

News-Line

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



It's a Fundraiser, a Tradition, a Fun Time!
LP's Annual FLEA MARKET
Saturday, May 16, from 7am- 3pm.
Shop early for the best bargains.

From Beverly Perella

Fleas, fleas everywhere! You can help us prepare by bringing your collectibles, fleas, books, and gently-used clothing to Memorial Hall **by May 10**. Please be sure items are ready for sale - no dirt, tears, holes, or broken pieces. Volunteers are still needed for everything, from sorting and pricing to set-up and clean-up. We also appreciate your donations of food and baked goods. And, of course, we need you to come and shop! Please contact **Beverly Perella**, 610-603-0150, before she tracks you down. Twisting arms in the church is not be a pretty sight!

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The Berkshire Brass Ensemble
In Concert
Sunday, May 3, at 3pm
featuring
LP's Organist Beverly Perella
In three brass-organ pieces.



WORSHIP IN MAY

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Sunday, May 3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Just a Foretaste”

1Corinthians 23-26, Luke 14:15-24

Sunday, May 10

MOTHER'S DAY

Contemporary 9 am: “Jerry Letterman: Tribute to Mothers”

Traditional 11 am: “Hannah: A Model for Mothers and Others”

1Samuel 1:1-28, Proverbs 22:6

Sunday, May 17

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

“A New Song”

Psalm 33, Revelation 5:11-14

Sunday, May 24

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

“Time to Remember, A Time to Honor”

Psalm 77:1-2,11-20; Luke 23:26-46

Wednesday, May 27, 7 pm

Taize Worship

The Taize community organized in World War II era France, where a monk named Brother Roger sought persons of various Christian traditions to commit to living out the gospel call to reconciliation. Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs give a meditative character. As words are sung several times, they gradually penetrate the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together.

Sunday, May 31

PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

One service only at 10 am

“What Difference Does Christ Make?”

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 1-21

We Recognize Volunteers May 31

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Your generous giving of time, talent and spiritual gifts makes possible the many ministries of the Lincoln Park congregation.



To ALL who teach, volunteer in the office, serve on committees, hold leadership positions, assist with VBS and special events, and do all those seemingly endless tasks that make ministry happen, we say THANKS!!

You're cordially invited to come and be recognized during our 5th Sunday Pentecost Celebration on **May 31**, at 10 am. Let's celebrate what God has given us and what we share with one another and God's world!



Hello! My name is Erin Potter, and I am the new secretary here at Lincoln Park. I'd like to take a minute to tell you all a little bit about myself.

I'm originally from Portland, Oregon. I moved to Rochester, New York, when I decided to attend the Eastman School of Music, where I also met my husband. We moved down to Reading after my husband accepted the position of Worship Director at Spring Valley Church of God in September of last year.

When I'm not at the church, I love spending time knitting, sewing, quilting, and doing just about anything crafty. I am very happy to be here, and I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks and months!



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

In May we take the second Sunday to pay tribute to our mothers. Many of us learned about Christianity through our mothers. We see God's love in our mothers, and through them we get a taste of Heaven

I'm reminded of the story of John Todd, whose aunt adopted him after his parents died. The aunt sent a horse and slave to get John, who was only six at the time. The slave, Caesar, put the little boy on the back of the horse. On the way to the aunt's house an endearing conversation took place:

John: Will she be there?

Caesar: Oh yes, she'll be waiting up for you.

John: Will I like living with her?

Caesar: My son, you fall into good hands.

John: Will she love me?

Caesar: Ah, she has a big heart.

John: Will I have my own room? Will she let me have a puppy?

Caesar: She's got everything all set, son. She has some surprises, too.

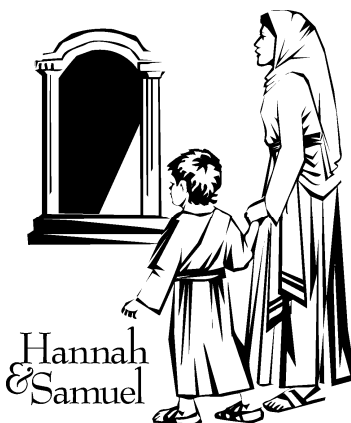
John: Do you think she'll go to bed before we get there?

