



# News-Line



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*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter*  
*Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania* *January, 2010*

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## Join Us for A... Congregational Meeting

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

A congregational meeting for all church members is planned on **Sunday, January 31**, following our single 10 am service. This will be a time of sharing our plans for ministry for 2010 and discussion regarding the direction of our church.

Please plan to attend.



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## Calling All Church Leaders

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



We offer a leadership training event for all committee chairs, new and continuing committee members, and

those interested in learning about leadership responsibilities and goals/vision for 2010.

The program takes place **Saturday, January 23**, from 9 am-noon, in Memorial Hall. Mark your calendars now and learn what's in store for the Body of

Christ called Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church!!!

With questions, please see **Pastor Jerry** or **Pastor Dorris**.

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# WORSHIP IN JANUARY

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



**Sunday, January 10**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“A Chosen and Marked People” - Isaiah 43:7, Matthew 3:13-17

**Sunday, January 17**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“New Beginnings” - Isaiah 43:18-21, 1Corinthians 11:23-26

**Sunday, January 24**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“Preparing for Vision” - Nehemiah 1:1-11, 1Corinthians 9:19-23

**Sunday, January 31**

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

*One Worship at 10 am*

“Defining Vision” - Nehemiah 2:17-20, 2Peter 3:8-10

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## ...About Our Master Calendar Scheduling

Ministry Committees and event organizers are reminded to please list events directly on the Master Church Calendar in the Church Office as soon as programs are scheduled. Please note event, time, space needed, and contact person. Also, if another event is already listed, please contact either that program organizer or the Chair of Trustees, **Jerry Manhart**, to review feasibility of sharing space for concurrent events.

Listings also help spread the word about events to the whole congregation via the *News-Linc* calendar and weekly bulletin announcements. Questions may also be directed to the Church Office, 610-777-1422, ext. 21.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Elizabeth (Betty) Geib**, who passed away on November 29. May God's love surround and support you.

# Sunday Morning Growth Options for All Ages

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

**S**unday morning Church School seeks to provide a spiritual home for all ages and stages of Christian faith. We are surrounded and shaped by a powerful culture and its many influences, whether we realize it or not.

Through his teachings, Jesus offers us an alternative way to view the world and live our lives. Christ's call is to turn things upside down or around, to see things in different ways, as we see weakness as power and humility as greatness.

Lincoln Park and its educational leaders are committed to making faith formation a key component of church programming. We hope you and your family will make Sunday Church School a priority and that prayer, worship, and study become essentials of your faith practice.

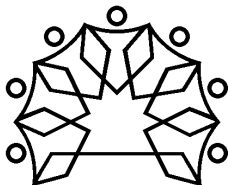
Whether you're age three, 13, 43, or 83, there are classes on Sunday mornings to challenge and support your Christian growth! You're invited to check them out, and join the discussions!

Children and youth at both 9 and 10:20 am use new United Methodist curricula edited by the denominational publishing house.

Adults can choose from a Lectio-  
nary Bible Study at 10 am in the Library or two classes at 10:20 am:

- A study of Henri Nouwen's insights on prayer, facilitated by **Loreen Miller** and **Becky Chadwick**.
- *Living the Questions Part II*, facilitated by **Earl Hope**, to connect the contemporary with the ongoing faith story.

Come...you are welcome...enter the circle of caring support...discover your unique God-given gifts...grow...be nurtured in the Lord's presence and love.



**A NEW YEAR  
PRAYER**

We know, O Lord, that our times are in your hands. While we live on Earth, enable us to please you in all things. Especially now, as we enter a new year, we pray for strengthened spirits that we may praise you properly by our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

# From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Each fall, the Church Office receives the United Methodist Calendars for the upcoming year. In late November our church leadership plans for the new year, and I put the dates in my calendar. As we envision wonderful plans and ministries for the year, I always think I am staying well ahead of the game as I set up my agenda.

