

The Livingston Letter

June 2011



Charitable Pharmacy
of Central Ohio, Inc.

Charitable Pharmacy's Ministry

The ministry of the Charitable Pharmacy continues to touch the lives of thousands of hurting people. I could tell you that over 1100 patients call Livingston Church their "pharmacy home". Or I could tell you that over 18,000 prescriptions have been distributed in 12 months, and those medications are worth over \$1,450,000.00 (yes, that's \$1.45 million dollars!) And I could tell you that the patient load continues to grow exponentially so the building is alive with grateful patients.

I want to tell you about Mike who had a brain tumor removed 5 months ago. He told me that he doesn't know what it's like not to have a headache every day. He said he's so grateful for the Charitable Pharmacy because he receives the medicine that helps mitigate the chronic pain.

The ministry of the Charitable Pharmacy is living out Jesus' expectation for us where He said... "I was sick, and you looked after me," Matthew 25:36.

Allan Zaenger, Mariellyn Dunlap, and the rest of the faithful ministry team are providing more than just medicine for our most vulnerable citizens. They are providing hope for those who feel helpless because they lack health insurance.

I thought you should know that the Charitable Pharmacy continues to be the hands and heart of Christ to the poor of the city.

Affectionately,

Jim

PLAN AHEAD

Sunday

M&M's Youth Group, 12-1:30 PM

G.V. Al-Anon meeting 5:30 PM (Chapel)

Haus AA meeting 5:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Monday

Charitable Pharmacy open, 9 AM-4 PM

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

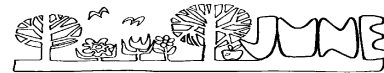
AMSPIRIT, 7:30 AM (Chapel)

Charitable Pharmacy open, 9-4 PM

Weight Watchers, 6 PM (Chapel)

Friday

Charitable Pharmacy open, 9 AM-1 PM



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| 06/07 | Home Bible Study Group, 7 PM |
| 06/5-9 | West Ohio Annual Conference |
| 06/08 | Men's Group, 6 PM (Wendy's) |
| 06/21 | Home Bible Study Group, 7 PM |
| 06/15 | Mid-Ohio Food pick-up, 9 AM |
| 06/17 | Van Goes, 10:30 AM |
| 06/19 | Father's Day |
| 06/21/23/25 | Food Pantry, 9 AM - noon |
| 06/22 | Men's Group, 6 PM (Wendy's) |
| 06/26 | Faith Mission served |



Church Leadership Meetings

Administrative Council will meet in the chapel following the worship service on June 12.

Happy
Father's
Day  June 19



Music Appreciation Sunday June 5th

Sunday, June 5th, will be Music Appreciation Sunday. It has been wonderful working with the Sanctuary Choir and playing in the Hand Bell Choir. What a joyous season for both groups. Both groups will celebrate by playing two anthems each. We hope that you are here to listen to God's message through these two groups. They have worked very hard this season and their ministry is much appreciated. Come and be blessed.

Blessings,
Teresa Gray

West Ohio Annual Conference June 5-09

Pastor Jim and Ginny Clear will be in Lakeside, Ohio for our West Ohio Annual Conference. The week will be filled with renewing friendships, participating in passionate worship celebrations, and doing the business of the Annual Conference. We will also elect lay and clergy delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional which meets every 4 years.

General Conference is the official voice of the United Methodist Church. All matters of church policy and church discipline must be approved by the General Conference.

Jurisdictional Conference gathers to elect and assign bishops, as well as to approve nominations of person to serve on the boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church.

Here are some specific ways you might pray:

...For God's wisdom for those who are voting

...For a spirit of unity to rest on the annual conference and all elections.

...For Bishop Ough as he leads the annual conference.



The Men's Group will meet 6:00 PM, June 8th and 22nd at Wendy's in German Village. All men are welcome to join the conversation. We're discussing the book of Revelation.



