

The Livingston Letter

NOVEMBER 2009

The Charitable Pharmacy - A Healing Ministry

When I see the construction crew every day creating the Charitable Pharmacy, it makes my heart sing to know that Livingston Church is stepping out in faith. Its one thing to say you have faith in Jesus, it's quite another to say you have faith and then step into the opportunity Jesus provides. The Apostle James wrote these words in James 2:14-17: *"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."*

James is saying that if you have faith, then do something about it. We are in the midst of a health care crisis. One way that we can help the uninsured is to provide a pharmacy of last resort. The Charitable Pharmacy's mission is the healing business. I believe Jesus provided us an opportunity to be faithful and we're stepping out in faith.

So how is the pharmacy coming along?

1. Construction is moving along nicely. The new handicap accessible bathroom has been started.
2. Bruce will install the security system soon.
3. We will have a pharmacist hired by the first of November.
4. We have \$100,000.00 of startup money that's being used to construct the pharmacy and purchase equipment.
5. We have \$172,000.00 committed to run the pharmacy in 2010. Ohio Health and OSU Hospitals will support the pharmacy with gifts of \$25,000 each. Mount Carmel is the only hospital system that hasn't signed on yet.
6. Volunteers, our most valuable asset, will be provided training sessions in the near future. All levels of experience will be needed. So if have questions about serving, speak to Ginny Clear or me. Faith without works is dead. I praise Jesus that our faith isn't dead – we are stepping out in faith to provide hope and healing to the uninsured in Jesus' name.

In Him,
Pastor Jim

PLAN AHEAD

Sunday:

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

Haus AA meeting 5:30 PM
(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

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

November 1

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME
ENDS**



- 11/01 SPRC Meeting, noon
- 11/02 Home Bible Study
- 11/03 ELECTION DAY
- 11/08 Student Offering
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/11 Men's Group, 6 PM
- 11/15 Finance Committee
Mtg. at noon
- 11/17 Food Pantry
Home Bible Study
- 11/19 Food Pantry
- 11/20 Van Goes
- 11/21 Food Pantry
- 11/25 NO Men's Meeting
- 11/26 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 11/27 Office closed
- 11/28 Decorate sanctuary
- 11/29 Hanging of the Greens

NOVEMBER 11


Veterans Day



Casino Gambling Vote No on Issue 3

There are many reasons to vote No on casino gambling. One reason is that **it is bad public policy to allow for-profit casino interests to write their own section of the Ohio Constitution.**

Yet, this is precisely what they have done. They wrote the language in the proposed amendment and they paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to gather signatures to place their self-serving proposal on this November's ballot. Their language not only grants them an exclusive monopoly on casino gambling for all time, it also dramatically limits the ability of the Ohio General Assembly to regulate their activities. The amendment specifically prohibits our state government from controlling the days or hours of operation, the size of the bets or even the types of gambling that will be allowed. If you are going to vote No on issue 3, please tell your friends why this issue is important to you.



German Village Community Farm Meeting November 4th 7:00 PM

If you would like to get involved in next season's Community Farm, please attend the planning meeting on Wednesday, November 4th, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

United Methodist Student Day Offering November 15th

Abby Russell is a first year student at Highpoint University in North Carolina. Julie Donnan is a senior student at Baldwin-Wallace College. Highpoint and Baldwin-Wallace are United Methodist schools. Abby and Julie have received scholarship assistance from the United Methodist Church. This scholarship fund assists our students, along with many West Ohio UM students attending UM colleges and seminaries. On Sunday, November 15th, we will receive a special offering for student scholarships. Please give generously to the scholarship fund.



The next Bible Study will be Tuesday, November 2nd, and November 17th at 7:00 PM at Lisa and Jay Godfrey's home. All are invited to join the group.



The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:00 PM at Wendy's on S. High (across from Blockbuster Video). We won't meet November 25th due to Thanksgiving.



November 1st following the worship service.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees meet November 8th following the worship service.

SPRC

SPRC meets November 15th following the worship service.



Administrative Board

Ad Co meets December 6th
after worship service.



The Free Store's Christmas Shop will be held on Saturday, December 19. They hope to serve 500 children this year. This will be the 12th year that The United Methodist Free Store has provided new clothing and toys to children. The delightful holiday party provides Free Store families an opportunity to select, free of charge, new toys and clothing for their children.

If you would like to donate new toys, games, books, stuffed animals, wrapping paper, tape and children's clothing including underwear, socks, hats, gloves, coats, please bring donated items to the church. Donations will be blessed on Sunday, December 13, and then taken to the Free Store

If you are interested in helping on December 19th, please contact Colleen Barta at 529-9955 by November 15th.

If you are unable to shop, you can also donate money and I will purchase the items.

Blessings to you!
Colleen

COMMUNITY EVENTS

11/4/5 Gates-4th UM Church
Chicken noodle dinner

11/6 Trinity Lutheran Church
Bazaar and lunch, 9:30-
2:30 PM, 404 S. 3rd St.



Hanging of the Greens



Join your church friends on
Saturday, November 28th, 9:00
AM to decorate the sanctuary
for Christmas.

Hanging of the Greens Service November 29th

Our preparation for Christmas begins on Sunday, November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent. We will welcome the Advent season by having a Hanging of the Greens Service at 4 p.m. After worship, we'll gather in the Chapel to enjoy Christmas holiday snacks. Please bring your knock-out holiday snack to share with your church family. Drinks will be provided.



Financial Peace University

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*

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Are you ready to take the first step? See Pastor Jim to sign up for this life changing class.



11/04 BARTA, BRIAN
11/08 LEACH, PHYLLIS
11/09 HAYHURST, FRANK
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.

Thelma Highfield 100th birthday December 1

Please send her a birthday greeting. A party will be held November 28, 2-3 PM at Logan Elm Health Center, 370 Tarlton Rd, Circleville. Please call her daughter, Carolyn Hawkins, 740-474-5840, if you plan to attend the party.

Happy Anniversary

11/01 Kevin/Bonnie O'Grady

11/23 Terry/Bethany Hilyard
11/24 William/Barbara Archer

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.)



Remember in prayer the family of Cemerite Fleurival in the death of his father on October 12. His mother passed away August 27.



The church offices will be closed Friday, November 27th.



NOVEMBER 20

Visit the gift shop and eat lunch at the Der Dutchman in Plain City. Leave the church at 10 AM.

DECEMBER 11

The Van Goes will go to the Worthington Inn, Friday, December 11. We will leave the church at 11:30. Reservations are limited.

JANUARY 15

Hawk Galleries
(Chihuly Exhibit)

FEBRUARY 5


Pastor Jim's pictures of Europe and Honduras and themed potluck lunch.

2010 Tours

Whitaker Tea Room (March)
Audubon (April)
Kingwood Gardens (May)
Adena State Memorial (June)
Warren G. Harding Home (July)
Mansfield Reformatory (August)
Rutherford B. Hayes (Sept.)
Mohican State Park (October)
Clifton Mill & Gorge (November)
Christmas lunch (December)

Above is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. Lunch spots will be announced as we get nearer the date.

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

	
9 Months Stewardship Report	
General Fund	
Expenses	\$125,065
Receipts	\$118,651
Deficit	\$ 6,414
MISSIONS	
Receipts	\$ 9,456
Expenses	\$ 9,809

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.

Think upon these things:

*A warming fire,
A resting chair,
A grateful heart,
A thankful prayer;
A harvest in,
A simple grace,
A helping hand.
A friendly face.*

Think up on these things

*and know, The time is
Thanksgiving!*

E.D. Thompson

