


News-Line



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

GALA & SPECIAL AWARDS

Fun For All on Anniversary Sunday

From Your Stewardship Team

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church started in 1937 as a community Sunday School Class, meeting in a two room school house. In September 1945, twenty-three persons organized to form a church.

On **Sunday, September 28**, we will celebrate our heritage and commitment to serve the Lord and the Lincoln Park Community, with a time of **MINISTRIES RECOGNITION**.



All church members are invited to join together for a **BRUNCH at 10 am**. Stay for the brunch after you attend Contemporary worship, or come early if you will attend traditional worship at 11 am.

Your Stewardship Team has created a Spectacular **ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY**

- † You will see and hear the moving testimony of Faith
- † Learn about Lincoln Park Ministries
- † Hear from Ministry Leaders
- † Find new opportunities to serve

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION:

Rev. David McMillen III will shake hands, sign autographs and tell tales of life outside Berks County.

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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

We resume our fall worship schedule on Sunday, September 7:

Contemporary Worship at 9 am

Traditional Worship at 11 am

New Worship Opportunity

Beginning in September we will offer a *Prayer Worship Service* on the last Wednesday night of each month at 7 pm.

Sunday, September 7

RALLY DAY

“The Family Reunion” - Genesis 18:1-15, Matthew 9:35-10:8

Church Family Picnic on church grounds following 11 am service

Sunday, September 14

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE

“Change the World” - Isaiah 61:1-9, Galatians 4:4-8

Sunday, September 21

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE

"Counting the Cost" - Micah 6:6-8, Luke 14:25-33

Wednesday, September 24, 7 pm

PRAYER SERVICE

“Who Am I” - 2Corinthians 1:15-21, 1Peter 2:4-10

Sunday, September 28

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Special guest preacher: **The Rev. David McMillan**, with Stewardship events, Ministries Recognition, and Brunch between the services at 10 am

63rd ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY UMC

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Join us **Sunday, September 28** to celebrate our 63rd Anniversary. We will be celebrating in both the 9 and 11 am worship services. Our special guest alum is **Pastor Dave McMillan**. Dave served Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church as our associate pastor from 1989-1995. Currently Dave is the senior pastor of Hibernia United Methodist Church in Coatesville.

Bible Study Restarts

From HildaMay Bartron



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will begin the fall season on **September 15** at 10:30 am in the Library. All are welcome to join us as we delve into the *Parables of Jesus*.

If you want to become more familiar with your Bible, if you enjoy a discussion format, you will enjoy this course. Come join us.

Safe Haven Lighthouse

Our after-school program begins again for the school year on **Tuesday, September 2** from 3 – 5:30 pm here at Lincoln Park UMC



Be The Hands Of Christ: Serve the Homeless

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Lincoln Park will prepare and serve supper for Reading area homeless men, women and children at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE next on



Tuesday, Sept. 2. OPPORTUNITY HOUSE provides a wide range of social services to encourage job re-training, housing, and child care for individuals and families who find themselves without these basics of life. To help cook or make food donations, please contact **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704. To make a second-mile \$\$\$ donation to fund this outreach ministry, please see or contact **Pastor Dorris**. Thank you to all who cook, serve suppers, shop for food, or make monetary contributions towards this bi-monthly mission effort right here in LP's backyard!



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

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

As we look forward to September and the fall, we prepare our church for exciting new ministry opportunities. We kick off a new Sunday school program on Sunday, September 7, which will provide wonderful educational experiences for all ages. At the end of September we celebrate 63 years of Christian ministry and lift up our programs with a Ministry Recognition. Two other great programs and ministries that our church can look forward to:

- fall Sunday night study that will focus on the simple steps that point us to faith
- a small dinner group that will consist of people sharing their faith stories.

I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and creativity of our congregation in ministry. For the past two years we have talked about the congregation being an equipping ministry congregation. Our vision for an Equipping Church is based on Ephesians 4, ...to equip the saints for

the work of ministry.

What does an equipping congregation look like? In an Equipping Church the people in the congregation are all ministers. The pastor and staff do not do the ministry for the people, but rather consult, train, and provide the resources for the congregation to do ministry. The pastor and staff act like coaches. In a game, the coach never plays, but instructs the players how to play the game and provides the equipment.



