

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *May – June 2024*

Come One and All for a Family Fun Day

From Dr Brenda Ingram-Wallace and Barbara Leas



Saturday, May 4, at 2 pm

Chris Ivey, a nationally acclaimed character juggler will be our featured guest. Chris brings a powerful gospel message while entertaining all ages with exceptional juggling skills. It's a riveting performance including stunts and comedy. You might even become a juggling apprentice. It's free and open to the public, and there will be snacks and door prizes. Please, invite your family, neighbors, and friends.

Saturday, June 1: End of School Bash

Time to be determined for an outdoor party with games and food trucks.

Saturday, September 7: An All-Day Trip to Knoebels.

It's a Tradition, a Fundraiser, a Barbecue, a Party!

Lincoln Park's Flea Market 2024

Saturday, May 18, 7 am to 2 pm

From Jerry Manhart, Chair

How Can You Help? See p. 7.



9 am:
Contemporary
11 am: Traditional
Loving Childcare
Available for both
services.

Save the Dates for Two Special Worship Services

Music Sunday — June 9 at 9 and 11 am

Anniversary Sunday — September 8 at 10 am (one combined service)
with District Superintendent, **the Reverend Evelyn Clark**, as guest preacher

Friends, Family, Neighbors **You're Invited for Fourth Sunday Breakfasts!**

Please join us on May 26 and June 23, at 10 am, for a free homecooked meal between services. It's a chance to catch up with church friends and see people from the service you don't usually attend. The food is delicious, too!

Sunday Services Continue Virtually on Facebook

To view, go to 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. **To submit prayer requests**, click on the *Prayer Request* tab at the top of the LPCUMC home page, or use this link and fill in the *Prayer Request* fields:
<https://www.lpcumc.org/prayer-request/>

A "pop-up," may ask you to log in or create a Facebook account. **Simply click "Not now."**

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, let us know.

Please join in at Lincoln Park!

Vacation Bible School

July 15-19, 6-7:30 pm.

The theme is **SCUBA!!**



If you'd like to become a member of our church,

please fill out the New Member Information form on the table at the back of the church and give it to Pastor Wallace and you will be contacted about New Member Orientation.

Our next Sunday for receiving new members is May 12. You can also call the office, 610-777-1422, to have the membership form emailed to you. We'd love to have you here!



We Welcome Margaret D'Amico in Our Nursery

From Richard Auman, Staff Parish Relations Committee



The Staff Parish Relations Committee announces the hiring of **Margaret A. D'Amico**, of Spring Township, as an Assistant Child Care Worker. Margaret will work with **Kathi Ernst** during the first service and handle child care duties for special evening services and family activities when the organizers decide that child care is necessary. A graduate of Alvernia University, Margaret was an instructor at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church preschool before working 12 years at Berks Talkline.

She's been retired for several years.

In addition to the paid staff in the Nursery, we are looking for church volunteers to supplement the paid staff. The only requirement for adult volunteers to work in the nursery is to have a set of current clearances as required by the state and church law. Youth must be at least 14 years old. Questions can be directed to **Barbara Leas**, Interim Children's Coordinator, 610-914-3364.

Prayer Support Lifts the Arms of our Leaders

From Pastor Quentin Wallace

⁸ When the Israelites were at Rephidim, they were attacked by the Amalekites. ⁹ So Moses told Joshua, "Have some men ready to attack the Amalekites tomorrow. I will stand on a hilltop, holding this walking stick that has the power of God. "¹⁰ Joshua led the attack as Moses had commanded, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur stood on the hilltop. ¹¹ The Israelites out-fought the Amalekites as long as Moses held up his arms, but they started losing whenever he had to lower them. ¹² Finally, Moses was so tired that Aaron and Hur got a rock for him to sit on. Then they stood beside him and supported his arms in the same position until sunset. ¹³ That's how Joshua defeated the Amalekites.

Exodus 17:8-13

The Evangelist Billy Graham often went to our nation's Capitol to counsel and pray with and for our leaders. He understood that those who lead need God's guidance in their decision making. An illustration of leadership support is emphasized in the Exodus passage above.

In the account, Moses is informed by God that the Israelites are going into battle with the Amalekites. And, God's provision is this: As long as Moses' arms are raised, God's people will be victorious, but should Moses' arms fall, the enemy will win. As long as the leader looks to God and lifts up the staff, and the people look to the leader, the people will win. On the other hand, should the leader tire and lower his hands, the enemy will be victorious. We know from scripture that Moses was in constant conversation with God, and, as leaders, we must always keep our arms lifted in prayer and praise. However, lengthy battles or difficult circumstances may zap our strength. It is in those times of limited strength when we need the support of others.

In this Exodus passage, the battle raged on for a lengthy period. As it continued, Moses' legs began to weaken, so Aaron and Hur sat him on a stone to rest. In a while, his arms began to tire and, under the weight of the staff, they began to lower. Subsequently, the Israelite soldiers began to lose to their opponents. In this story, two things could have occurred: Aaron or Hur could have stood by as Moses lowered his arms and accepted defeat as God's will, or they could have assumed it was more important for the staff to be raised than for a weakened Moses to hold it and lifted it themselves.