Caesar: Oh, no! She's sure to wait up for you. You'll see when we get out of these woods. You'll see her

candle shining in the window.

When they got to the clearing, sure enough there was a candle in the window and she was standing in the doorway. She reached down, kissed him, and said, "Welcome home!" She fed him supper, took him to his room, and waited until he fell asleep.

John Todd grew up to be a great minister of the gospel. But it was at his aunt's, his new mother, that he grew up. It was always a place of enchantment. Years later, long after he had moved away, his adopted mother wrote to tell him of her impending death. This is what John Todd wrote her:



My Dear Aunt,

Years ago I left a house of death not knowing where I was to go, whether anyone cared, whether it was the end of me. The ride was long, but Caesar encouraged me. Finally, he pointed out your candle to me, and there we were in the yard and you embraced me and took me by the hand into my own room. After all these years I still can't believe it--- how you did all that for me!

Now it is your turn to go, and as one who has tried it out, I'm writing to let you
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UMC Summer Church Camps Offer Faith, Fun & Fellowship

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodist Camps offer exciting, enriching times for children, youth, and adults, fulfilling their mission *to share the joy of knowing and following Jesus Christ*. Brochures in our Church Office describe the events offered at four sites as near as the Pottstown area and as far away as the Poconos. The camping theme this year is *Breakthrough*, challenging campers to let Jesus break through their lives, based on Mark 10:13, *Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs*.

All campers share traditional camp experiences of singing, Bible study, worship, crafts, nature, swimming, boating, campfires, hiking, archery, sports, games and more.

For more information, pick up a brochure in our office, contact the program by e-mail: www.epaumc.org/camping, or call 1-877-UMC-CAMP. For scholarship assistance, please see **Pastor Dorris**.



"Music is the Song of the Soul"

From Beverly Perella

And we here at Lincoln Park Church know that to be true. Come celebrate **MUSIC SUNDAY** with us on **May 17** at both services. Refresh your soul, your heart and your mind with our beautiful musical presentations for our Lord.

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know that Someone is waiting up. Your room is all ready, the light is on, the door is open, and as you ride into the yard—don't worry, Auntie. You're expected! I know. I once saw God standing in your doorway long ago!

John Todd's mother died when he was very young, but he found a mother figure in his aunt. How wonderful for John Todd to experience the love and acceptance of God found in his aunt. How wonderful it is for us to experience eternal life because someone who was a mother showed us the Way to Jesus Christ. Let us take time this month to praise God and thank Him for our mothers and those who have been mothers to us.

YOUTH-LINK

UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

- May 3:** Youth Group, 6-8 pm
- May 16:** Car Wash at Church Flea Market, Time TBD
- May 17:** Youth Group, 6-8 pm
- May 30:** Youth Worship, 7 pm; Theme: *If Today Were Your Last Day*, Memorial Hall. All ages are invited.

Youth group is open to any youth grades 7-12. We start by preparing and eating a meal, followed by faith exploration activities and games. Every Thursday night from 6:30-8 pm is Youth Praise Band practice. Any teen is invited to join in the fun. Singers and instrumentalists are always needed!

Mission Trip Update: We're over half way to our monetary goal. Please prayerfully consider being a sponsor to send our teens to Cincinnati, Ohio.

A PINK FLAMINGO MAY BE COMING TO YOUR HOUSE!

From May 3 – May 31, UMYF will conduct a

PINK FLAMINGO FUNDRAISER!!



Here's how it works...

From May 3 - 31, lovely pink flamingos will find their way into yards of various members of our congregation.

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

For a \$10 donation you can have ½ flock delivered.

Each flock comes with a personalized card.

***** SPECIAL OFFER *****

IF YOU CATCH THE YOUTH PLACING FLAMINGOS IN YOUR YARD, YOU'LL BE AWARDED 1 YOUTH SERVICE HOUR!!

To make a reservation and for more details, call Cori, 610-568-0691.



From Cheri Fallon

Andrew Lee...

son of **Linda Lee**, graduates from Twin Valley HS in June. He spent his senior year studying culinary arts at Johnson & Wales University, in North Carolina, and will continue there for another four years. "That was the best thing that could happen to him," says Linda.

