



News-Line

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

We're Heating It Up! LP'S 6th Annual Chili Supper

From Becky Chadwick

You're all invited to come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship while supporting the Haiti and Chile earthquake relief effort on **Saturday, April 10.**

We'll be taking love donations to send to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) which aids ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace around the world.

Did you know that the native language in Haiti is Haitian Creole, a mixture of French and African? Also, in Haiti the per capita income is less than \$1 per day, and many people are unemployed.

Supper will be served at 5 pm in Memorial Hall. Choices include red chili, white chili, hot dogs, dessert, and beverage.

There will be entertainment for all ages and several educational displays about Haiti and Chile.



If you'd like to help prepare chili on Friday, April 9, in the Church Kitchen, please contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207. Look for the sign up sheet for *dessert* in the Wagner Room.

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WORSHIP IN APRIL

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Thursday, April 1, 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-4 , Matthew 26:17-56

Friday, April 2, 7 pm

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

“A Time of Darkness”

Sunday, April 4

EASTER AND COMMUNION

Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 11

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Holding On To the Promise” - Romans 8:17-25, 2Corinthians 4:7-15

Sunday, April 18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:1-6, John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“How Can We Be Sure?” - Romans 10:5-13, Matthew 7:21-23 “

Happy Easter
Bring Your Flowers

Once again we'll be *Flowering the Cross* on Easter Sunday, April 4 at both the 9 and 11 am services. Please bring extra flowers with you to beautify the cross before you attend worship.





Holy Week Labyrinth

Centuries ago, labyrinth designs were placed on the floors of medieval churches as a tool for meditation and reflection. Labyrinths continue to be a tool for us to be in a time of prayer, reflection on our lives, focusing on God, remembering and searching scripture, or simply quieting ourselves.

LP's Labyrinth Team has created a labyrinth mat for our sacred space where our thinking minds and spirited hearts can merge in silence and prayer to make sense of the busy-ness of our lives.

A Tool for Reflection

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

To aid us in our Lenten discipline to spend more time with God, LP's Labyrinth Team invites us to Memorial Hall to walk the labyrinth, beginning at 8 pm, following both the Holy Thursday service April 1 and the Good Friday evening worship service April 2.

BYOB---Bring Your Own Bible or use one provided to prepare for Easter's joyous celebration!

Come. Walk from the world - Be centered in prayer - Leave the labyrinth affirmed and renewed in the Spirit!

Stewardship Moment

From Nancy VILLECCO

While I was living in Dallas, I listened to a local pastor who would occasionally sponsor a short TV moment, offering words to ponder. This *moment* is one that has changed my life. It is very true, I believe.

The saying goes... ***WE ALWAYS HAVE TIME FOR THE THINGS WE PUT FIRST.***

It often prompts me to "take stock" and think whether what I have been putting first lately is still in line with what I value. See if it doesn't do the same for you!



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

The spirit of God flowing through all of life is ultimately indestructible and eternal. Nothing can separate us from it.

In the news, we often hear stories of those who've been beaten down in the worst possible ways and have somehow discovered new life. Even when stories depict annihilation, there is, considering the biggest possible picture, a twist of hope in the story.

You have stories of those you know who have stood in the midst of tragedy and come out on the other side, victorious in surprising ways. Even when physical death seems to end it all, new beginnings are uncovered.

While researching about Easter, I recently discovered an interesting fact about daffodils. I learned that bulbs are not seeds but living plants that already have the baby flower growing inside,

waiting to bloom. It reminded me of the hymn found in the United Methodist Hymnal, *The Hymn of Promise*, found on p. 707:

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree; in cocoons a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free! In the snow and cold of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



In the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are reminded that hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword do not have the last word.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? ...Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35a, 38b-39



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Dale Mitchell, Mark Boyer, and Elizabeth Cooper**. We keep you in our prayers.

Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella

The seasons of Lent and Easter provide us with vast possibilities for music, well-known and new, instrumental and vocal! All three groups,

- ♪ the Praise Band
- ♪ the Chancel Choir
- ♪ the Bell Choir

are practicing diligently to give praise and thanksgiving to our Father. It is not only in the Psalms that we praise God with timbrel and brass; join us here at Lincoln Park Church during these holy seasons as we offer our glorious sounds to God and His Christian family.

