



# News-Line

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*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter*  
*Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania* *April, 2009*

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## Come for Baskets-full of Fun

From Raylin Ritenour

All children -- from 2 and under through age 10 -- are invited to participate in our **EASTER EGG HUNT & CELEBRATION**. On **Saturday, April 4**, 10 to 11:30 am, we'll be hiding and finding eggs filled with goodies, decorating cookies, playing games, making crafts, and having a lot of fun.



Please sign-up in the Wagner Room for children to participate or to help make this a memorable time for the kids. Any questions, please contact **Raylin Ritenour**, 610-406-0117, or **Tracy Goldsborough**, 610-777-6991.

## We're Heating It Up!

### LP's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Supper

**Saturday, April 25**

From Rebecca Chadwick



You're all invited for this praise, worship, and food festival. Supper will be served from 4:30-6:45 pm, in Memorial Hall, including red and white chili, salad bar, corn bread, hot dogs, dessert, and beverages. Music -- from local

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## **WORSHIP IN APRIL**

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

### **Sunday, April 5 - PALM SUNDAY**

Contemporary Worship: *Chocolate For Lent:*

*Growing Up - The Process of Change*

Mark 11:1-11, John 3:1-8

Traditional Worship: *Another Chance*

Mark 11:1-11, John 18:25-27, John 21:15-19

### **April 9, MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Worship Service, 7pm

John 13:31-35; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

### **April 10, GOOD FRIDAY**

Tenebrae Service, 7pm

*The Darkest Day: Judas's Reflections*

### **Sunday, April 12 - EASTER SUNDAY**

*Listening for Our Name*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, John 20:1-18



### **Sunday, April 19 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*The Mystery and Hope of Easter* - Matthew 27:57-61, 1 Corinthians 15:50-55

### **Sunday, April 26 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pastor Dorris McCoy** will preach a message based on Psalm 4 and 1 John 3:1-7,

to ask these questions:

*Who keeps us safe?* and *Who are we as children of God?*

### **Wednesday, April 29, 7 pm**

**CELTIC WORSHIP**

## Meet our New Members

We welcome these newcomers into the fellowship of Lincoln Park UMC. They were received into membership on Sunday, March 15.



**Sandra Beam** is an elementary teacher at Twin Valley School District. She's the mother of two adult children, Matthew and Ashley. Her hobbies include spending time on the beach, reading, listening to music and enjoying time with friends. She joins our church by transfer from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Geigertown, PA.

**JoAnne Moyer** is the wife of Robert and mother to Andrew, Aimee, and Alissa. She's an elementary teacher in the Governor Mifflin School District. Her hobbies include reading, playing the piano, listening to music, and cooking. She joins us by transfer from Pennside Presbyterian Church.

**Robert Moyer** is the husband of JoAnne and father to Andrew, Aimee, and Alissa. An engineer at Honeywell, Robert enjoys reading and listening to blues and classical music. He also joins by transfer from Pennside Presbyterian Church.

## Welcome To Erin Potter



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chair, **George Pyle**, announces the selection of Erin Potter as our new LP Church Secretary. Please join SPRC in extending a warm welcome to Erin. She began her position with us on Monday, March 2. Secretarial coverage has resumed Monday - Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. You may contact Erin at 610-777-1422, ext 21, or email her at [lpccmc@verizon.net](mailto:lpccmc@verizon.net).

## 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

*He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.*  
Matthew 28: 6

**I**t was the first day of the week at early dawn. There were few who cared to remember the gruesome crucifixion of the preceding Friday. A troublesome dis-senter was dead and buried in a tomb ordered sealed by Pilate, and everybody was eager to get on with business as usual.

Pilate, the Pharisees, and the Roman soldiers were shocked and bewildered to discover that it took more than a cross to stop the Master. They were both angered and dismayed when the whisper, *He has risen*, swept like a gentle wind across Jerusalem. The whole story sounded absurd to the realists, and they scoffed at it.

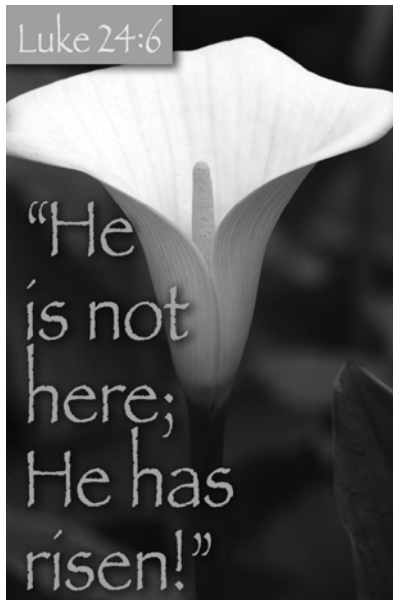
Even the disciples first treated the resurrection story as “an idle tale,”

according to Luke. But it wasn't “an idle tale.” It was true. The living spirit of Jesus was abroad again in the world. It touched the disciples in their discouragement and sent them to “turn the world upside down” with their message and their faith. It caught the imagination of disillusioned followers who flung their faith around the world.

