

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania

July-August 2018

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

We welcome pre-school (age 2+) and early elementary children (Grades K-3) to join us on...

JULY 24, 25, AND 26, 6-7:15 PM

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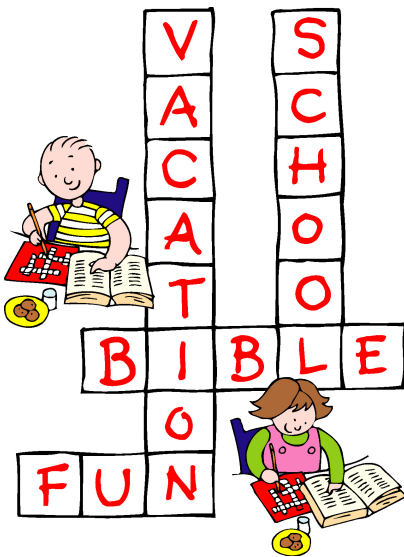
BIBLE HEROES, PART II **THE LIVES OF** **ESTHER, MOSES, AND DAVID**

Did you know that Persian Queen Esther also had a Hebrew name? It was *Hadassah*, meaning *myrtle tree*. Could you risk your life like Esther did to save her nation of Jewish people? Why was the baby Moses in a basket woven from grasses, twigs, and leaves and not in a small boat made of

wood? There's a simple answer; wood was scarce in ancient Egypt! Can you name the colors in Joseph's coat or interpret dreams like he did? Were these three people really superhuman? No, **they were just normal people whom God asked to do remarkable tasks!**

What did these three have in common? Although they expressed doubt in their ability to do what God asked, they knew He was always with them, no matter how difficult their lives became. Their belief and trust in God gave them strength to carry out His plan for each of them. So, the motto for this year's VBS is the same as last year:

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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 more. Hope to see you there!

COME AND ENJOY OUR SUMMER MINI-CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS AT 10:45 AM

From Beverly Perella

This is the 11th year that we've provided a mini-concert each Sunday from the beginning of June until Labor Day. I'm indeed most grateful for our congregation's support by suggesting musicians, attending faithfully, and providing financial support. We're blessed with musical talent from our own church family and welcome musicians from our community. It's not too late to make a suggestion for a concert; a few dates are available. You've heard me say this often: **Music is truly one of God's greatest gifts to us!**



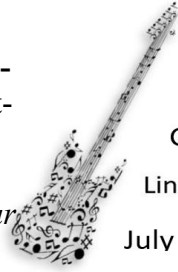
Welcome Newcomers!

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

Praise Band Invited to Weekend Program

From Pastor SunAe Lee-Koo and Pastor KyungMo Koo

Pastor SunAe will facilitate and guide our **Praise Band Retreat, July 27-28**. We are inviting a pastor and professional worship leader to come and lead a weekend program for *our Praise Band only*. They'll evaluate where they are now and learn what to improve.



Praise Band Retreat/Workshop

Guest Leader: Pastor Eugene Kim

Lincoln Park Community UMC

July 27-28, 2018

Agape Circle plans September Service Project

We will make Chemo Comfort Bags for women receiving cancer treatments at the Reading Hospital/Tower Health. All church members are invited to donate: small packs of tissues, lip gloss, hand sanitizer, body lotion, word search and coloring books, pens, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, socks, gift bags. NO food, please. Please put your donations in our box in the Wagner Room. Thank you!

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GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME!

Our VBS kids will experience a glimpse into the lives of Esther, Moses, and Joseph through activities, stories, videos, crafts, music and much more. Mark **July 24, 25, and 26** on your calendar even if you don't have kids in this age bracket because you do have a task to do. Look around your neighborhood, call your grandchildren, nieces, and nephews and invite them to join us from **6-7:15 pm** on these nights.

And remember **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU** no matter how old you are! Our Youth Group Summit will be assisting as they have in the past. Could you help, too? Let me know and I'll be certain to include you!

~~RIDES-TO-CHURCH~~

From Barbara Leas,
Nurture
Committee Chairman



We want to transport members who cannot drive to our worship services. Otherwise, attending would be difficult for them.

We're looking for volunteers at both services. If you can help in this way, call **Barbara Leas**, 610-914-3364.

Reflecting on One Year of Ministry at Lincoln Park

From Pastor KyungMo Koo



It's already been one year! It feels like yesterday that I came to Lincoln Park for the first time. When I reflect on last year's ministry here, I give thanks to God and the Lincoln Park family. This has been a time of change and transition for Lincoln Park with the transfer of a beloved pastor who served the congregation twice, as *associate* and later *senior* pastor, the appointment of a new pastor, even a couple pastors, and Koreans at that! However, under the guidance and care of the Holy Spirit, we are overcoming the obstacles that once seemed too hard to bear in the depths of our hearts.

