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## Stewardship: **Cultivating Generosity**

From Pastor Dave McMillan

Generosity is a willingness to give or share unselfishly. It is also a Fruit of the Spirit: *The Spirit produces love, joy,*



*peace, patience, goodness, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22

Jesus said that we will know a tree “by its fruit.” What kind of fruit is our life bearing. Is ours a “giving tree?” Through His life, Jesus teaches and models a life of generosity. To be like Jesus, to know life in its fullness, entails nurturing a generous heart.

During August when we focus on Christian stewardship, we’ll consider how we can nurture a spirit of generosity. August 25 will be our Consecration Sunday when we ask all friends and members of our church family to make a financial pledge for the ministries our church for 2014.

## Sanctuary Adaptation to Begin

From Pastor Dave McMillan

**THANK YOU** again to everyone who participated in the capital campaign for the Sanctuary Adaptation Project. We raised over \$50,000 which will help us change our sanctuary to enhance worship experiences and provide a safer worship space. Renovation should begin sometime during July. More about this project on p. 7.



## **Come Early or Stay Late for our Summer Mini-Concerts**

From Beverly Perella

Our weekly series begins every Sunday now through the second week in September. Please join us at 10:45 am for some very special music provided by talented musicians from Lincoln Park and the Reading community.



Worship with us: 9 am - Contemporary Worship  
10 am - Fellowship  
11 am - Traditional Worship  
Noon—Fellowship

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# Come and Worship with Us

From Pastor David McMillan

During July, we'll complete our sermon series based on Brian McLaren's book *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*. In August, we'll gather to worship God and learn how we can cultivate a heart and spirit of generosity.



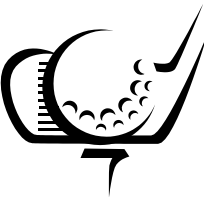
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| July 7    | <i>No Future Without Forgiveness</i>                |
|           | The Reverend Frank Sanders, Guest Pastor            |
| July 14   | <i>The Season of Spiritual Deepening: "Behold"</i>  |
| July 21   | <i>The Season of Spiritual Deepening: "Yes"</i>     |
| July 28   | <i>The Season of Spiritual Deepening: [ . . . ]</i> |
| August 4  | <i>Cultivating Generosity: Beginning with God</i>   |
| August 11 | Guest Preacher                                      |
| August 18 | <i>Cultivating Generosity: Letting Go</i>           |
| August 25 | <i>Cultivating Generosity: Reaching Out</i>         |

## Tee Up for Our Church Golf Outing July 14

From Pastor Dave McMillan

Mark this date on your calendar. On Sunday afternoon, July 14, we'll play a church scramble golf tournament at one of our local public courses, followed by a cookout and prizes.

The first group will tee off around 2 pm. Look for more information in the church bulletin or call Pastor Dave at the office to make your reservations.



## 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



August 10  
for our  
Sept-Oct issue

## Change of Address

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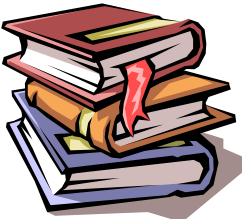
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## Book Club Meets in August

From Jane Reitz

We will not be meeting in July. Our August 26<sup>th</sup> selection will be Maeve Binchy's last novel, *A Week in Winter*. Bring along a friend or relative who enjoys reading. Phone regrets to **Marian Longenecker**, 610-775-4528.



## Baptism

**Kaitlin Rebecca Ray Chadwick**, daughter of **Jonathan Chadwick** and Kirsten Burke and granddaughter of **Becky** and **Bill Chadwick**, was baptized on June 9. May God bless Kaitlin and her family as she grows in love and grace.



"O for the sunshine and motion of waves  
in a song!" —Walt Whitman from *A Song of Joys*

## Dinner Will Wait

From Ashley Kappel, submitted by Nancy Villecco

From the 2013 Daily Guideposts, pgs. 167-8 (April 12, 2013)

*I keep my eyes always on the Lord.*

*With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*~ Psalm 16:8 (NIV)

If you've ever seen a Disney movie or known a little girl, you know that princesses are THE thing to be. Princesses talk to animals, wear shiny dresses, and spend their days singing and dancing. What more is there to life?

At theme parks, the magic comes to life when ladies appear wearing costumes, makeup, jewelry, and wigs and bend to speak to pint-sized princesses-in-the-making.

