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WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES!

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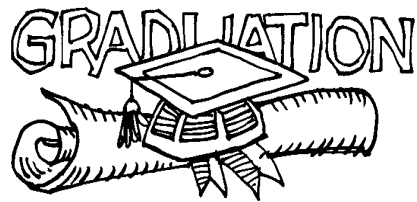
What on Earth Am I Here For?

I'd like to invite you to join some of your friends on a 40 day spiritual journey that will enable you to discover the answer to life's most important question: What on earth am I here for?

By the end of the journey, you will know God's purpose for your life and will understand the big picture - how all the pieces of your life fit together.

We'll begin the class on Thursday, July 2nd, 7:00 PM at Sue and my home. If you would like to participate, contact me at JDonnan2003@yahoo.com or 224-2006. I have 4 copies of the book "The Purpose Driven Life" for sale. If you can't answer God's purpose and plan for your life, I encourage you to join us.

Affectionately,
Pastor Jim



Livingston's 2009 Graduates

Our graduates will be recognized Sunday morning, June 7th. The recipients of the Bob Ralston and Marion Brown Scholarships will also be announced.

Congratulations to our 2009 Graduates!

- Julie Barta- Hilliard
Davidson High School
- Ishawn Yajnik – Hilliard
Davidson High School
- Abigail Russell- Hilliard
Darby High School
- Nick Kiger- Methodist
Theological School in Ohio
(Master's Degree)

The congregation is invited to a luncheon immediately following worship on June 7, in Fellowship Hall, to celebrate the recent graduation of Julie Barta, Nick Kiger, Abigail Russell and Ishawn Yajnik.

Stacey, Lily and Matt Ayars with us on June 7th

The Ayars, missionaries to Haiti, will be with us on Sunday June 7th at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM to tell us how God is using them at Emmaus Biblical Seminary, Cap Haitian. You will be blessed by their testimony.

West Ohio Annual Conference June 7-11

Pastor Jim and Ginny Clear will be in Lakeside, Ohio for our West Ohio Annual Conference. Please pray for the lay and clergy delegates for God's wisdom and direction.

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JUNE 21



The German Village Community Farm has elected to donate a 4x4 plot to LUMC Youth. Thank you to Sarah Miller for her guidance as these young gardeners learn what it means to cultivate God's creation. All vegetables grown in the youth plot will be donated to the food pantry.

MISSION TRIP

The Livingston United Methodist Youth will be traveling to Greensburg, PA, July 12-19, to serve the Greensburg Salvation Army, which is under the leadership of Lieutenant Brian DeMichael, Nick Kiger's brother-in-law. The youth will be leading two VBS program at two separate housing developments in Greensburg. If you would like to support the summer mission trip, you can make a monetary donation to the youth fund.



The youth will also be seeking donations for the annual Red, White, and Boom fundraiser, and a list of needed items will be available as the event approaches.

**Red, White and Boom,
Friday, July 3rd.**

Kroger Plus Card

You can support the youth throughout the year when you shop at Kroger's. Just register your Kroger Plus Card at:

krogercommunityrewards.com and the youth will receive a quarterly check from Kroger's for a percentage of the sales.

- Click on Sign in/Register
- Click on Sign up today
- Enter your zip code
- Click on favorite store
- Enter your email address and create password
- You will receive a message back to check your email inbox – Click on the link within the body of your email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information and input your Kroger Plus Card number
- Enter the 80726 and select organization from list
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.

Or, pick up a copy of the scan bar code from the table in the narthex. This is very easy, and every cent you spend goes towards supporting our youth.

See Nick Kiger or Kevin O'Grady for details.



The Red/White and Boom potluck will be in the fellowship hall beginning at about 6:30 PM. (No grill will be available.) Drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service and a couple of dishes to share. Bring a friend!



We love who Jesus loves.

Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
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Praise Song Leader: Karen Clouse
Sound Tech Chm: :Bruce Reedy

Pastor Emeritus: Roland Newsletter articles
are due in the church office the second
Sunday of the month to be included in next
month's newsletter.



We will leave the church at **8:00 AM on July 24**, to go to Akron to visit the Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Lunch will be at the Carriage House Café.

We will visit Barkitecture, an exhibit of artful, whimsical and one of kind doghouses on display. Some of the titles are: "I Thought I Thaw a Puddy Cat", "Not Your Average Joe", "Oops...Bottoms Up!", "Frank Lloyd Bite", "FireDog House", and several more.

Costs will be \$16.00 which covers a 1 hr and 15 minute tour of the hall and a tour of the gardens. We will tour the hall/doghouses first and then have 45 minutes for lunch and then tour the gardens. Sign-up ASAP we need to confirm reservations. The \$16 is due when you sign-up.

TECUMSEH!

August 1 (Saturday), a group from the church is going to see Tecumseh at Chillicothe. If we have 25, we can get a group discount. We can carpool from the church as well as use the church van. We would eat at Tecumseh Terrace Buffet. Group rates for the outdoor drama is Adults, \$20.65; children 10 and under \$14.35. The buffet is adults \$11.95 and children 10 and under \$7.50. The cost would be slightly higher if we have less than 25 people. Sign up with Sarah Miller if you are interested so the necessary arrangements can be made.

