



News-Line

Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
Lincoln Park, Pennsylvania *May - June 2026*

LINCOLN PARK FLEA MARKET 2026

Saturday, May 16, 7am to 2 pm
From Jerry Manhart, Chair

toys, games, baby equipment, sporting equipment, tools, garden accessories, jewelry, and *many* other useful items.

If you've read a good book or done a puzzle lately, bring it in for someone else to enjoy and buy yourself a new one. Leftovers are donated to Berks Book Bonanza, but why wait? Buy it at the Flea Market.

Like food? You can donate, prepare, sell, and eat food, all at our Flea Market. Stop in for breakfast coffee with donuts or barbeque for lunch. You're sure to see someone eating a great-smelling, grilled hot dog before 8 am. And, wait until you see the baked goods!

Fill out a blue donation/ time/ job sheet found in the back of the church or contact **Jerry Manhart**, 610-927-7657, with questions or to volunteer to help.

Something for Everyone.

What can you do? You can clean out your basement or garage and donate fleas to sell. No fleas? You can purchase them for a good price. We sell household items, collectibles,



If you've got a graduate in your family, please let us know! You can send information about them to cherfallon@comcast.net or call **Cheri** at 610-914-1875. Or Linda in the Church Office: 610-777-1422 . Let's celebrate our graduates!



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

From Mark Villecco, Worship Chair & Contemporary Program Coordinator
On these Sundays, we'll combine worship services, at 11 am.

May 24 - **Memorial Day Weekend**

Come for breakfast first at 10 am

June 15 - **Graduate Recognition, Children's Day,
Music Appreciation Sunday**

July 5 - **Independence Day Weekend**



**Combined
Services
at 11 am**

JOIN US FOR THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE WORSHIP, MAY 14, 7 PM

We'll offer a special worship experience at LP Church. Led by Mark Villecco and his Praise Band, the service includes a devotional from Pastor Quentin Wallace. Please come and enjoy a refresher in the middle of the week.

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

Please join us on fourth Sundays for a yummy free breakfast between services at 10 am. It's a great time to catch up with church friends and meet new people! **SOMETIMES WE'RE EVEN ENTERTAINED WITH SKITS BY OUR PASTOR AND HIS DRAMA TEAM.**

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."**

Why Is Minister Brenda on Her Phone During Church?

Those sitting near her might wonder: *Is she tired of listening to her husband preach? Is she being rude?*

The answer to both questions is an emphatic *NO*. She is, in fact, actively engaging with our online community.

Most Sundays—and even during Holy Week services—she is welcoming our online family, receiving prayer requests, and connecting with people from across the country who join us in worship. On any given Sunday, we may have up to 15 people worshipping with us online. Some are local, while others tune in from as far away as Massachusetts and Florida.

Our online ministry extends the reach of our worship beyond the sanctuary, offering meaningful participation for those who are homebound, those who live at a distance, and members who miss an occasional Sunday. Many watch online services through the week.

Pastor Wallace has heard from former parishioners, fellow clergy, and individuals from his past youth ministry who

faithfully listen to his sermons. At times, viewers reach out with prayer needs, which we can include in our Sunday morning prayers.

On Good Friday, one individual reached out expressing deeply concerning thoughts. While the situation was uncertain, they remained connected to the service. In response, we were able to offer prayer and share mental health resources. We believe that this person was touched by the service.

We are deeply grateful for our dedicated tech team—**Dennis Antunes, Geoff Whitely, Mark Villecco, and Jaedon Wallace**—who faithfully ensure that our services

extend beyond the walls of the church to reach many others.

So, when you see Minister Brenda on her phone during a service, please know she is not distracted or disengaged. She is participating in a meaningful and impactful ministry—one that helps share the light of Christ with all who seek it.



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!

Keep Christ in the Observances

From Pastor Quentin Wallace

The steps of a good person are ordered by the Lord.

—Psalm 37:23

As we journey through May and June, we're blessed with meaningful observances that invite us to pause, reflect, and celebrate. These moments are more than dates on a calendar—they're opportunities to recognize how God actively guides our lives.

When David declared that *the steps of a good person are ordered by the Lord*, he was affirming a deep truth: that God is not distant or uninvolved, but intimately directing the path of those who trust in Him. Even in uncertain times, victories, losses, and transitions, God is ordering our steps with purpose, wisdom, and love.

Each observance we celebrate becomes a reminder that our lives—and our history—are not accidental, but divinely guided.

Mother's Day - May 10

We honor the love, strength, and sacrifice of mothers and mother figures. Their nurturing spirits reflect God's care for us. Their influence reminds us that God often orders our steps through the wisdom, prayers, and guidance of those who raise and shape us.



Memorial Day - May 25

We remember those who gave their lives serving our country. As we reflect on their sacrifice, we think of the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. David understood both struggle and victory; this day reminds us that, even through sacrifice, God is working out His

greater plan.

Children's Day & Flag Day June 14

Children's Day is a joyful reminder of the gift and promise found in our young people. Jesus said *Let the little children come to me*, affirming their importance in the Kingdom of God. As we nurture them, we trust that God is ordering their steps and preparing their future.