"You should've seen it," Mom said as we put our feet up for a moment before starting our dinner. She was on her way home after a visit to Disney World with a handful of lucky grandkids. "The princesses knelt down and looked each girl in the eyes and spoke with them, asking their names, complimenting their dresses, and answering all their questions. They gave their undivided attention, and the girls felt like

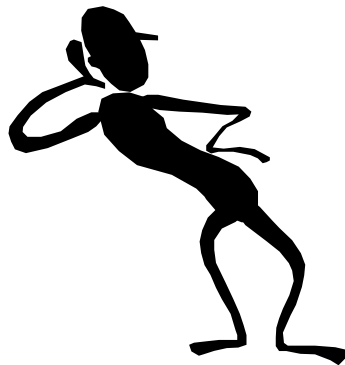
they were the only people in the world."

Mom was silent for a minute, then softly said, "I think I need to be more like the princesses."

I thought about what she said. How many times had I "uh-huhed" my way through conversations with my husband while trying to finish dinner or get the next load of laundry in? How often did I let my mind wander to my to-do list at work while catching up with my 93-year-old Grandma?

Was I in charge of my life or was I simply bowing to my constantly growing to-do list?

I can't always be like the princesses. At times, I really do need to pick up my dry cleaning and be on my way. But when I can, I stop and really listen to my husband when he gets home (Dinner will wait!), or take the call from Grandma (Where am I in a hurry to go?). And every time, I am thankful that I did.



Lord, remind me today who is important in my life and allow me to focus wholly on them, if only for a moment.

## Congratulations, Graduates

From Cheri Fallon

### Audrey Ann Blakely

graduated from Wyomissing HS and will attend the University of Pittsburgh with a major in Computer Science. The daughter of **Tom** and **Pamela Blakely**, Audrey Ann was a finalist for *Reading Eagle's Berks Best* in Computer Science and won regional and national awards for *Aspirations in Computing*. Audrey Ann is the reigning state high school AA tennis champion, and, as Wyo's #1 player, led her teams to two silver medal finishes. She was voted Berks County Tennis Player of the Year. She received a full athletic scholarship to play women's NCAA tennis in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which her Dad says, "is the best in the country."



in Mechanical Engineering.

### Amelia Deibler,

a Governor Mifflin HS grad, will attend St. Joseph's University, where she'll play field hockey. She will be studying business, with a possible major in food marketing. Amelia graduated with honors and received varsity letters in field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse. Her travel team in field hockey won a gold medal at a national field hockey tournament. She played starting goalie for the GM ice hockey team, (county champs, this year!) and Amelia was recently elected to the EPSHL All-Star Scholastic Ice Hockey team. She enjoys volunteering at Body Zone, helping young players learn to play hockey.

### Jonathan Chadwick,

son of **Becky** and **Bill Chadwick**, graduated from Wilson HS. He was a proud member of the JROTC program and the Boy Scouts of America. Jonathan achieved the rank of Life Scout in Boy Scouts and completed a major renovation project for Spring Township Athletic Association concessions stand this spring. He will be attending Reading Area Community College for two years, with the intention of transferring to a four year school to major

### Micaiah Gaylor

graduated from Wyomissing HS, where he was involved in winter and spring track. His specialty was sprints and pole vaulting. The son of **Judy** and **Rick Gaylor**, Micaiah ("named after one of the Old Testament prophets," says Judy) plans to go to Alvernia and major in Business Management. These days he's in the "business" of ice cream, working at the Friendly's in Wyomissing.

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# Thinking Out Loud

From Pastor David McMillan

## The Second Half of Life

*There is much evidence on several levels that there are at least two major tasks to human life. The first task is to build a strong 'container' or identity; the second is to find the contents that the container was meant to hold.*

- Richard Rohr

Last Saturday, I attended a surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party for a good friend. Rich and I have known each other for over 13 years. A surveyor by calling, he was dressed in his Eddy Bauer short-sleeve plaid pocket shirt with a pocket protector and surveying pen and pencil set, olive canvas shorts and brown leather belt, Red Wing working boots, and grey calf high wool socks, ... wearing a big grin.

While I was Pastor at Hibernia United Methodist Church, Rich served as President of the Trustees and, about eight years ago, became the Scout Master of Troop 114 which meets in our Old Church building. When Rich became the Scout Master, we had six or seven boys. Today, there are more than 40 boys, and Rich has aided seven or eight scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

As Rich, his father, and I stood outdoors, surrounded by four acres of woods, our conversation eventually turned to the Magicicada which were to have emerged by the billions earlier this spring. While each of us confessed to not having witnessed a single Magicicada to date, Rich recounted a story from the previous year's Boy Scout Camp, when he and some of his scouts watched as an annual cicada emerged from their cabin floor boards, climbed an exposed two by four, turned translucent, and then shed its exoskeleton emerging in all of its insect glory.

