

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

LUNCH & LEARN ABOUT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE & OPTIONS

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



In response to the ever changing face of healthcare, a representative of Berks Encore will come for the first of several LUNCH &

LEARN sessions on **Sunday, October 25**, following the 11am church service.

During this gathering, information will be available for anyone who is, or who cares for, aging church and community adults. This program will provide the opportunity to learn more about the agency's comprehensive program of services, referrals, and additional education opportunities. Carolyn Krebs, who is specifically trained to answer questions about Medicare, will provide objective, easy-to-understand information about health insurance. If you have questions about:

- Medicare
- Medicare Supplemental Insurance

- Medicaid
 - Long-Term Care Insurance
 - Prescription Drug Plans
- ...then this LUNCH & LEARN session should provide a great discussion for you.

If you're wondering if a particular health care plan is a good fit for unique needs and financial circumstances, or if you're making decisions about coverage, a weekday individual session can

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Contemporary Service 9 am
Traditional Service 11 am

Sunday, October 4

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

“Turning Our Church Inside Out: Celebrating Others” Part 1
Leviticus 19:17-18; Mark 12:28-31

Sunday, October 11

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE

“Turning Our Church Inside Out: Celebrating Others” Part 2
Micah 6:6-8; Luke 15:11-32

Sunday, October 18

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF KINGDOMTIDE

Special Guest Preacher:

Central District Superintendent the **Rev. Dr. Gary George**

Sunday, October 25

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

“Using our Skittles”

Matthew 25:14-30; Acts 2:43-47



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!

Sunday Supper & Study Series Continues

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

There's still time to join the SUNDAY SUPPER & STUDY SERIES, continuing October 4 & 18, and November



Sunday Supper & Study

1 & 15. Each evening begins with a light 5 pm supper in Memorial Hall. KidsClub activities are led by our Child Care Staff, **Nina Cirulli** and **Robyn Harris**.

Choose from three options:

- ♥ ACTIVE PARENTING SESSIONS for parents of preschool & elementary children, facilitated by **Pastor Dorris**
- ♥ PARENTING OF TEENS for parents of middle school through high school teens, led by Youth Ministry Coordinator, **Cori Pasquale**
- ♥ A WALK THROUGH THE HOLY LAND, co-led by Music Director, **Beverly Perella** and **Pastor Jerry McGrath**.

Check the Welcome Table for sign-up details or see **Pastor Dorris**. Come -- make new friends -- have a little fun -- get connected. And, take home a pearl of wisdom and faith for the journey of life!



family and friends of **Lois A. Lasowecky**, who died on July 10.

And to family and friends of **Florence M. Erb**, who died on August 29.

We at Lincoln Park Church will keep you in our prayers.

Consider Your Commitment To Your Church

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Commitment Sunday is **October 25**. What can you do?

- Think about Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church and how much it means to you.
- Pray for our church and about your commitment of time, talent, and treasure to it.
- Reflect on what our church means to you and your family.



**COMMITMENT
SUNDAY**

May God bless you as you prepare to make your pledge with Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church for the next year.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten talents, and then said to them, 'Do business with these until I get back.' Luke 19: 12-13

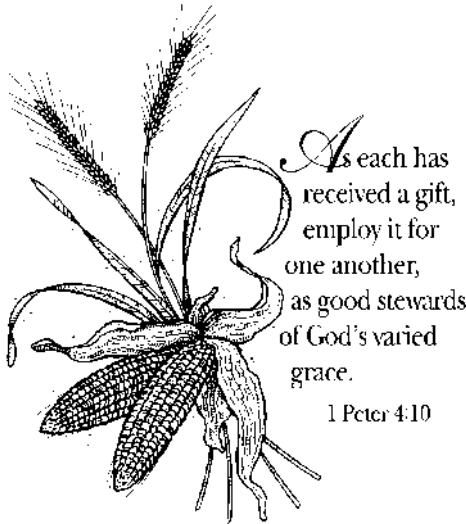
The idea of Christian Stewardship includes three basic principles:

- God is the owner of all life.
- Each individual is a Steward of all that God has entrusted to him/her.
- Each person must give an accounting of his/her stewardship.

As part of their total stewardship, Christians are concerned about the dedication of their talents. They regard personal abilities to work and to lead as another evidence of God's loving care. In a spirit of consecration, they desire to have those talents utilized in business, in the home, and during leisure hours, in such a manner that they will make a contribution to the Kingdom of God on earth.

As part of his or her stewardship, the Christian will also be concerned with

the total impact of his/her life upon others. He/She will recognize that his/her influence should be extended to help make a more Christian world.



As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

The good steward makes certain in that the total impact of his/her life and influence are on the side of righteousness. Because all life belongs to God, the Christian wants to use his/her strength in order that God's treasure may be kept sacred and so developed that it might bless the lives of people.

