

The Livingston Letter

“WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES.” JANUARY 2009



Someone once wrote these wise words: “Failure is never final. Staying down is!” Ted Williams was one of the greatest batters in baseball history. He was the last man to hit .400 and is now a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. That’s an amazing feat. But Ted failed to get on base six out of every ten times he went to bat.

We often forget our past successes and dwell on our failures. We forget that failure is never final, and by doing so we allow failure to paralyze our life as Jesus’ disciple.

There are many things about our past that we would like to erase. If you’re like me, if it were possible, you would change something about your personal history. Would like to take back that stupid and impulsive act that has forever scarred your heart? Or, that broken promise?

Remember this: failure is universal. James 3:2 reminds us that “we all stumble in many ways.” Perhaps you are failing right now in some area of your life. The key of getting over failure is to learn from it. Just ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you went wrong and what was the root cause of your fall.

It’s so important to take time and reflect on the fact that Jesus is extremely fond of you and believes in you despite your failures. He has work for you to do in His name. He has

chosen you to be His disciple. And whenever you stumble, He will pick you up, brush you off and get you back in the batters box.

Affectionately,
Jim



Financial Peace University
Begins January 7th

What would your life look like if you had no debt and were really in control of your money? During this 13 week class you will learn how to:

Get Control of Your Money

Stop Struggling to Make Ends Meet

Change Your Family's Future

Are you ready to take the first step? If so, please join Pastor Jim on this adventure toward financial freedom.

The class begins Wednesday, January 7th, 7 PM and concludes April 1st. See Pastor Jim for details.

Help Needed
to De-Decorate
the Church

On January 10th, 9:30 AM your help would be appreciated to take down and pack away the Advent decorations. Please see Karen Cook if you can help.



The Men’s Group will meet Wednesday January 14 and 28th, 6 PM at the S. High/Greenlawn Subway. We’ll begin our study of the early American Methodist Church planter Francis Asbury.



Our Women’s Group, Heart to Heart, will meet Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 PM at the church. Chapter 6 & 7 of “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World” will be discussed.

Points of Interests

- 2009 Ad Council I
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Dates to Remember
- Finance Report
- Hospitality Host needed
- Men’s Retreat
- Thank You
- Van Goes





Men's Winter Retreat January 29-February 1

We'll leave for Lewiston, Michigan, early Thursday morning and return Sunday afternoon. We'll eat well, enjoy the snowy winter wonderland, and grow closer to Jesus. If you have questions about the retreat, contact Pastor Jim at JDonnan2003@yahoo.com or 235-6156.



01/03	FIELDS, NORMA
01/04	STUBBINS, PAIGE
01/06	THOMAS, BUZZ
01/07	WHITT, ANGELA
01/08	WHITT, DEBORAH
01/09	GILES, WESLEY
01/15	ADAMS, ROBERT
01/16	McQUEEN, SYLVIA LANCASTER, BARBARA HILYARD, NICHOLAS
01/18	DUERLER, JAMES
01/19	BRIZENDINE, SUE
01/21	SCHREIBER, EVELYN
01/27	MILLIGAN, JOEY
01/27	BRIZENDINE, JEN
01/29	RUSSELL, NOELLE

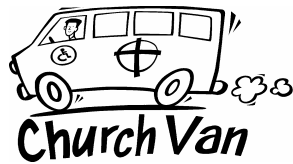
MISSIONARIES BIRTHDAYS

01/14 Mary Hermiz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 14 James/Patty Duerler

NEEDED: Individuals or couples to be a part of the hospitality cart ministry in the Narthex after Worship on Sunday mornings. We will be having some openings for this ministry March 1st. For information contact or see Ed Ewing



The Van Goes

January 23, we take a tour of the Ohio Judicial Center (admission is free). We will leave the church at 11:10.

More than 170 artworks grace the Ohio Judicial Center at 65 S. Front St. The collection is valued at \$935,000. The building itself is a work of art, with art-deco and classical features plus first floor mosaics, murals, ceiling paintings and bas-relief decorations.

Lunch will be at the Old Bag of Nail on East Broad Street after the tour.

On Friday, February 20, join us when we will enter "A Brush with History", 'Rockwell's America' revisits bygone years, exhibit through a room that replicates the artist's studio at the Ohio Historical Center. We will leave the church at 9:30 AM. Admission is \$10.

Sign up with Sarah for all trips.