Meeting God in the Psalms Bible Study will meet June 7th and 21st at 7:00 PM in the church parlor.

GV Haus and Garten Tour Ministry Opportunity Sunday, June 26

While hundreds of people are walking through GV exploring the beautiful homes, we have a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with many of them. Livingston Church is partnering with Sandy Kite Studio. Sandy's studio is around the corner from the church at the corner of 5th and Jackson Sts. We will provide cold bottled water, our church's brochures, and warm goodwill to the visitors. We need at least 5 people to serve 2 hour time slots. Pair up with a friend to be servants for Christ and Livingston Church. Whoever serves the 10:15 - 12:15 slot will be included in the Sunday worship count!

Sunday, June 26, 2011

8:45 - 10:15 am

10:15 - 12:15 pm

12:15 - 2:15 pm

2:15 - 4:15 pm

4:15 - 6:00 pm

If you have any questions or to volunteer, see Pastor Jim.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Mighty Miracles Youth Group (Sundays 12:00-1:30pm)

Cans! The youth will be collecting cans to raise money to have more activity and go on trips!!!! Please donate empty food cans & pop cans to the Youth Group!!

Look for upcoming events and check the bulletin for the Car Wash/Bake Sale.

The youth will be working the Fourth of July, Red, White and BOOM. Please come down and see the fireworks with us!!

We are located on **facebook!** Livingston United Methodist Youth. Please come check us out and see all new pictures!

 **Brittany and Anthony Sherer**



Congratulations to all of our high school graduates:

Rob Barta Hilliard Davidson HS
Katie Carte, London HS
and Tolles Career Center
Gabrielle Cook, Teays Valley HS
and Eastland Career Center
Colin O'Grady, Bishop Watterson HS
Alyssa Staten, Gahanna Lincoln HS.
Paige Stubbins, Independence HS

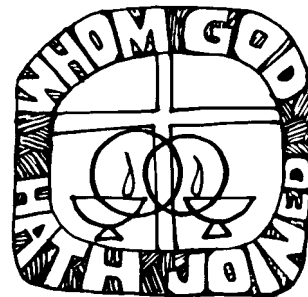
We are all very proud of your accomplishment.



The Rev. Barb Sholis becomes the new Capital Area South District Superintendent as of 7/1/11 replacing and outgoing Superintendent Hank Stringer at the district conference.



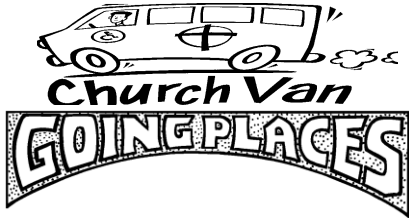
Prepare now to attend Red, White and Boom on Friday, July 1st, at Livingston. There will be a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.



Congratulations to Brittany Robertson and Anthony Sherer who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 14, her at the church. May God bless this couple.



**Livingston Ministries
Don't Go on Vacation**



On June 17, the Van Goes will travel to Hilliard to see the First Responders Memorial. Lunch will be at the Starliner Diner in Hilliard. Please sign-up in the office.

No activity is planned for July. Enjoy the summer.



On AUGUST 19, (note date change) we will visit Jeanette (J) Bosworth's Muskingum River property, near McConnellsville. (J is one of our faithful Food Pantry volunteers and has graciously invited us for a visit to her summer place). We will have lunch there. We will leave the church at 9 AM. You will be asked to help offset the cost of the lunch. Gasoline will \$5.00 per person.



Please sign-up in the church office



Campbell UPC codes – save only the **UPC code** from Campbell's product labels such as: soup, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, V8, Swanson, Market Day, Franco American. The front label is no longer accepted. These barcodes help support the Navajo Indian mission work. A container is available in the church office for the proof of purchases.



APRIL FOOD PANTRY REPORT

**110 families
(360 individuals were served)**

The Food Pantry needs soup, tuna, shelf-stable milk, ravioli, Chunky soup/stew and cereal. These items are not available through the Mid-Ohio Food Bank at this time. Also, the Food Pantry needs clean plastic grocery bags.

