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## Volunteers & Fleas Needed for Flea Market

**Saturday, May 17 from 7AM -3 PM**

From Beverly Perella

On May 17, we'll be featuring for sale fleas, women's clothing and boutique items, quality used furniture, food, plants and garden items, baked goods, books, CD's, and DVD's. Your donations of these items are greatly appreciated and will be accepted until Wednesday, May 14.



hangers) should be placed on the racks outside the Youth Room. (Hangers are available if you need some.)

FLEA pricing takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-1 in Memorial Hall.

Please place your contributions in the hallway leading to the Education Building. Women's clothing (already on

It's never too late to help! How? Call **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150, or **Carol Bashore**, 610-678-1802. They are certain to have suggestions!

Concert Offered by the  
**Yocum Institute for Arts Education**  
**Features two pianos with eight hands and ballet.**  
**Lincoln Park Church**  
**Sunday, May 4, 3pm**  
**Free will offering**



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

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# Come and Worship with Us

From Pastor David McMillan



During May, we celebrate the Christian season of Easter with our Resurrected Lord revealing himself to his disciples along the Sea of Galilee, announcing himself as The Good Shepherd and Vine, then sending us out to be his witnesses in the world.

On the first Sunday of June, we celebrate Music Sunday through the sharing of our musical gifts to the glory of God. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday, we will hold a Rite of Confirmation Service as eight of our young people publicly profess their faith in Christ and promise to uphold the Church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We'll then begin a summer sermon series on the *Fruit of the Spirit in the Life of Believers* (Galatians 5:22-26).

Come and let us worship God together in spirit and truth.

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| May 4   | <i>Breakfast By the Sea</i> - Luke 24:36b-48   |
| May 11  | <i>I Have Other Sheep</i> - John 10:11-18, <b>One Service (10 am)</b><br>Family Day - Led by our Potter's Wheel Class (see p. 3) |
| May 18  | <i>Abide in Me</i> - John 15:1-8   |
| May 25  | <i>You Are My Witnesses</i> - Luke 24:44-53  |
| June 1  | <b>MUSIC SUNDAY</b>  |
| June 8  | The Rite of Confirmation - Acts 2:1-21, <b>One Service (10 am)</b>   |
| June 15 | Guest Preacher   |
| June 22 | <i>The Fruit of Love</i> - I Corinthians 13  |
| June 29 | <i>The Fruit of Joy</i> – Nehemiah 8:10  |

## 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!



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*June 15  
for our  
July-August issue*

## Is There a Graduate in Your House?

From Cheri Fallon

If so, please send us information about him/her for our summer *News-Linc*. We



like to recognize our graduates with a blurb about their schools, future plans, awards, activities, summer jobs.

Please send me an email:

[cherifallon@comcast.net](mailto:cherifallon@comcast.net),

or put a note in the *News-Linc* mailbox in the Church Office.

## Nursery Needs...

From Linda Lee, Chair

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

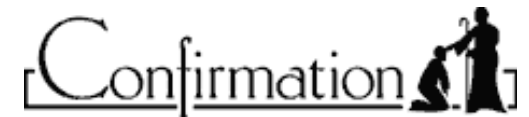
Wanted: people to serve in our Nursery infrequently if one of the paid attendants calls off or is away. If you can help, please notify me, 610-286-7533, or call the Church Office, 610-777-1422.

*News-Linc*, bi-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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*"No life of faith can be lived privately,  
There must be overflow into the lives of others."*

—Eugene H. Peterson

## Where Do You Sit in Church?

From Joshua Sundquist, submitted by Nancy Villecco

From the *2013 Daily Guideposts*, pgs. 281-2 (June 23, 2013)

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. ~ James 4:8 (NAS)

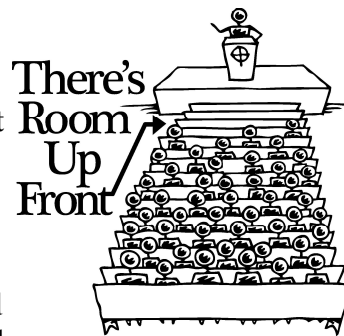
For the last several years, I've attended church by myself and sat in the very back row of the sanctuary. I liked it there. It felt far removed, but distance gave me mental space in which to meditate on my relationship with God.

