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Church Picnic...Come and Get It: Food & Fun

Sunday, September 7, 11:15 am

From Pastor Dave McMillan



Our annual Church Picnic will be held out front on the church lawn on September 7, following worship at 10 am. Everyone's invited; please bring a side dish or dessert. Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and drinks are provided. Games and activities are planned for children and youth. Come and join the fun!



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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Autumn Auction Gears Up

From Beverly Perella

At 7 pm, on **Saturday, October 25**, in Memorial Hall, we'll auction off some special items and services; a Silent Auction will also take place. How can you help? Donate one-of-a kind items, offer services like yard work, painting, baby-sitting, baking, and more. If you have an item or service you'd bid on, someone else might, too!

You can also volunteer to help beforehand by asking local businesses to donate something, by being on the planning committee, or by working on the night of

the auction. An event like this needs everyone's help! I have enough gray hair; please volunteer before I come knocking at your door.



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Come and Worship with Us

From Pastor David McMillan



The first three Sundays of September, we'll look at returning to our first love: putting our hands to work in the fields of God's kingdom and being distance runners heralding the good news of God's salvation. On the last Sunday, we'll begin a new sermon series: *I Believe*. Living in an age of growing religious pluralism and secular relativism, what do we believe as Christians and why? Together, we'll explore the tenets of our faith as contained in the Apostle's Creed. Come as we worship God together in spirit in truth.

September 7	Sermon: <i>With Heart</i>	John 21:15-17
	Communion Service, One Service at 10 AM	
	CHURCH PICNIC , One Worship Service, 10 am	
September 14	Sermon: <i>With Hands</i>	Matthew 9:35-38
September 21	Sermon: <i>With Feet</i>	Isaiah 52
	COMMITMENT SUNDAY	
September 28	Sermon: <i>I Believe in God</i>	Genesis 1:1-5
October 5	Sermon: <i>I Believe in Jesus Christ</i>	Luke 1:26-38
October 12	LAITY SUNDAY	
	Preacher: Jack Villecco , Lay Leader	
October 19	Sermon: <i>I Believe in Death</i>	John 19:16-30
October 26	ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY	
	Dr. Anita Powell , District Superintendant	

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



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Change of Address

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Baptism

Nora Roslyn Zachmann, daughter of **Kim** and **Dustin**, was baptized on August 24. She was born May 14. Dustin grew up here at LP Church and has returned with his wife to his church home. May God bless Nora and her family as she grows in love and grace.

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.

Our staff-

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Births

Congratulations to **Michael and Christine (Fallon) Brown** on the birth of their son **Liam Michael**, on August 8. His proud grandparents are **Ed and Cheri Fallon**, and former member, **Tina (Brown)** and her husband, **Fred Eckart**.

Congratulations to **Kris and Krista Gilham** on the birth of their daughter, **Alex Lee**, on August 22.

Welcome to the world, precious babies!



"In adversity, we must be alert, for God will find a way, somehow, to touch us."

—Nancy Jo Sullivan

"Someone Smarter Than Me Knows Better Than Me"

From Patricia Lorenz, submitted by Nancy Villecco

From the 2013 Daily Guideposts, pgs. 186-7 (April 24, 2013)

Different trumpet blasts will be necessary to distinguish between the summons to assemble and the signal to break camp and move onward. - Numbers 10:5 (TLB)

After camping for three weeks in Alaska, my brother, sister-in-law, and I opted for a little luxury on a cruise ship for seven days. Shortly after boarding, we were required to attend a safety drill that I thought was an inconvenient waste of time.

That night after our set-sail party, luxurious dinner, and live entertainment, we weary passengers fell into bed, dreaming of exquisite scenery about to enchant us at Glacier Bay. At 4 am, we were stunned into consciousness by the loudest horn I'd ever heard. The captain shouted from the loud speaker, "Ladies and gentlemen, get dressed immediately and report to your lifeboat muster station! We fear someone has been pushed or fallen overboard, and we are required by law to retreat back to that spot."

