

Growing holy hearts for a whole community

The Covington District Newsletter



SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST -
AND THE GREAT THINGS THAT HE IS DOING IN AND AROUND THE
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Thoughts from the District Superintendent

Practice Resurrection!

I am writing this on Tuesday of Holy Week and Easter is quickly approaching. After 33 years of ministry, I must confess that I get a little frustrated when Easter is over and things return to normal in the church. The crowds are gone; the cantatas are over, and the excitement of Easter diminishes. I always ask the question: "Does it have to be this way?"

My answer is always: "No! It doesn't have to be this way because nothing is normal anymore due to the Resurrection of Jesus. Everything has changed!"

These words by Clarence Jordan speak to me:

"The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of his transformed disciples. The crowning evidence that 'He lives' is not a vacant grave, but a Spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church."

This statement moves us to do

more than celebrate Easter on one Sunday; but to be a living witness of the Resurrection to our communities throughout the year. Not everyone can go to the empty tomb to view the evidence of Jesus's resurrection. What people long to see is tangible evidence of the Resurrection. That tangible evidence of Jesus' Resurrection is us. Let me elaborate:

1. Transformed disciples: We are walking billboards of the great power of the Resurrection for we who were once dead are now alive in Christ. Our lives have been transformed by God's grace and Holy Spirit.

2. Spirit-filled fellowship: People on the outside of the church looking in want to see something different than what is being offered in a local civic club, or other good community organizations. People need to experience the present of the living God and sense what is special about the Church. We are a Spirit-filled fellowship and people are thirsting to find the peace of God through Jesus Christ.

3. A carried-away church: When a

person gets "carried-away", it means they belabor a point. Shouldn't the church get a little carried away with the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection? If we had the cure for cancer, wouldn't we get a little carried-away with sharing this news? We have the greatest news for all people. Jesus Christ died and rose again so that we may experience salvation, new life, hope and eternal life. I would say this is better news than even a cure for cancer.

Kentucky poet, Wendell Berry, closes out one of his poems with the challenge to "Practice Resurrection". I am not sure I agree with everything that Mr. Berry writes in "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" but I do agree with the ideal of Practicing Resurrection. The challenge for us is not to return to normal, but to "Practice Resurrection" every day of the year.

Blessings Owen

Highlights in this issue:

- THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
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Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission and Director Tiffany Hollums
- Our DS, Owen Dolin, and his wife Ann
- The Community New Start
- Dinah Adamson, health issues
- Tim Goshorn family is starting language school for their mission work
- David Johnston, NKU campus minister
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- Alice Crawford surgery



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UM Men

The United Methodist Men

Will meet on

May 16, at

Cynthiana Ebenezer UMC

6:30

Come Join in the Fellowship

UMW Women

Spiritual Day Apart

April 13, at Gethsemane UMC in Burlington

Registration 8:30 Program 9—11:30

Salad Lunch Afternoon Session 1—2:30

Speaker: Sala Akala from
Asbury Seminary

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT NKU

During this semester, we have been reading through the Acts of the Apostles in our weekly worship service. Our focus verse has been Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." God provided us an opportunity to encounter the power of the Holy Spirit and witness God at work over spring break. We sent a mission team to Biloxi, Mississippi. There we worked with Seashore

Mission, a United Methodist mission church whose members are in situations of homelessness and poverty. The Holy Spirit moved in powerful ways during this trip to bind us together as brothers and sisters in Christ though the students and members of Seashore mission find themselves in very different places. The community of Seashore Mission embraced us with open arms to see what life is like for them and their community. The people of Seashore Mission work together to help one another in their different situations. We joined them in this work by helping to lead worship, prepare and serve meals, work in their clothing closet, sweep up and clean. Most importantly, we were there to build relationships with people there and hear their stories. The students learned a lot about why someone ends up homeless and how difficult it is to get into a home. In follow up conversations with some of the students, I learned that encountering the Holy Spirit on this trip has changed them and how they think about what they will do with their lives. Thanks be to God for the Spirit's work on this trip and for the faithful giving of our UM churches that made this trip possible. To see more pictures, check out our Facebook page: [facebook.com/nkuwf](https://www.facebook.com/nkuwf)



Future Events at Ida Spence

Please note that mail, particularly checks, sent to Ida Spence should be mailed to the following PO Box address, not the physical address: PO Box 121319, Covington KY 41012-1319.

You can be a part of the Ida Spence United Methodist Mission. Become involved in some or all of the events listed.

