

The Livingston Letter

NOVEMBER 2008



"Please Meet Dee Keller"

Last Spring, I proposed to the church leadership that it was time to start a new worship gathering on Sunday evenings. After auditioning prospective worship leaders, Dee Keller was chosen to lead the service. Dee's one desire is to help people to recharge their spiritual batteries after a long week by having a loving and lively encounter with Jesus.

Dee is the mother of two active pre-teen and one teen child. She is a highly accomplished professional musician who serves as a keyboardist for her church's praise band. Dee is also the accompanist for Illuminati and was with them when they performed in May.

I'll introduce Dee to the congregation Sunday morning, November 23, where she will play an original song "I Am is Not Me". The song is a poetic expression of her faith story.

Dee will start her ministry Sunday evening, November 23, at 4 PM when seven urban UM churches gather together at Livingston for a gathering of thankfulness and praise. "Stand By Me" is the theme and a love offering will be taken to help the victims of hurricane Hugo and Ike who lives were devastated.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the worship gathering.

You will want to be in worship on November 23 when we welcome Dee to the Livingston church family.

In Him,
Pastor Jim

Dr. Jay Rundell
President of MTSO
at

Livingston November 9th

Dr. Rundell, the new president of Pastor Jim's alma mater, Methodist Theological School in Ohio will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 9th. He will talk about how the school prepares ministers to be transformational leaders in today's society.

United Methodist
Student Day Offering
November 9th

Julie Donnan is a third year student at Baldwin-Wallace College a United Methodist School. Julie has received scholarship assistance from the United Methodist church. This scholarship fund assists many West Ohio UM students attending UM colleges and seminaries. On Sunday, November 9th, we will receive a special offering for student scholarships. Please give generously to the scholarship fund.

Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 11TH

Special Points of Interests

- Finance Report
- Financial Peace University
- Hanging of the Greens
- Library
- Missions
- Van Goes



The Robert L. Ralston Memorial Library

Authors

Aardema, Verna
 Atkin, S. Beth
 Beckett, Sister Wendy
 Clark, Ann Nolan
 Coles, Robert
 Flourney, Valerie
 Ford, Juwanda G.
 Frost, Robert
 Grifalconi, Ann
 Grimes, Nikki
 Hamilton, Virginia
 Hamilton, Virginia
 Joseph, Lynn
 Krensky, Stephen
 Levine, Ellen
 Levine, Ellen
 Martin, Jacqueline B.
 Medearis, Angela Shelf
 Mitchell, Margaree King
 Musgrove, Margaret
 Myers, Walter Dean
 Myers, Walter Dean
 Perl Lila
 Pinkley, Gloria Jean
 Polacco, Patricia
 Rylant, Cynthia
 Rylant, Cynthia
 Towle, Wendy
 Whims, & Hunskor

Children's Books

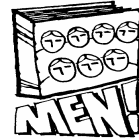
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears
A Voice from the Field
A Child's Book of Prayer in Art
 In My Mother's House
The Story of Ruby Bridges
The Patchwork Quilt
A Kente Dress For Kenya
Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening
The Village of Round and Square Houses
Meet Danitra Brown
Her Stories
Lift Every Voice and Sing
A Wave in Her Pocket
Children of Water and Wind
If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad
If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island
Snowflake Bentley
Picking Peas for a Penny
Uncle Jed's Barbershop
Ashanti to Zula
The Great Migration
 Now is Your Time
The Great Hunt
Back Home
Chicken Sunday
Cat Heaven
Dog Heaven
The Real McCoy
God's Great Power

The Robert L. Ralston Memorial Library has added the Children's Books listed above. These books (and other books already in the Library) will deepen the children's understanding of others in our culture and help them grow in their Christian faith. Next month we will list new books for **Adults**.



Livingston Book Club

The Livingston Book Club will meet Sunday November 2, at 4 p.m. and continue discussing Jim Tressel's book "The Winner's Manual".



The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00 PM at Subway on S. High and Greenlawn. We'll continue our discussion based on John Wesley's writings. All men are encouraged to stop by for good food and fellowship. No meeting on November 26, Thanksgiving Eve. Questions? See Pastor Jim.