Andrew's interest in cooking developed through jobs at the Inn at St. Peter's and Emily's Pub, where he worked as a line cook. "I like all kinds of cooking, baking, and pastry making," says Andrew, "I like to try things in my free time." His ideal job might include travel abroad and cooking there.

Andrew's participated in scouting for many years and is an Eagle Scout.

His favorite reading is: cookbooks! He also enjoys the Food Channel, especially *Good Eats* and *Iron Chef American*.

Mmmm...life is delicious!

Josh Lee...

son of **Linda**, and twin brother of **Andrew**, will also graduate from Twin Valley next month. Like other high school seniors, Josh will decide this week which school he'll attend this fall: either Delaware Valley College of Science, Doylestown, for agriculture, or Universal Technical Institute, Exton, for mechanics.

Josh has been involved in FFA (once Future Farmers of America) throughout his high school years, and he loves horses. For 10 years, he's volunteered at Shady Hollow Assisted Riding, where lessons are offered to all, including disabled riders. Josh has his own horse, too, and, apparently, much courage, since he participates in PA High School Rodeo -- riding bulls! "It's the longest however many minutes," says Linda of watching him ride.

Josh's interest in mechanics stems from his internship with Eshelman Transportation and working on busses there.

A member of Twin Valley's track team, his 4 by 400 meter relay team won counties a couple years ago and last year

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JR Youth Group Goes Golfing





From Tracy Goldsborough

The next Jr Youth outing is for miniature golf and ice cream, on Sunday, May 17, at noon. Contact **Tracy**, 610-777-6991, for details and with questions.





May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	 Youth Group Pink Flamingo Fundraiser,		
3 Berkshire Brass + Organ 3pm Youth Group 6pm	4 Trustees 7pm	5 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm Opportunity House 4pm Nurture & Witness 7pm	6 Bell Choir 6:4 Chancel Choir
10  Mother's Day	11 Agape 10am Finance 7pm	12 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm	13 Bell Choir 6:4 Chancel Choir
17 Music Sunday JR Youth mini golf 12pm Youth Group 6pm	18 Church Council 7pm	19 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm	20 Chancel Choir
24	25  Memorial Day	26 Safe Haven Lighthouse 3pm	27 Taize Worship Chancel Choir
31 10am service  PENTECOST Confirmation, Volunteer Appreciation			

2009



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May 3-31</p>		1	2
<p>4:15pm r 7:45pm</p>	<p>7 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm</p>	8	<div data-bbox="626 513 1110 751" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Looking ahead to June... June 1 Trustees June 8 Agape, Finance June 12 Outdoor movies June 22-26 VBS</p> </div>
<p>4:15pm r 7:45pm</p>	<p>14 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm</p>	15	<p>16 LP Flea Market & Youth Group Car Wash 7 am - 3 pm</p>
<p>r 7:30pm</p>	<p>21 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm</p>	22	23
<p>p 7pm r 8pm</p>	<p>28 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Band 8pm</p>	29	<p>30 Youth Worship 7pm</p>

VBS 2009 Offers Crocodile Dock

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All kids, ages 3 through 6th grade, are invited to LP's 2009 VBS, CROCODILE DOCK, Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light and sink their teeth into BIG fun, **Monday through Friday, 9 am-noon, June 22-26.**



Sixth through 12th grade youth serve as Crew Leaders and station assistants. Crocodile Dock takes us to the Bayou at LP, filled with incredible, energetic Bible-learning that kids and helpers alike see, hear, sing, touch and taste!

Station docks offer --

- ◆ Bible Bayou
- ◆ Crawfish crafts
- ◆ team-building Gator games
- ◆ cool and bubbly songs and motions at Swamp Stomp,
- ◆ Chadder's Dockside Drive-In and
- ◆ scrumptious Snack Shack treats.

All are geared to help our faith flow into real life as crew leaders and station projects help kids discover how to see God in everyday life (God Sightings).

Dock's Mission Project will challenge kids and leaders to take God's Word outside our four walls through supporting the Day Camp Adventure at Holy Cross UMC, Reading, and bringing cereal/soup for the Soup Kitchen.