SunAe and I have been well received, and I deeply appreciate the love and acceptance from Lincoln Park. As I said in my first sermon, since my ministry is cross-cultural/racial (Korean pastors serving an Anglo congregation), we need time to understand one another. I believe in building trust first and then proceeding with ministry and mission. For this, SunAe and I started visit-

ing members in the church family to get to know each of you. From July 2017 until now, we have visited around 92 houses and met more than 181 family members (over 90% of Sunday service attenders). We can remember your name and face, and we've appreciated

your welcome and hospitality. You know this means we know where you sit at church, so don't miss service!

SunAe started a new Wednesday Bible Study; now more than 10 people gather every Wednesday morning to study the Bible and share their lives. During Lent, SunAe provided a six-

week, evening Lenten Bible Study for those who work during daytime, with volunteers providing soup and salad. Each week, more than 15 people learned and enjoyed this unique study session. The response and feedback were very positive. As co-pastor, SunAe will continually focus on her teaching ministry and try to provide various Sunday school classes or Bible studies.

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As promised, I spent one year observing and participating, and I followed how Lincoln Park ran. I did break my promise a little by tweaking a few things I thought did not need to wait a whole year (we celebrated our financial campaign, shortening it from a month to one Sunday; we reduced sending out envelopes from six-seven times to three times a year; we established the third Sunday of September as our Anniversary Sunday). You might be worried that now I am going to make big waves. Don't worry! After experiencing a full one-year cycle, there are a few areas in our worship order that I believe could, with consultation from our Worship Committee, benefit from some rearrangement or omission.

SunAe and I will also establish a visitation program for people who can't come to church but want to receive Holy Communion. Every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, and November), after Communion Sunday, the first Tuesday of the month will be set aside for this special visitation. If you contact Marilyn, our Church Secretary, we'll set aside a specific time to meet your request.

SunAe will facilitate and guide our **Praise Band Retreat, July 27-28**. A few members historically participated in the Experience Conference in Florida; this year we'll try something different. We are inviting a pastor and professional worship leader to come and lead a

weekend program for our praise band only. They'll evaluate where they are now and learn what to improve.

SunAe will also recruit and educate more volunteers for Children's Moment for both services. Thankfully, 19 new volunteers from both services have responded to this invitation; it will give more opportunities for people to rotate and rest. This will not only be a good lesson for our children, but also a path to developing teachers for children's ministry, as well as a way to invite more children to come to our church.

I also plan to start a sermon series this fall reflecting on Lincoln Park's mission, ministry, and future, based on my one-year observation. Many times, when we do the same thing over and over out of habit, there's a chance we might lose *why* we do what we do, or which is a priority vs. secondary. With a newcomer's perspective, I want to share what we've been doing well and how we can do even better.

God has been so faithful to our ministry at Lincoln Park, and we could not have had such a wonderful first year without our talented, faithful staff members. I want to especially thank **Bev, Mark, Becky, Kyle, Marilyn, and Carl**, who have each shared their God-given talents with this entire congregation. I pray that God will continually use SunAe and me this coming year, just as he did last year, for His will and His church, Lincoln Park. Thank you for your support and prayers; I look forward to serving God another year with you.

Congratulations, LP Graduates!

From Cheri Fallon



Ryan Chadwick

...graduated from Wilson HS in June. The son of **Becky** and **Bill**, he attended Berks Career and Technical Center, focusing on Masonry. At Wilson he was a varsity diver and treasurer of the Skills USA organization. Ryan will spend next year in Bosnia in the Rotary Club student exchange program. He'll live with two to three host families, attend the local high school, and learn the language. The purpose of this program is to build international relationships between students and promote similarities and differences in cultures to better understand one another and promote peace among people and nations. When Ryan returns from Bosnia, he is considering trade school to further his masonry skills or attending Indiana University of PA for business.

Caitlyn Christopher

...daughter of **Dan** and **Debbie**, graduated from Wilson HS on June 2. Caitlyn was a National Honor Society member with STEM designation. A

member of Wilson's competitive diving team, she qualified for States in her Junior and Senior years, and earned Academic All-American status as a Senior. She was also the recipient of the Berks County Aquatic Hall of Fame scholarship. Caitlyn will attend Drexel University (in the Pennoni Honors program) in the fall where she plans to study Biomedical Engineering. Deb and Dan say, "We'd like to thank our LP Church family for the support and prayers for Caitlyn over the years."

Taylor Epler

...grandson of **Susie** and **Ron Woessner** and son of **Sherry** and **Kevin Epler**, graduated from Penn State, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was active with Thon (Penn State's Dance Marathon for pediatric cancer) as a dancer, as a committee member, and by sponsoring one child with the Tennis Club. Through the year, they followed this boy and planned activities with him. "Taylor loves doing community service and helping people," says his mom, Sherry. Taylor has a temporary summer job, but is hoping to eventually work for Lockheed Martin like his older brother, **Dylan**.

