



Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *June, 2011*

Our Vacation Bible School Team Presents PandaMania

From Lisa Sinnamon



Ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us at PandaMania, where you'll discover that God is wild about YOU! At PandaMania, we'll use all our senses to experience God and His love for each of us. Fun crafts, team-building games, cool songs, and tasty treats are a few of the activities kids will enjoy at PandaMania while building their faith.

We'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God through their daily lives, something we call God Sightings. As always, a mission project will benefit people of the Greater Reading Area. Portions of the daily offering will support the 2-week City Day Camp at Holy Cross UMC, Reading. And, children and leaders will also bring cereal and soup daily to be shared at the Food Bank at New Journey UMC, Reading.

So mark your calendar for **JUNE 20 THROUGH 24, 9AM—NOON**. You can pick up registration forms in the Wagner Room. If you have questions or would like to help, please call **Karen Osika**, 610- 670-4276, or **Lisa Sinnamon**, 610-777-0150.

Come and take a walk on the wild side with us at PandaMania! It's going to be a bamboo blast!

FLEA MARKET NEWS

If you brought in a small, gold-colored rose pin, please call **Bev Perella** at home, 610-603-0150, or at church, 610-777-1422.

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Sunday, June 5

One service at 10 am; Farewell Worship for Pastor Jerry McGrath
Receiving of New Confirmands
Life is a Celebration, 2Kings 2:1-14; John 10:10
Please join us for a reception afterward!

Sunday, June 12

Services at 9:30 and 11am
Pastor Dorris McCoy will preach: *O The Places We'll Go!*
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21
Celebrate Pentecost and Honor LP's Graduates
Come and wear red, symbolizing the Spirit's fire,
which stirs our believing hearts to fervent faith and loving service.

Sunday, June 19

One service at 10 am
Pastor Dorris McCoy's last service at Lincoln Park: *Go and Tell!*
What does it mean for disciples to declare "God is with us"
and live out the mission of the United Methodist Church
to make disciples for the transformation of the world?
Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
Join us for a farewell reception after worship.

Sunday, June 26

Services at 9:30 and 11 am
The Rev. Dr. Paul R. Hetrich will preach on *Playing Through*
with Pastor Dorris assisting.
Daniel 6:19-23; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
The Rev. Hetrich, a graduate of Albright College and Yale Divinity School, has
served United Church of Christ congregations in CT, Philadelphia, Fleetwood, and
Chester Springs. He shared seven years as Assistant to the Penn SE Conference Minister
and is Consultant to the Ohwa International Christian Academy & Seminary,
Pohnpei, Micronesia.

Upcoming Summer Worship Services

- Sunday, July 3** - One service at 10 am, The Rev. Nicholas Camacho, an Army lieutenant colonel (who served several tours in the Middle East) and former pastor at New Journey UMC, Reading, will speak at a patriotic service, including special music.
- Sunday, July 10** - One service at 10 am, Pastor David McMillan's first service at Lincoln Park, followed by a welcome reception.
- Sunday, July 17** - Regular worship schedule resumes at 9:30 and 11 am.



The **SUMMER MINI-CONCERT SERIES** will again feature talents of our own church and community members. Our July/August *News-Linc* will have entire listing for July and August. This is a tribute to our congregation for donating to the Concert Fund. You can check the Religion Section of the *Reading Eagle* each Saturday for Sunday's performer.

Flea Market Is a Huge Success!

From Beverly Perella

...and not because of the wonderful fleas, lovely flowers, useful furniture, delicious food, enticing books, or stunning boutique items. *It's because of* the dedication of workers, helpers, donors, and attendees who gave willingly and lovingly of their time and talents! This church might not have a parking lot, but it has the largest group of warm, generous, caring, dedicated members! God smiles when He sees what we are capable of here at LPCUMC!

TOTAL: AROUND \$7,000!!!

We offer heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Norman Dettra**, who passed away on April 27. A memorial service and celebration of his life was held in our church on Monday, May 2. Please keep Norm's wife, **Nancy**, his daughters, **Chris** and **Connie**, and grandsons, **Jeff** and **Andrew Pawlikowski**, and **Stephen Mahon**, in your prayers.



Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of **Harold "Jazz" Kase**, who died on May 9. He was 90 years old. This World War II veteran was the husband of **Alice Kase** and the father of **David** and **James Kase**, and **Diane (Kase) Fisher**.

From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor Jerry McGrath

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my father. John 15:15

As I reflect on my five years at Lincoln Park, I find it hard to say goodbye. How can I express how much all of you have meant to my family?

The Japanese have a better word for *goodbye*, which is *sianara*, meaning “until we met again.” That doesn’t sound so final or permanent.

It’s been a pleasure working and planning with you, visioning and dreaming about what God wants for Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church. But most of all, it has been wonderful just knowing you and sharing the faith together!

In John 15:15, as Jesus prepares to go to the cross, He informs His disciples that their relationship is changing. The disciples are no longer His servants. Because He has journeyed with them so closely, He calls them friends.