MUSIC ALERT: Place this date on your calendar

Sunday, May 16

MUSIC SUNDAY will be celebrated at both the 9am and 11am services. Come and rejoice with us in the gift of music, a gift which God has given to so many of our members. It is not too late to share your talents with us. Bev sits by the phone daily waiting for you to call.

Stewardship Finds New Direction

From Nancy Villecco

Before completing a four-year tenure as co-chair of Lay Leadership & Development in December, I wanted to do my best to answer the call to find someone to nurture and expand the year-around stewardship mission of our church. After trying for over a year to find someone who felt called to aid in this ministry, the question one day came to me, *Did you ever think that this is something YOU could do?* The same morning, several new ideas regarding stewardship came to me. I took it as a sign that, even though I'm not particularly experienced in this area, maybe I should give it a try.

I welcome ideas from the congregation and hope you'll bear with me as I/we seek to find what will help us all understand how we can be better stewards in our lives, both within and outside the church. Thanks for your support!



SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING AT LP

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Christian Education continues to offer opportunities for all ages of disciples to learn and grow every Sunday morning.

Following the Children's Message at Contemporary Worship, children ages 3 through 4th grade enjoy stories and fun Bible-related activities in Room 101.

At 9:45 am in the Church Library, **Bob Robertson** leads discussion in the Lectionary Bible Study Class.

At 10:20 am throughout our buildings, Church School continues with multi-age spiritual growth options for children, youth, and adults. Adults choices include:

- ◇ **Earl Hope's** *Living the Questions*
- ◇ **Becky Chadwick** and **Loreen Miller's** study of Nouwen's *Beloved*.

All are invited to continued growth in the Christian faith and journey of discipleship. Input and leaders also are welcomed---just contact **Kim DeHart**, Christian Education Chair, or **Pastor Dorris**.



Christian Education Committee Seeks Your Input

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



The Christian Education Committee, responsible for ongoing learning and spiritual growth at LP, will meet **Sunday, April 18**, at 12:15 pm, in Room 101. This group reviews and offers support for educational ventures for all ages, including VBS, Sunday Supper & Study, Sunday Church School, etc. Your input and leadership are welcomed. Come and offer your ideas at the upcoming meeting, contact **Kim DeHart**, Chair, 610-775-8835, or see **Dorris McCoy**, Pastor of Christian Education.

POST-EASTER SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Although seasons like Lent encourage an increased commitment to prayer, scripture reading, and reflection, our need for time with God never ends. Wesley's third rule tells us to be attentive to God's Word and stay in love with God. To help us in our discipline, *Upper Room* and *Alive Now* are made available at entrances to the sanctuary area. Why not stop and pick up recent issues for your post-Easter contemplation?



VBS: High Seas Expedition Coming This Summer to LP

From Karen Osika



It's that time again!
At HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION, kids explore the mighty love of God on a journey that

will change them forever! HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are a few of the HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION activities that help faith flow into real life.

So save the date and prepare to have a boat load of fun: **June 28-July 2, 2010.**

Come April 6, at 6:30 pm, in Room 101, for a planning meeting to see how you can join us on this exciting adventure. We need decorators, lovers of snacks, games, and crafts. If you aren't sure how you can help, come to the planning meeting and see what fun we have in store. Contact **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726, for information.

Lunch & Learn: ELDER LAW

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

In LP's efforts to support and plan positively for all aspects of aging, the next Lunch & Learn will feature Bill Blumer, Elder Attorney with Leisawitz-Heller. Attorney Blumer specializes in areas of elder law, meaning all legal issues related to our lives as we age. He will focus on

- Wills
- Powers of attorney for finance and health care concerns
- Living trusts

He will also answer questions which relate to protecting assets, paying nursing care costs, charitable giving, and probate.

Interested? Plan to attend the next L & L, **Sunday, April 11**, at noon, in Memorial Hall. Watch the Wagner Room displays and church bulletin for sign-up details.

TOOL-KIT RESCHEDULED

Due to inclement weather, the Eastern PA Conference rescheduled its *Tool-Kit Leadership Training Event* from February 27 to Saturday, April 10. Workshops for all church ministries are offered, including children's ministry, stewardship, youth ministry, staff parish relations, finance, evangelism, trustees, and visioning. If you can make this new date, please contact **Jack Villecco**, Council Chair, or one of the pastors.

