



News-Line

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

Lenten Supper & Study Begins

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Join friends from Lincoln Park and the community during Lent, for a four week SUPPER & STUDY SERIES, beginning Sunday, **February 28**, and concluding March 28. We'll watch Adam Hamilton's videos, *24 Hours that Changed the*

World, which take us from the Last Supper to Gethsemane, the trial, and the Crucifixion. There will be no Supper Series on March 7 so everyone can attend the UMYF Spaghetti Supper and Worship.

No other 24-hour event in human history has had a deeper, more lasting impact than the last hours of Jesus' life. The Rev. Hamilton, pastor in Leawood, Kansas, at one of the fastest growing Methodist churches in the US, will challenge us to focus on how Jesus' Crucifixion has changed world history and how it changes us.

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Doing Our Part To Fight Hunger

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The SOUPER BOWL OF CARING helps young people across America develop a stronger connection with their churches and communities by caring for their neighbors in need. Since its inception in 1990, with one single youth group, children and youth of America have raised more than \$60 million for food banks, soup kitchens, and other charities across

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WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins Ash Wednesday, and ends Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means *spring*, and is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The color is purple which represents somberness.



Sunday, February 7

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“Sharing the Vision” - Nehemiah 2:11-16; Acts 15:22-29

Sunday, February 14

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

“I Want to Know What Love Is” - 1Corinthians 13; Luke 9:28-36

Wednesday February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

“By His Stripes: Escalation” - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 26:57-68

Sunday, February 21

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

“By His Stripes: Invalidation” - Jeremiah 17:5-14; Matthew 27:27-31

Sunday, February 28

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

“By His Stripes: Negative Interpretation” - 1John 1:1-2:2; John 18:28:40



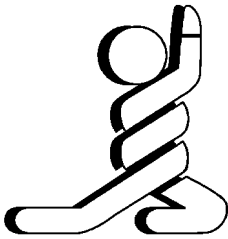
Welcome Newcomers!

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!

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

An Old Twist On New Relationships

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Christianity is about relationships: our relationship with God and our relationships with others. Follow Christ along his Lenten way and discover how He reclaims us and all our relationships in this exciting, topical, hard-hitting series of services for Lent.

Ash Wednesday: *The Destructive Pattern of Escalation* is seen as troops overtake Jesus in Gethsemane and He stands before Caiaphas.

First Week of Lent: *The Destructive Pattern of Invalidation* is seen in the testimony against Jesus at His trial.

Second Week of Lent: *The Destructive Pattern of Negative Interpretation* is seen in the High Priest's reaction to the claims of the Christ.

Third Week of Lent: *The Destructive Pattern of Withdrawal* is seen in Peter's denial of his Lord.

Fourth Week of Lent: *The Secret of Not Having Unrealistic Expectations* is seen in Jesus' willing sacrifice.

Fifth Week of Lent: *The Secret of Forgiveness and Absolution* is seen in Jesus' opening of paradise to a sinner.

Heartfelt Gratitude

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



The staff would like to thank the Lincoln Park Congregation for its generous Christmas gift. We look forward a great 2010 serving together in ministry.

I would like thank all of you for your prayers and support during my recent eye surgery on January 7. Hopefully this is the last surgery concerning my eye, and I look forward (literally) to a great and healthy new year in 2010. I am truly blessed with a great staff and wonderful congregation.

Blessings to each of you.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

I know, I know. You just celebrated Christmas and now must get ready for Lent and Easter. I would suggest we don't rush past Lent to get to Easter because we are just getting over Christmas.



Lent is a time of reflection, meditation, prayer and rededication. It's a time for all Christians to examine

their lives, evaluate priorities, and establish ties with God and others. For 40 days in the wilderness Jesus reflected on His relationship with God and the meaning of His purpose on Earth. His story in the wilderness also shapes our 40+ days of Lent. How will each of us honestly look at ourselves? How do we turn and return to God and to a life of faithfulness? How will the Holy Spirit lead us in Lent?

As I reflected on how I would approach Lent this year, I came across some great ideas developed by First United Methodist Church of Duluth, Minnesota. Perhaps one of these ideas may spark within you an opportunity to be open and led by the Spirit in a new way during this Lenten season as we search for peace and new life.