Because Aaron and Hur understood that Moses had this pact with God, they made no attempt to assume Moses' role in holding the staff but, instead, assisted Moses by lifting his arms for him. Their trust in God and faith in Moses led to God's people prevailing in battle.

What I glean from this passage is this: Godly leaders have great responsibility, but they are not called to do it alone.

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One Matters Award Presented to LP Leaders

From Richard Auman and Pastor Quentin Wallace



Pastor Quentin Wallace and Church Council members, **Jack Villecco**, **Barbara Leas**, and **Richard Auman** accept the One Matters Award from **District Superintendent Evelyn Kent Clark** at First UM Church, Fairless Hills, Bucks County, during the Conference annual awards ceremony on April 6. Out of nearly 400 UM churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, LP was nominated for the award by **Bishop John Schol** and his Cabinet and then selected by Discipleship Ministries of the Board of Discipleship. Our church will also receive \$1,000 as part of the award. **District Superintendent Clark** will make a formal presentation to our congregation on Anniversary Sunday, September 8, when she will be our guest speaker.

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Their decisions will impact others and ultimately lead to success or failure. Prayer and encouragement are the greatest supports we can offer for those who lead us. Therefore let us "lift the arms" of our leaders with our support, and we'll find that, with God, we'll win the difficult battles that arise.

Our **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** is on **THURSDAY, MAY 2**. Let's join our nation in prayer that day and continue to pray for our leaders. especially those in the church.

Blessings,

Pastor Quentin

From Music Director Irina Shmeleva

It's hard to believe that almost half of spring has already passed. The date for our **Music Sunday, June 9**, will be coming up soon. It's a Sunday for expressing our gratitude to the musicians of our church. **On this Appreciation Sunday we won't have a combined service this year, but the usual two services at 9 and 11 am.**

Our summer music program will soon begin again. If you'd like to perform during the Summer Music program- please talk to me. Maybe your kids or grandkids will be back from college, and they'd like to share their gift of music — or dance — with our Lincoln Park family. That would be wonderful! Let's make this summer great.



Come to Help Repair & Beautify Our Church

May 4, 9 am- Noon

Weeding, mulching, cutting down a tree, window cleaning, removing a raised area in front of the office, and painting are all on our to-do list. Please bring any tools that you may want to use.

Coffee and donuts will be available!



Did You Know We Have a Softball Team?



Come on out and join us! Practice will be Wednesdays, 6 pm, at Lincoln Park Playground, on Fillmore Ave at Amherst & Elmwood. The team is getting tee shirts. If anyone wants to join the team spirit and get a shirt for \$25, notify **Coach Mark Bisignaro** or **Linda Livingston**, 610-777-1422. Caps are \$20.

FLEA MARKET

MAY 18, 7 am–2 pm

YES, Count On Me , I'll Help!



Name _____

Phone Number _____

Help : Set Up _____ Tear Down Tables _____ Place Signs _____

Help Price Fleas: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10 to 12 _____

I will donate: Food, Fleas, Books -----

Beef Barbeque (Number of Pounds) _____

Pork Barbeque (Number of Pounds) _____

Hot Dogs- Berks preferred (Number of packages) _____

Hot Dog Rolls (Number of Packages) _____

Hamburger Rolls (Number of Packages) _____

Baked Goods _____

Cans of soda or bottles of water _____

Homemade Vegetable Soup _____

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup _____

I will work on May 18: Pick one or several JOBS and SHIFTS.

7-9 am Shift _____

Memorial Hall sales _____

9-11 am Shift _____

Food sales _____

11 am-2 pm Shift _____

Baked Goods sales _____

2 pm Clean-Up Crew _____

Book sales _____

Outside sales _____

Monday May 19, 9 am

Kitchen Help _____

Leftover pack up and

Boutique Sales _____

Delivery _____

Please place completed forms in the offering plate, drop off at the Church

Welcome to Our New Members

More to Come Next Issue!
From Cheri Fallon, Editor

Joe & Kathy Cafoncelli...



...live at 3622 Willingham Ave, Reading 19605... **Joe** was born in Alexandria VA. His family moved to Reading, and he graduated from Reading HS. He joined the Air Force in 1978 and served for four years. Then, he worked as a policeman in the Reading Police Department until his retirement in 2011.

The Cafoncelli's joined LP Church because, Joe says, "the Pastors are friends of ours. We attended their church in Lancaster." Until her retirement in 2012, Kathy worked at Albright College with Minister Brenda. Joe graduated from Albright

College, where he says, "I actually took a course (in Applied Psychology) from (Minister) Brenda."

Kathy also graduated from Reading High. She joined the Navy in 1978 and served more than 27 years in active duty and reserves. She was stationed in Sicily, where she and Joe met.

