

News-Line

*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania
May, June 2013*



From Tracy
Goldsborough

Five of our youth and three adults will pack their bags and set out for Copperhill, Tennessee, June 16-22, to work on construction.

Copper mining dating back to the 1800's ravished the land there. Every tree was cut down, and the environment suffered greatly from the process of extracting copper from rock. The once thriving mines have been closed since the 80's, and many needs have developed.

The youth plan a **FUNDRAISER ON MAY 15, AT FRIENDLY'S**, in Sinking

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You're Invited for Vacation Bible School

From Rebecca Chelius & Lisa Sinnamon

Can you juggle? If not we'll teach you! All kids & friends are welcome **June 17-21, 9am-Noon**, for **KINGDOM ROCK** at our Vacation Bible School.

All classes, from Pre-School (from age 4) to 6th Grade, will be talking about *Kings and Queens of the Bible*. Kids can enjoy crafts, games, songs, and tasty treats while learning more about the Bible.

If you'd like to help, even for one day, we can use you. **And, we're still in need of a teacher for the pre-school class.** Our sixth graders are Jr Leaders for the group.

We'll collect coins each day starting with pennies on Mondays, working up to dollars on Friday for the Greater Mifflin Food Pantry. We'll also ask for donations of paper goods for this organization.



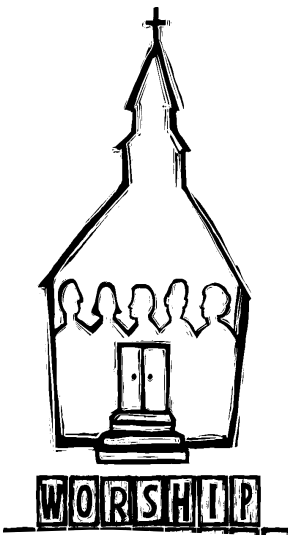
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Come and Worship with Us

From Pastor David McMillan

During May and June, I'll continue my sermon series entitled *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*, based on Brian McLaren's book by the same name. With the aid of Brian McLaren, my hope is for each of us to develop meaningful spiritual practices which nurture our relationship with God and help us in our relationships with one another.

Toward the end of June, I'd like to begin an overview of the life of David which will run throughout the summer, covering much of the Old Testament books of I and II Samuel. Make sure to read up!



May 5	Guest Pastor
May 12	<i>Naked Spirituality: Please – Two Hearts Care & Bearing the Stretcher</i>
May 19	<i>Naked Spirituality: When – How Long Can I Last & Survival Is Underrated</i>
May 26	<i>Naked Spirituality: No & Why – Mad with God & Holding the Question Open</i>
June 2	Music Sunday
June 9	<i>Naked Spirituality: Behold & Yes – The Meditative Mind & Spiritual Vocation</i>
June 16	<i>Naked Spirituality: [. . .] – Naked, Clothed in Silence & Full Circle</i>
June 23	<i>The Story of David: Shepherd & King</i>
June 30	Guest Pastor

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!



Come & Praise God with Music

From Beverly Perella

Be With Us for **Music Sunday**

June 2

Traditional Service Theme - PRAISE

Our **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** begins June 9, at 10:45 am. **Debbie Pyle** and her students will return on Sunday, June 30, for an early 4th of July celebration.

If you have an idea for a soloist/group for a mini-concert, please call **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150.

What a perfect time to donate to our **CONCERT FUND**. Once again we'll sponsor 13 summer mini-concerts, some with members of our own congregation and others featuring musicians in the community. Simply indicate on



your check that the donation is for the *Concert Fund*.

I offer you a simple thank you for your love of music here at LP and your generous donation.



Church Picnic

June 9

From Pastor
Dave
McMillan

Remember to mark your calendars! Our annual Church Picnic will begin at 11 am, at Len Oak Park, in Sinking Spring. We'll begin with a brief service of worship followed with hamburgers, hot dogs, plus fun and games for folks of every age.

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Spring. Come over **between 5-8 pm**, and a percentage of your food, ice cream, and/or takeout will help our youth with this worthwhile trip.

Please keep these awesome kids in your prayers— **Parker Chadwick** and friend **Clara, Ryan and Jon Chadwick, Gabe Chelius, Trisha Goldsborough**. And don't forget their chaperones: **Rodney and Tracy Goldsborough, and Todd Beamesderfer**.

