

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *May, 2012*

FLEA MARKET ALERT: MAY 19, 7 AM-3PM

From Beverly Perella and Carol Bashore

Do you hear our drums and bugles? Our “Fabulous Flea Corps” is calling you for this annual Lincoln Park fundraiser.

After every Flea Market someone says, “I wanted to help, but I didn’t know what I could do.” Well, here’s a list so you can give a hand and enjoy the fellowship.



▫ **Bring in FLEAS ASAP!** Place these articles in the hallway between the church and the education wing. *The best times for delivery are between 9am-3pm, when the secre-*

tary is in the office, when there’s an evening meeting or rehearsal, or on Sunday. If you need FLEAS to be picked up, call the office or talk to Carol or Bev.

- Please **DO NOT** donate computer components, large appliances, or glassware with logos.
- Help price the FLEAS Tuesday and Thursday mornings from

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Come & Worship with Us in May

From Pastor David McMillan

This month we continue our sermon series on the painted windows which decorate our church narthex, Wagner Room, and back second floor landing of the sanctuary. These windows were given in memory of beloved family members and help tell our story of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- May 6 *Again, the Kingdom of God is like a Great New Cast*
Matthew 13:47-48
Given in loving memory of **William H. Auman**, 1920-1988,
by family and friends
- May 13 *Come Unto Me All Ye Who Labor*
Matthew 11:28
Given in loving memory of **Emily S. Miller**, 1914-2001, by **Robert T.** and **R. Timothy Miller**, and friends
- May 20 *Peace, I Leave with You*
John 14:27
Given in loving memory of **Anna M. Schlegel**, 1913-2000,
by her children
- May 27 *Go Into All the World and Preach the Good News*
Mark 16:15
Given in loving memory of **Anna M. Schlegel**, 1913-2000,
by her children



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!

Please Join Us for Special Worship Services in June

From Beverly Perella and Pastor Dave McMillan

JUNE 3, 10 AM — MUSIC SUNDAY

Our theme is *The Church Year in Music*, featuring our Praise Band, Bell Choir, and Chancel Choir. If you love the music of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter (and other Sundays through the year) this is a worship service you won't want to miss! A pot-luck luncheon will follow in honor of our church musicians.

JUNE 17, 10 AM — EDUCATION BUILDING DEDICATION

We're pleased to announce that on Father's Day we'll dedicate our Church Education Building in the name of our beloved **Harold Perkins** who passed into eternal glory on October 10, 2010. Joining us for our celebration will be Harold's son, Tim Perkins, an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, who will preach during our one (**10 am**) morning worship service. A luncheon or reception will follow. Please mark this special day in the life of our congregation on your calendar and plan to join the celebration.

Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, June 24, 10 am

Colony Park Playground, Paper Mill Rd, Wyomissing

From Linda Woll

Bring your lawn chairs and join us for an old-fashioned picnic immediately following an outdoor service **offsite**. There will be lots of fun for everyone... tug of war, a three-legged race, sack race, or scavenger hunt; the playground has been re-modeled with brand new equipment.

We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, desserts, and grills. If you have one, see any Nurture and Witness Committee member (**Michelle Ringler, Todd Beamsderfer, Linda Woll, Cindy Brown, or Sandi Rosencrans**). A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Wagner Room after Memorial Day.

Please note: **There will only be one church service offsite**. Transportation will be available upon request; please call the Church Office by June 18 to arrange.



From the Pastor's Desk

From Pastor David McMillan

Lessons Learned

This month I conclude my reflections on my last appointment at Hibernia United Methodist Church in West Brandywine Township (2000-2011). Next month, I'll begin a series of articles about *Speaking Christian: Restoring the Meaning and Power of Christian Words*.

For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Acts 17:28

When it comes down to it, the reason I accepted my vocation as a pastor and chose to serve in a local church was God. God can be known, experienced, and served anywhere. Scientists, biologists, and folks in the medical field find God in the wonder and order of created things. Astronomers search for God in the heavens, anthropologists in the cultures of indigenous peoples, and psychiatrists in the recesses of the human mind. Whoever we are and whatever we do, all of us are searching for one overarching pattern of meaning centered in the One beyond all our many patterns and loyalties. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one... the LORD alone.* - Deuteronomy 6:4.

