student at Fordham. Chris is still working on his plans for next year.

### **Emily Avedissian**

graduates from Wilson High School. She is the daughter of **Michael** and **Kathy** and sister of **Chris** and **Heather**. Emily's been involved in many musical activities including being a section leader for marching band and drumline, and was involved in the high school musical *Children of Eden*. She also is a member of National Honor Society, Make-A-Wish Club, and the Art Club. She helped design and paint a mural for the Spring Ridge Elementary School. Emily will attend Boston University in the fall

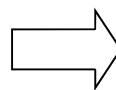
where she'll study graphic design.

### **Heather Avedissian**

also the daughter of **Michael** and **Kathy**, is graduating from Georgetown University Medical School. She was elected to the AOA medical honor society. In June she'll begin a three-year residency in pediatrics at the Cornell University Hospital in Manhattan. She is thinking about specializing in pediatric rheumatology or pediatric cardiology. Heather also recently became engaged to a fine young man, and they are beginning to make plans for their wedding.

### **Anthony Bressi**

is the son of Joe and **Sandy**, our Church Secretary, and he graduates from Wilson HS. He played football after switching from wrestling and was a stunter on the cheerleading team. A member of National Honor Society, Anthony is also an Eagle Scout. Anthony has a full scholarship from Air Force ROTC to Penn State, main campus, where he will pursue a 5-year program in architectural engineering. He also works at Rita's!!



We'll have news about more graduates next month. If you have a grad in your family, please email [cherfallon@comcast.net](mailto:cherfallon@comcast.net), or leave a note about his/her accomplishments and future plans in the *News-Linc* mailbox in the Church Office.



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

From Tracy Goldsborough

### **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!



**Please keep in your prayers the LP Youth who will  
participate in a long-awaited mission trip to  
Vermont June 16-21.**

## Central District United Methodist Women Invite You to the District Family Picnic

Saturday, June 7, Noon

Temple UMC Pavilion, Pottstown

Interested? Call Gloria Kotzer, 610-777-0580



## School of Christian Mission 2008

July 18-20, The Inn at Reading

Sponsored by The Eastern PA Conference United Methodist Women, the school includes mission studies in spiritual growth, Native Americans, and Israel and Palestine. It is open to members and leaders of UM Women, UM Men, pastors, chairpersons and all laity, including youth, interested in missions. Its theme this year is *Living the Sacred*. If you're interested in attending this event, please call **Gloria Kotzer**, 610-777-0580, for more information.

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**A boy and his father** were walking along a road when they came across a

large stone. The boy said to his father, "Do you think if I use all my strength, I can move this rock?"

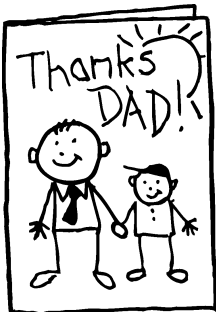
His father answered, "If you use all your strength, I am sure you can do it."

The boy began to push the rock. Exerting himself as much as he could, he pushed and pushed. The rock did not move.

Discouraged, he said to his father, "You were wrong; I can't do it."

The father placed his arm around the boy's shoulder and said, "No, son, you didn't use all your strength— you didn't ask me for help."

David J. Wolpe, in *Teaching your Children About God*



## Ladies Tea

Sunday, June 8

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



You are cordially invited to an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, friendship, and jewelry on Sunday, June 8, from 12:15–2:30 in Memorial Hall. Bring your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and best friends for food, fun and fashion.

Jewelry by Premier Designs will be available to view and purchase. Finger sandwiches and drinks will be served. Please bring your favorite tea pot to display and share with others. You may come and go as you please. There will be door prizes and prizes for bringing a guest from outside the church.

Proceeds to benefit the Leadership Development Fund. RSVP to **Elizabeth Stoud**, 610-796-2861, by June 5.

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summer program schedule will be distributed soon.

- Let me know your favorite hymns so I can include them in our summer worship. I will even let you know when we'll sing them.
- Offer your musical talents to our music ministry. No gift is too small!
- Parents, please let me know possible Children's Choir rehearsal times so we can begin early in September.
- Participate in our third intergenerational summer musical. Evening rehearsals are from Sunday, August 3, to Thursday, August 7, with performances on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Dinner at 6 pm will be followed by the musical at 7 pm. Saturday's matinee at 3 pm will be followed by a light picnic lunch. Proceeds will be used for our summer musicals and for the 2008 Day Camp at Holy Cross UMC, Reading (see p.7 ) Such a short-time commitment for a wonderful experience and outreach to our community!
- Thank, and perhaps, hug, our church musicians for their service to God and to our church!