In a daze, we pulled jeans over our pajamas, grabbed our jackets, and stumbled to our muster station where we stood outside in the freezing cold while

the crew called the names of all 2,000 passengers. Thankfully, everyone was present. False alarm. The captain told us he'd never had to summon passengers from their beds in his 23 years on the seas.

As we stood there shivering, I remembered how I'd complained in the past about having to wear a seat belt or life jacket. I'd even complained about the commandment to keep holy the Lord's day. That night I decided safety devices are gifts as amazing as having God in my life. Someone smarter than me knows better than me.

Lord, help me to be thankful, not resentful, when asked to buckle up, wear the life jacket, helmet, harness; hold on to the hand rail; or attend church services every Sunday.

Note from Nancy ~ And, thank you, Ralph Nader, for your tireless efforts in getting us all seat belts and air-bags in our vehicles!

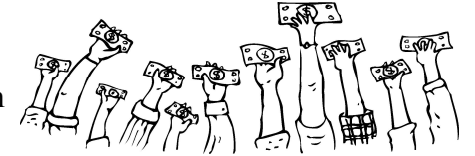


Annual Stewardship Program: *With Heart, Hands, and Feet*

From Pastor Dave McMillan

Every year at Lincoln Park Community UMC we carry out a stewardship program to help raise the funds necessary to remain in vital ministry together and beyond our church doors. This year's program is entitled: *With Heart, Hands, and Feet*.

Over three Sundays, we'll consider how faithful Stewardship begins with an affection for God and God's Creation. Out of this affection, we enter the fields of God, putting our hands to work for His kingdom, and then with our feet, like the evangel, we run to proclaim the good news of God's salvation.



This year's stewardship program will run from Sunday, September 7 – September 21. On September 21, **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**, all friends and members of our congregation will be asked to make a financial pledge toward the 2015 budget during morning worship. Please begin now to prayerfully consider the financial sacrifice you'll make for the life and ministry of our church.

JOIN US FOR ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

From Pastor Dave McMillan

On Sunday, October 26, **Dr. Anita Powell**, the Superintendent of our Central District, will be here to preach for **OUR CHURCH'S 79TH ANNIVERSARY**. Please mark this Sunday on your calendar and plan to be here to celebrate our life together!

Fall New Member Class Planned

Mondays, November 3-17

From Pastor Dave McMillan

Our Fall New Members Class will be held on three successive **Monday nights, November 3 - 17**, from 6:30-8:30 pm, at the parsonage. If you're interested in joining Lincoln Park Community UMC, please speak with Pastor Dave or call the Church Office, 610-777-1422.



Thinking Out Loud

From Pastor David McMillan

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. – Luke 12:34

Preparing for this year’s annual stewardship program, I’ve come to better understand that STEWARDSHIP — the careful management of God’s economy — ultimately “turns on affection,” in the words of farmer, novelist, and poet Wendell Berry.

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus warns the multitude against greed. He tells the parable of a rich man whose land produced a bountiful crop. With no place to store the harvest, he builds more barns to store his grain and goods, saying, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink and be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

In his Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities in 2012, Berry quoted his teacher Wallace Stegner, stating that Americans are divided into two kinds. There are Boomers and there are Stick-

ers. Boomers “pillage and run,” while Stickers “settle and love the life they have made and the place they have made it in.” While the rich man did not exactly “pillage and run” like modern corporate raiders, I think both are Boomers. Their lives revolve around themselves and what they can accumulate.

I believe the biblical testimony is clear. God calls us to be Stickers. There is a quality of life, an understanding, a knowing, that only comes to those who nurture an awareness

and affection for “the life they have made and the place they have made it in.” For me, this life and place includes the local church: those who worship, pray, and serve together. It is from this shared life and place that the stewarding of Creation itself is rightly understood. When you love someone or something more than yourself, you’re willing to make the sacrifices necessary to leave that person or community of faith better off than when you found them.