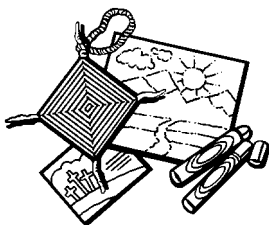
An Equipping Church:

- † Provides personal, Christ-centered Spiritual growth.
- † Provides supporting relationships for its members within the church family, ministry teams, small groups, and mentors.
- † Provides Christian education and Spiritual discernment opportunities.
- † Provides members *ministry* opportu-

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Join The Craft Group

From Genevieve
Matthews



Our group will have its first meeting on **Thursday, October 9** at 1 pm. Once again we will be preparing Craft Kits for the children who attend the Home Work Group at First Baptist Church in downtown Reading. This is a project we have enjoyed doing for several years. We can always use another pair of hands, so if you have an interest, please call **Genevieve Matthews**, 610-670-9711. We meet in Room 101 of the Education Building.

Trustees Update

From Bruce Meckes

Many thanks go out to **Jim Gehman** and his crew who recently installed a new ceiling and lighting in the Music Director's office. Beverly no longer needs to be concerned with ceiling tiles falling on her!

GREAT NEWS! We saved \$1500 on this project.

BAD NEWS! In the recent rainstorm another leak was discovered. A new roof is needed over the breezeway. Cost to replace is \$3000.

We are striving to stay within the budget and still keep our beautiful church property in best of condition.

Watch this fall for exciting news regarding a new handicap entrance at the office complex.

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nities to serve where passionate and gifted.

† Develops and nurtures servants and disciples.

† Empowers its members to LIVE OUT the Lord's call and put FAITH into ACTION.

What are the keys for an Equipping Church to be successful?

† Faith in the Holy Spirit to lead.

† Ownership: The congregation must believe that they, and not just the pastor and staff alone, are called into ministry. The Body of Christ must recognize that they have a responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. People must not be spectators in ministry, but players.

† Love: The more a congregation learns to love one another as pastors, staff, and people, the more individual members enthusiastically volunteer to select, create, and lead ministries they have never experienced before.

It's Cool in the Furnace Riddle:

From Beverly Perella

What do you get if you combine the leads, the cast, the staff, the musicians, the technicians, the set designers, and the costume designers?

- A. A fantastic, delightful summer inter-generational family musical
- B. A week of hard but rewarding rehearsal time
- C. A way to thank and praise God for our many talents and His many gifts
- D. Another chance for Pastor Jerry and Mark Steinmeyer to steal the show
- E. All of the above

Correct answer: E. But there is another answer! The *bestest* answer is a stronger, more dedicated church family with deeper commitment to each other and to the work of our Lord and Savior.

If you feel like you missed an opportunity to participate, to attend, or to praise God, have no fear! Another musical has already been selected for Christmas Eve and we need volunteers for all of the above categories. Please say *yes* to God and to us for our next production!



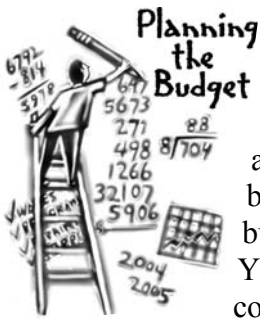
**Jr. Youth Events
4th, 5th and 6th Graders**

From Tracy Goldsborough

Keep your eyes and ears ready for news about

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to start our new year of fun Jr Youth activities!



THINKING ABOUT THE BUDGET?

From Jerry Manhart, Finance Chairman

Are you thinking about the 2009 church budget? Probably not, but it is time to start. Yes, everyone, not just committee members.

Even though 2008 is three quarters over, it is time to start building the 2009 Budget.

The normal process is that the committees (Education, Missions, Nurture and Witness, Stewardship, Worship, Staff Parish, and Trustees) and the church staff look at what they have spent in previous years and figure they will need a little more for 2009, and submit a budget request. After the fall stewardship campaign, the Finance Committee will predict the amount of money available for 2009. A give and take balance is reached, and then a final 2009 Budget is approved at a Church Council meeting.

This year we need to be different. Why? This year we need to include some things that have not been in the budget before and perhaps eliminate some of the old items. Fund-raisers need to be changed or, hopefully, the need for them eliminated. The budget needs to be all inclusive except for an unforeseen emergency. All of this in the present economic climate - WOW!

In conversing with members through the past several years, some issues have been raised. Some members from the contempo-

rary service state that since that service was formed, they have had little or no budgeted money and any money they wanted to spend, they had to raise for themselves. Some members from the traditional service complain that the old fund raisers (flea market and autumn auction) were to help the budget, but the new fund-raisers are to help only the contemporary service. Can we solve all this by making sure everything is in the budget and having all fund-raisers support the all inclusive budget?

