

# The Livingston Letter

"WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES"

MARCH 2010



As I write this in my office, the snow storm that's blowing outside is dumping more snow here than in Vancouver at the Winter Olympics! Even though I enjoy snowy weather, I am looking forward to the warm spring weather of April and May.

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. On that day, we recalled that our mortality is like the ash from a burned palm leaf. Through the season of Lent, we seriously consider that our life without Jesus Christ is like dust in the wind.

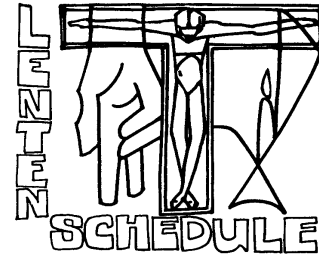
My Lenten sermon series will be "Centering on the Cross". I'll teach how centering on the cross of Christ can be a reminder that we are all sinners in need of His grace.

During Lent, I encourage you to be "cross-eyed". Keep your eyes open for different types of crosses on church buildings or in hospitals. Sometimes, cross shapes just happen in unexpected places. Is God trying to tell you something when you see one?

It may be cold and snowy outside, but Spring is coming. After the cold and snowy Lenten season, remember that the Resurrection is coming.

Stay warm and stay cross-eyed!

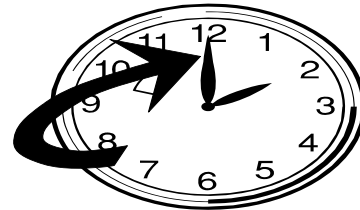
Affectionately,  
Pastor Jim



## Lenten Series – "Centering on the Cross"

- March 7<sup>th</sup> – "The Cross as our Guide"
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> – "The Cross as our Motivator"
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> – "The Cross as a Comfort"
  - March 28<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service  
8 PM (Chapel)
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday Service of Darkness  
8:00 PM (Sanctuary)
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Decorate Sanctuary for Easter  
Celebration, 10:00 AM
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday  
8:15 AM – Breakfast prepared by  
The Men's Group and children's  
Easter craft time with Denise Russell  
9:00 AM – Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship
- Spring forward, Saturday night, March 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Daylight savings time begins 2 AM Sunday morning.

## *SPRING FORWARD*



Beginning of  
Daylight  
Savings Time

**MARCH 14**



## PLAN AHEAD

### 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

03/02 Home Bible Study Group, 7 PM  
03/09 Charitable Pharmacy Open House, 4-6 PM  
03/10 Men's Group, 6 PM (Wendy's)  
Women's Group, 7 PM  
03/13 Charitable Pharmacy Training, 9-11 AM  
03/16 Home Bible Study, 7 PM  
03/17 Mid-Ohio Food pick-up, 9 AM  
03/18 Aetna Medicare Enrollment Mtg. 11 AM  
03/23 DCOM Mtg, 9 AM  
3/23/25/27 Food Pantry, 9 AM - noon  
03/24 Men's Group, 6 PM (Wendy's)  
03/28 **PALM SUNDAY**



### Haiti Medical Mission Team Update

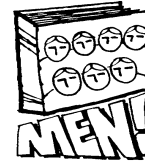
Because of the horrific damage sustained by Port au Prince, our medical mission trip scheduled for February 13 – 20 was canceled. However, Dr. Sue Leatherman has been invited to join a medical team, March 5-12, that will work in a clinic in Cayes that's receiving wounded residents from PAP. She will also treat prisoners at the local jail. The judicial system, like the buildings in PAP, has been reduced to rubble. The jail in Cayes has been filling with petty thieves, and there isn't a judicial system to process them out of the jail. Sue and other medical professionals will treat the wounded prisoners as well as those in the clinic.

Money that was donated for the original trip will be used to purchase medical supplies for this trip.

Please remember Sue and the team in your prayers.



Tuesday Bible Study - We'll continue our journey through the Old Testament on March 2 and 16<sup>th</sup>, at Enie Harrah's residence at 7:00 PM. Her address is 1201 Riva Ridge Ct, Gahanna. For directions, ask Larry Delisle or Pastor Jim.



