

The Livingston Letter

"WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES"

MARCH 2008



Jesus' Godness!

What difference does Jesus' resurrection mean for you?

I am amazed that Jesus did rise from the dead is fully alive. He is present with us by the Holy Spirit.

I believe that Jesus' "aliveness" has to do with his "Godness." Not goodness, but "Godness." Listen to his conversation with Mary. Just back from the dead and all He can talk about is his Father. "Jesus, you have just come back from the dead, what are you going to do now?" He replied: "I am going to my Father."

Jesus' aliveness has to do with his "Godness." Paul gets it: "The death he died, he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God" (Romans 6:10)

Your aliveness has to do with your "Godness." That's why it is possible to have riches, fame, and power, and still feel empty on the inside. What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? What does it profit a woman if she gains the whole world and loses her soul? You can have it all; yet if you don't have God, you have nothing at all.

But with God, friends, all things are possible. With God, Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life who was crushed to earth rises again.

And, with God you can rise.

You can live.

You can have a second chance.

You can make a comeback.

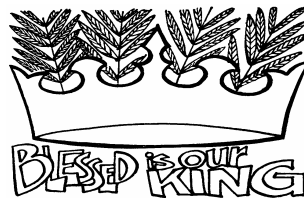
You can walk in the newness of life.

That's what being alive in Christ means. May it be so in your life!

Affectionately,
Pastor Jim

Sermons in March

- 2 "Seeing Clearly",
John 9:1-41
Communion
- 9 "The Anxiety is
Killing Me"
John 11:1-41



Palm Sunday

Sermon
"Gospel Success"
Philippians 2:5-11



March 20
Maundy Thursday
Service
8 PM



Good Friday Service 8 PM



Easter Sunday

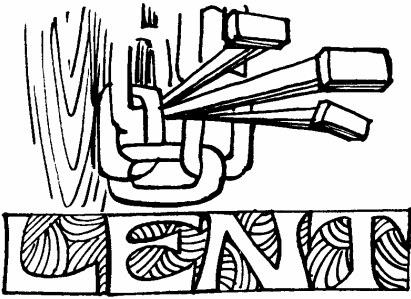
- 7:30 AM Youth Service
- 8:15 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM. Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - sermon:
"How Can We Stay Dead?"
John 20:1-18

March 30

"Vessels Unto Honor", Rick Parker, guest artist.



MARCH 9



"Signs of Lent"

Please join us every Sunday evening in Lent at 5 PM for this multi-sensory Lenten study. A four page study guide is available on the hospitality table in the Narthex.

March 2, 5 p.m.

"Earth" John 9:1-41

A blind man seeks healing and a whole community is shaken by the result.

March 9, 5 PM

"Rock" John 11:1-45

The death of Jesus' friend Lazarus challenges Jesus to put His own life in jeopardy.

March 16, 5 PM

"Tree" Matthew 26:14-

16

Judas becomes the instrument of Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion.

"Vessels Unto Honor" Sunday, March 30

On Sunday, March 30, Christian artist, Rick Parker, will bring his clay throwing talents to Livingston for a special worship service. His program, "Vessels unto Honor" is an object lesson demonstrating the building of a spiritual life that honors our creator.

You won't want to miss this multi-sensory worship experience on Sunday, March 30th. A

love offering will be received for Rick.

Bag of Blessing & Food Pantry Ministry

Pat Livingston and I thank each of you who have generously contributed to the Food Pantry by filling up our canvas Bag of Blessing tote bag. Each box or can of food you donate puts a smile on the faces of our shoppers.

In February's newsletter, I shared with you the long list of German Village businesses and individuals who have given food and time to the ministry. Let me tell you about some more generous souls who are on board the ministry.

Kathy Wightman, a GV resident and a Livingston Weight Watcher member, responded to the GV Gazette's article (along with four other GV residents). Kathy served in the Pantry this month and just loved it. She was amazed at how organized the ministry works.

Every week, I stop at the GV Meeting Haus and at least 20 bags of groceries waiting for me. Isn't that fantastic! The food is given by anonymous GV residents who are partnering with us to serve the poor.

Finally, Rev. Mary Kay Carter, the pastor of Tree of Life Church (meeting in the GV Meeting Haus) has challenged her small congregation to give generously to our Bag of Blessing ministry. I delivered four canvas bags to her last week to distribute to her congregation.

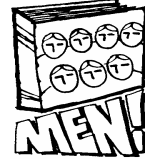
The Food Pantry ministry is receiving a fresh breath of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to all the faithful servants who continue to give

your time, talents, and offerings to this vital ministry.

The names are too numerous to name, but you know who you are. Bless you!

Pastor Jim



Please join us March 12th & 26th at Schmidt's in GV at 6 PM



Heart to Heart will meet March 12th at 7 PM. Please join us



Wesley Giles, son of Tony and Kim Giles, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 17. Wesley is 12 years old.



Congratulations to Esther and Rick Dumeny on the birth of their son, Orion Dumeny, February 19. He weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces. He is welcomed by his big brother, Jonathan. His grandmother is Acenie Pierre.

Financial Report as of January 31, 2007

January General Fund

Receipts	\$13,308
Expenses	\$16,314

Missions,

January Budget	\$1,034
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Receipts

\$1,272

IN THE MAIL:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Bless you and thank you for being faithful to the mission and ministry of the church by the 100% payment of your 2007 conference apportionments. In a difficult economy, you have led the way in missional giving.

