

# News-Line

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

*March-April 2018*

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EASTER SUNDAY

**Maundy Thursday Service:**  
**March 29 at 7 pm**

**Be with Us for Easter**  
Celebration of  
our Lord's Resurrection  
**April 1 at 9 am and 11 am**  
**Preludes begin at 10:40 am**

The Berkshire Brass will again be our guest musicians at the traditional service. Well-known throughout the area, this group of five brass players will be accompanied on organ for several pieces. The Cherub Choir and the Chancel Choir will present music for this holy day. What a beautiful musical way to honor the Resurrection of our Lord!

## **Bring Your Easter Basket, Kids!**

From KC Dianna

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held between services on Easter Sunday. Bring a basket for all kids ages 0-12. There will be a sign in the Wagner room asking for donations. Please bring all monetary and candy donations before Holy Thursday.



## **Last Chance to Order Easter Flowers!**

Just a few days left to order your lilies, daffodils, and tulips (\$7 each) to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Please call **Betsy Buchanan**, 610-777-2501, or place order forms (with check or cash) in the basket in the Wagner Room by Sunday, March 4.



## at Lincoln Park Church

**Sundays at 9 am  
(Contemporary)**

**and 11 am (Traditional)**

### **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.

### **Fourth Sunday Breakfast Committee Formed**

A group has been formed to plan and manage breakfast every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Help is needed with preparation, serving, and clean up. Please contact **Becky Chadwick**,

## **You Can Still Join Us for Thursday Night Bible Study during Lent at Memorial Hall**

From Pastor SunAe-Lee Koo

6:00-6:30 Light Supper

6:30-7:50 DVD and Discussion

### ***The Path to the Cross***

A DVD lecture by Ray Vander Laan)

March 8: Into the Desert to Be Tested

March 15: The Last Passover

March 22: The Fifth Cup: Our Way of Hope



## **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 pastors. If you'd like to receive *News-Linc* in the mail, just notify our Secretary.



## **Reading Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert at our Church**

**Sunday, March 18 at 3 pm**

From Beverly Perella

Come and enjoy *The Music We Love*, directed by conductor **Michael Slechta** and assistant conductor, **Tyler Readinger**. You'll hear music from *Oklahoma*, *Camelot*, *Cavalleria Rusticana*, and more from composers such as Andrew Lloyd Webber and Leroy Anderson.

This collection of favorites was chosen by members of the orchestra who will share why they selected a certain piece. A free will offering will be received. Through the years I've heard *I wish I had come* from our church members. So don't miss this concert! And bring a friend or two or 10!

## **LP Youth and Children Present Program at the Highlands**

From Beverly Perella,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator

On Sunday, March 11, from 2-4 pm, the youth and children of our church will present a program to our shut-ins and other residents at the Highlands. Everyone will meet at the church at 2 pm to prepare small gifts for our members and will then travel to the Highlands at 2:45.

At this most inter-generational gathering, the ages will range from 2 to 98! Please let **Beverly Perella** or **Kyle Robbins** know if your children will be attending.



We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to family and friends of **Alice Kase**, who passed away on January 17.

And to **JoAnn Ross** and her family, on the passing of her husband **Alex Ross**, on February 16.

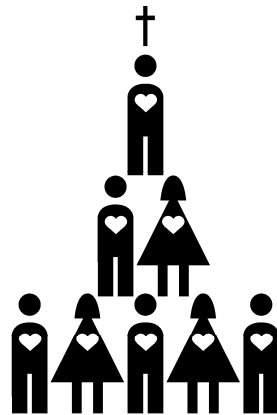
May God surround you with His love and peace.

# On Lay Ministry and Discipleship: Are You a Dedicated Player

From Pastor KyungMo Koo



God gives His Spirit to every true believer in Jesus Christ, and this Spirit gives each one gifts for ministry. Therefore, every believer can perform the ministry of the Church by using his or her individual gifts from God. Unfortunately, it is also true that when we say *ministry of the church*, it means mainly the *ministry of the pastor*. In many cases, laity is described as the flock and the pastor as shepherd, and thus laity is the object of ministry.



However, as we already know, historically, the early Christian Church began its course through the witness and activity of “common” people. The Bible witnesses to us not about the offices, ordination, and hierarchy, but the function, calling, and vocation of those called to minister to people within the church, and evangelize to those outside (see Eph.4:11).