From Our Pastor

From Pastor David McMillan

“God, I Love that Girl”

Man's love for God, from the very nature of the case, must always be very largely, and must often be entirely, a Need-Love. This is obvious when we implore forgiveness for our sins or support in our tribulations.

But in the long run it is perhaps even more apparent in our growing -- for it ought to be growing -- awareness that our whole being by its very nature is one vast need; incomplete, preparatory, empty yet cluttered, crying out for Him who can untie things that are now knotted together and tie up things that are still dangling loose. . . And God will have it so.

He addresses our Need-Love: “Come unto me all ye that travail and are heavy laden,” or, in the Old Testament, “Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.”

*-C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves**

God, I love that girl.

I heard it again as I walked up the stairs to change Hannah’s bed sheets, imagining her and her excitement for her participation in the school play taking place this weekend, that inner voice, which sometimes surprisingly rises up without prompting, *God, I love that kid.* It struck

me as funny how those words came to me while doing domestic work, one of my least favorite things to do: *God, I love that kid.”*



Where does love come from? The famous 20th century Christian apologist C.S. Lewis wrote in his book, *The Four Loves*, that there is both a *Need-Love* and a *Gift-Love*. *Need-Love*, he writes, comes out of a feeling of emptiness, while *Gift-Love* arises out of a full heart.

Where did my words of love for Hannah come from then? Since my separation and divorce over nine years ago, I have had much less time with Hannah than I had ever hoped or imagined.

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Had my words come to me, as I prepared her room for the weekend, out of an emptiness or grief for time lost or a level of closeness, possibly, never to be known? Or did my words, my love for her, arise out of a fullness from meaningful moments spent together talking, watching television and movies, laughing, spending time with her grandmother, aunts and uncles and other family members, and my delight in her?

Need-Love and *Gift-Love* seem to me, at times, to be so closely woven together that they're hard to separate. Of course, I've been on the giving and receiving end of *Need-Love* without the tempering of *Gift-Love* before. Born out of an emptiness like a black hole, it can typically only think of itself and sucks the

life out of the one to whom it has unfortunately attached itself.

Is it ok to *Need-Love* someone? I believe it's unavoidable. We're only human. I know, at some level, my love for Hannah comes from a need to fill something that's empty inside of me. I do the best when I acknowledge this empty part of myself and resist the

temptation to expect Hannah to fill it.

It's this *Empty-Love* that, the Bible says, we're supposed to take to God, give to

God, in order to receive a *Gift-Love* in return. It's why John wrote "We love because, God first loved us" (I John 4:19). This is the heart, I believe, of all healthy relationships. We have to go to God with our *Need-Love*, if we are ever to be able to *Gift-Love* others.

"Need-Love...comes out of a feeling of emptiness, while Gift-Love arises out of a full heart."

Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Meets May 16-18

From Pastor Dave McMillan



This year's Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held from Thursday, May 16 - Saturday, May 18, at the Oaks Conference Center in Oaks, PA. **Please pray for our Bishop and the rest of the clergy and lay members of Annual Conference** as we seek to be faithful with the gifts and graces of our denomination.

Annual FLEA MARKET

Opens for Business

Saturday, May 18. from 7am -3pm

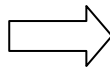
From Beverly Perella

HOW you can
HELP



Here's WHAT WE NEED: FLEAS

Place these garage-sale type items in the breezeway leading to the Perkins Education Wing. You can come during office hours (Monday-Thursday, from 9am-2pm; Fridays 9am-Noon) on Sundays, or Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-9pm. For other arrangements, call **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150.



Please don't bring computer components, large appliances, or glassware with logos.

Can you help with pricing items?

*Come out on Tuesdays, from 10am-12, or
6:30-8:30pm.*

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, TALENTS, SKILLS, SERVICES

What can you offer?

WOMEN'S CLOTHING and BOUTIQUE ITEMS (Shoes, Purses, Jewelry)

Place ready-to-sell clothing items on hangers and hang them on the racks outside the Youth Room in the Education Building, beginning Sunday, April 28.

QUALITY USED FURNITURE

If you need items picked up, please contact **Todd Beamesderfer**, 610-678-7434.