Nothing can stop the spirit of truth and love living in human personality. *He has risen*, and his spirit goes on marching through the world, making conquerors uneasy and autocratic crowns insecure. He speaks in the towns of

North Korea, in the villages of Iraq, and he can't be silenced. He touches life in the huts of China and apartments of Chicago and New York City. Through all the ages His message marches on.

*He has risen!!!!*



# Buxtehude To Bach and Beyond

From Debbie Harvey

You're invited to an organ concert by **Joan Zeiter** at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Sinking Spring, on Sunday, April 26, at 3 pm. Joan served as LPUMC's Director of Music/Organist in the 70's when her husband, the Rev. J. Donald Zeiter, was pastor and again in the 90's when they moved back to Berks County.

She studied organ and received her BA in Music from Lebanon Valley College and MM in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College, Princeton. Her program will feature major works by Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn and Widor and shorter pieces by Frescobaldi, deGrigny, Boehm, Brahms, Schroeder and Pepping.

A free-will offering will be received. For directions, please access the St. Alban's website: [stalbanepiscopal.org](http://stalbanepiscopal.org) or call the church office: 610-678-7001.

## Join Us for Some Special Music

From Beverly Perella

- ♪ Easter Sunday, April 12 -- Special music with our church musicians and tenor John Perella begins at 10:45
- ♪ Reading Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert -- Sunday, April 19, at 3 pm
- ♪ Berkshire Brass and Organ Concert -- Sunday, May 3, at 3 pm
- ♪ Music Sunday -- May 17

## Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz



In April, Book Club will be reading *Case Histories* by British author, Kate Atkinson. Mystery surrounds three "cold cases" and PI, Jackson Brodie, is hired to look into them by relatives of the murdered or missing victims. Grab a copy of this thriller and find out whodunit as well as how the survivors deal with their losses. See you on Monday, April 27, at 7 pm, at **Bernie Ackelson's** home for discussion and light refreshments.

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# FLEA MARKET -- SATURDAY, MAY 16

## YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS WANTED

From Beverly Perella



**WARNING:** Lurking behind every church door, waiting to pounce in every hallway is the crazy flea lady. She's brought fear to so many that people are calling her to volunteer for the **FLEA MARKET ON SATURDAY, MAY 16**. Instead of roaming the church, looking over your shoulder, seek out the flea lady with your promise to help. Watch for a bulletin insert with more specific details.

### **FLEAS WANTED: ONLY THE GOOD NEED APPLY!**

*Donations are now being accepted.* But, please don't donate fleas or clothing that are no longer usable or wearable. Sort through your donations carefully and bring them, in a ready-to-buy, clean state, to the basement of the Church Office.

This is a fund-raising project for us, but much more important than that, it offers us the opportunity to work together as a church family! Let's all come out together, laugh together, scratch together, and praise our Father as one.

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## **\$\$ YOUR GIFT MULTIPLIED \$\$**

From Nancy Villecco

When you make a financial contribution to Opportunity House during March or April, your gift will be multiplied! Alan Shawn Feinstein has created an annual campaign to match monetary gifts donated during this time frame. He has supported Opportunity House with thousands of dollars through this campaign since the year 2000.

Your gift will not only help keep the shelter open to help so many, but it will encourage him to contribute more of his \$1 million grant to this agency.



Please mail your gifts to:

Opportunity House, PO Box 12303, Reading, PA 19612-2303





# April

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>
			1 Bell Choir 6:4 Chancel Choir
5  <i>Palm Sunday</i> 5 Practices Supper Series UMYF meeting 6pm	6 Trustees 7pm	7 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm	8 Bell Choir 6:4 Chancel Choir
12  <b>EASTER</b> Flowering of the Cross	13 Agape 12pm Finance 7pm	14 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm Christian Ed 6:30pm	15 Bell Choir 6:4 Chancel Choir
19 Reading Philharmonic 3pm 5 Practices Supper Series UMYF meeting 6pm	20	21 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm	22 Bell Choir 6:4 Chancel Choir
26	27 Book Club at Bernie Ackelson's 7pm	28 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm	29 Celtic Worship Chancel Choir