I strongly believe that God’s ministry cannot be fulfilled by only focusing on

the ministry of the pastor. Every individual in the church is called by God, not only to be God’s chosen, but also to participate in God’s mission and ministry. Both clergy and laity are all equally important in the body of Christ, serving God and the world.

Many Christians are still reluctant to let go of the notion of “the clergy doing the pastoring and the laity just receiving it.” This might be a reason why churches today are shrinking and not able to grow. Perhaps this is also why Lincoln Park is struggling, as well.

The lack of lay ministry and the failure to make disciples in local churches are not minor issues, but dangerous problems that threaten the Church itself. Both clergy and laity are called upon to collaborate as co-workers. Even better, laity-led ministry can stimulate Church growth by opening the way for all members of the Church to participate in God’s holistic ministry.

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Thankfully, Lincoln Park has compassion, will, able leaders, and so much potential for lay ministry. Many good administrative lay leaders already serve in various committees. But that's not enough. If Lincoln Park truly wants to grow in quality and quantity, we need more steady and strong spiritual lay leadership. We need more laity who can lead prayer meetings, teach Bible study, become actively involved in youth ministry, plan and go on mission trips, serve as Sunday school teachers, and step up as lay speakers.

Pastor SunAe and I will continually ask and encourage you to teach, preach, or participate in various church ministry and mission opportunities. This is an intentional part our ministry plan to make each and every one of us disciples of Jesus Christ, not just a pew-warmer or spectator.

I love football. In my observation, there are three kinds of people that enjoy football. One type is a TV audience member who watches the game from the living room as a hobby. Even though they have their favorite teams and are eager to watch, they are not committed enough to go to the games. The other is the spectator in the stadium who shows up, wears team jerseys, spends time and money, and roots for his/her team, but is not a player. The third is the actual player on the field who plays each game with all their strength, skills, and com-

mitment to win.

Such is the same with Christian faith. Many just know about Jesus Christ and are satisfied with being a good neighbor of church. They show up to church during special seasons like Christmas or Easter. Some go to church on a regular basis and have been longtime members, but they are more like the audience of a stadium. They sit on the pews and enjoy watching the pastor or a few laity work. Very few are real disciples of Jesus who show their commitment and do their own ministry, not only in the church, but also in their family, work place, and community.

### **RIDES-TO-CHURCH**

From Barbara Leas,  
Nurture Committee Chairman

At the Church Council meeting on February 26, a plan to transport people who cannot drive to church services was discussed and approved.



We are looking for three or four volunteers who would commit to picking up and driving these members to church. Otherwise, it would be difficult for them to attend.

If you can help in this way, call **Barbara Leas**, 610-914-3364.

## **It's a Fundraiser, A Tradition, and It's Fun for All Ages It's Lincoln Park's Flea Market Saturday, May 19**

Every May our church buildings fill up with members bustling around. They're dropping off their "fleas;" pricing and arranging our castoffs, setting up tables, cooking up barbeque and soup.

When my family joined Lincoln Park Church in 1979, its Flea Market was — even in those ancient times— part of its traditions.

**Bev Perella** has been chairing this project for our church for years, but, because of her work as Director of Music and, most recently, Children's Ministry Coordinator, she has stepped down. Thankfully, **Jerry Manhart** has agreed to take the reins.

Jerry says that this event is, of course, a successful fundraiser, but also "a service to the community. It's like Ollie's (outlet) motto: 'We give good stuff cheap.' Many items are priced at a dollar or a quarter." But it's more than that: The Flea Market also "brings church members, from both services, (and all ages) together."

So, please start cleaning out your



closets and basements to find the fleas necessary for success. Later in March, you can start to bring them over to church, so the pricing can begin. Please bring women's clothing beginning May 1.

### **WHAT DO WE NEED?**

Beginning in late March we'll be looking for "fleas:" garage-sale type items like dishes, housewares, garden items, toys, furniture, books, and more. Around May 1, please bring women's clothing and plants. And, as always, we'll be asking you for donations of food and drink.

### **WHAT WE CAN'T DO WITHOUT: HELPERS**

Please let Jerry know what you can do to help, 610-777-2347.

