

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *July-August, 2010*



Bring your lawn chairs, family, friends, neighbors, and your sweet tooth to our FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Relax and enjoy popcorn

and desserts on the front lawn at our church.

Movie On the Lawn

Family Movie Night
Saturday July 24-8:30 pm
From Linda Woll

The movie has not yet been selected - watch for updates in the church bulletin. There's a sign-up sheet in the Wagner Room for snacks and helpers. Please consider helping with this fun, family-oriented event. *Many hands make light work.*

With questions, please contact **Linda Woll**, Lmwoll@aol.com or 610-781-8046, or **Cindy Brown**, 610-670-1169.

Why an Endowment Fund?

From Rolland Ackelson

Consider this -- the furtherance of the LPCUMC Endowment Fund is a most important way for us to say:

- ▶ We believe in the future of this church.
- ▶ We are guided by our belief that all we have is a trust from God.
- ▶ We want to experience a sense of permanence for ourselves and for the church.
- ▶ We want to create a heritage that future generations can celebrate as we celebrate our rich heritage today.

To these general propositions, add your own personal reasons to support the Endowment Fund -- and then contribute.

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WORSHIP IN JULY & AUGUST

From Pastor Jerry McGrath



Sunday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY

“How Nations Collapse” - Deuteronomy 10:12-13, Daniel 5:24-31

Sunday, July 11

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Parables of Jesus: The Sower” - Isaiah 6:9-10

Sunday, July 18

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Parables of Jesus: The Vineyard Laborers” - Deuteronomy 15:9-11,
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, July 25

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Parables of Jesus: The Good Samaritan” - Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, August 1

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Parables of Jesus: The Midnight Friend” - 2Kings 5:1-15, Luke 11:1-13

Sunday, August 8

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Parables of Jesus: The Rich Fool” - 2Kings 13:14-20, Luke 12:13-34

Sunday, August 15

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Parables of Jesus: The Prodigal Son” - Joshua 5:9-12, Luke 15:1-32

Sunday, August 22

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“The Parables of Jesus: Talents” - Judges 4:1-7, Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, August 29, 10 am

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Celebration Sunday: Celtic Worship”

PLEASE NOTE: Although there is no regular Church School during summer, we offer an activity for children following the Children's Message at Contemporary Worship. Helpers are needed! Contact LIVE B.I.G. Coordinator, **Tricia Pence**, 610-404-8574, to help through the summer.

Course of Study Update

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Perhaps many of you are unaware that after my initial Licensing in July, 2005, I must now continue certification studies as a Licensed Local Pastor and complete 20 seminary level courses, called Course of Study.



Among these are several Old (Hebrew Scripture) and New Testament classes, church administration, pastoral counseling, personal spiritual development, preaching, educational ministries, church history, and Methodist polity and policy. I will finish year two (that is eight of the 20 completed) at the end of July this year. As a part-time staff person I am required to finish only two per year.

Your prayers are invited and appreciated as I again journey to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, leaving the afternoon of Sunday, July 11, and returning late Friday, July 23. Thank you, LP and SPRC, for your ongoing encouragement in my spiritual growth and ministry involvements.

Congratulations, Graduate!

From Cheri Fallon

Rachel Deibler...

daughter of **Dave** and **Dr. Valerie**, graduated recently from Governor Mifflin HS and will attend Elizabethtown College in the fall. Undecided about a major at this time, she's leaning toward environmental science, says her mom. Rachel will play field hockey at Elizabethtown. In her high school years, she enjoyed playing field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, and cello. Best of luck, Rachel!



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

'Why won't you answer my question?' Pilate asked. 'Don't you know that I have the power to nail you to a cross?' Jesus replied, 'If God had not given you the power, you could not do anything at all to me.' John 19:10-11

Jesus explains that Pilate's power and authority come from God. Yes, a no brainer. Who we are and what we have all come from above. But how many people acknowledge that? Do our leaders and politicians give credit to God for their power and authority?

About three years ago I had the honor and privilege of opening a Pennsylvania State Senate Session with prayer. It was an incredible experience. I was able to see how our state government operates. Walking into the senate, I was impressed by the architecture and paintings depicting Pennsylvania's history.