# 2009



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1:45pm r 7:45pm	2 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm	3	4 Youth Wii Tournament Easter Party 10 am
1:45pm r 7:45pm	9  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Worship Service 7pm	10  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Tenebrae Service 7pm	11 Youth decorate sanctuary for Easter
1:45pm r 7:45pm	16 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm	17	18 Youth at Mohnton Food Pantry 8:30am
1:45pm r 7:45pm	23 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm	24	25 Chili Supper 4:30 pm
7pm r 8 pm	30 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Looking ahead to May...</b></p> <p>May 3 Berkshire Brass &amp; Organ Concert            May 4 Trustees            May 5 Opportunity House; Nurture &amp; Witness            May 11 Agape, Finance            May 16 Flea Market            May 17 Music Sunday            May 18 Church Council            May 31 Unified Service; Confirmation;            Volunteer Appreciation; luncheon</p> </div>	

# Let's Talk about Books

From Cheri Fallon

Pastor Dorris McCoy recently suggested that we share our thoughts in the *News-Linc* about books we've read. OK, I'll go first ... in the hopes that you'll also comment on this book or send us your review of a book that's touched you.

My daughter-in-law suggested I read *The Shack*, by William Paul Young. We both like suspense, and she knows I'm interested in spiritual things.

*The Shack* is a book about grief of the worst kind: the brutal loss of a child. Mackenzie Philips's youngest daughter is abducted and murdered in an abandoned shack in the wilderness. Four years later, Mack receives a note from God inviting him to that same shack.

God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ turn out to be different from Mack's -- and most readers' -- expectations. Through the course of the novel, Mack is healed from his dark despair by this surprising, miraculous encounter.

The book challenges the reader to think of God's plan and place in human suffering. "It's actually the bad things in

life that move us forward," one reader said. Some say they've been forever changed by it. "God knows where we hurt," says Young, "and he has a great affection for us."

I was most interested to see Young on morning TV not long ago. The story of how he came to write and publish

*The Shack* seemed miraculous to me. His wife encouraged him to write this book for his six children (ages 15-28). She felt he had a unique vision of faith that should be passed on. So he wrote it and made 15 copies at Office Depot. From this beginning, *The Shack* has sold over 61 million copies.

I sometimes found the book and its premise to be a little "hokey," almost contrived, but it certainly gets a person thinking about God and faith in a positive way. Young says, "How would things change if God actually cared about us and was involved in our daily lives?"

Isn't this the essence of faith? Wouldn't this be the most awesome, most heavenly way to live?



## Parish Resource Center Announces Web Link

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

LP belongs to the nearby Parish Resource Center which provides an abundance of church support, current print and video materials and growth resources. You can get to know the PRC personally and at your leisure by connecting with them via [www.parishresourcecenter.org/lancaster](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org/lancaster) for details and updates on services and upcoming workshops. Ask questions there too, or contact **Pastor Dorris**, who's never too busy to sing their praises and plan a trip to visit there!

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contemporary bands -- will start at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Pre-purchase ticket prices are: \$8 adults, \$4 children 4-10, free 3 & under. New this year is a family pass -- 2 adults, 2 children for \$20, \$2 for each additional child. Tickets at the door will be: \$10, \$22 family pass, children 4-10 \$5, children 3 and under free. Each ticket includes a meal and music.



From Cheri Fallon

We're coming up on the end of another school year and looking for information about graduates in your family. It's your chance to tell us about their accomplishments, interests, awards, and future plans. We'll feature grads in our May and June issues. Please send me an email, [cherifallon@comcast.net](mailto:cherifallon@comcast.net), or leave a note in the *News-Linc* mailbox at the Church Office.



**EASTER** is Jesus' great example of life-giving power, usually associated with eternity. But eternal life isn't only off in the future, it is now.

What is life, actually? Life is when you are sensitized, full of joy, vital, effervescent, excited with an up thrust of victory. If that doesn't characterize you, maybe you need to be resurrected.

--*Guideposts* Calendar, 2009

# YOUTH-THINK

## UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691



### Youth Worship...

...was amazing! The UMYF held their second youth worship on Saturday, February 28. The theme was faith, and the 50 people who attended were spiritually moved by the youth's expression of their faith. Seven youth performed a musical skit based on the song *Everything* by the band LIFEHOUSE. This skit illustrated how life choices can pull you away from God, but when you reach out, He was there all along. \$81 was received along with food donations for the Governor Mifflin Food Ministry.

The youth are already planning their next worship for May. The youth praise band continues to practice on Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm. All youth who'd like to participate are encouraged to join us Thursday evenings. Contact **Cori** with any questions, 610-568-0691.

### Sponsors Needed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fund raising for our youth mission trip is well under way. A big thank you to all who joined us at Friendly's, and purchased hoagies and soup. These mission trips are life-changing for the teens involved and members of the congregation are encouraged to become sponsors. With a donation you'll receive a postcard from a youth while on the trip, and be invited to the appreciation luncheon after the youth return. Sponsor forms are available in the Wagner Room.

