

# The Livingston Letter

NOVEMBER 2007

## The Marion E. Brown Leadership Scholarship

It's hard for me to describe the feeling I get when someone comes up with a useful and far reaching idea and then they carry that idea forward until the concept becomes a reality. It's my joy to share with you a terrific idea that is now the Marion E. Brown Leadership Scholarship.

Last Spring I had a delightful conversation with Mardy Prentice, new friend, who lives in Largo, Florida. I really have two new Largo friends, Mardy and her longtime housemate Marion Brown.

I first became acquainted with Marion because she grew up in Livingston Church as a child and young adult in the 1940's. As a young teen, she accepted Christ as her Savior and felt that God had a plan for her life. Marion's calling was to a fulltime ministry in Christian Education. Marion attended Taylor University and Asbury Seminary. She received her PhD in Education from Ohio State (yes, she is a rabid Buckeye though she lives in UF country). Marion retired from St. Paul's School of Theology as a professor of Christian Education.

Mardy, who also received her PhD at Ohio State, (and yes, she's a true blue Buckeye) wanted to honor Marion's longtime love for the church and her Savior Jesus. Mardy shared with me her gracious idea of creating a scholarship to honor her dear friend Marion at Livingston.

After discussing Mardy's scholarship idea with other church leaders, we agreed to go forward with the Marion E. Brown Leadership Scholarship.

This scholarship is a living legacy to an amazing saint whose passion for Christ in the classroom touched so many pastors and Christian educators throughout the country.

We have created a Scholarship Committee which will be implementing the scholarship. Guidelines have been written and they will soon be distributed to the church. Those on the committee are: Ad Co Chair – Debbie Whitt; SPRC Chair – Bruce Reedy; Youth Director – Nick Kiger; At Large Members – Karen Cook, Patti Duerler, Chris Miller and me.

Woody Hayes once said we should "Give Forward". Because of Mardy Prentice's forward thinking Livingston's first scholarship will assist students as they pursue their dream of a quality education.

In Him,  
Pastor Jim

## United Methodist Student Day Offering

Katie Donnan is a fourth year student at Ohio Wesleyan University. Julie Donnan is a second year student at Baldwin-Wallace College. These schools are related to the United Methodist Church.

Katie has received scholarship assistance from the United Methodist Church. This scholarship fund assists hundreds of West Ohio students attending UM colleges and seminaries. On Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, we will receive a special offering for student scholarships. Please give generously to the scholarship fund.

## Livingston Book Club

The Livingston Book Club will meet Sunday, November 4 and 18 at 5 p.m. and continue discussing Anne Lamott's book, "Grace Eventually".



**Veterans Day**  
November 11th

### Special Points of Interests

- Budget Report
- Calendar
- Food Pantry Project
- Men's Group
- Van Goes

## Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, November 14 and 28 at 6:00 PM at Talita's Restaurant on Southwood Blvd, Grove City. We'll continue our discussion based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings. All men are encouraged to stop by for good food and fellowship. Questions? See Pastor Jim.

## Asbury College Gathering at Livingston

The president of Asbury College will host a gathering of central Ohio friends of Asbury College on Thursday, November 29, 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



## Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens Service December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Our preparation for Christmas begins on Sunday, December 2nd, the first Sunday of Advent. We will welcome the Advent season by having a Hanging of the Greens Service at 4 p.m. followed by a family style potluck meal at 5 PM. We will sing Advent hymns and hang the Chrismons (Christmas symbols) on the Christmas tree.

## Campbell's UPC Codes

Reminder - turn in Campbell's UPC codes from soup cans and other Campbell products such as Pepperidge Farm, Prego, V8, Swanson, Market Day, Franco American. See Brenda Ewing for more details.

## Remembering Educators Who Have

## Shaped Our Lives

This month we continue to share with you the memories of members of our congregation who played significant roles in our lives. Michael Buck, Jen Staten, and Patricia Thomas share the impact of higher education teachers/professors.

**Jen Staten** writes: Sue Constable, college, was there for me to talk to outside of class and she always believed in me.

