

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

July/August, 2009



Bring the Family for a Reading Phillies Game

From Linda Woll

Have a ball with us Saturday, July 18. Game time is 6:35 pm; gates open at 5:35 pm. If you have young children or grandchildren, you can all enjoy a *free half hour* in the kids "Phunland." There's a special entrance behind 1st base, open at 4:30 for children's activities. Kids can register ahead at Readingphillies.com or at the ball park. Kids Club membership

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Summer Musical Has a Part for YOU!

From Linda Hope

Join the fun of a ride down God's Holy Highway with LP's summer musical presentation, *GPS: God's Plan of Salvation*. We learn a few lessons the hard way, but by persevering we find that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and the road of obedience leads to the throne of God.

Whether you...

- participate behind the scenes (set work, kitchen help)
- perform (speak, sing, play in the band)
- or just come to watch,

this intergenerational experience will be upbeat and unforgettable!

Practices and behind the scenes activities will be from Sunday, August 9, through Thursday, August 13, from 6-8 pm. Performances will be **Friday, August 14**, at 7 pm, and **Sunday, August 16**, at 10 am.

Come spread Jesus' word by making "GPS" come to life at Lincoln Park!

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WORSHIP IN JULY and AUGUST

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Sunday, July 5 - INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

“America the Beautiful”

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 and 17-21, Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, July 12 - SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The I Am Sayings; I Am the Good Shepherd”

Psalm 23, John 10:11-18

Sunday, July 19 - SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The I Am Sayings; I Am the Light of the World”

Isaiah 60:1-3, John 9:1-12

Sunday, July 26 - EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The I Am Sayings; I Am the True Vine”

Matthew 13:24-30, John 15:1-11

Sunday, August 2 - NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/HOLY COMMUNION

“The I Am Sayings; I Am the Bread of Life” - Preacher, **Pastor Dorris McCoy**

Exodus 16:4-12, John 6:25-40

Sunday, August 9 - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Ride of our Lives” - Preacher, **Pastor Dorris McCoy**

We’re taking a road trip on the Holy Highway to examine God’s laws and spiritual signposts for us on that journey with God.

Deuteronomy 5:6-21, Isaiah 35:8, Ephesians 5:18b-19

Sunday, August 16 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

One Worship Service at 10 am

The Word in Music: G.P.S. (God’s Plan of Salvation)

Sunday, August 23 - TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Altars”

Exodus 20:24, Joshua 4:1-7

Sunday, August 30 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

One worship service at 10 am

Youth Missions Luncheon follows worship

“This Is the Time”

Ephesians 1:4-5, 1 Timothy 4:11-12

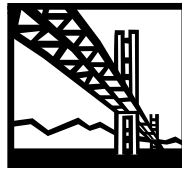
Summer Supper at Opportunity House

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Although many homeless sleep under bridges in summer, a good number continue as guests in OPPORTUNITY HOUSE'S indoor shelter for men, women, and children.

Lincoln Park's servant crew seeks to do its part with a festive summer meal, Tuesday, **July 7**, beginning with prep, at 4:30 pm, in the Church Kitchen. To help with cooking, serving, food, or monies, please contact Head Chef, **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704.

As unemployment increases and the economic slump continues, the range of services OPPORTUNITY HOUSE provides become even more significant. Thank you for being the hands of Christ for this important LP outreach!



Breaking Bread and Building Bridges Summer Style!

From Kim DeHart

Sunday, August 23 - 3 to 7 pm

Breaking Bread and Building Bridges events are designed to bring church members together. Their purpose is to develop stronger, more meaningful relationships within the church and among members who may not know each other well.

Please consider hosting or attending a dinner. Transportation and childcare will be available. Look for registration forms in future bulletins or contact committee members, **Betsy Buchanan**, 610-777-2501, **Kim DeHart**, 775-8835, or **Sandi Rosencrans**, 610-376-2176.