One day, as I sat at my desk with my shiny new calendar in hand, I felt proud to see so many future activities already penciled in. In the midst of the busyness at this time of year I felt peace, because even my December Christmas schedule was all organized. *I am in control of my time*, I thought. *Nothing is going to sneak up and catch me unaware.*

However, due to the recent illness of our church secretary, Erin, my own eye problems, and appointments being re-scheduled, I felt my life slowly moving out of control. The new year and Christmas had not yet arrived and I was feeling flustered. I kept telling myself I would not let December do this to me.

When I shared my feelings with a friend, he made a strange comment. He asked, *May I see your calendar?* As we slowly thumbed through it, we made a startling discovery. *Your calendar is nearly full*, my friend said, *but where is your time for God and your family?*

I was stunned. Every day I listed meetings with everyone, except with God and family.

I hadn't planned Christmas and the new year properly. I had left out shopping with Karen, vacations, date nights, and retreats with God.

My happiness and well-being depend on a solid foundation. So I revamped my schedule.

Now I have blocked out time properly, for God and my family.

As we approach a new year with new ministries, let us remember to put God first in all our planning. Let us have a healthy, safe, and significant new year in the name of Jesus.

Happy New Year.

***Remember to include God  
in your schedule***



### LOOKING AHEAD...

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**, Sunday, February 7. LP is invited to be part of this movement that shares God's love with those in need. We support the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry ministry at New Journey UMC in Reading. Please give generously as you see LP's children at worship exits with their soup pots on Super Bowl Sunday.

**OPPORTUNITY HOUSE SUPPER**, Tuesday, March 2 - Come and help us prepare and serve supper.



### As We Start the New Year

but receiving each as a precious gift from God.

Only such earnest purpose makes the day a blessing, insures progress from good to better, and causes us to live in eternity while we are in time.

--James Freeman Clarke

To get the most out of the coming year, we must put the most into it; and we put the most into it by living in a spirit of earnestness, not trifling with the golden hours,





### 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!



# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
3  Epiphany	4 Bible Study 10:30am Trustees 7pm	5 Safe Haven 3pm	6 Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7pm
10 Covenant Task Force 12:15	11 Bible Study 10:30am Finance 7pm Endowment 7 pm	12 Safe Haven 3pm Nurture & Witness 7pm Missions 7 pm	13 Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7pm
17 UMYF beginning at 5pm	18  Bible Study 10:30am Church Council 7pm	19 Safe Haven 3pm	20 Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7pm
24	25 Bible Study 10:30am Book Club 7pm	26 Safe Haven 3pm	27 Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7pm
31 One service 10am Congregational Mtg 11am UMYF beginning at 5pm			

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		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2
30pm r 7:45pm	7 Crafts 1pm Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm	8	9
30pm r 7:45pm	14 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm	15	16 Youth Service Project @ GM Food Pantry, 8:45am
30pm r 7:45pm	21 Crafts 1pm Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm	22	23 Leadership Training 9am
30pm r 7:45pm	28 Youth Praise Band 6:30pm Praise Team 8pm	29	30
		<div> <b>Looking ahead to February...</b>  Feb 7 Souper Bowl of Caring  Feb 8 Finance  Feb 13 Family Game Night  Feb 20 Youth Service Project @ GM Food Pantry  Feb 22 Book Club  Feb 27 Leadership Training Conference </div>	

# The 7 Ups

Editor's Note: Found in a student Bible, possibly used in a Confirmation Class. If you know the source, let me know!

## 1. WAKE UP!

Decide to have a good day.

*This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalms 118:24

## 2. DRESS UP!

The best way to dress up is to put on a smile.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

*The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart..*

1 Samuel 16:7

## 3. SHUT UP!

Say nice things and learn to listen.

God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

*He who guards his lips guards his soul.*

Proverbs 13:3

## 4. STAND UP!

...for what you believe in.

Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

*Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good.*

Galatians 6:9-10

## 5. LOOK UP!

...to the Lord.

