



# News-Line

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

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*March, April 2017*

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From Pastor David McMillan

During the week of June 4-10, volunteers from Lincoln Park UMC will travel to Tarboro, North Carolina, to help families still recovering from the hurricanes and flooding of the past several years. Chances are we'll help to demolish and/or restore homes. Tasks could include: demolition, cleaning, laying tile and other flooring, studding walls, installing insulation, dry walling, spackling, and painting.

Brian Hibshman, a member of Mohnton UMC, general contractor, and veteran of numerous work trips, has graciously agreed to lead our expedition. I can personally attest to the blessing which comes through these kinds of mission trips to help others. While brief and sometimes challenging, they can be life-transforming. The cost of this one-week trip will be between \$250 - \$350. I'll know better in a few weeks. This includes everything: travel, lodging, food, and supplies for our project. Look for more information soon. I hope to have around 12 volunteers. If you're interested, please contact me.

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## **Buy a Chicken Dinner March 31**

### **Support Youth Mission Trip to the Philadelphia Project**

From Kyle Robbins

Dinners will include: half a chicken, two baked potatoes, two rolls (and possibly another side). If parents or church members would like to donate sides for the dinners, that would be greatly appreciated. Students will be selling the dinners in advance to church members, family, and friends. Come and get it!!



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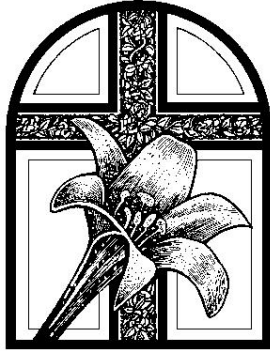
In March and April, we'll continue to follow the Revised Common Lectionary, witnessing the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Come and worship. Allow the Holy Spirit to move in your heart as together we are transformed more and more into the image of Christ and find rest, joy, and peace amidst the challenges and storms of life.

March 1	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY, 7 pm:</b> <i>A New Heart</i> - Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
March 5	<i>A Necessary Testing</i> - Matthew 4:1-11
March 12	<i>For God So Loved</i> - John 3:1-17
March 19	<i>The Samaritan Woman</i> - John 4:5-42
March 26	<i>Seeing Who He Is and Who We Are</i> - John 9:1-41
April 2	<i>Winding Sheets</i> - John 11:1-45
April 9	<b>PASSION SUNDAY:</b> <i>The Cross</i> - Matthew 27:11-54
April 13	<b>HOLY THURSDAY, 7 pm:</b> <i>My Hands and My Head as Well</i> John 13:1-17,31b-35
April 16	<b>EASTER:</b> Matthew 28:1-10

## 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!





## HOLY WEEK

From Beverly Perella

**PALM SUNDAY:** 11 am service with the Bell, Chancel, and Cherub Choirs

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Dinner with family and friends, 5:45, in Memorial Hall, followed by Holy Communion, 7 pm

**EASTER DAY:** Berkshire Brass Easter music begins 10:40  
Service at 11 am, with the Berkshire Brass and Chancel Choir

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### **Monday Morning Bible Study...**

gathers in the Church Library in the Perkins Education Building. We are currently reading and discussing the gospel of Luke. Everyone's invited to a lively time of reflection, questions, and discussion.



From Pastor David McMillan

### **Covenant Bible Study...**

meets Thursday nights, 6:30-8 pm, in the Church Library. For eight weeks, we'll be reading the scriptures and discussing how to live out our covenant relationship with God. If you're interested in attending, please let me know so I can provide materials.

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

We have three Adult Classes, held between the early and late worship services (10-11 am) every Sunday. In the Church Library, we're studying books of the Bible. In Room # 103, women are using *Upper Room* readings as a jump off for discussion. And, in the Memorial Hall we're gathering for a Lenten Study. All are invited and welcome!

# Thinking Out Loud

From Pastor David McMillan

*Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were once foreigners in Egypt.*  
- Exodus:22:21

I've recently returned from a Winter Pastors' School on the campus of Stetson University in Deland, Florida. One of our three speakers was

Dr. Carol Newsom, Professor of Old Testament in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Her three-day lecture was entitled *We*

*are the Refugees: Our Biblical Ancestors as Displaced Persons, Refugees, and Economic Migrants.*

Over three days, **she reminded us of our biblical heritage** as a people who have often lived as "strangers in a foreign land."