- † Set the alarm 15 minutes early to begin the day with a devotional reading and thanking God for the new day.
- † Read the Gospel of Matthew.

- † Have a beginner's mind - ready for anything, open to everything.
- † Make a special prayer list, naming people you don't like.
- † Add to the prayer list people who are filled with hatred towards others.
- † Read a Christian book.
- † Share a journal.
- † Meditate on and sing a Lenten hymn each week.
- † Choose a scripture verse to think about each day.
- † Send five notes each week...*Just because I care.*
- † Visit people who are limited in their ability to leave home.
- † Attend worship each Sunday in Lent.
- † Attend the Supper Study series on Sunday evenings in Lent.
- † Attend our Maundy Thursday Evening worship.
- † Seek the sacred in the ordinary - look for God each day.
- † Live more simply - make a sacrifice and give the money away you would have spent on yourself.
- † Have a *moist heart* (Native American phrase for compassion.)
- † Pray for the Church universal, as well as Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit this Lenten season.

Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella

Wanted:

Full-time and part-time musicians for God's Angel Choir housed at LPCUMC; little or no experience needed, although a willing heart is necessary; uniforms and tools provided. Ask yourself these question:

- ♪ Do I have a little spare time to share with God and His church? NOTE: Can't make weekly rehearsals? A part time commitment is also possible. Perhaps you could help several times a year for special occasions like Christmas, Easter, or Music Sunday.
- ♪ How do I offer my talents on either a part-time or full-time basis? See **Bev Perella**, of course.
- ♪ If I have time to serve weekly, is it still possible at this time of year, or do I have to wait until September? Come anytime!

You are always welcome in any of LP's many music ministries:

- Chancel Choir
- Praise Team
- Bell Choir
- Youth Praise Team
- Christmas Orchestra
- Summer mini-concerts
- Summer inter-generational musical

No talent is too small. It doesn't matter if you last sang or played an instrument in high school. In God's house there are many rooms, but we do not segregate, even according to musical ability.

YOU are welcome in God's house and in our music ministry. Do you hear Him whispering in your ear that He/we need you? Listen.



SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SCHOOL: OPTIONS SUPPORT GROWTH AND JOURNEY IN FAITH

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

9:15 am - Children ages 3 - 3rd grade - LIVE B.I.G.

9:45 am - Lectionary Bible Study

10:20 am - Children ages 3 - 5th grade

Youth grades 6-8, 9-11, 12th+Post High
Adults

ADULT OPTIONS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Lectionary Bible Study in the Library at 9:50 am will be facilitated by **Bob Robertson**. The basic discussion guide, *Keeping Holy Time*, celebrates all themes of Christian life and faith through study directed by the Revised Common Lectionary and offers a systematic three-year study of the Bible. A brief exegesis of each of four weekly Scriptures examines the life-world and culture out of which the passages come, looks for unifying themes and intents of the texts, and invites communal study to consider our contemporary world and where God yet acts and speaks.

Living the Questions Pt 2, facilitated by **Earl Hope**, invites participants to hear top scholars explore the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and ask what a meaningful faith might look like in today's world. This series strives to create an environment where people can ask lots of questions and re-vision Christianity's emergence in the world and in their lives. Upcoming topics include:

- Evil, Suffering and A God of Love
- The Myth of Redemptive Violence
- The Rapture
- Practicing Resurrection
- Reclaiming the World

Beloved: Henri Nouwen in Conversation, led by **Loreen Miller**, will focus on discussion of this book of conversations with spiritual teacher. See p. 7 for additional information about this class.

Beloved: Henri Nouwen in Conversation

By **Henri J. M. Nouwen with Philip Roderick**
From Becky Chadwick



**New Book
Study Series**

Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:20 as we read and discuss the wonderful book, *Beloved*. Nouwen discusses how to transform our loneliness, escape the tyranny of busyness, and choose to live in ways that remind us of who we are – the beloved of God. As Philip Roderick says in the introduction to the book, *The combination of stillness and action, this vocation to the paradox of finding being within doing is critical for health and discernment.*

As a new component to our study, we'll put what we're learning into action. The 4th Sunday of every month we'll meet in the kitchen at 10:20 am to make a meal for people in our congregation who would benefit from a homemade dinner. We'll share the remainder with one of the local food banks or shelters. While we cook we'll still be studying! **Loreen Miller** will lead our discussion in the kitchen as we pray over the food we're preparing and for the people who will receive it. We'll talk about how we can put our learning into action within the context of our busy lives, making service a priority for all of us!