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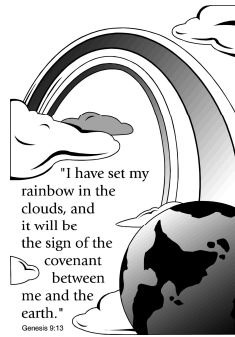
God Is Ever Present

From Scott Walker, submitted by Nancy Villecco
From 2017 *Daily Guideposts*, p.266-7, Wednesday, June 28, 2017

*I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant
between Me and the earth.* ~Genesis 9:13

I rode my bicycle eastward on Highway 98 as it hugs the tropical coast of the Florida panhandle. A brilliant sunset was cast across the sky behind me. I grew frustrated because I could not watch the sun descend and continue to pedal. Finally, I stopped and turned. With sudden splendor, the sun exploded as it dipped beneath the sea and cast a dazzling spectrum of color across the expanse. I glimpsed that moment of sun touching earth and sea and sky, and I was delighted.

But as I mounted my bike and resumed my path, my mouth fell open in amazement. Illuminated by the dying rays of the setting sun was a radiant and complete rainbow arcing across the highway. I shouted with glee! I remem-



bered God's ancient promise that life shall be preserved and all will be well. I had seen the beauty of what was behind me and what was before me, all within a magnificent moment.

As I traverse life's journey, I must reflect on the past and approach the future simultaneously. But God is beyond

time, not captured by past or present or future. God is ever present, and the words of Jesus are true: *And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:20, NAS

Father, may You fill my days with sunsets and rainbows and the memory of the covenant You have made with us. Amen.

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Kristopher Savell

oldest son of **Becky** and **Bill Chadwick**, graduated from Albright College majoring in Psychology, Criminology, and Sociology. Kristopher is a member of the Technical Theater Union and has worked with many of the musical, theatrical and entertainment groups that have visited Reading. Kristopher is pursuing a career with the FBI or Secret Service and is preparing to move to Washington D.C.

We wish all our graduates success as they begin new chapters in their lives.



From Kyle Robbins, Youth Leader

Our June year-end party was about color: The youth made shirts with our logo and played games with chalk paint.

July 14: We'll provide service to a family or organization, perhaps The Salvation Army.

August 1-5: CAMP ITCHTHUS

Meet at church August 1, 3 pm. We'll return August 5, 1 pm.

Cost: \$100.

Theme: *Upside*, highlighting the *Upside Down Gospel of Luke*. We'll also ride horses, play games, swim, and climb a rock wall. Let me know if you're coming by July 15, please!

Please Plan

for a Special Day at Lincoln Park Church

Sunday, September 16

Anniversary Sunday Celebration

Lincoln Park Community UMC



1 Carlisle Avenue Reading PA 19609

www.lpcumc.org

Worship in the morning with Guest Preacher, Rev. Barry Ball

@ 9 a.m. Contemporary Service with Praise Band

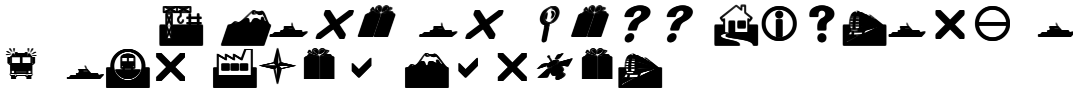
@ 11 a.m. Traditional Service with Chancel Choir

Outdoor Fun in the afternoon with Puppeteer, Mr. Jack Foreaker

@ 3 p.m. Puppet Show

@ 4:15 p.m. Fun Games and Picnic

YOU are Invited!



Somewhere during the Meckes reign, clothing was added and food sales, with **Kathryn Hafer** and **Marian Rodruan**

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Thank you for joining with us to "Be Hope" to those who desperately need it.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes
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General Board of Global Ministries

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Our goal is to provide for the needs of these men in order to share the life-changing message of the Gospel, with the hope of seeing them restored to a productive life. You are a valued partner in this work, and we are so grateful for your generosity!

Sincerely, Robert Turchi
Executive Director

† Dear Friends,

On behalf of the **EASTERN PA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES (CONAM)** we thank you for honoring Native American Sunday in 2017. Our conference churches contributed \$10,087.50.

We encourage you to continue to support our mission to raise awareness of and provide support to the conditions of Native Americans in our conference and across the US.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



*August 15
for our
September–
October 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...



♥ I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, kind words, phone calls, visits, cards, and flowers during my chemo treatments. They were much appreciated and carried me through a trying time. Lincoln Park is a caring and kind congregation as it has proved time and time again. Thank you so much for sharing Christ's loving care and strength with me.

Jan Ferree

♥ Many thanks for the prayers, cards, and beautiful flowers sent during my recent hospital stay. They were all greatly appreciated. It is a blessing to be part of such a caring church family.

Barbara Radcliff

♥ Thank you for bringing the lovely altar flowers last Sunday. We are blessed to be a part of a caring congregation! **The Wellivers**

From Cindy Kercher

Our **MONDAY MORNING EXERCISE CLASS** will break for the summer and will resume Monday, September 10. All are welcome!



**LP Serves Dinner at
Opportunity House
Tuesday, September 4
Can You Help?**

**Join Us a Lincoln Park Pool
for National Night Out
August 7, 5-9 pm**

From Barbara Leas, Nurture Chairman

Bring your friends and neighbors to this annual event, created to increase awareness about police programs like drug prevention and town and neighborhood watches. Come and visit our table!

*"Imperfection is prerequisite for grace.
Light only gets in through the cracks."*

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