

News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *November-December 2024*



November 30, 10 am – Noon. Help us decorate the church for Christmas! It's a fun and festive way to kick off the season.

**Come & Join Us for a
FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY
Worship at 9 and 11:15 am**

We welcome you to bring your loved ones from near and far for worship, a hearty breakfast, and short play written by Pastor Quentin. Breakfast will be served from 9:30-10:30, between services.

Pastor Quentin's play, *Christmas without Jaycee*, features **Krista and Alexa Gilham, Michele Drumheller, Jason Corby, Nick and Lindsey Guercia, and Pastor Quentin**. Our Traditional Service will not begin until 11:15 am to allow enough time for the breakfast and show. Please come and bring visitors!

Hurricane Relief: How You Can Help From Richard Auman

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida and moved north, dropping 30 trillion gallons of water on parts of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, causing catastrophic flooding. A few weeks later, Hurricane Milton hit Florida again. Both storms destroyed homes and flooded communities.

Many of you have asked what our church can do to help our neighbors in our southern states. For those who'd like to donate to this relief, we will send all church contributions directly to UMCOR, United Methodist Committee On Relief, who give 100% of our donations to those most in need. For more information on UMCOR or other LP mission projects, see p. 8.



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

November 3: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Remembering and honoring the saints who've gone before us.
Candles will be lit for loved ones who died this year.

November 24: FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY, 9 and 11:15 am

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Our traditional service will begin that Sunday at 11:15, allowing time breakfast and show. Please bring your visitors!

For Christmas Worship and Special Events, see p. 6

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

Please join us at 10 am, (9:30-10:30 on November 24) for a free, homecooked, delicious meal and to catch up with church friends from both services, too!

Sunday Services Continue Virtually on Facebook

To view, go to [lpcumc.org](https://www.lpcumc.org), and click the blue *Facebook Live* button. The service livestream begins at 9 & 11 am and appears at the top of the "Posts" listings, just below the picture of the altar. **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

I'm writing this on Sunday evening, after the service at Bethel African Methodist Church in Reading, where Pastor Quentin was invited to preach for their annual Ushers Ministry anniversary. Our choir and church ushers were included as well.

I want to share my great thrill of being part of such an uplifting, inspiring service. If you were there, I know you must feel the same way; if not, you missed a lot. Watching all the ushers marching around the church was so inspiring. The music, energy, and atmosphere in there was amazing.

Our choir performed in its best tradition; they definitely deserved the standing ovations they received.

Pastor Quentin's message, *Do You Know What You've Signed Up For?* was right to the point. He talked about the importance of the Ushers Ministry, but his words pertained to all of us. People from different local

churches gathered to celebrate and pay respect to the ushers. I found it very meaningful and wonder if we can think of acknowledging our ushers in some way, along with other members of our church ministries. We don't often realize how much our people contribute to our church life, and I hope to find a way to celebrate them.

On my behalf, I'd like to acknowledge the members of our Music Ministry and thank them from the bottom of my heart for their voices, devotion, and gift of music.



DECEMBER 8
ONE SERVICE AT 11 AM
EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY AND
JOY OF CHRISTMAS THROUGH A
SPECIAL MUSIC PRESENTATION

From Pastor Quentin Wallace

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Luke 17:15-18

In the passage above, Jesus had traveled to a border area between Samaria and Judea where he encountered 10 men with leprosy—a painful, incurable, and infectious disease. Because of it, they were isolated from society. By law, to keep from infecting others, they were supposed to yell to anyone who came near to keep away.

Nonetheless, Jesus went into this area, and they cried out to him for help. Responding to their plea, Jesus sent them to the priest to confirm they had been cleansed so they could return to society. Nine of the 10 never came back to thank Jesus for the healing. However, one of the 10 who were healed came back and, in gratitude, gave thanks to Jesus.

This reminds me of times when I've



Giving Thanks

Usually, we move forward with our lives until we need the physician again.