Parents, friends, grandparents, and caregivers are invited to join us at each day's end (11:45 am) for the Firefly Finale, a daily celebration of God's love and affirmation of the day's theme. Mark these dates on your calendar for your children to attend!

If you want to be part of our awesome leadership team, there are many different ways to help. Please call Dock Coordinator, **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726, or see **Pastor Dorris** in the Church Office.

And...if you were on your HS Prom Decorating Committee, you'll love helping **Rebecca Chelius**, 610-775-4651, transform Memorial Hall and the Education Building into the swamiest bayou in Berks! Donations of swamp decor are also welcomed! Watch the fun begin!

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUPPER TIME

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



OPPORTUNITY HOUSE on 2nd Street in Reading offers temporary housing for area hungry and homeless plus a wide range of social services addressing needs of employment, child care, addiction counseling, parenting skills, and job training. Six times a year LP Church prepares and serves supper there for men, women and children.

You can be a part of this humbling experience by contacting Head Chef, **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704. Offer to cook and serve, share a monetary gift, or drop off a fresh food or dessert. We'll prepare and serve supper on **Tuesday, May 5**. The residents thank you - they truly love the delicious, fresh-cooked meals this church always has provided!

Mission Food Drive: You Can Help!

From Marian Longenecker

On May 3, 10, and 17, the Mission Committee will collect cereal and cans of soup, fruit, and vegetables for the Food Pantry at New Journey United Methodist Church.

Look for the Blue Bucket in the Wagner Room for your generous donations.

On Giving



From Jerry Manhart

Congress has extended the law that allows charitable gifts directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) through 2009. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 now gives you three ways to make a gift to Lincoln Park Church through your IRA.

- ◆ **If you're over age 70½**, you can have the administrator of your IRA transfer up to \$100,000 to LP Church and other charities. This transfer qualifies toward your required minimum distribution. Since these funds will not be included in your income for federal income tax, you cannot claim a deduction for the gift. This is especially attractive for nonitemizers and others who have limits on their deductions.
- ◆ **If you're between ages 59½ and 70½**, you can withdraw funds from your IRA and donate them to LP church. The withdrawal will typically be reported as income, and then the charitable gift may be claimed as an offsetting deduction.
- ◆ **And no matter your age**, you can always name LP church as a beneficiary of an IRA. The church would

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Abbreviated Summer Church School Begins June 7

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Please note that the Summer Church School schedule begins **Sunday, June 7**, when only a brief lesson and activity are offered for Pre-Schoolers during the Contemporary Service. The multi-age learning options resume for all on Sunday, September 13. However, any small group that would like to meet during the summer for study and fellowship is encouraged to do so. Please contact **Pastor Dorris** for resources if needed and to post news of groups to encourage broad participation.



Check Out These Technology Resources!

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The recent issue of *NewSpirit*, the Eastern PA Conference newsletter, challenges readers to use more technology in developing innovative 21st century church ministry. Here are a few recommended resources and tools:

- www.BlogTalkRadio.com: This free, web-based tool helps congregations reach beyond their walls in ministry.
- www.Lifechurch.tv: This site provides free, "open source" resources and web-based software, including Bible study.
- www.Churchmetrics.com: Another free site helps congregations keep tabs on attendance, giving, professions of faith and baptisms.
- www.umcom.org: This tool of the United Methodist Office of Communications is a source of economical technology resources.
- www.ignitingministry.org: This is the United Methodist source for Igniting Ministry resources for welcoming and inviting communications for door hangers, radio spots, television spots, billboards and more.

Have fun exploring this online world! And let your LP Staff know if you've been inspired for strengthening and enhancing ministry at LP!

Sunday School: A Time of Welcome & Learning

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Forming Christians happens in many ways in the life of a congregation. One important way of nurturing our faith journeys at Lincoln Park occurs every Sunday morning during various Church School times.

All ages are invited to see what God has in store as you learn by exploring God's Word and plan for helping others to seek and share Christ. From the seasoned pilgrim to the youngest child, all benefit from being together in a learning, loving community, nudging each other gently and steadily in a life filled with the Spirit and Love of God.