While I enjoyed teaching and coaching, I found that my best bet — for being aware of God, for being in relationship with and serving God, and for finding personal meaning — was in the community of the local church. Little did I know that God would have such a sense of humor. The places where I found God and saw His hand were in the brokenness, suffering, and indomitable spirit of God's people. *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair.* 2 Corinthians 4:7

I came to Hibernia with the notion that God was worshipped in holiness, (i.e. perfection). But, my understanding of holiness needed to be re-framed. Upon arriving, I found that worship services at Hibernia UM Church could be like a three-ring circus. The morning Prelude was an invitation to get up from your pew and search for friend or cousin twice removed, to invite them for pot roast following the service. Our Welcome and Announcement Time was an opportunity for a third of the congregation to enter the sanctuary and find their seats.

“Little did I know that God would have such a sense of humor.”

I began to notice other worship rituals — like Gina Goodyear (a single, good-looking, 30-something-year-old) getting up a third of the way through every service to go to the ladies' room...her route, by choice: across the front of the sanctuary, with the heads of all the men swiveling to follow her.

Then there were the men from the VA Hospital. God bless their souls! There was Joe Butler, a gracious man who reminded me of Eddy Munster's grandfather. God bless Joe Butler. Every Sunday, he came to church dressed in three or four layers of old shirts, a blazer, and a hand towel that he tucked into the front of his pants or draped over his nose and mouth when suffering with a cold.

And God bless Audie Brown. He suffered from autism and would sit apart from the other men, about two thirds of the way back, on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. On many occasions, God knows why, something I said in my sermon would strike him as funny and send his whole body convulsing in a giggling fit. While I always tried to maintain my composure and keep preaching, I have to say his laughter was, at first, a blow to my ego.

Then there were Easter Sundays and the Hibernia brass band. Once a year Ron Eckert and Charlie Keinard got their trumpets out of the closet to join our organist,

Fran, in the opening hymn of *Christ the Lord Has Risen Today*. With great excitement and fanfare, there would be Ron and Charlie up front, blowing for all they were worth, cheeks puckered, lips perched, spit valves wide open, eking out an occasional flat note, as we joyfully sang of the good news of real and eternal life.

There were, what visitors or outsiders may have perceived as other discordant rhythms to our Sunday morning worship: children walking up to sit with their mother in the choir, special music which bordered on barely passable, spilt grape juice on the altar during Holy Communion, a long winded pastor lulling the congregation into boredom and sleep. *But*, over time, humbled, surrendering my ego, I began to see a greater pulse emerge: a pattern of grace.

In our varieties, we were all one, a part of one another, incomplete, broken, yet whole, together...**together**. Here is when I started to see God — to know, experience, and serve God who is holy, whole — One who is merciful, good, forgiving, restoring, gathering, and life giving. Here, I found, is where God lives, “in whom we live and move and have our being.”

BLESSINGS FROM GOD

New Protocol Established

From Bill Chadwick, Finance Chair

The Finance Committee of LPCUMC received a proposal from the Stewardship Committee that a protocol be established for those asking for support for events or fundraisers not sponsored or supported by LPCUMC.

Non-LPCUMC Event and Fundraising Protocol

Requests for support (financial and or temporal) of the LPCUMC congregation for non-LPCUMC-sponsored or supported events or fundraisers must be made at the personal level. Information regarding these events or fundraisers cannot be placed in the *News-Linc*, the Sunday Bulletin, nor announced during any Sunday service. The LPCUMC e-mail list cannot be used to place a blanket email to all members of the congregation asking for support for non-LPCUMC supported or sponsored events or fundraisers.

Individuals *can* ask for support for their respective events or fundraisers one-to-one from members before or after church, by phone, or e-mail. In addition, *A Community Bulletin Board* will be established in the Wagner Room to post information regarding non-LPCUMC supported or sponsored events or fundraisers.

We hope to minimize confusion as to what are church-sponsored or supported events or fundraisers and what is individually requested. Some members have expressed “confusion” as to the number of fundraisers taking place around the same time of year at LPCUMC. Questions have arisen about what is sponsored or supported by LPCUMC and what is not. It was therefore felt that this protocol is a better approach to make things clear for all our members and attendees.