## From Worship Leader Becky Chadwick

One speaker at the Experience Conference we attended this year urged us to

**remember who we are  
and whose we are.**

There are three *identity reminders* for us in John 14:15-23, which I'd like us to consider:

### 1. WE ARE LOVED.

*Our self-worth is determined by the person we love the most.* Who do we love the most? Is it God, ourselves, or someone else? Whoever we love most determines how we feel about ourselves.

### 2. GOD COMES TO VISIT US.

We must look for God because He comes in the quiet. Often we roll along in life doing our own thing until we're in a crisis. Then we wonder where God is. So, it's important to look for God *always*.

### 3. WE ARE INHABITED BY GOD.

Who have we let move in? Is God the only one, or have we let other things in? What are our priorities? What we value most is what we worship. It could be sports, money, our car, job, spouse, or children. **Loving God the most** places God at the center of our lives. Then our relationships and values are based on that love. God lives in us

John 14:15-23

New International Version (NIV)  
**JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT**

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.

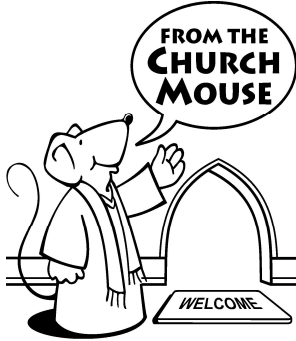
Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Fa-

when we choose to value God the most.

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## News from Wilson HS Student Ryan Chadwick



I will be leaving for Bosnia and Herzegovina by mid-August and will be there until June or July, 2019. The reason I'm able to have this amazing experience is because of the Rotary Youth Exchange. I'm being sponsored by Rotary District 7430, out of West Reading.

While I'm over there, I'll be attending school everyday and will be exposed to the culture. I'll also learn how to speak the language and be able to meet everyday people from there.

I'll be living with a host family and attending high school for the entire year. In Bosnia they speak three different languages: Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian. Depending on where I go in the country, I'll be learning one of these three languages. Also, if my host family is over the age of 40, I might be learning a Russian dialect as well.

While I am over there, if anything were to happen in the country, the Rotary would

The Church Mouse is always interested in tidbits of news you might have about your family or members and friends of Lincoln Park Church. Please email, [cherfallon@comcast.net](mailto:cherfallon@comcast.net), or call **Cheri Fallon, 610-678-8735**, if you have anything to share!

**From Beverly Perella**

### **Mother's Day, May 13- FAMILY SERVICE**

at 10 am. This combined service will be led by the youth and children of our church. What a wonderful way to spend this holiday with your whole family. Please invite them!



### **Saturday, May 19- FLEA MARKET**

**Sunday, June 10 - MUSIC SUNDAY** celebrated at both services.

**Sunday, June 17 – SUMMER MINI-CONCERTS** begin. You can find a small envelope in the pews if you would like to contribute to the Concert Fund.



## On Embracing New Things

From Elizabeth Sherrill, submitted by **Nancy Villecco**  
From *2017 Daily Guideposts*, March 31, p. 131-2

*New*

*things I now declare... – Isaiah 42:9 (RSV)*

The petition was making the rounds of our town. Community leaders, realtors, and garden club members were protesting the erection of an *ugly, monstrous, outsize* wind turbine. *An eyesore that will lower property values. Totally out of keeping with our colonial character.*

“What do you think?” I asked my husband when he’d finished reading. “I’m thinking,” John said, “about the Eiffel Tower.”

This instantly recognizable icon of Paris was nearly petitioned out of existence before the first shovelful of dirt was dug for the foundation. Alexandre Eiffel’s design had been selected by a committee planning the 1889 World’s Fair. When its choice was made public, the city’s elite exploded with outrage. *We, the writers, painters, sculptors, architects, and lovers of the beauty of Paris do protest with all our vigor and*

*indignation against the useless and monstrous Eiffel Tower.*

The committee pressed ahead anyway. When completed, the tower was the world’s tallest building and the sensation of the exposition. It changed forever the way we see the world, as millions of people for the first time viewed the earth from 70 stories up.

