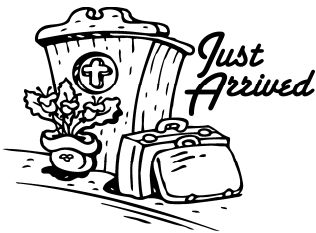




News-Line

*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania
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You Are Invited
For Pastor David McMillan's
First Sunday at Lincoln Park
Sunday, July 10
One Service at 10 am
Welcome Reception Will Follow!

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Can You Help at Opportunity House on Tuesday, July 5?

From Penny Snook

Want to do something worthwhile over the summer? If so, please spend a couple hours helping to make and/or serve the upcoming Opportunity House Dinner.

The cooking team will meet in the Church Kitchen at around 4 pm. Our menu includes: meatball hoagies, chips, pickle spears, tossed salad, and dessert. The serving team will leave the church to deliver and serve the meal at Opportunity House around 6 or 6:15 pm.

Volunteers are always needed, especially over the summer. This meal's head cook will be **Rodney Goldsborough**, and he will welcome any helpers!

If you're unable to help with preparation or serving, perhaps you can help with a donation of money or items needed for the meal?

Please contact **Penny Snook**, 610-781-7704, with questions regarding volunteering or donations.

Worship with Us this Summer

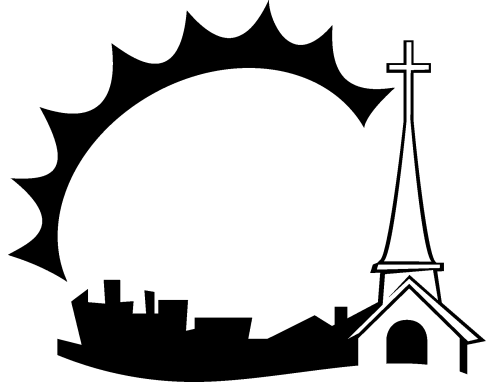
From Pastor Dave McMillan

On July 10, my first Sunday in the pulpit, my sermon is entitled *I Don't Know Anything*. This is both a personal confession and, I hope you'll agree, an acceptable starting point for us to begin our new life together.

Over the following four Sundays, I'll share a brief overview of where I'm coming from theologically. How we believe or think about God shapes the way we see ourselves, others, and the world. I'll use an old four-part gospel tract from my Campus Crusade for Christ days with a few personal modifications.

Towards the end of August, I'll begin a four-part sermon series entitled *On the Road*. In this series, we'll look at how the good news of Christ spread in the early church, touching first disillusioned and angry believers before reaching seekers and the unchurched.

We serve an awesome and gracious God. I hope everyone will make Sunday worship an integral part of your summer schedule.



Sunday, July 3

One Service at 10 am, Third Sunday after Pentecost

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, followed by a welcome reception for Pastor Dave McMillan.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

I Don't Know Anything

John 9:1-25

Sunday, July 17

Regular worship schedule resumes at 9:30 and 11 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Four Spiritual Laws Amended: Law 1

God Loves You and Has a Wonderful Plan for Your Life

John 3:16, 17

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Sunday, July 24

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
*The Four Spiritual Laws Amended: Law 2
But Sin Keeps Us from Realizing God's
Love and Plan*
Romans 3:23

Sunday, July 31

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
*The Four Spiritual Laws Amended: Law 3
God Has Provided the Way*
Luke 23:13-48

Sunday, August 7

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
*The Four Spiritual Laws Amended: Law 4
That You May Have Life in His Name*
John 20:19-31

Sunday, August 14

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher

Sunday, August 21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
On the Road: The Road to Emmaus
Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, August 28

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
On the Road: The Road to Damascus
Acts 9: 1-19



- July 3 One Service 10 am, Nick Camacho preaching
- July 5 Opportunity House; Trustees 7 pm
- July 10 Welcome Pastor David McMillan—One Service 10 am, Reception After
- July 14 Worship Committee 7 pm
- July 18 Church Council 7 pm
- August 1 Trustees 7 pm
- August 8 Finance 7 pm
- Sept 6 Opportunity House

SHINE
This Summer



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!

Greetings From Pastor Dave

From Pastor David T. McMillan

When you receive this *News-Linc*, I'll be on vacation in Callaway Gardens, about two hours southwest of Atlanta. The McMillan and Mauger families, my mother's sister's family, have been meeting to vacation there for the last 40 years.

