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Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church Newsletter
1 Carlisle Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania
November/December 2026 Issue

A Note from Cheri Fallon Who was Editor of the LPCUMC News-Linc for 38 Years Recognized at the Laity Sunday Service, October 18th

Dear Lincoln Park Friends,



Our church and its sweet people are special to me so I felt honored and touched by our Laity Sunday church service on October 18. I'm grateful to Rich Auman and Pastor Quentin for making it so meaningful. When Pastor Sara Davis asked me about doing the church newsletter, I had no idea I would continue editing for 38 years. Truly, it's been a blessing - keeping me close to our church, its lovely people, and our loving God. Many of you have encouraged me over the years and I am thankful for you, too.

Rich Auman put a lot into my retirement. He wrote an article (about me!) for my last issue, contacted former pastors for comments, and arranged for a unique, engraved vase from Nolde Forest Pottery, filled with beautiful flowers. It is all so touching to me; thank you, Rich.

I am only one of many members who have served for decades here at Lincoln Park. They faithfully work year after year, changing positions and jobs occasionally, but still staying involved in making our beloved church so special. They deserve a party and they had one at a delicious lunch after the service. Thank you, Food Ministry Committee!

Love to all and God Bless You, Cheri Fallon

WORSHIP WITH US

From Mark Villecco, Worship Chair & Contemporary Program Coordinator

9 AM Contemporary Service
10 AM Sunday School, except 4th Sundays
11 AM Traditional Service
7 PM Thursday Night Live! November 19 & December 17

Childcare provided for both Sunday services and some special events

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Free Sunday Breakfasts scheduled for November 22 and December 20, 10 AM,
with a special drama presentation at the December 20 breakfast

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Sunday Services may be seen virtually on Facebook. To view, go to lpcumc.org, 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. You may submit prayer requests by clicking on the *Prayer Request* tab at the top of the LPCUMC home page, or by using the following link and filling in the *Prayer Request* fields: https:www.lpcumc.org/prayer-requ est/

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

Advent & Christmas Services

- November 19: Thursday Night Live at 7 PM – Join us for an uplifting midweek worship experience
- November 29: First Sunday of Advent
- December 6: Christmas Cantata – One combined service at 11 AM
- December 13: Communion (9 AM & 11 AM)
- December 17: Thursday Night Live! Blue Christmas at 7 PM – A meaningful night of worship and encouragement for those facing a difficult season
- December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Services
  5 PM Family Service (livestreamed) &
  10 PM Communion Service (in-person only)
- December 27: Sunday After Christmas – One combined service at 11 AM

Lincoln Park's Bulletin Board

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.

News-Linc Staff:
Editor: Linda Livingood 610-223-2967 (Cell phone)
Editor Emeritus: Cheri Fallon
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In order to stay within budget for the copier, we will be printing the bulletin in black and white, except for the cover.

Change of Address

As of November 20, 2026
Richard & Beth Auman
660 Willow Valley Square M410
Lancaster, PA 17602

Gloria Beamesderfer
1718 Dauphin Ave.
Wyomissing, PA 19610
(living with her daughter,
Kim Hershman)

New Editor of News-Linc

Since Cheri Fallon has retired from providing us with the News-Linc the past 38 years, a new editor was needed. Linda Livingood volunteered to take over this responsibility. So, all future articles should be sent to her, at linda@lpcumc.org or if you have questions, call her at the office during office hours at 610-777-1422. The next newsletter deadline is December 15.

Donation Statements

The third quarter donation statements where emailed October 27th. If you didn't receive one and would like to receive 1st, 2nd, & 3rd quarter statements, please give your email address to the office. Otherwise, from now on, we will only be printing the end of year statements.



Both Royal and his mother, Tee Tee, are doing well. We thank God for this precious blessing and are grateful for your prayers, love, and support.

With joyful hearts and thanksgiving,
Pastor Quentin and Minister Brenda

Community Impact Team
The team has sponsored very successful events and many of the expenses have been covered by donations of members of our congregation. This has been such a blessing and much appreciated. This year, the church has hosted an Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Fall Harvest Festival and is now planning a Christmas Event. Check your Weekly Announcements for new information about this event.

Choir News and Surprise Offer
Did you hear Pastor make an offer in church on October 25?

Pastor said "If 5 additional people join the choir, then I will join the choir, too."

Now that's a wonderful challenge to all of you who love to sing and haven't participated in the choir. Choir meets 11-12:30 on Wednesdays and they sing at the 11 AM service. Call Irina, our Choir Director to let her know you are interested: 718-877-8894.