Men's Group will meet Wednesday, March 10 and 24, 6:00 PM at Wendy's on S. High St.



Women's Group will meet Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 PM at the church.



We are going to try this one again - On March 19, at 11:30 AM (note time change), we will meet here at church to have lunch while enjoying Pastor Jim's pictures of Honduras, France, Italy and Switzerland. Please confirm with Sarah that you can join us and let her know what food item you will bring to share.

April 16 - TBA

May 21, 9:30 AM Grange Audubon – visit the Audubon and then have lunch.



Evan Jones, 4/26/1913 - 2/19/201 – His funeral was Saturday, February 26, with burial at Riverside Cemetery on Sunbury Rd.

Thelma Highfield, 12/1/1909 – 1/11/2010  
Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Open House

#### Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc.

Tuesday, March 9, 2010  
4:00-6:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served,  
courtesy of Nationwide Children's Hospital

Meet & Greet: 4:00-4:30 PM

Pharmacy Tours: 4:00-5:00 PM

Program: 5:00-5:30 PM

Please R.S.V.P. to 614-227-0301 or  
email [charitablepharmacy@gmail.com](mailto:charitablepharmacy@gmail.com)

Location: Livingston United Methodist Church  
200 E. Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43215



Charitable Pharmacy  
of Central Ohio, Inc.

**Volunteer Training**  
Saturday, March 13  
9:00-11:00 PM

### Hospitality

Front Door Greeters  
(Initial contact with patients)

Pharmacy Guides  
(Direct patients to pharmacy)

Waiting Room volunteers  
(Sign-in/help with paperwork)

### Health Services

Pharmacists, Pharmacy Students  
(Prescription services)

Nurses  
(Health screening and counseling)

Interpreters  
(Translating for clients who do not speak English)

The Pharmacy hours will be:

Monday, 9 AM-3PM  
Wednesday, 12-4 PM  
Friday, 9 AM – 1 PM.

Questions, contact Mariellyn Dunlap @227-0383



03/03 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  
03/13 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  
03/24 WHITT JR. TERRY  
03/28 CARTE, SARA  
03/31 GIBLIN, SAVANNA

March 16 - Patricia Henry

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

### Financial Report as of January 31, 2010

#### January General Fund

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>\$19,856.52</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Apportionments	\$ 1,893.41	
Discipleship	\$ 35.00	
Clergy Support	\$ 5,960.39	
Lay Employees	\$ 3,149.36	
Operating Exp.	\$ 2,331.07	
Office Expense	\$ 465.59	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$13,834.82</b>

#### Missions

Receipts	\$1,698.75
Expenses	\$1,128.79

## Directory Corrections

Giles phone number is 854-0646

Craig Moore's e-mail address:  
[aug896@yahoo.com](mailto:aug896@yahoo.com)

Dan and Jessica Jessberger – correct the spelling  
 to JESSBERGER.

ADD: Julie Barta  
 Voight Hall #226, 34 S. College St.  
 Athens, OH 45701

Add Kathy Clouse to Patty Clouse's listing

Mr. Louis Tucci  
 3384 Brichar Way, 43204

**2010 DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE  
 ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**



Livingston has five young people attending college. Why don't you drop them a note and let them know you are thinking of them and they are missed.