If there are any questions, please contact **Bill Chadwick**, Chair of Finance.

Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference Coming Up



This year's United Methodist Annual Conference will be held in Oaks, PA, on May 17, 18, and 19. Please keep **George Weikel** (our Lay Member to Annual Conference) **Pastor Dave**, our Bishop, and Annual Conference in your prayers as we seek to do the work of Christ's Church.

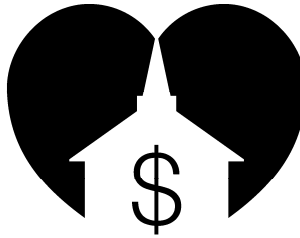
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10 am-1 pm. No experience needed.

- Donate books, CD's, or DVD's. Please **DO NOT** bring in textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias.
- Donate your time with set-up and tear down. We really need a clean-up crew at 3 pm.
- Volunteer for the day of the Flea Market: at food stands, as kitchen servers, for outside sales, plants, as general helpers or cashiers, or in our boutique.
- Help with publicity.
- Help with food preparation and food donations.
- Donate items for our

SILENT AUCTION.

Some examples from last year: a car wash and polish, cheesecakes, candy, a body massage,



earrings and a bracelet, children's books, a cookie bouquet, a vacation weekend, dinner for eight.

Do you have a special skill or talent? Can you paint a room? Can you offer a few hours of garden or yard work?

Think about what you can offer! This is our third year for the auction, and we'd like to expand it.

- Gather **WOMEN'S CLOTHING** and place items on hangers ready for sale.

Extra hangers are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. You can bring the clothing to church **now**.

- Do you have any furniture in **good** condition that you'd like to donate? Call **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150, for pick-up if needed.
- Attend the **FLEA MARKET** and spend mucho money!

Ray Buckley to Preach at Annual Conference

From Loreen Miller

On May 17, noted Native American storyteller, author/illustrator, and United Methodist leader Ray Buckley will preach for Opening Worship at the Eastern PA Annual Conference, Philadelphia Expo Center, in Oaks, PA.



Buckley is the Interim Director of the Center for Native American Spirituality and Christian Study.

In the future, the Eastern PA Conference will focus on expanding its ministry activities with Native Americans at a jurisdictional event to be held in October.



MAY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<p><i>"Good actions are the invisible hinges on the doors of heaven."</i> -Victor Hugo</p>		<p>1 Opportunity House Supper Served</p>	<p>2 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>6 NEW MEMBER CLASS 6- 8</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Pastoral Care Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>13  NEW MEMBER CLASS 6- 8</p>	<p>14 Agape - Noon Finance 7pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>20 NEW MEMBER CLASS 6- 8</p>	<p>21 Trustees 7pm</p>	<p>22 Fundraising for Youth Mission Trip at Friendly's 4-8pm</p>	<p>23 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Bell Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir</p>



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30pm 8:00pm	3 Praise Band 8pm Youth Group 6:30pm	4	5 Men's Breakfast 8-10am
12:00pm 7:30pm	10 Worship Committee 6:30 Praise Band 8pm	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <i>News-Line Deadline</i> </div>	12 Trustees Work Day 9am-noon
7:30pm	17 ANNUAL CONFERENCE	18	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> FLEA MARKET 7am-3pm </div>
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7:30pm	31 Praise Band 8pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">COMING UP IN JUNE</p> <p>June 3 Music Sunday One service 10 am</p> <p>June 4 Church Council 7pm</p> <p>June 10 Ed Bldg Dedication 10am Service</p> <p>June 11 Finance 7pm</p> <p>June 17-23 Youth Mission Trip</p> <p>June 18-22 Vacation Bible School</p> <p>June 24 Church Picnic</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> </div>	

Random Acts of Kindness Stories

Editor's Note: We're happy to present this mini-series of articles "intended to stimulate thought and inspire action." We welcome your *Random Acts of Kindness Stories*. To submit, email them to cherfallon@comcast.net or leave them in my mailbox in the Church Office.



The Edible Feet

From Sandi Rosencrans

It's 2001 and I'm recovering from foot surgery. There's nothing like six weeks in a wheelchair to prompt you to count your blessings, as well as train you to effectively adapt, plan ahead, and maneuver by yourself — on one foot.

