

News-Line

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

Flea Market-May 15-Includes Silent Auction

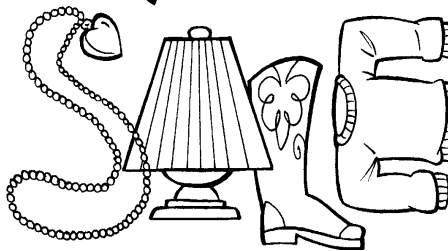
From Beverly Perella

Come one and all, on Saturday, May 15, to this annual fundraiser and good time. When the doors open at 7 am, you'll find lots of collectibles, fleas, books, clothing, accessories, household items, and more. We're open till 3 pm and, of course, there will be plenty of food and drink.

This year a silent auction (similar to past Autumn Auctions) will be held, including donated services and precious, one-of-kind items.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ▶ Bring your good, clean, usable fleas and clothing to Memorial Hall (books to the hallway) **before May 10**. We can't accept textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, *Reader's Digest* condensed books, records, computer components, exercise equipment, and appliances, as well as glassware and mugs with logos. When? Weekdays 9-3, Wednesday or Thursday eve-



nings, and other times when volunteers are working.

▶ Volunteer! We need help sorting and pricing, for set-up and clean-up, and more!

Please contact me, 610-603-0150, before I track you down!

- ▶ We need food donations...home-baked desserts (labeled), barbecue, hamburger and hot dog rolls, and soda. Sign-up sheets are available in Sunday bulletins and in the Wagner

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WORSHIP IN MAY

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

Sunday, May 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“To Life: A Communion Celebration”

Isaiah 55:1-3, John 10:7-10

Sunday, May 9

MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION

9am - “Jerry Letterman Honors Mothers”

11am - “A M O T H E R Worthy of Praise”

Proverbs 31, Mark 10:13-16



Sunday, May 16

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MUSIC SUNDAY

“I Saw the Risen Christ And It Wasn’t Even Easter” - Job 19:25-27, Mark 16:1-5

Sunday, May 23

PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

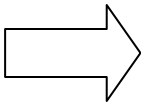
“The Spirit Comes” - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, May 30 -- One Service Only at 10 am

CELEBRATION/MISSIONS SUNDAY

“Nothing But Nets” Missions Emphasis, with Guest Presenters

Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 25:31-46



Beginning June 6, our Traditional Service will begin at 10:45 am for the summer. Contemporary Worship will remain at its 9 am time.



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!



MISSIONS

COMING UP - NOTHING BUT NETS

From Jim Eckert, Missions Committee

Sunday May 30, during the combined 10 am Service...

We'll feature our *Nothing But Nets* missions emphasis. This ministry, supported by the United Methodist Church, is part of a campaign to eradicate malaria worldwide.

We'll be honored to have as guest presenters that Sunday Katherine Commale, the nine-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. Come and be informed and energized. Your support in helping purchase nets will be a concrete, effective action in combating this widespread "fact of life" in tropical areas, where the mosquito has been a more potent destructive force than the atom bomb.

Stay tuned for Mission Moments during our services leading up to May 30, and information in your bulletins. Also please check the display in the Wagner Room.

Donations for nets should be made to the church (Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church) with *Nothing But Nets* as the memo. Your gift can be given during any service collection, to the Church Office, or at the Wagner Room display at any time.

THE BASIC UNIT OF SUPPORT IS: \$10 buys a single bed net.

OUR GOAL: to raise \$1000, i.e. 100 nets!

New Membership Class Forming

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

A new membership class will begin **Sunday, May 2**, at 12:15 pm, in the Library. For further information please see **Pastor Jerry**.



Membership
Class

Office News: Church Secretary Resigns

Unfortunately, our efficient Church Secretary, Erin Potter, will be leaving us in May. She and her husband will be moving to Buffalo, NY. Erin will be missed! If you know of any candidates for her position, please call the Church Office.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

May...From Easter to Pentecost

As we journey into the month of May, we move from the liturgical season of Easter into Pentecost. Pentecost represents the birth of the Christian Church with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this Jewish Harvest Feast of spring.

In Acts, Chapter Two, those 120 faithful disciples who gathered in the Upper Room - the same room where Jesus instituted His Blessed Sacrament on the first Maundy Thursday - were told by Jesus to wait and pray for the gift of the Father, the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon them.

The Holy Spirit came with the rush of a mighty wind (the *breath of God* came in volume and intensity). The Holy Spirit alighted like a flame over each disciple and filled them with His Presence and gave them the gift of glossolalia, or *tongues of men and angels* (the divine-given ability to

speaking in unknown tongues to them).