Joe and Kathy have two grown children, Jessica and Michael, and seven grandchildren. Although they are both retired, Joe still works part-time at the Police Department as a Court Liaison Person. And Joe says that, like him, "Now Kathy's back where she started (at Albright) doing work on the Board."

Joan Jepsen...

... of 1801 Cambridge Ave B-14, Wyomissing 19610, in the Tennis Park Condos. Joan grew up and went to high school in Audubon NJ. She studied Business at Pierce College in Philadelphia. Later, she went to Penn State Berks for Business Management and Real Estate. Joan has one daughter, Meredith Avis.

As far as jobs go, Joan has worn many hats. She was an assistant teacher at the Van Reed Nursery

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School and substituted at the Wyomissing Hills school. She was a realtor for 10 years. But her favorite job was at Phoebe Berks Village where she was Director of Marketing and Public Relations. “It was a fun job,” she says, “to work with people, trying to make them comfortable at a time when they’re making a big change.”

Joan says she started coming to LP Church because of “proximity.” (Like many of the founders of our church.) She says “It’s a beautiful little church, so pristine.” She is “amazed at the people,” at how they enjoy serving their church. “It’s really a family, and it’s obvious to people.”

Experience the Joy of Serving Others

From Jim Gehman

Our **FOOD MINISTRY** continues to move forward on a smooth path, and many of you are responsible. We’re grateful for those who contribute financial assistance, provide food, and take time to help purchase, prepare, and deliver Care Meals, Opportunity House meals, and Fourth Sunday Breakfasts. With your support, our ministry is assured of success for years to come.

Special thanks to our Agape group for their casserole contribution to our March meal and commitment to Opportunity House. Thank you to the Trustees of the **Dorothy Hass** Memorial Fund for their generous contribution to our Food Ministry. Our Fourth Sunday Breakfasts are self-sustaining because church families continue to financially underwrite costs.

With all the positives our Food Ministry has realized, I believe we can still do better by *adding* recipients for our CARE Meal. We now average 20 meals a month, but are there more people who’d enjoy a good, warm meal? Everyone in our church family is part of this open Food Ministry.

Please...contact **Linda** in our Church Office if you know anyone who’d appreciate a meal. We hope to provide 25 or 30 CARE Meals.

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Clothing for Hope Rescue Mission

From Carol Bashore

Thanks for the outpouring of items for the Hope Rescue Mission Clothing Drive. So far, their truck has picked up three huge loads of clothing, and much new underwear, socks, and shoes have been purchased. Our closets must be full of uncrowded space.

In May and June, we'll sponsor the Children's Home of Reading with any needs they may have. A representative will speak at one of our church services about how they serve the community. In early May, you can read about how we'll assist them in our Monday email updates. Thanks again for your support to our local mission outreach goals. Also, UMCOR do-

The man with the muscle
Dave Kercher

donations are still being sent
for our friends overseas.

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We can always use kitchen help, or perhaps you'd like to deliver CARE Meals or serve meals at Opportunity House. The philosophy behind these thoughts is to share the responsibilities... give more people the opportunity of experiencing what it feels like to serve. Talk to the present committee members about how to become involved.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING. WE ARE GRATEFUL.

We're extending a welcoming hand to those of you who are thinking about getting involved. Why not jump aboard?



Opportunity House

On the first Tuesday of every other month, we buy, prepare, deliver, and serve meals at Opportunity House. Upcoming dinners will be on **MAY 7** and **JULY 2**. If you'd like to help, contact **Jim Gehman**, 610-777-0591, or **Linda Livingood** in the Church Office, 610-777-1422.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



June 15
for our
July –August
issue

News-Line, 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.

Our staff-

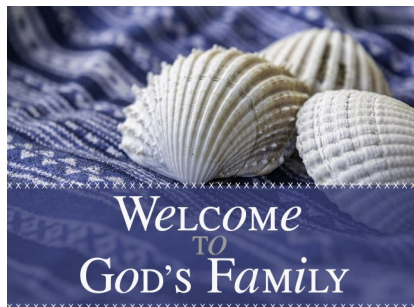
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Baptism

Lucas Gregory Pierson was baptized in our church by **Pastor**

Quentin Wallace, on April 21. He is the son of **Kasey** and **Lauren** and brother of **Jalen**. His Godparents are **Katie Ungurean, Kara Pierson, and Jessica Ertel**. Lucas celebrated his first birthday on April 6. May this precious boy continue to grow in God's love and grace.



If you have a graduate in your family, please let us know! We'd like to hear about their accomplishments and future plans.

Please send information to cherifallon@comcast.net, put it in my mailbox in the Church Office, or call **Cheri Fallon**, 610-610-914-1875.

WANTED – Members for our Church Garden Club. We'll plant flowers, grass & shrubs, mulch, weed, and rake leaves. If interested, see or call **Carl Madeira**, the club's new President, 610-777-8894.

He restores my soul.



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For urgent messages, use voicemail, please.

Let's do good to all people.



Galatians 6:10, NASB

