

The Livingston Letter

FEBRUARY 2009



Take a moment to think clearly and complete this sentence: My greatest aim in life is

How you respond says so much about the guiding principle of your life. God's greatest aim for you life as a Christian is love. Author H.B. London says this about love, "Without love, all that you say is ineffective. All that you know is incomplete, all that you believe is insufficient, all that you give is inadequate, and all that you accomplish is insignificant."

LIFE MINUS LOVE = NOTHING. That's an ugly life equation, isn't it. Christianity isn't a religion of beliefs. It's a lifestyle of love. The true sign of a Christian is not a golden cross around the neck or a bumper sticker. The sign of a growing disciple of Jesus' is their love for God and for His people.

Livingston's motto "We love who Jesus loves" says it so clearly.

The enemy of love is fear and anxiety. When we are anxious and fearful about our life, we can say and do things that really cut people to the heart. The Bible says clearly that "Perfect love casts out fear".

Beloved, love is not an option for us. It is a commandment.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Loving others like Jesus loves us is difficult – I know! But God hasn't left you helpless. Embrace this promise: "God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit" Romans 5:5

Claim God's love for you so you can love other's like God loves them.

In Him,

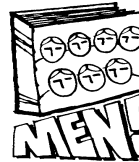
Jim

Trustees Meeting

Thursday, February 5th,
6:00 PM in the Bob
Ralston Library

Administrative Council

Sunday February 8th,
after worship in the
Chapel.



The Men's Group will meet February 11 and 25th, 6 PM at the S. High/Greenlawn Subway. We'll continue our study of the early American Methodist Church planter Francis Asbury.



February 25

The Southside UM churches will gather together for Ash Wednesday service at Gates-Fourth UM church at 7:00 PM for Ash Wednesday.

NEW DIRECTORY

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



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



12 MONTHS REPORT
General Fund

Expenses	\$ 178,049
Receipts	\$ 156,557
Deficit	\$ 21,492

MISSIONS	
Expenses	\$ 12,663
Receipts	\$ 13,512



- 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
- 02/19 GRAHAM, LUCILLE
- 02/19 GILES, TIMOTHY
- 02/27 BOTLEY, JACK
- 02/28 ROADCAP, PATRICIA
- 02/28 CABRERA, LISA

Missionary birthday:
February 18 -Judah Miller – 6 years old



Our Women's Group, Heart to Heart, will meet Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 PM at the church.



Congratulations to Michelle and Darrin Wolfe on the birth of their second son, Hunter Wolfe, on January 5. He is welcomed by his big brother Dustin. John and Dolores Quaintance are the grandparents.

Also, congratulations to Matt and Stacey Ayars on the birth of their first child, Lily Sue Ayars on January 2. Stacey is a former member of this church and she and her

husband are missionaries in Haiti.



*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on
before!
Christ the royal Master,,
Leads against the foe:
Forward into battle
See His banner go!*

Livingston Church honors Christ's call to take His world, His hope of salvation to the entire world through our offerings and prayers.

John Wesley, our founder, said the world is our parish. We are grateful to the missionaries we support, who out of LOVE and SACRIFICE serve God. Oswald Chambers said, "In order to catch men for the Lord Jesus Christ, you must love Jesus Christ absolutely, beyond all others. You must have a consuming passion of love, and then He will flow through you in a passion of love and yearning and draw men to Himself." Please pray for our missionaries and families: Matt and Stacey Ayars (Haiti); Keith and Charlotte Brown (retired but still working in China evangelism); Dennis and Dee Heffner (New Mexico); Steve and Donna Henry (Kenya); Mary Hermiz (Kenya); Ben and Melissa Miller (Tanzania); Brian and Julie O'Herin; (Russia Dialect Translation – Wycliffe); Jon and Vera Steury. Onward Christian Soldiers.

**DIRECTORY
CHANGE**

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Dear Jim,

Thank you leading the Livingston United Methodist Church in the 100% payment of their 2008 conference apportionments. As the nation's economy slows down, your faithful stewardship is especially appreciated. By your gifts you supported an orphanage in the Congo and the UM Children's Home in Worthington; you built churches in West Ohio and Russia; and you made disciples of Jesus Christ around the world. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

R. Stanley Sutton
Conference Treasurer

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I want to thank you all for my cookies and bag of goodies, it was very thoughtful of you to remember me. And, thanks Rev. Donnan for bringin them to me. I really enjoyed everything.