According to Wikipedia, the Magi cicada of eastern North America are said to spend up to 17 years living underground in their juvenile or larva state, where they survive by sucking sap from the roots of deciduous trees. When they are about to reach maturity, in order to overwhelm their predators and ensure their future, they emerge simultaneously by the billions. Once they have emerged from the ground and mated, they live on for only three of four weeks before their life cycle is complete,...which is not very long if you ask me.

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## From our mailbox

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, loving messages, phone calls, and gifts of food. Knowing that you were there helped me through one of my most difficult periods. I am so thankful that you are my church family.

Blessings to each of you,  
Lee Riley

♥ Thank you to all the gentlemen who gave up a Saturday to come over and work on our yard. We really appreciate the time you spent, and it all looks great!

Thanks again,  
The Shannons

♥ This is just a note to thank you, my church family, for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and flowers I received while recovering from knee surgery. These expressions of friendship meant so very much to me.

Sincerely,  
Arlene Lentz

♥ Dear Friends,

Thank you for the groceries, soup, clothes, and money donated to our ministries. We're glad for all our friends who help us feed the hungry. May God bless you for your kindness.

Ann Marie Wallace, Coordinator  
Food Ministry, New Journey UMC

## Mark Your Calendars

**JULY** 11 Worship Committee 6:30pm  
14 Golf Outing 2pm  
20 Trustees Workday 8am-Noon

**AUG** 10 *News-Line* Deadline for  
Sept-Oct Issue  
25 CONSECRATION SUNDAY  
26 Book Club 7 pm

Thursdays: Praise Band 8pm

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the cafeterias in the elementary schools. "It's a dream job for Tara," says her Mom. "She loves helping children." They have a garden there, and they grow healthy foods, involving the children in learning about healthy eating.

## Kristopher Savell,

son of **Becky** and **Bill Chadwick** graduated from Wilson HS, where he was an active member of the Wilson Theatre Company and the Wilson Media Department. Kristopher received the Theatre Award at Wilson for his work in technical theatre. He will attend Reading Area Community College for a year and then transfer to Albright College where he's already been awarded a substantial merit scholarship from the Theatre Department. Kristopher is currently undecided on his major, but is considering psychology/sociology, media, or technical theatre.

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## Michael Garraway

has earned a Secondary Education Mathematics Degree from Lock Haven University. He's been a member of the Lock Haven Cross Country and Track teams and has competed nationally in Spokane, WA, and Joplin, MO. He hopes to gain employment combining both teaching of mathematics and coaching of Cross Country. Michael is the son of James & Deborah Garraway, of Mechanicsburg, and grandson of **Jim** and **Betty Garraway**.

## Linda Lee

received a Post-Masters degree as a nurse practitioner from Millersville University. She completed a three-year program while working full-time at Orthopedic Specialists of Central PA, in Lancaster, as a clinical nurse specialist.

For the program, "I had to do 300 hours a semester in a clinical setting, so I was also working at York Hospital in the Emergency Room," says Linda. The degree appears to be well worth it, Linda admits, "it broadens my scope of practice and opens more doors for me."

## Megan Osika

graduated from Wilson HS and will attend Penn State at Main Campus. She plans to major in Psychology and Dance. "She's been dancing since she was three," says her Mom, **Karen**. She also

plays the flute, has won music scholarships from the Reading Music Foundation, and played in County, District, and Regional Band in HS. A member of the WHS Marching Band, Megan plans to try out for the Blue Band when she gets to Penn State.

How did she choose Psychology as a major? Karen says, "When people are having problems, Megan has an instinct for giving help."

## Becky Perry

recently graduated with honors from Slippery Rock University with a major in Athletic Training. She is the daughter of **Jim** and **Laura Perry**. After Becky was injured in high school, she "spent a lot of time working with the trainer," says Laura, and she became interested in athletic training as a career. Becky works with Wise Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine as an athletic trainer for Grove City HS, in the Pittsburgh area. She is also studying for her Masters in Sports Psychology at Capella University.

## Tara Phillips

received her Masters of Nutrition from Immaculata University and is a registered dietician. The daughter of **Pam Stanitis**, Tara did her undergrad at Penn State and is now working at Great Valley School District. She overlooks

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In his book *Falling Upwards: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, Franciscan Priest Richard Rohr writes of another kind of metamorphosis. He says, *there are at least two major tasks (or stages) to human life. The first task is to build a strong 'container' or identity; the second is to find the contents that the container was meant to hold.*

*In the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity – climbing, achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way."*

*The way in which we enter the second half of life is counterintuitive, writes Rohr. The way up is the way down. Or, if you prefer, the way down is the way up. The supposed achievements of the first half of life have to fall apart and show themselves to be wanting in some way, or we will not move further. Rohr's words echo Jesus' own in Luke 9:24 - to save*

