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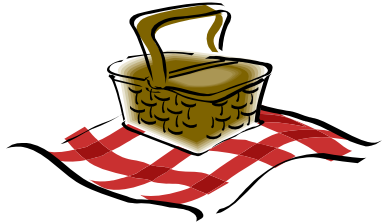
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*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter*  
*Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania* *September, 2010*

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## **Church Picnic, on the Lawn** **Sunday, September 12, Noon**

Hamburgers & hotdogs provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign up in the Wagner Room, and we'll see you there!



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## **New Music Season Begins with Dinner**

from Beverly Perella

A new music season means renewed dedication by returning musicians and an opportunity for new musicians to share their God-given talents. Remember, no talent is too small. Please join us!

A desire to praise God through music is the requirement, not experience! Here's the schedule for the Praise Team, Chancel Choir, and Bell Choir.

Praise Band continues to rehearse every Thursday evening at 8 pm.

### **Summer Mini-Concert Series**

Sincere thanks to all who shared their musical talents with us, and to those who shared their financial gifts by donating to

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Wed, Sept 8- Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm

Wed, Sept 15- Potluck Dinner for the  
Praise Team, Chancel and Bell Choirs  
6:30 pm, Memorial Hall

Beginning Wed, Sept 21, and for all  
following Wednesdays:

Bell Choir- 6:30-7:30 pm  
Chancel Choir- 7:45- 9 pm

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# **WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER**

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

**Sunday, September 5**

**LABOR SUNDAY**

“Faith in the Midst of Crisis” - Psalm 21, 1 Timothy 6:11-19

**Sunday, September 12**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“Cultivating Contentment” - Psalm 63, Philippians 4:10-14

**Sunday, September 19**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

“Defined by Generosity” - Proverbs 11:24-25, Mark 12:41-44

**Sunday, September 26**

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

Special Guest Preacher: The Rev. Mindy McKonly

## **Worship and Education Schedule for the Fall**

Please note the following changes in our Sunday schedule:

### **Worship**

Contemporary 9:30-10:30 am

Traditional 11am-Noon

### **Christian Education**

Live B.I.G., Children age 3 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 9:45-10:30 am

Lectionary Bible Study 9:45-10:45 am

Sunday School 11am-Noon for all ages

### **Fellowship**

10:30-11 am and Noon

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### **Join Us On Commitment Sunday**

**Sunday, September 19** is Commitment Sunday. Please prayerfully consider making a financial pledge toward the ministries of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church for the 2011 year.

## **Every Day is Labor Day We Work in Service to Others**

From Parish Publications,  
submitted by Nancy Villecco



# **LABOR DAY**

To make work easier, remember that work is a call to Service! It is not just a job, a way to make a buck. Happiness can be achieved by our getting absorbed in something worthwhile outside ourselves, especially in knowing how happy we are going to make others.

It comes, for instance, to the trucker who thinks about the cargo he is carrying- what it means to people to get this food, these medicines, this building material. Every turn of the wheel brings it closer to those who need it, who are waiting for it. He should realize that he is doing something very important for people he doesn't even know. The factory worker, the teacher, the homemaker must keep in mind the people for whom they are doing the work. Our labor is not just working with things: We are working for people!!!

Nobody's job is unimportant. Never look down on any labor. After all, if the pastor of your church and all the other pastors went on strike today and so did all the garbage collectors, who would we miss first? Gets you to thinking, doesn't it?

This Labor Day, make a special effort to thank someone who is doing work for you. And, remember that the stewardship of our talents calls for us to use our work in the world to serve both God and man.



## **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

John had just joined First Christian Church and was excited to be part of a group whose purpose in the world was to make disciples in the name of Jesus Christ. After years of feeling like an outcast, John was thrilled to belong to something that practiced such positive virtues.

It wasn't long, however, before people of the church noticed that John's car had been parked late at night at a mysterious woman's house. John was a married man with two young children.

Soon, *some* people of the church became *a lot* of people of the church talking about John spending nights at this mysterious woman's house. Rumors flew that John had left his wife and was living with this mysterious woman. Other rumors flew around the church that John never left his wife, but the mysterious woman was John's other wife and he was secretly married to two women and had two families. More rumors circulated, but no one managed to talk to John about his life.

Finally, one person in the church calmly mentioned to John that he saw

John's car at this mysterious woman's house. John said the woman was his sister and she worked the "graveyard" shift at her company. John said he spent the night at her house babysitting her children.

Gossip, slander, defamation of character,

and evil are prevalent in our society. As Christians, God calls us to set the standard for appropriate behavior and conduct. Our character needs to be exemplary. We should live lives that glorify the Lord.

