

News-Line

*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania Summer 2024*

Vacation Bible School Is Just Around the Corner!

From Krista Gilham and Torie Whiteley

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

Please come at 5:45 pm Monday for registration and so we can finalize groups and begin promptly at 6 pm!

Join us for a fun-filled week as we dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where your child will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!



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We Give Thanks for Barbara Leas and Her Service at LP Church

From **Barbara Olaewae**, Staff-Parish Relations Chair



On Sunday, June 2, we celebrated Barb Leas and her work as Children's Education Coordinator. She worked diligently to get our Sunday School and VBS programs back up and running after the Covid 19 shutdown. She was a great leader during these past few years. We thank her for her faithfulness in serving our children.

Barb resigned because she's taken on extra responsibilities at work, and her schedule doesn't allow her to dedicate the time to fulfill her duties to our church. But, she's not going anywhere. She's still an active member of LPCUMC. Thank you, Barb, for all you've done and continue to do.



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

Anniversary Sunday : We're celebrating 79 years!

From Mark Villecco, Contemporary Service Coordinator
Worship Chair

On Sunday, September 8, join us for a special combined service at 10 am, featuring our District Superintendent, **the Rev Evelyn Kent Clark**, as guest preacher. Our theme is "Growing in Grace" (Acts 2:47). Let's come together to celebrate and reflect on our journey!

Pastor Quentin is on vacation from July 1--July 8, and **Michelle Drumheller** will provide the sermon for both services on July 7. Therefore, **Holy Communion will be offered on July 14 rather than the first Sunday of the month.** The pastoral contact person will be **Kris Gilham**, 814-577-6187, who will contact the pastor if needed. Pastor Quentin will also be away August 8--13. On August 11, **the Rev Dorris McCoy**, 610-778-6128, will be our guest speaker. She'll also be the contact person in a pastoral emergency.



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.

Please submit 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/>

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

From Music Director Irina Shmeleva

While our Chancel Choir is taking a summer break, it's a good time to share my thoughts about the role of the choir in worship. Lately our choir anthems were performed by quite a small group of singers. Some choir members were traveling or having family plans. We still practiced and our singing was beautiful, but as a Choir Director I can't stop wishing for more members to join our group.

We all know about the role of the choir in worship, dating back to biblical times. Choral music has been a huge part of worshipping God throughout history.

I want to emphasize another aspect: **Choir celebrates the human voice.** Just think about it — voice is the most unique musical instrument that God gives, and not to everyone. And, it becomes a responsibility to share God's gift with the church family — to praise the Lord, to bring beauty and meaning in the service.

We live in the age of superstar worship leaders and musicians. I know it's not the real heart of worship, which is when we gather as a family to pray for each other and glorify God with our gifts.

Church choir can be an antidote to the modern spiritual epidemic. A healthy choir affirms all its members—not just high-profile ones. A choir is a group where all imperfect parts of the Body of Christ are cherished—especially when someone's having a tough time. A choir is a place where you belong, where you're missed when you're not there, and where you can contribute your modest talent so the whole can be greater. I truly believe that's what our Lincoln Park choir is.



I've said many times and repeat it again — please find time to look deep into your heart. Do you have a voice, do you like singing? Are you thankful for the wonderful gift of music God gives you? Do you want our worship to improve? Can you dedicate some time to Lincoln Park's choir? We look forward to you joining our team; you'll never regret your decision.

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

Please join us at 10 am, for a free, homecooked, and delicious meal. It's a good time for catching up with church friends from both services, too!

The Last to Know

From Pastor Quentin Wallace

“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.” John 5: 7-9

In 1776, the colonies in America declared their freedom from England through the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4. Afterward a great celebration ensued. However, it wouldn't be until 1865, nearly 100 years later, before all Americans could experience this freedom.

On June 19, 1863, five months after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed so slaves could be freed from bondage. However, it wasn't until Union soldiers marched into Texas on June 19, 1865, that these slaves were finally liberated. Clearly, they were the last to know that freedom was a reality.

In our world, can you imagine being free and not knowing it? Imagine being pardoned for a crime but remaining in prison because no one informs you that you've been freed.