A few members have on occasion complained about where the committees have spent their budgeted money. Now, you have the chance to help form the 2009 budget by talking with members on those committees. If you are not sure who to contact, see or call me, **Jerry Manhart**, and I will make sure your ideas are considered.

Have you heard anyone state that because of the economy we will not have enough money to support the budget? It is impossible to predict what everyone else will pledge to give; you can only control your own giving. If you are able to give 10% of your income, as the bible suggests, then we must have faith that when put with the giving of others it will prove to be enough to cover our budgeted expenses.



FALL CHURCH SCHOOL KICKS OFF

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The fall Church School learning activities for all ages of children, youth and adults kick off **Sunday, September 7**.

Please note carefully to discern which options fit your family's ages and schedules. This program has been set in an attempt to provide worship, education and fellowship within the present 9 am to noon time frame. Member feedback is always welcomed by staff and program leaders. Also please be aware that on Anniversary Sunday, September 28, there will be no graded options at 10:20 am Children's Church School, as a special program is planned and Youth and Adults are invited to the Stewardship Celebration Brunch in Memorial Hall at 10 am that Sunday.

This Fall's schedule for children will include sessions for PRESCHOOLERS (3, 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS) THROUGH EARLY ELEMENTARY (GRADES 1-4) at **9:15 am** after Children's Time at Contemporary Worship. **Tricia Pence** is scheduling leaders for these multi-age sessions which will use Cokesbury's United Methodist curriculum, *Live B.I.G.---Hear, See and Live Your Belief In God!*

The first ADULT option for Sunday mornings will be the Lectionary Class

Bible Study in the Church Library, **10-10:45 am** for those interested in a broad overview and discussion of key Bible stories and events. Adults able to give a hand with leading this class are encouraged to contact **Norm Dettra**.

Christian Education for all ages continues from **10:20-11:05 am** with classes throughout LP's facilities.

- PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH 6TH GRADERS will use Cokesbury's *Rock Solid: Building A Heart of Faith*. Both *Live B.I.G.* and *Rock Solid* begin with "In The Beginning: The Stories of Creation." Each week the children will encounter a Bible story and will be helped to experience and understand the Scripture to apply it to their daily lives. Children will meet in Rms 101, 102 & 104.
- THE YOUTH CLASS, 7-12 GRADERS, will be using United Methodist resources, 3V Bible Studies for youth and will meet in the Youth Room. The fall series, *Extraordinary New Testament People*, asks how someone goes from ordinary to extraordinary. The answer centers on Jesus and this is what **Cori Pasquale**, Youth Team Leader, and her teaching team will explore as they look at the biblical text itself, then add the background of the social and cultural con-

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Medical Mission Trip Planned for October

Team will travel to Zalantun, Inner Mongolia, October 10-24

From Betty Frederickson



Inner Mongolia and the Silk Roads form a giant north-westerly arc linking Siberia with Central Asia, comprising about one third of the region of China. Forests, sandy deserts and grasslands cover the area, and include some of the highest mountains in the world.

As an Autonomous Region, they have a type of self-government, as well as guarded freedom to practice various forms of religion.

We will be working with a local well-established group—the Asian Health Ser-

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text of the day. Next the students are given choices to examine meaning and applications they can use. Two additional new resources have also been provided: The New Student Bible: New Revised Standard Version and The Message//Remix: The Bible in Contemporary Language, giving varied interpretations for jumping into discussions.

▫ ADULTS have two options:

→ **Becky Chadwick**, LP's Contemporary Worship Leader, continues her Women's Bible Study Class, using the popular and spiritually challenging WOMEN OF FAITH resources. This group meets in Room 103.

→ **Earl Hope** will coordinate a six week video and discussion series, *Simply Enough*, which aims to equip people of faith to challenge consumerism, live justly and celebrate responsibly. Topics include lifestyle, food, celebrations, stuff, money and justice.

Questions about these two options may be directed to the above leaders.

Providing this variety of times, curriculum, and age groupings is an ambitious undertaking for LP's Christian Education Team. Everyone with a passion for all ages of God's children and the transforming power of God's Word are invited to attend and also to consider serving as teacher, leader or helping hand. To get on board, please contact **Lisa Laity**, **Tricia Pence**, **Stacie Jones**, **Kim DeHart** or **Pastor Dorris**. New ideas are also welcomed!