11 MONTHS REPORT	
General Fund	
Actual Expenses	\$163,840
Receipts	\$138,045
Deficit	\$ 25,795
MISSIONS	
Expenses	\$ 11,654
Receipts	\$ 12,581



Sundays

Sunday School, 9 AM.
Worship Service, 10:30 AM.
Encounter Worship 5 PM
Youth Fellowship, 6:00-7:30 PM

Tuesdays

Bringing to the Light Prayer Group
6:45 PM in the library

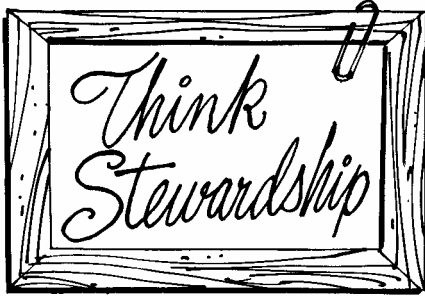
Wednesdays

Weight Watchers, 6 PM
FPU Class, 7 PM

Thursdays

Bell Choir, 6:30 PM.
Chancel Choir 7:15 PM

1/10 De-decorating, 9:30 AM
1/14 Men's Group, 6 PM
1/23 Van Goes, 11:10 AM
1/27 Food Pantry
1/28 Men's Group, 6 PM
1/29 Food Pantry
Men's Retreat
1/31 Food Pantry



Most of us can recall learning our ABCs as children. As we began to use the letters of the alphabet, we were able to form words and express our thoughts.

In much the same way, by carefully studying the "ABCs" of giving, you may discover ways to better communicate your beliefs and values.

Many Possibilities

Consider for a moment the following listing of the assets you might use to make charitable gifts now or in the future: Art, Bonds, Cash, Homes, Life insurance, Mutual fund shares, Retirement plans, Securities. And these are only a few of the possibilities. You can probably think of many more.

Gifts of Cash

Charitable gifts are most often made in the form of cash and checks. When you itemize tax deductions, such gifts can be deducted in the amounts up to 50% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) in a single year. Any additional amount can be carried over for as many as five future tax years.

Securities and Other Non-cash Gifts

Many people are now using stocks, bonds, and shares of mutual funds to make charitable gifts. Gifts from

such appreciated assets are deductible in amounts up to 30% of AGI. As a result, you may be able to make a larger gift than planned – at the same or lower cost to you. Similar advantages are available for gifts of other types or appreciated assets, such as real estate.

Life Income Gifts

A gift that features additional spendable income for you and/or a loved one may be one of the best ways to combine your personal and charitable planning. Some plans can provide economic security while arranging for a larger charitable gift than you otherwise might have thought possible.

For example, a charitable remainder trust can provide you or your loved ones with a fixed or variable income for life or another period of time, with whatever remains designated as a charitable gift when the trust ends. Tax savings and other benefits are available through such gifts.

NEXT MONTH:

Retirement Plans
Life Insurance Policies
Wills and Living Trust

For more information, see Kevin O'Grady.



A BIG THANK YOU to Americare Healthcare Services, Barcelona Restaurant, Dasko Medical (incontinence supplies), German Village Society, Sandy Trinter, former principle, Kim Jones, Principle and our own Patricia Thomas, and the students of Stewart Avenue Elementary School for their

very generous donations to the Food Pantry.



*I asked the New Year for some message sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet,
I asked, and paused: God answered soft and low.
"God's will to know."*

*"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried:
And, ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, "Nay, but remember, too,
"God's will to do."*

*Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell,
"Yes! This thing, all other things above:
"God's will to love."*



We love who Jesus loves.

Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10:30 AM, 5 PM
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Columbus, OH 43215
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FAX 224-8175
Pastor: Rev. James Donnan
Parsonage: 235-6156
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e-mail: JDonnan@yahoo.com
Church e-mail lumc2@juno.com
Secretary: Jane Runkle
Music Director/Organist Danny Russell
Choir Director: Ed Ewing
Bell Choir: Jennifer Brizendine
Praise Song Leader: Karen Clouse
Sound Tech Chm: Bruce Reedy
Pastor Emeritus: Roland Perkins

Encounter Worship: Dee Keller

2009

Livingston U. M. Church

Administrative Council

Council Chairperson	Bruce Reedy
Council Secretary	Lisa Godfrey
Pastor	Rev. Jim Donnan
Lay Leader	Buzz Thomas
Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations	Gavin Stubbins
Lay Member to Conference	Ginny Clear
Financial Secretary	Sarah Miller
Treasurer	Jane Runkle
Children's Ministries	
Finance/Stewardship Team	Kevin O'Grady
Membership Care Team	
Mission Team	Jim & Patty Duerler
Music Team	Danny Russell
Sunday School Supt.	Chris Miller
Trustees	Mike Weber
Worship Team	Karen Cook
Youth Ministries	Nick Kiger