We thank the Livingston Church family and the German Village residents for their monetary and food donations. In April, \$439.44 was spent. Monetary donations received in April were \$490.00

Kroger Community Rewards program will be sending us a check in the amount of \$350.50. If you do not currently support this program, please go to Kroger.Com and register your Kroger Plus Card and select #80726 (Livingston United Methodist Church) as your charitable organization.

If you need assistance or do not have access to a computer, call the church office and speak to Jane.

Plan ahead: we would like to have gently used jewelry any useable small items such as body lotions, colognes, etc. so we can let the children shop for their parents in December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Financial Report as of April 30, 2011 General Fund

Receipts:		\$12,916.04
Expenses:		
Apportionments	\$1,697.76	
Clergy Support	\$5,114.41	
Lay Employees	\$3,469.67	
Operating Expense	\$3,657.47	
Office Expense	\$ 58.48	
Total Expenses		\$14,030.52
	Missions	
Receipts	\$ 680.50	
Expenses	\$ 864.24	



Birthdays This Month

06/01	PRIDDY, SHYANNA ENDICOTT, LORRETTA
06/04	HILYARD, BETHANY
06/06	FLEURIVAL, CEMERITE
06/07	STATEN, KRISTA
06/09	JESSBURGER, ISABELLE
06/12	GAMMELL, CHARLENE
06/14	KLOTZ, DONALD
06/16	PERKINS, OLGA MAE
06/18	PAYNE, VICKI
06/19	MILLER, BARNEY CHAFFIN, Renee
06/30	ADAMS, SUSAN

Happy Anniversary

06/02	DONNA/LOWELL STATEN
06/03	JIM/SUE BRIZENDINE
06/04	BUZZ/PATRICIA THOMAS
06/16	CHARLES/SHARLYN BROWN

VOLUNTEER

United Methodist Community Ministries is challenging every United Methodist Church in the Capitol Area Districts to pick **one day** this summer to serve in one of the United Methodist Freedom Schools (summer enrichment program). They will be offered **June 20-July 29** in several UM churches in the district. We are looking for 7 persons to sign up per site, per day.

Summer Enrichment Programs in United Methodist Churches need your help!

This summer 300 children from low income families will receive quality academic enrichment through several United Methodist Churches in central Ohio! The 6 week all day, five day a week program is called the **Freedom School**. Here are who will be blessed by participating in the Freedom School adventure:

1) **Children and their parents**- studies show that attending summer Freedom School helps kids develop a positive attitude toward learning and enhances their self-esteem, and helps their parents learn how to get connected to community resources. Children from at-risk communities who do not read at grade level by grade 3 have an extreme increase in likelihood of incarceration as adults. In Ohio, 64% of public school fourth graders are unable to read at grade level. Through Freedom Schools, United Methodists are

serving the least, last, and lost by building opportunities for families to live out their God-intended future, intercepting this "cradle-to-prison pipeline", which affects our brothers and sisters in poverty.

2) **College students**- college students from low income families are given a wonderful opportunity for leadership development and strong preparation for future careers serving children and families.

3) **Churches**- volunteers get involved in the children's lives through reading to them and engaging in afternoon activities and field trips. This is a blessing not only to the host congregation but to all the churches who partner with them as well!

The program begins **June 20 and ends July 29** and will be held at: **Broad St UMC** - 50 children, **Maynard UMC**- 40 children, **Summit on 16th UMC**- 60 children and the **Westside cluster of churches** is sponsoring 150 kids and holding their schools in 3 elementary schools in the Hilltop area. Here are some volunteer opportunities for your church this summer:

- 1) **Breakfast servers**- 2 persons- arrive at 7:45am and finish at 8:30am.
- 2) **Lunch servers**- 2-persons-arrive at 11:45 and finish at 12:30
- 3) **Readers**- 1 person per day- arrive at 8:15am-reading time lasts 30 minutes-8:30-9am
- 4) **Afternoon volunteers**-arrive at 12:45- finish by 3:30pm- 2 persons

Your church can choose one day out of the 30 total school days and provide the 7 volunteers needed per 50 children for that day. Another option is to sign up to help with field trips- once a week.