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30pm</p> <p>Opportunity House 4pm</p> <p>Staff Parish 7pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Chancel Choir Picnic at the Harveys</p> <p>Teachers' Meeting</p>
<p>7 Fall schedule begins:</p> <p>9am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship Church School resumes</p> <p>Church Family Picnic 12pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Agape 12pm</p> <p>Finance 7pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30pm</p> <p>Stewardship 7pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:30</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Pre-planning Funeral Seminar/ luncheon 12:15pm</p> <p>UMYF meeting 6pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Church Council 7pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30pm</p> <p>Mission Committee 7pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Attendance comm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:30</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Penn State Berks Labyrinth 12pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Book Club 7pm at Nancy Dettra's home</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30pm</p> <p>Worship Committee 7pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Prayer Service 7pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:30</p>
<p>28</p> <p>with Ministry Recognition and Brunch @ 10am</p> <p>Youth Worship Service 6:30pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Safe Haven Lighthouse 3-5:30pm</p>	

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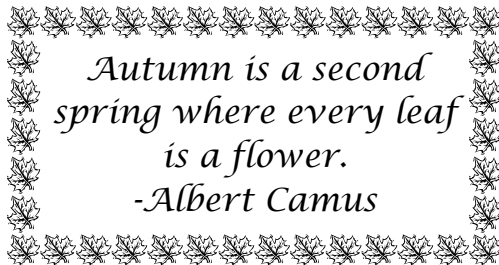
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>m</p> <p>0pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Children's Choir 6pm</p> <p>Youth Praise Band 6:30pm</p> <p>Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <div data-bbox="626 1175 1064 1442" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Looking ahead to October...</p> <p>Mission Food Drive all month</p> <p>10/9 Craft Group begins</p> <p>10/12 Home Fellowship Suppers</p> <p>10/13 Finance</p> <p>10/26 Stewardship Sunday</p> </div>



Church School Teachers To Meet

From Pastor Dorris
McCoy

All teachers and helpers for both Sunday morning Children's Church School sessions are encouraged to attend a Teachers' Meeting, **Wednesday, September 3**, 7 pm, in Rooms 101 and 104. Both LIVE B.I.G. and ROCK SOLID will be presented and reviewed (similar to our VBS introductory session). All who are teaching, helping or interested in exploring the possibility of offering leadership are encouraged to attend. With questions, please see **Kim DeHart**, Christian Education Chair, or **Pastor Dorris**. Also please share which time frame and age level are of interest to you. Thanks to all who share their faith by teaching as they make Bible lessons memorable to LP's children and help our children put their faith into action. All members are invited to pray daily for LP's Christian Education programs, staff, and volunteers.



Area Leadership Training Beyond LP

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Much personal growth and sharing of ideas occur when leaders attend training beyond the walls of home churches. Among options available for LP leaders are:

- Children's Ministry Live Workshop: GIVE KIDS A FAITH THAT GROWS, Sat, Sept 13, 8:30 am-3 pm, in nearby Lancaster - for every novice to seasoned professional ministering to kids from preschool through preteen.
- Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth: A Learning & Sharing Event to Empower Local Congregations, Sat, Sept 27, at Hopewell UMC in Downingtown, with workshops in 5 areas of "best practices" for effective ministry in pastoral caring, youth outreach, personal transformation, church growth and children's ministry.

Parish Resource Center offers:

- "Connecting with Today's Youth" by Walt Mueller on Sept 16, 6:30-9 pm
- "New Ways to Teach the Bible to Children" by PRC's Kitty Collier on Sept 23 at 7-9 pm
- "Enlivening Advent & Christmas Worship" by Daryl Hollinger, 6:30-9 pm on Sept 29.

For details and/or to register, please contact **Pastor Dorris**.

LATER IN THE FALL---YET TO COME!

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



→ HOME FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS, **Sunday, October 12**, are being planned to encourage fellowship and sharing of faith stories between LP members. If you would like to host a supper in your home in your LP membership area, or would like to assist overall organization of this event, please contact **Kim DeHart** or **Pastor Dorris**.

→ Fall Supper Study Series will be offered **Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, & 23**, at the church. **Bev Ruffner** welcomes any cooks/servers; **Pastor Dorris** seeks helper/coordinator for children's option offered concurrent with two adult study opportunities thus far.

→ Laity Sunday will be celebrated during worship hours, **Sunday, November 16**, under the direction of Lay Leader, **Earl Hope**.

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vices Exchange. They are politically accepted in the area.