Colleen Barta's Kairos Weekend

Colleen will be at ORW in Marysville November 13-16th. 175 dozen cookies are needed, \$170 to help with costs, and most of all people to sign up for the prayer vigil.

See Colleen for bags and instructions for the cookies, to volunteer for the Prayer Vigil or if you have any questions..

Nick and Misty Kiger Going to Rwanda

Nick and Misty have been invited to join a team of Otterbein University students to Rwanda in December. We will send them off with a blessing on Sunday, November 16th.

WOMEN

Heart to Heart, the Women's Group will meet Wednesday, November 19th, 6:30 PM at the church to continue discussing "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" chapters 4 and 5. All women are encouraged to attend.



Consecration Sunday November 23

You will soon receive a letter from Kevin O'Grady explaining our Ministry Budget and our need to faithfully give to the Lord's work at Livingston. On November 23, you will be given the opportunity to make a financial commitment to help change lives for Christ in 2009.

Thank you for your continual financial support for Livingston's ministries.



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The office will be closed Friday, November 28th for Thanksgiving.



Come Decorate The Sanctuary November 29th

Join your church family Saturday, November 29th, 9:30 AM to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Hanging of the Greens Service November 30th

Our preparation for Christmas begins on Sunday, November 30th, the first Sunday of Advent. We will welcome the Advent Season by having a Hanging of the Greens Service at 4 PM. Dee Keller will lead the singing along with her praise band from her home church.

After worship there will be a family style potluck meal at 5 PM. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share.

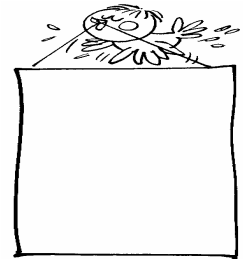
Financial Peace University at Livingston Church in January

What would your life look like if you had no debt and were really in control of your money? During this class you will learn how to:

Get Control of Your Money
Stop Struggling to Make Ends Meet

Change Your Family's Future

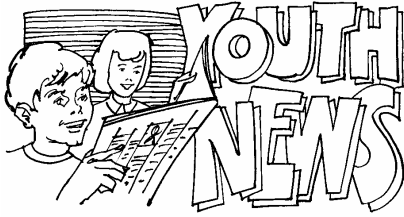
Are you ready to take the first step? Learn more about Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" class by attending the free preview on Sunday November 23 and December 7 at 9:00 AM and at 11:30 AM in the Chapel.



THE LIVINGSTON LIST

Livingston Church is compiling a list, similar to the Christian Blue Pages, of different services our own members and friends of members offer. (i.e.: crafts for sale, repairs, electrical, tutoring, home or plumbing, etc.) The list could be endless. If you want your name and what you offer on the list, please write it on the list in the narthex. The list will be printed and available to all to take home. It will be called "The

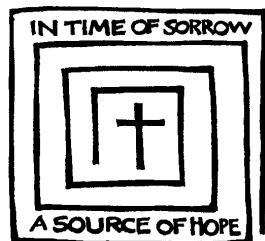
Livingston List". Questions, see Brenda Ewing.



Support Youth Fellowship by purchasing a Kroger gift card from Chris Miller. The cards can be used to purchase groceries, gasoline or at the pharmacy. The youth receive 5% from the use of the gift card. The cards can be reloaded at Kroger's Customer Service counter. The youth recently received a check for over \$300. See Chris for a \$10 card.



The Free Store's Christmas Shop will be held on Saturday, December 20. They hope to serve 500 children this year. If you would like to donate new toys, games, and children's clothing please bring them to the church. They will be blessed on Sunday, December 12 and then taken to the Free Store



Remember in prayer the family and friends of Evangeline Stalker. Also, Elva Koch, Cindy Koch's mother. Both ladies passed away on October 22.

Budget Report	
9 Months Stewardship Report	
General Fund	
Expenses	\$133,111
Receipts	\$115,080
Deficit	\$ 18,031
MISSIONS	
Receipts	\$ 10,167
Expenses	\$ 9,635



- 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
- 11/27 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



November 21, (note date change) leave at 9 AM and plan to travel back in time and experience old world England as historic downtown Cambridge, Ohio, is transformed into a Dickens Victorian Village.