SUMMER MINI CONCERTS

From Beverly Perella

Funded by the generosity of Lincoln Park Church members

- July 19 Vocalist Runette Gabrielle
- July 26 Pretzel City Chorus
- August 2 James Spangler, Trumpet
- August 9 TBA
- August 16 One service at 10 am

LP's Summer Musical- *GPS- God's Plan of Salvation*

- August 23 Graeffe Family Musicians
- August 30 One service at 10 am- 5th Sunday
Lincoln Park Youth Praise Team

- July 5 Patriotic celebration with **Debbie Pyle** and her piano students
- July 12 A visit from hymn writer, **Fanny Crosby**

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

At the end of the movie, *Braveheart*, the main character, played by Mel Gibson, has a chance to be freed from torture by his enemies, the English, if he submits to their authority. He refuses and must die a wretched death. In his final breath he screams a word that pierces through the hearts of his oppressors: *Freedom!*

What does it mean to be free? Webster's dictionary describes freedom as *liberation from slavery or from the power or restraint of another*. We use the words, *freedom, liberty, and justice* a lot as we approach Independence Day. It's been over 200 years since our nation won its freedom and independence from the English. Although we sometimes complain about our government, I doubt if anyone of us has ever experienced tyranny. Perhaps it's been so long that we may not truly understand what it means to be free. Despite living in a country where we have *rights*, there are still places in this world where people are oppressed and have no clue what *freedom* and *liberty* mean.

Although we may never know what it's like to be oppressed by a government or a human being, we have experienced the bondage and oppression of sin. Sin prevents us from living the full life God offers us. The bondage of sin holds us captive and keeps us from a close, connected relationship with God.



It is
for
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that
CHRIST
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However, it is through a relationship with Jesus Christ that we are freed from the bondage and oppression of sin. By Christ taking on our sins and the sins of the world when He died on the cross, connection with God and the ability to experience full life has been restored. Contemporary music artist, Stephen Curtis Chapman, wrote and sings a song, *Remember Your Chains Are Gone*. He reminds us that through our faith in Jesus, we are no longer bound by the chains of sin that keep us from being close to God.

As we celebrate Independence Day, it's important to focus on our freedom -- not just for our country, but freedom for our own spiritual lives. May we celebrate the freedom to live in this country and the freedom to worship an all-forgiving, all-loving God.



SUMMER CAMP REMINDER

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

School's out! Is boredom setting in? There's no need to complain about nothing to do! Eastern PA Annual Conference Camps offer many camping choices at a host of sites throughout the summer, including Labor Day weekend. Stop in the Church Office for a brochure with a complete listing of options. And...if you're still not sure or need a bit of scholarship assistance, give **Pastor Dorris** a call or visit.

Summer Labyrinth - Don't Leave Home Without Him!

Pastor Dorris, McCoy

Come to LP's summer labyrinth. Pray and walk outdoors at LP on the labyrinth, in the area of the Carlisle entrance. Be inspired and reminded to take God with you everywhere you go, including vacation.



Anyone wishing to help the Labyrinth Team present this prayer walk and meditative ritual, please contact **Pastor Dorris** or **Shirley Cline**, 610-796-3946.

Come---let go of the distractions---encounter God in the quiet! You can go to www.labyrinth.org.uk, click "do it," and experience the uniqueness of the labyrinth online.

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includes a big inflatable slide, batting cage, and more, from 4:30-5 pm only. After 5 pm there's a charge for each activity. You can also enjoy a pre-game concert with the R-Phils Mascot Band.

Tickets are \$9 each (age 4 & under are free unless child needs a seat). We'll be under the awning behind home plate.

After the game there will be fireworks and a concert in the Classic Café.

If you're interested, please make checks payable to LPCUMC and write "Reading Phillies" in the memo. Checks and reservation sheets go in the box in the Wagner Room.

All reservations and payments must be made by June 30. If you have questions, contact **Cindy Brown**, 610-670-1169, or **Linda Woll**, 610-781-8046. We hope to see you there!

YOUTH-THINK

UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691



Join the
Youth Group

UMYF Summer Schedule

From 6–7 pm in the Youth Room, all youth who have completed grades 7–12 are invited to join us on:

Thursdays, July 9, July 30, August 6, August 27

Snacks only will be provided; parents, please be sure your teens have dinner before coming.

Youth Praise Band...

...will practice from 7-8 pm in Memorial Hall on the above dates in July and August.

UMYF Is Growing!!!!