In the Bible passage above, Jesus found a man by a pool who'd been waiting to be healed for 38 years. According to the story he'd been dropped off to be healed nearly four decades earlier, but healing hadn't occurred because other people hindered him from getting into the legendary healing pool.

While the man was seeking to get deliverance in this pool, it mostly never happened because of the competition. When Jesus stopped by the pool, he gave the man the healing he needed and sent him home walking. Healing was available through Christ, not through a pool.

This was an act of God's love, compassion, and grace because clearly this paralyzed man was the last to know that healing was available through Christ.

Sometimes in life we, and others, endure lengthy periods of suffering and oppression only to later discover that we didn't have to. As we approach another Independence Day, we remember those who remain in spiritual bondage and problems. Keep in mind that Jesus came to set us free from those things.

Just as the Union soldiers who marched into Galveston, Texas, and announced to the enslaved that freedom had arrived, God wants us to feel the liberation of Christ and to gladly share with others that Christ is available to all.

Enjoy your summer.

Blessings,
Pastor Quentin



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We're hoping **YOU** will share the included flyer with any family, friends, and neighbors with children 4 years old to 6th grade, who may be interested in joining the fun! There are also small information cards in the Wagner Room which you can distribute to spread the word, too.

To register ahead, visit lpcumc.org and look for VBS 2024 - Scuba. Or, scan this QR Code with your phone's camera for more VBS Info and to register online."



We Appreciate Your Endless Giving For Others

From Carol Bashore, Missions



You've done it again! Many thanks to all who have contributed generously to the **CHILDREN'S HOME OF READING**. This social service non-profit offers 40 different programs and services for the needs of over 4,000 children and families in crisis every year.

Our project to assist them ended on June 30, but a representative from the agency (who regrets having to cancel her visit to our church) plans to reschedule her presentation about how the Children's Home assists at-risk children and their parents.

Average Weekly Attendance for January - May 2024

Overall:

104.4 in-person attendance

148.3 total including online attendance

9 am: 56.5 in-person

27.3 Facebook views (11.0 live)

11am: 55.3 in-person

18.5 Facebook views (7.7 live)



Attendance Update



We extend our deepest sympathy...

To **Beth** and **Richard Auman**, their daughters **Lynn Fuhrman** and **Jennifer Lundquist**, and their families on the loss of Beth's mother, **Lois Reed**, 95.

May God surround you with His love and care.

Congratulations Graduates!



Meigin Chandler...

Meigin, the daughter of **Alyssa Herbert** and granddaughter of **Lee** and **Joanne Posey**, graduated recently from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Psychology and minors in Chemistry and Neuroscience. She has had a part-time job in the Lab at the University of Pittsburgh, which will become full-time this summer. She hopes to continue for her Masters at Pitt in the future. Meigin continues to enjoy running for fun.

Katherine Grace Fallon...

Katie is the daughter of **Steve** and **Moirra Fallon** and granddaughter of **Ed** and **Cheri**. A graduate of Wilson HS, she is excited to attend the University of Pittsburgh where she'll study Biology, with thoughts of a career in the medical field.

Katie played both lacrosse and field hockey at Wilson. But, she says, "My favorite part of senior year was working on our Mini-thon." Their club raised money throughout the year, culminating in an all-night dance party. Like Penn State's THON, their goal was to help children and families impacted by childhood cancer. **Amazingly, Wilson's Mini-thon this year was able to donate a whopping \$98,000 to Four Diamonds**, an organization whose mission is to conquer these cancers through superior care, support, and research.



Talía Victoria Goldshtain...

...a recent University of Pittsburgh graduate, received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a double major in Marketing and Supply Chain Management. She is the granddaughter of **Linda Livingood**. Temporarily, she holds a position at Sastenal as a Supply Chain Associate. She is very excited about starting her career in Operations at BNY Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh next month.

Madison Kauffman...

daughter of **Mike and Jackie Kauffman**, is a 2024 graduate of Wyomissing HS. She plans to pursue Psychology at West Chester University. Madison has worked at Dicks Sporting Goods for the past year. She loves animals; she's had pet rats, cats, dogs, hamsters, and currently enjoys her bearded dragon. She raises her own Dubia roaches since they cost 0.25 each, and a young bearded dragon eats about 10 per day. Madison particularly enjoys spending time with her friends. She puts more mileage on her car driving around Wyomissing than the combined family puts on all week. Occasionally Madison will even talk with her brother and parents.