While I won't be with you for the first Sunday of July, I will share something about myself so you'll have some familiarity with your new pastor. I grew up in Havertown, Delaware County, with my parents and four sisters. Yes, I'm the only boy and the fourth-born. My father passed away after a long battle with Lewy-body dementia in March, 2004. My mother is 79 and planning to move into the Maris Grove Retirement Community in Glenn Mills, PA, over the summer. Except for some macular degeneration, she is doing well.

I attended Haverford High School and graduated too long ago to remember. In 1983, I graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education. While I was there, I was involved with Athletes in Action, the athletic ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. It was in 1982, on a Summer Project in Panama City,

Florida, along with 60 other college students working, learning and witnessing in the community, that I felt called to ministry.

In the fall of 1983, I attended Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. After some stops and starts, I eventually graduated in 1987 from what is now Palmer Seminary in Philadelphia. After substitute teaching for a few years, I finally yielded to my call and was appointed as Associate Pastor at Lincoln Park Community

UMC in July, 1989. The following year, I was ordained as an Elder in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

During the second week of June, 1995, I was married. Two weeks later, after returning from our honeymoon, I began as sole pastor of Boehm's UMC in Willow Street, Lancaster County. On September 12, 1996, my daughter Hannah was born. She was nine pounds and 12 ounces. I have no excuse for forgetting her birthday or birth weight. Hannah is now 14 and will begin ninth grade at Berks Cath-



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Pastor Dave Arrives July 5!

From Richard Auman

Pastor Dave McMillan arrives in Lincoln Park on Tuesday, July 5, and begins his service to our congregation at that time. A special combined service with Communion is planned at 10 am, Sunday, July 10. A reception, under the coordination of **Susie Romig** and her team of volunteers, will follow the service to greet Pastor Dave and welcome him back to Lincoln Park.



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olic in the fall. Unfortunately, my marriage ended after nine years. I've been divorced for eight.

I spent my last 11 years in ministry at Hibernia United Methodist Church, a mile and a half northwest of Coatesville. It's a beautiful area. Behind the parsonage are 20 acres of woods. Across the street is Hibernia County Park with the West Brandywine Creek, Chamber's Lake and several miles of walking trails. I'll miss the place and, most of all, the gracious people with whom I lived and worshipped.

Besides my work and time with Hannah, to keep out of trouble, I like to run, go to the gym, walk "Summer" – my dog -- read, play golf, follow the Phillies, keep in touch with family, and watch an occasional episode of *The Office* or *Modern Family*. Please don't hold it against

me, but I've become a country music fan. It's like fine wine or coffee, an acquired taste that comes with age. I also enjoy listening to National Public Radio, a luxury I had traveling back and forth from Coatesville to Reading to be with Hannah. Most of all, I enjoy the silence and sounds of nature. As you'll notice over time, I'm an introvert at heart and enjoy the quiet simple things of life.

As you can imagine, it's been a busy time, but I've been praying and preparing for coming to Lincoln Park. I have a good feeling about things. Personally, I feel the hand of God in this transition in my life. I also sense, not withstanding the grief some of you may be feeling, that this could also be true for the church. I look forward to our meeting soon.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dave

Members and Friends Say Farewell to Pastor Jerry and Pastor Dorris

From Richard Auman

Simply – thank you.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to thank our church members and friends for your support through your attendance and monetary contributions as we bid farewell to Pastor Jerry McGrath and Pastor Dorris McCoy.

The farewell celebrations for both pastors were well-attended. At Pastor Jerry's last service, he was given a wooden mantle clock, a cookie of the month gift certificate, and a gift card to Target as tokens of appreciation from our church as he prepares for his new ministry at Lititz United Methodist Church. That service also marked the receiving of the final confirmands under Pastor Jerry's leadership at Lincoln Park. His reception had a sports theme – as a tribute to his love of hockey, baseball, and football. The “ballpark” food included popcorn, hot dogs, and a make-your-own sundae bar!

Two weeks later, we again brought our contemporary and traditional worship styles together, as Pastor Dorris celebrated her final Sunday at the Lincoln Park pulpit. After the service, Pastor Dorris was presented with a beautiful black cler-

ical robe to use as she continues her ministry at Welcome United Methodist Church in Landingville. Her appointment to this Schuylkill County community church, effective July 1, was announced through the Conference's Superintendent in June. The small, country church – south of Orwigsburg – has a membership of about 114 people.