Trustees Gather Information for Possible Future Projects

Many thanks to **Ron Schucker** from the Trustees. He's been helping **Carl Madeira** trim trees, clean gutters, repair chairs and molding, paint, and clean windows and chandeliers.

Presently, the Trustees are gathering information concerning the placement of a restroom on the sanctuary level of our church. In December a gift of \$5,000 was given to the Memorial Fund, designated for such a restroom. In January, approximately \$1,900 was also made available for a restroom project.

Problems arise because our church has limited space. If we add something new, something old has to change.

In 2008, Arthur Funk and Sons, Inc. presented a proposal to build a second level to the Ed Building -- redoing its first level and the present Nursery rooms, and building a second level to the breezeway connecting the two buildings -- for a cost of one million dollars. Part of this proposal, not included in the price, were restrooms to service the new second level. In the diagram, two ladies' and one men's room were placed in the present Music

Director's office, next to the sanctuary, with doorways to the hall. If the proposal were ever implemented, restrooms would be necessary for state approval.



From Jerry Manhart

Since no cost was included in the proposal, Funk was again contacted. To construct the restrooms in the diagram would be an estimated cost of \$43,000. The kitchenette used for punch and coffee, located in the office, and coat rack in the hall would be eliminated. Another location would be found for the Music Director's office and hand bells.

Another suggestion was to place a unisex restroom in the hall between the lift and the Music Director's office. An estimate of \$15,500 was obtained from Funk. The coat rack would be eliminated. This estimate does not include moving the painted glass window from the hall. The window on the entrance level is not the same size, and the cost of moving the painted window is not known at this time.

Estimates have not been obtained for some other suggestions such as: placing the restroom in the hall over the steps coming up from the lowest level, or plac-

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Itch, Scratch, Itch, Scratch....Do You Feel it?

It's LP's Annual Flea Market, May 15

From Beverly Perella



Do you feel the excitement gathering for our annual FLEA MARKET, **Saturday, May 15**, from 7am until 3pm? It's the same, great church-wide activity that we've done for a long time with some new additions.

This year, we'll hold a SILENT AUCTION of services and prized, one-of-a-kind items. If you can donate a service (painting, gardening, baby-sitting, sports/music lessons, etc) please contact one of the three *Chair-Girls*, **Carol Bashore, Michelle Ringler, or Bev Perella.**

Beginning April 1 we're accepting good, clean usable fleas and books in boxes, if possible, in the basement of the Church Office. We cannot accept textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, computer components, and appliances as well as glassware and mugs with logos printed on them. From April 18 on, please bring donations directly to Memorial Hall. Clothing and accessories will be accepted as of April 18. Please bring these laundered, ready-to-sell donations to Memorial Hall. The last day to accept all items for the Flea Market is Sunday, May 9. Please bring in food donations by Friday, May 14. Baked goods may be brought the day of the sale.

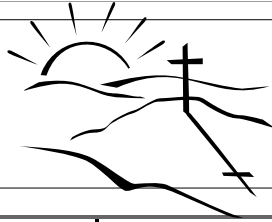


Do you feel the urge to offer help before, during or after? We certainly hope so. We'll be enticing (attacking!) you to help. This is a day for fundraising, but more important, it's a time for fellowship, a time to meet your LP brothers and sisters. Watch for flyers in the weekly bulletins for more information.


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ing one restroom in half of the Music Director's office. Perhaps members will have some new suggestions to give us.

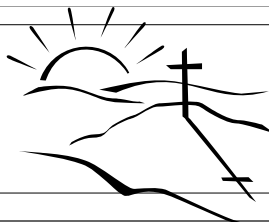
We also know that some members don't think a sanctuary level restroom is necessary, since we already have three on the Memorial Hall level and a lift to take handicapped members there. Also, there is some concern about noise from the restroom during the church service.