**STRENGTHENING YOUR
FAITH**

Resources for Spiritual Discipline

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Receive a word of encouragement and strengthen your faith through the personal stories and daily scriptures in *Upper Room* (large print too) and *ALIVE NOW!*, published bi-monthly and offered at our church. LP provides these publications at very reduced rates, suggested donation of only \$1. You may pick up your copy at church entrances and in the Church Office. *Upper Room* helps disciples spend time with God every day through stories of joy, sorrow, and triumph, written by believers from around the world. *ALIVE NOW!* explores contemporary issues from a faith perspective and exposes readers to a collage of spiritual viewpoints.

Pick up one or both resources for yourself or take one to a LP shut-in to encourage the spiritual disciplines of prayer, scripture reading, reflection, and listening to God. Be lifted up. Build your faith every day of the year!

Fun Provided at Family Night, Saturday, February 13, 6:30 pm

From Linda Woll

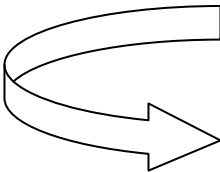
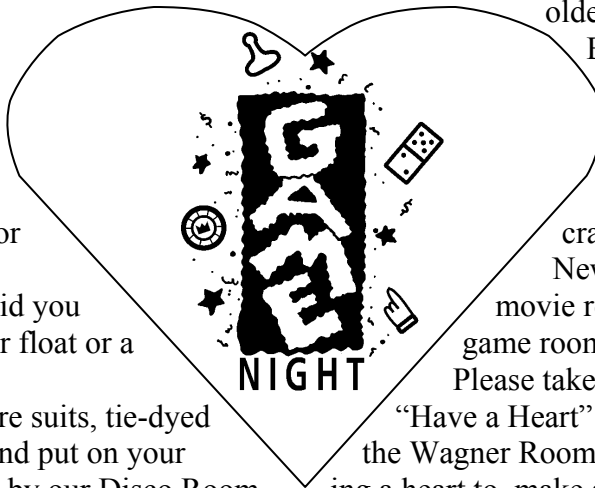
Step back in time with us to enjoy games and snacks from days gone by (1940's to 1990's). We're going "retro" with some favorites like Bingo, Family Feud, cards, Monopoly, Life, The Newlywed Game (for couples in any time frame). And when did you last enjoy a root beer float or a moon pie?

Dig out your leisure suits, tie-dyed tops, poodle skirts and put on your dancing shoes! Stop by our Disco Room to hear "Love Is in the Air," and rock & roll! Disc jockey, Benjamin Kimmel of Wernersville, has volunteered his time, equipment, and disco ball. An avid record collector, he looks forward to playing your requests.

For children, our fully staffed Nursery will be divided in half (toddlers to age 4 on one side, and age 5+ on the other). For

the toddlers we'll have fish pond, bowling, a play-doh table, and more. The older group can enjoy Battleship, Toss Across, Jumbo Checkers, UNO, Perfection, Pretty Pretty Princess, craft table, and more. New this year: a movie room and a card-game room.

Please take a look at the "Have a Heart" wish list posted in the Wagner Room, and consider taking a heart to make a small food donation. Some *heart healthy* snacks will be available. We'll be using the Education Building as well as Memorial Hall, and snacks will be available in both areas. If you have questions, donations, and/or ideas, please see the information board in the Wagner room, or contact me, 610-781-8046.



For Sale

Two burial lots in Pleasant View Cemetery on the Fritztown Rd. Church-owned. Must pay to have them transferred to your name, plus the price of the lots. For more information, call **Robert Miller**, 610-678-2771.

Lincoln Park Welcomed New Members January 10

Kristopher Gilham

works as an air quality specialist for the PA Department of Environmental Protection. He enjoys kayaking, camping, hiking, Civil War reenacting, and skiing. Kris is already part of our Bell Choir. He and his wife, Krista, come to Lincoln Park Church from Congregational Church of Littleton, Massachusetts.