Members at Large

Karen Clouse
Jerry Roadcap

Ed Ewing
Rosemary Wills

TEAMS*(The Pastor is a member of each team.)***Finance and Stewardship Team**

Team Leader	Kevin O'Grady
Ad. Council Chair	Bruce Reedy
Financial Secretary	Sarah Miller
Lay Leader	Buzz Thomas
Lay Member to Conf.	Ginny Clear
SPRC Leader	Gavin Stubbins
Trustees Leader	Mike Weber
Treasurer	Jane Runkle

Membership Care Team

Membership Secretary	Jane Runkle
Financial Secretary	Sarah Miller

Missions Team

Team Leaders	Jim & Patty Duerler
Sarah Miller	Chris Miller
Meghan O'Grady	Gavin Stubbins
Sue Leatherman	
Faith Mission	Colleen Barta
Food Pantry	Kim Giles and Ginny Clear

Music Team

Music Director	Danny Russell
Rainbow Choir	Sue Brizendine/Kim Giles
Choir Director	Ed Ewing
Choir President	Colleen Barta
Handbells & Chimes	Jennifer Brizendine
Praise Song Leader	Karen Clouse

Nominations Team

Team Leader	Rev. Jim Donnan
Lay Leader	Buzz Thomas
<u>Class of 2009</u>	Sarah Miller Adrienne Stubbins Jen Staten
<u>Class of 2010</u>	Karen Cook Patricia Thomas
<u>Class of 2011</u>	Laura Payne Pat Livingston Brenda Ewing

Staff-Parish Relations Team

<u>Class of 2009</u>	Bill Archer Karen Cook Joe Marshall
<u>Class of 2010</u>	Rosemary Wills Chris Miller Gavin Stubbins, Chair
<u>Class of 2011</u>	Lou Tucci Jay Godfrey
	Lay Member to Conference – Ginny Clear Lay Leader - Norwood Thomas

2009 Scholarship Committee

Karen Cook, Chairperson
 Bruce Reedy, Ad/Co Chair, Secretary
 Chris Miller, Registrar
 Nick Kiger, Youth Director
 Gavin Stubbins, SPRC Chair
 Jim Donnan, Pastor
 Patty Duerler

Trustees

<u>Class of 2009</u>	Karen Clouse Gordon Evans Kevin O'Grady Colleen Barta
<u>Class of 2010</u>	Lowell Staten Mike Weber, Chair Duke Price
<u>Class of 2011</u>	Glenn Rogers Gene Owen Jim Brizendine

Worship Team

Team Leader	Karen Cook
Acolytes	Julie Rogers
Altar Flowers	Sarah Miller
Altar Guild	Charlene Gammell
Choir Director	Ed Ewing
Communion Stewards	Charlene Gammell Jerry Roadcap Dee Keller
Encounter Worship	Craig Moore
Head Greeter	Ginny Clear
Head Usher	Brenda Ewing
Hospitality	Danny Russell
Music Director	Bruce Reedy
Video/Sound Ministry	Libby Giles Megan Widney Jim Brizendine
	Tony Giles Alyssa Staten

Worship Hosts

Ginny Clear
 Nick Kiger
 Kevin O'Grady
 Denise Russell
 Adrienne Stubbins

Gavin Stubbins
 Buzz Thomas

PRAYER CHAIN

Julie Rogers – telephone
 Pastor Jim – e-mail

Special Areas of Service

Banner Design	Sarah Miller
Easter Breakfast	Debbie Whitt
Weddings	Kim Giles and Ginny Clear

Education

Children's Ministries

1. Palm Sunday Processional- Kim Giles
2. Easter morning activities - Denise Russell
3. Power Hour- Brian Barta
4. Rainbow Choir: Sue Brizendine, Kim Giles

Historian	Karen Cook
Librarian	Jerry Roadcap
SS Secretary/Supt.	Chris Miller

Sunday School Teachers

Sue Brizendine	Jerry Roadcap
Denise Russell	Dorothy Mitchell
Virginia Clear	Vicki Payne
Debbie Whitt	Kim Giles
Nick Kiger	

Small Groups

Heart to Heart	Sue Leatherman
Men's Group	Rev. Jim Donnan
"Bringing To The Light"	Rosemary Wills
Youth (MSY & SHY)	Nick Kiger
Van Goes (adult travel group)	Sarah Miller
Livingston Book Club	Karen Cook

Staff

Pastor	Rev. Jim Donnan
Secretary/Treasurer	Jane Runkle
Music Director	Danny Russell
Choir Director	Ed Ewing
Youth	Nick Kiger

Handbells & Chimes
Custodian

Jennifer Brizendine
Cemi Fleurival

Encounter Worship Leader

Dee Keller