In honor of some of Pastor Dorris's favorite things, her reception had a garden party flair with a little Texas barbecue mixed in. The tables were decorated with brightly colored floral tablecloths, and our Sunday School children decorated flowerpots to brighten up Memorial Hall. As we dined on tea sandwiches and bbq brisket with pinto beans (two of Dorris's favorite foods!) members and friends wished her the best as she begins a new chapter of her ministry.

These two services and receptions could not have been possible without the overwhelming support of the congregation and friends of our church. We especially thank **Becky Chadwick** and her

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Congratulations Graduates!

From Cheri Fallon

I caught up with **Josh** and **Andrew Lee**, who were home celebrating their birthday with their mom, **Linda Lee**. One of (I suspect) many things the twins have in common is that their careers developed out of part-time jobs they had in high school.

Josh graduated from Universal Technical Institute, in Exton, where he took the automotive and diesel program. He's been employed as a diesel mechanic at Eschelman Transportation, Plowville. "I began with odd jobs and it evolved from there," Josh says, "I love it!"

Josh is especially interested in diesel sled pulling — which as I can tell from going to the Buck Motor Sports web site and from what Josh told me, is hooking a modified pick-up truck to a large sled and seeing how far (and



fast?) you can pull it. Josh says this hobby is "an extension of my profession."

Andrew started culinary school at Johnson & Wales in North Carolina and graduated from the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, Philadelphia.

He started in 9th or 10th grade working in a restaurant as a dishwasher and decided cooking was his field. He's been working at the Rittenhouse Hotel in Philadelphia for two years where he is a line cook.

Andrew prepares lunch and brunch there. The hotel brunch is "one of the top five brunches in the country." He says that guests can "come into the kitchen and see where we make the food."

Right now Andrew's favorite dish to make is halibut with a leek puree, cavatellis, and pork belly with clam and artichokes. Mmmmmm.

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team of volunteers for organizing, coordinating, cooking, and serving at both receptions.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee also wants to thank **Jerry Manhart** and the Trustees for cleaning and preparing the parsonage for Pastor Dave McMillan's arrival.

From the Editor

From Cheri Fallon

I love our church. I first visited here in 1979, pregnant with my daughter, and looking for a church home. As luck would have it, I sat next to the gracious **Nancy and Norm Dettra**, and The Rev. Donald Zeiter was preaching. His sermon offered the thought that God's spirit could come to me through other people! This seemed a great revelation to me, and I wanted to attend a church where the idea of God being so present in my life was important.

Over the years our church — its members, pastors, musicians, its peaceful sanctuary — has comforted and inspired me.

Our four children have been baptized and confirmed and our daughter married here. My small role as *News-Linc* Editor has been God's wonderful gift to me.

I've come to church here filled with joy and praise. I have come heavy with grief. I have come hopeful that prayer would help my loved ones, my world, myself. There have been stellar moments when I've been lifted out of my daily messes.

The tireless efforts of a whole generation of Lincoln Park members — who

worked with enthusiasm and energy to keep our church vital — has always amazed me.

Now we are at a crossroads, with the losses of some of our older members and the return of Pastor Dave McMillan to our pulpit. We all have a new beginning here — an opportunity to be closer and more involved in our church.

I make this suggestion, not because I am in church every Sunday—I have seen my attendance record and it is a poor showing! If Lincoln Park Church carries as many memories for you, and if your worship and participation here has renewed your spirit and readied you for another week, then *join with me in becoming more involved and more present at church.*



We have here every Sunday the key to living a joyful, abundant life: a place to give thanks, honor God, and be filled with His strength and knowledge. I hereby **RESOLVE** to be here a bit more often, to volunteer for the small or large task, to come and receive God's blessings. Will you join me?

Words of Inspiration for this Summer of Your Life!