Krista Gilham

is married to Kristopher and works as a teacher. Her hobbies include outdoor activities, playing and listening to music, and traveling. Krista is part of our Bell Choir and Chancel Choir and is the granddaughter of **Jack** and **Suzanne Frasso**. The Gilhams live at 311-2 East Springside Dr, Shillington, 19607. Phone: 814-577-6187.



Andrew Nass

is an I.T. analyst for DuPont. His hobbies include golfing, kayaking, and mountain biking. Andrew and his wife Michelle come to us from St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Morgantown and Calvary Lutheran Church.

Michelle Nass

The wife of Andrew, Michelle teaches 10th grade English for the Twin Valley School District. She enjoys outdoor activities, reading, and theatre. Michelle and Andrew live at 407 Parkside Ave, Reading, 19607. Phone: 610-777-6469



HOAGIE & SOUP SALE....

Just in time for Super Bowl Sunday!







From Cori Pasquale

Homemade soup by our LP ladies coupled with hoagies made from Sprecher's Meats with A.T.V. rolls...All brought to you by our SR UMYF! What could be better? Dessert you say? We'll have that too!

The pre-order cut off was January 27. Missed the cut-off? Not to worry - additional hoagies and soup, along with a bake sale, will take place **Sunday, February 7**, in the Church Kitchen, from 10 am-1 pm. Questions? Contact **Becky Chadwick** or **Cori**.



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
	<p>1 Trustees 1pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir Youth Praise</p>
<p>7 Souper Bowl of Caring Hoagie/Soup Sale 10-1</p>	<p>8 Support Staff Mtg 9am Agape 12pm Finance 7pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir Youth Praise</p>
<p>14 <i>Valentine's Day</i></p> 	<p>15 ★ PRESIDENTS' DAY ★</p> 	<p>16 Missions 7pm</p>	<p>17 Ash Wednesday Service</p> 
<p>21 UMYF at 5pm</p> 	<p>22 Book Club 7pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir Youth Praise</p>
<p>28 UMYF 5-8pm Lenten Supper/ Study 5pm Youth Ldrshp 8 pm</p> 		<p>Remember</p>  <p>those in need in Haiti</p>	

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Endowment Fund Supports Six Church Activities

From Harold Perkins

At the Church Council meeting on January 19, approval was given for \$3,200 from the Endowment Fund to be used in these ways:

dead shrubbery in front of the Church and Education Buildings (submitted by Church Garden Club, **Carl Madeira**)

- \$475 for a new TV/DVD set, replacing a worn, complicated system, for general use by the church and Youth Fellowship (submitted by Christian Education, **Pastor Dorris McCoy**)



- \$1,000 to finish the last portion of the sanctuary slate roof project (submitted by Board of Trustees, **Jerry Manhart**)
- \$800 to purchase an electric drum set for greater flexibility, improved quality of the contemporary service, and ease of storage (submitted by Praise Team, **Beverly Perella**)
- \$400 to replace overgrown and

- \$375 toward an estimated total cost of \$700 for an HP Color Jet Printer to provide quality “in house” color printing of special bulletin covers, programs, brochures, and similar items; balance of \$325 to come, if possible, from a private source or operating budget (submitted by Christian Ed Office, **Pastor Dorris McCoy**)
- \$150 to Missions to extend, as an proportionate amount of annual income, the bequest of \$5,000 in 2005, by **Roland Richwine** in honor of his wife **Romaine**.

THIS SUPPORT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY GIFTS --LARGE, MEDIUM, AND SMALL -- TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

William H. and Dorothy V. Auman Endowment Fund Established

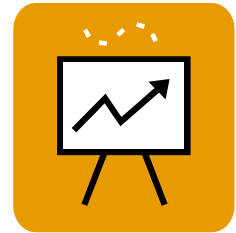
From Harold W. Perkins

In honor and memory of their parents Gary, Richard, and Clair Auman have established a designated fund of \$15,000, as part of the Church Endowment Fund, to be used specifically “for replacement, repairs and/or maintenance of fixed assets within the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees.” The principal of the Fund will be invested separately by the Endowment Fund Committee, with the annual interest of the Fund reverting to the Trustees for physical needs “beyond the normal operating budget.” At its meeting on January 18, Church Council expressed full appreciation for this generous gift.