- **IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS**, God calls Abram to leave his country and father's house to go to a land that God will show him. That land, of course, was Canaan, a land already long inhabited by other peoples.
- **IN THE BOOK OF EXODUS**, due to a famine in the land, Jacob and his family migrate to Egypt where there is work and food enough to eat.
- **IN THE BOOK OF RUTH**, due to famine again, Elimelech, with his

wife Naomi and sons, "live for a while in the country of Moab" in hopes of finding work and food.

- **IN THE BOOK OF II KINGS**, King Nebuchadnezzar tears down the walls of Jerusalem, sending many inhabitants of Judah into exile in Babylon where some Jewish communities

survive there for centuries, in what is today modern day Iraq.

- **IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL**, Joseph is warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and flee as refugees into Egypt after King Herod's decree for all male children under the age of two, living in Bethlehem, to be put to death. The Holy Family remained there until they received word that Herod had died.

**Dr. Newsom then reminded us of our own personal stories of displacement.** My story is part of the great Irish migration to the new world which lasted for close to a century, from 1830 to 1920. In the early 1820's, lacking work at home, many Irish immigrated to the states to help build the Erie Canal and later the railroad going west. The largest

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wave of Irish immigrants came over during the Great Irish Potato Famine in 1845-1849. Many of these immigrants settled in New York City and would come to comprise a large percentage of New York's northern regiments during the Civil War. There was another wave of Irish immigrants seeking employment opportunities and a better life for their families during the early part of the Industrial Revolution, 1880-1900. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Irish immigrants in large numbers continued to come to the new world for economic reasons and, for in some cases, to find a husband. Since many men in Ireland had been immigrating to America for close to a century, available men at home were apparently hard to find!

My grandmother, Mary Inkster of Donegal, County Donegal, and grandfather, David McMillan of Ballymoney, County Antrim, arrived and settled separately in Philadelphia in search of work and a more hopeful future in 1916. My grandmother worked as a bank teller and grandfather in a grocery store. They met and married in Philadelphia in their late 20's and went on to have six children, including their only son, my father, David Junior.



The descendants of most of us gathered there had immigrated from Western Europe, seeking economic opportunities. However, some traced their ancestors' passage to the new world through slave ships from the Ivory Coast during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. One pastor, a Jewish convert to Christianity, had grandparents who emigrated during the Civil War in Russia in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, to escape religious persecution. Not all of us could attest to the whereabouts of the legal documentation or the process of immigration that our forebears had followed. A few could trace their lineage through Ellis Island, while others were certain, their descendants had evaded immigration officials altogether.

Dr. Newsom's stated purpose for her lecture was that of empathy. For various reasons there have been and always will be displaced persons, economic migrants, and refugees. All our families, at one time, have been one! Concerning the treatment of refugees and economic migrants, God, through the prophets, often called Israel to remember that they, too, were once immigrants and refugees in a strange land. Empathy for others, especially the displaced, begins with remembering our own biblical heritage and story.



### *Do You Have a Graduate in Your Family?*

Please let us know by putting a note in my church mailbox or preferably an email ([cherfallon@comcast.net](mailto:cherfallon@comcast.net)) about his/her school and future plans, includ-

## Special Concerts to be Offered at Lincoln Park in March

From Beverly Perella

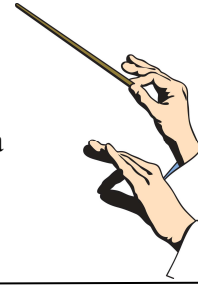
### Friday, March 10, at 7:30 pm

Albright College's outstanding choral groups, *The Mane Men* and *Albright Angels*, under the direction of Adlai Binger, will present a spring concert in our sanctuary. A social hour will follow in the Wagner Room. A free will offering will be received to support the choruses and our Music Fund.

### Sunday, March 19, at 3 pm

#### The Reading Philharmonic Orchestra

The theme for this year's concert is *Women about Town with Music in Their Souls*. The featured women are attorney Laura Cooper, Cathy Stephen, Director of the Miller Center for the Performing Arts, and Heather Adams, BCTV Director. An offering will be taken.



### Everybody's Birthday Party

Sunday, March 26, at 4 pm

From Beverly Perella



We're inviting our toddlers, elementary age kids, youth, and

all the parents to a Birthday Party. We'll have games and food, of course, but the emphasis will be on helping needy children. Each family is asked to bring toys to be donated to one of our local agencies.