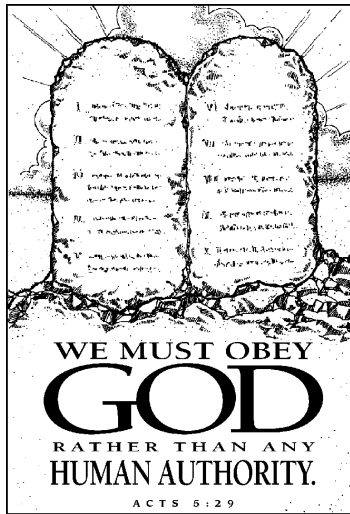
Senators entered the senate chambers in groups, discussing topics to be voted on that day. The most powerful leaders in Pennsylvania were right before me. The Republican and Democrat senators, huddled with their respective parties, were discussing strategy, and causing some sense of disorder. At 1:30 pm, the Lieu-

tenant Governor banged the gavel to bring the session to order, and I began with prayer. Here I was, in the midst of our polished politicians, leading them to focus on our loving God. In awe of all of this power, I was reminded that God was in control. No matter how much prestige our politicians have, they still must take a back seat to God.

Sometimes it is difficult to find God in politics, but I sensed God's presence and direction that day. I felt fortunate

to have a part in reminding our senators that we still are a nation under God and that our laws are based on the Ten Commandments. Before we can establish any type of political agenda, our God must be included in our decision making.

Praise God from whom all power, authority, blessings, and freedom flow.



News From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee

From Rich Auman



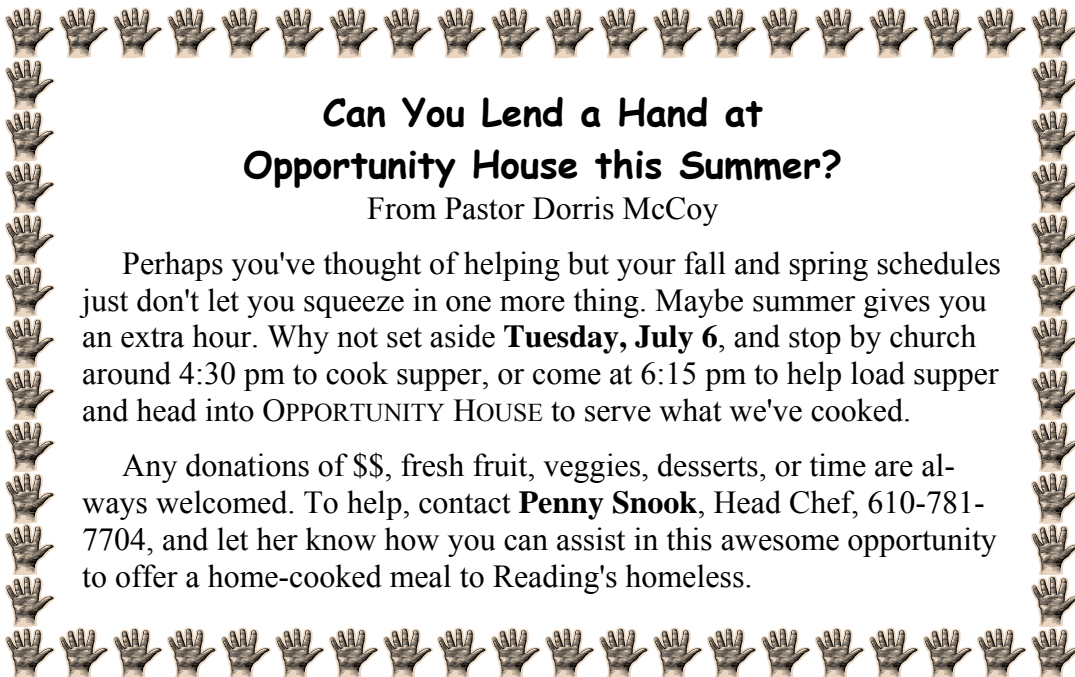
Church Secretary Hired

LPCUMC has a new secretary. Please join with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in welcoming **Marilyn Seiders** to our Church Office. Marilyn is a retired Reading School District teacher. During her time at Reading, she was a business and computer technology instructor. We appreciate the knowledge and expertise she brings to Lincoln Park. Please help make her feel welcome.

Youth Group Leader Resigns

I regret to inform the congregation that **Cori Pasquale** has submitted her resignation, effective September, 2010. Cori has decided to attend Lancaster Theological Seminary as a full-time student in the fall. Please join me in wishing Cori the best in her new endeavor and pray that God watches over her in this transition.

Staff Parish Relations Committee will be discussing the hiring of a new youth director in the near future.



