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

Come for a Movie and Snacks on the Lawn!

From Linda Woll

Join us on the church lawn for **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, Friday, June 12.** Showtime is 8 pm. Bring your chairs and blankets to watch Disney's computer-animated comedy film, ***BOLT***.

The movie centers on a small white dog named Bolt, who, after having spent his entire life on the set of a television series, thinks he has super powers. When he believes that his human, Penny, has been kidnapped, he sets out cross-

country to "rescue" her.

We'll serve popcorn, drinks, and cookies. We're looking for bakers to donate two or three dozen of your favorite cookies. A sign-up sheet is in the Wagner Room, or contact **Mary McLeod**, 610-406-5865. We also need drivers to transport our friends who live at



Phoebe Berks and The Highlands. If you're able to drive, please contact **Linda Woll**, 610-781-8046, or sign-up in the Wagner Room.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, June 7

- Contemporary Worship **at 9 am**
- Traditional Worship begins **at 10:45 am** with the Mini-Concert Series, followed by worship **at 11 am**



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WORSHIP IN JUNE

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Sunday, June 7

TRINITY SUNDAY

“The I Am Sayings: Knowing God”

Exodus 3:13-15, John 8:39-59

Sunday, June 14

GRADUATION SUNDAY

“The I Am Sayings: The Way, Truth and Life”

John 14:1-7

Sunday, June 21

FATHER'S DAY

“Don't Worry About It” with Guest Preacher, the Rev. Gary Hope

Luke 11:5-13, 2Kings 13:14-20a

Sunday, June 28

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The I Am Sayings: Resurrection and Life”

Daniel 12:1-4 , John 11:17-27

**Summer Office Hours
Begin June 22**

New hours for the Church Office:

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



**Graduation
Sunday**

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

On **Sunday, June 14**, at both worship services, we'll honor 2009 graduates. If you are a graduate, please join us. If you know someone who has graduated recently or will be graduating, please feel free to invite them.



Crocodile Dock VBS: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!

From Karen Osika

Are your kids ready to sink their teeth into BIG fun? That's just what they'll do at CROCODILE DOCK, where fearless kids shine God's light!

CROCODILE DOCK is filled with incredible Bible-learning that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste!

- ☼ Bible Point crafts
- ☼ Team-building games
- ☼ Cool Bible songs
- ☼ Tasty treats

These are just a few of the CROCODILE DOCK activities that help faith flow into real life. We'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life—something we call **God Sightings**. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Parents, grandparents, and friends are

invited to join us each day in Memorial Hall for Firefly Finale—a daily celebration of God's love you won't want to miss. Mark these dates on your calendar: **June 22-26**. The fun starts at 9 am and ends at 12 pm. Watch the Sunday bulletin for registration inserts! If you have any questions or would like to register your child(ren) or offer your leadership skills, please contact **Karen Osika**, 610-670-6726, or **Pastor Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422, ext. 24.

Please watch the Wagner Room for VBS's SOS request to Stock Our Snack & Supply Shelves, a wonderful way to be involved if you're out of town or unable to offer hands-on daily involvement. The kids and leaders say **THANKS!**



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

And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up on the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

Since I was young, I always assumed that someday I'd be a father; but as I grew older I started to worry it would not happen. However, God can make the impossible, possible. I am still amazed that it was a little over four years ago that my daughter Katherine was born. It's been an incredible journey. I feel so blessed to be a father of two daughters.

So, what have I learned these past four years of fatherhood bliss? Well, it's true that children change your life forever. I've heard it so many times from others, but it truly never hit home until my daughters, Katherine and Mei-Mei, were born. The time once used on myself is now spent on them. My time in my "Hockey Room" is considerably less. The money formerly used for frivolous stuff on me now goes to necessities and gifts for them. And it has all been a positive experience.

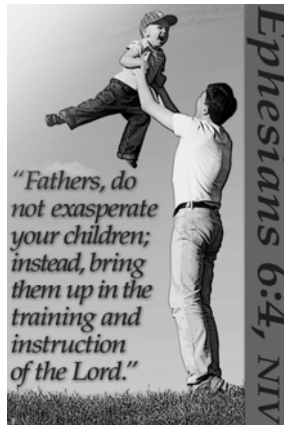
My life has changed so dramatically because now I'm concerned more about my children than myself. It's an incredibly humbling experience. While it is important to take care of yourself, your

family takes precedence, and it's all worth it. I really have a lot of fun with my daughters. Having a loving family IS happiness.