As of September 2009, UMYF will separate into two groups:

- Junior UMYF for youth grades 6-8
- Senior UMYF for youth grades 9-12

Both groups will meet on Sundays with the following schedule:

- 5-6 pm, Jr UMYF meeting
- 6-7 pm, Jr & Sr groups will prepare, eat & clean up dinner
- 7-8 pm, Sr UMYF meeting

Youth group meetings involve Bible study, faith exploration, and games. Additional adult volunteers are needed. Qualifications include:

- ☺ a sense of humor
- ☺ patience
- ☺ a loving heart

There will be a training session/meeting for any adults who are interested. Call **Cori**, 610-568-0691, if you're interested.

SAVE THESE DATES...

Senior UMYF Pool Party at the Hope's Sunday, August 16

All youth entering grades 9 through 12 and their parents are invited!

- 1 - 3 pm: Splashing in the pool
- 3 - 4 pm: Parent Meeting
- 4 - 5 pm: Pot Luck Dinner

RSVP to **Linda**, 610-914-5790, or **Cori**, 610-568-0691, by August 9.

June 12: Oh What a Night

From Linda Woll

Our first *outdoor* Family Movie Night was lovely with great weather, tasty treats, and 57 people attending. Blankets and lawn chairs covered the church lawn, with many familiar and new faces. *Hotel for Dogs* was a great movie for all ages and brought lots of laughs.

In fact, the event was so successful we're hosting another movie night **Friday, July 24**, at 8 pm. Watch for bulletin inserts and posters.

Special thanks to **Cindy and Nate Brown** for building our movie screen, **Dennis Antunes** for help with sound, **Tracy Panase** for the fresh popcorn, and all who donated refreshments, helped set up, and clean up.

Save These Fall Dates ...

FALL SUPPER STUDY SERIES

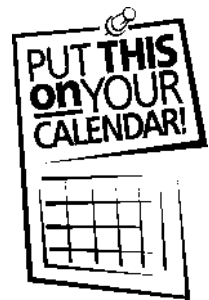
...takes a different twist to include

- Parenting of Teens,
- Parenting of Kids
- A Journey through Israel and Judaism
- a Kids Class

This 5-week series will happen Sundays:

- September 20,
- October 4 & 18, and
- November 1 & 15.

Watch the September *News-Linc* for details.



RALLY DAY

...and Church School for all will return on **Sunday, September 13**. Anyone with suggestions for study options and offers of teaching leadership is encouraged to contact **Kim DeHart**, Christian Ed Chair, 610-775-8835, or **Pastor Dorris**.

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UMYF Mission Trip Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, August 30, 11am, in Memorial Hall

Come and hear first hand how our recent mission trip has impacted the lives of our youth and adults.

Junior UMYF BBQ Sunday, August 30, 5-7 pm, at Cori's house

All youth entering grades 6 thru 8 and their parents are invited to share a potluck supper, to meet and discuss the upcoming year. Please call **Cori**, 610-568-0691, by August 23 to RSVP.

UMYF Fall Meeting Dates:

Mark your calendar now for the following Sundays:
September 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22

Meetings & Events This Summer

JULY

Monday, 7/6	Trustees, 7pm
Tuesday 7/7	Opportunity House, 4:30pm
Thursday, 7/9	UMYF, 6pm
Monday 7/20	Church Council, 7pm
Friday 7/24	Movie Night, 8 pm
Monday, 7/27	Book Club, 7pm
Thursday, 7/30	UMYF, 6pm

AUGUST

Monday, 8/3	Trustees, 7pm; 8/3-8/7 Holy Cross Day Camp
Thursday, 8/6	UMYF, 6pm
Sunday, 8/9-Th, 8/13	GPS Practice, 6-8pm
Monday, 8/10	Finance, 7pm
Friday, 8/14	Supper, 6pm; GPS performance, 7pm
Sunday, 8/16	One Service, 10am: GPS performance; Sr UMYF Pool Party
Sunday, 8/23	BBBB-Summer Edition, 4-7pm
Monday, 8/24	Book Club, 7pm
Thursday, 8/27	UMYF, 6pm
Sunday, 8/30	One Service, 10am; Youth Mission Appreciation luncheon, 11am; Junior UMYF BBQ, 5 pm

Summer Education for LP's Youngest

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Summer Sundays bring a different schedule for Christian Education at LP. Church School offers only a Preschool Class for 3, 4, & 5 year olds after the children's message at the Contemporary Service. This option uses LIVE B.I.G. resources for a fun, biblically based experience. To help with one or more sessions, please see **Tricia Pence** or sign-up on the poster in the Wagner Room.