The event caused a clamor and excitement within Jerusalem and drew devout men and women who had come to observe the holy feast event. It was nine o'clock in the morning, and the disturbance drew thousands to find out what this meant. Peter, now filled with the Holy Spirit and boldness, preached a powerful sermon, and 3,000 men, and probably as many women and children, were converted to belief in the Risen Lord and were baptized that day. As a result, the Church was born and human history was changed forever!

That same transforming power of the Holy Spirit is available to us today. Join us for Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at 9 am, for Contemporary Worship, and at 11 am, for Traditional Worship. Come and welcome our confirmands as new members at the 9 am Service.

Please remember to wear red.



Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella

One of God's greatest gifts to us is His gift of music. For this reason we'll celebrate **MUSIC SUNDAY** at both services Sunday, **MAY 16**.

- † The Contemporary Service at 9am will feature favorite songs of Praise Band members. The Bell Choir will praise God with the ringing of the bells and will present a special song for children who will have an opportunity to participate.
- † The Chancel Choir, the Bells and guest soloists will present a variety of anthems and musical selections at the 11am Traditional Service.

We might not have all the instruments in the Bible or choirs of angels, but we have our own outstanding, dedicated musicians who share their time and musical gifts with us each Sunday. These groups, of course, rely on the voices of the congregation to complete this joyous praise to God.

Endowment Gifts Honor Deceased Members

From Harold Perkins

Endowment Fund gifts have been received in honor and memory of **Dale Mitchell** and **Mark Boyer** who died recently. Such gifts add to principal and interest of the Fund to perpetuate the faith, ideals, and values of loyal members and are used for program initiatives or physical improvements beyond our normal operating budget.



We extend our deepest sympathy to **Kathryn Hafer** and to **Kris Wright** and family on the death of their daughter and sister, Heidi

Hafer F. Clouser, on April 12. A memorial gathering will be held at LP Church on Sunday, May 16, at 1 pm.

To **David Bartal** and family on the death of David's mother, Florence, who passed away on April 9.

And to **Mary Gundy** and family on the death of her husband, **Samuel C. Gundy**, on April 23. A memorial service will be held at our church on Saturday, May 1, at 11 am.

**Eastern PA Annual
Conference
Convenes this Month**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Clergy and lay members of the United Methodist Church meet May 20-22 at the Lancaster Convention Center. The vision/theme, *Leading Beyond the Walls*, will guide conference proceedings.

Keynote speaker, Adam Hamilton, Founding Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, in Leawood, Kansas, will focus attendees on leadership, preaching and evangelism efforts in our local churches.

Representing LP will be our pastors and LP Lay Delegate, **Bronwyn Graffe**; **Shirley Cline** serves as alternate Lay Delegate. Please keep LP delegates and all Conference attendees in your prayers as we gather to envision churches † connected as God's people † and involved in life-giving ministry to the world.



**Spring Supper at
Opportunity House**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

LP prepares and serves supper at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE next on Tuesday, **May 4!**

Donations of fresh veggies and fruits are *especially* welcomed. Residents say these foods are often a rare commodity. With offers of food, time to cook/serve, and/or \$\$\$, please contact Head Chef, **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704.



THANK YOU!
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A Word of Gratitude

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Thank you to all who assisted with LP's Lenten and Easter worship, study, and outreach events. Whether you led a study session, enhanced worship space with flower and visual displays, read Scripture, helped kids learn the Easter story, sang, played an instrument, stuffed bulletins, or acted in dramatic presentations, your efforts to seek and share Christ in this holiest of seasons were noticed and appreciated.

Thanks for hearing God's call to serve and being a visible witness of our Lord!

Trustees News: Church Workday Scheduled

From Jerry Manhart



The Trustees plan a workday at the Church and Parsonage for **May 8**. If you're able to give a hand between 8 am and noon, please call **Jerry Manhart**, 610-777-2347, or the Church Office. Projects will be scheduled according to help available.

- ▶ The trees at the church and office was trimmed by Miller Tree Service to provide better health for the trees and better light for the grass underneath.
- ▶ L.M. Martin, Inc. repaired damage to the spouting and slate roof caused by heavy snow and ice.
- ▶ The heater/air conditioner in the Church Library was repaired by Bonfitto Corp.

Thanks again to **Robert Miller** and **Catherine Allen**. They have donated to the church the property deeds for two cemetery grave spaces at Pleasant View Cemetery and Mausoleum. If you're interested in purchasing these lots, please contact **Jerry Manhart**.

Thanks also go to **Todd Beamesderfer** and **Bill Lape** for installing a light in an office closet, to **Pat Owens** for repairing the office locks, to **Jim Gehman** for securing the hall closet from tilting, and to **Becky Chadwick** for donating a lock for the freezer in the hall near the kitchen.

Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

Our next selections include these great books:





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. We always have room for a few more readers.



May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<i>Mothers write on the hearts of their children what the world's round</i>			
2 Sr UMYF 12-6pm New Membership Class 12:15pm Confirmation Class 4pm	3 Trustees 7pm	4 Opportunity House 4pm	5 Bell Choir 6: Youth Praise Chancel Choir
9 	10 Agape 10am Work on Fleas Finance 7pm	11	12 Bell Choir 6: Youth Praise Chancel Choir
16 Music Sunday 9 & 11am UMYF 5pm	17 Church Council 7pm UMYF Friendly's Fundraiser	18	19 Youth Praise Chancel Choir
23 Confirmation, 9am  WEAR RED TODAY!	24 Book Club 7pm	25	26 Youth Praise Chancel Choir
30 Combined 10am Service, <i>Nothing But Nets</i>	31  MEMORIAL DAY		

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>gh hands cannot erase. -Author unknown</p>	<p>6 Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Trustees Work Day 8am-Noon</p>
<p>30pm Team 7pm r 7:45pm</p>	<p>13 Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>14 Confirmation Class Trip to Mosque</p>	<p>15 FLEA MARKET 7am - 3pm UMYF @ Gov Miff Food Bank 9-11am</p>
<p>Team 7pm r 7:30pm</p>	<p>20 Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 UMYF Car Wash 10am-2pm</p>
<p>Team 7pm r 7:30pm</p>	<p>27 Praise Team 8pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
			<div data-bbox="646 1224 1170 1484" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Looking ahead to June... 6/8 Trustees 7pm 6/11 Reading Phillies 6pm 6/14 Agape Out to Lunch 11:30am Finance 7pm 6/20-6/25 Youth Mission Trip 6/28-7/2 VBS</p> </div>

UMYF Happenings

From Cori Pasquale, 610-568-0691

Youth Group Meetings: Sunday, May 16 & Sunday, June 6

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.



Join the Youth Group

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!

Youth Praise Band

Continues to meet Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm, in Memorial Hall.

Our Youth Are Awesome!

Saturday, May 15: Our youth will work again at the Governor Mifflin Food Bank from 9-11am and will hopefully return to LP to help with our Flea Market.

SR UMYF

Sunday, May 2, 12-6pm: Sorting clothes for "Just Between Friends"

Fundraisers for our 2010 Mission Trip Appalachian Mountains, June 20-25

FRIENDLY'S FUNDRAISER

Monday, May 17, 5-8pm, Rt 422 in Sinking Spring...Invite friends, family, and neighbors to come to Friendly's for dinner on May 17. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to our youth's summer mission trip. No time? Order take-out or just stop by for ice cream.



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Saturday, May 22 (Rain date, May 23) at Metro Bank, State Hill Rd in Wyomissing, from 10am-2pm. Come, get your car washed, and support our youth's endeavors at the same time.

MEMBER SPONSORSHIP

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.

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.

Wesley - The Movie Coming to Reading **A Heart Transformed Can Change the World!**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

“What happens when a smart, talented young man desires to serve God, but is mostly driven by his fear of death and hell? How is a conflicted heart torn by love and desire? And what happens when that heart finally discovers grace?

In this powerful true story, based on private journals of John and Charles Wesley, we glimpse the private struggles of one man who would go on to found the Methodist movement - and another who would become one of the most prolific and beloved hymn writers of history. Together, they transformed England with revolutionary ministries to the poor, creating a movement that laid the groundwork for the eventual abolition of slavery.”

--From the website www.wesleythemovie.com, where you can also see a trailer. Check it out!

Interested? You can see this new movie, directed by award winning John Jackman, at the Goggle Works Theatre (201 Washington St, Reading) May 8, May 15, or May 22 at noon only!. See www.goggleworks.org or call 610-374-4600 for ticket information.

Sunday Church School Begins Summer Schedule

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Christian Education continues to offer Sunday Church School for all ages, three-year-old to adult, through Sunday, May 23. There will be no Church School on Fifth Sunday's Celebration of Missions May 30, when we worship together at one service at 10 am. (See p.3).



Summer Schedule for Church School begins June 6 through September 5. Abbreviated lessons and activities for pre-school through 2nd

graders only will be offered following the Children's Message at Contemporary Worship.

Come on over and catch the spirit of learning and growing that happens every Sunday at both 9:15 am and 10:20 am throughout LP's facility!

