

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *Summer 2017*



From
Dan
Christopher,
Staff-Parish
Relations
Chair

On Sunday,
July 2, we
welcome
the Rev.

Dr. KyungMo Koo and his wife, **the Rev. Dr SunAe Lee-Koo**, to Lincoln Park Church.

KyungMo will serve as full-time pastor, and SunAe has a 1/4 time appointment here, funded by the Eastern PA Conference.

The son of a Methodist minister in South Korea, Kyung met SunAe at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea. After they moved to the US, Kyung received his Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological

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A Mid-Summer Night's Dream? **Vacation Bible School** **for Ages 2-6** **July 25, 26, 27, from 6-7:15 pm**

From Beverly Perella,
Coordinator of Children's Ministries

Stories, games, projects, songs and *something special* are in store for your little ones on three evenings in July. Bring your own children, and please invite relatives and neighbors! If you want to stay with another child who is not yet two, we'd be most happy.

Members of our youth group, Summit, will be assisting us each evening.

Please let me know if your children will be there, but walk-ins are welcome, too!

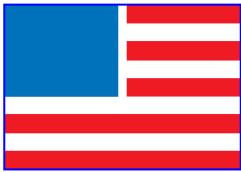
**BIBLE
HEROES**
**THE
AMAZING
STORIES
OF
DAVID,
JONAH,
AND
NOAH**

Join us at Worship this Summer

Sundays at 9 (Contemporary) and 11 am (Traditional)
Summer Mini-Concerts at 10:45 am



July 9: **PATRIOTIC MUSIC SALUTE**
From Beverly Perella



With our new pastors, we'll welcome **Debbie Pyle** (Music Director and Organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Womelsdorf) and her students at the 11am service. They'll present a program of patriotic music including the exciting eight-hands arrangement of *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. Their mini-concert begins at 10:45. Debbie is taking one of her vacation Sundays to return to us. And, of course, Debbie and George will supply the snacks that day. Just an aside- Perhaps I should have said "NO" when Debbie asked to take organ lessons. Then we could have this wonderful couple with us every Sunday! Just kidding. Debbie is doing a superb job at Zion and the congregation loves her, just as we do!

BREAKFAST ANYONE?

From Becky Chadwick, Worship Leader

Join us every 4th Sunday of the month, at 8:45 am, for breakfast and worship! The food is excellent and conversations are great! You can make new friends and maintain old relationships. The worship is unconventional; however, you'll feel the Spirit of God moving as you praise Him with others. There's no charge for breakfast, but a donation it is always appreciated. Come next 4th Sunday and see what a great experience it is for young and old alike! Questions? Contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-413-0160, or bbchadwick@msn.com.

Every Third Thursday Join Us for Worship at 8 pm

IT'S THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE! Please come for a special monthly worship service in our Wagner Room the third Thursday of every month. During this casual worship time, we'll sing, pray, hear devotions, and join in fellowship with one another. This is a great opportunity for anyone who cannot attend worship on Sunday mornings, or for anyone who'd like to supplement weekly worship with a new experience in a different setting.

About Our Potter's Wheel Class, Grades 1-6

From Beverly Perella, Coordinator of Children's Ministries

To be honest, most kids who attended class this past year were older than Grade 6, and we really don't have many children in these grades, but I think we can do better. I want to reach more kids, even those who do not yet attend regularly. We offer this class at 9:10 and would gladly offer it again at the regular Sunday School time of 10:10 if we have kids, but I don't foresee that we will offer a third hour during the late service. It just isn't practical. **Barb Leas** and I will continue to teach during the Contemporary Service, and I do have some volunteers to help at 10:10.

Here's how you can help. Let me know if you have children who will be coming to class this year. Do you have grandchildren or neighborhood kids who might want to come? I plan to visit families this summer and encourage them to be part of our Potter's Wheel program. Can you volunteer to teach even just one Sunday a month? Can you give me the names of families I should visit? Let's work together to grow our children's ministry. God expects us to help!

4th Sunday Breakfast Crew Needs YOU!

