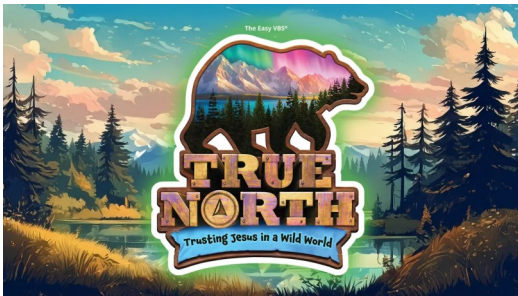


News-Line

*Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania
July – August 2025*



Vacation Bible School Rocks

From **Parker Chadwick**
Children & Youth Coordinator

Join us for a fun-filled week at LP Church as we find our way in a world gone wild! We have Jesus—our true north! Our goal at VBS this summer is to give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!!

We look forward to seeing you

July 13-17
6-7:30 pm

Pre-Register Now: [https://
LincolnPark.church/vbs](https://LincolnPark.church/vbs)

The first evening, Sunday, July 13,

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Celebrating 80 Years

From **Richard Auman**

The first project celebrating our 80th Anniversary - a **2025 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** - is in the hands of the publisher. It will be available to members by **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.**

Thank you to Linda Hope and her volunteers. They helped members sign up for appointments and called others, too, verifying phone numbers and addresses. Then, for three days they manned the reception desk, checking information before pictures were taken.

The Anniversary Committee appreciates all who came to church and had photos taken. **THANK YOU.**

Another project for our celebration is to publish a new **2025 LPCUMC COOKBOOK.** Recently, when **Kris & Krista Gilham** cleaned her grandmother's apartment recently, they found the 2006 edition of the church cookbook. They liked the idea of an updated version.

So again, please send your favorite recipes—old favorites or recent

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

Worship Notes

From **Mark Villecco**, Worship Chair and
Contemporary Worship Coordinator

One-Service-Only Sundays **11 am** — June 29 & July 6
July 6 - Guest Preacher **Mark Villecco**
July 13 - Communion

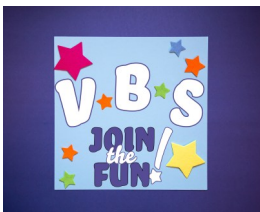
Friends, Family, Neighbors You're Invited for Fourth Sunday Breakfasts!

Please join us on fourth Sundays in June, July, and August, for a free continental breakfast at 10 am. No eggs, but still a good assortment of food choices and church friends to catch up with!

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 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**



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registration begins at 5:45, so we can begin promptly at 6! Completing this form online will speed up check-in on your first night! Questions about VBS? Contact VBS leaders at vbs@lpcumc.org.

A Loud Shout-out to Lincoln Park Musicians

From Music Director, Irina Shmeleva



On Sunday, June 8, our church celebrated our Music Ministry — the Praise Band and Chancel Choir, the Adults' and Kids' Bells, and our soloists. You could read all the names in the bulletin, and each and every one on the list brought the gift of music to our worship to make this Sunday remarkable.

Special thanks to music leaders **Mark Villecco** and **Krista Gilham**, for your devotion and priceless contribution to our church's music.



Living Victoriously in Difficult Times

It's not too late to join another Adult Sunday School class led by **Barbara Olawe** and **Randy Hill**, based on the book written by Kate Arthur, Bob & Diana Verzeen. We'll meet in the Library, Sundays at 10:10 am, on:

**Do You Ever Wonder...
Why does life so often seem unfair?
Why doesn't our all-powerful God stop the
pain and suffering – not just for you – but
for all His children?**

**June 29
July 6
July 13
July 20
August 3**

With Christ, We are Braver, Stronger, and Smarter

From Pastor Quentin Wallace

For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but has given us a spirit of power, and of love and sound judgment. 2 Timothy 1:7

“You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” A.A. Milne (author of *Winnie the Pooh*)

After 15 seasons, the fantasy-horror TV series *Supernatural* concluded in 2021. Over those years, viewers watched fictional brothers Sam and Dean Winchester fight all types of supernatural beings. It seemed as if they never tired and never feared anything, including death. Following their late father's (John Winchester) mission to rid the world of monsters was their only goal.

