

# News-Line

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*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter*  
*Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania* *May-June 2018*

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## **Lincoln Park's Flea Market Is a Fundraiser & Tradition**

**Saturday, May 19, 7 am—3 pm**

From Cheri Fallon,  
Jerry Manhart,  
Coordinator



Many hands are at work preparing for this year's Flea Market, pricing and arranging the items you've been bringing to church. The halls are filling up with furniture, knickknacks, toys, books, women's clothing, and much more. Keep it coming! **We can accept your donations through Tuesday, May 15.**

Volunteers are being recruited for all shifts, 7 am - 3 pm, on May 19, and for set-up before and clean up after. We also need helpers for packing up the unsold fleas for the Hope Rescue Mission, on Monday, May 21, at 9 am. You can sign up on forms available in the Wagner Room or by calling **Jerry Manhart**, Coordinator, 610-777-2347.

Don't forget that lunch will be available: hot dogs, barbecue, soup, and the most delicious, economical baked goods in town! We still need of cans of soda, and would also appreciate your homemade soup. Baked goods, barbecue, and soup will be available to take home. Any leftovers will be sold on Sunday morning, May 20, and what is not sold will go to Opportunity House or Hope Rescue Mission.

Most of all, we need you to come to church with friends and neighbors, on May 19, to support and enjoy Lincoln Park's biggest fundraiser of the year. By the way,



## 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.

### **Breakfast Is Served Every Fourth Sunday**

Join us every fourth Sunday for a *free* breakfast, at 8:45 am, before our Contemporary Service at 9 am. We serve eggs, breakfast meats, cereal, pastries, fruit, and

Our **SUMMER MINI-CONCERT SERIES** begins June 17. If you have any suggestions for vocalists or instrumentalists, please call Beverly. If you'd like to support this ministry, there are small envelopes available in each pew.



### **MUSIC SUNDAY- June 10** at both services

9 am- Praise Band

11am- The Bell, Chancel, and Cherub Choirs will perform selections with lyrics coming directly from the Bible.

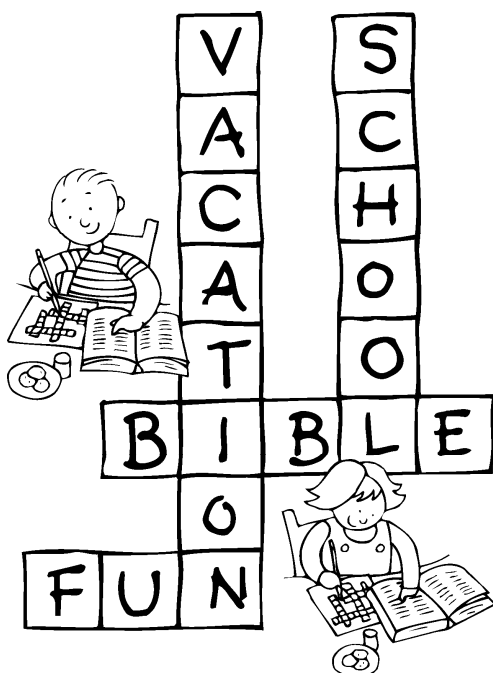
Beverly Perella

**FAMILY SUNDAY- Mother's Day, May 13**, at 10 am. There will be **only one service this day**. This worship will be led by the children and youth.



## **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.



**From Beverly Perella,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator**

We welcome pre-school and early elementary children (Grades 1-3) to join us for

## **BIBLE HEROES, PART II**

Children from our church are *encouraged* to invite neighbors and friends! We'll need volunteers, in addition to the members of the Youth Group. If you're interested, please contact **Beverly**

## **Farewell to Worship Leader Becky Chadwick**

Sunday, May 27, will be the last Sunday that Becky will serve Lincoln Park as Worship Leader. She will be very much missed at our church, but we are glad for the Chadwick family to be together again in their new home in Indiana PA.

Becky has volunteered and participated at our church in so many ways in addition to her more recent staff position as Worship Leader. She has cooked many meals for us, led Bible Studies and Sunday School, and presented many Children's Times in worship. We wish **Becky** and her husband **Bill**, children **Jonathan**, **Ryan** and **Samantha**, and granddaughter **Caitlyn** all the best.