After June 5, I will no longer be your pastor. In order for a good, healthy tran-

sition, with me leaving and Pastor David McMillan arriving, it’s important that I not perform any pastoral duties, weddings, funerals, worship, counseling, or anything that has to do with the ministries of Lincoln Park. I want to respect that boundary.

However, I am able to be your Christian friend. That is the joy and blessing of being in the family of Christ. I will continue to take

a vested interest in your spiritual lives. As in John 15:15, the relationship is changing. I will no longer call you *parishioners* of Lincoln Park, but rather *friends*.

I am reminded of a song, *Friends Forever*, from Michael W. Smith.

*Friends are friends forever,
if the Lord is the Lord of them.
And a friend will not say “never”
because the welcome will not end.
Although it is hard to let you go,
in the Father’s hands we know,
that a lifetime is not too long
to live as friends.*

May God bless you and Pastor David McMillan in this transition time.



Congratulations Graduates

From Cheri Fallon

Ricky Blank, son of **Richard** and **Beth**, graduated this month from Penn State University, with a BA in Political Science and History, and a minor in Military Science.

Ricky was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the US Army last week and has been selected for the 101st Infantry. He'll be home for six weeks before reporting to Ft. Benning, GA, and then Ranger School, an elite fighting force for the army.

"This is his choice out of anywhere he wanted to go and any career he could do," says his proud dad. "Ricky has wanted this since he was eight."

At Penn State Ricky was selected as a commander (one of two) for 100 of Penn State ROTC. He also ran a small business there, overseeing the installing of bed lofts and futons.

Ricky won the Gen. George C. Marshall Award for academics and leadership, given to one ROTC candidate per



college only.

Christina Blank, daughter of **Richard** and **Beth**, will graduate in June from Twin Valley HS, where she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She played on the tennis team ("which was two points away from going to states," says **Richard**) and also played basketball. This summer she'll work for UGI.

Christina will attend Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI, where she plans to major in Food Science. Her interest is in food research. Christina has had internships at Cookies by Design and at the Chester Springs Bakery.

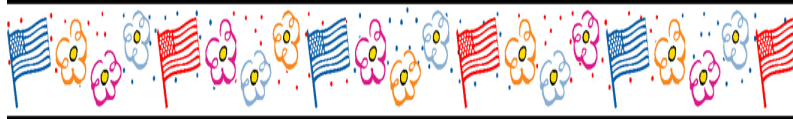
How did the interest in food develop? "She has always been our personal chef," says her dad proudly.

**MORE GRADUATES NEXT
MONTH...SEE P. 9.**



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!



June

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
			1 Chancel Choir UMYF 7pm
5 Confirmation One Service 10am Reception for Pastor Jerry	6 Summer Office Hours Begin: 9am—2pm, Mon-Thurs Trustees 7pm	7 Going Deeper 6:30	8 UMYF 7pm
12 Pentecost —Wear Red Graduates Honored Dorothy Stradley’s 90 th B’day	13 <i>News-Line Deadline</i> Finance 7pm	14 Going Deeper 6:30	15 UMYF 7pm
19 FATHER’S DAY One Service 10am Reception for Pastor Dorris	20 ← Church Council 7pm Book Club 7pm	21 Vacation Bible School	22 UMYF 7pm
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**ly amazing, is giving up on being perfect and
rself.” — Anna Quindlen**

Wanted: Servants

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Our Church Family

faithfully provided activities for *all* ages at LP to hear God's story, live God's good news daily, and share its power with God's children all around the world. Your efforts are apparent before God and in the witness of participants of your classes and programs!

To continue LP's commitment to its nurturing ministries, prayerfully consid-

As the new church year begins and LP moves into transition with staff changes, opportunities for God's servants arise.

THANK YOU to all who have

er how God may be encouraging your involvement. Opportunities range from —

- † Serving on or chairing the Lay Leadership and Development Committee (formerly Nominations)
- † Chairing the Christian Education Committee
- † Coordinating the 9:45 or 11 am L.I.V.E. BIG multi-age program
- † Church School operation
- † Facilitating all Safe Sanctuary clearances for staff and leaders
- † Teaching in various children and youth classes
- † and assisting with LP's Youth Fellowship and Ministry events and meetings.

You don't have to be asked; see **Rich Auman**, Staff/Parish Relations Chair, **Becky Chadwick**, **Rebecca Chelius**, **Karen Osika**, or Pastor Dorris for more details.

Like Gardening?

If you enjoy light gardening, have a few hours a week, and need some extra dollars, Call **Bernie Ackelson**, 610-372-3472.

Lost: The Joy of Giving

Giving Time to Others Is Part of Total Stewardship

Submitted by Nancy Villecco, from *Parish Publications*

Watch small children. They understand the joy of giving. They give of themselves to help others. It may be setting the dinner table or helping with the dishes afterwards. They do it joyfully and lovingly.

Somewhere along the way, many of us lost that joy. As we got older we asked "What's in it for me?" We did the dishes because our allowance depended on it. By the time we became teenagers, even money wasn't good enough. There was no way we were going to do the dishes or anything else our parents asked.

