

# The Livingston Letter

WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES

APRIL 2010



"Doubt" Do you doubt that the resurrection happened? You may love the church and love God, but you have a hard time believing that Jesus literally rose up from the grave?

If you feel that way, let me assure you that you're not alone. For those of you who don't doubt the truth of the Resurrection (including me), just relax and embrace the comfort it gives you. But also understand there are a lot of Christians who believe in Jesus but struggle with the resurrection for many reasons.

If you doubt the Resurrection, let me say that the resurrection of Jesus separates us from all other religions of the world. Other religions have strong ethical systems of belief, concepts about the afterlife, and their holy scriptures.

Only Christianity has a God that has become human, who died for His people, and was raised again to rule His Kingdom forever.

So what difference can the resurrection make in your life? It has to be accepted by faith. First, the resurrection assures us that Christ is alive and ruling His Kingdom. He's not a legend, Jesus is real and alive. Secondly, God's power that brought Jesus back from the dead is available to us so that we can live in hope today and in the future.

If you're skeptical about the resurrection, if you think that it is too good to be true, don't just trust me, trust in God that Jesus is alive and He is able to infuse your life with the same power that raised Jesus from the grave on Easter morning.

Affectionately,  
Jim



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)

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Decorate Sanctuary  
for Easter Celebration,  
10:00 AM



April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday  
8:30 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



## PLAN AHEAD

### Sunday

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

### Monday

Charitable Pharmacy open, 9 AM-3 PM

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

AMSPIRIT, 7:30 AM (Chapel)  
Charitable Pharmacy open, 12-4 PM  
Weight Watchers, 6 PM (Chapel)

### Thursday

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

### Friday

Charitable Pharmacy open, 9 AM-1 PM

04/01 Maundy Thursday, Service, 8 PM  
04/02 Good Friday Service, 8 PM  
04/04 Easter Sunday – Breakfast 8:30 AM  
04/06 Home Bible Study Group, 7 PM  
04/08 Aetna Medicare Enrollment Mtg. 1 PM  
04/14 Mid-Ohio Food pick-up, 9 AM  
Men's Group, 6 PM (Wendy's)  
Women's Group, 7 PM  
04/16 Van Goes, 10:00 AM  
04/20 Home Bible Study, 7 PM  
04/20/22/24 Food Pantry, 9 AM - noon  
04/28 Men's Group, 6 PM (Wendy's)

## ATTENTION

## KROGER COMMUNITY

## REWARDS PARTICIPANTS

On or after April 1, you must re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you signed up on line, go to [Kroger.com/mykroger](http://Kroger.com/mykroger) and log into your existing account or create a new account if you are not already signed up. Then update your information. The code 80726 is for Livingston Church and should be marked as the choice for your rewards to benefit. If you enrolled with the barcode or do not have access to a computer, please see Ginny Clear or Jane Runkle for assistance. Proceeds benefit the Food Pantry and Faith Mission.

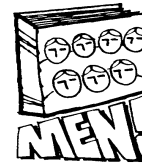


Charitable Pharmacy  
of Central Ohio, Inc.

Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy and Mayor Michael Coleman will visit the Charitable Pharmacy on April 5, 10-11 AM.



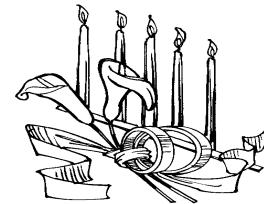
Tuesday Home Bible Study – April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM



Men's Bible Study – Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at Wendy's on S. High St in German Village.



Illuminati will perform Sunday Morning Worship Service on May 2.



**All ladies of Livingston Church are invited to a wedding shower for Laura Payne on Sunday, May 23, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided.**



04/04 Danny and Denise Russell  
 04/11 Jerry and Patti Roadcap  
 04/19 Mike and Sharon Weber  
 04/20 Jack and Mira Cremeans



04/01 HILYARD, CALEIGH  
 04/05 EWING, EDDIE  
 04/10 MOFFITT, FRANCES  
 EVANS, REBECCA  
 04/14 LEATHERMAN, SUE  
 04/15 PRICE, GEORGIA  
 CREMEANS, MACKENZIE  
 04/18 ROGERS, JULIE  
 04/19 LIVINGSTON, PAT  
 04/20 JESSBERGER, JESSIE  
 04/22 EWING, EVELYN  
 04/25 DUERLER, PATRICIA  
 04/30 STUBBINS, ADRIENNE  
 ADAMS, ROBERT

#### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

April 04 Melissa Miller  
 April 20 Dee Dee Heffner  
 April 24 Julie O'Herin



Dear Friends at Livingston UMC,

Thank you for your faithful stewardship that led to paying over 100% of your 2009 Conference Apportionments. We know that this happens only with effort, prayers and love and we are grateful. Know that those gifts are being used to make the love of Christ known in very tangible ways in our conference throughout the world may God's rich blessings be upon you.