April 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
	<i>Hallelujah</i>		
4 Flowering of The Cross Holy Communion 	5 Trustees 7pm	6 VBS Organizational Mtg 6:30pm	7 Bell Choir 6: Chancel Choir Youth Praise
11 Lunch & Learn 12pm UMYF 5pm	12 Agape 12pm Finance 7pm	13 UMYF Fundraiser @ Friendlys'	14 Bell Choir 6: Chancel Choir Youth Praise
18 Christian Ed Committee, 12:15pm	19	20	21 Bell Choir 6: Chancel Choir Youth Praise
25 Confirmation Class 4pm UMYF 5pm	26 Book Club 7pm	27	28 Bell Choir 6: Chancel Choir Youth Praise

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p>  <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>Worship Service, 7pm Labyrinth</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Worship Service, 7pm Labyrinth</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>30pm r 7:45pm Team 7pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Crafts 1pm Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chili Supper Prep 12-10pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chili Supper 5pm</p>
<p>30pm r 7:45pm Team 7pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Youth Service Project @ GM Food Pantry 9-11am</p>
<p>30pm r 7:45pm Team 7pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Crafts 1pm Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Sr UMYF 30 Hr Famine</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity Workday, 9-2</p>
<p>30pm r 7:45pm Team 7pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<div data-bbox="645 1226 1169 1518" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Looking ahead to May...</p> <p>5/3 Trustees 7pm 5/4 Opportunity House 5/10 Finance 7pm 5/15 Flea Market 5/16 Music Sunday 5/17 Church Council 7pm 5/23 Confirmation</p> </div>

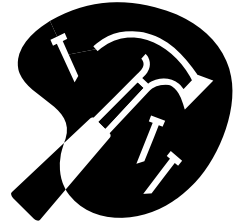
READING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 - 9 am-2 pm

From Jim Eckert, Missions Committee

We'd like to assemble a work crew for this date to help with construction of a home in Reading. Many of you have some familiarity with Habitat and its ways; we also have had teams from our church helping in the past.

The actual work will depend on what stage of construction the home is in by that time, but may consist of tasks such as painting, drywall plastering or placing, cleanup tasks, or other work not requiring special skills, but within the reach or knowledge of any homeowner. The only requirement is that you be at least 18 years old.



There will be a sign-up sheet in the Wagner Room. We hope to assemble a group of about eight to 10 folks. Any questions, contact **Jim Eckert**, 610-373-1064.

"I finally discovered the beautiful, paradoxical truth that genuine concern for the welfare of others is the gateway to the only real satisfaction for myself." -- Jimmie Dale Gilmore



Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

Our next selections include these wonderful reads:

April 26 – *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave; Refreshments – JoAnne Moyer

May 24 – *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
Refreshments – Marian Longenecker

June 28 – *Three Junes* by Julia Glass; Refreshments – Jane Reitz

Come and share comments and critiques in the **Ackleson's** comfy living room, at 7 pm, on these Monday evenings. There's always room for a few more. Keep on reading!



LOOKING AHEAD - NOTHING BUT NETS

From Jim Eckert, Missions Committee

Mark on your calendar for **Sunday, May 30** (our combined worship day) as a day to have your awareness raised, and for you to raise your support of a worldwide campaign.

Our United Methodist Church has been in the forefront in an effort against something we are, gratefully, not much affected by in our country anymore - that is - the disease **MALARIA**. Our Church is involved in a lofty goal, under the Global Health Initiative, called **IMAGINE-NO-MALARIA**, which seeks an attainable goal to eradicate this scourge.

One well known phase of this initiative is the Nothing-But-Nets campaign. Bed-nets - quite effective against biting mosquitoes - are made available to people. The basic unit of support is: *\$10 buys a single bed net*. That simple, that concrete, and yet it's an effective way to serve.

We'll be honored to have as guest presenters that Sunday, Katherine Commale - the 9-year old girl from a church in Downingtown who has been inspirational in raising over \$135,000 for Nothing-But-Nets, and her mom, Linda. Please plan to attend, and please plan to support. Of course, support is not dependent on attendance that particular Sunday. We are seeking to raise at least \$1000 worth of nets at Lincoln Park.

Your Gift Doubled at Opportunity House

March 1 through April 30

The yearly challenge grant from the **ALAN FEINSTEIN FOUNDATION** invites us to donate to Opportunity House during this time for twice the benefit to this organization.

Donations can be mailed to:

430 N Second St, Reading, PA 19601

For more info, visit www.feinsteinfoundation.org



UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

WORSHIP

With approximately 85 people in attendance on Sunday, March 7, the Youth Worship, *Got Time?* was a huge success. The Youth Praise Band and Worship Team continues to meet Wednesdays in Memorial Hall, 7-8:30 pm. Huge thanks to **Mark Villecco** and **Bronwyn Graffee** for musically leading the youth.

