

# The Livingston Letter

"WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES"

MAY 2008



## Streams in the Desert

My daughter Katie graduates from college in May, so she wanted to do something special with the old man over her Spring break. She asked if we could hike the Grand Canyon together. It was the first time just the two of us spent five days together doing something we both really enjoy. We made our plans, mapped out our two long hikes and hit the trail.

We hiked 12 miles on day one. We felt great when we returned to the top of the South Rim and were ready to tackle the arduous 18 miler the next morning. The morning air was cold and dry – perfect for hiking. Since we were descending a mile down to the Colorado River, we knew it would be hot.

At noon it was 85 degrees by the mighty Colorado, and it was time for us to return to the top of the South Rim. We felt wasted (and I was sick to my stomach!) but we had a 10 mile upward hike and it wasn't going to wait for us.

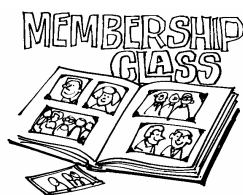
After about 2 miles on the Bright Angel trail, we came upon a lovely sight: A small pool of flowing clear water gurgling up from a subterranean spring. If we didn't have water bottles with us, that spring could have refreshed our dehydrated bodies.

Stumbling on this refreshing pool of cool water reminded me of God's provision of living water. Isaiah says the Lord provides "streams in the desert" (35:6-7) for those who love Him.

You don't need to be hiking on thirsty ground to experience God's thirst quenching water of life. When you're in an emotional and spiritual desert, just look for God's stream of living water for you. The thirst quenching drink may be a friend's presence that helps you get through your desert season. Your stream in the desert may be note of appreciation you received for a job well done. Or it may come from a hopeful word of encouragement you feel on Sunday morning in worship.

If you feel like you are in the desert now, I invite you ask the Lord to send you His living water in your direction. He'll do it.

Affectionately,  
Pastor Jim



## Discovering Membership

Pastor Jim will lead a two week class, "Discovering Membership", on Sunday May 11 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Members will join the church on Sunday, May 25.

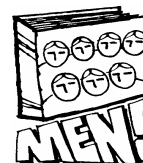
## German Village Business Community at Livingston

On Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM., Pastor Jim will host the German Village Business Community for their monthly business meeting. The members are very appreciative of Pastor's involvement in the organization and our support of their business objectives.

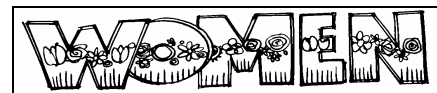


## Mother's Day at Livingston

Mother's Day is Sunday May 11. Pastor Jim has an encouraging message for our moms on that day.



Men's Group will meet Wednesday, May 14 & 28, 6 PM at Schmidt's. We're starting a new study on John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.



Heart to Heart will meet Wednesday, May 14, at 7 PM.

### Special Points of Interests:

- Anniversaries, Birthdays
- Calendar Dates
- Finance Report
- Yard Sale
- Van Goes

**WEIGHT WATCHERS  
WEDNESDAY'S  
6 P.M.**



**May 17  
Village Valuables  
& Our Food Pantry**

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> German Village residents and businesses set up shop on porches, sidewalks and yards! They sell everything from housewares to antiques. The Food Pantry Ministry will be part of this great opportunity, so if have some valuables you want to donate, please see Ginny Clear or Kim Giles.

**TRUSTEES MEET  
THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT  
6 P.M.**

**Financial Report  
for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008  
General Fund**

1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Expenses	\$44,360
Receipts	\$39,537
Deficit	\$ 4,823

**Missions Budget  
\$12,411**

1 <sup>ST</sup> Qtr. expenses	\$3,078
Receipts	\$3,453

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

05/03 Frank/Becky Hayhurst  
05/08 Jeff/Cheryl Miller  
05/29 Mike/Adrienne Stubbins  
Jim Donnan/Sue



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

05/07 KLEIN, JOAN  
05/08 HOFFMAN, ELIZABETH  
05/08 STUBBINS Sr. MIKE

05/10 STUBBINS, GAVIN  
05/13 STUBBINS JR. JOHN  
05/13 ADAMS, ABIGAIL  
05/24 JONES, RUBY  
05/25 CREMEANS, JACK  
05/29 MCDANIEL, JERRI

**MISSIONARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

May 4 Brenden Steury  
May 28 Donna Henry

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



**June 19**, Dawes Arboretum - leave the church at 9 AM. Be here by 8:45 AM. Lunch will be at Miller's Essenplatz in Newark.

**July 31**, Ohio State House to see the Lima Company Art Exhibit. Lunch at Juergen's in German Village.

**August 21** Vatican Splendors Exhibit. More information soon.

**September 30**, tour Fenton Glass and visit the gift shop.

*Sign up now for the trips!!!!*

**NEW PHONE NUMBER**

**Jim and Patty Duerler  
PH: 991-5485**

**THANK YOU**

To my Livingston Church family,

With sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness and for all your cards and prayers during one of the hardest times of my life, when I lost my daughter, my beloved Belinda. May God bless you all.

Norma Fields and family

**FEAR**

Silently I wait,

The minutes pass slowly by,  
It is almost my turn,  
I think I am going to cry  
What if I mess up?  
And forget everything?  
I know I have a good voice,  
I know that I can sing.  
But what if they don't think so?  
The audience might laugh.  
I don't know what to do,  
I am tearing myself in half!  
The person in front of me just  
finished their song,  
The audience is clapping,  
Now it won't be long.  
I take my place on stage and get  
ready to begin,  
The audience looks up at me and I  
look back at them.  
This is not so bad,  
It is finally happening.  
It is almost over now,  
But I just let my voice ring.  
I hear a clapping sound,  
And I finally see,  
The clapping that I heard,  
Was them clapping just for me.

By Savanna Giblin

**Youth to Taylor:  
What do you know?**

Livingston UMC youth recently spent the weekend at Taylor University in Upland, IN. Six youth joined youth director Nick Kiger and youth mentor Joe Marshall for a weekend of spiritual growth. The theme of the weekend was simply "Know." The youth were led by a talented speaker, and many of them grew in their relationship with God. The whole weekend centered on getting to know God, rather than just knowing about God. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you in the near future!