After the six weeks, punctuated with periodic podiatry visits, I'm watching Dr. Schifilaqua remove the metal screw from my big left toe.

"This has gone really well because you have good bones and you follow instructions exactly," he says with emphatic appreciation.

I suddenly realize how many people in his practice have facilitated this vic-

tory. I make a list. The next thing I know I'm shopping for a chocolate mold in the shape of feet — and I find one.

Finally standing steady on two feet, I create edible feet in dark, white, and milk chocolate. They are small feet so no medical professional or patient can be guilty of overindulging on one or two.

I deliver four boxes of assorted edible feet to Berkshire Podiatry Associates in Wyomissing with a thank you letter.

They are astounded! No patient ever did that before. I've given them psychic income! There are big smiles all around. (Hmmm, is this yet another reminder that everything is not covered by medical insurance?!)

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Your Trustees at Work

From Jerry Manhart

The Trustees have been busy working to keep all our properties in good order.

- The Education Building had a leaking toilet repaired and a leaking water heater replaced. New weather-stripping was applied to the entrance door.
- At the parsonage, a new garage door opener was installed.
- In the office workroom, a thermostat was replaced with a programmable model, and, outside, a driveway light received a new sensor.
- The chimney at the rental property had new pointing and capping. Also two new flue caps were added.
- At our church building, weather-stripping was added on the front door, and new sliding dish

racks were added in the kitchen. Also in the kitchen, the dishwasher door was leaking and was fixed. The slate roof in the right front corner of the church was replaced along with a missing slate near the steeple. The rain gutter near the driveway was straightened. Lastly, new light bulbs replaced the burnt out bulbs in the choir loft.



Thanks to **Susie Romig** for purchasing the rack for the kitchen cabinet. **Carl Madeira** goes above and beyond his assigned duties repainting and replanting, and “a job well done” goes to **Todd Beamesderfer, Bill Lape, Ron Schucker, and George Weikel.**



Pastoral Care Team Meets May 9

From Pastor Dave McMillan

A pastoral care team meeting, for those who are visiting our at-home members, is scheduled for noon, Wednesday, May 9, at the parsonage. Everyone is to bring a bag lunch. Our theme for the day is *The Process of Grief*.

Wordless Prayer

Submitted by Nancy Villecco

by Daniel Schantz, from *2011 Daily Guideposts*, for January 15, 2011 (p.20)

*So get to work,
and may the Lord be with you!*
I Chronicles 22:16 (TLB)

After Captain Chesley Sullenberger landed his commercial jet safely in the Hudson River a couple of years ago, he was interviewed by reporters. One of them asked, “When you realized you were going down, did you pray?”

He hesitated. “I thought of nothing else but flying the plane.”

At first I was surprised by his answer, but the more I thought about it, the more I appreciated his honesty. As a pilot myself, I understand how much concentration it takes to fly a plane, even when there’s no emergency. When things go wrong, it’s time for action, not conversation.

Action is a kind of physical prayer, I think, and the airplane itself is a good

example of how it works. On the ground, an airplane is the slowest and most awkward of creatures, hard to steer. But when it picks up speed, and the wind hits the control surfaces, it suddenly becomes the most agile of all transports. You can steer it with the merest touch. Not until it gets into action can it be guided well.

“Action is a kind
of physical pray-
er.”

Many kinds of prayer exist, all of them useful. There’s a place for the all-nighter, with tears. There’s a place for table graces and a time for the “flare prayer,” when you cry out, “Dear God, help me!” But, there’s also a time for the wordless prayer, when you get up off your knees and get to work. When I do that, I can feel His wind beneath my wings.

Forgive me, Lord, but I can’t talk right now. I have a plane to fly.

Oops!

Correction on last month’s selection: It was from the 2012 *Daily Guideposts* for March 5, 2012 (p.107-108). And, the saying at the end should have read “There is always hope in my soul, Lord, waiting to bloom.”