Missions - Helping Harvest
We will finish our recent collection of food for Helping Harvest on November 8. We have been collecting non-perishable food and household items. Information and boxes are located in the Wagner Room. Monetary donations are accepted as well. Helping Harvest has done an amazing job:
- 11,102,818 pounds of food distributed; valued at $21,855,778
- Their trucks drove 161,610 miles - equal to driving around the Earth 6.5 times!
- 290 mobile markets received $4.3 million worth of food
- 26,568 PA Senior Food Boxes were distributed with an additional
- 90,000 meals produced at the Helping Harvest Community Kitchen
- 7,041,660 pounds of food distributed by 130 Agency

Our next Mission focus will be the ANGEL TREE.



Stewardship Committee
The Stewardship Committee is looking for 1 or 2 more people who have creative ideas and can help implement ideas. If anyone is interested or has a suggestion, please contact Linda Hope. The bulk of the work for Stewardship is done in the fall. Meetings occur via zoom, typically, and meet approximately every 6-8 weeks as needed.



Lindsey Villecco Guercia's next show is:
Anastasia – The Musical
She is playing Tsarina Alexandra
& part of the ensemble.

At Yocum Institute for Arts Education
300 Penn Avenue
West Lawn, PA





Book by Terrence McNally
Music by Stephen Flaherty
Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

The Tony-winning creative team behind Anastasia tells the story of a young woman seeking her past, from the Russian Empire to Paris, in a musical filled with soaring songs, humor, and heart.

Performances

Friday, December 4, 2026 | 7:00PM
Saturday, December 5, 2026 | 2:00PM
Saturday, December 5, 2026 | 7:00PM
Thursday, December 10, 2026 | 7:00PM
Friday, December 11, 2026 | 7:00PM
Saturday, December 12, 2026 | 2:00PM
Saturday, December 12, 2026 | 7:00PM
Sunday, December 13, 2026 | 2:00PM

Recommended for Ages 10+ - (Contains themes of war, loss, and historical violence)
Adults - $27 | Students/Seniors - $22 | Children Under 12 - $12

Joshua Brown Legacy Remembrance – Saturday November 28 at 10:00 AM

An invitation from Wanda Brown to her late son's afternoon of remembrance at Pineland Park Basketball Courts. The courts were commissioned by Exeter Township as a memorial. The program will be 10 AM-12:30 PM. Pastor Wallace will begin with a prayer and there will be other special guests, Alexa and Krista Gilham will play a song, praise dancers will demonstrate a dance, and a presentation will be made to Exeter Township Park and Recreation.

There will be a break for mingling and/or lunch. The latter part of the day, 2-4 pm, will be filled with listening to Joshua's CD while participants may shoot foul shots on the court in his honor. A Christian artist may be present as well while he paints and spreads a message of Don't Quit.





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM - $10 PER PLANT

Name_____

Phone #_____

In honor of:_____

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OR

In memory of:_____

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OR

To the glory of God_____

# of Red	# of Pink	# of White	Total @ $10 each



Please note on your check or cash envelope that it is for the poinsettias. Place them in the offering plate or give them to one of the ushers/greeters, KC Dianna or send to the office.

K.C. Dianna phone: 484-955-9402, email: kcb1014@yahoo.com

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Remember, a wonderful life doesn't mean a life without problems, disappointments, or struggles. It means recognizing that even in the midst of life's challenges, God has blessed us with His love, His grace, and His presence. Perhaps the greatest lesson George Bailey learned was that his life mattered more than he ever realized. And so does yours!

You may never know how many lives you've touched, how many people you've encouraged, or how many prayers God has answered through your kindness. But God knows!

So, this holiday season, let's be more thankful at Thanksgiving, more giving at Christmas, and more loving throughout the year! Because when we recognize God's blessings and become a blessing to others, we discover that, through His grace, it really is a wonderful life!

A Holiday Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the countless blessings You have poured into our lives. Forgive us for the times we've focused more on what we lack than on what You've provided. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, fill our hearts with gratitude. As we celebrate Christmas, remind us of Your greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Comfort those who are grieving, strengthen those who are struggling, and bring hope to those who feel discouraged or forgotten. Help us to appreciate the people You've placed in our lives and to recognize opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others. May our hearts remain thankful, our hands remain generous, and our lives reflect Your love. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!
With love and blessings, Rev. Dr. Quentin Wallace
Pastor, Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church

Deepening Our Faith, Sharing Our Joy

A Stewardship Reflection for Lincoln Park Community UMC

One of the great joys of the Christian life is faithful giving. Generosity does not flow from guilt—it flows from gratitude for God's abundant grace and daily provisions.
"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Living Out Stewardship
Stewardship goes beyond financial giving—it is equally about sharing your time and gifts through worship, committee leadership, Sunday School, VBS, and outreach ministries. We are profoundly grateful for everyone who gives so generously to make our shared ministry possible.

