

The Livingston Letter

FEBRUARY 2008

Lent

"Signs of Lent"

Lent is a season when we reflect on the sinless life of our Savior, Jesus, and the salvation He won for us through His suffering and death on the cross. This period of preparation begins on Ash Wednesday, lasts for 40 days, and takes us to Good Friday, the day of Christ's death. Then it's on to Easter, the day of His resurrection.



Ash Wednesday is February 6, and Livingston Church will worship at the Church for All People UMC (Parsons Ave. and Whittier St.) at 7 PM along with the south side UMC churches.

This year we'll observe the Lenten Season by gathering together Sunday evenings at 5 PM for the study "Signs of Lent." This program is more than a Bible study. It's a spiritual encounter that uses stunning works of art to help encourage the heart and open the mind.

Each participant will receive a four page devotional that explore the stories of six people who encountered Jesus, including Nicodemus, the woman at the well, and the

resurrection of Lazarus, using works of art.

I encourage you to observe Lent by attending our Ash Wednesday Service at Church for All People, Sunday worship, and the special 6 week series: The Signs of Lent.

Affectionately,
Jim

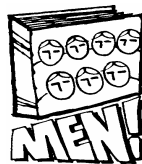


Livingston Book Club

Livingston Book Club will meet February 3, at 5:00 PM, to discuss chapters 7-12 of 90 Minutes in Heaven, by Don Piper. We will complete the book discussion on February 17 (chapters 13-18).



Youth/Parent Forum, Sunday, February 10 at 4:30 PM - to discuss the upcoming Youth Calendar and summer mission trip ideas. Everyone is welcome.



The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, February 13, and 27, at 6:00 PM at Schmidt's.

WOMEN

Join other women of your church in a meaningful revival of the "Heart to Heart" women's ministry opportunity! "Heart to Heart" will meet on the second Tuesday of each month (same night as Men's Group) beginning February 13th from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. (This is immediately following the Weight Watchers meeting.) Plan to join us for fellowship, an inspirational bible study on "Becoming a Woman of Prayer" and special music. See Donna Staten or Sue Leatherman with questions or to offer your great ideas. Bring a friend.

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Food Pantry Needs a New Freezer

3 weeks ago a freezer loaded with meat died and could not be repaired. All the meat was lost. An industrial strength freezer will cost almost \$1000.00. One member has agreed to match dollar for dollar gifts up to \$400.00. Our goal is to reach \$1000 by the end of February. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pastor Jim

Points of Interests

- Birthdays/Anniversaries
- February calendar
- Directory
- Mission - the Browns
- Thank You
- Van Goes



Church Van

"The Van Goes" will visit the Morgan House for lunch on Thursday, February 28. We will leave the church at 10:30 AM. Sign up with Sarah Miller.

VAN GOES Schedule

March 13 - Franklin Park Conservatory - Enchanted Express and the small scale wonders of the world such as: The Great Wall of China, Buddhist Temple, The Taj Mahal, The Lost City of the Incas, Mayan Ruins, Egyptian Pyramids, Hagia Sophia Mosque, and Petra. Admission is \$6 for seniors. Lunch will be at TAT Restaurant. We'll leave the church at 9:45 AM.

April 17

Sherman House, The Georgian Museum and lunch at Mauger's Seafood Restaurant in Lancaster.

May 4-6

Inn at Honey Run
(2 rooms still available)

June

Dawes Arboretum, Newark

August

"Vatican Splendors from St. Peter's Basilica, The Vatican Museums and Swiss Guard" at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland. Some of the earliest known depictions of Jesus are among the items in this collection.

Watch for more details.

In the mail

Hi Livingston Church Family,

We pray you had a Happy Holy Holiday celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We would just like to tell all of you how much we appreciated all the love and help you gave us during Bobby's funeral service and dinner at church. Not being from the Columbus area made it difficult to plan or arrange something like this. Your church came thru with all the help we needed to serve the dinner and a lot of the food. It was truly beautiful and really blessed us.

It has been very difficult with the loss of Bobby, as you can well imagine. He was so special to us and to so many others. As quoted in one of the last lines of Milton's SONET: (he stood at the crossroads in so many lives and pointed the way). He served the Lord every day of his life and was truly ready to be with the Lord.