**Michael Buck** writes: Dr. Larry Fine, 3<sup>rd</sup> year college, emphasized in every lesson that you are loved. Period. Regardless of everything, you are loved.

**Patricia Thomas** writes: former superintendent of Circleville Schools, in a motivational speech for new prospective teachers, said: "If they didn't learn it, you didn't teach it." I've never forgot that. It keeps me searching for way to reach all children.



### 9 Months Stewardship Report

General Fund	
Expenses 9 months	\$129,459
Receipts	\$123,787
Deficit	\$ 5,671
Missions budget	\$10,347
Receipts	\$11,752



11/04 BARTA, BRIAN  
11/08 LEACH, PHYLLIS  
11/09 HAYHURST, FRANKLIN

11/10 QUAINANCE, JOHN  
11/12 COBB, THOMAS  
11/16 BARTA, ROBERT  
11/18 EWING, BRENDA  
11/20 QUAINANCE, DOLORES THOMAS, MILES  
11/17 MCKNIGHT, DONNA

### Missionary birthdays:

11/2 Benjamin Steury  
11/29 Stacey Ayars

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

## Happy Anniversary

11/01 Kevin/Bonnie O'Grady  
11/23 Terry/Bethany Hilyard  
11/24 William/Barbara Archer  
11/25 Scott/Lori Johnson



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## Livingston Tote Bags

Tote bags with the new Livingston logo on them may be purchased for \$10.00 for your personal use. The proceeds go to the Food Pantry ministry. See Pat Livingston to purchase one.

## ROBERT L. RALSTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Memorial monies received in memory of Bob Ralston, who passed away September 15, have been designated for the Robert L. Ralston Scholarship Fund. We wanted to honor him not only as a teacher but also for his love of books and felt he would be pleased with

this. His family was thrilled when this idea was presented to them.

If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please make your check payable to Livingston U.M. Church and indicate that it is for the Robert L. Ralston Scholarship Fund.

A Scholarship Committee has been organized and will oversee this process. A scholarship will be given annually to members of this church to help in paying for their college education. More information will be available soon on how to apply for a Robert L. Ralston Scholarship.

## UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

### New Youth Director

Nicolas A. Kiger joined the staff of Livingston Church October 14 as the new Youth Director. His address is:

7286 Colonial Drive  
New Albany, OH 43054  
Phone 740-405-1983  
E-mail nkiger@mtso.edu

Please add him to your church directory and welcome him and his wife to the Livingston Church family.



**Over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house we go....**

**November 15**, we will have lunch and visit the gift shop at Ann & Tony's Restaurant in

West Jefferson. This location is highly recommended by Jim and Patty Duerler. After lunch, we will go for a short walk to the overlook at Darby Creek Metro Park and see all the beautiful scenery. We will leave the church at 12 noon (after Food Pantry).

**December 6**, we will be going to The Morgan House for lunch and then visit the gift shop. We will leave the church at 10:30 AM.



Attention all Van Goes travelers and all of you who have not gone on an adventure with this group. We are currently making plans to go to Millersburg, Ohio, and stay at The Inn at Honey Run, May 4-6, 2008. Yes, that seems like a long way off, however, we must reserve rooms if we plan to go. The tentative plans are to leave the church on Sunday after-noon, May 4 and return on Tuesday, May 6. We will spend 2 nights at The Inn at Honey Run. The Inn is a beautiful place. The cost is \$125 per room - 2 people per room. You will pay for your own meals and share in the cost of gasoline. Estimated cost would be \$175-\$200 per person.

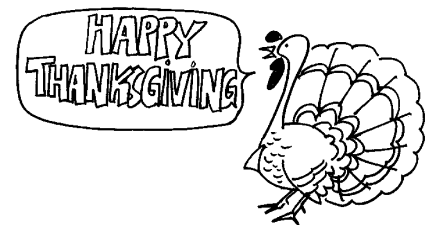
There will be a trip to Lehman's, the country's most famous old-time general store, in Kidron, see many other Amish sights and shopping, of course. The entire itinerary is incomplete at this time. Suggestions appreciated.

Don't wait. Sign-up with Sarah now so reservations can be made.



