

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *September-October 2022*

Come and Join Us for Our Fundraiser and Tradition

From **Jerry Manhart**, Chair

It's almost time for our annual
Flea Market. Come join us on
Saturday, September 17
7 am to 2 pm.

We need you!

Our three goals are to have a successful fund raiser, provide a community service, and have an enjoyable socializer for members. The **last day** we can accept fleas for our sale (in Memorial Hall) is **Saturday, September 10.**

We'll be selling take-out **chicken dinners** (chicken, slaw, potato salad, desert) for \$6. You're encouraged to pre-order, so you're guaranteed to have one.

Please Help!

- **Workers** are needed to work a shift from 7-9 am, 9-11 am, or 11am- 2 pm. You may choose to work selling fleas, food, books, or baked goods.
- We need help to clean up at 2 pm.
- **Donations** of hot dogs, beef barbeque, hot dog and hamburger rolls, baked goods, cans of soda and bottles of water are needed.
- We will also need help packing up leftover fleas on **Monday, September 19.**

Contact **Jerry Manhart**, 610-777-2347 with questions or to volunteer to help.





9 am: Contemporary
11 am: Traditional
Loving Childcare Available
for both services.
10:10-10:50: Children's
Sunday School

Sunday Services also Continue Virtually Live Streaming on Facebook

To view Sunday worship services, go to our website at lpcumc.org, and click the blue "Facebook Live" button.

The service livestream begins at 9 & 11 am (EDT) and appears at the top of the "Posts" listings, just below the picture of the altar area of our sanctuary.

Please submit your prayer requests by clicking on the *Prayer Request* tab at the top of the LPCUMC home page, or by using this link and filling in the *Prayer Request* fields: <https://www.lpcumc.org/prayer-request/>

LET'S SHARE THESE OPPORTUNITIES WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

You may receive a "pop-up," asking you to log in or create a new Facebook account. **You don't have to create a Facebook account, so click "Not Now."**



Join Us for Anniversary Sunday, September 11 One Combined Worship Service at 10 am Celebrating our 77th Year

The Rev Rodney Shearer, a retired Eastern PA Conference District Superintendent, will be our guest speaker. When he began his ministry, his mentor was the Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, LP's first pastor (1945-1957.)

Welcome Newcomers to Lincoln Park!

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, **Beth Caswell**. Please join in at Lincoln Park!

From Music Director Irina Shmeleva

The musical program in our church seems to me very important and necessary. Music, like no other art form, speaks to our soul. And what, if not our souls, do we bring under the church's roof in order to find peace and healing?

In many ways, this summer program was a completely new experience for me in my practice. I dare to hope that I was able to continue LPUMC's musical tradition. I'm very grateful to my dear friends - musicians who answered my call to come to our church and share their talents with us. I hope everyone was interested in learning something new about Russian Orthodox music.

I was absolutely delighted to get to know and to accompany two friends of Lincoln Park UMC— amazing musicians and beautiful women— **Robin Lilaross** and **Donna Danielski**. I'll do my best to have these ladies back here, and we'll enjoy more outstanding performances.

Don't take my next words as nepotism, but I'm also very grateful to my husband for his musicianship. I'll tell you honestly- music is the glue that holds everything together in our family. And, a few years ago after our daughter got married and left our family nest, our cat became another unifying factor. 😊

Children's Sunday School Resumes September 18

10:10 am– 10:50 am

Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

The curriculum will be: *Celebrate Wonder*. We're still looking for volunteers to help us teach LP's children on a rotational schedule. We'd love to have your help! Please contact **Barbara Leas**, 610-914-3364.



Additional Nursery Attendant Needed

From **Richard Auman** and **Earl Hope**, Staff-Parish Relations Committee
The Staff Parish Relations Committee is looking to hire a second nursery attendant to work Sunday mornings. SPRC preference is to have a non-church member, 18 years or older, having the appropriate clearances, and must be willing to work Sunday mornings from 8:45 to noon. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact **Earl Hope**, 610-670-9731, or Ejhope@aol.com.

Greetings to You in Our Lord's Name

From Pastor Christopher Kurien

Dear Friends,

Summer is almost over, and I hope many had a chance to take a break from the routines of life. Christy and I were able to visit our family and friends in India after four long years. It was a busy, exhausting trip, but we cherished seeing and spending time with our many loved ones whom we have greatly missed. We thank God for protection over our trip and thank you all for your prayers.

I also appreciated everyone who helped with our worship services in my absence. I praise God for a successful Vacation Bible School and thank all parents, teachers, and volunteers for your incredible help.

September brings new beginnings: Schools are reopening after summer break and our weather is cooling down. We pray for all our students, teachers, and staff for a great year of learning and growth. It's a busy month of transition as we get back into the swing of the fall season. We also get back to joining together at Church to worship and serve our God together.

We look forward to our choir resuming and Sunday school restarting. On behalf of **Irina Shmeleva**, our Music Director, let me invite anyone

interested and able to sing with our choir to consider joining. Also, on behalf of **Barb Leas**, let me invite those with an interest to consider teaching or assist in teaching our children.