### Upcoming Events:

- April 4, Time TBD - Wii Tournament; details to follow.
- April 5, 6 - 8 pm - Youth Group Meeting.
- April 11, Time TBD - Decorate church with Easter flowers.
- April 18, 9-11am - Volunteer at the food pantry in Mohnton. Be at church at 8:30 am.
- April 19, 6 - 8 pm - Youth Group Meeting.
- April 25, Time TBD - Youth Praise Band plays at the Chili Supper.



## ...Invites Your Ideas

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The Christian Education Committee meets Tuesday, **April 14**, 6:30 pm, in Room 104, for review and planning. Let's look back on how our year with two new curricula and a new time schedule has gone. We'll also look ahead to plan more ways to connect more people to Christ and our faith community, through Christian Education offerings in our summer and fall educational programs.

To prepare and strengthen our options for growth, a good place to start is Schnase's chapter on *Intentional Faith Development* in his FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS. With questions, ideas, concerns, and input if you cannot attend the meeting, please see **Kim DeHart**, Chair, or **Pastor Dorris**.

## FIVE PRACTICES AT 5 CONTINUES

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

LP's Lenten Study of Schnase's FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS continues April 5 (*The Practice of Extravagant Generosity*) and April 19 (*Putting It All Together For Action*) with supper at 5 pm, in Memorial Hall. For the children, **Pam Bailey** coordinates Veggie Tales'

Easter stories and projects to nudge our children's growth. Nursery Care is also available.



You can still attend these last two weeks even if you've missed previous weeks. Books and previous weeks' videos are available for your independent reflection time. With questions, please contact **Pastor Jerry** or **Pastor Dorris**.

# CHURCH SCHOOL & SUNDAY MORNINGS

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

*Churches need to realize that all baptized Christians are responsible for forming one another in Christ.*



This is one of the basic reasons we do Church School at LP. We each need to ask ourselves what we are doing individually and corporately to promote growth in our knowledge and understanding of what it means to follow Christ at every age and stage of our lives, and in all the ministries at LP. *Church and church school are not just for kids.* Sunday mornings are for the whole family of God. So...come aboard - bring a friend - grow the family - grow the faith. The opportunities are offered each week.

Check out the possibilities at 9:15, 10, and 10:20 am:

- for men and women (women's study, Bible lessons and Religions of the World)
- for children (ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- for youth (separate junior and senior high classes).

You'll find details in each Sunday bulletin. If you have questions or need additional study options, contact Christian Education Chair, **Kim DeHart** or **Pastor Dorris**.



Never underestimate the power of witness of a child. Adults' hearts were recently warmed and moved by the passionate plea of a 4-year-old who pleaded with her dad to stay for the second hour of church school and was saddened because taking her home meant he, too, would miss his church school!

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## 2009 VBS Crocodile Dock

**Help kids see what God is doing all around us!**

From Karen Osika

Come, explore, and experience CROCODILE DOCK VBS this summer, **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 22-26, 9 AM-NOON** daily. There'll be fun at Bible Bayou, Gator Games, Dockside Drive-In, and Crawfish Crafts. We'll make and eat snacks at the Snack Shack. At the Sing and Play Swamp Stomp, we'll sing of God's greatness.

Come join the excitement and bring a friend.

If you have questions about enrolling or are interested in helping during this amazing week, contact **Karen Osika** or **Pastor Dorris McCoy**.



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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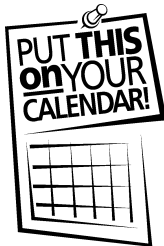
Mr C Lewis Reynolds  
New zip code: 27518-2217

## Birth

Congratulations to **Matthew** and **Alice McCoy** on the birth of their daughter, **Quynn Isabel McCoy**, born March 19.



**Pastor Dorris** and **Fred McCoy** are her proud grandparents. Many blessings to all!



## Coming in May...

- Opportunity House Supper Prep and Serve:  
**Tuesday, May 5.**
- Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition, Confirmation:  
**Sunday, May 31**

*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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## From Our Mailbox

Thanks for your recent contribution of \$337.55 to the New Journey UMC Food Ministry. Your gift will help us continue to feed individuals and families in Reading who are clients of our Kitchen Cupboard and Soup Kitchen.

Our Soup Kitchen serves lunch Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; we've been serving 130-150 persons each day. Groceries are distributed every Wednesday in the Kitchen Cupboard, and we average 80-90 different families every week.

Again, thank you for contributing to this important ministry to God's people.

Helen Ruth,  
Food Ministry Coordinator



Worship with us:

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship on Sunday

10:00 & 10:20 am - Christian Education on Sunday

11:00 am - Traditional Worship on Sunday

7:00 pm - Prayer Service, last Wednesday of each month

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