Expanding Our Vision
Building on our long-standing foundation of **"Seeking and Sharing Christ,"** our church leadership has cast a refreshed vision for our future:

Our Vision: *"We share the Gospel in a loving, Christ-centered community reaching out to all people in love and faith."*
We remain committed to strengthening our presence in the community, supporting those in need, and nurturing our congregation as we grow deeper in faith together.

Commitment Sunday (November 22)
Over the last few weeks, our Stewardship Moments, Hearts of Blessings, testimonies, and other videos have highlighted how God is actively working through LPCUMC. We hope these moments have offered a meaningful picture of how your support makes a lasting impact.

On Sunday, November 22, we will gather during worship to bring forward our Faith Cards, presenting them to God as we pray in thanksgiving for His abundant blessings. *(If you are unable to attend in person on November 22, you may return your card by mail using the self-addressed envelope that was included in the Stewardship mailing with your Faith Card, or place it in the offering plate on any upcoming Sunday.)*

Thank you for your prayerful consideration as you reflect on your commitments for the coming year!

The Stewardship Committee of LPCUMC


Pastor Quentin Wallace

"Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus;
1Thessalonians 5:18

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

Discovering the Blessings We Sometimes Overlook

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, I'm reminded of the beloved holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart. The movie tells the story of George Bailey, a man who spent much of his life sacrificing his own dreams to help others. George wanted to travel the world, accomplish great things, and experience the kind of success that people often associate with a wonderful life. But things didn't turn out the way he planned.

Instead of traveling the world, George remained in his hometown of Bedford Falls. Instead of becoming wealthy, he spent much of his life helping others achieve their dreams. And when a financial crisis threatened everything he had worked for, George became so discouraged that he began to believe the world would have been better off without him. But then something extraordinary happened. Through the intervention of an angel named Clarence, George was given the opportunity to see what life would have been like if he had never been born.

What he discovered changed his perspective completely. He realized that his life had touched more people than he could have imagined. His kindness had made a difference. His sacrifices had mattered. And the blessings he had overlooked were the very things that made his life wonderful!

What a powerful reminder as we enter this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas!

1. Be Thankful for What You Have

Sometimes we're so focused on what we don't have that we fail to appreciate what God has already given us. We may not have everything we want, but if we have people who love us, a church family that cares, food on our tables, and the assurance of God's presence, we have reasons to be thankful. George Bailey discovered that the richest life isn't necessarily the one with the most money, but the one filled with love, friendship, and purpose.

This Thanksgiving, don't allow what you're missing to make you forget what you've been given!

2. Be Thankful Even When Life Isn't Wonderful

Let's face it. The holidays aren't always happy for everyone. Some families will gather around tables with empty chairs because someone they love is no longer there. Others will struggle financially, face health challenges, or experience loneliness and disappointment.

But notice what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances. He doesn't say we must be thankful for every circumstance, but that we can find reasons to give thanks in every circumstance. Our circumstances may change, but God's faithfulness remains constant. Like George Bailey, we sometimes need a new perspective to recognize that even during difficult seasons, God is still at work in our lives.

3. Make Someone Else's Life Wonderful

One of the most beautiful lessons of *It's a Wonderful Life* is that George's greatest accomplishments weren't measured by what he accumulated, but by what he gave. He helped families find homes. He stood up for people who needed someone in their corner. He made sacrifices that improved the lives of others. And when George needed help, the people whose lives he had touched came together to help him. Isn't that what Christmas is really about? Christmas reminds us of the greatest gift the world has ever received—Jesus Christ! John 3:16 reminds us that God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son.

God demonstrated His love through giving. And when we give our time, share our resources, encourage someone who's struggling, or simply show kindness, we reflect that same love. This Christmas, let's not just celebrate the gift of Christ. Let's share His love with others!

A Wonderful Season of Gratitude and Giving

As we move through Thanksgiving and Christmas, I encourage you to do three things:

1. Count your blessings. Don't overlook the everyday gifts that make life meaningful.
2. Cherish your relationships. Make time for family, friends, and those who may need a little extra love this season.
3. Be a blessing. Find someone whose life you can brighten through an act of kindness, generosity, or encouragement.

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