MISSION

Currently we have 13 youth and three adults going to the Appalachian Mountains from June 20-25. There is one spot still open. See **Cori** if you know someone who'd like to attend (must be entering 9th grade or currently in high school).



FUNDRAISING

We're off to a GREAT start! These events raised the following dollars:

Hoagie/Soup/Bake Sale: \$735

Spaghetti Dinner/Worship: \$581

BonTon: \$235 so far. We're waiting for check; should be ~ \$200.

We still need to raise ~ \$3,000 to pay:

\$1,653 - the last installment to Youthworks, due 5/21

~\$1,000 - van rental

~\$400 - gas

We have \$274 in account after paying the Youthworks installment.

Upcoming fundraisers

Easter Flowers

Flower & Candle Sale for Mother's Day

Friendly's, April 13

Car Wash, May 22 (rain date May 23)

The youth will be in the Wagner Room after both Worship Services through May to encourage congregation members to become sponsors of the Mission Trip.

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It's Not Too Early To Plan for Summer Church Camp

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Eastern PA Conference camp brochures are arriving, reminding us to think beyond snow to summer in God's beautiful wooded creation. All Conference camps offer programs with games, nature, singing, Bible study, water activities, praying, and cabin group life related to the theme: BE A HERO---LIVING LIKE JESUS!

From spring to fall, options range from Day Camp experiences for those too young for overnight stays, to a variety of settings and locations for children, youth and adults from city to the Poconos.

For brochures, contact the church office. Please see **Pastor Dorris** for scholarships. Volunteer discounts are available if you would like to be a camp helper!!

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Please prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor for this year's youth mission trip. Any monetary donation makes you eligible to receive a postcard from one of the youth on the trip and an invitation to the appreciation luncheon upon our return. These trips change the lives of our teens, making them realize they can make a difference in today's world.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Youth Group Meetings, Sunday Evenings, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 16

JR UMYF is a group of teens in Grades 6-8. We meet at 5 pm, 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, in the Kitchen, preparing and eating dinner with the JR UMYF. We then participate in faith exploration, Bible study, and games until 8 pm.

Friends are always welcome!

Putting God First In Your Life

From Bronwyn Graeffe

Is God your focal point? Putting God at the center of things is difficult for anyone, especially someone in their teens, 20's and 30's. There's enormous pressure to excel in school, perform in sports, spend time with family and friends, get a good job, make money, volunteer for charity, drive kids to events, and then, on top of it all, put God at the center...REALLY! Are you kidding?

There isn't time in a day to breathe, let alone put God at the center. BUT, what if you did? What if you took a giant step back and put God at the center? Would getting to the meeting on time, petty arguments over where to eat, stressing out over a B+ versus a B, or making the basket during the game really make a difference? Would stresses go away?

We read throughout the Old and New Testaments to put God first and set aside our interests. It is God's will, not our own. The perfect example, in Matthew 16:21-23, is when Peter finally realizes Jesus' death was imminent. Peter was angry and said *that will never happen to You*, but Jesus knew better and said, *you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's*.

I don't always set my mind on God's interests. There has only been One who has set His mind on God's interests. He

lived a sinless life for the 33 years He was in the world. He knew He would be beaten, nailed, and pierced, yet He never lost focus. He bled from seven places so that our sins of the past, present and future, our failures to put God at the center of our busy lives, would be forgiven: that we would be made pure again through our belief in Jesus Christ.

I'm attempting to put God back at the center of my life by committing to follow through on the call, on God's interests, to worship with other young people and set legislation for the continuation of young people's ministry throughout the United Methodist Church at the Global Young People's Convocation in Germany. To do this I need to take that giant step back, set aside work for a week, and give up time with friends and family over the summer. I ask that you continue to support my efforts, my struggles, and my attempt to put God back at the center. I also challenge YOU to refocus and put God back at your center.

Thank you to all who have offered support. Financial support may be directly sent to me as well as to the church on my behalf. Please state on your check: *for Bronwyn Graeffe and Global Convocation*. As always do not hesitate to reach out and speak with me.