To volunteer at a particular site and get more details, here are the people to contact:

- 1) Broad St- contact Joey Heath:
freedomschool@broadstreetumc.net 614-221-4571
- 2) Summit on 16th- contact Mark Reed:
markreed@summitumc.org 614-266-0636
- 3) Maynard- contact Mark Reed:
markreed@summitumc.org 614-266-0636
- 4) Westside cluster -contact Dee Robertson:
dbrown191@columbus.rr.com 614-870-3119

Let's get involved and support United Methodist Freedom Schools!

UM Community Ministries Helps Churches Partner for Mental Health

Did you know that United Methodists are **offering Pro-Bono Counseling** in central Ohio? Mt Sterling Community Center in Madison County has been offering free counseling for several years. They have a professional counselor who offers free counseling to people who cannot afford it and offer workshops on mental health for the community, like their Women's Wellness Day, focused on stress management/depression held this spring.

Now a new Pro-Bono Counseling Program has started in Franklin County. So far seven United Methodist Churches: **Broad St, Livingston, Maynard Ave, Northwest, Maple Grove, Crossroads and Asbury South** are partnering with Mental Health America to offer a safe place where people can meet with a counselor and receive coffee and friendly hospitality from a volunteer. This is so important because mental health funding has been slashed dramatically in recent years and people going through divorce, grief and stressful situations often have nowhere to turn. Hopefully through this partnership our churches will be seen as a place for hope and new beginnings!

Laura from Mental Health America writes, "In just six short weeks, our professional volunteer pool has provided free mental health counseling to 66 individuals and families in the community. The feedback from professionals, clients, and members of our community has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

Across the county and the state, individuals and organizations recognize the need for this type of volunteer-based service to meet the immediate needs of our neighbors and communities.

The MHAFC Pro Bono Counseling Program by the Numbers (as of 4/13/11):

- * 70 Volunteer Professionals Recruited
- * 195 Client Requests for Service

* 66 Clients Linked to Professional Volunteers

* 12 Community sites who have volunteered their space"

Pro-Bono Counseling is about offering hope to people who feel lost, stuck or broken. Anne Wilson Schaef writes, "Hope is not expensive to have. It is very expensive to be without." Proverbs 13:12 states, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." I'm thankful United Methodist churches are providing a place for hope and healing in the midst of difficult times.

Pro-Bono Counseling is a pilot project started in Franklin County and hoping to expand soon to other counties in central Ohio as well.



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Organist: Danny Russell

Bell Choir: Jennifer Brizendine
Worship Leader: Teresa Gray

Sound Technicians:

Bruce Reedy
Tony Giles
Jim Brizendine
Anthony Sherer



Hope For The Hopeless

God is indeed the only true **hope** for the **hopeless**. Twila Paris, in her song "Hold On", expresses it beautifully.

We can hold on to sorrow, hold on to pain

We can hold on to anger when there is nothing to be gained

We can hold to a thread at the end of a rope

*But if we hold on to **Jesus** we are holding on to **hope***

We can hold on to money, hold on to fame

We can hold on to glory and the honor of a name

We can hold to a thread at the end of a rope

*But if we hold on to **Jesus** we are holding on to **hope***

Throughout scripture, we are reminded that the only **hope** that brings true satisfaction is the **hope** that is grounded in Christ. The Apostle Peter wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." – I Peter 1:3 His fellow apostle, Paul, spoke to the Colossians of "... the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory." – Col. 1:27b

What a **hopeful** message we have to share with a hurting, **hopeless** world!

Signs of Hope in Our World

Hope For The Nations - Psalms 65:5 – "By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the **hope** of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas."

