

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

September-October 2017

Coming this Fall: Concerts in the Park **(Lincoln Park Church, of Course)**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 3 PM: *My Father's Voice*

This Concert of Healing and Reconciliation is presented by Milo Morris and draws from numerous genres, including African folk songs, gospel, and jazz. It is the music of the black man's journey from Africa through slavery, into American cities, and, finally, as an equal participant in American life. It is indeed the story of Morris's family. Through music and narration, he hopes to bring deeper understanding and, thus, healing for our American family. Morris has sung the bass solos of *Sing Messiah* for the past few years. He'll be accompanied by **Beverly Perella**. A free-will offering will be received.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7 PM: *A Tribute to Elvis*

Jeff Krick returns for his third Gospel Concert at our church. This award-winning, #1 Elvis tribute artist has performed throughout the United States and Canada since 1990. Jeff's stage presence, charisma, and voice will make you believe that Elvis has returned. Incidentally, Jeff was born right here in Berks County! We'll receive an offering to cover the cost of the performance.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,
on the church lawn, weather
permitting, following a *com-
bined worship service at 10
am*. Please bring a covered
dish.

**Join Us for Worship
at Lincoln Park Church
Sundays at 9 (Contemporary)
and 11 am (Traditional)**



From **Becky Chadwick**, Worship Leader
Join us every 4th Sunday of the month, at 8:45 am, for
BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP, for young and old alike.

Every Third Thursday Worship at 8 pm

IT'S THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE! During this casual monthly worship time in our Wagner Room, we'll sing, pray, hear devotions, and join in fellowship with one another.

All Saints' Sunday, November 5 at Both 9 and 11 am Services

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Concerts at Lincoln Park

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 3 PM : *A Tribute to Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians*

Our former pastor and his wife, beloved **Cliff** and **Wendy Flick**, will perform musical selections sung on a Waring tour, with video clips from actual performances. The Flicks will include additional music of southern gospel, musical theater, and patriotic selections. Fred Waring (June 9, 1900-July 29, 1984) was a popular musician, bandleader, and radio-TV personality. A love offering will be collected for Evangelical UMC's Connectional Ministries which provide critical mission support around the world.

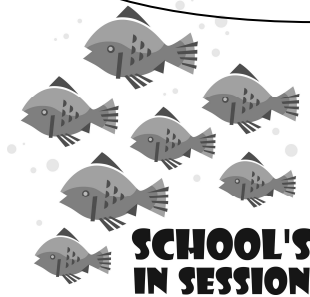
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 11 AM: *Christmas Cantata*: The Chancel and Bell Choirs, instrumentalists, and soloists will present our annual Christmas Cantata.

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!



From **Beverly Perella**,
Coordinator of Children's Ministries



Sunday School Resumes September 17

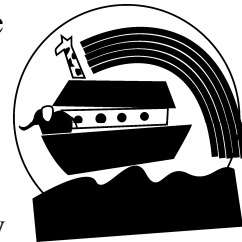
A Return to School = a Return to Sunday School. Classes for Nursery, Potter's Wheel (Grades 1-5) and Youth will begin on Sunday, September 17.

Lessons in the Nursery will be taught by our Nursery Attendants, **Kathi Ernst** and **Kris Fedeli**, during each service and at the regular Sunday School time of 10:10.

Potter's Wheel for grades 1-5 will be held at 9:15 and will be led by **Beverly Perella** and **Barb Leas**. If there is a need, a Potter's Wheel class will be held at 10:10. The Youth class will be taught by our Youth Leader, **Kyle Robbins** at 10:10.

LP'S YOUNGSTERS MEET BIBLE HEROES AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN JULY.

Our second annual VBS for young children (18 months to seven) featured stories of Noah's Ark, David and Goliath, and Jonah and the Whale. Eleven little ones, assisted by 15 of our youth, created their own arks, met the "real" David (**Adam Gehr**) and Goliath (**Ken Hoch**) as they acted out their battle, and crawled through the belly of the whale after Jonah (**Ryan Chadwick**) was saved by God. These three tales reminded the children that *God Is Always With Us*, the theme for our program.



Each evening began with a craft followed by the story, a song, a game, and, of course, an appropriate snack including whale gummies! Special thanks to **Kim Zachmann**, a member of our church and an art teacher, for her skills at creating a walk-through whale, a boat, and the back-drop for Noah's Ark.

Our new pastors, **KyungMo** and **SunAe Koo** offered nightly assistance and assumed the role of photographer, and **Barb Leas** was my able, willing assistant.

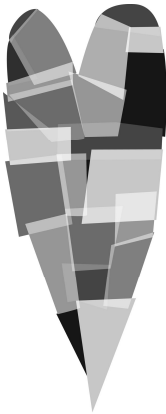
Thanks to Lowes for the refrigerator boxes and to **Jim Gehman** for picking them up.

In Our Transition

From Pastor SunAe Lee-Koo



Each time my family packed boxes for a new appointment, I thought of one of the most faithful men in the Bible – Abraham. It was not because I could identify with his illustrious faith in God, but because I visualized, with great envy, his journey of leaving behind everything familiar for the unknown where God led him. Thus, it's been a habit of mine to ponder what Abraham might have been thinking when God called him to leave without a map or knowledge of where exactly to go.



This summer has been a season of transitions for the Koo family: packing and moving from the loving communities of faith in Maryland and Delaware where KyungMo and I served; moving to a new congregation, a different state, and a new Conference as co-pastors; sending away our son, Justin, to USMA in West Point, NY; learning new worship styles and hymns; unpacking and settling in to a new neighborhood in Berks County. Yet, this transition, filled with mixed emotions, has been a constant reminder of God's guiding presence in our lives.