VBS Sailing Toward Adventure this Summer

From Karen Osika

VBS: High Seas Expedition



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. Save the date and prepare to have a boat load of fun:

JUNE 28-JULY 2, 2010.

We need decorators, lovers of snacks, games, and crafts. If you aren't sure how to help, contact **Pastor Dorris McCoy**, 610-777-1422, or **Karen Osika**, 610-670-4726, to see what fun we have in store.

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Room. Please bring donations to the kitchen by Friday, May 14, baked goods by early Saturday morning.

- ▶ If you can donate a service (painting, gardening, babysitting, sports/music lessons, etc.) or a one-of-a-kind item for our silent auction, please call me, 610-603-0150, **Carol Bashore**, 610-678-1802, or **Michelle Ringler**, 610-775-1339.
- ▶ Come and join in on the fellowship, shop for bargains, and have lunch!

SEE YOU SATURDAY, MAY 15, FOR OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

Chili Supper - *Caribbean Style* **Fun For All As We Supported UMCOR**

From Becky Chadwick



Our 6th annual Chili Supper was held Saturday, April 10. This year's proceeds will be given to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to benefit earthquake victims in both Haiti and Chile. Approximately \$370 has been raised.

There were six visitors in attendance who read about our event in the *Reading Eagle*. What a simple, no cost form of community outreach!

Nancy Villecco brought Jasper the puppet, our local LPUMC news correspondent, to discuss UMCOR. Jasper had everyone laughing when he asked *What exactly is UMCOR? I've heard of the Marine Corps, apple core, but not UMCOR!* An exciting fact about UMCOR is all donations go directly to the earthquake victims because the United Methodist Church supports all the underlying administrative costs.

The menu featured red and white chili, hot dogs, salad, and Caribbean desserts such as key lime cake, authentic Caribbean gingerbread, tropical jello floats, and a variety of tasty cookies and cupcakes. Tables were decorated with red, white, and blue tablecloths, the colors of Haiti's and Chile's flags. Sand pails were used as centerpieces to collect donations. We enjoyed Caribbean music in the background while dinner was served. (Thank you, **Bev Perella!**)

The children decorated wooden maracas, and everyone enjoyed the puppet show. Special thanks to all our helpers:

- ▶ Cooks, **Elizabeth Stoud, Rebecca Chelius, Becky Chadwick**
- ▶ Decorator/craft coordinator, **Michelle Ringle**
- ▶ Technical producers, **Dennis and Todd**
- ▶ Entertainment, **Nancy Villecco & Jasper the puppet**
- ▶ Clean up crew volunteers.

It's the end of another school year, and we're looking for information about graduates in your family. It's your chance to tell us about their accomplishments, interests, awards, and future plans. We'll feature grads in our next issue. Please send me an email, cherfalon@comcast.net, or leave a note in the *News-Linc* mailbox at the Church Office as soon as possible.



Stewardship Moment

From Nancy Villecco

A Stewardship Story from Parish Stewardship Publications Talent & Ability... Gift or Possession?

“I remember well a conversation I had with a spiritual director shortly after I entered college seminary. He said to me, *Bob, God has really given you a gift for such and such.* I said something like, *Thank you for the compliment, but I don't feel like I'm so holy that God would choose to give me that gift.*

He smiled and gently offered me the corrective of his wisdom. *First of all, Bob, I didn't pay YOU a compliment. I said God has given you a gift, a charism. A charism isn't something you earn. It's a gift entrusted to you for the sake of the whole community. The only question is whether you will put it at the service of the community or not.* The concept of “stewardship” had suddenly been opened up for me!”

FAITH FESTIVAL 2010 Brings People Together

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Faith Festival 2010, sponsored by Berks Intercultural Alliance, offers secular and religious communities the opportunity to open their doors and invite everyone in to get to know each other.

Special events are scheduled **Friday, April 30,** through **Saturday, May 8.** Some highlights include:

- *Bach & Schweitzer Multi-Media Dramatization*
- Questions & Answers Time at the Islamic Center of Reading
- Interfaith Outdoor Labyrinth Walk at Eppler UCC
- Intro to Zen Buddhism at Albright College Multi-Faith Center
- Service and Tour at Temple Oheb Shalom
- Talk & Tour at Bethel African American Museum
- Spirituality in Art Tour at the *Goggleworks*.

Please contact Nancy Knoblauch, 610-779-0858, or Diane Trieb, mothertea3@aol.com, for a full schedule of programs, topics, and locations.





Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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As a mother comforts
her child, so will I
comfort you.

Isaiah 66:13



“In the time of your life, live – so that in that wondrous time you shall not add to the misery and sorrow of the world, but shall smile to the infinite variety and mystery of it.”

—William Saroyan

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