Hope for Japan – Despite the horrific multiple tragedies experienced by the nation of Japan, there is **hope**. Immanuel General Mission, WGM's church/mission partner in Japan, is reaching out in love to those whose lives were shattered by the earthquake and tsunami.

Hope for Sudan – On July 9th South Sudan is poised to become the world's newest nation! After many years of civil war, the people of South

Sudan voted overwhelmingly in January to secede from the north and form a separate nation. There is a swell of **hope** that WGM is planning to ride through a variety of wholistic ministry efforts known collectively as Mango Ministries

I have both been asked to serve on WGM's Sudan Ministries Board, and recently attended our first board meeting. With the many challenges ahead for this new country, **Jesus** is the only **hope** for South Sudan!

Hope For Africa Gospel Church - Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a **hope**."

In our last letter we reported that a new Bishop had been elected to serve Africa Gospel Church – Rev. Dr. Robert Langat. Rev. Langat was installed in a memorable ceremony in mid-January. Since then, a new Assistant Bishop has also been elected – Rev. David Maritim. These sharp young men bring a bright ray of **hope** for the future of Africa Gospel Church.

Hope In Our Work - I Timothy 4:10 – "For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our **hope** set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."

Jon is intentionally trying to focus his efforts in order to maximize his effectiveness in the more needy areas of his work.

Vera has been able to become more active with our church's women's group now that she is no longer home schooling. She has written and taught several lessons to the women.

We were able to have a new windmill pump installed in March and the windmill is now pumping a good amount of water.

Hope For Our Family - Psalms 71:5 – "For you, O Lord, are my **hope**, my trust, O Lord, from my youth."

Hope For You! In closing, our prayer for you is, "May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in **hope**." - Romans 15:13 "... waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ," – Titus 2:13

Jon & Vera Steury

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From MARY HERMIZ

Well, it finally happened - the renovations for the Ladies Hostel at Tenwek Hospital are finally complete and the girls are settled. As we all know, change is hard. When the ladies were first told of the changes in housing arrangements – tears began to flow. It wasn't long before those tears turned to smiles and the ladies were anxious to move into their new rooms.

Many of you assisted in our purchase of chairs. The chairs have been delivered and are in use. Thanks for your faithfulness. The students were excited to get the new chairs in their rooms.

Exam Time!

Every year at this time the school is very busy getting the seniors ready to take their last exams of their training. This past week they had their practice exams (mock exams). The teachers were busy grading those this past weekend and the students were busy studying – sometimes in groups and at other times separately. Next week May 19 & 20th the students will take their final exams -six hours of testing both days. They must pass these exams before they take their government licensing exams in August. Pray for our 17 seniors and teachers during this busy time.

Mentoring/Coaching Update

The process of mentoring Jackson for the principal position continues. I've been writing the financial part of the Principal's Manual and have found it to be very time consuming. We will soon be preparing for the budget for next year. We'll see how well I have explained the steps! Dealing with 2 different currencies makes it a bigger challenge. But we couldn't survive without your help!

Continuing to Need your Prayers,

Mary Hermiz



Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time

In just about any dresser drawer, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life.

Lions Recycle for Sight

Throughout the year, volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.

How You Can Help

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, you can donate them now – we accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses, plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed. Donation may be placed in the LIONS RECYCLE BOX IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. Thank you for your support.

SLOW ME DOWN LORD

Slow me down, Lord,
Ease the pounding of my heart
By quieting of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace with a vision
Of eternal reach of time.
Give me, amid the confusion of the day,
The calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles
With soothing music of the singing streams
That live in my memory.
Help me to know
The magical, restoring power of sleep.
Teach me the art of taking minute vacations
Of slowing down to look at a flower
To chat with a friend,
To pat a dog,
To read a few lines from a good book.
Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me
To send roots deep into the soil
Of life's enduring values
That I may grow toward the stars
Of my greater destiny.

Submitted by Kathy Clouse.