PLANTS, FLOWERS, POTTING SOIL, PLANTERS, GARDEN ITEMS

BAKED GOODS, CANDY

BOOKS, CD's, DVD's (No encyclopedias, please)

FOOD DONATIONS

Deadline for Fleas and Clothing Donations: Tuesday, May 14

Introducing Our Chairpersons for This Year's Flea Market



Please call the appropriate person to volunteer your items or time.

Head Fleas	Carol Bashore and Beverly Perella	
Silent Auction/Publicity	Beverly Perella	(610) 603-0150
Flowers and Plants	Carol Bashore	(610)678-1802
Ladies' Clothing	Beverly Ruffner	(610)777-0785
Upscale Boutique	Sandi Rosencrans	(610) 376-2176
Books and DVD's and CD's	Don Schlosser	(610)777-8602
Furniture	Todd Beamesderfer	(610) 678-7434
Baked Goods Stand	Sandy Beam	(610)507-2325
Kitchen	Suzie Romig, Becky Chadwick	(610)-927-2207
Food Stand	Betsy Buchanan	(610) 777-2501
Cashiers for FLEAS	Joann Ross	(610) 775-7966
Outdoor Hot Dog Stand	Harry Garrity Patrick Owens	(610) 670-0930 (1-717) 587-4538
Clean-Up Committee	Carl Madeira	(610)777-8894

Flea Market Food Donations Sign Up

Food	Quantity
Barbecue	
Hamburger Rolls	
Hot Dogs	
Hot Dog Rolls	
Baked Goods	
Soda (2-liter bottles)	

Name: _____

Items for Silent Auction

Name:
Type of Donation:

Please call Bev Perella with the specifics of what you'll be donating to the Silent Auction. Home: 610-603-0150, Cell: 610-334-4197, Church 610-777-1422, Ext. 26.



From our mailbox

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the groceries and money donated to our food pantry. Each donation is a blessing. We are glad for all our friends who help us feed the hungry. May God bless you for your kindness.

Ann Marie Wallace
New Journey UMC Food Ministry
Soup Kitchen/Pantry Manager

♥ To Our Lincoln Park Church Family: We thank you for the cards, prayers, and concerns for the loss of both of our mothers. It has been a very sad few months for both of us.

We will miss those dear ladies, but have so many wonderful memories of them both.

Thank you,
Lou and Jerry Manhart

♥ Dear Members,

Thank you so much for your support and caring.

Dorothy Stradley

♥ My Fellow Christians,

A note to thank you for your many messages of support and visits these past several months. Pastor Dave's visits came when I most needed them. Both Bernie and I feel that our inner strength comes from our family and church. A special thanks to the Sunday School children for the lovely Easter cross.

Rolland Ackelson

♥ It is with mixed emotions that we say *Good-bye* to our church family here at Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church.

Thank you for having been a caring, supportive Christian family to us. It has been a blessing to be active members here at LPCUM Church where His love and caring are practiced and perfected on a daily basis.

As Eugene and I transition to LaVista, Nebraska, to be near family, we say, *Thank you*, two small words spoken from our hearts.

May His blessings live in your hearts and homes as, from across the miles, our prayers are with you.

Eugene and Betty Frederickson

♥ To My Church Family,

Thanks for the many get well cards and the beautiful altar flowers. They all served to brighten a very painful part of my life. The anti-viral medicine cleared up the shingles on my face within two weeks, but the nerve healing has been slow and painful. Fortunately the shingles did not affect my only good eye, which was of great concern. Again, thanks to Dave and the many expressions of concern.

Betty Garraway

Betty & Gene





From Pastor Dave McMillan

The Youth Group will continue to meet every other Sunday through May (5 and 19) 6:30-8 pm. Check the weekly bulletin announcements for more information. Youth in Grades 7-12 are welcome to attend and bring a friend(s).

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So, please come on out and join us. We will again have some early bird performances for those children who need to come early at 8:30 am. And on Friday, we'll serve breakfast for all at 8:30 am.

Please pick up registration forms in the Wagner Room. If you have questions, or would like to help, call **Rebecca Chelius**, 610-775-4651, or **Lisa Sinnamon**, 610-777-0150.