*our life is to lose our life but to lose our life is save it.*

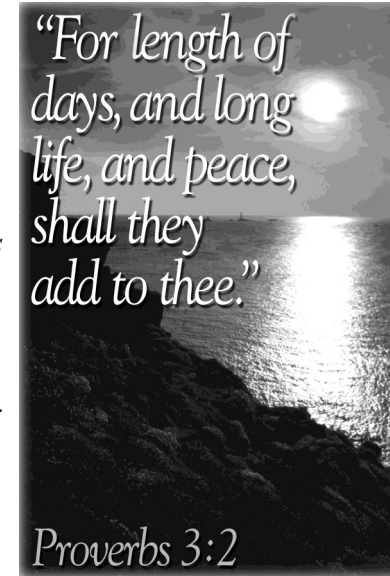
Finding *the contents that our container was meant to hold*" in the second half of life, finding our soul, can only come,

Rohr argues, through recognizing and admitting our mistakes and failures, of having gotten it wrong the first time. For with the recognition of every mistake and failure, comes the possibility of getting it right now, this time, with every death the possibility of resurrection.

Sadly, Rohr observes, we live in a *first-half of life* culture, largely concerned about surviving successfully. Like the Magi cicada,

many of us settle for living our whole lives underground in an undeveloped state settling for sucking sap. Few of us ever find the courage to emerge, shed our juvenile skin and fly, even if only for a brief time.

Driving home from Rich's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party, I began to think of my own 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday earlier in the month. Now, into what could be considered the second half of my life, God knows, I've made my mistakes and suffered my failures. Hopefully now, with much life to go, I'll have the courage not to live in the past, but by the grace of God, *to fall upward.*



## Many Hands Worked Together for Our Annual FLEA MARKET

From Pastor Dave McMillan

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this year's Annual Flea Market and Silent Auction. As the saying goes "many hands make light work." This year we raised over \$6,500 toward our annual church budget.

A special thanks to **Bev Perella** who served as our Flea Market Director and to **Bev Ruffner**, one of our many unheralded volunteers here at church, who put in many hours long after many of us had returned home.



## Youth Mission Trip to Tennessee Appreciated

From Tracy Goldsborough

Seven youth and three chaperones from our church traveled in June to Copperhill, TN, an area where many needs exist. Their trip proved worthwhile in many ways, making an impression on people there. The group built a deck, an entertainment center from scrap wood ("it was even level!") and helped with jobs at a Senior Center. Here is one of the letters received from a counselor with whom they worked.

Dear Rodney, Todd, Tracy,  
Jon, Parker, Ryan, Gabe,  
Trisha, Kellie and Clara:

I am so blessed to have been with you guys this week! You kept a positive atti-

tude even when it was raining, you are all so hard-working, loving and fun to be around. You saw a need and sought out to fit it—like the clothes line and TV stand. You should all be so proud of the work you accomplished this week! I

know I am proud to call you my group. Not only did I have a blast with you this week, but you really exemplified what a servant's heart looks like, and taught me new things every day. You are all amazing, and I will miss and be praying for every one of you!

Much love, Emily Tomich



## Renovations to Sanctuary Underway

From Jerry Manhart

The Sanctuary Adaptation Campaign was a great success. Our goal of \$48,000 was surpassed. Over 60 members have pledged donations, and 22 memorials were used to reach the goal.

The last two pews will be shortened by Dennis Feeg, and the cushions refitted by Gilbert's Furniture. By the end of July, two projectors, a screen, two speakers, four microphones, a computer, a control desk, and new wiring will be ready to use. Construction will be done by Endy Technologies.

Work is proceeding in other areas of the church also. The Deaner Construction Co. has installed a replacement-window in the attic of the Office Building and capped the frame to make it maintenance free.

Our June workday was a success. The cabinets in the Church Kitchen were

painted, new batteries were installed in the emergency exit lights, the office porch ceiling was painted, a broken windowpane was replaced at the rental home, and the flower beds were weeded.



At Pastor Dave's Parsonage, the two chimneys need new crowns, and have mortar that is falling out. T K Masonry is making these repairs.

A post holding up the roof over the rear entrance of the church has rotted and needs to be replaced.

Much has been accomplished, but more needs to be done.

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE WELCOMED!  
ON JULY 20, OUR NEXT WORKDAY.**

## 40 Children Enjoyed LP's Vacation Bible School

From Pastor Dave McMillan



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this year's **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God**. We were blessed with 40 wonderful children, from the surrounding community and beyond, who learned how to stand strong through God's love.

A special thanks to our Director, **Rebecca Chelius**, who helped organize and inspire both our volunteers and children! Please remember to keep our kids in your prayers.