Trying to complete their task, they made mistakes, disagreed with one another, or were tricked by evil beings. However, that didn't deter them or steer them away from their objective. Sadly, by the end of the series, they had not eliminated the world's monsters.

Although the *Supernatural* TV series was fictional and, in real life, we'll never rid the world of all the ills of society, that should *never* deter us from doing what we *can* try. In the Bible, we hear stories of disciples who faithfully attempted to

improve the world by sharing the gospel amid significant opposition. How did they keep going as they followed their inherited mission from Christ? They leaned on the promises of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

While Milne's quote is inspiring, it could give the impression that one is able to be all one can be in one's own strength. We, as people of faith, understand that God never meant for us to go it alone but to depend on God in all things.

In the scriptural passage above, the Apostle Paul inspires Timothy, a young preacher, by stating that

God gives Christ followers courage, strength, and wisdom.

Courage: God does not give us a spirit of fear, so we will have the unfettered courage to spread the gospel with Christ.

Strength: God's power allows us to be stronger through the Holy Spirit; it strengthens us when we're weak.

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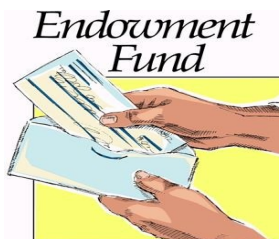
Endowment Funds Approved to Upgrade WiFi and Purchase New Carpet

From Richard Auman, Chair

Our Endowment Committee has released earnings from 2024 to purchase an upgraded, faster WiFi system for the church and new carpet for the nursery.

The fund balance as of December 2024 was \$397,558 with earnings for the year of \$6,535. The fund is supported by contributions from church members as well as donations *in honor of* or *in memory of* friends or relatives.

This year requests were made by the Technology Committee (**Mark Villecco**) to upgrade our WI-FI system at a cost of \$850. The carpet request came from our custodian **Carl Madeira**, who suggested improving the carpet in 2023, is receiving \$1,295 from the 2024 distribution, along with \$1,170 approved in 2023.



Following fund guidelines, earnings are to be used for non-traditional budgetary items and requested by a staff person or committee. This year the remaining funds will stay in a designated fund. If a need falls within the guidelines, a request can be submitted to the Committee. It will consider the request and, if approved, funds will be transferred to the appropriate expense account.

2025 Flea Market Wrap-up

From Jerry Manhart, Chair

Thanks to all of you who helped in any way to make the Flea Market successful. Over \$4,200 was raised for our church by selling useful items, books, and food at very low prices. We also supported our community by distributing leftover fleas to Goodwill, Jubilee, ReVisit, and others. Books were donated to the Berks Book Bonanza to benefit Berks County Public libraries. Food items were delivered to Opportunity House and Helping Harvest. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of making the Flea Market successful and will be ready to “do it all over again” next year. Please give any suggestions for improvements to me. Thanks again.

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Wisdom: Although the secular world may disagree, we, as people of faith, are smarter than we think because we trust in a God we can't see but know is there because He gives us compassion, discernment, and wisdom.

Therefore, let us assuredly move forward in faithful ministry, knowing that we are *braver, stronger, and smarter*. Because, though we are imperfect, we have a perfect God guiding us. Blessings, *Pastor Quentin*

Hats Off to Our 2025 Graduates!



KAYLEE CIPOLLA

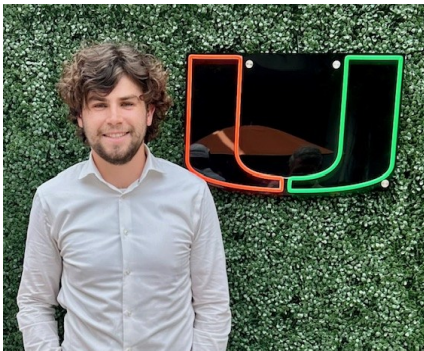
...graduated from Governor Mifflin HS. She will attend the University of Delaware to study Sports Management. She is the daughter of **Sara and Peter Cipolla** and the granddaughter of **Sandy and Ralph Weise**.



JONATHAN FALLON

...graduated from the University of Miami with a major in Marketing and Minors in Advertising and Film. A Wilson grad, he is the son of **Steve and Moira Fallon** and grandson of **Ed and Cheri Fallon**.