I will leave from Harrisburg on October 10, and travel to Detroit to meet the team of 20. Our team includes doctors, dentists, technicians, nurses, pharmacists and non-medical persons. The team will fly to Narita, Japan, then on to Beijing. From there we will board a train for the 23 hour trip to Zalantan, Inner Mongolia. From this moderate size city we will travel daily to nearby areas to set up clinics. With the aid of interpreters, we will provide free medical care and medicine.

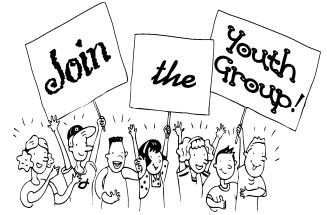
As on previous trips, I will take adult and children's vitamins with iron and basic tablet form of Ibuprofen. Liquid vitamins for infants are also accepted. Please—no gel-caps or other forms of Ibuprofen. There is a box in the Wagner Room for the collection of medicines between now and September 13.

Your prayer support is vital to the success of any outreach for the Lord's work. On behalf of the team and myself, I ask for your prayer support now through the end of October for a successful outreach to those in need, for openness of the Chinese, and for safety and good health for the team.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement and your support.

UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691



New Youth Worship Services!

UMYF will be leading a contemporary worship service one Sunday evening per month. Our goal is to:

- provide our youth, along with other teens in the area, a worship service that is geared to their age group
- strengthen their faith in God
- provide worship leadership opportunities
- offer an atmosphere of fellowship with other Christian teenagers in the Reading area.

All youth, their families & friends are encouraged to attend.

Worship Dates: Sundays, September 28 & October 26, 6:30-7:30 pm

Youth Praise Band Practice

Starts Thursday, September 4 - Meet in the Sanctuary

Any and all youth who want to be a part of youth worship are invited to practice and prepare Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 pm. Musicians and singers (ability does not matter!) will be working with **Cory Laity**, while the rest of us will be planning the first Youth Service, scheduled Sunday, September 28. Call **Cori** with any questions, 610-568-0691.

Save these dates.....

- Thursday, September 4: Youth Praise Band/Worship Practice 6:30-8 pm
- Sunday, September 7 : Sunday School Starts
- Thursday, September 11: Youth Praise Band/Worship Practice 6:30-8 pm
- Sunday, September 14: UMYF Meeting...Dinner, Fellowship, Faith Exploration & Fun, 6-8 pm
- Thursday, September 18: Youth Praise Band/Worship Practice 6:30-8 pm
- Sunday, September 21: Penn State Outdoor Labyrinth Experience, 12 pm
- Thursday, September 25: Youth Praise Band/Worship Practice 6:30-8 pm
- Sunday, September 28: Youth Worship 6:30-7:30 pm
- Sunday, October 19: UMYF Meeting 6-8 pm
- Sunday, October 26: Youth Worship Service 6:30-7:30 pm

MISSIONS

From Marian Longenecker

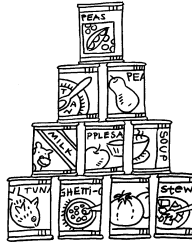
Coming Up: The October Mission Food Drive

October is the month the Mission committee will collect donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at Central Park UMC. Central Park has merged with Emmanuel Olivet congregation to become **New Journey United Methodist Church**. However, the need is the same.

Their wish list is as follows:

- cereals
- soup

- canned vegetables and fruit
- peanut butter
- jelly
 - canned tuna
 - baby formula.



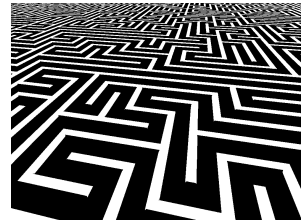
FOOD DRIVE

Look for the *blue bucket* in the Wagner Room for your generous donations. Thank you!

Pray And Walk Outdoor Labyrinth

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Whether indoors or outdoors, a labyrinth is a path of prayer, a walking meditation to connect God and our souls and a quiet time to find our way. A labyrinth gives us a break from a busy world, encourages us to nourish our creative urges and helps us find the holy spaces in our lives.



If you are seeking to know God more deeply, then the labyrinth can serve as a tool to support your explorations and nurture your spiritual growth. If you feel drawn to slow down and experience the sacred in the changing of the seasons, join fellow Lincoln Park prayer walkers at Penn State Berks' outdoor labyrinth, **Sunday, September 21**, following traditional worship. To pray, walk or ask questions about the labyrinth experience, please contact **Shirley Cline** or **Pastor Dorris**.

