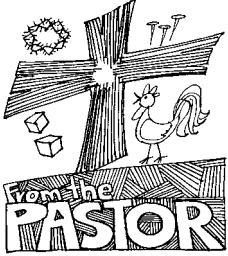


The Livingston Letter

APRIL 2006



"Jesus is Alive"

While I was consoling a grieving family recently over the lingering death of a loved one, her sister said, "Since she was a Christian, I know she's prepared to meet Jesus and will rise again." I agreed with her because what she said is true. We can be assured of eternal life and the resurrection because Jesus' resurrection is proof and preview of our own resurrection.

The season of Lent which climaxes on Easter Sunday vividly reminds us that Jesus had to die for our sins. We know His death wasn't the end of the story because the Bible says His tomb is empty.

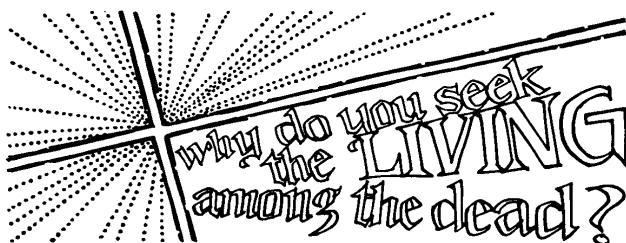
Do you believe the resurrection of Jesus is true and the tomb's empty? Listen to what the Apostle Paul has to say about the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith has nothing to it; you are still guilty of your sins". (1 Corinthians 15:17). In other words, if Jesus Christ has been raised then all His followers will join Him. Not only will our grieving member's sister be raised again - so will you! Isn't that a fantastic promise!

Jesus died for you and rose again because He loves you passionately. He's alive!

Not only is Jesus alive, but so are our youth. On Palm Sunday, Paige Stubbins, Colin O'Grady, Shyanna Priddy, Robbie Barta, Alyssa Staten and Libby Giles will openly confess their faith in Jesus Christ. I encourage you to come and witness this huge step of faith these fine young people are taking.

Affectionately,

Jim



Start of
Daylight
Savings...
**SPRING
FORWARD!**

APRIL 2nd



April 9, Palm Sunday

Youth Confirmed as members

April 12, Wednesday

Men's Group, 6:30 p.m.

April 13,

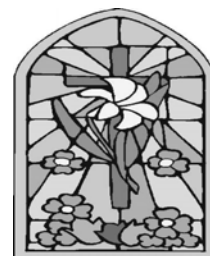
Maundy Thursday

The Last Supper, 7 p.m.

April 14, Good Friday

Service of Darkness, 7 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY



**Christ
the Lord
is Risen
Today!**

Sunrise Service 7:30 am
presented by our Youth Group

Easter Breakfast 8:00 am
prepared by
Debbie and Terry Whitt

Easter morning Craft time

Sunday School - 9:00 am

Worship Celebration 10:30
Chancel Choir's Easter Cantata,
"God's Holy Lamb",



Church for All People UMC

Fundraiser at Livingston

You are invited to enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by the members of Church for All People (C4AP) Saturday, April 1st, 4:00-7:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

C4AP has outgrown its worship and Free Store space so they are planning on purchasing property along Parsons Ave. This fundraiser allows all C4AP members and friends to support the building project. Dinner will cost \$5.00.

Heart to Heart

Our women's group, Heart to Heart, will meet Wednesday, April 5th and April 19th 6:30 p.m. All women are welcome.

Men's Meeting

The men will meet over dinner at Dan's Drive-In, Wednesday, April 12th, 6:30 p.m. We will continue our discussion on the question of the separation of church and state.



Mary Hermiz World Gospel Mission Speaking April 30th

Livingston has enthusiastically supported the medical ministry of Mary Hermiz for many years at Tenwek Hospital, in Kenya, Africa. Mary will share her ministry with us on Sunday, April 30th.

A love offering will be received to assist her with traveling and living expenses.

*Absent from body....
present with the Lord*

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Tom Cobb and his family in the death of his step-father. Gil Belangee.