Jesus, as our spiritual physician, did a similar thing for each of us. He examined us by looking into our hearts, showed us what needed to be repaired through his teachings, and prescribed the Holy Spirit for restoration. For these things, we should be in constant praise for God out of gratitude.

The grateful leper returned with great

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joy and bowed before Christ, so not only did his words praise, but he also praised him with his body language. Let's use words and actions to show God and others we are grateful.

As we embark on the upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember to thank God for our church, our family, our friends, our accomplishments, and all the that we've been blessed with. As you gather to carve the turkey or exchange the gifts, share about how God has blessed you.

Always thank God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Ephesians 5:20

Pastor Quentin

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
&
MERRY
Christmas

It's Not Too Late to Join Our Adult Sunday School Class, 10:10 am

We are studying and discussing *THE APOSTLE'S CREED*. This historic declaration of faith is an important refresher for long-time Christians and a primer for those new to the faith.

Leaders **Randy** and **Margo Hill** are using material from the book, *This We Believe*, by **Timothy C. Tennent**, UM Pastor and President of Asbury Theological Seminary. The study continues each Sunday — except for fourth Sunday, November 24, and concludes December 1. All are welcome.

Anniversary Sunday



Pastor Quentin, Lay Leader **Kris Gilham**, and our District Superintendent., the Rev **Evelyn Kent Clark**.

Worship in December

December 1 First Sunday of Advent
December 8 Second Sunday of Advent
One Service at 11 am

Christmas Cantata

Enjoy the beauty and joy of Christmas through a musical presentation by our church musicians and special guests.

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent
December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Fourth Sunday Breakfast



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services December 24

5 pm Family Service

10 pm Communion (In-person only)

December 29 One informal service at 11 am,
featuring a Hymn Sing (In-person only)

Bring on the Poinsettias !

From KC Dianna

We all especially enjoy worship in our beautiful sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons. One way you can help decorate is by ordering red, white, or pink poinsettias.

The cost is \$10 each; they can be dedicated *in honor of*, *in memory of*, or to the *Glory of God*. They'll help beautify our sanctuary, and you can take yours home after Christmas Eve services.

Orders (on inserts in the Sunday bulletin) and checks may be placed in the basket in the Wagner Room or mailed to the Church Office, at 1 Carlisle Ave, Reading PA 19609. I can also take your orders at 484-955-9402 or email, kcb1014@yahoo.com. I cannot accept cash.


DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS DECEMBER 4.



Lincoln Park's Angel Tree Never Disappoints

From Carol Bashore, Missions

Our last Mission drive for the year will be providing Christmas gifts to our Angel Tree Family. As soon as we receive our assigned family and a list of their needs, we'll send out a list of requested items. As usual a tree in the Wagner room will be decorated with hanging gift cards for us to take and purchase.



Please add the gift card name and assigned number to whatever packages you purchase. This is necessary should a package get misplaced, the Salvation Army can get it back to the correct family. We'll also have a list of items online for those who'd rather use that method to choose purchases. Please add the family member's name and # to each wrapped box. Gifts must be brought to the Wagner Room by an assigned date. (TBD)

If you're unable, or don't like to shop, our committee will use donated finances to purchase any untaken items on the list. Just put your money contribution in an envelope (marked *Angel Tree*) and place it in the plate, or send it to the Church Office. Our delivery will have a deadline date. With your help, we'll be able to provide a needy family with a happy and merry Christmas.

Rain Didn't Affect our Group Trip to Knoebel's



From Carol Bashore

We want to thank all who participated in our two fall Mission projects. We sent our financial contributions and donated boxed items to **ALBRIGHT STUDENTS** and **HELPING HARVEST.**



Your donations of money, clothing, and personal items to Albright's *Uplifting Lions* program make a difference to students who need assistance to continue their education. These young people mostly need financial help for living expenses and books, warm clothing, and personal items. You make a difference in their lives.