Significant Year-End Gifts Boost Endowment Fund

From Harold Perkins

The principal in the Endowment Fund was increased from \$99,873 to \$126,488 by significant gifts, gratefully received, at year end 2009. In addition to the memorial gift of \$15,000 received from the Auman brothers, a generous anonymous gift of \$10,000 was received from a member, along with \$1,420 from several other members in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$500.



Stone Soup Continues!

From Becky Chadwick



As part of the Adult Sunday School class on *Beloved*, we'll continue the Stone Soup ministry that **Pastor Dorris** introduced in November. Every 4th Sunday of the month, we'll make a meal for both members of our own congregation and the community. Please look in the Wagner Room for needed donations each month. If you should happen to run into a great deal on meat anywhere (I just got 20 family packs of chicken legs and thighs for \$1 a pack at Giant!), please contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207, or **Rebecca Chelius**, 610-775-4651. You can pick it up for us or let us know where it is so we can grab it before it's gone. Don't worry if you don't have freezer space, we'll find space to store it until it's needed!

Want to do more than donate food? Join us for our study of the book *Beloved* every Sunday morning during Sunday School. For more information, see p. 7.

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Hamilton spent a week in the Holy Land and retraces Jesus' footsteps *from the Mount of Olives to Calvary*. Included is a walk inside a first century tomb in Jerusalem, the video crew building an actual Roman cross, and setting up a Last Supper where and how it might have occurred.

Each evening begins with supper for the whole family at 5 pm, in Memorial Hall, followed by *24 Hours that Changed the World* for adults, and children's activities coordinated by LP's Child Care staff. See *24 Hours* book excerpts and video clips at AdamHamilton.Cokesbury.com and watch your Sunday bulletin for sign-up details.

A Note From Your \$\$\$ Finance Committee \$\$\$

From Alex Ross

In an attempt to keep our congregation informed of where your contributions are spent, we will periodically place notes in our church publications. Keep watch for future entries.

This note is to describe where donations to the BUILDING FUND are deposited.

The Finance Committee voted to continue the practice of crediting donations to the BUILDING FUND to the Trustees dedicated account of Major Repair Reserve, and expansion of our buildings.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this practice, please contact **Alex Ross**, 610-775-7966.



Youth Host Spaghetti Dinner and Worship March 7, 5-7 pm, Memorial Hall

Bring your friends and family to enjoy a home-cooked meal, served while you relax and enjoy the company of friends, family and church family. A worship service, entitled *Got Time?* will follow the meal. This event is sponsored by the SR UMYF. A love donation will be taken at the door, with all proceeds going to the SR UMYF Summer Mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains.

Non-Violence Week Program Seeks Volunteers

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Holy Cross UMC and its pastor, Steward Warner, are again coordinating the Reading area's observance of Non-Violence Week, **April 17**



-24. Three components are planned for this year:

- ▶ a Kick-Off Event coinciding with the City's Great American Clean-Up.
- ▶ county-wide forums and programs similar to the Jazz Fest format, promoting non-violence.
- ▶ a Walk and Community Event to be held in West Reading.

Anyone interested in assisting with planning and organization of any events and/or LP's involvement, please contact **Kim DeHart** or **Pastor Dorris** (who helped last spring) or Pastor Warner, Holy Cross UMC, 329 N 5th St, 610-373-7260, or www.memholycross.org.

Annual Conference Offers Tools for Ministry

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The Eastern PA Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (EPAUMC) offers leadership training workshops annually in the areas of Children's Ministries, Evangelism, Church Treasurers/Finance, Stewardship, Trustees/Church Property, Youth Ministries, Church Vision, and Staff Parish Relations Committee. This year's training happens **Saturday, February 27**. All Lincoln Park chairs and committee members in the above areas are encouraged to attend and gain insights from workshop leaders and enjoy networking with sister congregations. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and workshop materials. Deadline is February 15; please contacting **Pastor Jerry** or **Pastor Dorris**.