## Coming Out of Lenten Bible Study



Whenever I offer a short-term Bible Study, I pray that God will bring those who want to learn, so they may desire more of the Word of God and live bearing much fruit of the Word, in Christian discipleship. I'm grateful that 12 to 20 people gathered every Thursday night during Lent to share a simple meal, watch a DVD lesson on *The Path to the Cross* by Ray Vander Laan, and learn and discuss the lesson in detail. I want to say to those who prepared soup and salad each Thursday night: *Thank you!*

As I received positive feedback from those who attended, I gave thanks to God for the opportunity for us to learn the Word with new insight. Still, a question remains: *So what?* If you're a lifetime member of a church, you've probably attended many Bible studies (or maybe none?). The number doesn't really matter, but what matters is the changes the Bible study brought into people's lives. It's a question of transformation or discipleship in your life as a Christian.

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I want to share with you our last session of our Bible Study on discipleship. The English word “disciple” does not fully convey its biblical meaning. We can find it in the Hebrew word for “disciple” – *Talmid* (*Talmidim*, pl.). In

Jesus' time, the *talmid* willingly left home, family, and occupation so they could be with the rabbi (teacher), and learn how the rabbi lived and taught his understanding of the Scripture. Imagine Jesus' 12 disciples (*talmidim*) who listened to their teacher Jesus, memorized his words, watched him, followed him, and imitated his way of living (his walk with God). Eventually, the *talmid* became a teacher who was followed by his own disciples (*talmidim*).

If we are asked, “Are you a disciple of Christ Jesus?” we should not understand the question as “Do you attend a church and do some good works?” but as: “Are you a *talmid* of Jesus Christ, an imitator of Christ?” If we want to become Je-

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sus' disciples, we need to be with him all the time to learn from and follow him, so that we can fully imitate him.

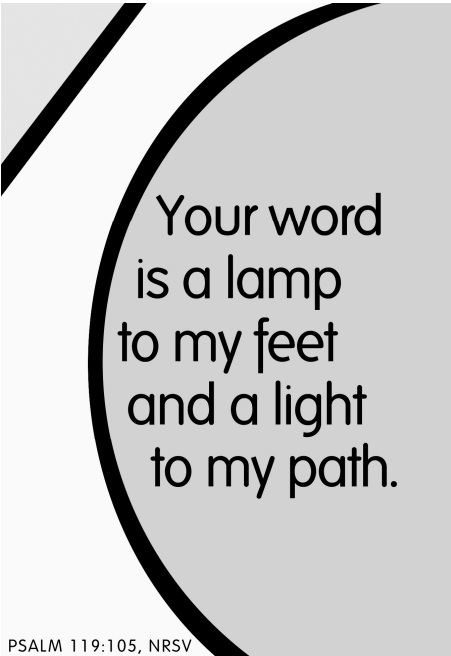
Even though we cannot be with Jesus physically, we are given the Word of God, the Bible, which conveys Jesus' teaching and life. Also, from the moment we confess Jesus as our Savior and Lord, the Spirit of God is with us and guides our walk with Jesus. Therefore, our way of discipleship cannot begin or be completed without reading the Bible. Only when we read and thereby know the Bible can we become true disciples of Jesus Christ, or in other words, imitators of Jesus Christ: praying as he prayed, loving as he loved, serving as he served, dying as he died, and living as he lived. For this holy and happy purpose of becoming disciples of Christ Jesus, we, the Lincoln Park Church family, gather together in the name of Jesus.

If we don't read the Bible, we won't know how to become a Christian disciple. If we don't know how Jesus walked with God, how can we say that we fol-

low him? Ironically, there are many churches out there whose leadership is not centered in Christian discipleship because they don't know how to follow Jesus. Why? They don't read the Bible, and they don't know what they don't know. Their leaders may be professional engineers, businessmen, or educators, who run their churches according to their own knowledge, experience, or common sense instead of the Word of God. Thus, it is not uncommon for such churches to lose their identity as Christian disciples.

Lincoln Park Community UMC family! Do you want to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ? Do you want to serve Jesus as your Lord? Know first who Jesus is by reading the Bible. Without knowing who Jesus our Lord is, you cannot become his disciple, because you don't know where and how to follow. When we follow Jesus, Jesus is our Lord. But if we follow our professional experiences, we are our lord.

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Your word  
is a lamp  
to my feet  
and a light  
to my path.

PSALM 119:105, NRSV

## Do It For Grandma

From Cheri Fallon

My grandson Finn and I disagreed about this: shorts or long pants on a chilly day? I eventually pleaded, *Do it for Grandma*, and that did the trick. Later, when I had a minor kerfuffle with his cousin, Finn tugged my sleeve, *Tell him to do it for Grandma!*

My husband and I are blessed with nine grandchildren, whom we see frequently. We fill our calendars with their games, recitals, cherub choir performances, concerts, and days and nights of “hanging out” as we babysit. I never dreamed we’d be so lucky!