Once we have accepted Christian stewardship as a way of life, we have found the key to what it means to live the Gospels. All else falls into place - accepting God's tender mercies, as well as the troubled times.

Learn and Grow on Sunday Mornings

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



There's truly something for everybody to learn every Sunday morning at Church School between worship.

At 9:15 am, after the children's message at 9 am worship, **Tricia Pence** coordinates LIVE B.I.G. activities for LP's youngest set; call her if you'd like to help.

At 10:20 am:

- PreSchool and Elementary-age classes meet in Rms 101, 102, & 104, using UMC's ROCK SOLID curriculum.
- Middle/Jr High Class gathers in Rm 200 (lower level, Church Office), using UMC's CLAIM THE LIFE.
- Sr Highs (Grades 9-11) meet in the Youth Room, using UMC's 3V resources which help youth look for God in the sacred spaces of their lives.
- Adults may choose between:

→**Earl Hope's** discussion of Adam Hamilton's video series, *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. *Enough* invites participants to rediscover the Bible's wisdom on prudent financial practices and find keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy!

→**Pastor Jerry's** exploration of Gordon MacDonald's, *Who Stole My Church?* which examines what to do when the church you love tries to enter the 21st century. This fictional tale helps us understand that change can advance God's kingdom.

Please note: The Lectionary Class is presently joining **Pastor Jerry's** class in Room 103.

If neither of these fits your questions, please give **Kim DeHart**, CED Chair, or **Pastor Dorris** a call to help us plan a class that might fill the searching in your soul. Or...maybe you're ready to help our younger disciples learn. If you are, they'd like to hear from you too!!

UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

Jr UMYF...for Grades 6-8
Sr UMYF... for Grades 9-12

Jr UMYF will meet Sundays from 5-6 pm.
We'll start out in the Youth Room. From 6-6:30 pm
we'll share a meal with the Sr UMYF in Memorial
Hall, and then the Sr UMYF will meet from 6:30-8
pm.



*Join the
Youth Group*

Jr and Sr UMYF Meeting dates for the fall:

- October 11
- October 25
- November 8
- November 22
- December 6
- December 20

The Sr UMYF Leadership Team has been decided! At the annual camp-out, elections were held for leadership positions. Congratulations go to:

- ☀ **Ashley Loeb:** Youth Team Leader
- ☀ **Melinda Pierdomenico:** Assistant Youth Team Leader
- ☀ **Corina Pillar:** Annual Mission Trip/Fundraiser Leader
- ☀ **Torie Geisinger:** Community Service Projects Leader
- ☀ **Rachel Deibler & Jordan Bartal:** Fun Stuff Leaders
- ☀ **ReJeana Goldsborough:** Worship Leader
- ☀ **Jonathan Chadwick & Katie Osika:** Youth Praise Band Leaders

This amazing group of youth, with their teams, will decide and implement various activities for the Senior Youth Ministry. They'll meet monthly to discuss ideas and decide on the direction of the Sr UMYF for the 2009-2010 school year. All ideas and suggestions from the congregation will be presented before this group and voted upon at these meetings. Contact **Cori**, 610-568-0691, for the upcoming meeting schedule.

Learn To Energize Children's Ministry at the **HOW2 CONFERENCE**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

- All church school teachers and children's ministry leaders are invited to:
- learn new ways to renovate LP's educational ministry
 - receive a whole pack of resources
 - network with other area church leaders
 - re-energize your spirit and creativity!

If you're interested in making a difference in the lives of children at our church, then consider attending Group's **HOW2 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE**, Friday evening and all day Saturday, **October 2-3**, in the Harrisburg/Hershey area.



Discover how to make the most of what God has given you and get real-world ideas from in-the-trenches workshop leaders! Hear from frontline, national children's ministry leaders who are serious about giving local churches refreshing, practical solutions for ministry challenges! To attend, please contact **Pastor Dorris**.



COATS FOR KIDS **Coming Soon!**

From Kathy Avedissian

The Missions Committee will once again participate in the **COATS FOR KIDS** program in conjunction with the Salvation Army. Hold on to those coats that you no longer need.

Collection times will be posted soon. Call **Kathy Avedissian** with any questions, 610-372-1735. Thank you!



FOOD DRIVE


From Marian Longenecker

The first three Sundays in October, the Mission Committee will collect donations for the Food Pantry at New Journey United Methodist Church. Non-perishable food items including cereal, soup, cans of vegetables, fruit, and tuna are always needed.