Eat in or Take Out at Friendly's to Support our Youth Trip

From Tracy Goldsborough

We have a group of five youth — **Jon** and **Ryan Chadwick**, **Gabe Chelius**, **Trisha Goldsborough**, and **Dylan DeHart** — and two chaperones — **Rodney** and **Tracy Goldsborough** — who plan to travel to Cherokee, NC, through a group called Team Effort. This organization runs youth mission trips and camps throughout the country. You can check out their website at teameffort.org.

This impoverished area of western North Carolina is home to a band of Cherokee Indians. Many are in great need. Our youth will have the chance to help with home repair and renovation.

This endeavor needs the prayers and support of our congregation. Can you

help by participating in one or all of our fundraisers?



Please support our fundraiser on **MAY 22, 4-8 PM**, at the Friendly's, Penn Ave, Sinking Spring. We get a percentage of the money you spend on food and ice cream, whether you eat there or take out. That includes ice cream cakes!

Our group is also selling Giant gift cards for \$100. We make \$5 for each one sold. If you shop at Giant, please consider purchasing the cards from us before you shop. To purchase cards, see **Becky Chadwick** or **Tracy Goldsborough**.

We also plan a spaghetti dinner in May! Our youth are excited about the trip and appreciate your help. Can you help them put their faith into action?

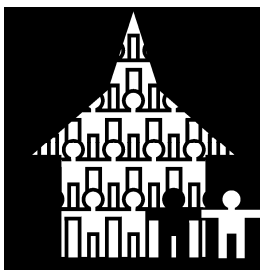
Holy Cross UMC Seeks Volunteers for Day Camp

From Tracy Goldsborough and Cheri Fallon

Every year Holy Cross UMC, Reading, sponsors two weeks of Community Day Camp in partnership with Gretna Glen. This summer the camp will be offered August 6-10 and August 13-17, 9 am to 3pm.

“My daughter, **ReJeana**, has volunteered there for two weeks every summer,” says **Tracy Goldsborough**. In fact, her work with the camp was the basis of her graduation project for

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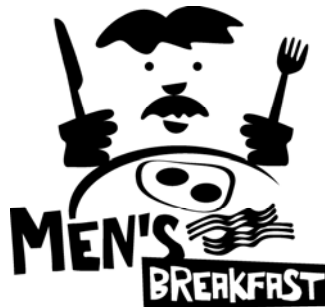
Become Part of *Our* Church Family

From Pastor Dave McMillan

A spring **NEW MEMBER CLASS** is scheduled for Sunday evenings, May 6, 13, and 20, 6-8 pm, at Pastor Dave's house. If you're considering joining the church or would like more information, please contact Pastor Dave at the office, 610-777-1422.

All Men Are Invited for Breakfast

Pastor Dave will host a men's breakfast at his parsonage, 50 East Court Boulevard, West Lawn, on Saturday, May 5, from 8-10 am. Food and fellowship will be followed by a time of reflection and discussion about following Christ in the 21st century and our role as men in the local church. I hope all our men will plan to attend and will bring a friend.



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school. ReJeana will be a coordinator for one of the weeks this year.

Sara Erb (Christian Ed Coordinator at Calvary UMC, Mohnton, and a director of this project) is asking for volunteers to:

- Run the kitchen
- Lead age groups (age 18) & Assistant (age 16)
- Work registration table
- Do other jobs, too.

If you'd like to volunteer, call Sara, 610-777-8441. She says, **“We are shepherding God's sheep and need lots of help.”**





Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



May 15
for our
June issue

Keep in Mind

Our summer *News-Linc* is a single issue covering both July and August. Please plan to submit all summer news by our June deadline.

Change of Address

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From our mailbox



♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the groceries and money donated to our food pantry. We're glad to have good friends who help us feed the hungry. May God bless you for your kindness.

Ann Marie Wallace
Soup Kitchen/Pantry Manager
New Journey UMC

We're Looking for News from YOU!



From Cheri Fallon

Do you have a graduate in your house? If so, we'd like to recognize them and highlight their activities and school careers in our *News-Linc*. We're looking for information about their activities, awards, employment, future plans, and more. Their favorite book and movie, too.

Please leave a note in the *News-Linc* mailbox in the Church Office or email me with information:

cherfallon@comcast.net.

We're always looking for information about church members—joys, accomplishments, sports news. If something special has happened to you or your family member, please share it with us!



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