He never wanted to be rewarded or patted on the back by mankind. He was so humble and private and felt - as long as the Lord saw what he was doing, that was all he needed - he knew his reward would be in heaven. His daily devotions and daily prayer were so disciplined. He felt guilty because the last 15 days of his life, he could not pray for anyone.

May his charm, wit and kindness live always in our hearts.

Thanks again,

Love & God Bless you and
your church always,
Carolyn Delanta
for the family of Bob Ralston

*After the darkness
the daylight shines through
After the showers
the rainbow's in view
After life's heartaches there
comes from above the peace
and the comfort of God's
healing love.*



02/06 Tom/Bobbi Cobb
02/14 Paul/Lorretta Endicott
02/18 Glenn/Julie Rogers
02/23 Duke/Georgia Price



02/02 EVANS II, GORDON
02/02 HILYARD, TERRENCE
02/09 MITCHELL, DOROTHY
02/10 COOK, KAREN
02/16 BRIZENDINE, TIM
02/17 GILES, LIBBY
02/18 PERKINS, ROLAND
02/18 PIERRE, ESTHER
02/19 GRAHAM, LUCILLE
02/19 GILES, TIMOTHY
02/21 MILLER, CHERYL
02/22 KOCH, CINDY
02/27 BOTLEY, JACK
02/25 MILLER, KATHERINE
02/28 ROADCAP, PATRICIA
02/28 CABRERA, LISA

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

023/18 Judah Miller



Congratulations to Terry and Bethany Hilyard on the birth of their son, Nicolaus Jakob on January 16. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz. and was 22 inches long. He is welcomed by his big sister, Caleigh and proud grandparents, Ed and Brenda Ewing.

NEW DIRECTORY

All address, phone, and e-mail changes should be turned into the office ASAP. A new directory will be printed soon.



THE BAG OF BLESSING MINISTRY

Once again, I want to thank each of you who have generously contributed to the Food Pantry by filling up our canvas Bag of Blessing tote bag. The bounty truly helps to restock our pantry shelves with wholesome food.

In December's newsletter I told you about three German Village businesses (Yosick's Artisan Chocolates, Helen Winnemore's Gifts, and Barcelona) that support the Bag of Blessing ministry.

Here's a complete list of GV people who are supporting the Food Pantry:

Marie Trudeau from W.E. Davis Insurance (29 Fredrick St.)

Rick Sherman from Rags to Riches (499 S. Third St).

Kristy Yosick has once again donated a huge case of veggie soup and crackers to the Food Pantry.

Rob Wilson, the owner of Metroscap (177 E. Beck St.)

Sue Meigs, the owner of The Dog Works (195 Thurman Ave.)

Judy Politi, owner of Judith Politi Interior Design (66 Thurman Ave.)

Debbie Small, owner of All About You Salon (238 Thurman Ave.)

Mark Emerson, manager of Hawk Gallery (153 E. Main St.)

Tracy Ritchie, manager of Max & Erma's (739 S. Third St.)

Alpa Patel, manager of US Bank, (673 Mohawk St.)

Katherine Moore, the director of the GV Society is very supportive of the Food Pantry ministry. She informed her readers in the GV Gazette about our ministry and the need for volunteers. So far, two GV residents **Ron Moder** and **Jerry Cohn** have served in the Food Pantry. Katherine has invited the GV community to donate food. I recently picked up 15 bags of food at the Meeting Haus! These people are giving maniacs!

I hope you are feeling as grateful as I am for the support the German Village community is showing for our Food Pantry ministry. I urge you to support these local businesses as a token of our thanks for their generous spirit.

Pastor Jim

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THE FOOD PANTRY EXTENDS THEIR THANKS TO:

...Angela Whitt and her co-workers for the generous donation of food for the Food Pantry.

....Kevin O'Grady for facilitating the new shelves for the Food Pantry.

.....The German Village Society for setting aside an area in the German Meeting Haus for collection of food donated to our Food Pantry by German Village residents.

Please take a tour of the Food Pantry rooms on the lower level and the small one on the first level.