Mark Your Calendars

- MAY**
- 5 Youth 6:30
 - 6 Bible Study 12pm
 - 8 Finance 6:45pm
 - 9 Worship Comm. 6:30pm
 - 13 Agape 12pm
 - 15 Youth Fundraiser– Friendly's Sinking Spring
 - 18 **FLEA MARKET** 7am-3pm
 - 19 Youth 6:30pm
 - 20 Bible Study 12pm
 - 21 Church Council 7pm
 - 27 **Memorial Day**

JUNE 2 MUSIC SUNDAY

- 3 Bible Study 12pm
Youth 6:30
 - 10 Agape 12pm
 - 15 *News-Line* Deadline for July-August Issue
 - 17-21 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
9am-12 pm
 - 17 Bible Study 12pm
 - 24 Bible Study 12pm
- Wednesdays: Bell Choir 6:30,
Chancel Choir 7:30; Choir
Summer Break begins June 2
- Thursdays: Praise Band 8pm

**“I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I woke and saw that life was service.
I acted and, behold, service was joy.”**

—Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

In the Spirit of Pentecost

From Daniel Schantz, submitted by Nancy Villecco

From the *2012 Daily Guideposts*, pgs. 136-7 (March 24, 2012)
He brings the wind out of His treasuries. ~ Psalm 135:7 (NKJV)

From a distance they look like angels doing their morning calisthenics. As we get closer to the wind farm in central Illinois, I pull off to the side of the road so we can admire these towering pinwheels on the prairie.

They're so majestic," my wife says in a reverent whisper.

I nod. "Somewhere I read that they're taller than the Statue of Liberty, and their blades are bigger than the wings of a jumbo jet."

We watch them a long time before reluctantly driving on, and soon the turbines are just little white daisies in my rearview mirror.

The force of the wind has been present since creation, but only lately have we learned to lasso these invisible horses and put them to work. It was just a

matter of putting something up there to catch the power.

The rest of the way home I think about all the forces that exist in my life, just waiting to be tapped. I think of all my friends who stand ready to help me when

I humble myself and ask for assistance. I think about the energy of positive attitudes: optimism, hope, courage, decisiveness. Arthur Gordon's famous line comes to mind: "Be bold, and mighty forces will come to your aid." I think about the magnet-

ic power of prayer to attract God's help. I think about my library, my Bible, my computer, my family— all treasuries of information and inspiration, when I access them.

"Who has seen the wind," wrote Christina Rossetti. "Neither you nor I: But when the trees bow down their heads, the wind is passing through."

“Be bold, and mighty forces will come to your aid.”

—Arthur Gordon



Lord, I bow my head, asking You to fill me with Your Holy Wind, that I might be a source of power to those around me.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



June 15
for our
July-August issue

Change of Address

Andrew & Sonja Fallon
252 Glen Ave SW
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Births

Congratulations to **Amy (McFeaters)** and **Jeff Neher** on the birth of daughter **Harper Joy**, on March 24, Palm Sunday. Her proud grandparents are **Karen** and **Bob McFeaters**.



Congratulations to **Jeff** and **Lyndsay Dettra** on the birth of their son **Blake Norman Dettra**, on January 25, in Glasgow, Scotland. Blake is **Nancy Dettra's** first great-grandchild. (Jeff received his PhD in cancer research in December.)

From Cheri Fallon



Do you have a graduate in the house? We'd like to highlight their school careers in our *News-Linc*. We're looking for information about their activities, awards, employment, future plans, and more.

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

cherifallon@comcast.net

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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It's Time to Sign-Up for United Methodist Summer Camp

Gretna Glen and Innabah Summer Camps offer a number of camping experiences (Sports, Arts & Crafts, Music, Hiking, Archery) for both children and youth from June through August. They are also looking for youth volunteers!

Check out their web-sites and see if one interests you! www.gretnaglen.org
www.innabah.org

Camper Scholarships Available

A limited number of partial camping scholarships are available for youth and children interested in attending a United Methodist Camp. If interested, contact Pastor Dave at the Church Office 610-777-1422.

Baptism

Joseph Allen Dianna, son of **KC** and **Jay**, and brother of **Sam**, was baptized in our church on April 7. **Betsy and Allen Buchanan** are his proud grandparents. May God bless Joseph and his family as he grows in love and grace.

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9:55-10:10 - Fellowship
10:10-10:50 am - Christian Education
11 am - Traditional Worship

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