Now what about the future? I take the Ephesians' passage very seriously. How will I be able to provide the discipline and instruction for Katherine and Mei-Mei? Hopefully, if I am faithful to the Word and follow Jesus, my daughters will see Jesus in me. I will also continue to lean on my wife Karen for help. My father always said, *The best thing a father can do for his children is love their mother.* I want my daughters to see a good example of family love.

I also find it very fortunate that Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church has many Christian father role models. We can lean on each other for guidance. I thank God for His blessings and for the father figures of our church that lead by example. This church has been blessed with beautiful, caring people who have helped me as a father, and I am eternally grateful for your love and wisdom.

Happy Father's Day!





UM Summer Church Camps Offer **BREAKTHROUGHS** To Jesus

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference provides wonderful, safe, meaningful and enjoyable experiences for all ages in camp and retreat settings all around the area. These camping experiences lead people to new and renewed life in Jesus Christ. The 2009 theme, **BREAKTHROUGH**, invites campers to see how Jesus welcomes, listens, shows compassion, loves, transforms, and wants us in relationship with him to receive comfort, healing, guidance, and forgiveness.

For registration and informative camp brochures, please stop in the LP Church Office or call 1-877-UMC-CAMP. Scholarships are also available for LP campers by contacting **Pastor Dorris**.

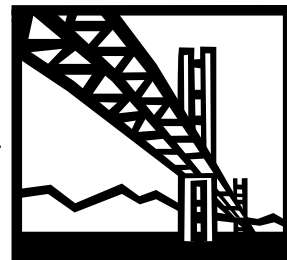


Our annual church picnic is still in the planning stages, but we are considering having it at a local park in September. Stay tuned for details in the next edition of the *NewsLine*!

Breaking Bread and Building Bridges Summer Style!

From Kim DeHart

Mark your calendar for the next Breaking Bread and Building Bridges event. The dinners return **Sunday, August 23**. As suggested by members who enjoyed the first BBBB fellowship building dinners, we've organized another event during summer. Fire up the grill for a barbeque, plan a picnic, or stay inside in the air conditioning—the entertaining venue is up to you. Child-care will be available at no charge at the church. Look for more information in future *News-Lines* and bulletins or contact committee members **Betsy Buchanan, Sandi Rosencrans, or Kim DeHart**.



UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

30 Hour Famine

Ten of our youth combined with Calvary Mohnton and West Lawn UM youth to raise money and awareness for World Vision on April 24-25. World Vision is an international organization that provides money and support for starving children around the world.

The youth started their fast at school, after lunch on Friday. We met the other youth groups that night at the West Lawn playground, where we set up cardboard houses and had an informal worship service. Fifty-five people participated, and we caused quite a stir in the neighborhood! After a chilly night of sleeping (this youth worker does not recommend using a \$9.99 sleeping bag for sleeping on cardboard outside!), we participated in a full day of service projects: raking leaves at a nearby Methodist Camp, collecting food during a scavenger hunt, and running bingo at Phoebe. The day ended with communion back at our church, and the breaking of our fast at the chili supper.



I've been blessed to work with our youth the past two years, but have never been so proud of them as I was at this event. Our teens made this event a priority in their busy lives. One youth finished her fast at work -- in a grocery store! We don't realize how blessed we are until the basics, like food or a roof over your head, are taken away. We knew these conditions were temporary. Usually at 6 pm we are eating dinner, and our beds are waiting for us at home. Others are not so fortunate. Our youth learned this valuable lesson along with the fact that *they* can make a difference in this world. I am humbled by their faith, enthusiasm, and commitment.

Mission Trip Summer 2009

Right now our youth are packing for our mission trip to Cincinnati. Sixteen youth and three adults will participate. We leave Sunday morning, June 14, and return Friday night on the 19th. We'll volunteer at food banks and homeless shelters, and work with children and the elderly.