It is time to think about Thanksgiving Day Dinner and those who are less fortunate. Would you please bring some of the items the next two weeks? The most needed items are: Mashed or sweet potatoes, cake mixes, stuffing mix, pie mix & filling, peas and/or corn, mix veggies

Monetary donations may be given Ginny Clear for the purchase of roasting chickens and/or turkeys.



*Come, ye thankful people  
come, raise the song of  
harvest-home: all is  
safely gathered in, ere  
the winter storms begins;  
God, our maker, doth  
provide for our wants to  
be supplied: come to God's  
own temple, come; raise  
the song of harvest-home.*



## MISSIONS

FROM HAITI.....

**Matt & Stacey Ayars write:**

**The not-so-obvious reality**

We remember all over again the common factor of our previous trips to Haiti. Being overwhelmed.

Everyday living is overwhelming in Haiti. We are learning that it can easily take four hours and three stores to find a can of baking powder. We're learning that electricity, internet and even running water is not always going to be available. Stacey's learning that not being able to run to Wal-Mart for ice cream is hard!

Even more overpowering is living in the midst of such physical poverty. Suddenly, our home is planted in the midst of utter need. Children motion that they are hungry, and we know that many of them are. It is fall, and people are struggling just to come up with enough money for their children to go to school. Being surrounded by constant hardship and the desire to help is a heavy weight!

However, there is a reality beyond what we all see:

*This life really has very little to do with food and weather and language and money and culture. It has everything to do with light and darkness, truth and lies, freedom and bondage, the nearness of God and the decision to be far from Him.*

Wherever we go, there is a huge amount of darkness in the world, and One Light... *Christ in Us.*

Just as the Haitians flock to a candle upon the setting sun, we pray that His Light would be irresistible in us!

We have much to learn, and are glad life provides so much practice.

*Matt and Stacey*

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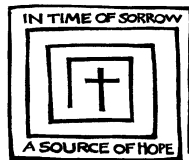
## VANDALISM

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McCurdy School is not immune to vandalism. Unfortunately, on June 13, 2007, vandals broke into the elementary school and did \$9,000 worth of damage to classrooms. In addition, they stole computers and electronic devices valued at \$15,000.

An insurance claim has been filed. However, the policy has a \$10,000 deductible and an unanticipated financial hardship will result. We hope to recover some of the stolen items; but at present the items are being held as evidence, since one juvenile was apprehended.

Pray for the hearts and minds of the juveniles involved. Although we are suffering the loss of property and equipment, God's love extends to these young people whose actions we regret.



We extend our sympathy to the family of James Smith who died October 6. And, to the family and friends of Evalena Money Penny, who died October 14.



**Sunday:** Sunday School 9 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Youth Fellowship 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Bringing to the Light  
Prayer

**Thursday:** Bell Choir 6:15  
Chancel Choir, 7:15

11/4 Daylight Savings time ends  
Book Club, 5 PM

11/4-7 POE Retreat

11/6 ELECTION DAY - VOTE!!!

11/7 Mid Ohio Food pick-up

11/11 Consecration Sunday

11/12 Missions Comm. 6 PM

11/13 Food Pantry

11/14 Men's Group, 6 PM

11/15 Food Pantry

Van Goes, noon

Worship Comm. 6 PM

11/16-18 Pastor Jim gone

11/22 **Thanksgiving Day**

11/25 Student Offering

11/23 Office closed

11/26 SPRC, 6:15 PM, Ad Co, 7

11/18 Men's Group, 6 PM

11/29 Asbury President reception

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**11/2** Trinity Lutheran Church  
Bazaar and lunch, 9:30-  
2:30 PM, 404 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**11/2** Capital University, Trinity  
Seminary Choir, 8 PM,  
Gloria Dei Worship  
Center

**11/3** Thurman UMC Chicken  
Noodle Casserole Dinner,  
11:30-6 PM.

**12/2** The Reynoldsburg Com-  
munity Band presents  
sounds of the Season,  
1:30 PM at Trinity  
Lutheran Church.

**12/2** The Columbus Chamber  
Singers, 3 PM at Trinity  
Episcopal Church.