

The Livingston Letter

MAY 2007



6 Jazz Vespers Service, 6 PM
9 Men's Group, 6 PM
12 "Mother May I"
12 noon - 6 PM
13 MOTHER'S DAY
17 Van Goes Trip, 7:30 AM
19 Yard Sale, 9 AM-5 PM
23 Men's Group, 6 PM
27 MEMORIAL DAY
Pentecost Sunday
WORSHIP SERVICE 4 PM



Special Points of Interests:

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When tragedies like the Virginia Tech massacre occur, we all grieve: for the 32 wasted precious lives. We weep with their families and loved ones. We grieve (or should) for the parents of Cho Seung-Hui. Though this mega-catastrophe didn't happen in our community, small, micro-burst tragedies blow up around us all the time. How can we be a source of strength to others when they grieve?

May I suggest to you this practical advice?

1. Give the grieving person your physical presence by simply being with them.
2. Listen to the griever's story again and again. Be patient
3. Ask what you can do to help, and then do what the griever requests. Avoid the often-used statement, "Call me. I will be glad to do whatever I can. Just give me a call." I've said that to griever. OOPS! Grieving individuals find it difficult to take the initiative to ask, even when encouraged to do so. As care-givers, we need to do things that we know will be helpful even if the griever isn't able to ask for them.

Please Do Not Do These Things:

1. Don't expect the hurting person to ask for help. Offer it, and then follow through. Provide dinner, assist with child care, and help with car maintenance.
2. Don't say things that may not be true, and don't say things just because you feel uncomfortable with a time of silence. Avoid such phrases such as, "It was God's will." or
3. "...I know how you feel.", "...What a blessing that she died in her sleep."
4. Don't try to accelerate the grieving process. Grievers need to have attention focused on them and their loss; they need to talk as much or as little about it as they want.

And know this, when you or someone you know is walking through the "Valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4), that you do not walk alone. The Lord God Almighty is with you and will comfort you.

Sincerely,

Jim

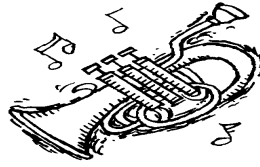


Like Pastor Jim, Jay Williamson is one of the sons of Livingston Church. He was dedicated at our church in 1975, went to Sunday School, Church, and camp until the family move to Bellevue, Ohio. Jay was on our prayer list for those serving in Iraq. He was wounded in a roadside bomb explosion, but has fully recovered, received his undergraduate degree, and now is in seminary studies. Jay is seeking support for a three month mission project to France. Europe, where the reformation began, now has a cold heart to Christ and has a large Muslim population. While in Iraq Jay learned about the Muslim faith, and this would be helpful in establishing a ministry in France.

In Jay's own words: *The Lord has chosen this time to open a wonderful opportunity' for us to help missionaries in France begin a new work. The Lord has placed in our hearts to go this coming summer to help start a new church. We have been praying for the French and are very excited for the opportunity to serve the Lord and ask you to help us get the needed support. Please pray about how the Lord would have you to be a part of this ministry He has given us."*

(Jay is the nephew of Jim and Patty Duerler.)

A special offering will be received after our Mission Moment today for Jay and Rebecca Williamson. Your love offering check may be written to Livingston UMC, memo: Williamson Family. God bless you.



Jazz Vespers Service

The Mark Flugge Quartet Featuring Michael Cox on Saxophone, will lead a Jazz Vespers service at church at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 6.



Livingston Church is participating in the 2nd Annual German Village "Mother May I" event to celebrate Mother's Day, Saturday, May 12, 12 -6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite moms whether she be your spouse, sister, grandmother, or aunt. All moms deserve a day of fun! Our church van will be used to shuttle moms throughout German Village. See Buzz Thomas or Pastor Jim for more information.