Matthew Kauffman, son of **Mike and Jackie**, graduated this year from Penn State with a Biology Degree. He plans to pursue his PhD in the same area of study. Matthew was employed at Best Buy and is now employed part time at Penn State Berks in the Biology Lab. In his spare time he is a fierce gamer. He and his friends are up most nights doing what gamers do, often until 3–4

am. Matt's most proud of his gaming system which consists of a liquid cooled computer with high end graphics cards and multiple displays. He is often seen with a headset and microphone eating junk food behind his bedroom desk. A desk that he also uses to study at times.

We Welcomed Four New Members in May



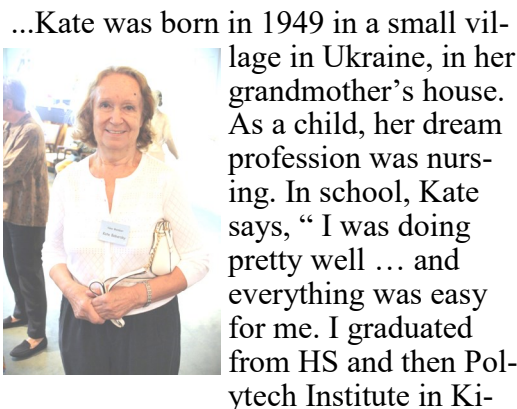
Our congregation continues to grow at Lincoln Park Church. We're delighted to have these newcomers in our midst and hope they will be happy here. More to come about them in our next issue.

*Patricia Majabi
Michael Sands
Leslie Snyder
Patricia Zerby*

The Road Will Be Mastered by the Going

From Kate Bobarsky and Cheri Fallon, Editor

Kate Bobarsky...



...Kate was born in 1949 in a small village in Ukraine, in her grandmother's house. As a child, her dream profession was nursing. In school, Kate says, "I was doing pretty well ... and everything was easy for me. I graduated from HS and then Polytch Institute in Kiev, with a Masters Degree as a chemical mechanical engineer."

Happily married with two daughters, she says, "I dreamed my whole life about being a housewife, in a comfortable house, with homemade food, and of taking care of the children. It never came true. When my husband became CEO for a big building company, I thought, 'now I can stay home,' but I couldn't have been more wrong."

"When Chernobyl blew up in 1986, my husband participated in resolving that big disaster, and in 1987 he was dead. I was a widow with two small children." She persevered ("Somehow I ways believed in God.") and continued building a house on land they had purchased together. "I did not give up," she says. "I carried on for both."

In 1995, she flew to the US and landed at JFK airport. Her daughters stayed

behind. The older one was already married, and when Kate became a citizen in 2004, she brought her younger daughter over.

"I started a new life from zero," says Kate. "I had \$11.25 in my pocket." She worked as a babysitter

for four months without pay, attending evening classes to learn English. In 2001, Kate completed nursing school at BOCES, in Norwich NY, and was awarded Best Student in her graduating class.

Kate's daughters are **Anna** "who is happily married with four sons and one daughter" and **Nelya**, "who has two Masters—in Acoustic Engineering and Computer Science from Kiev Polytechnic University. In America she graduated from Kutztown University with an academic award in 2009,

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FROM THE EDITOR:

This story started as a "New Member" bio but turned out to be much more. Kate sent it to me in an email because, with her accent it would be easier to understand. I had questions which led to her telling about her daughters and their accomplishments and challenges, even including war. It's a remarkable story. Let's keep Kate and her family in our prayers.

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and she works for Vanguard.”

Anna, Kate’s older daughter, lives in Ukraine, in Kiev City. She has five children: four sons and one daughter. The oldest son (Kate’s grandson) is married and has one son — 5 year old **Daniel**, who speaks five languages. They live in Poland.”

Anna’s three other sons (Kate’s grandsons) are “on the front line in war with Russia. Family and friends supply them with everything— even bulletproof jackets, bullets, food —you name it.”