Can You Lend a Hand at Opportunity House this Summer?

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Perhaps you've thought of helping but your fall and spring schedules just don't let you squeeze in one more thing. Maybe summer gives you an extra hour. Why not set aside **Tuesday, July 6**, and stop by church around 4:30 pm to cook supper, or come at 6:15 pm to help load supper and head into OPPORTUNITY HOUSE to serve what we've cooked.

Any donations of \$\$, fresh fruit, veggies, desserts, or time are always welcomed. To help, contact **Penny Snook**, Head Chef, 610-781-7704, and let her know how you can assist in this awesome opportunity to offer a home-cooked meal to Reading's homeless.

Getting Set to Fly With Christ!

GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION,

From Bronwyn Graeffe

Bust out the sunglasses, bring on the suntan lotion and let those feet breathe by wearing a pair of flip flops. It's summer! As summer is here my trip to Germany draws ever so close and my excitement level heightens daily. I can't wait; I'm busting at the seams with anticipation of this trip.

I've finished the registration and procured my plane ticket, and I can't help but think about the outpouring of generous support, both spiritually and financially, I have received from my church family. I am about two-thirds of the way to my goal of \$3000.

Speaking locally at Lincoln Park and at various churches throughout the Wyoming Annual Conference has brought to light that this is not about one church or about *Bronwyn* going to Germany. This is about THE CHURCH and continuing the ministry

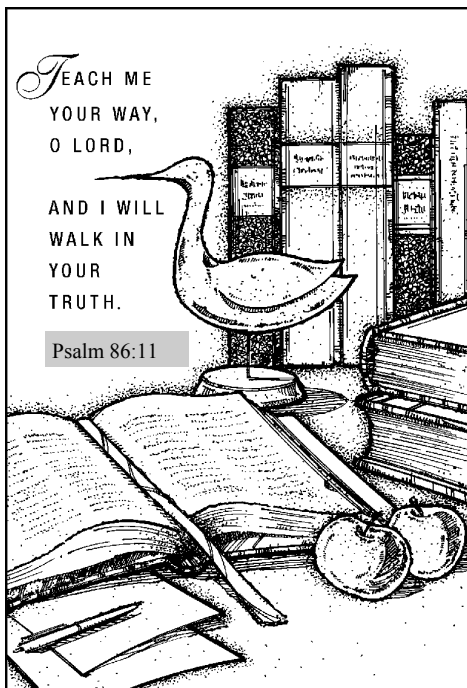
set forth by Jesus Christ and the Great Commission!

By globally gathering youth and young adults throughout the United Methodist Church, the Young People's Convocation empowers the next generation of church leaders. Empowerment stimulates, motivates, and electrifies this generation to take an interest in their ministry and own the vision of the church.

The church cannot continue to thrive and grow without motivated, excited people who believe and put their faith in our Lord: people who want to and are willing to spread the word of God and do the will of God.

I am thankful that we recognize and believe this need. Once again, thank you all for your continued support as we skyrocket on this adventure together!

Fly With Christ,
Bronwyn Graeffe, Psalm 86: 11-13



Grace Notes

From Beverly Perella

2010 Summer Concert Series

Sundays, 10:45 am

In June we enjoyed the musical gifts of Jack Perella, tenor; **Debbie Pyle** and her piano students; Phyllis Peters, harp; and Donna Danielski, soprano.

- July 4 - Debbie Pyle** and her piano students with a patriotic celebration
July 11 - Bell a Deux - Handbell Artists, Ron Bellamy and Bobbi Schmid
July 18 - Old Fashioned Hymn Sing
July 25 - Dorinne Bilger, piano

August 1 - Jim Garraway and his Barbershop Quartet from the Pretzel City Chorus

August 8 - Julie Stikes, flute

August 15 - Betty Weik, Mezzo Soprano

August 22 - Jim Spangler, a Mozart Concert with trumpet and piano

August 29 - Celtic Worship Combined 5th Sunday Service at 10 am

September 5 - Lincoln Park's Homegrown Talent

Not Only *Wanted* but **NEEDED**:

One of Lincoln Park's calling cards has always been its music program. We simply love to praise God through music! If we are to maintain our quality of music, we need new members in all our groups. This is not only a polite invitation for new members; it is a sincere concern for the *need* for new members - young, more mature, trained, or untrained musicians.

Our music program needs more help from you! God expects us all to share our talents, no matter how big or how small.

