



# News-Line



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

*November – December 2025*

## Your Gifts for Helping Harvest and Angel Tree

From Carol Bashore, Missions



Our Missions Committee was able to present Helping Harvest with **our largest donation of food and monetary assistance ever**. Your kindness and caring for those who are hungry is to be commended. Thank you, Lincoln Park.

Once again, our last project this year will be gifts for a family in need. We call this the Angel Tree. As soon as the Salvation Army sends us details of the family we'll be helping, we'll let everyone know.

## Everybody's Invited

From Parker Chadwick

Calling all youth and young at heart! On December 7, at 1 pm, we'll gather in Memorial Hall to make gingerbread houses! Please sign up in the back of the sanctuary in November. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you for gingerbread-house-making, Christmas music, and fun fellowship!

**It's not just for children!**





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

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:** November 2 — Join us as we remember and honor the saints who have gone before us (9 & 11am)

## **JOIN US FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

November 29, 10 am – Noon. Come help us decorate the church for Christmas! A fun and festive way to kick off the season.

### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

December 14 — \*One Service at 11 am\*  
— Experience the beauty and joy of Christmas through a special musical presentation by our church musicians and special guests.



### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES:**

Wednesday, December 24 — 5 pm Family Service

10 pm — Communion Service ( in-person only). Celebrate the birth of Christ at our serene and beautiful candlelight service.

**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 28** — \*One Service at 11 am\*  
An informal service featuring a Christmas Hymn Sing. (in-person only.)

We look forward to celebrating with you!

## A Few Words From Your Music Director

I truly believe we all felt proud of our church on Anniversary Sunday— of what a great church family we are, of how our congregation has grown, of our awesome ministries, and of our music program!

But, as Director of our Music Ministry, I will once again use this opportunity to address my concern—

**We need more people to join our worship team.**



We're looking for people willing to bring God their gift of voice and music. Let's say- we're offering a tryout here:

Join our choir to prepare and present our Christmas Cantata. Talk to me about our rehearsing schedule, and give it a shot. I guarantee you'll never regret it. Our group is absolutely amazing; we laugh hard and enjoy our time together so very much.

Time for this offer is limited; the door into the magic choir group will be closed in November. Don't miss this great opportunity!

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From KC Dianna



You can help make our sanctuary beautiful by ordering red, white, or pink poinsettias which you can take home after Christmas Eve services. The cost is \$10 each; they can be dedicated *in honor of, in memory of, or to the Glory of God.*

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, I can also take your orders at 484-955-9402 or email, [kcb1014 @yahoo.com](mailto:kcb1014@yahoo.com). I cannot accept cash.

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### From Rich Auman

**KIDS PLAY DAY at the Y – Important to SIGN UP**

November 16, 1-3 PM –

Rock Climbing Wall, Bounce House, 4-Story Maze (& Pizza!)

# Traveling Companions

From Pastor Quentin Wallace

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” — Romans 8:28*

As we move into the holiday season, I’m reminded of the classic movie *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*. In it, two very different men—Neal Page, a tightly wound marketing executive, and Del Griffith, a warm-hearted but talkative shower curtain ring salesman—are both desperately trying to get home for Thanksgiving.

What follows is a comedy of travel disasters: canceled flights, broken-down cars, missed trains, and a series of mishaps that would test anyone’s patience. Yet through all the chaos, these strangers discover something deeper—they learn to lean on each other, to laugh through hardship, and to form an unlikely friendship.

When I think about their journey, I see a powerful reflection of our own walk as followers of Christ.

## 1. We’re All Traveling Together

As Christians, we’re companions on the journey of faith. We may come from different backgrounds, have different opinions, and even move at different speeds—but we’re all headed



in the same direction, following Christ.

## 2. The Journey Isn’t Always Smooth

Like Neal and Del, we’ll face delays, breakdowns, and unexpected detours. Life won’t always go the way we plan. But our faith keeps us moving forward, trusting that God is guiding our path—even when the route takes us places we never expected to go.

## 3. God Brings Good Out of Every Challenge

Sometimes what looks like an inconvenience turns into a blessing. Romans 8:28 reminds us that “all things work together for good.” Even a delay, disagreement, or disappointment can become the very thing that shapes us, strengthens us, or introduces us to new people and perspectives.

So as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, let’s keep our hearts open:

- **THE TURKEY MIGHT BURN.**
- **SOMEONE MIGHT ARRIVE LATE—OR NOT AT ALL.**

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- **PLANS MIGHT FALL THROUGH.**

But God's plan never fails. Be patient. Be kind. Keep traveling in love. You never know what divine connections God is working out behind the scenes. This season, let's be more thankful at Thanksgiving and more giving at Christmas. And above all, let's remember the greatest, most selfless gift ever given—Christ, our salvation. No matter how we travel—by planes, trains, or automobiles—God is in control. He'll get us to our emotional, spiritual, and physical destinations right on time... and perhaps with a few new friends along the way.