Anna’s daughter, **Dasha** “lives in Maryland in a friend's house and works in a hospital. She has completed two years of medical school in Kiev City, but war ruined everything and she moved to the US to be safe.”

Kate says Anna and her husband “cope well with all this, but I feel like I am bruised inside all over, and still alive. I have only one wish — to see this war end. It is a very sad story, but we are doing as well as we can.”

Kate has worked at Hallmark Nursing Center, Newburgh NY, Spruce Manor Reading PA, and SEVC Spring City PA. She’s interested in medicine, pharmacology, gardening, swimming, and the beach. She’s very grateful to Pastor Chris Kurien for organizing the trip to Israel which she enjoyed.

“I’m glad I became a LP Church member. I have met many beautiful people and feel quite comfortable.”

Come On Out and Cheer On LP’s Softball Team



All future games will be played at Liberty Field, 1002 Ruth St, Sinking Spring.

July 6, Saturday	10 am
July 13, Saturday	11:30 am
July 17, Wednesday	5:45 pm
July 20, Saturday	11:30 am
July 24, Wednesday	5:45 pm
July 27, Saturday	11:30 am
July 31, Wednesday	7 pm

August 10, Saturday 11:30 am
Home Run Derby and League Picnic

Members of all churches are invited to attend!

Two Church Members Hit Career Milestones Which, Months Ago, Were Not on Their Radar

From Richard Auman



Heather Zimmerman, Lincoln Park resident and daughter of **Michele Bausher**, was selected to become President and CEO of the Reading and Berks County Visitors Bureau.

Lynn Auman Fuhrman, daughter of **Richard** and **Beth Auman**, in her first year as a head coach, took the West York High School Girls Track and Field team to its first Division II county championship in school history.

Heather worked in hotel hospitality for 28 years before being selected three years ago as Executive Director of the Kutztown Folk Festival, one of the top festivals in the United States. After a nationwide search produced resumes from 140 applicants, Heather was chosen to lead the Reading and Berks County Visitors Bureau, which promotes tourism in Berks County.



Lynn (who loves running and has completed several marathons and half marathons) has been coaching West York's Junior High track and field and cross country teams. This year, the West York School District asked Lynn to take the position of Head Coach for the Girls' High School Track and Field team for a year, *along with* coaching the junior high teams. Just two weeks before the season started, she was given school board approval to take over as head coach of all four teams. Lynn's first order of business was to solidify an assistant coaching staff, get ready to welcome the four teams, and then learn the names of more than 100 student athletes in the first few days of practice. Besides the senior high girls winning the championship, several school records were broken.

And, by the way, Lynn finished in the top 10% of her age group at this year's Walt Disney marathon.



The Church Mouse loves news from you and your family to share with our readers. Contact: cherfallon@comcast.net.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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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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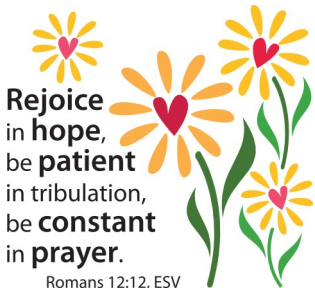
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Congratulations to **Bill Lape** on the birth of his great granddaughter, **Molly Ryan Holt**, on May 27, in Texas. Molly is the granddaughter of **Jane**, Bill's daughter.



Walk with Us!

Our group is gathering again to walk around surrounding neighborhoods. We'd love to have you join us. We meet Mondays, at 9:30 am, on the corner near the church sign. All are welcome!



Dan & Deb Christopher are thrilled to announce the upcoming wedding of **Caitlyn R Christopher** and **Adam S. Wojnar**. The joyous event will take place on August 10, at 2 pm. All are invited to attend, no gifts please.

Congratulations to **Joan Smith** and **Michael Sands** who were married in our church on Sunday, June 16.

A huge thank you to:



Rich Auman, Linda and Rick Mann, Diane Fisher, Jill Raber, Patricia Mejabi, Dave Gehr, Kris, Krista, Alexa, and Hannah Gilham, Barry Geib, Carl Madeira, George Weikel, and Rich Bashore who helped at our recent Church Work Day!

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Let's do good to all people.



Galatians 6:10, NASB