Why drive out of state to do this, with needy in our own area? Short term mission trips take our teens out of their comfort zone by:



From Cheri Fallon

Andrew Fallon...

son of **Ed** and **Cheri**, received his Masters in Business Administration from the George Washington University's School of Business. Andy is a graduate of American University and Wilson HS.

His concentration at GW was in Real Estate and Urban Development. "What attracts me about real estate is its tangibility. It's a project you work on from start to finish and you can see the final results," he says.

Andy served as President of the Real Estate Investment and Development Organization. It was formed to supplement classroom learning with guest speakers, site visits, and an annual case competition (with a purse of \$25,000) which draws schools from across the country.

Andy enjoys playing basketball, surfing, and scuba diving whenever he can. Andy and his wife Sonja live in Washington, DC.

Rebecca Perry...

daughter of **Jim** and **Laura**, graduates from Conrad Weiser HS and will attend Slippery Rock University, majoring in

athletic training. This interest developed after some sports-related injuries and surgery. "She spent so much time in the training room for rehab that it opened new doors for her," says Laura. Becky was also a student trainer for the boys' soccer and football teams.

Becky has played piano for 12 years with LP's own **Dorinne Bilger**; she also plays bass guitar. At Weiser, she's in chorus and is President of the TV Club and SATO (Student Athletic Training Organization). She produced this year's sport, senior, and musical videos.

Becky has participated three times in Berks Co's 4500 Competition, where teams of HS students are given a topic and have 4500 minutes to write, shoot, and edit a film.

"The youth group and adults of the church have had a guiding hand over the last five years," says her mom. Last summer Becky worked and volunteered at Gretna Glen Camp.

A National Honor Society member, she has completed 100 hours of community service and was nominated for The Best in Berks in communications.



Becky received a Merit Scholarship from Slippery Rock and a scholarship from the Berks Co Athletic Trainer's Association.

"Jim and I can't wait to see where her talents and interests take her," says Laura.

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June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1 Trustees 7pm Book Club 7pm	2	3
7 Summer Sunday School Begins Jr Group Hike to Hawk Mt 12pm	8 Agape 11:15am for lunch Finance 7pm	9 Mission Committee 7pm	10
14 FLAG DAY Graduation Sunday Youth leave for Mission Trip, 6/14-6/19	15	16 ← Annual Conference	17 Tues-TH
21  Happy Father's Day!	22 ←	23 	24 VBS, 9am-
28	29 Book Club 7pm	30	

2009



ed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4 Praise Band 8pm	5	6
	11 Praise Band 8pm	12 Family Outdoor Movie Night 8pm	13
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12pm, Mon-Fri	25 Praise Band 8pm →	26	27
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Kenny Stanítis...

son of **Ken** and **Pam**, graduates from Twin Valley HS and will attend Wilkes University in the fall to pursue a degree in pharmacy.

“I always liked the sciences,” says Kenny. “About five years ago I started interning at different pharmacy sites.”

At Twin Valley, Kenny’s been involved with National Honor Society, marching band, jazz band, and is the treasurer of Tri-M, a music honor society. He enjoys music very much and playing drums, which he’s been doing since 3rd grade. He’s also participated in LP’s Praise Band.

Kenny loves doing card and magic tricks in his spare time, and his favorite book is *The Secret Life of Houdini*.

Kevin VILLECCO...

son of **Jack** and **Nancy**, graduates from Wilson HS June 6. He’ll begin studying Digital Arts at the Art Institute of York, PA, in mid-July.

At Wilson Kevin was active in the Concert Band and in Wilson Media Productions. He was nominated for Berk’s Best in the Technical/Vocational category.

Kevin also participated in the PA High School Regional Computer Fair. He enjoys photography, video games, and computer activities including digital music composition.

“He has a natural ear for music,” says **Nancy**. “It’s just something in his blood.”

At Lincoln Park, Kevin’s talents as Praise Band percussionist (since he was 11 in 2002) will be greatly missed. We hope he can be a guest drummer on breaks from school from time to time!