We are close to our goal of \$1,200. The Care Food Ministry gave us a boost by graciously donating the "Free Will Offering" from its October Fourth Sunday breakfast. **This is much appreciated.** Hopefully you will be soon be able to celebrate a goal victory for the Lions!

Let's go Albright!



UMCOR Helps in Storm Torn South

From Richard Auman

Our United Methodist Committee on Relief — known for super quick responses to natural disasters in the world — has been on the scene in our southern states within hours after the hurricanes passed, and it was clear to go into the devastated areas.

But what makes UMCOR different from other nationally based organizations, besides its quick approach to help people, is that **anyone who sends money to UMCOR can be sure that every dollar they contribute goes to the disaster area.** Many other organizations need to take, sometimes, a sizable portion of a contribution to cover "administrative costs." Those costs in our UM church are covered in the church's Shared Ministries budget and *not* by taking extra dollars out of your donations.

You can easily contribute through our church; please note on your check memo line: *UMCOR-For hurricane relief.*

"There are so many ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, to let people know that we are with them."

— Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

Thanks to You, our Food Ministry Is on Solid Ground!

From **Jim Gehman**, Food Ministries Chair

As we complete our second full year in operation, we're happy to announce that we are on **SOLID GROUND**. We're grateful to you, our congregation, for your support to this mission. We've been able to provide hundreds of meals to **Opportunity House** and hundreds of **Care Meals** to members of our church family, as well as neighbors and friends in our communities.

Our **Fourth Sunday Breakfast** continues to grow. We advertise this ministry as a "Free Breakfast" and invite anyone to join us. We've had very few walk-ins, so this ministry has evolved into a social gathering of our two congregations. Attendees enjoy the opportunity to see members of our church family who attend the other church service. I encourage more members from our traditional service to join us for these breakfasts.



Alan Koebel is the leader of our Food Ministry volunteers. His culinary experience and calm leadership are invaluable to the success of this ministry. We are grateful for Alan!

Thank you for your financial contributions to our Food Ministry. Whatever method of giving you choose, be sure to identify the ministry of your choice:

1. Opportunity House
2. CARE Meals
3. Fourth Sunday Breakfasts.

We hope to see you at our next Fourth Sunday breakfast.



LP Church will prepare, deliver, and serve dinner at Opportunity House on **November 5** and **January 7**. Help is usually needed from 3– 7 pm. Come and join us!

From Krista Gilham & Nurture Committee

TRUNK OR TREAT, on October 26, was a success again! Just over 300 members from our church and surrounding community enjoyed hot dogs, hot drinks, and baked goods.

A big **THANK YOU** to those who took time from busy fall schedules to help in the kitchen, serve food, bake treats, setup, cleanup, and those who included their vehicles in the line-up!



We're looking to grow our number of vehicles next year and include additional lawn activities, so, please start thinking of what you can do. Fall and Halloween decorations are now on sale!





Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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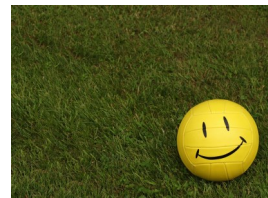


From Katerina Bobarsky

I want to say thank you to all the congregation for their prayers and support. At the present time, my grandsons [who are serving in Ukraine's war with Russia] **John** and **Paul** are out of the hospital, on crutches for six weeks but alive and pain free; rehab is pending after six weeks. **Daniel** is on the front line and we have only one wish: for **God** to keep him safe.

Trustees Work Day
Saturday, November 9
9 am– Noon
Rain Date November 16

There will be plenty of jobs to be done: spreading topsoil, cutting dead flowers, weeding, edging flower beds, clearing debris from the office gutters, clearing tree sprouts from in front of the office, painting the lower windows, and much more. No worries about having nothing to do!



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Let's do good to all people.



Galatians 6:10, NASB



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