All other children are encouraged to worship with their families over the summer months. Kid Paks and an activity table are also available in the Wagner Room to quiet the *wiggles*.



A Short Note from the Finance Committee

From Alex Ross

Lincoln Park Church is faced with a new challenge. Our heating system is in need of major repair. The trustees have negotiated a contract for the work at a cost of \$20,500. This money is not in our current budget and would deplete virtually all the unspecified working funds we have.

On June 1, Church Council approved a request from the Trustees and Finance Committees to come to you, the congregation, with a special appeal for a dedicated fund to cover the cost of this emergency project. The work must be started soon to assure that we have heat when the weather turns cold. The good news is that payment is due only after completion of the work, and we have already received donations of 30% of the cost!

We ask you to consider what you can give to help cover the cost of keeping our beautiful church warm not only next winter but also many winters to come.

Summer Book Club Selections

From Jane Reitz

Monday, June 29: *Picking Cotton* by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino

Monday, July 27: *The Constant Princess* by Philippa Gregory

Monday, August 24: *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

Monday, September 28: *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier



We'll meet at **Bernie Ackelson's** home at 7 pm for lively discussions and light refreshments. Please notify Bernie, 610-372-3472, if you'd like to bring a treat to share. Happy reading!

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!



Very Valentine

By Adriana Trigiani

A Book Review by Jo Anne Moyer

Several years ago a dear friend introduced me to the works of Adriana Trigiani by giving me the *Big Stone Gap* trilogy to read, and I was hooked. Since then I've read every book she's written. Her books explore Italian-American families dealing with the same issues we face in our own lives. Her characters feel like people we know. So I eagerly awaited her latest book. I was not disappointed!

While *Very Valentine* is the first book of a planned trilogy, it is a satisfying work in itself. Valentine Roncalli is a single woman in her thirties who lives with her beloved grandmother, Theodora Angelini, in the floors above the family-owned Angelini Shoe Company. Valen-

tine's grandfather started the successful business which is now on the verge of collapse. The Angelini Shoe Company, makers of exquisite wedding shoes, is one of the last family-owned businesses in Greenwich Village. It falls to Valentine, her grandmother's determined apprentice, to bring the family's old-world craftsmanship into the 21st century and save the company from ruin.

The action takes place in two settings - Greenwich Village and Italy. The author brings these settings to life in such a way that we want to visit both places. I am definitely looking forward to reading the next two books and spending more time with Valentine and her family!



Mission Committee Reports Successful Food Drive

From Marian Longenecker

The Mission Committee thanks all who donated food items to the food pantry and soup kitchen at New Journey UMC during our collection in May. In addition to these items, we took soup, rolls and cake from our Flea Market and Music Sunday. As always, it was appreciated by those in need.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*August
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for our
September 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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Birth

We rejoice in the birth of Luke Daniel Fallon, son of **Steve** and Moira, on June 1. Luke weighed 9 lb.11 oz. and joins brother and sister, Jonathan and Katie. Proud grandparents are **Ed and Cheri Fallon**. May God's love surround and bless this family.

From our mailbox

♥ To My Friends at Lincoln Park,
Just want to thank you for the phone calls, visits, and many cards I received following my knee surgery. Your kindnesses and prayers were so encouraging, and I'm sure helped with my recovery.

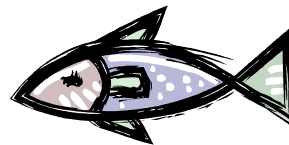


In Christian love,
Barb Schlosser

Adventure Aquarium

From Linda Woll

Follow our caravan to Camden, NJ, one August Saturday (TBA) for an adventurous, aquatic afternoon. We'll leave church at 8:30 am, driving individually to keep costs down. If you have room for extra guests, please let us know. Tickets are: Age 2 & under -- free, Age 2-12 -- \$11, Age 13 & older -- \$15.





Worship with us:

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship on Sunday

11:00 am - Traditional Worship on Sunday

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