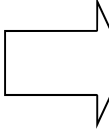
Lindsey VILLECCO...

daughter of **Jack** and **Nancy**, received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre from Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA, in May. A Magna Cum Laude graduate, Lindsey’s talents were featured in *The Magic Flute*, and as the evil Queen in *The Twelve Princesses*. Last summer she was in *The King & I* at the Theatre at Mt. Gretna.

At college, Lindsey spent time tutoring students in English and also as a soloist and choir singer at Stephen’s City UMC.

“She’d love to make a career out of acting and doing shows,” says her mom. “When she was little she was very artistic and I thought she’d be an artist. In Junior High she took a turn and got interested theatre.”

Lindsey plans to do a lot of auditioning in NYC, Orlando, FL, and elsewhere. Lindsey is grateful to the people of the Methodist Church for their support, nurturing, and encouragement!

 If you know a graduate, we’d be glad to feature them next month. Please put a note in our office mailbox, or email me: cherfallon@comcast.net.

Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella, Director of Music

A **THANK YOU** To Our Church Musicians:

Bach gave us God's word, Mozart gave us God's laughter, Beethoven gave us God's fire, and you, our church musicians, so willingly and devotedly share all of this with us here at Lincoln Park Church! We are a church that offers everything from Bach to Baloché, meeting all our needs with various styles of music. The styles might be different, but we all proclaim the power of God and offer our praise and thanks to Him. We are a church united in our love for God, and in our desire to serve and honor Him.

Bach would have said, *Danke*, but I simply say, *I love you!*

Our Summer Mini-Concert Series

...begins **Sunday, June 7** at 10:45 am. A complete listing of all musicians will soon be included in the Sunday bulletin. Keep this list on your refrigerator for the entire summer! Come to worship and listen to wonderful musical talent in praise to God!

Nurture and Witness Survey Results

From Linda Woll



Thank you to everyone who completed the Nurture and Witness Committee survey. Five top choices resulted:

- Movie Night at church (June 12)
- Reading Phillies
- Day trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park
- Day trip to Baltimore
- International Christmas Festival

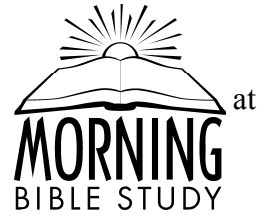
We are currently obtaining information about these outings. Details will follow soon. Please check the Wagner Room for sign-up sheets. If there's enough interest, these events can be scheduled during the summer.

Other ideas from the survey will be re-visited in the future. New suggestions included a day trip to the newly re-modeled Camden, NJ, Aquarium, family swimming night, and a roller skating party. New fellowship opportunities are always welcome!

Keeping the Spirit Alive through Bible Study

From Hildamay Bartron

The Monday Morning Bible Study will resume **September 10, 10:30 am**, in the Library. I'm anxious to welcome back previous participants and new persons who wish to join us. We'll work mainly from the Bible, using a discussion format, and will study Revelation in the fall.



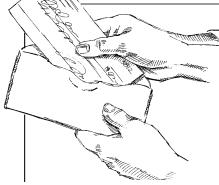
Our study group started while the Rev. Sara Davis-Shappell was Associate Pastor of LPUMC. We became known as the *Bag Ladies* because everyone brown-bagged their lunch. There were many changes through the years, yet the emphasis always has been on the Bible.

I began to lead the group in 2000. It's been a rewarding experience. Last December I felt I needed a rest and prayer time to renew my commitment. Now it's time to get back to reading and discussing the Good Book. Come and join us to keep the spirit alive on Monday mornings.

Giftng for the Future...

From Shirley Cline, Endowment Committee

Endowment Fund



That's what you'll be doing when you use the envelope marked *Endowment Fund*, coming in your tithing envelopes for June. We realize that times are difficult for many and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift, no matter what amount. One or two dollars in that envelope from several members will quickly add up. The Endowment Fund is assurance for the future of our church. Your

gift, whatever amount, will indeed be *giftng for the future*.

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- ♥ riding in a van for eight hours
- ♥ sleeping on the floor in a strange place for five nights
- ♥ working, playing and worshipping with other youth from all over the US
- ♥ being introduced to those in need and working hard to make a difference in their lives.

This experience is life-transforming! It's not too late to support the youth in their mission efforts! Money is still needed for gas and tolls. Thank you for your love and support.