On Flag Day, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy. Yet even as we honor our nation, we know that our true direction and identity come from God, who orders our steps in righteousness and truth.

Juneteenth - June 19

Juneteenth commemorates the

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emancipation of enslaved African Americans and is a powerful reminder of freedom and justice. It is a testimony that even through seasons of oppression, God is still at work. Just as David trusted God through hardship, we are reminded that God's ordering of our steps can lead us from bondage into freedom—physically and spiritually.

Father's Day - June 21

We celebrate fathers and father figures who lead, protect, and provide. Their role reflects the guidance of our Heavenly Father. As earthly fathers help direct their families, they mirror the greater truth that God Himself orders our steps each day.

Celebrating Graduates

We recognize our graduates—from high school, college, and beyond—who

are stepping into new seasons of life. This milestone is a powerful example of Psalm 37:23 in action. While the future may seem uncertain, we trust that God has already gone before them, ordering each step and preparing the way ahead.

As we observe these special days, may we see them not as isolated moments, but as part of a larger journey directed by God. David's words remind us that whether we are celebrating, remembering, growing, or stepping into something new—God is guiding us every step of the way.

For all good things,
we give God the glory.

Blessings,
Pastor Quentin

Musicians

From Office Administrator **Linda Livingood**

Musicians fly, energizing the air with each note,
Lifting the hearer's heart to higher expectations,
Picking them up on wings of sound, harmonies, insight,
Soaring the mind, releasing the spirit,
Soothing wounds, eliciting emotion.
Pouring his being into his instrument,
The musician, practiced, perfect, professional, personal.
His spirit aches to grasp, then release;
Master, then let go; form and then flow free.
His heart is delicate, tender, in tune,
And when he plays, he flies.



We Welcome Our New Bookkeeper: Diane Hartz

From Diane Hartz



I'm happy to join your church as a bookkeeper. Here's a little about my background: After high school graduation, I spent 25 years at American Bank, which eventually turned into Wells Fargo. When I left there, I worked at Wilson Southern Middle School for 21 years as the Principal's Administrative Assistant. I retired in 2017, but Wilson brought me back a few months later as a contractor working in their Business Office (Finance) for eight additional years. I officially retired from Wilson a second time in December 2025. I am a proud mother of one daughter and four grandchildren.

Giving is Worship and Living in Overflow

From Pastor Quentin Wallace

Give, and it will be given to you... a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. — Luke 6:38

Giving is not just what we do—it's who we are in worship. Every time we give—our resources, our time, our gifts—we declare *God, I trust You*. We can't worship God fully while holding back what He's placed in our hands.

It's releasing what's in our hands and trusting God with what's in our hearts. And Luke 6:38 reminds us: when we give, God doesn't just give back—*He multiplies, He presses it down, and He lets it overflow*.

We don't give to get—we give because God already gave. But when we give, overflow follows.

John Wesley said it plainly: "*Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can.*" Giving isn't an afterthought—it's a mark of discipleship. It's how we align our hearts with God's mission.

"We give out of gratitude, not obligation."

And when we give through the church, we become part of something bigger than ourselves. Lives are changed, hope is restored, and love is put into action. When we give, we're not losing—we're launching ministry.

Giving isn't just financial—it's our time, our service, our prayers, our witness. And here's the truth: We can't pour out for God and end up empty. He always refills what we release.

We give out of gratitude, not obligation. God gave first—and our generosity is simply our response.

So we live this truth: We can't out-give God—and we can't outgrow generosity. And when giving becomes worship, we don't just give...

We live in overflow.

Grab Your Passport for Emerald Crossing Vacation Bible School!

July –16, 5:45-7:30 pm

From Krista Gilham, Christian Ed Co-Chair

In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them. At Emerald Crossing VBS, our children will journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23.



They'll discover the life of the shepherd, King David, and will learn how to cross from anxiety to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd.

Get ready for Ireland and join the adventure!

Help promote our church event by distributing the inserted flyer to someone with children 4 years old through entering 6th grade in the fall. (No passport or Real ID required.) Questions? Reach out to Krista Gilham, or Torie Whiteley.

Register your child or volunteer with this QR code or at <https://lp.myanswers.com/emerald-crossing>



Congratulations Lincoln Park Graduates!

Luke Gehman...

Is the son of **Mark** and **Marina Gehman** and grandson of **Jim** and **Roe Gehman**. Luke will graduate Magna Cum Laude from Penn State Berks with a BS degree in Kinesiology (exercise science) and a Minor in Business. Luke also received the Science Division Service Award.

Luke's plans include continuing working as a personal trainer and strength coach at Alliance Fitness Center. He plans to return to grad school to gain certification in Education.



Adam Gehr...

The son of **Dave** and **Debra**, will graduate May 8, with a Master's degree in Applied Data t, from Carnegie Mellon University. (FYI: Data Science blends mathematics, statistics, and computer engineering to understand datasets, make predictions, and create strategies to optimize business processes and policies..