Berry is right, it does all “turn on affection.”

“It is from this shared life and place that the stewarding of Creation itself is rightly understood.”

Mark Your Calendars

- SEPT
- 2

Opportunity House Supper
- 3

Men’s Breakfast 8am
- 7

One Worship Service Only 10am
- CHURCH PICNIC 11AM
- 8

Finance 7pm
- 10

Pastoral Care Committee 12:30
- Church Musicians Pot-Luck 6:30
- 11

Worship Committee 6:30
- 13

New Classes 8:30-10:30am
- 14

Sunday School resumes
- Youth Group 4-5:30
- 19

Youth Video Game Night 7pm
- 20

New Classes 8:30-10:30am
- 21

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
- 22

Book Club 7pm
- Trustees 7pm
- 24

Men’s Breakfast 9am
- 27

New Classes 8:30-10:30am
- Youth Service Trip 2pm
- OCT
- 12

LAITY SUNDAY
- 13

Charge Conference 6:30pm,
- At Calvary Mohnton UMC
- Finance 7pm
- 19

A Long Goodbye 4-5:30pm
- 25

AUTUMN AUCTION 5pm
- 26

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
- Dr. Anita Powell, Guest Preacher
- A Long Goodbye 4-5:30pm
- Wednesdays: Bell Choir 6:30pm
- Chancel Choir 7:30
- Thursdays: Praise Band 8pm

Are You Up For Learning Something New?

From Becky Chadwick

We have just the thing for you! Join us Saturdays — September 13, 20, and 27, from 8:30 – 10:30 am.

You can choose from two classes:

INTRODUCTION TO QUILTING
Learn to quilt from Lincoln Park’s resident expert, **Susie Romig!** She’ll teach beginning quilting to anyone ages 5 - 105!

BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR
George Weikel will teach this class. Do you want to know how to check your oil? Change a tire? When to get new windshield wipers? This is the class for you! Parents and grandparents, if your teenager is learning to drive or already driving, spend the morning together and have George do the teaching for you! All ages welcome, no experience necessary! Bring a friend! Childcare will be provided for under 5’s.

Pre-registration for classes is required. Please arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 am, get some coffee, and join your class. Instruction will start promptly at 9 am and end at 10:30 am.

If you’re between 5 and 105, come — meet new people, have some fun and learn something new!

Questions? Please contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-927-2207.



Hooray for LP's Men's Bowling Team, who won \$700 last spring, which they donated to the Youth Mission Trip.

Regular team members were: **Mike Brown, Jim Eckert, Pastor Dave McMillan, Dave Miller, George Pyle, and Jack Villecco.** **Bill Chadwick, Rick Bashore, and Russ Swinehart** were substitutes.

Way to go, bowlers!

Pastoral Care Committee Meets...

September 10, 12:30 pm, at the parsonage (50 E. Court Blvd.) Please bring lunch. Regrets to **Jane Reitz**, 610-921-3303.

**Book Club,
September 22, 7 pm
Marion Longenecker's Home**



Offering Envelopes

From Marilyn Seiders

It's time to order church offering envelopes for 2015. If you don't wish to receive your envelopes (electronic payments, etc.), please call or leave a message at 610-777-1422 or drop an e-mail to me at info@lpcumc.org. Thanks!

A Big Thank You To...

From Nancy Villecco
Michelle Ringler and the **Beamesderfer** family (**Todd, Gloria and Donald**) for helping our church to have a presence at the early August *NATIONAL NIGHT OUT* event held the Lincoln Park Pool.

We had children's crafts at our table, and the event included FREE food, giveaways, prizes (and, of course, swimming) for all. It was great to be a part of our community's effort again this year. Spring Township does a great job.