It’s fun, but I also feel that we might have a bit of “pull” on these little and not-so-little ones. And, I’m surprised and touched when a small word or song we’ve shared seems to take root in their hearts and souls. For instance...

Years ago I told **Jonathan**, our oldest grandchild, that when my sister and I heard an ambulance, we prayed for the people inside. Sometime later his Mom and I were travelling when we heard sirens. She said (proudly, of course) “Jonathan says he prays for people in ambulances.”

And, when two-year-old **Elin Jean**

returned home after staying with us for a week, she asked her Mom at bedtime for the *Jesus Song*.

Recently I’ve been inspired by Kay Swatkowski’s book, *A Grandmother’s Prayers*. She tells of her visit to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris with her husband and four children: She was touched by a path — well-worn by the footsteps of “thousands upon thousands” of others who had circled that altar through eight centuries... “longing to find... to serve... to know God.” She thought of her part in an “endless line of Christians... walking a holy path traveled by millions before us.”

Swatkowski encourages us to think about our own spiritual heritage. Who was ahead of us in that line of Christians? I think first of my grandfather Edison Giles, who died when I was a toddler. I know little about him, but my mother said his favorite hymn was *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*. He must have put his trust in God. Oddly, whenever I hear it, I am touched.

My Mother was also a great believer, who played hymns on the piano often, quoted Norman Vincent Peale, left me a desk full of inspirational material and many scraps of paper with encouraging

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## From Worship Leader Becky Chadwick

As many of you know, my last Sunday as Worship Leader for Lincoln Park is Sunday, May 27. My husband, Bill has been living in Indiana, PA, for the

past 2 ½ years, Ryan graduates from high school this June, and Samantha will be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year. It's time for my family to live together again. I will actually be moving in August but will be back and forth between Indiana and Reading all summer.

As I contemplated what to share with you in this last *Worship Leader Minute*, I kept coming back to this scripture from John, which occurs after Jesus' resurrection. Christ has risen and he directs Peter to go into the world and teach Jesus' word to the people. *The Great Commission*: Share the message of Christ and make disciples. This particular scripture has a double meaning for me at this time in my life.

The people of Lincoln Park have been my family for 20 years. I've spent almost my entire adult life here. I've been nurtured and loved. I've learned many,



many lessons, some easier than others. I've made mistakes and been forgiven. I've learned how to forgive others. My faith has deepened and matured. I'm not the same person I was the first Sunday I walked into our church.

The Lincoln Park family has given me strength, courage, and faith. Each pastor I've served under has taught

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### **John 21:15-17**

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."



From Kyle Robbins, Youth Leader

**May 13:** Youth lead at **FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**, at 10 am

**May 19:** Youth will be doing a car wash at LP's



Annual Flea Market

**June 3:** **END OF THE YEAR PARTY**, with Calvary UMC in Mohnton, held at our own LP Church. No cost, and everyone is welcome!

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## Is There a Graduate In Your House?



We like to honor our graduates from high school, college, graduate school, or other, by including information about them in our July-August issue. Please tell us about their school, activities, awards, aspirations, future plans. You can leave information in the Church Office, in my mailbox, or, preferably, email [cherfallon@comcast.net](mailto:cherfallon@comcast.net).

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me something I needed to learn to grow. Every person I've studied with, volunteered with, walked this journey with has given me something that I'm taking with me. I've been fed. I've done my best to feed others.

As my journey at Lincoln Park comes to an end, I know my journey with God continues. Lincoln Park has fed me well and prepared me for the next phase of life, whatever that may be. I'm not sure where God will lead me next. I don't know what awaits me in Indiana, but I know whatever it is, I bring you with me. Like Peter, I'll share my faith and The Word with the people I meet. I'll continue to do my best to feed others.

I want you to remember to feed the sheep. Not just those in the church, but those outside the church as well. Every one of you has something important to give to someone



## Jesus Is Our Master Gardener

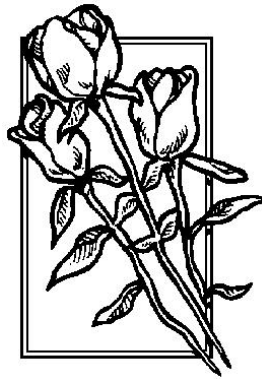
From Susanna Foth Aughtmon, submitted by

From 2017 Guideposts, *Mornings with Jesus*, February 8, p. 39

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes*

Pruning the roses in my backyard is one of my least favorite things to do. The rose bush that leans up against our gardening shed is about seven years old. Some of the stalks are as thick as tree branches. I almost always prick my fingers on a few of the thorns when I'm trimming the bushes. Even with gloves on. And then when I go to prune the climbing rose that is against the fence, I tend to lop off the uppermost branches awkwardly, and they fall on my head. So, I usually end up with a few scratches on my forehead.