Colossians 3:14



And over all these virtues put on **LOVE**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

For this reason, the leadership at Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church drew up the *Covenant of Life*. This is a covenant based on how we should love one another, live in proper Christian community, and carry out Christ's ministry to the world. The Covenant of Life sets the standards for how we should be in ministry with one another and the world.

Turn to p. 10 for the text of Lincoln Park's *Covenant of Life*.

# Vacation Bible School Wraps Up A Fantastic Voyage!

From Karen Osika

This summer, 45 children and 30 helpers sailed on a voyage of swashbuckling fun through God's Word and over the deep, rolling waters of His Love!

Our High Seas Expedition buddies had many stories and messages about God.

- Scully, the rat, told us that as sailors trust a compass for direction, God's Word is true and guides us!
- Snack leaders reported an amazing event: Peter escaped from jail because an angel walked through a wall!
- Marina, the dolphin, reminded us that the Bible is comforting and you can hold tight to His Word.
- Our young sailors experienced a shipwreck like Paul and arrived safely to shore with God's help.
- Salty, the pelican, showed how a Captain needs a wheel to change the ship's direction, just as God's Word can change the course of our lives.
- Lacey the spider's map shows all the places we can go to share God's Word!! Why? Because we know God's Word is for everyone.

**Jan Ferree** came early to share a boat load of books with early risers. Robin Goodman, a friend of mine who's in a wheelchair because of a car accident, shared how God works in her life, using her to help others.

**Pastor Jerry McGrath** and Youth Leader **Cori Pasquale** bravely entered a freezing dunk tank so our sailors could have some fun!

Daily offerings will be split between VBS expenses and *Nothing But Nets* program. The offering was nearly \$500 at week's end. That means that 25 insecticide-treated bed nets will be sent to Africa as part of the *Nothing But Nets* effort to say "No More Malaria!" And, school supplies were collected all week to send to the Rev. Nick Camacho, a United Methodist Army Chaplain serving in Kabul and working with children who don't even have pencils.



## VBS: High Seas Expedition

**Pastor Dorris** and I want to thank leaders, children, parents, grandparents, aunts, and friends who were a part of LP's Amazing High Seas Expedition! A special thanks to the congregation who supplied us with essential provisions for this unforgettable journey.

**Please remember:**  
**GOD'S WORD IS TRUE!**  
**GOD'S WORD IS COMFORTING!**  
**GOD'S WORD IS SURPRISING!**  
**GOD'S WORD IS LIFE-CHANGING!**  
**GOD'S WORD IS FOR EVERYONE!**

And all GOD's children responded:

**LET'S GO!!!!**

## Fall Camping Opportunities

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Summer may be over, but the camps of Eastern PA Annual Conference continue to offer all sorts of outdoor and faith learning opportunities for all ages!!! Some upcoming options include:

- Pocono Plateau Children's Retreat, Oct 1-2
- Pocono Plateau Senior Adult Retreat, Oct 5-8
- Men's Retreat at Pocono Plateau, Nov 5-7
- JR High Youth Group Retreat with their Leaders at Pocono Plateau, Nov 12-14

For details and information on these events and Fall/Winter programs at all camp sites, visit [www.epaumc.org/camping](http://www.epaumc.org/camping) or call toll free 1-877-UMC-CAMP.

## Annual Conference Scheduled

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

The Fall Session of the Eastern PA Annual Conference will be held Saturday, November 13, 9am-1pm, at Hempfield UMC, 3050 Marietta Ave, Lancaster.

This session will include the following business:

- to look at the Rethink Conference initiative including EPA Conference program ministry and staffing
- to pass a 2011 Budget for Connectional Ministry
- to approve the final health care design and costing structure

Who should attend? Clergy and lay members/delegates of Annual Conference.



## New Members Class Begins September 19

If you'd like to join our church, classes will begin Sunday, September 19, 12:15 pm. For more information see Pastor Jerry or call the Church Office, 610-777-1422.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of **Catherine Diehl**, who died July 18, **Dorothy Miller**, who died July 15, and **Dr. Robert Redcay**, who died July 3. You are in our hearts and prayers.

# Looking At Your Role in the Church Budget Process

From Nancy Villecco

**B**efore it's time for the church to plan a budget for next year, it might be helpful to clarify how this works. Just as we budget at home, the church will budget the *needs* and *wants* based on predicted funds. Of course, there are staff, building and utility costs, as well as missions projections and programs the church plans and hopes to offer.

It is EXTREMELY important for the church to have an accurate estimation to be able to plan ahead. Total general projections are presented to the United Methodist Church at Charge Conference, on Saturday, November 7.

When you look at your financial situation for next year, try to get an overall sense of what you may be able to budget for the church for next year. Though we hope to incorporate several smaller fund-raising requests into the budget, there

will still be some others throughout the year. If you plan to donate to several of those as well, please calculate that amount *separately* and *do not include* that amount into your pledge, which is SOLELY for the regular budget.