Shalom, Cindi Dietrich,  
 Council on Finance and Administration

### Financial Report as of January 31, 2010

#### January General Fund

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>\$10,215.97</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Apportionments	\$ 265.83	
Discipleship	\$ 32.79	
Clergy Support	\$ 5,433.39	
Lay Employees	\$ 3,034.36	
Operating Exp.	\$ 5,151.47	
Office Expense	\$ 92.72	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$14,010.50</b>

#### Missions

Receipts	\$ 721.00
Expenses	\$ 846.08



Travel with the Van Goes - There is always plenty of good fellowship and food. Our next adventure will be Friday, April 16, to Franklin Park Conservatory to visit the Blooms and Butterflies. Lunch will be at The Old Bag of Nails. We will leave the church at 10 AM. To be a part of any of the Van Goes adventures, please sign up with Sarah Miller.

May 21 - Grange Audubon - leave the church at 10 AM. Lunch will be at the Columbus Maennerchor Club.

Adena State Memorial (June 25)  
 Warren G. Harding Home (July 9)  
 (August)

Rutherford B. Hayes (Sept.)  
 Mohican State Park (October)  
 Clifton Mill & Gorge (November)  
 Christmas lunch (December)

Above is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. Lunch spots will be announced as we get nearer the date.

***Rethink Poverty – United Methodist Impact  
Mission for Metro Columbus  
Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Here at Livingston Church***

The Council of UM Bishops will be meeting in Columbus on May 2-7. For the first time during their meetings, the Bishops will offer leadership, service, and witness so that we United Methodists might make an impact for Christ in the Columbus metropolitan area.

On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, a Bishop will teach on Poverty and Health Care at Livingston Church in the morning. Volunteers from the church, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio Health, and German Village will work on a mission activity assembling health kits for local UM ministries. Our goal is to assemble 3000 kits which will be supplied by UM Church members. Our Food Pantry and the Charitable Pharmacy will receive some of the health kits.

Please put Saturday morning, May 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar and join us for the Poverty and Health ministry opportunity and watch the bulletin for the items that Livingston Church will be asked to donate for the health kits.

**FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY REPORT**

84 families  
24 single people  
Total served 291 individuals

**HAITI  
AYARS UPDATE**

Life has seemed to stop and accelerate at the same time since the earthquakes shook Haiti January 12<sup>th</sup>. Since that Tuesday, we have been nothing but overwhelmed: Overwhelmed by the great need, the widespread suffering, the daily changes, and the desire to help. Overwhelmed by your hundreds of emails, dozens of letters, sacrificial giving and outpouring of prayer. Overwhelmed by the multitudes who recognize, perhaps for the first time, their great need for Our Lord.

**We want you to be encouraged!**

We know that you have felt much the same as you have watched the horrifying details of this event unfold and heard stories of the chaos and despair

and death and suffering that have followed. But we want you to know that there are many beautiful things that have risen from the ashes of Port-au-Prince, as well. We have seen so many countries pour out food and medical help, tents, water, clothing and aid, and we know many of you have been a part of that.

We have seen our Haitian brothers and sisters here in Cap-Haitien open their already crowded homes to family and friends and strangers alike, feeding them with food that was already scarce.

We have seen the church in Haiti become His hands and feet to the many coming to its doors looking for hope and help. We have seen congregations give generously and people sharing freely and boldly their faith and their salvation.

Most, we have seen Haiti embracing His promises: *If you humble yourselves and pray and see My face and turn from your ways, I will hear, will forgive your sin and heal your land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

We know that God wants to do something NEW in this land and in the hearts of His people, and He can only do that if we will call upon Him! We are seeing SO MANY do just that, and we are genuinely excited for what God IS doing and WILL BE doing here in Haiti.

**We are here for such a time as this!**

The Lord has confirmed to us in SO many ways that He has us here for just such a time as this. The ministry of Emmaus Biblical seminary is exploding with students coming from across Haiti seeking a safe place to stay and study His Word. Our new campus opened January 11<sup>th</sup>, one day before the earthquake, and is more than equipped to take in many students!

We had also both felt strongly led before the earthquake to start two different outreach ministries. Matt began teaching Bible courses in downtown Cap-Haitien in September to anyone who was interested, and since the earthquake these weekly classes have grown tremendously. Many new Christians are anxious to learn about their Father and His Word!

Meanwhile, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Stacey began teaching "Evangelistic English" in the community where the new seminary is located, Saccanville. The Haitian people are SO anxious to learn English, 60 non-believers and 15 Christians signed up for the class,

even if the only text and subject matter is the Bible!