About a month ago, a friend started attending with me, and she had no interest in my usual section. "Let's sit in the front row," she said. "I'd like to be up close."

I'm a creature of habit and don't like disruption to my routines. But I agreed, just once, to try the front.

And you know what? I had no idea what I was missing! Up close, you can see the passion on the musicians' faces and feel their melodies resonating in your chest. The pastor makes eye contact with you during his sermon, and you feel like his message was written with your specific needs in mind. Moving closer helped me feel more engaged during the service.

This past Sunday, while I was sitting in the front row, it hit me that I often do the same thing in my relationship with God. I have a tendency to let space



grow between us, not realizing what I'm missing out on, what I could gain by drawing closer to Him. The front row of a church service may not be for everyone, but in terms of our relationship with God, I believe it's where He most wants us to be.

God, help me to abide ever closer to Your Word, Your will and Your love.



**NOTE FROM NANCY-** Wherever you sit, I'd like to ask that you notice who sits near you on a regular basis. Is there anyone you haven't seen in their "regular" seat for awhile?

Maybe you could send a card to let them know that you hope things are going OK with them or a call to see how they're doing. If not, please let the Pastor or **Nancy Villecco** know so they can communicate with that person and see if they need anything (even if it's just a friendly voice)!

Thanks for being good stewards!

From Pastor Dave McMillan  
Our annual Church Picnic will be held on the church lawn on **Sunday, June 22, at 11 am, following a 10 am worship service.** Bring a lawn chair and your favorite dish for a potluck luncheon. Drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs, and condiments will be provided. There will also be games for children and youth of all ages! Come and join the fun!



## Come for Special Worship Service May 11

From Beverly Perella



**You won't want to miss our FAMILY DAY WORSHIP,** with one service at **10 am** followed by a social hour in the Wagner Room. The children from the Potter's Wheel Class will lead worship with the theme, *Bible Heroes*. See how these beloved heroes would appear today if asked by God to lead His people. Learn why God chose Noah, Moses, Deborah, Daniel, Joseph (the one with the lovely multi-colored coat), Esther, David, Zacchaeus, and Mary and Joseph. Do you have what it takes to be a contemporary hero? Come and find out !

## Fall New Member Class Planned

From Pastor Dave McMillan

This year's Spring New Members Class has been postponed until the Fall. If you are interested in attending the fall class, please speak with Pastor Dave at your convenience!



## United Methodist Annual Conference Convenes

From Pastor Dave McMillan

This year's Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the UM Church will be held May 15-17, in Oaks PA. The theme this year is *Growing Vital Congregations*. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Mike Slaughter of Ginghamburg UMC near Dayton, Ohio. Please keep **George Weikel, Pastor Dave,** and the conference in your prayers.

# Thinking Out Loud

From Pastor David McMillan

*When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.' - John 20:22*

Have you ever found yourself holding your breath?

Three days after Jesus' crucifixion and death, on the eve of his resurrection and after Mary Magdalene had announced to them *I have seen the Lord*, the disciples hid in fear behind closed doors ....apparently still holding their breath. Passing through closed doors, Jesus stood among them, saying *Peace be with you*. Showing his hands and side, he breathed on them, saying, *Receive the Holy Spirit*.

The Greek word for Jesus' action of breathing on the disciples (*emphusao*) is the same verb used in Genesis 2 when God breathes into Adam's nostrils the "breath of life" with the result that Adam becomes a "living being." Here we see that breath equals life itself – a God-breathed, Jesus breathed, resurrected life.

