

The Livingston Letter

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WE LOVE WHO JESUS LOVES!

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The Second Call

The Men's Group has been working through the implications of Brennan Manning's seminal book "The Ragamuffin Gospel". It's not written for spiritually on-fire Christians who only live on the mountaintop and have never visited the valley of doubt and grief. As the author says, "it's for smart people who know they are stupid and honest disciples who admit they are scalawags."

Manning's purpose is to help Christians accept the fact that God is head-over-heels in love with us. Do you believe that God's truly in love with you. John 3:16 says "God so loved the world..." But what about you; do you believe God's crazy about you? That question is at the heart of your ability to spiritually mature. If in your heart of hearts you don't believe that God loves you just as you are, if your heart is still clouded by that lie that you have to do something to earn God's love and pleasure, then, as Manning says, "you are rejecting the message of the cross", p. 165.

I encourage you to receive God's passionate love for you right now as you read this.

In Him,
Jim



Weekly Meetings:

Sunday:

German Village Al-Anon meeting 5:30 PM
(Chapel)

Haus AA meeting 5:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

DCOM 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

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



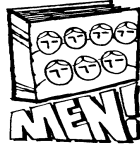
- 10/01 Charitable Pharmacy Bd., 7:30 AM
- 10/04 Mary Hermiz, 9 & 10:30 AM
- 10/05 Construction Crew, 7 AM
- 10/06 New Bible Study Group, 7 PM
- 10/14 Men's Group, 6 PM
- 10/11 October Newsletter
articles due in office
CROP WALK
- 10/12 **COLUMBUS DAY**
- 10/13 Aetna Insurance Medicare, 10 AM
New Bible Study Group, 7 PM
- 10/14 Livingston's Women's Group, 7
PM
- 10/17 German Village Community Farm
- 10/18 Columbus Marathon
- 10/21 Mid Ohio Food pick up
Men's Group, 6 PM
- 10/22 Van Goes, 9:30 AM
- 10/24 German Village Community Farm
- 10/27 DCOM, 8:30 AM
- 10/27/29/31 Food Pantry
- 10/28 Marion Brown Memorial Service, 9:30
AM
- 10/30/31 Pharmacy Volunteer Training



On Sunday, October 4th, Mary Hermiz, a World Gospel Mission missionary to Kenya, will share with us what's God's doing through her nursing school at 9 and 10:30 AM.

CROP WALK

The Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 11th, starting at noon. The walk is 2.5 miles. See Colleen Barta for a signup sheet today. The goal for Franklin County is \$85,000 and 25% of all the money earned goes to food pantries, Mid Ohio Food Bank and soup kitchens. Please see Colleen or call her if you are interested in this fun walk. Her cell phone is 746-5222.



Men's Group will meet Wednesday October 14 and 28, 6 PM at Wendy's on S. High (across from Blockbuster).

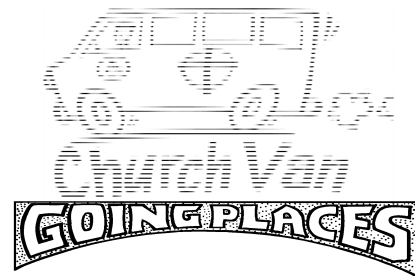


Community Farm work days, Saturday October 17 and 24.

**The Columbus Marathoners
will run by the church
Sunday, October 18 at
approximately 10:00 – 11:00 AM**



Isabelle Genevieve Jessburger received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, September 27. She is the daughter of Dan and Jessica Jessburger. Isabelle was born June 9, 2009.



On Thursday, October 22, the Van Goes will travel to Burr Oak State Park Lodge for lunch and enjoy the beautiful fall color along the way. Plan to leave the church at 9:30 AM. Sign up with Sarah Miller to go.

Future plans include:

January – Pastor Jim's France and Switzerland pictures – themed potluck

February – Hawk Gallery

Spring – Grange Audubon

Harding's home in Marion

Please give suggestion for future trips to Jane Runkle or Sarah Miller.



Absent from body... present with the Lord....
Rev. Roland Perkins, pastor here at Livingston Church from 1960-1970, passed away September 21. He was 83.

Dr. Marion E. Brown passed away August 22, in Florida. A Celebration of her life will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 28, here at Livingston Church.



10/05	CREMEANS, MIRA
10/07	SHAW, CYNTHIA
10/08	MILLER, SARAH
	OWEN, Gene
10/09	BURKHART, LINDA
	LORRAINE, CHARLES
10/12	GILHAUSEN STEFFANIE
	BAUMGARTNER, ADA
10/16	JOHNSON, WILLIAM
10/17	DONNAN, KATIE
	CLEAR, HEATHER
10/18	WEBER, MIKE
10/23	CARTE, EMILY
10/25	BAILEY, CATHERINE
10/26	STUBBINS, GRANT
10/28	HODNETT, NICHOLAS
10/29	REEDY, BRUCE

Happy Anniversary

10/04	GORDON/BECKY EVANS
10/07	BRIAN/COLLEEN BARTA
10/16	DARRIN/MICHELLE WOLFE

If your birthday or anniversary isn't included in the newsletter, please notify the church office so we may enter it in the computer.

Support Livingston Food Pantry and Faith Mission

Support the Livingston Food Pantry and Faith Mission by registering your Kroger Plus Card at Kroger. Just take a copy of the bar code from the table in the narthex and give it to the cashier before your next purchase and Kroger will donate a percentage of your purchase to the church for use by the Food Pantry and Faith Mission.

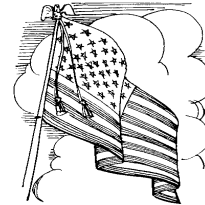
(The funds will no longer be used by the youth. If you were registered for the youth, you do not need to register.)

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	
Expenses	\$111,927
Receipts	<u>\$108,185</u>
Deficit	\$ 3,742
<u>Missions</u>	
Expenses	\$ 8,575
Receipts	\$ 8,810

Church Women United Fall Bus Trip

Church Women United Fall Bus Trip to First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield, Thursday, October 8, leaving from Christ UMC, 1480 Zettler Road at 8 AM. Lunch will be at Malabar Farms after which they will tour the house and grounds of Louis Bromfield's experimental farm. They will enjoy a ride on a farm wagon as they view the grounds. Cost the trip and lunch is \$45.00. See Sarah Miller for a reservation form.



What it means to be an American

To believe

In the promise of a better tomorrow, and stand united in our efforts to give a peaceful nation to our children....

To honor

Each other's difference and cherish the richness of our history, even as it continues to unfold from sea to shining sea.....

To love

Deeply our friends and family, day by day, and never take for granted the privilege of calling ourselves American.

AMERICA
We are more than people,
we are a family.