Remember, special topics and faith interests are welcomed to develop new spiritual growth opportunities. Contact **Kim DeHart**, Christian Ed Chair, or **Dorris McCoy**, Pastor of Christian Education.

The Sunday morning schedule through **May 24** includes:

- ◆ 9:15 am - LIVE B.I.G. activities bring the Bible message to Preschoolers through 4th Graders after the Children's Message in Contemporary Worship.
- ◆ 10 am - Lectionary Bible Study - The **Dettras** and **Bob Robertson** alternate leading, in the Church Library.
- ◆ 10:20 am - ROCK SOLID resources bring the Bible to our energetic preschoolers through tweeners (up to 6th Grade)
- ◆ 10:20 am - Separate Youth Classes for 7th through 9th Graders and 10th through 12th Graders
- ◆ 10:20 am - two Adult Options:
 - Women of Faith Study connects faith and life's struggles, facilitated by **Becky Chadwick**
 - A Presentation of Adam Hamilton's Series on World Religions, facilitated by **Earl Hope**

Come...your participation is awaited.

- ▶ Note: Please see p. 2 for schedule on May 31.

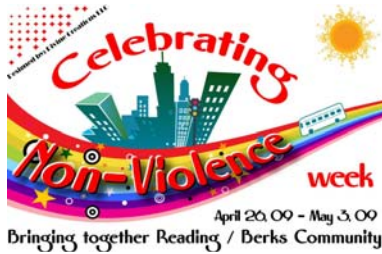
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- ◆ receive all or a designated part of any remaining funds after the account holder passes away. This might be good tax planning, since IRA funds left to individuals can be heavily taxed.

Lincoln Park Church Participates in the First Celebration of Non-Violence Week

April 26-May 3

From Kim DeHart



Non-Violence Week is a community-wide rally, involving Reading's city and suburbs, to highlight the common goal of Non-Violence.

Participating organizations hosted events to increase awareness and attention to the non-violence goal. Lincoln Park UMC displayed domestic violence silhouettes from Berks Women in Crisis on April 29, along with information about the prevention of and assistance in domestic violence situations.

Non-Violence Week closes with a participant march, beginning at 3 pm, and a community-block party at RACC on **Sunday, May 3**, from 4-6:30 pm. Volunteers will set up the display and provide donations of desserts and drinks. You, your family, and friends are invited to participate in the march and block party. Please contact **Kim DeHart**, 610-775-8835, or kimdehart@comcast.net for information or to volunteer.

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set the school record.

Lots of luck to the Lee twins. Many of us have watched them grow up and mature these last 18 years at Lincoln Park and wish them well!

If you have a graduate in your family, please send information to: cherfallon@comcast.net, or leave a note in the *News-Linc* mailbox in the Church Office. We're interested in hearing from you! Thank you!



Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

Due to Memorial Day on May 25, Book Club will meet instead on Monday, June 1, at 7 pm, at **Bernie Ackelson's** home. That evening, author Carl Frey Constein, will join us to discuss his book, *From The Rhine to Penn's Woods*. Come and share the experiences and hardships of Adam Staudt and his family during the mid-1700's in Tulpehocken Settlement. This special event will be a "first" for our group. Members and guests are welcome.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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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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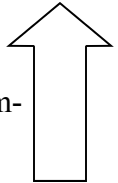
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Family Movie Night
Friday, June 12
From Linda Woll & Tracy Panase
Drinks & Light
Refreshments Served
More details soon!

If you'd like to help with events like this, come for our next Nurture & Witness Committee meeting, Tuesday, May 5, at 7 pm. All are welcome!



Attention Cooks, Hosts, and Hostesses

From Elaine Meckes

The Agape Circle has just received a new shipment of Dada knives and accessories. The newest items available are a tomato knife (you can't live without it!) and a serrated super parer, for cutting fruit such as cantaloupe, melons, pineapple, and more.

We've sold two dozen flexible cutting boards and have a stock of two dozen more. They are fabulous and the price is too! Only \$2 -- Come and get 'em! For more details call **Elaine Meckes**, 610-670-2015.



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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