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




October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>4 <small>WORLD COMMUNION</small> SUNDAY</p>  <p>Children's Choir 10am</p> <p>Sunday Supper/ Study 5pm</p>	<p>5 Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Trustees 7pm</p>	<p>6 Safe Haven 3pm</p> <p>Worship Comm 7 pm</p>	<p>7 Bell Choir 6:4</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p>
<p>11 UMYF 5-8pm</p>	<p>12 Bible Study 10:30am Agape 12pm Finance 7 pm</p>	<p>13 Safe Haven 3pm</p>	<p>14 Bell Choir 6:4</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p>
<p>18 The Rev Dr Gary George Preaches</p> <p>Sunday Supper/Study 5pm</p>	<p>19 Bible Study 10:30am</p>	<p>20 Safe Haven 3pm</p>	<p>21 Bell Choir 6:4</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p>
<p>25 Commitment Sunday</p> <p>Lunch & Learn 12:15pm</p> <p>UMYF 5-8pm</p>	<p>26 Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Book Club 7pm Staff-Parish 7pm</p>	<p>27 Safe Haven 3pm</p>	<p>28 Bell Choir 6:4</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p>

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	1 Praise Team 8pm	2	3
4:45pm r 7:45pm	8 Praise Team 8pm	9	 <p>Pray for Peace</p>
4:45pm r 7:45pm	15 Praise Team 8pm	16	
4:45pm r 7:45pm	22 Praise Team 8pm	23	
4:45pm r 7:45pm	29 Praise Team 8pm	30	<div data-bbox="645 1149 1153 1458" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Looking ahead to November...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/3 Opportunity House 11/7 Sweet St. Fundraiser 11/14 Charge Conference 11/23 Book Club 11/29 Laity Sunday, 10am service Jazz Celebration of Advent Family Advent Workshop </div>

Congratulations Graduate!



From Cheri Fallon

Christine Fallon Brown received her Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from Temple University in September. She graduated summa cum laude and won the Adele Gerber Award, for the student who most “embodies the academic rigor, clinical prowess, and generous spirit of Adele Gerber, Professor Emeritus.”

During her three years of study, Christy says she most enjoyed working with her clients and also her practicums, especially at The Reading Hospital and Medical Center and at The HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy, “which I absolutely loved.”

Christy graduated from Georgetown University in 2002 with a major in math and minor in inter-arts. She worked in New York and Philadelphia for four years in the fashion industry -- in public relations at Chanel, Inc., and as a design coordinator at Anthropologie, Inc.

Her career change came, in part, from a desire to work with people and from the

hope for satisfaction in helping others. “It’s great that Christy’s found a career suited to her personality and verbal skills,” says her proud Dad, Dr. Ed Fallon. “Not to mention the fact that the work provides a real service to people.”

Christy hopes to work in a medical setting, like a hospital or rehabilitation center. She and her husband, **Michael Park Brown**, live in West Chester.



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be scheduled. This assistance will help evaluate present coverage, make comparisons, or present alternatives. Individual afternoon conference times can be scheduled at our church and will be staffed by Berks Encore members in plenty of time to make any changes in coverage within the November 15 – December 31 window.

Sign up for the first LUNCH & LEARN event in the Wagner Room or call the Church Office. Watch for future LUNCH & LEARN gatherings on other hot topics.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Dorris**, **Ann Wardrop**, **Nancy Madeira**, or **Kris Wright**.

Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella, Director of Music

God does answer prayers right here at LP Church. I asked that you consider becoming a member of one of our many musical groups, and at least seven of you heard musical notes in your head and volunteered! Hallelujah!

If you know me well enough, you know that I might still have a "but" even with this good news. And I do. But...we still have room for many others! Stop and listen. Is God asking you to share in our music ministry?

Here's a guarantee. You'll make new friends, catch up with "old" ones, and have fun while you're doing it. Did I mention the food that we share with each other during the year?



Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

FALL BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

Monday, October 26: *Between Sisters* by Kristin Hannah
October refreshments: Lee Riley

Monday, November 23: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
by Mary Ann Schaffer
November refreshments: Volunteer needed

December: No Meeting

Our gracious hostess, **Bernie Ackelson**, welcomes members and guests to her home, 1719 Garfield Ave, Wyomissing, at 7 pm, for interesting discussion and fellowship. Please notify her, 610-372-3472, if you're unable to attend.

Keep on reading...

We Can Help Each Other at LP

From Beverly Perella

No, this is not under my job description, but I think it's something our church family needs. Quite a few of our church brothers and sisters have lost their jobs or had salaries and benefits decreased, or just need a little more income. I know this is not a surprise to you, but I think there's a way we can help.

Many of these same people have skills and talents that we need or can use in our daily lives. For instance, some of these skills are with computers, house or business cleaning, household repairs and outside work. Instead of looking in

the phone book for help, why don't we create a list of church members with certain skills and see how we can help them during these difficult financial times? God asks us to serve our brothers and sisters, both within and outside our church walls. This is a simple way to help our Lincoln Park family.