We are participating in the German Village Valuables yard sale on Saturday, May 19, 9-5 p.m. All proceeds from the yard sale will go to our Food Pantry ministry. This is another opportunity for us to support our Food Pantry and have fun. So start collecting those things that are looking for a new home. See Kim Giles or Ginny Clear for more information.

NEW PHONE NUMBER
Jim and Patty Duerler
PH: 871-3346



Livingston Church has prayerfully and financially supported 5 members on recent mission trips. Katie Donnan served in El Salvador, Cemi Fleurival and Acenie Pierre returned to their homes in Haiti, and Pastor Jim and Sue served in Haiti too. On May 27, they will share their mission stories to the congregation.



South Side United Methodist Churches Celebrate Pentecost

On May 27, Livingston will celebrate Holy Spirit's presence at the new Church for All People's facility. The Pentecost service begins at 4 p.m.

**A new church
 directory will be
 available next
 Sunday.**

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, May 9th and May 23rd at Planks on S. High. We're discussing the book "Why Men Hate Going to Church". Glenn Rogers will lead the discussion on May 9th and Bob Ralston will lead the 23rd. All men are invited whether you read the book or not.

**PASTOR JIM
SPEAKING AT
FRANKLIN UNIVER-
SITY'S GRADUATION**

Pastor Jim will be delivering the invocation and benediction for the 2008 Franklin University Graduation Ceremony at Veterans Auditorium, Sunday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

**Financial Report
for 1st Quarter 2007
General Fund Budget
\$169,748**

1 st Qtr. Needs	\$42,389
Receipts	\$39,749
Deficit	\$2,640

**Missions Budget
\$13,796**

1 st Qtr. needs	\$3,449
Receipts	\$3,632

Happy Anniversary

05/03	Frank/Becky Hayhurst
05/08	Jeff/Cheryl Miller
05/29	Mike/Adrienne Stubbins
	Jim Donnan/Sue



Happy Birthday

05/07	SIMERALL, ROSEMARY
05/07	KLEIN, JOAN
05/08	HOFFMAN, ELIZABETH
05/08	STUBBINS Sr. MIKE
05/10	STUBBINS, GAVIN
05/13	STUBBINS JR. JOHN
05/13	ADAMS, ABIGAIL
05/24	JONES, RUBY
05/25	CREMEANS, JACK
05/29	MCDANIEL, JERRI

**MISSIONARY
BIRTHDAYS**

May 4	Brenden Steury
May 28	Donna Henry

On their special day remember our missionaries and their children. Thank God for them and ask His Special Blessings.



The "Van Goes" (our adult adventure travel group) goes on a short trip each month. Each person donates \$5.00 to offset the cost of using the church van and pays for their own meals and admissions.

May 17, we will go to the Cleveland Museum of Art to see the "Monet In Normandy Exhibit". We will leave the church at 7:30 AM. Tickets are \$10 for seniors; Adults \$15 and students \$10. If you plan to go, please give your money to Sarah Miller so we can purchase the tickets.



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Bruce Reedy, Tony Giles, Tom
Winney, Jim Brizendine

Weekly events

Sunday School 9 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Youth Fellowship, 5:30-7:30 PM



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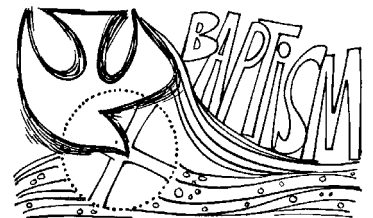
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Luke Merritt, Lisa Cabrera, and her son, Nick Hodnett II received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 15.



With Love, to Mother

For all the things you've been
to me,

My guardian and my guide
For truths you have so gently
taught

And all the tears you've dried;
For Faith and understanding

When I faltered on my way,
I owe you more thanks,
Mother,

Than words can ever say.

So on this day that's set aside
Especially for you,

I send a wish for happiness
In everything you do.

May each hour bring you
pleasure

Every day of every year. . . For
all the things you've been to
me,

I love you, Mother dear.