Sunday School Is for All Ages

From Pastor Dave McMillan

Our Sunday School program, held between the early and late worship services (10:10-10:50 am), kicks off on **Sunday, September 14.**

- † All children ages 0 - Kindergarten are to report downstairs to the Nursery
- † children Grades 1-6 to Room 101 in the Perkin's Education Center
- † and all Youth, Grades 7-12, to the Youth Room also in the Education Center.
- † The Adult Lectionary Class continues to meet in the Church Library
- † the Women's Class in Room 103 and
- † Dr. Hope's Adult Class in Memorial Hall.

There's a class for everyone! Come and grow!



UM Men Meet for Breakfast

From Pastor Dave McMillan

On the first Wednesday of each month, the United Methodist Men meet at the Deluxe Diner on Old Lancaster Ave, Shillington, at 8 am, for a brief devotional and discussion, followed by breakfast.

On **Saturday, September 27**, at 9 am, I will also host a men's breakfast at the parsonage. I hope you'll come and enjoy a good time of Christian fellowship.



From Pastor Dave McMillan

Our Lincoln Park Youth Group is for all youth, Grades 7-12. Currently, we are meeting weekly for fun activities, Bible studies, and service. Our September calendar includes:

- the **Church Picnic on Sunday, September 7**
- **Games and Discussion on Parents Sunday, September 14**, 4-5:30 pm,
- a **Video Game Night, Friday, September 19**, 7-9 pm, and
- a **service trip to a local Retirement Home on Saturday, September 27**, leaving from the church at 2 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

Calling All Church Musicians

From Beverly Perella



What? **FALL KICK-OFF DINNER**
for all our church musicians
When? **Wednesday, September 10**
6:30 pm

Where? Memorial Hall

It's a Pot-luck Dinner and all Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Praise Band members are expected!

New members encouraged to come!

Lincoln Park Happy Wanderers Plan Trip for June 20 thru July 5, 2015

From Beverly Perella

German, Austria, Switzerland, and Hungary are the destinations. We'll meet following the late service on **Sunday, September 14**, for anyone interested in the trip. If you've dreamed of seeing the medieval castle in Heidelberg, Mad King Ludwig's magical Neuschwanstein Castle (the one Walt Disney copied), Mozart's birth place in Salzburg, Schoenbrun Palace in Vienna, Mount Pilatus (the highest mountain peak in Switzerland) near Lucerne, and the famous cities of Munich and Budapest, this is the trip for you! Registration is being accepted now. Any questions, please call **Bev Perella**, 610-603-0150.

Summer Mini-Concert Series

From Beverly Perella

A sincere thank you to all who participated, all who sponsored the concerts, and all who attended!

Music Camp

From Beverly Perella

Many, many thanks to the 53 of you made our musical *LIVIN' INSIDE OUT IN AN UPSIDE DOWN WORLD* a smashing success! It was an

exhausting, but most-rewarding, week. And the outcome was simply spectacular. Still hummin' the melodies? I am. Even the two-year-old actors are still practicing the motions. From the grandparents to the toddlers, what an amazing group!

Donations to City School Begin a LP Ministry

From Pastor Dave McMillan



Thank you to everyone who contributed back-to-school items for the children attending 10th and Green Elementary School in Reading.

Our hope as a congregation is to establish an ongoing relationship and ministry with this inner city school as we share Christ through acts of kindness and service.

Presenting A Long Goodbye

From Pastor Dave McMillan

In the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, the "preacher" proclaims that there is "a time or season for every matter under heaven," including "a time to be born and a time to die." The last years or months of life can be a trying time for all.

This fall the Nurture Committee will offer a program called *A Long Goodbye*, designed to help us navigate the season of mourning and death. Presentation and discussion topics will include:

- the meaning of life and death,
- quality of life and end of life choices,
- care giving,
- hospice and palliative care,
- writing a will,
- choosing an executor & power of attorney,
- making pre-funeral arrangements, and
- coping with death as a family.



This program will take place on Sunday afternoons, 3-4:30 pm, at the church, from **October 12-November 2**. If you'd like more information, please contact Pastor Dave.