“Adam hopes to use his data analytic skills in public service. In the meantime, he's getting a lot of practice with interviewing!” says Deb. Adam enjoys living in Pittsburgh and is looking for a position there. He's currently involved in a church in Pittsburgh where he helps with a Middle School Youth Group. He was also baptized in March, even though he had been baptized as a baby. He felt strongly about reaffirming his faith. “We are very proud of him!” says Deb.

Food Ministry's Goal for 2026

From Jim Gehman

Our Food Ministry needs your help. We're currently providing 21 to 25 CARE Meals each month. Our goal for 2026 is to increase those numbers to 30 recipients. Do you know of anyone who'd benefit from a hot meal prepared by our Food Ministry team—perhaps a family member, neighbor, or friend? These meals are prepared and delivered on the 2nd Tuesday each month. .

To help us reach our goal, call **Alan Koelble**, 570-664-3475, **Jim Gehman**, 610-207-6151, or **Linda** in our Church Office, 610-777-1422, with names of possible meal recipients. If you're currently supporting this church ministry, thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated. Remember to mark your contribution to our *Food Ministry*.

Meet New Lincoln Park Member Pamela Smith

From Cheri Fallon, Editor

Pam... and her husband **Ken** loved to travel so much that they *chose* moving whenever opportunity knocked. Ken worked for the Department of Defense. The longest they ever lived in a place was 12 years. “We had good lives,” she says. Unfortunately Ken died suddenly nine years ago.

Pam moved to Reading because her daughter, **Jennifer Freymoyer**, lives in Wyomissing. She settled into the Highlands three months ago. “My daughter’s a pastor who knows **Pastor Quentin** and is the one who recommended LP Church,” says Pam. Her son, **Andy**, is an ER nurse who lives in Coatesville. She has six grandchildren, and she feels fortunate that her mother is alive, although she lives in California.

Pam likes to take long walks and loves to sing. What she really loves is “Music, Music, Music!” Pam says that her moving so much made her “appreciate what I have” in the here and now. “I take one day at a time.”



From Debra Gehr & Jim Eckert, Missions Co-chairs

Our Missions Committee started the year by sponsoring a lane in support of **MARY'S SHELTER'S BOWL-A-THON**, held March 13. In April and May we're assisting the

YATOSHA DEAF SCHOOL IN TANZANIA.

This mission is supported by United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania. In Tanzania today, thousands of deaf children live without access to the basic education every child deserves. Your donation will help to provide essential, ongoing support for the school: sustaining classrooms and educators, learning resources for deaf education, and long-term operations.

Pink envelopes are in the pews and in the Wagner Room for your convenience. Online donations are also welcome. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity toward this important mission.

Upcoming projects for summer include **DONATIONS FOR VBS**, **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** (organization TBD) and a clothing drive for the **HOPE RESCUE MISSION**. Stay tuned!





Eva Lily Madeira—daughter of **Jeffrey** and **Natalie**

and granddaughter of **Carl** and, **Nancy** — is 10 years old and a 5th grade student at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School in Monroe County.

When the PA Attorney General’s office invited

PA students to participate in the 2026 Drug - Free Calendar contest, Eva wanted to enter. Her drawing was one of 13 selected for the 12 months and the cover.

In January the family was invited to Harrisburg for a luncheon and awards ceremony followed by a tour of the Capitol.

The drawings were randomly placed in the calendar. Eva’s is in August which happens to be the birthday month of her mother **Natalie** and grandmother **Nancy**.

Eva also enjoys playing the piano and clarinet, singing in a local chorus, and is active in the community playhouse. She is a Girl Scout and enjoys drawing and doing crafts.



A Prayer
from Amy Carmichael
(1867-1951) an Irish
Protestant Missionary
in India

**Holy Spirit,
think through me,
Till your ideas
are my ideas.**



Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board



June 15

For our July-August Issue

Happy
ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Nancy and Dean Troutman** who celebrated their **50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!** Best wishes also to their daughter and son-in-law, **Jennifer and Michael Gilinger**, who have enjoyed 22 years of marriage.

Wishing You Peace and Comfort

...**Joanne Posey** and family — on the loss of their husband and father, **Lee Posey**, 81, on February 10. Lee, an Army veteran of the Vietnam era, has degrees from Albright College (BS) and Penn State (Master's in Engineering Science.) He was employed at AT&T as a computer engineer, retired, and became a driver for Piazza Auto Group for 10 years. He and Joanne have four children — Heather Kostival (husband Darren) Alex (wife Kim) Alyssa Herbert (Donald) and Jessica Gerhart (Ralph.) They are blessed with eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

...Family of **Alice Obold**, 91, who died March 31. She was a faithful attendee at Lincoln Park, and her presence will be deeply missed. Funeral services were officiated on April 14 by **the Rev Dr Quentin Wallace**.

...Family of **Ronald Schucker**, 92, who died on March 24. He was the husband of **Doris**, who passed away in 2013. Born in Frackville, he worked here at CarTech in combustion maintenance. Ron and Doris had five children — Linda (Rick) Mark, Jeffrey, Jill Fay (Alan) and Glen (Win.) They also had 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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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Birth

Congratulations to our Music Director **Irina** and her husband **Dimitry Shmeleva** on the birth of granddaughter **Marnie**. Welcome to the world, precious baby!



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