### Ohio University

Julie Barta  
 Voight Hall #226, 34 S. College St.  
 Athens, OH 45701

### Baldwin Wallace University

Julie Donnan  
 90 E. Bridge St. Apt. 74B  
 Berea, Oh 44017-2181

### Indiana Wesleyan University

Meghan O'Grady  
 1938 Student Center  
 Marion, IN 46953

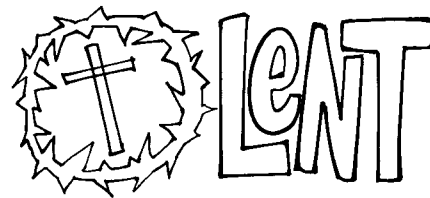
### High Point University

Abby Russell  
 833 Montieu Avenue  
 High Point, NC 27262

### Ohio State University – Newark

Ishawn Yatnik

3795 Shirtzinger Rd  
 Hilliard, OH 43026



Lent is the forty-day period, not counting Sundays, prior to Easter. Its purpose is to prepare us to celebrate Easter. Prayer, penance, sacrifice, and good works are common methods of preparation. The designation of forty seems to be associated with the use of that number in the time Moses stayed on Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, the walk of Elijah to Mt. Horeb, and Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Lent begins, and its mood is established, on Ash Wednesday. Ashes, from the burning of the prior year's palms, are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross. As this is done, each person is told individually, "You are dust and to dust you will return."

While practices varied by region, in the early Church, Lent was universally used as a time for converts to prepare for Baptism. Baptism would take place at the Easter Vigil. Following that, the Lenten fast (usually not eating during the daylight hours) was broken. This is the origin of the word "breakfast". The morning was climaxed by a festive worship that included Holy Communion.

The observance of Lent is traceable to comments made by Irenaeus who died in 203. By the early 300's, the duration and practices of Lent were becoming standardized. Many people today are more familiar with pre-Lenten observances. In England and elsewhere, "Shrove" Tuesday involves pancakes. The term "Shrove" means to confess, a practice preparing one for the disciplines of Lent. In Germany, they call it "Fastnacht" and they eat fried donuts. In France, it's Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday; while in Brazil, they call it Carnival. Regardless of the name, it's a time of merrymaking before the solemnity of Lent begins.

Lent begins with ashes. It journeys through darkness. It humbles us before God. It strips away all our excuses. It brings us to the cross. And it is a spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Lent for 2010, began on Ash Wednesday, which was February 17. Plan to be in worship as we prepare for Easter which is Sunday, April 4.



Brian Barta, Sue Brizendine and Ginny Clear are involved in a prison ministry called Kairos. Kairos is an International Ministry made up of teams of men and women who come from all denominational backgrounds. They go into prisons and bring the love and message of Christ to incarcerated men and women.

Sue and Ginny will be going to the Franklin County Pre-release Center on Harmon Avenue here in Columbus the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>. They need your help in order to make the weekend a success.

There are many ways you can help. Our Lord called us to minister to prisoners, but everyone can't go into a prison. However, anyone can pray, write letters, ask your children or your Sunday School classes to decorate placemats, make posters, bake cookies, or give a monetary donation.

Prayer is a powerful tool. We have people praying every hour around the clock from 11:00 AM Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, through 4:00 PM Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you want to help in this area, phone or e-mail Sue Brizendine (475-5165), [brizbug02@aol.com](mailto:brizbug02@aol.com) or Ginny Clear (471-4620), [VLClear@wowway.com](mailto:VLClear@wowway.com) the date and time you would like to pray. You can pray during your regular prayer time, or maybe when you are driving to or from work, exercising, or you can set aside a special time. There is a time during the weekend when it will be revealed to the women just how many people are praying for them and it is an awesome moment.

If you would like to help with placemats, posters, or cookie baking (we need lots of cookies), let Sue or Ginny know and you will be given you more details.

Monetary donations are needed. The cost is about \$175 per inmate to do a Kairos weekend. Each team is self-supporting. We will minister to 24 inmates. Any amount you can give will be appreciated. Your donation is tax deductible and you will receive a receipt in the mail from the Treasurer of the Ohio Chapter. Donations maybe

given or mailed to Sue Brizendine, 220 Regents Rd, Gahanna, Oh 43230. Simply write a check to Kairos of Ohio and write FPRC #10 on the memo line.

Sue would love to share some of her experiences from prior weekends. To hear her story, give her a call or send her an e-mail. For more information, you can also visit [kairosohio.org](http://kairosohio.org).

If want to help, please contact Sue or Ginny. Thanks in advance for your help and God Bless.

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Brian Barta's Kairos team will be going into Hocking Correctional on April 29, 30, May 1 & 2.

This will be his fourth ministry at this facility. The men here are mainly older guys. It's an exciting time for them to see how much they are loved. It can be a life changing event in their lives.