The Upper Room Celebrates Anniversary **1935-2010**

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The Upper Room began 75 years ago, to fill a hunger for a daily devotional and offer a prayer tool for individuals and churches. Beginning with 100,000 copies that first year, it has now rolled its one billionth copy off the presses. This little book reaches 102 countries in more than 40 languages with daily devotions that:

- inspire readers to tell their own faith stories
- meet the world in prayer and invite God's presence into its struggles
- lift up prayer requests received at its national headquarters
- develop a growing variety of initiatives that offer spiritual nourishment.

LP is part of this powerful ministry by providing copies of both *The Upper Room* and *Alive Now* for members' use in daily prayer and devotional time. Your copy may be picked up every other month in the entrance displays. A nominal donation of \$1 is accepted to help defray costs.

Open its pages and be drawn into a collective conversation with God. Be moved by the stories where hearts and lives have been transformed by God's presence.



Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

July -- No meeting this month!

August 23

A Fine Balance, by Rohinton Mistry; Refreshments: JoAnne Moyer

September 27

Loving Frank, by Nancy Horan; Refreshments: Aletha Stehman

October 25

A 1000 Splendid Suns, by Khaled Hosseini; Refreshments: Debbie Ackelson

Please join us at the Ackelson's, 7 pm, for discussion and fellowship.

Members: Be sure to note any excellent books you read over the summer to share with the group.

On The Calendar This Summer...

JULY

- 7/5 Office Closed
Trustees 7pm
- 7/6 Opportunity House 4:30pm
- 7/12 Finance 7pm
- 7/24 Family Movie Night 8:30pm



AUGUST

- 8/2 Trustees 7pm
- 8/9 Finance 7pm
- 8/23 Book Club 7pm
- 8/30 Celebration Sunday 10am;
Youth Mission Trip Luncheon to follow

SEPTEMBER

- 9/12 Rally Day & Return to Fall Church School

Youth Praise Team meets Wednesdays,
7-8:30 pm, throughout the summer!

Christmas Italian Style

From Linda Woll



Why are we thinking about Christmas in July? Because our annual INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL requires a lot of planning.

This year we'll feature Italy, so if you have any Italian decorations, music, photos, artwork, books, toys, etc. that we could borrow, please contact **Linda Woll**: Lmwoll@aol.com or 610-781-8046.

The Nurture & Witness Committee will schedule a planning meeting in late summer. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

FROM THE LIBRARY CORNER
New Books from the Silent Auction
From Janet Ferree

The Church Library is the lucky recipient of five beautiful books donated for the silent auction as part of the Flea Market this year. These books are a nice addition to our shelves. Thank you to the donor, whomever you may be, for making such nice, delightful choices. The books are:



- ▶ *Bible Stories* by Rhona Davies. This book contains short stories about Adam and Eve, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Noah, Jesus and many more. The stories are told simply and are easy to understand.
- ▶ *For God So Loved the World* by Dandi Daley Mackall. This book, with beautiful illustrations of children around the world, includes Bible verses written in many languages.
- ▶ *Dear God, It's Me!* by Lynn Hodges and Sue Buchanan. The best-selling authors of *I Love You This Much* have written another endearing tale with a CD included. This musical prayer shares the gentle, loving message that God is always near.
- ▶ *Just In Case You Ever Wonder* by Max Lucado. Mac Lucado's simple style says everything you'd like to share with your child. *I'll always love you...I'll always be on your side...*
- ▶ *Dear God. . .* Little Simon Inspirations. God hears your prayers even when they're hidden inside an envelope. Eleven little envelopes contain letters of thanks and praise to God for all things great and small. Children will love this book.

Please stop at the library and check out our new books. Tuck a book into your weekly plans and make reading time a special time.

"We read to know we are not alone."

—C.S. Lewis



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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Part time driver
needed to transport
three-year-old Dylan
Woll on Tuesday and
Thursday mornings
to St. Daniel's Lu-
theran Church Preschool in Robesonia,
beginning in September through May.
Class runs from 9:15 to 11:45 am. For
more information and to discuss reim-
bursement, please contact **Linda Woll**,
610-781-8046, or Lmwoll@aol.com.

Air Hockey, Anyone?

Needs a new home:
large air hockey table.

If you're interested, see the table in
the Youth Room. For a small donation
(you decide how much) it's yours.

See **Cori Pasquale** or **Bev Perella**.

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9 am - Contemporary Worship on Sunday

10:45 am - Traditional Worship on Summer Sundays

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