If at all possible, please try to return your pledge card by **Sunday, September 19, Commitment Sunday**, so that projections can be finalized and a budget voted on by the Finance Committee and Church Council prior to our Charge Conference Meeting on November 7.

As always, your support of Lincoln Park UMC and its ministries are most appreciated. May God bless and nurture you in your faith journey.


With questions, please contact **Pastor Jerry, Alex Ross, Linda Hope** or **Nancy Villecco**.

## A Note from Rich Auman, SPRC Chairman

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has laid off our Church Bookkeeper, Nancy Brown, as part of a realignment of staff positions. As our church expenses continue to exceed the income areas of the budget, SPRC began looking at our staff and what we could do to tighten the budget and not lose some of our important ministries. SPRC is working to address concerns that we believe will help with the growth and life of our church.



# September

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5	6 Office Closed 	7 Opportunity House 4:30pm	8 Chancel Choir
12 Rally Day; Fall Church School resumes  Church Picnic	13 Bible Study 10:30am  Agape Noon	14 Small Group Connections, 6:30pm  <i>News-Linc Deadline</i>	15 Potluck Dinner Band, Chancel Choirs 6:30 p
19 Commitment Sunday	20 Bible Study 10:30am  Church Council 7pm	21	22 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir
26 Anniversary Sunday	27 Bible Study 10:30am Book Club 7pm	28	29 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir



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# Covenant of Life

## Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church

*As God's Chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another, and, if any one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12-14*

Purpose: We come together as individuals with unique backgrounds and at different stages in our personal faith journeys, united as one people of God. Jesus focuses our priorities: Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love your neighbor as yourselves. As People of the United Methodist Church, we hold open our hearts, minds, and doors. United Methodists strive for the full participation of men and women of all ages, races, classes and backgrounds in all aspects of fellowship and leadership. We value passionate worship, intellectually informed faith development, and meaningful service to others. As members of Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church, we are committed to work together in our mission of Seeking and Sharing Christ—inviting others into relationship with God through Jesus Christ and challenging them to live their faith in a manner that helps shape a world that looks more like the Kingdom of God. This cooperative ministry will be most effective if carried out with compassion, humility, and mutual respect.

Covenant: As a member of this church, I accept Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of the church, affirm that Jesus is the foundation of my life and ministry, and, with God's grace, I commit myself to the following standards of congregational life:

- † Create an environment open to expression by respecting others, accepting differences of opinion, and striving to understand the experience out of which others have arrived at their views.
- † Listen patiently to one another and be open to God's reconciling intervention.
- † Trust one another and respect each other's privacy.
- † Work toward compromise, consensus, and unity.
- † Speak and act constructively and specifically when making recommendations for improvement or change.
- † Address conflict and disagreement directly with the individual or group involved.
- † Practice serving God and others with my time, talents, and treasures.

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## Trustees News

From Jerry Manhart



About four years ago, a patio cover was removed at the parsonage. It was covered with wisteria, which had broken the wooden structure. This exposed the back door and the patio to the weather. In July, the Deaner Construction Company built a 10 x 10 patio roof to give the needed protection.

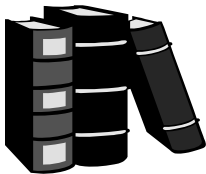
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## Monday Morning Bible Study Begins with Romans

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Monday Morning Bible Study will resume on **September 13**, at 10:30 am, in the Church Library to begin a study of the Book of Romans. Leading this fall series will be **Pastor Jerry McGrath**. **Hildamay Barton** remains in Ohio to assist their son following his stroke last spring. ALL are invited to join the study of these important writings of Paul. Come and explore key themes in church tradition: Paul and communal salvation, the righteousness of God and faith in Jesus, the relationship between Jews and Gentiles and their relationships with God, and Divine purpose and human responsibility.

Come---Encounter God's Word---Examine God's Word in Romans---Go forth with God's Word into the World!



## Women's Book Club

From Jane Reitz

**September 27**

*Loving Frank*, by Nancy Horan, Refreshments: Aletha Stehman

**October 25**

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

Come and share comments, critiques, and fellowship in the **Ackleson's** living room, 1719 Garfield Ave, Wyomissing, at 7 pm, on Monday evening. Please join us!

## Joyful Noise: An Autumn Addition

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Beginning, Sunday, **September 12**, JOYFUL NOISE offers a refreshing musical supplement to our Church School activities. Julie Stites, a music therapist, accomplished musician, and loving mom to Jon (4) and Samantha (1), will lead energetic, varied music and faith-filled activities grounded in LP's ongoing curriculum themes.