Would you like to join a fun fellowship group that takes a minimal time commitment? The 4th Sunday Breakfast Crew needs help in the kitchen before and after breakfast. We start between 7 and 7:30 am on the 4th Sunday every month to prepare breakfast and set up. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! We have middle and high school students and young and older adults helping. We especially love having younger (10 and under) kids join us with their parents. It's a way to pass on the great tradition of "the Church Kitchen" and to serve the church community. Can't get up that early on a Sunday morning? That's ok! We need help with clean up! Come for breakfast and service and then spend an hour afterwards helping with dishes and food clean up. Questions? Contact **Becky Chadwick**, 610-413-0160, or bbchadwick@msn.com.

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!



Hello, Lincoln Park!

I greet the Lincoln Park family in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I thank God for giving SunAe and me the opportunity to serve God with Lincoln Park. First of all, I want to express my gratitude to some of you whom I met during the transition period. I thank the SPRC members for their warm welcome. You opened your hearts and embraced SunAe and me at our first interview. It was a heart-warming and encouraging meeting.

Dan Christopher, the Chair, kindly guided us in our first steps through a series of conversations, emails, and phone calls. Meeting **Beverly Perella**, the Music Director, was another inspirational experience. She explained in detail the Worship and Music Ministry, followed by a touching piece on the organ. It was a refreshing and rejuvenating moment for my soul. Under the leadership of the Trustee's Chair, **Todd Beamesderfer**, more than 20 volunteers came to the parsonage and did an *Extreme Home Makeover*. SunAe and I were so surprised by the hard work and

dedication that the congregation was willing to invest for new pastors that many of them had yet to meet.

We truly felt loved by Lincoln Park.

Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality. I already feel at home with old friends.

Lincoln Park has many strengths for mission and ministry. Now we are adding one more characteristic: we have become a cross-cultural/racial congregation. Not only do we have some congregants from different cultures, but we now have a

Korean pastor! This is a new experience for Lincoln Park, and there will certainly be some concerns and challenges along the way, but I believe it will be a unique and blessed journey of faith for us all.

I want to share what cross-cultural/racial ministry means and also tell you more about my cultural and religious background.

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Ever since the Korean Methodist Church came into being (as a direct result of The United Methodist mission work 132 years ago) it has become the fastest growing Christian country in the world. According to the 2005 South Korean Census, Christians accounted for 25% of the population. Now, Korea has become the second largest Methodist community in the world. According to *Christianity Today* (March 2006), South Korean Churches have sent almost 13,000 long-term missionaries all over the world, which means that they are ranked second after the US.

After the U.S. immigration policy change in 1965, which was favorable to immigration from Asian countries, a steady flow of Korean immigrants began to arrive in America every year. This brought about phenomenal growth and development of Korean ethnic churches in the U.S. There is a Korean joke, "When the Chinese immigrate to a country, they open a restaurant; when the Japanese immigrate to a country, they establish a company; when Koreans immigrate to a country, they build a church." Currently, there are about 600 Korean UMCs in U.S. and about 150 Korean pastors, like me, who

serve in cross-cultural/racial ministry in The United Methodist Church. As a result, in The United Methodist Church, Koreans are the second largest ethnic minority group, right after the African-American church.

The Church's affirmation of diversity is grounded in the biblical witness; that God uses people to witness across racial, national, and cultural boundaries.

The experience of cross-cultural/racial ministry testifies to the Gospel and God's mission, which are not locked within any one culture or nation.

I come from a different culture, and have various, unique experiences to share with and witness to you. The presence of a Ko-

rean pastor can be viewed as both a destabilizing force and a source of creativity. However, I strongly believe that our cultural and racial differences will enrich our understanding of the Bible and expand our perspectives of the global nature of Good News of the Gospel.

Under the context of our cross-cultural/racial ministry in Lincoln Park, we will learn, be challenged, develop, and help each other mature through a unique fellowship and spirituality in Christ.



Farewell to Pastor Dave

From Cheri Fallon

The pews in our sanctuary were filled with well-wishers for Pastor Dave McMillan on June 18. It was his last Sunday at Lincoln Park before moving on to his appointment at St Paul's UMC, North Wilmington DE, where he'll live and marry his fiancée, Kim Walker, in the next year.

It was a bittersweet, combined service and farewell reception for a beloved Pastor, who has served at LP twice — as Senior Pastor in the last six years, and as Assistant Pastor in the early 90's.

"It's been all about the relationships," says Pastor Dave, of his years at Lincoln Park. "I hope we've been able to provide pastoral care and a meaningful worship experience, reminding us of something larger — God's grace over everything."