These are wonderful opportunities to fellowship as we travel to the workshop together, meet leaders in other churches, and share new ideas to bring back to LP's ministries.

YOUTH-LINKS

UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

Youth Praise Band & Worship Planning...

meets every Wednesday from 7-8 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!



**Join the
Youth Group**

Youth Service Project

All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to volunteer at the Governor Mifflin Food Pantry. We help out the 3rd Saturday of every month, meeting at church at 8:45 am. You will be assisting to set up and aid the clients in their selection of 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: Feb 20, March 20, April 17, and May 15.

Youth Group Meetings

PLEASE JOIN US!

Friends are always welcome!

JR UMYF is a group of young teens in grades 6-8. We meet at 5 pm, starting in the Youth Room for 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, starting in the kitchen, preparing and eating dinner with the JR UMYF. We then participate in faith exploration, Bible study, and games until 8 pm.

We'll meet the following Sunday evenings:

February 21 and 28

March 14 and 28

Two Ways To Show Love at Opportunity House

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Last month's Supper Team discovered growing needs and increased, near capacity numbers at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE'S emergency shelter because of the spell of extreme cold. Bringing this info to Missions Committee resulted in two opportunities for LP members to share Christ's love at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE in the next months:

- ♥ Prepare (meet in our Church Kitchen at 4:30) and serve (leave church at 6:15) supper on Tuesday, **March 2**. Fresh fruits, meats, and vegetables (including salads) are especially appreciated when LP's servants bring a meal. So...when you do your food shopping the week before our next shelter visit, why not pick up an extra bag of apples or bunch of ba-

nanas or a pork roast? Your donations stretch our limited budget and will help our chief supper organizer, **Penny Snook**, who has a delicious pork dish she plans for March's supper menu. Please call to inform her of intended donations of time, food, or \$\$\$, at 610-781-7704.

At this time OPPORTUNITY HOUSE is in special need of blankets, pillows, bed linens, women's disposable razors and personal care products, traveling plastic soap containers, diapers (large and extra large), and baby care items. Bed linens can be new or gently used although it is appreciated if used linens are laundered and ready for use. Please bring donations to the Wagner Room blue box throughout the month of February. Collection ends on March 1.

Sharing the Love ♥



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the country.

Now it's our turn to help Lincoln Park's church school children join the movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Bring your \$\$ donations and help LP make a difference for Reading's hungry and homeless by dropping your gifts into the soup pots held at worship exits on Souper Bowl Sunday, **February 7**. LP's entire collection goes directly to New Journey UMC's Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.

Thank you for your always generous help and support of LP's youngest disciples in mission and service!!!

Young Adults Gather in Berlin to Plan Future Ministries

From Bronwyn Graeffe

I received a tremendous opportunity to serve and attend the **GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION** in Berlin, Germany, July 2010. I am asking for financial support along with prayers to follow through on this opportunity. I will be incurring expenses around \$3000. The **GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION** gathers every four years where young people share life experiences, worship together, write, debate, discern, and present legislation to the General Church in regards to young people's ministries.

I feel this is a vital gathering for the future church. Over the years I have realized what an impact serving in the church has made in my life. As I entered the work force five years ago, it was imperative to me that I find a church to be connected. After some church shopping, I found that church, OURS. Once I joined the church, I jumped in volunteering with the youth, becoming the church's lay member to Annual Conference and taking on the role of District Youth Coordinator. However, as I looked around the congregation, I did not see many other young adults.

If the church is going to continue to grow and thrive, young adults must be connected. I have realized part of the

church's challenge in today's society is the fast pace, flashy lights, and constant need for more. The *get ahead in life by working hard and depending on yourself* philosophy has taken over mainstream thought, leaving the church and God on the sidelines. Every year attitudes, fads, and perceptions

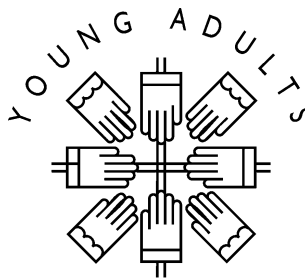
of the church change, making it increasingly difficult to keep young people connected. There is great need for the church to embrace and be relevant to young people. What better way to connect to our young people than by globally gathering

to create legislation -- which will be presented to the church -- regarding issues, needs, and wants of today's young people.