The Dickens Village has approximately 60 scenes which include approximately 150 life-sized and handmade mannequins wearing real vintage clothing. These displays include engaging depictions of classic Dickens-era scenes and figures such as Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim, the town crier, groups of carolers (that actually "sing" classic carols!) a bucket brigade, lamp-lighters, school children, street peddlers and Father Christmas all posed in active scenes that appear frozen in time. Lunch will be at Theo's Restaurant which is recommended in the "Interstate Gourmet."

December 12 – 9:45 AM we will leave the church and travel to Lebanon for lunch at the Golden Lamb.

Don't forget to sign up for all the trips with Sarah Miller as soon as possible.



*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.

PLAN AHEAD

Sunday: Sunday School 9 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Youth Fellowship 6 PM-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Bringing to the Light
Prayer, 6:45 PM

Wednesday: Weight Watchers

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

- 11/02 Daylight Savings time ends
Book Club, 4 PM
- 11/04 ELECTION DAY - VOTE!!!
- 11/09 Dr. Jay Randall
Student Offering
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/12 Men's Group, 6 PM
- 11/14 Van Goes
- 11/18 Food Pantry
- 11/19 Heart to Heart, 6:30 PM
- 11/20 Food Pantry
- 11/21 Van Goes
- 11/22 Food Pantry
- 11/23 Consecration Sunday
"Stand By Me", Worship 4 PM
- 11/26 NO Men's Meeting
- 11/27 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 11/28 Office closed
- 11/29 Decorate sanctuary
- 11/30 Hanging of the Greens

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 11/6** Gates-4th chicken noodle
dinner
- 11/7** Trinity Lutheran Church
Bazaar and lunch, 9:30-
2:30 PM, 404 S. 3rd St.

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.



MISSIONS

From the Field

"Fruit that Remains"

Livingston Church recently received news from Keith and Charlotte Brown. We supported the Browns for some twenty years until they retired. Continue to remember them in your prayers. They are busy for Jesus!

*Dear Friends at Livingston UMC,
HONG KONG*

Charlotte and I are in Hong Kong after our week in Singapore. One thought has filled my heart: "fruit that remains." While this is a ministry trip for teaching in the Chinese missionary training center, preaching in a church, singing at a banquet for 1000 people, as well as a chapel program - even more so it's about individuals and their stories. Char had written one of the ladies who had been in her Bible study discussion group when we lived in Singapore who promptly called other ladies in the study, and Char was met by eight of her

old friends for lunch just 12 hours after we arrived at midnight. Keep in mind. It's been 15 years since Char lead the discussion group, but they all had been influenced in some way and were eager to see her again. "Fruit that remains."

The next day we had a chapel program at the Singapore Bible College where I taught in the early '70's and helped get the music department started, and again ministered in the early '90's. Today it's a full department giving a Master's degree. I had also started a small choir. One of the girls in the choir went to get an M.A. and a PhD. and has been teaching church history. Another has a doctorate and is involved in administration. Then Monday night the school had a 50th Anniversary banquet that was attended by 1000 people. It was exciting to see others in the choir and see how God is working in their lives. The master of ceremonies was David Loo who was also a part of our choir. After graduating David went to Malaysia and has been a pastor for over 30 years. And as I type this I'm listening to a CD that David has made of songs he had written. I don't mind saying, I have tears of pride and blessing in my eyes as I type. "Fruit that remains."

Now in Hong Kong we see more fruit. Yesterday we had lunch with Elizabeth, who teaches 500 ladies every week in a Bible study fellowship class. And tonight we have dinner with Annie, who is also teaching another BSF class of 500 each week. The Holy Spirit has done a marvelous work in both of them, and God has used Charlotte and me to help in their spiritual walk with the Lord, answering their many

questions, and providing much encouragement along the way. "Fruit that remains."

Thank you again - and again - for your faithfulness to us and God's ministry.

Gratefully,

Keith and Charlotte