The farewell worship included music from both the Praise Band and **Beverly Perella's** Chancel Choir, a tribute from Worship Leader **Becky Chadwick**, and a presentation by Lay Leader **Linda Lee** and Staff-Parish Chair **Dan Christopher** of a pottery plate, commemorating Dave's service here, and a scrapbook of pictures, messages, and memories.

Becky, in her heartfelt tribute, noted qualities that most of us know to be true about Pastor Dave: his "compassion, understanding, his commitment to his flock, his willingness to be open about who he is, his spiritual guidance." Dave has, she says, "the ability to touch on what is

wrong and help, lending a hand wherever it's needed. And, with his sense of humor and strength of character, "He showed us how to try to be Jesus on this earth," says Becky.

The messages in the scrapbook are telling of the fine relationships and meaningful connections Pastor Dave made with his flock:

You have been a friend to all.

— **Nancy Villecco**

Dave always remembered my Mom when she visited.

—Anonymous

Thank you for your empathy and your enjoyable, insightful leadership of our faith congregation.

—**Tom Blakely**

I love how you put a joke in every now and then when you spoke.

—Anonymous Youth

I've thoroughly enjoyed your ministry and never had the desire to "sleep-in."

—**Beverly Ruffner**

Pastor Dave gives a fresh perspective to well-known Bible stories.

—Anonymous

No one should be able to hit a golf ball that far. —**Dave Miller**

With tears in our eyes and sweet wishes for Dave and Kim in our hearts, we say farewell to our Pastor. "How blessed our congregation is," says **Nancy Dettra**, "to have had you as our pastor twice!"

Volunteers from Lincoln Park Join Others on Mission Trip to North Carolina

From Former Pastor Dave McMillan



During the week of June 4-10, seven volunteers, including four from Lincoln Park, traveled to the United Methodist Disaster Response Center in Tarboro, North Carolina. **Pastor Dave, Todd Beamesderfer, Dave Gehr, and Sue Race** joined others there, working on 800 homes badly damaged by hurricanes of the past two years.

The United Methodist Church has committed two years to disaster relief in the Tarboro area. It also hopes to raise \$15,000 for this cause, to match funds appropriated there by FEMA.

The “modest” homes there have been raised off the ground now, about three feet, but they have no walls or flooring, says Pastor Dave. “Our work — in the town of Princeville — included laying subflooring, dry walling, and putting in a kitchen. We got a lot done in a week. We met the families whose homes we worked on; it was meaningful.” Homeowners had little warning before evacuating for Hurricane Matthew, so they took little with them, and three weeks went by before they were allowed back into their homes.

The “quaint” town of Princeville was founded in 1865, the first town in America founded by freed slaves. “There’s a lot of Civil War history there,” says Dave.

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Seminary in 1999 and his Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2007. He has been in ministry for 22 years.

SunAe has her Masters in Divinity from Wesley and received her Doctor of Philosophy in Spirituality from Catholic University in 2012. She transitioned from Pastor’s wife to Pastor, with her own charge in the Delaware Conference.

SunAe and KyungMo have wanted to serve one congregation together as a couple. SunAe especially enjoys Bible study and small groups.

Our new pastors have two children. Their daughter GaHye is a financial consultant in New York. Their son Justin begins an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point this month.

Sunday, July 2, we’ll welcome this couple to Lincoln Park at a 10 am combined worship service, with a reception to follow. Please join us!

From the Editor

From Cheri Fallon

Pastor Dave has fostered a lot of caring and sharing here at LP. He says that our members are “a caring group of people who were able to do some good for one another and serve outside the church as well.”

I’m also thinking of Pastor Dave’s success at revitalizing Lincoln Park Church. Dave says that when he began here six years ago, he felt some anxiety among leaders and members about the church declining, as is the case with many churches these days.

Under his leadership, several congregational meetings were held and a committee formed to review and act on ideas (that came out of our meetings) for growing and revitalizing our church. The results of these efforts are quietly ongoing. (Evidence the recent availability of LP bumper stickers, for one.) “I like to think we stayed the tide,” says Dave.

What I see here is a little “buzz” going on at LP — members giving a little bit more in every way, willingly....a greater interest in one another, and an increased tendency to say “yes” to whatever we are asked.

More long-reaching is the presence in our midst of an active Youth Group, under the direction of **Kyle Robbins**. Many of the youth were members of last year’s Confirmation Class. These days they’ve become active participants in worship, as lectors, acolytes, ushers, and assistants with Bible School and the like.