Ease The Minds Of Those Left Behind

From Kris Wright

Most important events are celebrated with “rites of passage” or rituals. For Christians, death is a rite of passage for both the deceased and the living. A funeral is an opportunity for the community to celebrate Christ’s promise made at baptism. As we share in Jesus’ life and death, so shall we share in Christ’s resurrection. Ideally, funeral rites should be planned before death.

Pre-arranging a funeral is one area most people don’t like to think about - particularly when they are healthy and enjoying life. The death of a loved one is a traumatic time. Pre-planning your funeral arrangements, and the church’s involvement, can help reduce the stress and *ease the minds of those left behind*. It will protect your loved ones emotionally and provide you with peace-of-mind knowing your funeral arrangements are in order.



Funeral Pre-Planning

On Sunday, **September 14**, following the 11 am worship service, a program will be offered that will provide materials to guide you through this planning process. The program will start with a light luncheon, followed by a presentation of a planning guide and other information to help you through this ritual. A representative from a local funeral home and our church staff will be available to answer questions and distribute materials. When the document is complete, a copy can be kept in the church office.

Questions? Contact **Ann Wardrop**, 610-777- 3178 or **Kris Wright**, 610-775-1208.

A sign up sheet for the luncheon is in the Wagner Room. Plan to attend this fellowship time and opportunity to *ease your mind and the minds of those left behind*.



We welcome into our congregation **Dennis & Linda Werner**, who joined our fellowship by reaffirmation of faith on July 27. They reside at 2908 State Hill Rd, #1210, Wyomissing, PA 19610, phone 610-927-5057. Welcome!



Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella

You asked for it and here it is!

A **Children's Choir** for children in kindergarten to grade 6 is being formed and will meet Thursdays from 6-6:30 pm in the Wagner Room.

The first rehearsal date is **September 11**, and will be a **Popsicle Party!**

Bev Perella is excited to introduce this group to traditional and new children's church music. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Bev.

Chancel Choir

Our first rehearsal and picnic will be held on **Wednesday, September 3**, 6:30 pm, at the home of **Lon & Deb Harvey**. The choir will then meet meekly at 7:30 pm in the Wagner Room. New members are always needed and welcomed!

Praise Team

The Praise Team continues to meet every Thursday evening at 8 pm in the sanctuary. See **Cory Laity** or **Becky Chadwick** if you have an interest in singing praise music or playing an instrument with this group.

Bell Choir

Bev Perella soon will meet with the Bell Choir to determine this season's performance dates. Do you like to hear the bells? Do you think you might like to ring these instruments? Rehearsals are scheduled on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please talk to Bev or any member of the group for more information.

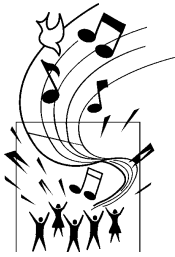
Many thanks!

What a great summer this has been musically! Many, many thanks to our own talented church members and our friends from the community who have performed for our Mini-Concert Series. Not only have we been impressed, but God has heard and smiled!

From our mailbox



To Worship Is To Sing



The worshiper who sings ... drinks more deeply of the message of the hymns. The gospel as found in our hymns is the same as that in the Scriptures.

The worshiper who sings ... becomes more deeply involved in the service; less of a spectator and more of a participant.

The worshiper who sings ... draws more closely to those who worship with him.

The worshiper who sings ... expresses faith by lifting his or her voice in praise to God.

The worshiper who sings ... upholds the service, making it finer and richer for fellow worshipers, the pastor, the church and God.

Remember
Our Homebound Members



Dear friends,

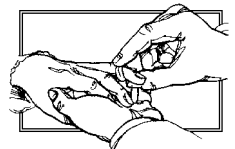
Thank you for the assorted groceries you donated to our food pantry. We are glad to know we have friends like you to help us feed the hungry around us. May God bless you for your kindness.

AnnMarie Wallace, Soup Kitchen Mgr,
Central Park UMC



Connie Rose Weyand, daughter of Lora Weyandt and James Kreed, was received into the faith by the sacrament of baptism on July 13. May God bless this child and her family.

Congratulations to **Mark McCoy**, son of **Fred & Pastor Dorris McCoy**, and Kelli Sullivan, of Whitfield, who were united in marriage August 8 in the Exeter District Justice Office. May their marriage and their new home together be a haven of blessing and a place of love and peace.



*United in
Marriage*



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