Terry Whitt and his family in the death of his sister, Sandy Whitt

Ministry of Caring Advanced Course for Lay Speakers

Ministry of Caring will be offered as an Advanced Course on Friday, April 21 (6:30-9:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 22, (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at Groveport UMC. This advanced class is open to Local and Certified Lay Speakers and counts towards the continuing education requirement of one course every three

years to retain certification. Advanced courses are also excellent leadership training and are open to persons who are not already Lay Speakers (although not for Lay Speaker certification).

Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course

The Lay Speaking Ministries: Basic Course will also be offered Friday, April 21 (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 22 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at Groveport UMC. Lay Speakers are people who serve and lead in the church and community by reaching out to others in times of need, leading church school classes, chair-ing committees, volunteering their time to organize outreach efforts, and yes, they may also be called to speak out about their faith. Please prayerfully consider persons in your congregation whom God is calling into leadership and would benefit from the Lay Speaking Ministries experience, and pass this information along to them.

Participants in both courses will share fellowship during lunch on Saturday, and join together in worship at the beginning and conclusion of the classes.

Cost for each program is \$30, which includes the text, a leader's guide and meals and snacks for the 2 days. See Pastor Jim for registra-tion forms.



Children's Ministry

Linda Burkhart and Susan Adams are the co-leaders of the Children's Ministry team. A meeting was held on Sunday, March 12, 2006, to discuss upcoming events and the need for volunteers for the following planned events for 2006:

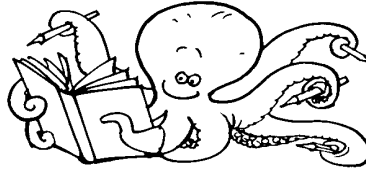
1. Easter morning craft time - See Denise Russell
2. VBS-June 18-22 with the closing on Sunday, June 25. More details to follow.
3. Family camping adventure in the fall - Donna and Alyssa Staten
4. Christmas Program - Kim Giles and Sue Brizendine
5. A winter event to be determined at a later date

We are not limited to only the above events. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. We welcome any volunteers and look forward to making this a successful ministry for all of our young children.

Susan Adams
and
Linda Burkhart

Missions Budget \$12,406

One Month's Budget	\$1,033
February Receipts	\$1,426



CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR

Volunteers are needed to staff our Children's Power Hour which is held during the worship service.

After Children's Moments, the kids go Vicki Payne's classroom for some fun. Jessica Schwanz is in charge of Power Hour. She puts together a nice packet of material to be used.

Can you help? See Linda Burkhart or Sue Adams to sign-up

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"Dining for New Life"

The United Methodist Women and Outreach Committee of Bethel UMC are proud to sponsor an evening of good food, fellowship and entertainment.

All proceeds will benefit the
**MANY ministries of
New Life UMC**

WHERE: BETHEL UMC

WHEN: APRIL 29

6:00 PM - HORS D'OEUVRES

6:30 PM - DINNER

MENU:

ROASTED PORK WITH APPLE GLAZE
ROASTED REDSKIN POTATOES

WITH ROSEMARY

VEGETABLE MEDLEY

MIXED GREENS

ASSORTED HOMEMADE DESSERTS

ICED TEA, LEMONADE AND COFFEE

UPON REQUEST ONLY - VEGETARIAN

PASTA PRIMAVERA WITH CREAMY
ALFREDO SAUCE

7:30 PM ENTERTAINMENT/SPEAKERS

BETHEL AGAPE CHOIR AND
BETHEL BAND

PASTOR JENNIFER
NEW LIFE UMC

KATHY WILLIAMS
MEMBER OF NEW LIFE UMC

COST PER PERSON: \$15.00

BY RESERVATION ONLY

ACCEPTED UNTIL APRIL 23, 2006

PLEASE CONTACT :

KATHY YOUNG FOR TICKETS

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Financial Report

2006 General Fund Budget	
One Month's Budget	\$15,217
February Receipts)	\$15,102
Deficit	\$117

Our Church History

Karen Cook, Historian

Our church a museum? This is an interesting question. Is our church a museum? Could our church be a museum? If it is, or if it could be, why would we, as a congregation, want our church to be a museum? What constitutes a museum and of what benefit is a museum, anyway?

Recently Philippe di Montebello, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, spoke at the Southern Theater on the topic of museums. The title of his talk, *Museums: Why Should We Care?* is not only very interesting, but as I read parts of his presentation, I couldn't help but think of the parallels between his reflection on museums and our church with its history and artifacts.