Jonathan is currently studying to enter



law school. In his free time, he's surfing, skateboarding, or making pizzas at a

NJ bayside restaurant.

Sibling update: His sister **Katie Fallon** has transferred to Penn State University to begin her sophomore year and study Health Policy & Administration.

AVA GEHMAN

...graduated with Honors from New York University with a degree in Dramatic Writing. She is the daughter of **Mark and Marina Gehman** and granddaughter of **Roe and Jim Gehman**. She is working and living in NYC pursuing her dream of screen and script writing. "She's on her way," says Jim, "she's got her wings!"



ADAM GEHR

...graduated from Robert Morris University with a Bachelor's Degree in Statistics and Data Science. The son of **Dave and Deb Gehr**, he plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University in the fall to pursue a Master's Degree in Applied Data Science. Adam is interested in Sports Analytics and hopes to work in the Analytics Department for an MLB team in the future.



MADALYNN GERHARDT

...graduated from Twin Valley High School. She is the daughter of **Jessica** and **Ralph** and granddaughter of **Lee** and **Joanne Posey**.

She'll attend Lebanon Valley College. Her major is undecided, but she plans to play alto sax in the band and sing in the chorus. "She's acted in plays," says Joanne, "Most recently she was Mother Superior in *Sister Act*." She is also an artist.



ZACHARY DEAN GILINGER



...graduated from Perkiomen Valley HS on June 6. He is the son of **Michael** and **Jennifer (Troutman) Gilinger**, of Collegeville, and brother of **Alexandra**.

Zachary will attend Penn State University and major in Civil Engineering.

Nancy (Harman) & Dean Troutman, are his grandparents. The late **Joseph & Mary Harman**, long-time LP members, are his great grandparents.

In 2023 Zachary became an Eagle Scout and is still active in Scouts BSA Troop 119. He played soccer and likes fishing, boating, Phillies baseball, and Eagles and Penn State football.

EVA MARIE KOEPENICK

...graduated from Towson HS, Towson MD. She is the daughter of **Kevin** and **Lisa Koepenick**. Her proud grandparents are **Jerry** and **Lou Manhart**.

Eva will attend West Virginia University to study Art Therapy. Eva was in the National Art Society and won art awards at Towson.

"She has a happy personality," says Jerry, "and worked with students at summer camp for several years. She loves the outdoors and hiking with her family and dog Rocky.

Eva's brother **Holden** is a HS Junior at Calvert Hall, Towson, MD.



JAEDON WALLACE

...graduated from Wilson HS on May 30 and from Chester County Learning Center on Tuesday, June 3. He is the son of **Minister**

Brenda Ingram-Wallace and the

Rev. Dr. Quentin Wallace. Jae plans to pursue culinary studies at the Commonwealth Technical Institute at the Hiram G. Andrew's Center in Johnstown, PA. "Jae loves playing and watching basketball," says **Pastor Quentin**.



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WILLIAM LAMM

...graduated from West Chester University, Summa Cum Laude. He is the son of **Robert & Sally Lamm**. His major is Graphic and Interactive Design with Minors in Media and Culture, Art History, and Museum Studies. Will is actively applying for jobs in design.

NATHAN LAMM

...graduated from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Cum Laude. He is the son of **Robert & Sally**, too. Nathan majored in Computer Integrated Machining and was offered a machinist position at Reading Bakery Systems in Robesonia, PA.

Both boys are grateful for the scholarships they received from the United Methodist Eastern PA Conference. “Will and Nathan enjoy playing disc golf and regular golf together,” says Sally. “They like the outdoors and look forward to golf, hiking, and paddleboarding this summer. We’re proud of their hard work in college and are excited for the next adventure!”

ABIGAIL OLAEWE

...daughter-in-law of **Barbara**



Olaewe, graduated from Chamberlain University with her Masters in Nursing Administration.

She works at the Reading Hospital as the Unit Director in the Cardiology Department. She

has always wanted to be a nurse.

Abby is the wife of **Ayo Olaewe** and the mom of two adorable girls. They live in Cumru Township.