Livingston Church Family and Pastor,

Just a note to thank you for the goodies and all. I was at my daughter-in-law's for the holidays.

Thank you,

As Always,
Frances R. Moffitt

 Treasurer's Report	
12 MONTHS REPORT	
General Fund	
Actual Expenses	\$171,961
Receipts	<u>\$158,357</u>
Deficit	\$ 13,604
MISSIONS	
Expenses	\$ 13,692
Receipts	\$ 14,778



This is amazing and indeed it IS the greatest Valentine of all time!!! Another fine example of how "all things work together" for God!

For God so lo V ed the world,

That he g A ve
His on L y
Begott E n
So N

T hat whosoever
Believeth I n Him
Should N ot perish,
But have E verlasting life."

John 3:16



Dear Very, Very Special Friend

Last year marked a major milestone for Charlotte and me: We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, a privilege many couples do not have, including both of our parents. This year marks three more major milestones. For one, it will mark my 75th birthday. (I know! That surprises many people. They think I'm at least 80!) It also marks 50 years since I graduated from seminary.

And equally significant—it also marks 50 years since we first applied to join Orient Crusades (OC international now) as “wet-behind-the-ears” missionaries. (Charlotte was just 21 years old.) Amazingly, OC accepted us; we went to Missionary Internship that fall in Detroit, and to the Philippines the next year.

In light of all these milestones it seems that this year should also be the one when we step aside for the younger generation of missionaries, with eternal gratitude to our loving heavenly Father for the high honor He has given us these 50 years to serve as His ambassadors in Asia.

We have been privileged to live in three countries—the Philippines, Singapore, and Hong Kong—as well as traveling to many more for special ministry. We have been involved in citywide crusades (including the special honor of singing for

the Billy Graham crusade in Manila before 100,000 people), pastors conferences and seminars, more basketball games than I can possibly remember, producer for two radio programs, co-producer for the first religious television program in the Philippines, revival meetings in churches, speaking for weeklong convocations in universities, teaching in Bible colleges, and much more. Charlotte has had a wonderfully fruitful ministry with ladies, teaching Bible study groups, helping to start Christian women's work in two countries, as well as being deeply involved in Bible Study Fellowship in Singapore and Hong Kong. Her life has impacted many women who are now leading Bible study groups of their own and who still call for her godly wisdom and counsel.

More recently we have had two main ministry involvements: One, teaching in the cross-cultural training center in Macau where we have helped prepare over 300 Chinese to serve as missionaries in many countries around the world; second, being in charge of OC's radio project for China, helping to raise the funds for the Voice of Friendship Seminary program that brings training to pastors and Christian leaders.

You have provided encouragement when we were disappointed; prayed for us when we needed it (which was continually); shared with us financially—often sacrificially. Your prayers, support, and encouragement have given us the privilege of representing you to many who had never heard the name of Jesus.

Someday you will meet many

people in heaven who will know you and will thank you for being our partners so that they could hear the gospel and find salvation in Jesus Christ.

The psalmist expresses it best for us:

“Not to us, O Lord not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness” (115:1).

Amen!

Keith and Charlotte Brown
Missionaries in China



- 02/03 Book Club, 5 PM
Men's Retreat ends
- 02/05 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM
- 02/06 Weight Watcher, 6 PM
Ash Wednesday Service, 7 PM
- 02/07 Bell Choir, 6:30 PM
Choir, 7:15 PM
- 02/12 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM
- 02/13 Weight Watcher, 6 PM
Men's group, 6 p.m.
Ladies Group, 6:30
- 02/14 Valentine's Day
Bell Choir, 6:30 PM
Choir, 7:15 PM
- 02/17 Book Club, 5 PM
- 02/18 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM
- 02/19 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM
- 02/19/21/23 Food pantry
- 02/20 Weight Watcher, 6 PM
- 02/21 Worship Comm, 6 PM
Bell Choir, 6:30 PM
Choir, 7:15 PM
- 02/25 Ad Co, 7:00 PM.
- 02/26 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM
- 02/27 Men's Group, 6 PM
Weight Watcher, 6 PM
- 02/28 Van Goes trip
Bell Choir, 6:30 PM
Choir, 7:15 PM