A strange thing happened to me when I came home during college vacations. I started doing the dishes. Perhaps it was spending time getting to know my mother better. Perhaps it was recognizing all that my parents had done for me. Perhaps it was realizing that washing the dishes was such a small thing to do but it meant

so much. No longer a chore, doing dishes became a way to share my love.



Unfortunately, for many of us the joy of giving is lost. As adults, our attitude towards giving is still "What's in it

for me?" We give reluctantly, if we give at all. We fail to realize that as part of total stewardship, a Christian is concerned about how he or she give their time to others.

How can we find the joy of giving? One way is to let our relationship with God and other believers grow. As those relationships grow, we may come to realize all God has done for us. We realize that giving is such a small thing to do in response. And as we give, we may discover that we have found the joy of giving once again.

Barbara L. Fritschel

Congratulations Graduates!

From Pastor Dorris McCoy



Help us honor and bless all LP graduates of high school, training programs, college, and grad school during both worship services on Sunday, June 12. Families are encouraged to call Pastor Dorris or the Church Office with their graduate's information and also to e-mail their news to **Cheri Fallon**, cherfallon@comcast.net, for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

My Dad Turned 90!

From Cheri Fallon

Ferne Oscar Fredrickson, of Peever, South Dakota, is a fascinating man. The fifth of six children, he was born in a granary a few days after his mother put out a fire on the roof of their house. From such a beginning came the man we all love and admire.

Dad grew up on a farm, graduating from high school with a class of five. After a short time with the Civilian Conservation Corps, he came to Washington, DC, to work for the government. There, “around the office water cooler,” he met a girl from Carbondale, PA.

As World War II intensified, so did their relationship, and, at 19 and 20, Helen and Fred were married. Like many others, Dad went off to war in the Army Air Corps, stationed in China. “How did you feel about it?” I’ve asked him. “We just did it,” he says.

Dad was a turret gunner on a B-24. His grandkids have written school papers on his war stories—about bombing raids over Japan, targeting bridges and shipping docks. “You know,” he said sheepishly to one of the last to interview him, “Everyone who’s written about me got an A.”

When Dad came home from the war, my parents began raising a family of four children, Dad selling storm windows while getting his degree from George Washington University. He continued in

The Grandpa Form

Before we celebrated Grandpa’s 90th, we filled out “Grandpa Forms,” with answers to questions like: “What’s your favorite memory of Grandpa? What do you like best about Grandpa? What’s your favorite Grandpa story? Your most memorable Grandpa quote?”

We attached pictures of ourselves with Grandpa to the forms and put them in a notebook for him to keep.

The notebook turned out well, but an unexpected plus was that family members were full of “Grandpa stories” (that we had thought about and put words to in advance) and we all readily shared them at the party. This made for much fun and laughter and kept the focus on Grandpa and his amazing life.

the Army Reserves, eventually becoming a Lt. Colonel, and working at the Pentagon as a civilian in the Department of Defense. I remember him donning an apron to do the dishes when he arrived home!

Dad’s role as father and grandfather is caring and encouraging, and he is much loved and appreciated.

My favorite “Grandpa quote” is one I hear when accomplishing something -- like folding a load of laundry:

“You’re cookin’ with gas now!”

More Grandpa stories next month...



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*June 14
for our
July/August issue
Please include
news for both months!*

From our mailbox



♥ I want to thank the wonderful people at Lincoln Park for the many nice cards and phone calls that I received during the time of my foot operation and my stay in the hospital with pneumonia.

Joan Shaeffer and **Betty Fredrickson** made sure I could navigate on my own before they left me to my own walking. Betty was an angel for making many trips to the doctor with me. Pastor Jerry's visits at the hospital were much appreciated.

My winter was confining, but your calls and cards cheered me through the double whammy. Thank you for being such a caring congregation.

Jan Ferree

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the groceries and cash donation to our food pantry. Each bit adds to the whole and helps us feed one more family. May God bless you for your kindness.

Ann Marie Wallace, Soup Kitchen Mgr
New Journey UMC

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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CONGRATULATIONS to Melissa Raimo and Keith Miller on their recent marriage.

Melissa is the daughter of **Bruce** and **Elaine Meckes**. The Rev. Cliff Flick, former pastor at Lincoln Park, officiated at the ceremony at Stroudsmore Inn and Resort.

**June
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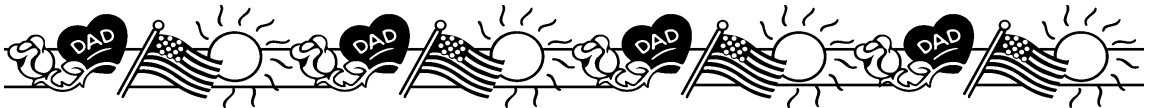
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Dorothy Stradley** who celebrates her 90th on June 12. If you'd like to send her a card, her address is 514 Jefferson Blvd, Reading PA 19609.

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