Friday, August 21, we will go to the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton. More details to come.

THE LOIS YOUNG BIBLE CLASS

On a typical Sunday morning at our church, an observer would see a scene somewhat like this:

The ladies all assembled in the room we call the parlor, Exchanging pleasant greetings between the teachers and the scholars.

A bit of socializing often makes the parlor hum— It takes a while to realize the reason we have come.

We begin with prayer for others – our petitions fill a page –

So many aches and ailments -- I guess we're just that age!

Our dedicated teaches have a twinkle in their eye, And a heart of love for each of us as they point us to the sky.

And from their lips we hear again the good old Gospel story,

And how the road to heaven is filled with problems, but with glory!

Our textbook is the Bible, and we learn such splendid things,

But when they flip pages back, O ladies, all those kings!

Now, seriously, you wouldn't want or find a better place

To spend a Sunday morning than in our parlor space.

You will find a friendly welcome when you enter at the door,

We know just how to treat you after 50 years or more!

Nina Lewis

P.S. All ages welcome.



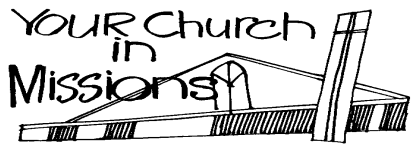
United Methodist Churches are being asked to provide school kits for the Annual Conference in June as part of the theme "LOVE IN ACTION". Each church is asked to supply 10 school kits with the overall goal of 10,000 completed kits. We would like to fill 25 kits as a mission project. Pat Livingston has graciously donated the denim material and Chris and Sarah Miller are going to make the bags.

WOW – can you help us fill the school bags? We need the supplies **this week** so that we can assemble the bags to be taken to Annual Conference next Sunday.

Each school kit contains:

- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 3 notebooks of wide - or college-ruled paper (70 sheets)
- One 12 inch ruler with centimeters
- One hand held pencil sharpener
- Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- One eraser approximately 2 ½" long
- One box of 24 crayons (CRAYOLA brand only)

These are specific quantities, sizes, etc. since they want all school kits alike.



Livingston's mission field is 'around the block, around the world'. For hundreds of years, people have categorized missionaries as the New Testament apostles and disciples who obeyed the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20): Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you, always to the very end of the age." Now in 2009, millions of Christians around the world are wondering: What does it mean to be a missionary.

Do I have to travel to a foreign land to be a missionary or does it count when I pray with someone at my work When I share the gospel online am I a missionary or am I just a normal Christian? The literal translation of "go" in Matthew 28:19 is "as you are going." The missionary is called to a foreign culture while all other Christians are called to share their faith and demonstrate Christ's presence in their lives wherever they go-to the house next door, to the workplace, to the grocery store, etc. God has called some to go outside their comfort zone, their culture. Others may not feel that call. The real mystery is, "Are you in the center of His will where you are?" Mission work is not only telling, it is doing.

Malnourished people must be fed; they must be shown and taught gardening. When a town is ravaged by waterborne disease a well drilled by the church completes Christ's command. When orphaned babies are left to die a place that nourishes the body as well as the spirit must be provided. Countries, continents that were once considered primarily mission fields are sending missionaries around the world. Add this prayer to your daily prayer time over the next month and see if it changes your view of missions. Remember to include our missionaries.

Heavenly Father, Your people are doing the work you have called them to all around the world. You have orchestrated ministries in all shapes and forms. Father, I pray for those serving in the United States - our pastors, our teachers, childcare providers, mailmen, and more. I pray You will grant them wisdom in their ministries as they earnestly seek You. I pray for those serving in other cultures within the U.S. borders, such as sharing Christ with prisoners and immigrants. May they find success in seeing one new person come to Christ. Then, Father bless the missionaries in a new culture and may the love of Christ break down barriers. Help them struggling to learn a new a new language. Jesus, provide for them the tools they need to share the truth that is for all people and may Your name be glorified. We ask these things in your name. Amen

REMEMBER

USE THE BENEVOLENCE SIDE
OF YOUR ENVELOPE.
PRAY. GO. GIVE
LIVINGSTON GROWS THROUGH
MISSIONS.

LIVINGSTON SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

Matt/Stacey Ayars – Haiti
Steve/Donna Henry - Kenya
Mary Hermiz – Kenya
Neal and Mari Hicks – Japan
Ben/Melissa Miller – Tanzania
Brian/Julie O'Herin – Wycliffe
Bible Translators
Jon/Vera Steury - Kenya
Jackson Area Ministry – Ohio
Denis Heffner – New Mexico
Grace Children's Hospital - Haiti



The Food Pantry needs donations of cake mixes and frosting, pie mix and filling, tuna, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, beef stew, pork and beans and vegetarian beans. These items are unavailable through Mid-Ohio Food bank at this time.

The food pantry is in need of items for the table for clients to select one or two such as shampoo, conditioner, combs, hair brushes, personal hygiene items, etc.