The apportionments you have given have supported three broad ministries:

- The General Church apportionments about (30% of the total) support worldwide missionaries, the General Board of Discipleship, Higher Education and Ministry, Africa University, the Black College Fund and the Episcopal Fund. Through these gifts you are building new churches in Africa, Russia, Mexico, and Central America. You are supporting seminaries, both in the United States and in Russia. You are bringing people to Jesus Christ through these contributions.

- Conference Benevolences and Conference Administration provides the basic support for the ministry within West Ohio and represent about 44% of your gifts. Here the District Superintendent, the Bishop's Office and the conference staff are underwritten. You have given to the conference camping program, Wesley Foundations at colleges and universities, Hispanic ministries, and the establishment of new churches.

- The pensions and health benefits of active and retired pastors use 26% of your apportionments. Here the Medicare supplemental insurance is provided for retired pastors, widows and widowers.

You have put action and money behind the word "connectionalism".

You continue to demonstrate the words of John Wesley, "The world is

my parish". May the Lord continue to bless your congregation.

Grace and peace,
William Brownson

R. Stanley Sutton
Chairperson, Council on Finance
and Administration Conference
Treasurer



- 03/03 GRIFFITH, LORRAINE
HAYHURST, AMBER
03/04 LAHRMER, MAXINE
RUSSELL, DANIEL
DUERLER, STEPHEN
03/05 GILES, KIMBERLY
03/09 CARTE, RACHEL
03/10 GILES, TONY
03/11 O'GRADY, COLIN
03/12 WAY, CONNIE
03/13 KELLY, Gail
MCKNIGHT, MICHAEL
STUBBINS, BRADLEY
03/16 CREMEANS, RYAN
03/18 COBB, ROBERTA
03/18 DUERLER, JULIE
03/20 O'GRADY, MEGHAN
03/20 CARTE, KATHLEEN
MORTON, HEATHER
03/21 WILLS, DON
BARTA, JULIE
03/23 FLEURIVAL, EDVERT
03/24 WHITT JR. TERRY
PIERRE, JONATHAN
03/25 LONG, DEBORAH
03/28 CARTE, SARA
03/31 GIBLIN, SAVANNA

**CALENDAR OF CARING
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

(Birthdays of church supported missionaries and their children)

March 16 - Patricia Henry

On their special day remember our missionaries and their

children. Thank God for them and ask His Special Blessings.

DIRECTORY CHANGES**Add:**

Colleen Barta at work-
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Jim and Patty Duerler's winter address:

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Add: Orion Dumeny to Rick and Esther Dumeny.

The new directory will be available March 2.

**Sundays**

Youth Fellowship, 5:30-7:30 PM.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Weight Watchers, 6 PM

Thursdays

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

Mar. 09 Daylight Savings
Time begins

Mar. 12 Men's Group, 6 PM
Heart to Heart 7 PM

Mar. 20 Maundy Thursday
Service, 7 PM

Mar. 21 Good Friday Service,
7 PM

Mar. 24 SPPRC Mtg., 6:15 PM

AD Co , 7:30 PM
 Mar. 26 Men's Group, 6 PM
 Mar. 25, 27, 29 Food Pantry
 March 30 Van Goes



"TORCH" - is an extension of Kairos for the younger males that are incarcerated at CJCF - (Circleville Juvenile Corrections Facility). Here is an opportunity for you to help out where help is really needed.

1. A banner is out in the narthex for you to write something inspirational and sign.
2. We have placemats for the tables beautifully decorated by kids from our church.
3. We have a prayer vigil that you can sign up for (and are very encouraged to do). We will make a chain of hearts with each name and each time - so the guy's can see how many people are out there praying and supporting them throughout the weekend.
4. We need your cash. (it takes about \$3k to put one of these weekends on for 21 young men and 26 adult leaders).
5. We would love it if you made some cookies for March 14 thru 16.

Thank you so much for everything. Your good works will not be in vain.

See Brian Barta for more details.



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, The Decorative Art Museum and lunch at Mauger's Seafood Restaurant in Lancaster.

May 4-6
 Inn at Honey Run
 Millersburg, Ohio

The Inn at Honey Run is a beautiful place. You can go on their website and check it out (innathoneyrun.com).

We have a special rate per room. For 2 nights the cost is \$125 per person and should be paid now if you plan to go. This rate is only guaranteed for a couple more weeks. (2 rooms still available). A deluxe continental breakfast is included.

We will leave the church at 1:30 PM on Sunday. We will have a quick lunch here at the church.

We will return late Tuesday afternoon.

Some of our destinations are: Lehman's Hardware in Kidron, the Amish/Mennonite Heritage Center in Berlin, Yoder Amish Farm House Tour, and of course there will be plenty of good food

and gift shops. More details next month.

Please let Sarah Miller know if you are interested.

June

Dawes Arboretum, Newark

July

No details at this time.

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.



Sunday School 9 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

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Bell Choir: Jennifer Staten

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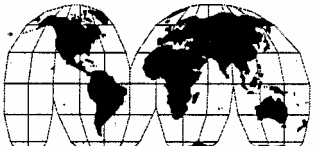
Youth: Nick Kiger

Sound Technicians:

Bruce Reedy

Pastor Emeritus: Roland Perkins

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