Let's start this way. If you have a talent, skill, or craft to offer, let me know and I'll create a list and publish it for our members. This is a simple step toward reaching our goal of service to others, part of *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, and of serving God.



**Looking
Ahead to
November**

November 3:

Opportunity House Supper Prep & Serve

November 14:

Charge Conference

November 29:

Laity Sunday, *A Jazz Celebration of Advent*; One Service of Worship, led by Lay Leader, **Earl Hope**, at 10 am, followed by lunch and making of Advent Wreaths.



Worship Leader Minute for September

From Becky Chadwick

If anyone wants to provide leadership in the church, good! But there are preconditions: A leader must be well-thought-of, committed to his wife, cool and collected, accessible, and hospitable. He must know what he's talking about, not be over-fond of wine, not pushy but gentle, not thin-skinned, not money-hungry. He must handle his own affairs well, attentive to his own children and having their respect. For if someone is unable to handle his own af-

fairs, how can he take care of God's church? 1 Timothy 3:1-6

I hate it when someone says, “I have good news and bad news, which do you want first?” If I choose good news first, I have nothing to look forward to, and if I say “bad news first,” I’m too upset to absorb the good news. Not wanting to set you up for disappointment, I am going to tell you I have good news and good news because I believe Jesus takes all things and uses them to God’s glory and honor. By the time you receive this issue of the *News-Linc*, I will no longer be the Worship Leader at the 9 am service. While this may seem to be “bad news,” in reality, it is linked to wonderful changes happening in my family. Bill and I have now welcomed two more children into our home, bringing us to a total of five children between the ages of 4 and 14!

This passage in 1 Timothy speaks such truth to me, and I hope that it speaks truth to you as well. Sometimes in this fast-paced, high expectation, uncertain world of ours, we forget that our families must come first in our lives. We cannot be good servants if we don’t take care of them and ourselves. God is looking for leaders to love the Lord, study the Bible, be in community with one another, and take care of our families and ourselves. God wants us to be sure of our faith and to trust that what He puts before us is not too much. With this in mind, I had to consider what God was asking me to do at this time in my life. Two beautiful children were placed before us in need of a forever home, and as a family we decided that God put them in our lives for a reason.

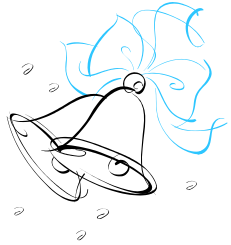
The addition of two children brings 2x’s more responsibility, 4x’s more laundry, and 8x’s more grocery shopping (two 14-year old boys, a 12-year old and a 9-year old boy, and a 4-year old girl)! Something had to give in my life, and that had to be my position as Worship Leader. When I was considering what I was going to write to you today, I read the passage from Mark 10:20-25: *Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him! He said, ‘There's one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor.*

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Please Come for a Wedding Celebration

Jim and Betty Garraway would like to invite our church family to join us on Saturday, November 7, at 3 pm, at Lincoln Park Church as we renew our wedding vows in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary.

Following the ceremony a dinner will be served downstairs. Please sign up on the attendance sheet at the rear of the church if you're able to attend, by October 25, so we can order the necessary food.



Many thanks for your love and support over the last 27 years.

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All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me.' The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go. Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, 'Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?' The disciples couldn't believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: 'You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom.'

Jesus' point was that we have to make choices in our lives, and those choices are not easy. If I take these passages from Mark and Timothy seriously, I must take care of my family first. While I love every member of our dedicated Praise Team and have loved serving Lincoln Park in the role of Worship Leader, God has called me to another job now that takes priority over everything else.

While I'm giving up my role of Worship Leader, I'm not giving up my church or church family. As long-time members of Lincoln Park, we will continue to participate and serve in whatever ways we can. So the *good news, good news* is: I have five fantastic children and I have one wonderful church family!



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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for our
November 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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From our mailbox



♥ I want to offer special thanks to my church family for the many cards, visits, calls, prayers, and beautiful flowers. It was a very serious operation, and I recovered rapidly, discharged after only four days. I'm sure it was the prayers and moral support offered by all of you.
Jim Garraway

♥ Dear Friends,

On behalf of my daughter, Barbara, and myself I would like to thank you for all the prayers that you sent for her as she underwent open heart surgery. Each day she is improving and she thanks you (from Coudersport, PA) each and every one.

Love, Pat Park

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the assorted groceries you donated to our food pantry. We are always grateful for each donation, no matter the size. Each one adds to the whole and makes a big impact. May God bless you for your kindness.

Ann Marie Wallace
Soup Kitchen Manager
New Journey UMC



Bring
a friend
to church!



Worship with us:

9 am - Contemporary Worship on Sunday

11am - Traditional Worship on Sunday

9:15 & 10:20 am - Christian Education

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