NOELLE (ELLIE) LONG

...graduated from Wilson HS. She is the daughter of **Jaime (Bashore)** and **Jonathan Long** and granddaughter of **Carol** and **Rich Bashore**. It’s a fun fact that Ellie, her mother Carol, and grandmother **Noel Kieffer** were all baptized at LP Church! Ellie has won many awards at Wilson’s art shows, along with a scholarship to Kutztown University where she’ll major in art. Besides art, Ellie loves sewing, all animals, and spending time outdoors snowboarding, hiking, swimming, and biking.



From Carol Bashore, Missions

The committee thanks all who gave money to help **HANNAH'S HOPE** assist single mothers. This organization provides an amazing new start for women in need.

Our next Mission is to support **THE SALVATION ARMY**. It has already begun and will continue until the end of July. You can give to this organization by placing contributions in the church offering plate or by sending a donation to the Church Office. For information about the Salvation Army, you can read a description of their community assistance endeavors found on the giving envelope stand, located at the entrances to the sanctuary.



In August we'll let you know the monetary amounts that our church donated to the many agencies we've supported this year. Our last two Mission projects, in fall and winter, will be to collect food and money for **HELPING HARVEST** and to purchase gifts for the **ANGEL TREE**.



Opportunity
House

LP Church will prepare, deliver, and serve dinner at Opportunity House on **July 1 and September 2**. Help is usually needed from 3–7 pm. Come and join us. It feels good to help others!

We extend our deepest sympathy to...



...family of **Earlene Hope**, who died on May 30, including her son **Dr Earl Hope** and wife **Linda**, her grandchildren **Jennifer** (Gracias), **Heather** (Enright), and **Matthew**, and greatgrandchildren **Finn**, **Liam**, **Milo**, and **Maddie**. **Earlene** was the wife of **the Rev. Garey Hope** and mother of three sons.

May God surround you all with His love and care.

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discoveries! Some recipes from the older book will also be included.

Our committee feels lucky. **Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi** accepted our invitation to be guest speaker on

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 28, 11 AM

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE.

We're one of only 26 churches (of the 600 in the Bishop's two conferences) that she'll visit this year. On that day, **INSTEAD** of a Fourth Sunday Breakfast, we'll have a reception afterwards with light fare and desserts.

It's been 30 years since we celebrated a milestone anniversary with a **Banquet** where all members can go out for an evening and enjoy fellowship with our church family (*and let the cooking up to someone else.*)

We're hoping everyone will attend this family event on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

5-7:30 PM

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE.

For senior members who prefer not to drive at night, we're working to offer free "Uber" service by some younger members. And, for families with children we plan to start festivities at 5 pm so everyone can head home by 7:30.

The buffet line will feature two entrees and a large anniversary cake for dessert. There will be a children's buffet as well. We've booked some Christian entertainment, and there will be some LPCUMC trivia. The cost will be \$45 per person, but children 14 and younger will be free.

**From Kris Gilham
Lay Leader**

**Send your favorite recipes
to recipes@lpcumc.org
for our new, updated
LP Church Cookbook**

Your new recipes will be included with some past recipes. We'd like to have the variety of: breakfasts, appetizers, sandwiches, crockpot, Instant pot, canning, desserts, and, of course, main dishes.

Here are two more ways to celebrate our 80th Anniversary:

KIDS DAY

SINKING SPRING YMCA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1-3 PM.

We made sure our Philadelphia Eagles were not scheduled to play that afternoon!

**FIGHTIN PHILS
FOR FAITH NIGHT**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Seats have been reserved for our church at \$15 per ticket. Don't miss out as the tickets for the game in June were sold out. A signup sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

As we get closer to our fall events keep an eye on the Monday weekly announcements for more details on anniversary happenings and sign up sheets.



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



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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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Jaxx Pied is the son of **Aaron** and **Erika (Garrity) Pied** and the grandson of **Harry** and **Gretchen Garrity**.

His work was displayed, along with the art of other Wilson West Middle School students, at a recent art show there. He won an award from the GFWC Women's Club of Spring Township for first place in Fine Arts. Note the blue ribbon! Erika says, "Jaxx loves drawing and has a vivid imagination." An honor roll student, he wants to pursue a career in medicine. He finished 8th Grade and will be headed up to Wilson HS in September. Good Luck, Jaxx



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!

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