*Happy Thanksgiving  
& Merry Christmas!*

*Pastor Quentin Wallace*

### **A Prayer for the Journey**

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for being our constant companion on this journey of life. When our plans fall apart, remind us that Yours never do. When we face delays, teach us patience. When we meet new people along the way, open our hearts to see Your purpose in every encounter.

As we move into this season of gratitude and giving, help us to travel with thankful hearts and generous spirits. May we find joy not just in the destination, but in the journey itself—trusting that You are working all things together for our good.

Keep us safe, keep us loving, and keep us mindful that wherever we go, You are already there. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and faithful guide, we pray—Amen.



## **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!

# Trunk or Treat 2025

Costumes, Friends, Neighbors, Hot Dogs, Candy on a Beautiful Fall Day

Cars decorated for fun, safely parked on Carlisle Avenue

Thank you to Krista Gilham, Parker Chadwick and all who helped!



# We Are Grateful for Your Giving!

From **Jerry Manhart**, Stewardship & Finance Chair



When you became a member of LPCUMC, you promised to contribute your Time, Talent and Treasure to our church. Thank you to those who promised and who attend regularly.

Also, thank you to all who give time and talent to serve on committees, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir or praise band, and help with the Food Ministry, Trustee workdays, or other ways.

Thank you to all who contribute Treasure. Besides giving cash or a check, did you know you may use Electronic Funds Transfer to give with a credit or debit card or direct withdrawal from checking or savings accounts? Also, thanks to those who give QCDs or stock. Many thanks to those who contribute food to our Missions or to our Food Ministry (CARE, Opportunity House, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast, and Sunday Punch and Coffee.)

## How Do I Use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)?

Our EFT is provided by Vanco, which is used by many Methodist Churches.

1. Start by going to our website: [lpcumc.org](http://lpcumc.org) OR use the QR code in the pew rack.
2. Find the *Online Giving, Donate Now*, or *Give Now* button.
3. Select from 15 tiles with pictures and descriptions. They include: General Budget, Missions, Food Ministry, Children's & Youth Ministries, Memorial Fund, Endowment Fund, Music Ministry, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Building and Repair Fund, Other Purchases or Payments, and Special Offerings for Lent, Easter, Anniversary, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
4. Some tiles require you to specify where you'd like your contribution used. For example, under the Missions tile, you can specify UMCOR, Hope Rescue, Angel Tree, etc. When you click on a tile button, a second page appears where you enter personal information: a credit/ debit card or checking/ savings account number, and the amount you wish to give.
5. Choose either a one time or recurring donation and a start date. You can also select a stop date.

*Frequently Asked Questions* and answers are available. If you need help,, contact **Jerry Manhart**, 610-927-7657.

## Meet Some New and Not-So New Lincoln Park Members

From Cheri Fallon, Editor



**Linda Geiger...**recently joined our church because of her son, Brandon, who's a drummer in our Praise Band. "He asked me to come to LP Church," she says. Originally from California, Linda moved to Berks County when she was 35 and has been here since. She worked as a paralegal in a law firm until she retired during COVID. When asked if she's enjoying retirement, she said exuberantly, "I AM! I like working in my yard with plants and flowers." Linda has another son, Eric Geiger, who lives in California, a daughter, Alexandra Geiger, of Wyomissing, and a grandson,

Henry, 14, a freshman at Wyomissing.

**Brandon Geiger...**met our own Dave Gehr when he playing drums at an open mic night at Atonement Lutheran Church. A few weeks later Dave invited him to come to Lincoln Park and play in the Praise Band. So Brandon came and says, "I think God wanted me to come to your church." Brandon was baptized at LP by Pastor Quentin and received as a new member. He is very happy to be part of the Praise Band, "They're all fantastic people."

Brandon lives in West Reading with his Dad, Clayton. He graduated from Wyomissing HS in 1977. He also spent two years living in Saudi Arabia with his Dad. "It was crazy," he says. Brandon has opened a "little" recording studio in West Reading and also has a landscaping, lawn mowing company. "I cut grass in the day and play music in the night." says Brandon.



Brandon meditating in his Mom's backyard. "I do that a lot," he says.

**Look forward to meeting new members Amy Simmell,**

**Jason & Hallie Corby, Ryane & Claire...** have been members at LP for a couple years now. The Gilhams invited their girls to Vacation Bible School, and they quickly felt at home at LP church.