Consider the parallels between the artifacts of a museum and our church's history with its artifacts.

Museums are a "...memory of mankind". The treasures in them are "...vital testimonies of the people who had made them". These artifacts are "things that are far more important than just pretty pictures. These works embody and express with graphic force the

deepest aspirations of a time and place (They) are direct primary evidence for the study and understanding of mankind.

The art museum plays a key and beneficial role in

teaching us humility, in making us recognize that other, very different yet totally valid civilizations have existed and do exist right alongside our own.

At a time when we are overwhelmed by natural disasters and terrorism, museums offer a significant lesson in mankind's awe-inspiring ability, time and again, to surpass itself. No matter how bleak the times we may live in, we cannot wholly despair of the human condition. No matter the degree of chaos and adversity surrounding him, man has shown his capability to excel, to surpass. That is the ultimate assurance of renewal and survival. And is one of the great lessons of the art museum."

As I sift through the artifacts from the past stored in the basement of the church, I can sense the 'graphic force' and the 'deepest aspirations' of the past. From these objects there is a sense of our church ancestors and I realize that 'very different, yet totally valid' congregations have existed before our own. And I am humbled by our history when I read the yellowed, antiquated writings and records; that this church was an

important, driving force in many lives.

Some of these congregations I remember. Others, I don't, but I am grateful for their efforts to create and main-tain Livingston. "No matter the degree of chaos and adversity surrounding" them years ago they did survive

through a myriad of challenges, including multiple buildings.

Most of us sense the chaos and adversity of the world as di Montebello mentioned, but our church is also a place of history, a museum, if you will. It is a place of history, whose artifacts create a sense of commonness with those who were the church for the past 163 years. Our artifacts, our treasures, like the contents of a museum, also project a sense of strength and hope.

But beyond the physical artifacts, we are most reminded of the faith that created and continues to create and sustain Livingston United Methodist Church. Its 'museum' is a symbolic re-minder of the ultimate assurance of renewal and survival we share as Christians. It is one of the great lessons of faith. And it's ours! And it's—priceless!

THE CONQUERING CHRIST

They nailed Him to an ugly cross
That bleak and dreadful day;
And thought forever from their midst

They'd driven Him away.

But three days passed, and He arose.
Triumphant o'er the grave,
With hell's keys in His mighty hands,
And wondrous power to save.

And He ascended to His throne,
The Spirit to send forth,
That men no more alone should be,
And every life have worth.

He's coming back some golden day,
And victory shall He bring
For He'll be Conqueror when

He comes:
Our Lord, our coming King!

SAINTS AND SINNERS

by George Plagenz

The new edition of the Video Movie Guide is out. One change I have noted is that the Andy Hardy movies which received a 2 star rating in the old book now get 3 stars.

I wonder if this tells us something about ourselves — that in these days of mounting stress in our lives we are getting to appreciate once again the things that used to give us a good feeling. Like the Andy Hardy movies.

Are we coming to realize that "the things that belong unto our peace" may lie more in the past than in the present and that our future happiness may depend on our rediscovery of some of the secrets we lost in our mad rush to now.

Nostalgia, as novelist John Cheever has reminded us, can be more than a long, loving backward look. Finding ourselves not in the world we love but knowing how deeply we love it, there is kindled within us the conviction that we will find a way to return to it in the future.

The Hardys — like the Arnold

family on TV's "Wonder Years" (coming back in reruns) and the Berger family on "Brooklyn Bridge" - showed us the happiness and satisfaction that can come from a simple lifestyle, domestic stability and a virtuous life. When we watched them we felt better.

Today the Hardy family is all but forgotten. Or was. At the library where I went a few

years ago to borrow a videotape from the Hardy series, all 16 were on the shelf. "Nobody ever asks for them," said the librarian. Maybe that will change now that the series has earned a 3 star rating.

The endearing (and enduring) Hardy series ran from 1937 to 1946.

Based on a play about a small-town judge and his family, the first Hardy movie, featuring the young Mickey Rooney, cast Lionel Barrymore as the tolerant Judge Hardy and Spring Byington as Mrs. Hardy.