*I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

## 6. REACH UP!

...for something higher.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path.*

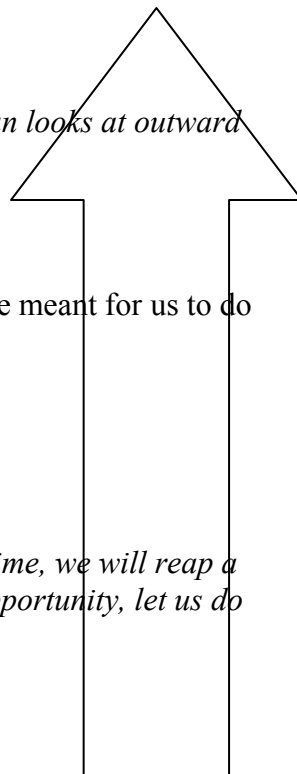
Proverbs 3:5-6

## 7. LIFT UP!

...your prayers.

*Do not worry about anything; instead* PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Philippians 4:6





## Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

We'll be reading and discussing some interesting books in 2010!

**January 25** - *The Shack* by William P. Young

Refreshments: Sue McCoy

**February 22** - *The Piano Teacher* by Janice Y. K. Lee

Refreshments: Genevieve Matthews

**March 22** - *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Refreshments: Sharon Ackelson

New members are always welcome. Keep on reading!



## Our Library Offers Books for All Seasons

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Our Church Librarian is **Jan Ferree**. She rotates books seasonally for your use. She chooses children's books with Bible stories or uplifting tales about other children and moves them to the book shelf beside the Resource Room door in the

Education Building.

Right now she has a selection of Christmas/Epiphany - related books. Why not check one or two out for snow day or bedtime reading?



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**“There are many little ways  
to enlarge your child’s world.  
Love of books is the best of all.”**

--Jacqueline Kennedy

YOUTH-INITIATIVE

## UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

### Youth Praise Band & Worship Planning...

meets every Thursday, from 6:30-7:45 pm, in Memorial Hall. Any teen in grades 9-12 is invited to be a part of this great group of youth and adults. Like to sing or play an instrument? Come and join us!

### Youth Service Project

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to volunteer at the Governor Mifflin Food Pantry. We help the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, meeting at our church at 8:45 am. During this time, we help with set-up and by assisting clients selecting food. This is an excellent opportunity to help those who have been negatively affected by the economy. So, mark your calendars with the following dates: Jan 16, Feb 20, March 20, April 17, and May 15.

### Youth Group Meetings: PLEASE JOIN US!

**JR UMYF** is a group of young teens in grades 6-8. We meet at 5 pm, starting in the youth room and participate in Bible study, faith exploration, and games. We then join the SR UMYF in the kitchen, at 6 pm, to prepare and eat dinner, until 6:30 pm.

**SR UMYF** is a group of teens in grades 9-12. We meet at 6 pm in the kitchen, preparing and eating dinner with the JR UMYF. We then participate in faith exploration, Bible study, and games until 8 pm.



**Join the  
Youth Group**

We'll be meeting the following Sunday evenings:

January 17 and 31

February 21 and 28

March 14 and 28

*Friends are always welcome!*

**WINTER JAM 2010!!!!!!!!!!**

**Thursday, January 28, 6 pm**

A number of big name Christian Bands (e.g. Newsboys, Third Day and Sidewalk Prophets) will be coming to the Sovereign Center in Reading. For only \$10 you have the opportunity to hear their performances! Contact **Cori** if you'd like to go.



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*January  
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for our  
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Therefore, if anyone is in  
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**CREATION**  
the old has gone, the new has  
**COME!**  
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**THANK YOU!**  
*THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*

## ***To Our Decorators***

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

special events during this holiest of seasons. Many hands worked behind the scenes to create a beautiful atmosphere for us to be uplifted and joyous as we heard the stories of Christ's birth anew. We do appreciate you and say *Thank You!*

A HUGE word of thanks to all who helped in so many ways to decorate and then un-decorate our entire church facility for the Advent and Christmas holidays.

Your efforts assured a warm, festive welcome to all who came for worship and

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