### Women of the Church

#### Are Invited

From Michelle Bausher,  
Discipleship Coordinator

We're looking for women who like to eat! I want to get a Ladies' Lunch Bunch together monthly. It would be fun to socialize while enjoying lunch together. If you're interested, call me, 610-587-0327.





## A LITTLE DITTY ABOUT FLEAS AND A MARKET

From Beverly Perella

Fleas go marching, one by one, hurrah, hurrah,  
Inviting you and everyone, hurrah, hurrah,  
Fleas go marching one by one and never stop till all is done,  
And they all go down, down, down to the hall (Memorial)  
To make a mall.

Fleas go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah  
Lots and lots of helpers, too, hurrah, hurrah,  
They beg for **clothes** and **jewelry**, too,  
and even pretty **shoes** for you,  
And they all go down, down, down to the hall to make a mall.

Fleas go marching three by three, hurrah, hurrah,  
Bringing **pies** and **plants** and **trees**, hurrah, hurrah,  
**Volunteers** are needed, please  
Don't make us beg upon our knees,  
And we all go down, down, down to the hall, to make a mall.

Fleas go marching four by four, hurrah, hurrah,  
Carl is cleaning up the floor, hurrah, hurrah,  
For early birds are at our door  
To buy **furniture** you've had in store.  
And we all go down, down, down, to the hall, to our mall.

SO- join us for the exciting adventures of all our fleas,  
As you come to our Flea Market, please,  
On the **20<sup>th</sup> of May**, beginning early in the day (**7 am**)  
And lasting until we fade away! (**3 pm**)  
So from the **middle of March** to the **16<sup>th</sup> of May**,  
Down in the breezeway your fleas you will lay.  
If helping us **price** sounds like fun,  
Then join us **Mondays and Wednesdays from 11-1**.  
We need your **food, baked goods, and candy**, too.  
**Barbeque, rolls, hot dogs, and Mountain Dew.**  
But most especially **WE NEED YOU!**

Plan  
ahead for  
our  
annual  
Flea  
Market  
Fundraiser

Saturday,  
May 20,  
7am-3pm

Fleas,  
furniture,  
women's  
clothing,  
books,  
baked  
goods,  
plants,  
and  
HELPERS  
needed.

## GROWING OLD

From Richard Larsen

At twenty-three I took a wife and we left home to build a life  
Flying airplanes was my dream so I joined the Air Force team  
Thirty years and I retired and thirty more have since transpired  
Aging's had its way with us and I'm no longer the man I was

Hands I used to fly a plane or perform legerdemain  
Will not perform that way again. They're riddled with arthritic pain  
Feet that moved me willingly are swollen by neuropathy  
My eyes are dim, my ears can't hear and my ambition's disappeared  
I've flown without sleep for many an hour, now I nap after my shower  
Problems I once took in stride, now leave me feeling mystified  
Days once filled with hugs and kisses, now are filled with reminisces  
People we knew and places we've been, enjoying life with family and friend

At 28 as a First Lieutenant, I commanded a nuclear plant  
Now my duties are complete, when I give the cat her morning treat  
At their request I shared my knowledge with classes at the Air War College  
But now my voice is very weak and no-one hears me when I speak

My mind which once stored information, to resolve each situation  
Now holds just a memory, of the man I used to be  
There's no room for brilliant thought or learning special skills  
I remember life from years ago, but forget to take my pills

Growing old is not much fun, but of the choices, it's the one  
And so I think I'll hang around, a few more years above the ground  
And pray the Lord will find a way, to use me in his plan someday  
My only wish is once again, that I could be a useful man.

**FROM THE EDITOR:** Richard Larsen celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday (February 29) this past week. After 17 years as an Air Force Pilot (he “enjoyed every minute”) he moved on reluctantly to the “real work” of aircraft maintenance and logistics. Richard and his wife **Betty** have four children (including **Linda Hope**) eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Poetry is one of Richard's hobbies. “I have a book-full,” he says. He played a lot of golf after he retired, “sometimes 50 holes a day.” He's been doing magic (legerdemain) since he was 12 years old, entertaining groups in the Air Force and more. Richard also does Children's Sermons in worship, using poetry and magic.



From Kyle Robbins,  
Youth Pastor

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:10-10:50 am, Youth Room

We'll look at the book of Romans, learning what the phrase, *The Romans' Road*, means and how it applies to our spiritual lives and sharing our faith.

### **UM YOUTH GROUP**

for Grades 6-12.