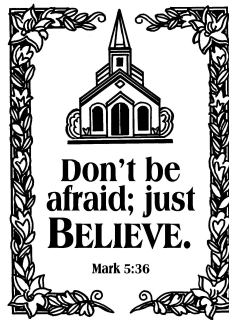
They are a lively youth group, called *Summit*, who enjoy their camaraderie and service!

And, (ok, I’m a proud grandmother) but, how about that Cherub Choir!! Dave said they gave him *hope*. Me, too, and I get a lot of hope whenever I ask my 2-year-old grandson, **Liam**

Brown, to, *please*, sing me a little of *Peace Like a River*...and his hands go over his heart, voice deepening, “In my soul!”

We have an exciting adventure ahead with the guidance of our new husband-and-wife team of pastors and all they both have to offer us in the way of knowledge, experience, example, and cross-cultural ministry.

Here’s to vitality and growth at Lincoln Park United Methodist Church!!



**Our Annual Flea Market raised \$4,800 for Lincoln Park Church!
Thanks for all who so generously gave of their time and their fleas!**

Our Youth Group Goes Camping

From Cheri Fallon



Our Youth Group went camping in June at Camp Ichthus in Palmerton, PA. They stayed in cabins, went horseback riding and rock-climbing. They played games; they worshiped. **Daniel Antunes** says, “ I had the best time! Kyle is very good at speaking! I loved the staff and the food was really good. There was a farm near the camp where we went horseback riding. There were small groups, too. It was a really good experience.”

Philip Antunes enjoyed the rock-climbing and the “King Swing,” which is a contraption between “two giant trees” including ropes, harness, and a pulley that the group pulls. “Think of it as a really big swing,” he says. Philip was surprised by how fast the weather could change there. It was very hilly. “You saw it sprinkling, then pouring, and the sun was out.”



Congratulations, Audrey Ann Blakely!

From Cheri Fallon

Audrey Ann Blakely, the daughter of **Tom** and **Pamela**, graduated on April 30 from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Computer Science and a BA in Anthropology. She has competed on the Varsity Tennis team all four years at the #1 and #2 positions in both singles and doubles in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Audrey Ann will continue her tennis career on the Pro Tour, while working in Pittsburgh as a part-time Application Developer for the National Cyber Forensics and Training Alliance. “She is testing the waters” (of professional tennis), says her Mom, Pamela. “It’s a chance for her to try out going pro.”

SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



On Going Forward

In a million steps, Kurt Koontz describes his month-long pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago ("Way of St. James"), a 490-mile route from southern France through northern Spain. Since the ninth century, millions have undertaken this challenging trek.

As Koontz hiked downhill one morning he was awed by a gorgeous sunrise. "The path was so steep," he writes, "that I could descend a bit and relive the sunrise over and over. I took a gazillion photos and must have looked back at least 40 times." Yet the experience made Koontz realize that "going forward is difficult when you are always looking backward." We can't dwell on the past so completely that our progress and growth are impeded.

Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62 NRSV). As we walk the path of faith, may we give thanks for God's past gifts while focusing on Jesus, who leads us ever forward.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*August 15
for our
Sept– Oct
Issue*

From our mailbox...



♥ Thank you so much for serving in our Soup Kitchen. What a great group you have! I hope you enjoyed your time spent here.

Warmest,
Denise, New Journey
Community Outreach

♥ With each season there are reasons to be thankful for having a loving church family: a visit from **Bev Perella** with little ones, a Valentine in February, an Easter greeting from the Cherub Choir. In addition, flowers were delivered and friends made nice visits to us. We'll miss our visits from Pastor Dave. We love him.

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**LP Serves Dinner at
Opportunity House
Tuesday, Sept 5
Can You Help?**



Baptism

Griffin John Zachman, son of **Dustin** and **Kim**, was baptized on June 18. May God bless Griffin and his family as he grows in love and grace.



Birth

Congratulations to **Grant** and **Nicole Garrity** on the birth of their son, **Rory Eoin**, on June 26. She weighed 8lbs2oz. **Harry** and **Gretchen Garrity** are his proud grandparents!

**“A newborn babe brings
light to the cottage, warmth
to the hearth, and joy to the
soul, for wealth is family—
family is wealth.”**

—Irish Proverb

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