Thank you for all your support, friendships, and memories that I have been able to create since joining this family. Do not hesitate to reach out and speak with me.

Blessings,

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Convocation



SNOW

Jerry Manhart, Trustee Chairman

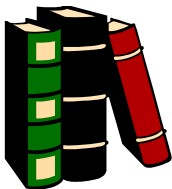
What do you think of when you hear the word *SNOW*? Depending on your age, it might be snowmen, sledding, school cancellations, skiing, slippery walks, meeting delays, slow driving, or stocking up on bread and milk.

For the Trustees, it means clearing the many sidewalks at LPCUMC so our scheduled activities can go on. We have a choice: Do it ourselves or have it cleared professionally. The price for professional snow removal is \$220 for zero to four inches of snow, and additional costs for over four inches, depending on the equipment used. The price for salting service is \$130.

If Spring Township and Cumru Township declare snow emergencies, we may not park on Jefferson Blvd or on Cambridge Ave. Church cancellations will be posted on the LPCUMC web site and announced on WEEU. In addition, e-mail notifications were sent on December 18 and 19 if your e-mail address was known by the church office.

Many thanks go to **Carl Madeira** and **Lou Manhart** for helping to remove snow from the sidewalks in January.

Would you be willing to join the snow team? When the snow has stopped falling, could you come to the Church to help? Please notify **Jerry Manhart** if you can lend a hand with snow removal.



Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

We'll be reading and discussing these interesting books!

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!

Christmas Festival is Everyone's Cup of Tea

From Linda Woll

Our evening in jolly old England was a smashing success; 65 people attended this annual international Christmas festival, December 4.

We enjoyed English favorites for dinner including Shepherd's Pie, roast beef and horseradish, and, of course, hot tea served with a smile by our gracious tea hostess, **Shirley Cline**. The dessert table overflowed with scones and clotted cream, sherry cake, butterscotch crinkles, peppermint puffs, and angel food cake.

It was especially nice to see our faithful kitchen volunteers -- **Beverly Ruffner**, **Hildamay Bartron**, **Genevieve Matthews**, and **Gloria Kotzer** -- sitting at the table eating, instead of preparing food or washing dishes.

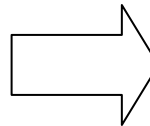
We watched a Wallace and Grommit video. **Pastor Jerry** read to us about the history of England and its traditions. **Jim Perry** sang an amazing rendition of *What Child Is This?* accompanied by **Bev Per-**

ella. Dorothy Stradley, who lived in England several years ago, captured our hearts with her tales.

Sandi Rosencrans read *The Teacup Story*, about a timid, impatient, curious teacup, who cannot wait to be molded into God's unique creation. Her voice was strong and powerful for God and shy and nervous for the teacup.

The children's tea table was quite festive. Some youngsters ate at a decorated table, including kid-sized teacups and a craft area.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with this event -- before, during, and afterward. There are too many people to thank but you know who you are! The Nurture & Witness Committee has unanimously voted to feature Italy for 2010's Christmas Festival!



To read about our next Nurture & Witness event, see p. 12.



family and friends of **Carol Hockman**, who passed away on December 16, in Little River, SC. Many thoughts and prayers are with you.



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How to Live to 100, *Happily*

1. Don't be on the lookout for ill health.
2. Keep usefully at work.
3. Have a hobby.
4. Learn to be satisfied.
5. Keep on liking people.
6. Meet adversity valiantly.
7. Meet the little problems of life with decision.
8. Above all, maintain a good sense of humor, best done by saying something pleasant every time you get a chance.
9. Live and make the present hour pleasant and cheerful. Keep your mind out of the past, and keep it out of the future.

--John A. Schindler

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Annual Flea Market

Saturday, May 15

Please do NOT bring any FLEAS until the beginning of April. We don't have enough storage space to handle early FLEAS. After April 1, please place them in the basement of the Church Office.

Clothing will be accepted as of May 2.
Questions? See **Bev Perella**.

Wedding

Jeffrey Bashore was married to Melissa Koszowski, in Jamaica, on December 12. Jeff is the son of **Richard** and **Carol Bashore**. Congratulations and many blessings!



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