

Live from Livingston

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NOTE FROM PASTOR RICK

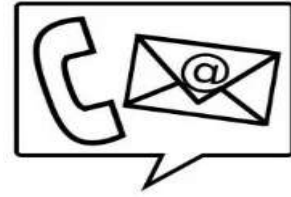
One thing I have been trying to do is help our church immerse more deeply in “basic Methodist Christianity”. For a town with a population of around 1800 Livingston has a lot of churches. So why Livingston United Methodist Church? Our goal is not to turn everyone into Methodists. Our goal is to bear witness to the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus. And yes to do this out of the distinctly Wesleyan (Methodist) tradition. I am new to the United Methodist fold and am learning it myself. We can say our goal is to “spread Scriptural holiness”. I have been reading [*Responsible Grace*](#) by Randy Maddox who describes how Charles Wesley understood salvation as recovered holiness (not merely forgiveness). More deeply “basic Methodist”.

More deeply “basic Christianity”. I believe strongly in the richness of Christian tradition and that includes the Christian calendar. The Christian church in the wisdom of its tradition has developed this calendar as one means for believers to develop holiness in this life. So not just Christmas and Easter. But also Epiphany and Lent. Epiphany (which ends at Mardi Gras) is a short season in which we also reflect on our baptisms. Glory to God we also baptized two children into the divine family! Lent (which begins next month) is a longer season in which we ask God to examine ourselves and grant us the grace to repent. Brothers and sisters – let us immerse ourselves in Lent! God grant this season of Lent be a season in which as a church family – young and old – we turn toward God in repentance... we receive forgiveness and healing... we are transformed even more into the likeness of Christ. We become even more saints.

Finally pray for the United Methodist Church. [Special Session 2019](#) will take place February 23-26. Almost no one – “progressive” or “traditional” or “centrist” – knows which if any of the proposed plans will be approved. Nearly everyone agrees that the United Methodist Church will change. Many pray for our denomination especially on Mondays. Pray. And as you are able let us also fast and pray.

STAYING IN TOUCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND DECEMBER!

Tuesday February 5

6:00 p.m. Bible study on 1 Corinthians

Wednesday February 6

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

Sunday February 10

10:00 a.m. Weekly worship gathering

Wednesday February 13

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

Sunday February 17

10:00 a.m. Weekly worship gathering

Tuesday February 19

6:00 p.m. Last Bible study on 1 Corinthians

Wednesday February 20

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

Saturday February 23 through Tuesday February 26

Special Conference 2019

Saturday February 23

Marriage of Ian + Phylis (tentative – exact time not yet known)

Sunday February 24

10:00 a.m. Weekly worship gathering

11:00 a.m. Church council meeting

Friday March 1 – Tuesday March 5

Rick and Armetta Wright out of town

Sunday March 3

10:00 a.m. Weekly worship gathering and no Communion

Tuesday March 5

No Bible study because Mardi Gras

Wednesday March 6

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service (to be confirmed)

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Every Wednesday (needs to be confirmed)

After School. Ages 12-18 at Main Library from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Technology, video games, movies, snacks. For more information call or visit www.mylpl.info.

Tuesday February 12

Blueberry Pruning Demo. Hammond Research Station, 21549 Old Covington Highway, Hammond. 2:00 p.m. Email Horticulture Agent Mary Helen Ferguson at mhferguson@agenceter.lsu.edu to pre-register.

Wednesday February 13

Crepe myrtle pruning demo. Livingston Parish Cooperative Extension office, 20140 Iowa Street, Livingston. 11:00 a.m. Email mhferguson@agenceter.lsu.edu to pre-register.

Saturday February 23

Photography classes at Arts Council of Livingston Parish. 10:00-12:00. \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Register online www.artslivingston.org.

Hungarian Settlement Cookbook. \$20 at Hungarian Museum, 27455 Louisiana Highway 43 during normal hours. Or order online www.hungarianmuseum.com.

Mighty Moms Food Pantry. Second Saturday of the month 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Pavilion.

Saturday April 6

Superhero 5K. Train Station Park, 198 East Railroad Avenue, Denham Springs. Check-ins 7:00 a.m. and race begins 8:00 a.m. **Proceeds will buy shoes for Livingston Parish Public Schools main shoe vault.**