JOYFUL NOISE will happen every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, after the Children's Message at Contemporary Service, 9:45-10:30 am, in Room 101, for children ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children who attend 11 am Church School are encouraged to come early and also join the fun! Julie invites all LP's youngest crowd to come and praise the Lord through music, singing, instruments of all sorts, prayer, and movement.

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2*

## Fall Sunday Church School Resumes

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



The Fall Church School schedule resumes on Rally Day, Sunday, **September 12**.

Options at 9:45 am include

- † Ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
(LIVE B.I.G./JOYFUL NOISE COMBO) in Room 101
- † Lectionary Bible Study Class with **Bob Robertson** in the Church Library

At 11 am, learning opportunities and classes are offered for all ages, including

- † Pre-School, Early Elementary and Youth Classes in the Education Building
- † Middle School (Gr. 6, 7, 8) in Rm 200
- † Adult Options with **Earl Hope** in Memorial Hall and with **Loreen Miller/Becky Chadwick** in Room 103



## WHO WILL TELL GOD'S STORY?

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Have you ever wondered how God's message has continued to be heard all these centuries? Do you think it has value in today's world and should continue to be heard?

God's word and truth are ongoing to change and fill the hearts and lives of all God's children. Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world are made because of the commitment of each generation of disciples to tell that "old, old story of Jesus and his love" over and over again to the next generation of disciples yet to be reached.

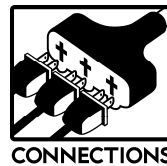
For the story to be told, *Storytellers/Teachers are needed!*. So...if you believe that God's story needs telling and re-telling to new and growing disciples of all ages, please see or contact **Pastor Dorris** NOW.

## Small Groups Build Connections

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

Small groups in a church help people connect...to one another...and to God.

They're formed for fellowship, through common interests, similar family make-up or professions, or a desire to read Scripture and pray together.



Some members have talked about organizing a group at LP: We would gather to read a specific scripture, reflect on its meaning and application to daily life, pray together, and promise fellow group members to hold ourselves accountable to one another.

Early in the Wesleyan tradition these were called *Classes*. What we call them is not important; **how we support, encourage, and strengthen one another in the living and growing of our faith is what matters.**

And so...I invite you to join me on **Tuesday, September 14**, at 6:30 pm, in Memorial Hall, to explore and kick-off the possibilities of Small Group Connections! I've gathered many resources and guides for small group conversations, so topics and approaches are numerous!! To ask questions or offer interest, please see **Pastor Dorris** or come to the meeting on September 14!!

## From our mailbox



♥ Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm writing to thank those of you who phoned, sent cards, prayed for me, and came to visit. The Twenty Third Psalm takes on a whole new meaning when you have lived it! I don't know who or what brought me back, but I am very thankful. What a great congregation!

Thank you all again!!  
Alex Ross

♥ My family and I wish to thank everyone for their thoughtful prayers and cards in the loss of my son Kerry. These kind expressions of sympathy mean so much.

Trudy Wink

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the groceries you donated to our Soup Kitchen. We're glad for our friends who support us as we feed the poor around us. May God bless you for your kindness.

Ann Marie Wallace  
Soup Kitchen Mgr  
New Journey UMC

## Opportunity House Needs Your Help

From Pastor Dorris McCoy

All God's children need physical sustenance. LP faithfully reaches out to provide that to Berks County's hungry and homeless children, women and men re-

siding at OPPORTUNITY HOUSE on North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Reading.



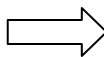
LP's next opportunity to serve supper there will be **Tuesday, September 7**, beginning with preparation at 4:30 pm, in the Church Kitchen.

Donations of meats, fresh fruits, and vegetables are especially welcomed, in addition to donations of time and \$\$\$.

Please let Head Chef, **Penny Snook**, 610 -781-7704, know how you can help!!!

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the Concert Fund to make these concerts possible. Although we ask for your donations in the fall, you may donate at any time through out the year.



This year we will host the annual Messiah Sing-In on Sunday, November 28. We look forward to your attendance at this great event, an opportunity for you to sing or simply listen!



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*September  
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for our  
October issue*

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- † Support our leaders, staff, pastors, and each other publicly in our mission.
- † Assume responsibility for my actions, and accept the guidance of those to whom I am accountable.

Through this covenant, we affirm the principle that people are defined by their relationship with God, not by the flaws we perceive in their views or actions. By fostering a healthier congregational life, we will become better equipped to seek and share Christ, make disciples, serve others, and transform the world.

*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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We welcome Samuel Ralph, infant son of **KC** (Buchanan) and Jay Dianna, born on July 8. Congratulations also to proud grandparents **Betsy and Alan Buchanan**. Many joys and blessings to all.

## Men's Night Out

**Friday, Sept 3**

**Meet at church, 7 pm**

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   9:45 & 11 am - Christian Education

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