Now that our room is nearly complete, we'll meet as usual on Sundays, 6-8 pm, for a series of talks about the questions: *What do we want to be known for?* and, *What is our identity?*

**Please join us! Bring friends!**

In February Youth Group activities included a trip to the movies and a Family Night dinner with our parents.

### **Here are some upcoming events:**

**March 12:** No meeting

**March 31,** 3:30-8 pm:

### **CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER**

to offset the cost of our summer missions trip. The youth will sell the dinners in advance to family and friends, who will pick up their dinners at church. Dinners will include: half a chicken, two baked potatoes, two rolls (and possibly another side). Students will help prepare and package the meals for pick-up.

### **April 16, EASTER SUNDAY:**

**NO Youth Group**

### **April 22 : SERVICE PROJECT**

### **April 30, 5-7 pm: Youth Group**

#### ***Gnome-napping***

The kids will be given an address and told to "kidnap" a lawn gnome from the lawn at the address. Sound crazy? That's only the beginning. Let's just say it involves a series of tasks the youth must do including photographs and getting youth and adults from Lincoln Park together. And that's a positive thought.

### **May 20: CAR WASH**

**AT THE FLEA MARKET**

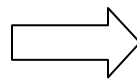
### **JUNE 9: School Year-End Party, 4-**

**6:30 pm,** games and snacks. Bring your friends!

### **JULY: (TENTATIVELY 9-14) YOUTH**

**MISSIONS TRIP** at the Philadelphia Project. Cost: \$299

FYI:



The **Philadelphia Project** aims to "involve youth in meeting people's physical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs. The ministry exists to meet the needs of our community (Through free home repair, preschool, and after-school childcare)."

# Who Is the Original Recycler?

From Roberta Messner, submitted by **Nancy Villecco**

*Consider the lilies, how they grow: They neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

As I was exiting the elevator at the hospital where I work, a co-worker entered. "Love your outfit, Roberta," she said. "Must be nice to have a fancy wardrobe like that."

I smiled. "GW again." GW is short for Goodwill, known as the original recycler. I was wearing a linen foil-embroidered jacket I'd found there for \$1.50, a glitzy white tank top with gold beads I'd discovered for \$1.38, and a pair of ankle pants I'd snagged for \$1.25.

Goodwill was founded in 1902 by a Methodist minister who collected used household goods and clothing in the wealthier areas of Boston, then trained

and hired the poor to repair and sell them. His vision has now expanded into a four-billion-dollar nonprofit organization that sells gently used goods and hires people of limited employability. "A hand up, not a hand out" is Goodwill's philosophy.

This pioneering recycler is great for the environment and terrific on my pocketbook. It's one of the Lord's wonderful provisions.

Thank you, Lord, for teaching me the pleasures of recycling.



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We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of **Carryl Whipple**, 89, who passed away on February 7. "Whip," as he was called, graduated with honors from the US Naval Academy and was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam conflict.



Married for 63 years, he and his wife, **Jean**, had seven children, 17 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held at Lincoln Park Church on February 18.



## Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*April 15  
for our  
May-June  
Issue*

### **A Big Thank You from a Grateful Short Person**

One of the most-asked questions from LP visitors is *Where is the organ?*" I explain that it's located in a pit behind the altar. The concept of a hidden organ is wonderful, as the front of our sanctuary is stunning in its beauty and simplicity. No big organ obstructs the view. However, I'm not a tall person, and the triangular step leading into the pit was difficult for me to maneuver because I needed to put two feet on the small triangle before I could step onto the floor.

That was the problem, and now after 12 years of difficulty, we found a simple solution thanks to the creativity of **Todd Beamesderfer, Bill Lape**, and master woodworker **Jim Gehman**. That step is now a rectangle, and I can place both my feet comfortably on it and slide directly onto the organ bench! Hallelujah! Thanks, friends, for a perfect solution!

*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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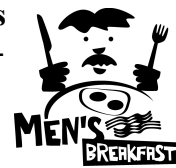
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From Pastor Dave McMillan

Please remember our **Men's Breakfast** the first Wednesday morning (8 am) every month at the Deluxe Diner on Old Lancaster Avenue.

Join us for a brief devotion, food, and fellowship.



**Caitlin Christopher**, daughter of **Dan and Debbie**, is headed to State Championships with the Wilson High School Diving Team.



**LP Serves Dinner  
at Opportunity  
House**

**Tuesday, May 2  
Can You Help?**

**Sign-up sheets are in  
the Wagner Room.**

**"No man can pray for another man  
and still hate him."**

—William Barclay

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