

The Livingston Letter

“WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES.”

JANUARY 2010



Living in the Dash

When I was a kid, my friends and I liked to roam through the two cemeteries in our hometown. Looking at the simple to ornate head stones fascinated me. Some told stories of the departed, others just had the deceased name, birth date and death date. As I've matured, I'm more interested in the dash that separates the birth date from the death date. We don't have control over our birth date and we don't know when our life on earth will expire. None of us have that information. But we do have some degree of control of living between the dashes.

Psalm 90:12 is a prayer to God asking Him to "Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should."

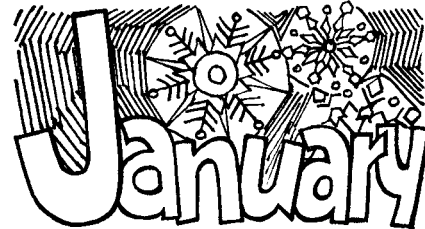
You and I get to choose how we'll spend the 365 days of 2010, the dash of time God gives us. How will you be living in the dash this year? God wants us to realize that our time here is limited and He wants us to spend it wisely.

It is my prayer that each of you will live in the dash wisely this year.

Affectionately,
Pastor Jim

Points of Interests

- 2010 Ad Council I
- Charitable Pharmacy
- Chase ATM
- Finance Report
- Thank You
- GV Farms
- Van Goes



Sunday:

G.V. Al-Anon meeting 5:30 PM (Chapel)
Haus AA meeting 5:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

Bringing to the Light Prayer Group, 6:45 PM
(Library)

Wednesday

AMSPIRIT, 7:30 AM (Chapel)
Weight Watchers, 6 PM (Chapel)

Thursday

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

- 1/05 Aetna Medicare Enrollment Mtg. 1 PM
Home Bible Study Group, 7 PM
- 1/06 Clergy Cluster, 10:30 AM
- 1/13 German Village Business Mtg. 9 AM
Men's Group, 6 PM (Wendy's)
Women's Group, 7 PM
- 1/19 Home Bible Study, 7 PM
- 1/20 Mid-Ohio Food Bank pick-up, 9 AM
G. V. Farm Potluck, 6 PM
- 1/24 Food Pantry Packing, 12:15 PM
Haiti Group Mtg., 3 PM
- 1/26 DCOM Mtg, 9 AM
- 1/26/28/30 Food Pantry, 9 AM - noon
- 1/27 Men's Meeting





Charitable Pharmacy Update

Allan Zaenger, Registered Pharmacist, has been hired as the executive director. Allan's job at the moment is to get the Pharmacy systems in place, the space furnished with office furniture and shelving for medicines. Bruce Reedy is handling the communication systems. Mariellen Dunlap, a United Methodist home missionary, has been hired as our Patient Care Coordinator. Mariellen will be responsible for the patient intake and volunteer oversight.

The Pharmacy's opening date will be announced soon. There will be an Open House for all to attend.



The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, January 13 and 27 at 6:00 PM at Wendy's on S. High St.



The Women's Group will be meeting in the church library Wednesday, January 13 at 7 PM. Come join us for fun and study. If you've ever wondered who Mephibosheth is now's your chance to find out!



A new Bible study is starting Tuesday February 2nd and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. We'll dig into selected Old Testament passages using the spiritual reading (lectio divina) method.

The study book is \$8.00. Please see Larry Delisle or Pastor Jim for details.

German Village Community Farm News

If you're interested in joining the GVCF in the spring, please join us for our winter meeting with potluck meal. We'll meet and eat on Wednesday, January 20th, 6 PM. If you have questions, please see Pastor Jim.

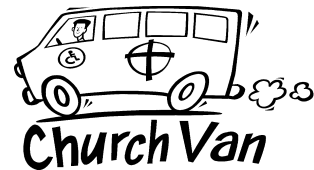
Haiti Medical Mission Trip February 13-20

Ginny Clear, RN, Dr. Sue and Pastor Jim will serve with 20 members from RUMC on a medical mission trip to Duplan, Haiti. Pastor Jim and Sue served in Duplan three years ago. In addition to the three US family doctors, there will be two Haitian doctors: one dentist and one Ophthalmologist.

How can you pitch in to help the mission team? First, pray for the team and the Haitian people we'll be serving. Pray for their physical as well as spiritual healing.

A prayer flyer will be available soon with pictures of team members.

Second, we need money for medicine. Our goal is \$1000.00. Sue purchases the meds from a Christian pharmaceutical company that gives her a great price. If you can help out, please write your check to LUMC and put "Haiti Mission" in the memo line.



The plans for January for the Van Goes' have been cancelled.