I don't know about you, but I could use some deep God-breathed, Resurrection-instilled life. With the long winter,

with news and rumors of war in the Middle East and Ukraine, with more local news about crime and poverty in the city of Reading, not to mention with having to face my own responsibilities, I struggle. Even with Mary's revelation *I have seen the Lord*, there are times I find it hard to breathe deeply, feeling tempted to retreat behind closed doors.



How about you? With growing uncertainty around job security, monthly mortgage payments, back-taxes, the parenting of children and tending-to of marriages, the facing of discouraging doctor reports or failing health, do you wonder? Even though you have heard Mary exclaim *I have seen the Lord*, have you ever found yourself feeling short of breath?

In my yoga class, after our instructor has held us in a stressful position for several seconds, she reminds us to "find" or "come back to our breath." Invariably, I realize that I have stopped breathing ....robbing myself of the very source of

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Dear Friends,

This acknowledges with many thanks your generous gift to the New Journey UM Food Ministry. Your gift will keep the New Journey Food Ministry moving forward. We will use the gift to continue feeding individuals and families in Reading who are clients of our Kitchen Cupboard and Soup Kitchen. We will use it wisely to maximize its impact and effectiveness in the continuation of this important ministry.

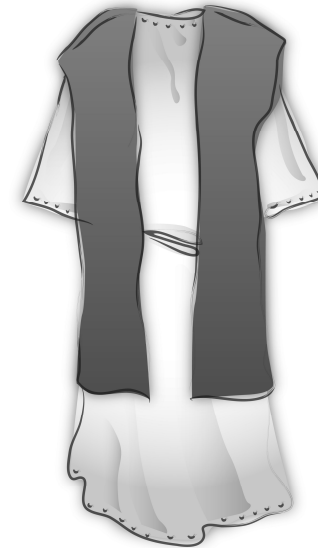
**Our Soup Kitchen serves lunch Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and, currently, we have been averaging 150 persons each day. Groceries are distributed every Wednesday in the Cupboard, and we serve between 70 and 80 different families each week. There is a need for this ministry in our community, and you are helping the Food Ministry meet this need with your contribution.**

Again, thank you for your continuing support and remembering New Journey Food Ministry.

Sincerely,  
Jane E. Moyer  
Treasurer

## Who Are You Wearing?

Before the Oscars, a big question for



every glamorous celebrity is "Who are you wearing?" Fashion reporters and fans are eager to discover and imitate the latest designers and styles.

Few of us will ever walk the red carpet in Hollywood, yet we receive a much more impressive wardrobe makeover when we accept Jesus as our Savior. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus turned our filthy rags of sin into dazzling white robes of righteousness (see Isaiah 61:10).

This righteousness is embellished with good works that speak to our vibrant faith. How evident is your new "outfit" to people around you? As you get dressed each day, consider whether you're living in such a way that people will wonder "Who are you wearing?"





# From our mailbox...

♥ Dear Friends in Christ,  
Your visits, calls, cards, flowers, and prayers helped me to get through my two recent hospital stays. Thank you for being so caring. I am blessed to be part of such a loving Christian community.

Sincerely,  
Alex Ross

♥ We count our blessings every day and are especially thankful for our church family. Your visits, cards, and prayers have seen us through difficult times this past year.

What would we do without Pastor Dave? We sincerely hope everyone appreciates him as much as we do.

Rolland & Bernie Ackelson

♥ Heartfelt thanks to all for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls. I hope you had a blessed Easter; I have been with you in spirit.

Fondly,  
Marilyn Bennis

♥ As I recover from my recent back surgery, there hasn't been one day since March 6 that I haven't been touched by someone from my church family...**NOT ONE SINGLE DAY!!!** Cards, calls, visits, meals, email, and prayers have been of great comfort to me.

One of our church members reminded

me the Sunday before my procedure that I wasn't going into surgery alone. Yes, I knew she meant God would be with me, but my church family has surrounded me with His love through the thoughts, words, and deeds of LPCUMC members.