Jason is from St Clair and Hallie from Ringtown in Schuylkill County. However, they met at Body Zone here in Reading, where Hallie was playing in a girls' basketball league. Jason says it was love at first sight.

They have two daughters now — Ryane, 12, who runs cross country on the Wilson West Middle School team, and plays soccer for RAGE—and Claire, 9, who plays for a Wilson Junior Soccer Club team. Hallie is a RN at the Reading Hospital's GI Department.

Jason has been part of Pastor Quentin's drama team. He is the manager of Fleet Feet, a running store in West Reading. He also coordinates Healthy Kids Running Series (for kids age 2—8<sup>th</sup> grade.) They race once a week and try to improve each time.



**Phyllis Snyder...** lives at the Highlands now but is originally from Pottstown. Her husband, Eugene, was an engineer, a manager at the Sara Lee Company, and he “has always enjoyed building and repairing things.” Phyllis was an executive assistant for 25 years. The couple have two children — Jeffrey Snyder of Exeter and Lauren Camargo, of St Petersburg FL.

Phyllis says, “My life really started at 51 when I received Jesus for my Savior.” She became active in Women's Bible Club, and still is to this day, meeting with them on Zoom. She also taught an after-school Bible Club for kids, meeting in a local school. For years Phyllis drove up to Exeter Bible Church to take her grandson Brenden (now 23) to Sunday School. She says, “I felt like I went through all those years of Sunday School with him, too!

**Valerie Schwartz, & Wanda Brown, in our next issue.**

# 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Brings Back Memories

From Cheri Fallon, Editor

Over 100 people gathered at Albright College to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our beloved church. Some came from far —the **Chadwicks**, the **Rev Sara Davis-Shappell** and husband **Tom**, and relatives of our two honorees, **Suzanne Romig** and **Anna Wardrop**.

It was a dreary, drippy night but we were met by friendly church members who guided us to the doors. Thanks to our Anniversary Committee (especially **Rich Auman**) and Albright employees, it went off without a glitch. The food was very good and the entertainment even better. A beautiful, tear-worthy video —of times gone by and wonderful friends of old —held everyone’s attention. And the Christian juggler **Chris Ivey** — and his son were funny and sincere with their message and expert with their balls and knives! **Griffin Whiteley**, **Hannah** and **Alexa Gilham** were part of the show with backup from **Lily Guercia** and **Danny Villicco**. We all left smiling! Some brought the sweet flowers by **Linda Hope** home with them.

The committee especially wanted to honor our two oldest members — **Anna Wardrop** (99) and **Susie Romig** (98).—who joined at LP Church in the early 1950’s. Both charming ladies are have given much time for the good of our church. They both feel that the church has meant so very much to them.

Ann and her friend, **Nancy Dettra** had an idea for church women to bake all kinds of Christmas cookies. So every year the church smelled of cookies! They sold quickly and the group “made lots of money.” Ann wants us to know that she “dearly loves this church,” and that she’s “very grateful for her many blessings.”



Susie often helped in Sunday School, and from 1980-1989, operated a Nursery School at our church. She



also gathered a group of women to make quilts. All earnings went to church needs. Susie says, “I’ve never had a great *Ah-Ha* moment, but when I needed the Lord, He was there.”

We thank the Anniversary Committee for their efforts and all those who contributed such beautiful music to the Anniversary Worship Service. What an amazing celebration!



# Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



for our early-mid Jan–Feb issue

**December 30**



## *In Our Mailbox*

Dear LP Friends,

Thanks for making our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration so special to me. I've been happy worshipping at LP Church and sustained by our

fellowship. Thanks again, *Susie Romig*

*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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## **Two kids who grew up at LP Church...**

were honored recently by the Wilson Education Foundation of the Wilson School District. **EMILY McLAUGHLIN** and **DR STEVEN FALLON** were named as **2025 WILSON DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**.



**Emily**, Class of 1997, is a Professor of Chemistry at Bard College and a dedicated educator for over 18 years. She's a member of the American Chemical Society Executive Committee, an ACS Fellow, and is featured in several publications in her field. Emily has also completed five marathons.

**Steven**, Class of 1991, is a Doctor at Berks Oral Surgery and the Reading Hospital. He specializes in full-scope oral and maxillofacial surgery. He's received various awards and traveled to Honduras to provide care for underprivileged children.

On Sunday, October 26, we celebrated **ANNA WARDROP's 70** years of membership, dedication, and service at LP Church! She is relocating to Maryland to be closer to her family. Her new address will be : Sunrise at Fox Hills, 8300 Burdette Rd. C573

Bethesda, MD 20817 She will be getting a new phone number.

Her daughter, Barbara Richards, is at 303-503-3571. We will miss you, Ann!

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