Please contact Irina and/or Barb, if you are able to help in these very important ministries.

Very soon we have to make preparations for our annual Charge Conference and also begin planning next year's events, budgets, and worship experiences. We are also preparing a special combined service at

10 am for September 11th, our Anniversary Sunday. And, Children's Sunday School classes resume on September 18.

We have had so many things happening in the world around us. COVID is still something that we are all dealing with, and, as a church community, we continue to be cautious with everything we do. We recognize that the global community is facing many calamities and many have lost lives. Let us pray for those affected by these various tragedies.

As we think about the needs in our communities, let us commit to praying for one another and continue to be loving, caring neighbors. Let us work together to reach those who need to be reached in our community with the love of Christ. May God bless us all.

May you all have a great fall season!!

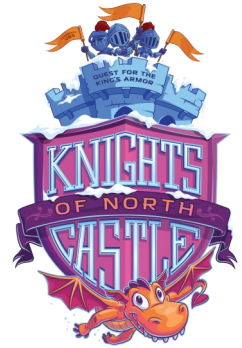


From Barb Leas, Children's Coordinator

Our **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** in July turned out to be so much fun that one child asked if we could keep it going for an entire month!

I'd like to call out a few people for helping —

- ☺ **Krista Gilham, Tori Whiteley, Barbara Olaewe**, who were teachers.
- ☺ **Adam Gehr** for being Hero the dragon
- ☺ **Carol Bashore's** granddaughter **Ellie** for being Armorer,
- ☺ **Dave and Deb Gehr** for all their help and making the fire chandeliers,
- ☺ **Jim and Roe Gehman** for building the awesome castle,
- ☺ **Jerry Manhart** for helping to paint and bringing all the boxes
- ☺ the **Bashore family** for making Goliath
- ☺ **Lauren, Kasey, and Jalen Pearson** for making snacks and helping to hang things
- ☺ **Mark Villecco** for music and sound
- ☺ **Kevin Villecco** for pictures and video.
- ☺ and most of all for your prayers. I could not have done any of this without you!



The Mission Committee had collected cereal boxes for Helping Harvest to feed the needy in the Berks and Schuylkill areas. To the delight of all, the collected cereal boxes were aligned for a domino reaction!

From Richard Bashore, Trustees Chair

The slate tiles on the roof around the steeple have been replaced with asphalt shingles, and the panels around the steeple have been replaced. We'll be looking at getting some estimates for tree trimming some time in early September.



We extend our deepest sympathy...

† to **Barbara Olaewe** and her family on the loss of her sister, **Carol Coyle**, last week.

† To **Anna Wardrop** on the loss of her brother.

May God surround you with His love and care.

From Carol Bashore, Missions Chair

Hi Fellow LP Church Friends,

I found the following passage on my iPad recently. It made me think of all the church friends we haven't seen since the pandemic began over two years ago. I'm glad that most of us have returned to church, but I'm concerned about those we haven't seen. I miss them, and I miss the feeling of a large church family worshipping together.



Could it be that some have become too comfortable watching worship services online and feel it's easier not to be bothered to get moving on a Sunday morning? Could it be that some are still concerned about Covid? It doesn't look as if we're ever going to be totally free of this disease; we need to do the best we can do to live under its infectious umbrella.

These words are about what people are missing by not communing together. Maybe we can all help to spread this message. Maybe they will reconsider the advantages of attending church. Just an idea. Here it is:

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation, and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

- † You can't serve from your sofa.
- † You can't have community of faith on your sofa.
- † You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting.

We do life together.

The church needs you.

You need the church.

Pray together for both our survival.



Welcome to the World, Little One

Congratulations to **Barbara Olaewae** and her family on the arrival of her new granddaughter! May God bless her and her family. More details about this sweet little honey next time.

Our Missions Continue to Help Others

From Carol Bashore, Missions Chair



The Missions Committee would like to thank those who contributed cereal boxes for Bible School and Helping Harvest. We also provided Helping Harvest with a check for \$1,100 which will allow them to purchase \$22,000 worth of food.

Our next missions project for September and October will be to help Opportunity House provide their arriving clients with

Welcome Kits. These include necessary clothing and personal items. A list of what is needed will soon be available at church and in an upcoming email. Monetary donations will also be accepted for those who'd rather contribute money than shop for items. Once again there will be a box in the Wagner Room to deposit any items. If you'd like more details, please contact Jim Eckert, 610-373-1064. As always, we appreciate your generous contributions.

Can You Help?

Our **CARE MINISTRY** continues to prepare and transport meals. Please contact **Jim Gehman**, 610-207-6151, or **Pastor Chris**, 570-573-1455, if you're able to help. The next **OPPORTUNITY HOUSE** meal will be prepared on Tuesday, September 6 (the first Tuesday of every other month).

We're also looking for volunteers to offer transportation to people for church services on Sundays or doctors' appointments during the week. If you're able to help or need assistance please talk to Jim.



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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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Let's do good to all people.

Galatians 6:10, NASB