# Welcome to Lincoln Park's New Members

## Pamela Bailey

is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Conrad Weiser. Her hobbies include being outdoors, working with children, playing the flute, tinkering with crafts, cooking, and baking. She joins us through Affirmation of Faith. She lives at 313 Amherst Ave, West Lawn PA 19609. (610-743-5497)

## Betty Larsen

is the wife of Richard and mother of our own **Linda Hope**. Betty's hobbies include golfing, bowling, and cooking. She joins us through Affirmation of Faith. Betty and Richard live at 110 Coventry Lane, Wyomissing PA 19610. (610-670-2831)

## Richard Larsen

is the husband of Betty and father of **Linda Hope**, Richard is retired from the United States Air Force. His hobbies

include spending time with family. He joins us through Affirmation of Faith.

## Jonathon Rhodes

“Jon” is the father of Jocelyn and works as a manager for ProBuild, Inc. His hobbies include sports and music. Jon joins our church from Lubeck United Methodist Church in West Virginia. Jon lives at 6D Tanglewood Dr, Reading PA 19607. (610-406-3348)

## Lora Weyandt

is the daughter of **Leon Weyandt** and mother of Connie. She works for the *Reading Eagle*, and in her spare time loves football, walking, and spending time with family and friends. She joins our church through Affirmation of Faith. Lora lives at 370 Sunset Rd, West Reading PA 19611. (610-621-3209)

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## From our mailbox



♥ This is a belated “Thank You” to my friends at Lincoln Park Church for their prayers, cards, phone calls, transportation, and their many acts of kindness shown to me during my two surgeries — one in December and the other in April. I’m sure this all contributed to my feeling so great now. Thanks again.

Gloria Kotzer

♥ Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the assorted groceries and toiletries you donated to our pantry and soup kitchen. Our clients are very glad for the variety your donation offers them. May God continue to bless you for your kindness.

AnnMarie Wallace  
Central Park UMC Food Ministry



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



June  
15  
for our  
July/August 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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### Change of Address:

Mr & Mrs Daryl Horst  
24 Brook Hollow Dr  
Reading, PA 19608-9545  
Florence Erb  
317 Dorchester Ave  
Reading PA 19608

### New Constituent:

Elizabeth Heist  
1932 Meadow Lane  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
610-775-5263

### Change of Name:

Connie Dettra, from Connie Pawlikowski  
Cori Pasquale, from Cori Rigato

### Change of Phone Number:

Rich, Beth & Brodie Miller  
610-777-6813



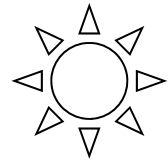
....the family of **David Piller**, especially his wife **Carol** and daughter **Corina**. David passed away while visiting North Carolina on a fishing trip. May God surround you with His love and care at this sad time.

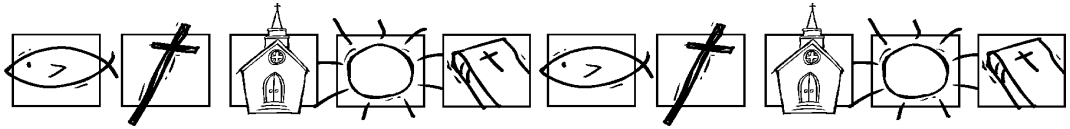


### June Birthdays

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Olyvia Woll    | 6/2/03  |
| Sarah Snyder   | 6/14/02 |
| Dylan Woll     | 6/14/07 |
| Jacob Painter  | 6/22/99 |
| Watson Maack   | 6/27/00 |
| Kaylee Cipolla | 6/28/07 |
| Niko Galanos   | 6/29/01 |
| William Stone  | 6/29/02 |

“Do not have your concert first and tune your instruments afterward. Begin the day with God.”  
—J. Hudson Taylor





Worship with us:                    9:00 am (Contemporary Worship in Memorial Hall)  
   10:30 am (Preludes) 10:45 am (Traditional Worship)

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