Christian Education on Summer Sundays

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Church School takes a break and offers only a mini-Pre-School Session for 3's through Kindergartners, following the Children's Message at the 9 am Worship Service. Leaders use the UM curriculum, LIVE B.I.G., which offers Bible-based, energetic approaches to learning God's Word. If you're interested in helping with this session, please contact Coordinator, **Tricia Pence**, 610-404-8574.

Please check the *News-Linc* for learning, fellowship, and service opportunities offered in other venues this summer.

We welcome your input for new learning possibilities this fall. There will be many leadership and teaching opportunities. To share your ideas and assistance, please contact CEEd Chair, **Kim DeHart**, 610-775-8835, or **Pastor Dorris**, 610-777-1422, ext. 24.



Fleas Are Gone!

From Bev Perella, The Crazy Lady

Carl Madeira's pest spray is on the shelf, and the profits are in the bank. The 2009 FLEA MARKET is but a memory, but something more important remains - the fellowship we shared, the unknown faces who've become friends, and the awareness that God is the center of all we do.

We give items, donate clothes, prepare food, and share precious time. By doing so, we reach out to many of God's people, our friends and family, our Lincoln Park neighbors, and the needy both at our sale and through Goodwill Industries, Hope Rescue Mission, Teen Challenge, and Women in Crisis. We are, indeed, doing the will of God. May our loving Father continue to bless us and our mighty church.

I am deeply grateful for your assistance, dedication and support.



From the Board of Trustees

Have you noticed the railing approaching the Church Office? Thanks to two dedicated church members, **Jim and Betty Garraway**, the railing is getting a "face lift." This is a tedious job, requiring many hours of hard work, but the results are amazing.

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank them, and you, too, can acknowledge their effort by thanking them when you see them!

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMER MUSICAL PRODUCTION

GPS – God's Plan of Salvation



God's Plan of Salvation

It's that time of year again...so get ready to travel on God's Holy Highway and learn about God's Plan of Salvation for everyone!

**NEEDED: Singers, actors, dancers, and set-designers/builders.
Don't miss out on this great adventure!**

Practices: Sunday, August 9 – Thursday, August 13, 6:00-8:00 PM

Performances: Friday, August 14 @ 7:00 PM

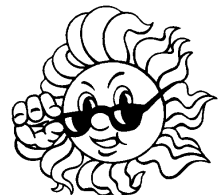
Sunday, August 16 @ 10:00 AM

**For more information or to participate, please contact Dorris McCoy or,
Beverly Perella at 610-777-1422 or Linda Hope at 610-670-9731.**

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE—prepare and serve supper at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE, **Tuesday, July 7**. Donations of food and financial assistance are critical; to help, contact Head Chef, **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704.

SUMMER LABYRINTH—LP's Labyrinth Team plans an inter-generational summer-themed prayer walk. We'll be taking the labyrinth outdoors at LP if the weather allows. Stay tuned for details. To help with planning and set-up, please contact **Shirley Cline** or **Pastor Dorris**.

Events



this summer



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

June 12
for our
July/August issue



Please include
all summer news
in this combined issue.

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From our
mailbox



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the assorted groceries you have donated to our food pantry. Every donation adds to the variety we can offer. We serve new families each week, so all your help is very welcome. May God continue to bless you for your kindness.

Ann Marie Wallace
Soup Kitchen Mgr, New Journey UMC



Christopher and **Lynsey (Fisher) Johnson** announce the birth of a son, Evan Christopher, on April 30. Lynsey is a member of this

church and **Alice Kase** is proud Great-Grandma. Congratulations!

Parish Resource Center Summer Stimulus Package

June 22-26: Seasons of the Church Year Fair

August 3, 9-11:30 am: coffee & conversation with Len Sweet

August 17-21: Adult Studies Fair

September 1, 6-8 pm: From Urgency to Action: Effective Ministry with Children

September 30, 9 am-4:30 pm: Hitchhiker's Guide to Evangelism

For more information visit their website: www.parishresourcecenter.org/lancaster. All events are free with the exception of Coffee with Len Sweet and Hitchhiker's Guide to Evangelism. Registration required for some events.



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