On February 5, we will meet here at church to see Pastor Jim's pictures of Honduras, France, Italy and Switzerland. We will have a themed potluck to go along with the countries that Pastor Jim visited. Please sign-up with Sarah and let her know what food item you will bring to share.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Mission Tree Project. A check for \$1,355 will be sent to purchase water filters for people in the city of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Thank you for your generosity.



A BIG THANK YOU to Patricia Thomas (Livingston member and teacher), Kim Jones, principle, and the students of Stewart Avenue Elementary School for their very generous donation to the Food Pantry. This is an annual project for the school. They donated over 1400 items.



**From the office of
R. Stan Sutton, Conference Treasurer**

Dear Jim,

Bless you and the people of Livingston United Methodist church for your faithfulness in contributing 100% of your 2009 conference apportionments. You fed the hungry, clothed the naked, sheltered the homeless, and visited the prisoners. (Mathew. 25:31). You put hands and feet to the Gospel of Jesus Christ across Ohio and around the world. Thank you for your love that casts out from amid a recession. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

R. Stan Sutton,
Conference Treasurer

CHRISTMAS CARD DISPOSAL

Nationwide Children's Hospital is collecting old Christmas cards. See Chris Miller.



01/03 FIELDS, NORMA
01/04 STUBBINS, PAIGE
01/06 THOMAS, BUZZ
01/07 WHITT, ANGELA
0108 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

01/14 James/Patty Duerler

Livingston Church
A United Methodist Fellowship

We love who Jesus loves.

Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM
200 E. Livingston Ave. Columbus, OH 43215
Church Phone: 224-2006, FAX 224-8175
Pastor: Rev. James Donnan
Parsonage: 235-6156 Cell phone: 313-1482
e-mail: JDonnan2003@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



2010
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	
Finance/Stewardship Team	Kevin O'Grady
Mission Team	Jim & Patty
Duerler	
Music Team	Danny Russell
Sunday School Supt.	Chris Miller
Trustees	Mike Weber

Members at Large

Karen Clouse	Ed
Ewing	
Jerry Roadcap	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
	Ed Ewing

Missions Team

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

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 2010</u>	Karen Cook
	Sarah Miller
	Vaughn Lawlor
<u>Class of 2011</u>	Laura Payne
	Pat Livingston
	Brenda Ewing
<u>Class of 2012</u>	Jen Brizendine
	Jennie Long
	Julie Rogers
	Tom Cobb

Staff-Parish Relations Team

Class of 2010	Rosemary Wills
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Miller Chris
Gavin Stubbins, Chair

Class of 2011 Lou Tucci
Jay Godfrey

Class of 2012 Karen Cook
Vicki Payne

Lay Member to Conference – Ginny Clear
Lay Leader - Norwood Thomas

2010 Scholarship Committee

Karen Cook, Chairperson
Chris Miller, Registrar, Secretary
Bruce Ready, AD CO Chair
Gavin Stubbins, SPRC Chair
Jim Donnan, Pastor
Patti Duerler

Trustees

Class of 2010 Karen
Cook
Mike Weber, Chair

Class of 2011 Glenn
Rogers
Gene Owen
Joe

Marshall
Class of 2012 Colleen
Barta
Karen Clouse
Larry Delisle
Dan Jessburger
Kevin O'Grady

Worship Team

Acolytes Julie Rogers
Altar Guild Karen Cook
Choir Director Ed Ewing
Communion Stewards Charlene Gammell
Jerry Roadcap
Head Greeter Craig Moore
Head Usher Ginny Clear
Hospitality Brenda Ewing

Music Director Danny Russell
Video/Sound Ministry Bruce Reedy
Tony Giles
Jim Brizendine

Special Areas of Service

Banner Design Sarah Miller
Weddings Ginny Clear

Education

Children's Ministries
1. Easter morning activities - Denise Russell
2. Power Hour - Brian Barta
3. 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 Bobbi Cobb
Karen Cook

Small Groups

Ladies Group Sue Leatherman
Men's Group Rev. Jim Donnan
"Bringing To The Light" Rosemary Wills
Van Goes (adult travel group) Sarah Miller
Home Bible Study Group Larry Delisle

Prayer Chain

Julie Rogers - telephone

Pastor Jim - e-mail

Worship Hosts

Ginny Clear
 Denise Russell
 Buzzy Thomas
 Gavin Stubbins
 Kevin O'Grady
 Adrienne Stubbins

Staff

Pastor	Rev. Jim Donnan
Secretary/Treasurer	Jane Runkle
Music Director	Danny
Russell	
Choir Director	Ed
Ewing	
Handbells & Chimes	Jennifer Brizendine
Custodian	Ceme Fleurival