I've grown up in this church and have experienced many life events when the church has surrounded me with love and support. All these years later it continues...thanks for everything.

Kris Wright

Jean and I were warmly blessed and greatly encouraged upon receiving your altar flowers following the worship services on Sunday, January 19. My hospitalization to exchange a pain in my chest for a stent was definitely a change for the better. Thank you all for your prayers, your flowers, your kind words and your good wishes.

In Christian love,  
Caryll Whipple

♥ Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the groceries, clothes, and money donated to our food ministry. We are glad for all our friends who continue to help us feed the hungry. May God bless you for your kindness.

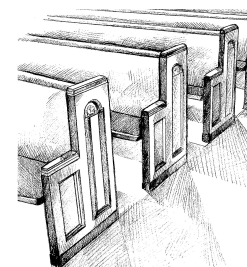
Ann Marie Wallace  
Food Ministry Coordinator  
New Journey UMC

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life I need to continue. Coming back to my breath, I can settle into the pose for a few more seconds until we rest, before transitioning into another pose.

In this season of Resurrection, Jesus comes to us behind our closed doors, aware of our fears and struggle to breathe, revealing his own wounds and saying *Fear not - Peace be with you*. Then, if we are open, he breathes us into a new creation, saying *Receive my Spirit*.

**REMEMBER** to sign the attendance registers when you come to worship. Knowing who has attended worship is helpful to your Pastor and church leaders in many ways. Thank you!



## Mark Your Calendars

MAY 4 Concert/Yocum Institute 3pm  
11 Family Day Worship 10am  
14 Last Day to bring Fleas  
15-17 UMC Annual Conference  
17 Flea Market

JUNE 1 **MUSIC SUNDAY** 9 & 11am  
8 **CONFIRMATION**  
22 **CHURCH PICNIC 11AM**  
(Following worship at 10am)

Sundays: Youth Group Meets 6-7pm  
Mondays: Exercise Class 11am  
Bible Study 12pm  
(except 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays)  
Wednesdays: Youth Group Meets 6-7pm  
Bell Choir 6:30pm  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm  
Thursdays: Praise Band 8pm

## Do You Enjoy Music at Lincoln Park Church?

Please consider a donation to our **CONCERT FUND**, which supports our summer concerts and the guest musicians we are able to feature. We also invite additional musicians for our festival services such as Christmas, Easter, Cantata Sunday, Music Sunday, etc.

Our congregation has always been most generous in its support of the Concert Fund, and we hope you will respond with a gift to our music ministry at this time.

## Try Something New This Summer

From Beverly Perella, Music Director

**WHO:** Families, friends, and neighbors of Lincoln Park Church

**WHAT: Family Music Camp** ending with a 30-minute musical with all the trimmings- acting, singing, dancing, costumes, and scenery.

**WHEN: July 20-July 25**

The music camp begins with a supper at 6 pm on **Sunday, July 20.**

Evening rehearsals are from 6-8 from Monday through Thursday.

A dress rehearsal will be held from 6-7 on Friday evening, followed by the performance at 7:30.

**WHERE:** Lincoln Park  
Community United Methodist  
Church

**Why?** This new adventure replaces our annual morning Vacation Bible School because we were unable to set a date due to many snow days and the uncertainty of the ending date for schools. This program is designed to be a family activity. Don't worry if you feel uncomfortable singing or performing as we have many other ways for you to help.



## June 1- MUSIC SUNDAY

featuring the Praise Band at 9am and the Chancel Choir and soloists at 11 am with the theme *Sing God a Simple Song.*



From Beverly Perella

## Our Summer Mini-Concert Series Begins

on **Sunday, June 15**, at 10:45 and continues until September 7. If you'd like to be a sponsor for these 13 concerts, please make a contribution to the Concert Fund.

## Thank You, Choirs & Praise Band

For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings,  
For your dedication in attending rehearsals,

For inspiring us to lift our hearts,  
minds and voices in singing praises  
to our Lord,  
Choir, we thank you!