But every year, I put on my thick gloves and go after it. Because I love



how the climbing rose blooms and cascades across the back fence. And I love how my rose bush begins to fill out with huge, old fashioned, yellow roses at the first hint of spring warmth. I know that if I don't trim them back when it gets cold, they won't grow to their full potential when it gets warm.

That is what Jesus does when He disciplines us. He is trimming off all of the deadweight. He wants us to flourish in every area of our life. The process of pruning is painful. We don't like it when Jesus begins to trim and prune and shape our lives using trials and daily circumstances. But we do want to become all that Jesus created us to be. So, let's let Jesus do His

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## Don't Miss Your Photo Shoot

LP Church will have its first pictorial directory in 13 years. Pictures will be taken of our church family again on May 30. Please sign the appointment chart at the rear of the church. You may also register on the LP website. If you have any questions. Please call **Betsy Buchanan**, 610-777-2501.





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LPCUMC is a church, not a social gathering. It means that we are a disciple-making community of faith in Jesus Christ. Church leaders at LPCUMC should be aligned with God's will, which you can find only by reading the Bible. When you don't read the Word of God, how can you say you know God's will? Without knowing which direction to lead, how can you make decisions for the church? When we don't know God's vision for us, how can we dare to say we are doing alright for God's church? Do you want to become Jesus' disciple? Let us take our first step by reading the Bible:

"We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to

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words and Bible verses on them. She had adversity in her life, but always faced it with courage and trust in God. When my sister was sick with cancer, we went with her to Sloan Kettering and other hospitals for opinions and further surgeries. Once, while waiting for what always seemed to be bad news, my mother said, "I can't get this hymn out of my head," singing a verse of *Be Not Dismayed*, with its refrain, *God Will Take Care of You*. I'm glad she did because I'd never heard this hymn that would comfort me in the months to come as my sister worsened and died at age 41.

I remember a snippet from a sermon by **The Rev. Don Zeiter** when he was pastor here in the 80's...he said he was always amazed when he'd find his grandmother on her knees, talking to God about the daily happenings in her life, trusting in God to guide her.

What an opportunity it is to be part of this endless line of Christians. We can give our grandchildren our love, support, and gracious words. We can tell our stories, and show them our trust and faith in God. We can say, *Come along with us and get in line!* And, if necessary, *Do it for Grandma!*

*Only be careful, and watch yourselves*



## Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*June 15  
for our  
July—  
August issue*

*From our mailbox...*



*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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♥ *Oops...This first note was lost somehow in the Editor's e-mails...Sorry about that.* Thank you for your prayers and concern during the last several months of Louie's life. I especially appreciate the support of the Lincoln Park Church community since Louie's death. I am grateful for your cards, hugs, and words of encouragement.

**Mary Troutman and Family**

♥ A heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who sent me cards, flowers, healing wishes, homemade soup, and prayed for improvement during my recent emergency hospitalization and subsequent recovery program at home. I am truly blessed with a loving church family!

**Sandi Rosencrans**

♥ Dear Friends at Lincoln Park,  
On behalf of all of us in the New Journey Soup Kitchen, I would like to thank you so much for your generous donation

**Birth**  
Congratulations to  
**Mark Villecco and  
Shannon Bowman**  
on the birth of their  
first child, **Daniel**

**John Villecco**, on April 10. He weighed 7 lbs 3 oz and was 21 inches long. His proud grandparents are **Nancy and Jack Villecco**.



**LP Serves Dinner at  
Opportunity House  
Tuesday, July 3  
Can You Help?**

of 12 gallons of soup! As I am sure you know, soup is the backbone of most of the lunches we serve our guests. We really appreciate your strong, ongoing support of our mis-

**"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echoes are truly endless."**

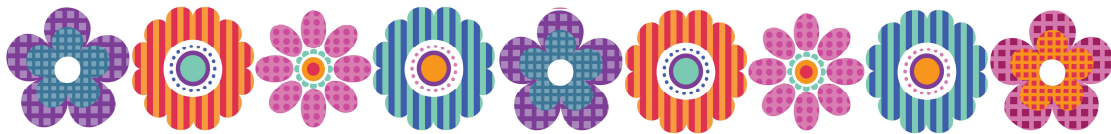
— Mother Theresa

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