Maxine Lahrmer



Church Van

The Van Goes

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.

Van Goes tour Friday, March 27. Details later.

Sign up with Sarah for all trips.

BOB RALSTON LIBRARY

Nonfiction Books:

Acorn Randy – *Heaven*
Burkin, Werner –
Jesus Never Left China
Cosby, Bill – *Come On People*
Dungy, Tony – *Quiet Strength*
Graham, Billy – *Angels, God's
Secret Agents*
Grey, Cameron- *Angels and
Awakenings*
Kincaid, Thomas and Spencer,
Katherine – *Gathering Place*
Lucado, Max – *3:16*
McCourt, Frank – *Teacher Man*
McCullough, David – *John Adams*
Moore, Beth – *The Beloved Disciple*
Morrow, David –
Why Men Hate Church
Tressell, Jim – *The Winner's
Manual*
Weber, Louis – *Angels in Our Lives*
Young, William Paul – *The Shack*

New Fiction Books:

Wanda Brunstetter – (a trilogy)
The Brides of Lancaster County
Chaikin, Linda –
*The Midwife of St.
Petersburg*
Miller, Judith – *First Dawn*
Daylight Comes
Morning Sky
Sneilling, Lauraine – *Opal*
Pearl
Ruby
Wick, Lori – Tucker Mills Trilogy
Just Above a Whisper
Leave a Candle Burning
Moonlight on the Millpond

RECYCLE EYE GLASSES

The Lion's Club collects old eyeglasses and gives them to OSU Optical students to determine the correct prescription and the glasses are then sent to third world countries to be distributed. A box is on the table in the narthex for your donation.



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

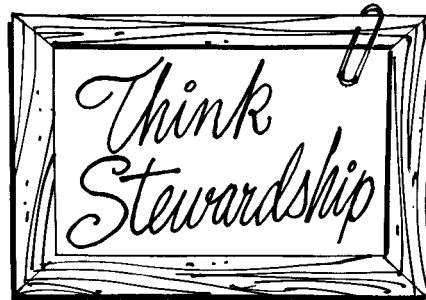
Wednesdays

AmSpirit, 7:30 AM
Weight Watchers, 6 PM
FPU Class, 7 PM

Thursdays

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

02/01 Men's Retreat ends
02/05 Trustees, 6 PM
02/08 Ad Co, after worship
02/10 Men's group, 6 PM
02/11 Ladies Group, 6:30
02/14 Valentine's Day
02/20 Van Goes trip, 9:30 AM
02/24/26/28 Food pantry
02/25 Ash Wednesday Service,
7 PM
02/26 Prayer Group, 6:45 PM
02/27 Men's Group, 6 PM
Weight Watchers, 6 PM



RETIREMENT PLANS

In addition to Social Security, many individuals receive income from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA, 401K or Keogh). Because such funds can be subject to both income and estate taxes when left to heirs, a gift from excess funds remaining in these plans can be a tax-wise way to arrange a charitable gift while leaving other, less heavily taxed assets

to heirs. Contact your retirement plan administrator for specific information about naming a charitable interest as a beneficiary.

LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

You can designate that all or a portion of the proceeds from a life insurance policy be paid to a charitable interest. Or, you can replace donated assets by using tax savings and other financial benefits from charitable gifts to purchase life insurance that will benefit heirs. You may wish to purchase a new policy and name a charitable organization or institution as owner and beneficiary.

WILLS AND LIVING TRUSTS

After making provisions for loved ones and friends, one or more charitable interests are often included in a will or living trust. Such bequests or distributions may include a specific amount of cash or a certain property; percentage of your total assets; or all or a portion of what is left after loved ones have been provided for.

A LESSON LEARNED

Just as you learned to effectively use the ABC's to describe your world, you can make a difference by carefully planning **what** and **when** to give, and **how** best to make your gifts.

If you have any questions, see Kevin O'Grady.

Four things that cannot come back:

- 1) The spoken word
- 2) The sped arrow
- 3) The past life
- 4) The neglected opportunity.