We have been blessed by you all

throughout this transition. We didn't know we would meet such a welcoming congregation in Reading, PA. We never expected to be blessed by the open minds and understanding "ears" of the Lincoln Park people. I had no idea

KyungMo would be received as an exciting preacher. The divine blessings upon our journey have become clearer and surer since we began personal visitations. We have visited about 50 individuals with (and without) their families in the past six weeks. As we have gotten to know your faces and names, listened to your life journeys,

I PRAY
THAT YOU
MAY... KNOW
THE LOVE
OF CHRIST
THAT
SURPASSES
KNOWLEDGE.
EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV

and prayed with you when we meet, KyungMo and I feel that God has led us here to serve God and the people of God with you at Lincoln Park. Beyond our expectations, our good God's love, shining through your welcoming faces, has touched KyungMo and me deeply.

Hence, we come to depend on God, seeking His will for every step of our journey with you at Lincoln Park. It is our prayer that whenever we come into the sanctuary to pray for the church, our vision will be fully aligned with God's best will for Lincoln Park. It makes me

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think about how Abraham must have communicated with God throughout countless transitions in his journey: prayer. He must've been so intimate with God to be certain that he was going where God wanted him to be. The one certainty in the midst of Abraham's journey and his courage to move forward into the unknown was God. Accordingly, it was God who was the center of Abraham's thoughts and the anchor of his journey toward God's promised land.

In sharing with you parts of my family's transition, I imagine that some of our Lincoln Park members might go through a season of transition, if not already; you or someone around you might move jobs, move homes, begin a new journey, find a new vocation, lose a loved one, welcome a birth, meet God anew... As my family and I have been blessed by you in our transitions, I hope your transition may also be led by divine guidance and blessed by people like you. I hope you can be sensitive and aware of the blessed presence of the liv-

ing God through prayer. I hope you and I can join in prayer, in our small daily, seasonal, and life-changing transitions, so that we can journey to where God wants each of us to be with confidence in God, with anticipation in God, and with a deepened relationship with God.

For this holy desire, I pray in the name of Jesus:

"I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:14-19, NRSV).



Silent Auction Is Coming Up Flea Market, Part II

From Beverly Perella

This annual event begins Sunday, October 22, and ends Sunday, November 5. You may place your bids during the week or *following* the services on each of the three Sundays. Bidding will end at 12:30 pm, November 5. If you have an item or service to offer, or would like to help with this activity, please call **Beverly Perella**, 610-334-4197.

From Grace Fox, submitted by **Nancy Villecco**
From *Guideposts Mornings with Jesus*, 2016, October 10, 2016, p. 284

“Impossible!” they exclaimed. “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish!”
Matthew 14:17 (NLT)



When I first sensed God calling me to write for publication nearly 20 years ago, the fear of inadequacy nearly overwhelmed me. I seriously doubted my ability to write anything worthy of other people's time and attention, but the desire to hone my skills and begin submitting magazine articles was unquenchable. My daily prayer became, "Father, my abilities are like the disciples' five loaves and two fish. They're small, but I offer them to You. Take them, bless them, and use them for Your glory."

The disciples struggled with the fear of inadequacy, too, when Jesus asked them to feed more than 5,000 men, women, and children. "Are you kidding? Feed the masses? We have only five loaves and two fish - what good can they do when the task is so large?"

But Jesus showed no fear. He calmly took the disciples' meager offering, asked his Father to bless it, and broke it into pieces for distribution. The result? The limited supply stretched miraculously. It fed everyone, and the disciples collected 12 baskets of leftovers.

"Little is much when placed in the Father's hands," someone said. We might feel as though we have little to offer Jesus. What good can we possibly do? But He thinks differently. He simply wants us to share the talents and resources He's given us and to trust Him with the outcome. He wants to bless our limitations but on His unlimited power to accomplish His purposes through us.

FAITH STEP: Write "My Five Loaves and Two Fish" at the top of a piece of paper. Underneath, make a list of your talents - haircutting, knitting, gardening, car or house maintenance, etc. Offer these skills to Jesus and ask Him to bless others through them.

**"Do your little bit of good where you are;
it's those little bits of good put together that over-
whelm the world."**

—Desmond Tutu



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*October 15
for our
Nov-Dec
Issue*

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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From our mailbox...

♥ Many thanks for the beautiful flowers delivered to us on Sunday. We really appreciate them.



Ginny and Nels Freyling

**LP Serves Dinner at
Opportunity House
Tuesday, Nov 7
Can You Help?**

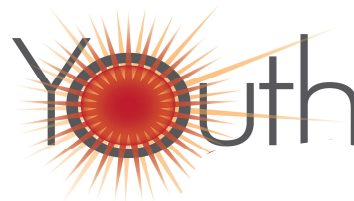


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From **Kyle Robbins**,
Youth
Leader

We invite
all youth,

Grades 6-12, to be part of our Youth Group. Last year the group remodeled their Youth Room, learning about design and construction. They went to the movies, attended an All Night Reverb Event in Hershey ("one of the best evangelistic events on the planet.") and did some "Gnomenapping," (ask them about it!) In June a group of 10 youth went to Camp Ichthus, where they learned about Daniel, did a service project, and played some group games.

We usually meet Sundays, 5-7 pm, in the Youth Room, and our Youth Sunday School Class meets at 10:10 am. Please join us!

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