Fly With Christ,
Bronwyn Graeffe, Deuteronomy 8:3

Fun Family Events Planned for LP

From Linda Woll

At its planning meeting March 10, our Nurture & Witness Committee scheduled some exciting activities for this year, including:

- ☼ Reading Phillies, *Celebrate Your Faith Night*, Friday, June 11
- ☼ Family Movie Night (on the church lawn), Saturday, July 24
- ☼ International Christmas Festival, Friday, December 4 - ITALY



If you'd like to help coordinate any of these events, please contact **Linda Woll**, 610-781-8046. We always need more helping hands as well as creative ideas.



Family Game Night Fun for All

From Linda Woll

The weather was not good but the fellowship was great at our second Family Game Night on Saturday, February 13. We were entertained by disc jockeys (10 year old) Benjamin Kimmel and his friend CJ. They played several songs from days gone by, while **Cori Pasquale** led many youth and children in dancing. Our tasty root beer floats were the hit of the night. **Jack Villecco** set up a card room where people enjoyed learning how to play "Texas Hold 'Em" *United Methodist style* (no money involved)!

Tracy Goldsborough brought "Mad Gab" which was enjoyed by many. This game was so popular that we hope to bring it back for future events.

BINGO! Our new visitors Gloria and her son Todd won so many prizes they had to get two bags to carry them all home. Thank you to everyone who donated time, prizes, refreshments, and ideas.

Endowment Fund a Winner

From Pam Shenk

Endowment (en dou'ment); 1. the act of endowing, 2. that with which something is endowed; specific, any bequest or gift that provides income for an institution or person

The above definition does not explain how the monetary gifts assist the church and you! The gift does not have to stop at monetary giving; it can also consist of annuities, life insurance policies, and real estate, to mention a few. The gift is a win for the church and a win for you. Members of the Endowment Committee welcome any questions or comments.

Matt Hope Participates in National Discussion

From Cheri Fallon



Last fall, **Matt Hope**, son of **Earl** and **Linda**, participated in a panel discussion at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

A Wilson HS Senior, Matt was chosen, with another student, by Wilson teacher **Katherine L. Hagee** (who is also a Lincoln Park Church member).

Katherine teaches Advanced Placement US History and AP psychology and is also on the Constitution Center's teacher advisory board.


Matt traveled to the Center in Philadelphia where they were connected by video-conferencing to students from across the US.

The topic was immigration -- legal and illegal, "enforcement, economic and moral issues, and who should be allowed to immigrate," according to Erin Negley of the *Reading Eagle* (from which much of this information was gleaned). The students did their own research to support their views.

Matt says, "Despite the many benefits, culturally and economically, that immigration can bring, we still have to address the basic biological fact that our ecological environment can only support a certain amount of people."

The discussion left Hope and others with a feeling of optimism. "It's a great opportunity for the kids," Katherine says, "What a cool thing to be able to expose these guys to."

In January Matt's Wilson High World Quest Team won 1st place at this year's regional competition hosted by the Greater Reading World Affairs Council. The win qualifies the team for the national competition on April 24, in Washington DC, at the National Press Club. Good luck, Matt!

 Please us know if you have news about a LP member! (Our mailbox is in the Church Office or use cherfallon@comcast.net.)

"We are all faced with magnificent opportunities,
brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."

—Charles R. Swindoll



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



April
12
for our
May issue

From our mailbox



♥ To Pastors Jerry and Dorris and my wonderful church family,
Words cannot fully express the power and strength I received from your prayers, cards, and phone calls while I was out in Illinois tending to my son. The energy coming from this church, from every one of you, was simply awesome.

Thank you all,
Hildamay Bartron

♥ Dear Members of LPCUMC,
This acknowledges with thanks your generous contribution of \$254.33 to New Journey UMC Food Ministry. It will help us feed individuals and families in Reading who are clients of our Kitchen Cupboard and Soup Kitchen.
Our Soup Kitchen serves lunch to about 140 every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Groceries are distributed every Wednesday in the Kitchen Cupboard to 80-90 different families each week. In these difficult economic times, we are serving new clients every week.

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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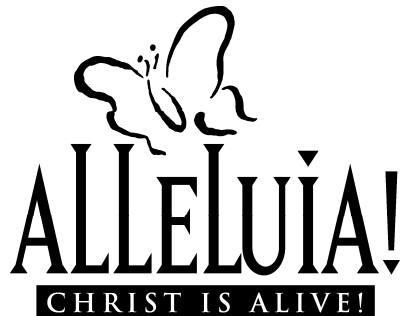
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