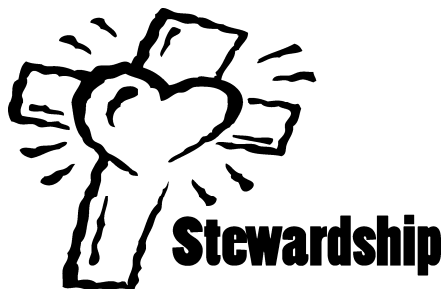
Submitted by Nancy Villecco, from *Chicken Soup for the Soul*

☀ “Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.” — Unknown

☀ “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

☀ “Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That’s why we call it ‘The Present.’” — Eleanor Roosevelt

☀ “Why are you trying so hard to fit in, when you’re born to stand out?” — Oliver James



☀ “A bird doesn’t sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.” — Maya Angelou

☀ “The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.” — Albert Schweitzer

**Let us be good stewards (this summer and always)
...Recycle ...Spread seeds of kindness!**

Your Trustees at Work

From Jerry Manhart

The Trustees voted to move forward with two flooring projects. No budget money is needed to complete the projects.

Rodney Goldsborough’s Fine Line Installation was selected to finish the flooring for the stage and landings in Memorial Hall. Funds for this project have already been contributed when the Memorial Hall project was started.

Also, Martin’s Flooring was selected to replace the carpet in the Education Building. Funds for this project were taken from the Memorial Fund. They were given by the **Dorothy M. Hass** Charitable Trust, and in memory of **Donald Cutting**.



Lessons from My Dad at 90

From Cheri Fallon

DA- has, by example and with few words, taught his children and grandchildren many life lessons.

- ☀ **BE HUMBLE.** Dad once went to a party and, thinking of the patio he was building in our backyard, remarked to the hostess: “Your pie reminds me of cement.” He is quick to laugh at his own foibles.
- ☀ **BE CARING AND DEVOTED.** Dad has attended oodles of sporting and theatrical events, concerts, birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings. “Grandpa always asks how you’re doing,” says Douglas. “I always felt loved by him and never judged.” Dad did countless little things over the years: He polished my shoes, made our oatmeal, pumped my gas. After my mother died, he made it a point to send us *perfect* greeting cards.
- ☀ **BE A POSITIVE THINKER.** My brother Bruce has a story that’s telling of Dad’s nature. “One day, my brother John and I played till dusk in a muddy area where a mall was being developed. When it was time to go home, I discovered I had lost a shoe — a brand new one. We trudged home, worried about what Dad would say, but all he said was ‘John, grab a shovel,’ and ‘Bruce, bring that rake.’

And off the three of us went, at dusk, to find a brown shoe in a sea of mud. And darned if we didn’t find it!” Bruce learned a few lessons that day: about positive thinking, persistence, teamwork, and that “love, forgiveness and grace are more powerful than anger and punishment.”

- ☀ **BE DETERMINED.** In 1969 Dad suffered a heart attack, followed by two more, and had bypass surgery in 1985. All these years he’s stuck to his exercise, mostly walking, and for him butter and cheese are “poison.” My son Steve says, “Whether it’s avoiding butter or fixing his plumbing with duct tape, Grandpa sets his mind to something and sticks to it.”
- ☀ **HAVE FUN.** His grandchildren love to play cards with him. “How do I play this again?” he asks every time. And then “he crushes you!” says my daughter Christy. They enjoy his walks (with dogs) — by the river, at the beach, in any neighborhood. His easygoing demeanor makes him good company.

My brother John remembers Dad’s bedtime stories which usually ended with the Air Force hymn: “Off we go into the wild blue yonder, riding high into the sky...Nothing’ll stop the US Air Force!”



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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for our
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Change of Address

Mike & Anne Wardrop
1 Reading Ave Apt 266
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From our mailbox



♥ I want to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of myself and my "human" Bob (Robertson) for all the calls, cards, flowers and visits during the several weeks of his recovery.

At the moment he is working on a SUDOKU puzzle, while I am preparing for an early morning dawn patrol over the Western Front trenches. On my left will be St. Mihiel and on my right Pont-A-Mousson looking for an ammo train in Longuyon. Fear not for me, though, for my Sopwith Camel has two synchronized Vicker's machine guns on the top of the fuselage firing through the Aircrew Arc. But, I digress.

Again, our love to and for you.

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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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♥ Norm and I have always felt that church fellowship was a vital part of our life. These last years of Norm's life have born that to be true. Your concerns, your cards, your visits, your hugs, your prayers, Jerry's and Dorris's many visits and prayers, Bev's beautiful music all made saying good-bye comforting and peaceful. My heartfelt thank you.

Nancy Dettra

♥ Dear Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the staff at Life Line Screening, we would like to thank you for allowing us to come to your community. Thank you for your help in bringing such an important service to the members of your community.

Sincerely,

Shannon Wigton

Life Line Screening

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