When the tower’s lease was up in 1909, opponents attacked again. *Now that its ‘novelty value’ has worn off, it is time to restore the city to its former dignity.* The tower doubtless would have been torn down, except for another “novelty:” an aerial fad — the radio — with a longer-distance signal than ever before possible.

“Maybe,” John added, “a sleek wind turbine will someday be considered the most useful and beautiful



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Is your identity centered on God? If *yes*, then remind yourself regularly. If you aren't sure or you answer *no*, then begin by focusing on the fact that you are loved by God. Write yourself notes and leave them where you see them frequently. *God loves me* is a powerful statement that can change the way you look at the world! Once you remind yourself of this fact, then begin to work on the second and the third identity reminders!



## LOCAL MISSIONS

♥ Dear Friends,

We would like to acknowledge your support of The Salvation Army through our Adopt-a-Family Program. Through your partnership we were able to provide 16 families, totaling 71 individuals, with a Christmas filled with joy and hope! Our work and ministry to families and individuals who are in great need is an ongoing concern to us, and your support is invaluable in making our work possible.

Each year The Salvation Army provides services to a wide range of Reading and Berks County residents through Coats for Kids, Thanksgiving food baskets, Angel Tree, Adopt-a-Family, and a vital ministry of spiritual counsel and pastoral care.

May God richly bless you!

Captains **Sharon & Ted Tressler**,  
Corps Commanding Officers/Pastors  
**Kristy Kushner**,  
Director of Social Services

**LP Serves Dinner at  
Opportunity House  
Tuesday, March 6,  
& Tuesday, May 1  
Can You Help?**



**Sign-up sheets are in**

♥ Dear Lincoln Park UMC Family,  
Your gracious gift of \$634 is a blessing to those seeking refuge and life restoration at Hope Rescue Mission. Your support enables us to provide food, shelter, clothing, and guidance to over 900 individuals annually, including homeless veterans and many who battle addiction.

Our Code Blue, Safe Haven, Discipleship, and Transitional Housing programs help Mission guests achieve productive physical and spiritual lives.

As we celebrate 124 years of service to the homeless of Berks County, we praise the Lord for you faithful partners who give to feed the hungry, provide safe shelter for the homeless, and restore broken lives!

Thank you for being such a blessing to so many through your Christmas Eve offering! We hope many of you can connect with our ministry even more through Hope Outlet Shillington.

Sincerely,

**Robert Turchi**, Executive Director  
Hope Rescue Mission

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### **Mentors Needed at Olivet Boys and Girls Club**

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child? Sign-up to be a one-on-one mentor and help kids develop positive relationships with adults! Commitment is only four hours per month for one year! For more information, please contact **Abby Goldberg @Abigail.Goldberg@olivetbgc.org**.



## Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*April 15  
for our  
May –  
June issue*

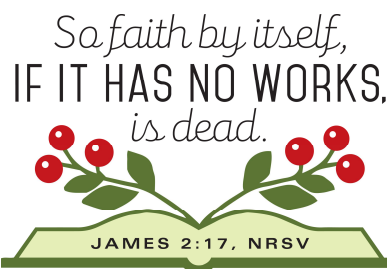
From our mailbox... 

♥ Our family would like to thank the many members of Lincoln Park Church who took the time to visit or send *Get Well* or *Thinking of You* messages to our mother, **Alice Kase**, during the past few months. It helped to keep her connected to her church family when she was unable to attend Sunday services.

We would also like you to know how much we appreciated the beautiful sympathy cards we received since her passing, so many with loving, handwritten messages.

She was very special to so many and will be missed by all who loved her.

**Dennis and Diane Fisher**



*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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### Change of Address

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### Birth

Congratulations to **Suzanne Romig** on the birth of her first great-grandchild on January 30. His name is **Joshua Charles Weeber**, and "he's a cute little thing," says Susie. His parents are **Bradley** and **Kendall Weeber**.

### Baptism

**Hannah Grace Gilham** was baptized in our church by **Pastor KyungMo Koo**, on February 18. She is the daughter of **Kris** and **Krista Gilham** and sister of **Alexa**. May she continue to grow in God's love and grace.

**"Nothing is so strong as gentleness,  
and nothing is so gentle as true strength."**

— St Francis de Sales

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9:55-10:10 - Fellowship  
10:10-10:50 am - Christian Education  
11 am - Traditional Worship  
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