Please consider: praying (1 hour timeslots - as many slots as you desire), baking cookies (2 dozen per one zip lock bag - as many bags as you can), writing letters (24 - one for each guy), making placemats or banners (as many as you want), and of course \$\$ (as much as you are inclined).

All of this agape will not go unnoticed - this will touch the hearts and minds of these guys in a way that only the love of Jesus Christ can. Jesus needs the help from all of his brothers and sisters.

You are more than welcome to come to any of the Kairos closings (which will be held at the given facility on the Sunday of the weekend at around 4:00).

You will need an application to gain access into the facility. You can see Sue Brizendine or Brian Barta or go to [Kairosofohio.org](http://Kairosofohio.org) and print off an application for that facility and give it to one of them.

This might lead you into being part of a team sometime. There are many facilities that need more of God's tools.

***God is good - all the time.  
All the time - God is good.***

**KAIROS COOKIE BAKING  
IN LIVINGSTON CHURCH KITCHEN  
MARCH 13 at noon**

Come and join some of friends in helping bake cookies for Kairos on Saturday, March 13 at noon.

## *ReThink Poverty*

**Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2**

United Methodist Impact Mission  
for Metropolitan Columbus

**Spread the good news of Jesus Christ as experienced in United Methodist churches and ReThink Poverty to transform the world through a preaching series, a day of service and learning, and a public witness with the Bishops of the United Methodist Church.**

The Council of Bishop of the United Methodist Church will be meeting in Columbus on May 2-7 for one of their meetings which are held twice every year at locations throughout the denomination. For the first time, the Council has agreed to offer leadership, service, and witness so that the people of the United Methodist Church might make an impact for Christ, the church, and the Wesleyan way in Columbus and the surrounding metropolitan area. This is a huge and rare opportunity. Won't you be a part of it?

We hope you will participate in at least one of the activities occurring on the weekend prior to the Council of Bishops meeting. There will be worship, service projects, learning opportunities, and public witness around the theme of Ministry with the Poor, one of the four foci of the UMC.

In addition to participating in the various ministry and mission activities, there will also be a number of opportunities to volunteer: singers, musicians, hospitality hosts, prayer ministers, and administrative support team.

Please mark your calendar, share with your small group, add to the Church Council agenda, post on your website, and include in your Sunday announcements.

### **1) Passionate Worship with Bishops of the UMC Preaching**

Friday, Apr. 30 – 7-8:30 PM - poverty & global health

Saturday, May 1 – 7-8:30 PM - poverty & immigration

Sunday, May 2 – 10:45 AM -1-2:15 PM – poverty & racial justice in the United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 2 – 1:30-3:00 – poverty & families, women, youth, and children

### **2) Service and Learning Day – Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 9 AM – 1 PM or 1-5 PM Workshops on Poverty led by Bishops of the UMC**

**Service Projects at local ministry sites working alongside Bishops of the UMC**

Space for 200-300 volunteers at four sites in the two Capitol Districts.

- A) Poverty and Health – 9 AM -1 PM  
**Livingston UMC (Saturday, May 1)**  
Health-related service projects at the Charitable Pharmacy and assembling Health Kits for Haiti.
- B) Poverty and Neighborhoods – 9 AM -1 PM  
Westside Cluster with service projects at Sarah's Kitchen & UM Free store
- C) Poverty and Africa – 1-5 PM  
Church for All People with Community Garden Service Project
- D) Poverty and the Environment – 1-5 PM  
Epworth UMC with Community Garden Service Project

### **3) Love First Walk for Poverty and Children – Public Witness Event - Saturday afternoon**

Love First Walk for Poverty to benefit UM Children's Home in Columbus and Grace Children's Home in Haiti. Walk from Broad St. UMC to the Capitol for rally and public witness.

### **PLAN AHEAD –WATCH FOR GOOD SALES ON ITEMS FOR THE HEALTH KITS.....**

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Put items in a one gallon plastic Ziploc bag.  
Items may be bought to the church at anytime.