The film was such a box-office hit that MGM decided to make it into a series. It became MGM's all-time biggest money maker. The series was a steppingstone to stardom for Judy Garland, Esther Williams, Lana Turner, Donna Reed and Kathryn Grayson.

When Barrymore, after the first movie, turned down a chance to continue playing Judge Hardy because of the arthritis that eventually put him in a wheelchair, the role went to the courtly Lewis Stone.

The Hardy series played in the days before sexual harassment was on everybody's mind — so some things that

would have ended up on the cutting-room floor today slipped innocently by.

In a scene from the 1938 movie, "Love Finds Andy Hardy." Andy is trying to get his girlfriend Polly Benedict (Ann Rutherford) to let him kiss her.

She plays coy and says no.

"You let me kiss you last night," Andy reminds her.

"You kissed me last night by force, Andy Hardy!" she replies.

"It's good that way too," says Andy — with that ever-present gleam in his eye. Andy lived for cars and girls.

Given today's sensitivity to anything suggesting sexual harassment, we don't even kid nowadays about forcing our affections on somebody else. But back in the 1930s and 40s, Andy's antics came under the heading of good, clean fun. Which they were — especially by today's gross standards.

Something, else I miss today from the Hardy series is Judge Hardy's man-to-man talks with Andy that were a staple of the series.

When Andy comes to his father after breaking up with his girl of the moment, the judge consoles him with this thought: "There is no sorrow in the world, Andrew, that a lot of other people couldn't match."

Trite? Maybe. But when Judge Hardy said it, it sounded wise and comforting. We could use some of the old-fashioned moralisms of our parents.



Editor's note: please keep George in your prayers. He fell and injured his head and had to have surgery. He also has had a heart attack while in the hospital. He is in serious condition in Grant Hospital at this time.)



- 04/04 Danny and Denise Russell
- 04/11 Jerry and Patti Roadcap
- 04/20 Jack and Mira Cremeans
- 04/22 Allen and Susan Adams



- 04/01 HILYARD, CALEIGH
- 04/05 EWING, EDDIE
- 04/10 MOFFITT, FRANCES
EVANS, REBECCA
- 04/14 LEATHERMAN, SUE
- 04/15 PRICE, GEORGIA
CREMEANS, MACKENZIE
- 04/18 ROGERS, JULIE
- 04/19 LIVINGSTON, PAT
- 04/20 MILLIGAN, JESSIE
- 04/22 EWING, EVELYN
- 04/25 DUERLER, PATRICIA
- 04/26 JONES, EVAN
- 04/30 STUBBINS, ADRIENNE
ADAMS, ROBERT



Why don't you consider joining the "Van Goes" (our adult adventure travel group).

April 28th - Logan - tour the Washboard Factory (free) leave Columbus at 9 a.m. Meet at the church by 8:45 a.m. Lunch at the Old Dutch Restaurant, Logan.

The year that Columbus Washboard was formed, Grover Cleveland was president, Babe Ruth was born and X-rays were invented.

Today, after 110 years after the founder built the first washboard in his backyard, the company survives in Hocking County. As the only remaining U.S. washboard manufacturer, the company makes a product that has been largely obsolete for decades.

At the plant, tourists see vintage equipment, some nearly a century old, still in use. Also, there is a gift shop where you can still purchase a washboard.

May 19 - Inniswood Gardens tour (free) - the tulips should still be in bloom. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. Our guide will be Ginny Clear.

Please see Ginny Weber for more information and to make reservations for any or all of the trips. We must make reservations ASAP.



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Sundays:

Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesdays:

Bringing to the Light Prayer Group
7 p.m. in the library

Wednesdays:

Disciple Bible Class, 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays:

Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7:15 p.m.

4/05 & 19 Heart to Heart



4/09 - Confirmation

4/12 Men's Group, 6:00 p.m.



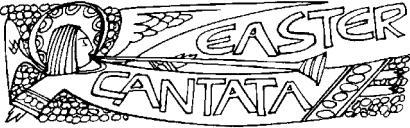
4/13 Service, 7 p.m.



4/14 Service, 7 p.m.



4/16 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service. 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Sunday School, 9 a.m.



Morning Worship, 10:30

4/24-29 Pastor Jim on vacation
04/26/28/30 Food Pantry
4/28 Van Goes - Logan