Cleaning Supplies Needed

Bleach

Detergent—Pine Sol

Bathroom Tissue—Paper Towels

Dish Washing Liquid

*Toiletries—Bar Soap –
Toothpaste*

Diapers—feminine products

*Contact Tiffany Hollums at
tiffanyhollums@gmail.com and
be a part of your UM Mission at
work. (859) 462-9730.*

Come be a Part and Help!

LAST SATURDAY MONTHLY MEAL

Please pray about providing a last Saturday Ida

Spence meal for the kids and adults at the Mission.

Time 1—3 pm. CALL TIFFANY

These are the churches that are participating so far.

May - Florence

August - Trinity

November - Erlanger

April 27 -
Alexandria/Asbury
June

Sept no one

Oct no one

November-Erlanger

Scott UMC

Scott UMC has a relay for life team preparing for the May 17th event.

If you would like to join the team or donate please visit:

www.relayforlife.org/masonky

Come and join the Revival at Gethsemane UMC on April 18, 19 and 20 at 7 pm. Pastor Joe Owen from Erlanger Hispanic Church will be the guest speaker. There will be special music and special blessings. Bring yourself ~ bring a friend ~ but most importantly ~ COME.

Erlanger UMC

The Circle Maker

With Mark Batterson

Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Fears

Erlanger UMC

Sunday, April 7th

4:30-6:30pm

Come learn how to make your prayer life flourish!

GESTETNER PRINTER FOR SALE: 6 year old color Gestetner printer for sale for \$150.00.. Works very well. Maintenance can be purchased through Peter Paul Office Equipment, Inc. (they will go as far as Falmouth). Please call Gethsemane UMC at [859-586-8250](tel:859-586-8250) and ask for Jenna Ernestes.

Immanuel UMC

Immanuel UMC

Women's Retreat

May 17-18, 2013

Potter's Ranch

Union, KY

Total cost: \$120 (Price includes 4 meals, lodging, tote bag, journal, and special gifts!

Register now at www.immanuelumc.org (\$40 due with registration, total due by April 15th.)

NCD Update

Spring may have sprung but the weather is hanging onto winter for a little while longer. I was reflecting on this when I realized that often in my own life God is ready to change things and move into a new season and I stubbornly cling to the old one, content with what is familiar and (seemingly) comfortable. It's hard to step into the unknown and embrace what is yet to come. One of our district pastors shared a devotional at a recent meeting that spoke directly to this. He challenged us to thank God for things that are to come; for what God is going to do. As I travel to various places and churches in the district, I get the blessing of seeing that God is on the move in our district. We need to remind ourselves of this sometimes. God is moving in our friends, family, and colleagues. There is nothing more exciting than this.

As an NCD team, we are all about celebrating God's movement in our neighborhoods and churches and prayerfully discerning where He will be at work next. One of the areas that my husband and I have prayerfully approached is Bellevue/Dayton. We moved into the area at the end of last summer and with the blessing of The Community UMC, we are planting a missional community there. We, and our community, are still part of The Community UMC, but we have the opportunity to grow a new place for new people. We are excited as we begin this journey and look forward to sharing the people and stories that we know God has in store for us.

As always, if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know! My email is grace.rockstroh@gmail.com.

Blessings, Grace

Partnership Church

The Covington District continues our partnership with a church from the Red Bird Missionary Conference. Our partner church is Thousandsticks United Methodist Church whose pastor is Rev. Robert Amundsen. John Denham and Owen Dolin have been in contact with Pastor Amundsen to discuss how to enrich our relationship. Pastor Amundsen informed us of several opportunities for short-term mission trips to the area where

houses can be repaired, ramps can be built and other miscellaneous tasks can be done. In fact, Robert was receiving applications from area residents who desire work to be done that very day that we talked with him. If your church would like to send a team to Thousandsticks on a mission trip, contact Rev. Robert Amundsen at (606) 672-2581 or email at ramundsen08@gmail.com.

Rev. Amundsen will be speaking at our Covington District Conference on May 5th at 2pm at Immanuel UMC. John Denham and Owen Dolin plan to attend the Red Bird Missionary Conference on May 17-18 in anticipation of the ordination of Rev. Robert Amundsen.

If anyone from the district would like to attend the Conference, please contact the district office at covdistumc@fuse.net.

Thousandsticks Approved Work-team Project list

Work-teams do not have to take on entire projects, they can do parts of projects as their abilities and time allows.

Project #	Work Description	Work-teams
1	Pressure wash exterior of house	<u>Sullivan East</u>
2	Paint Ramp Clean Gutters	<u>Sullivan East</u>
3	Tighten roof bolt to pull house together Repair/replace underpinning Scrape & Paint porch Repair/replace any bad porch boards	
4	Repair roof leak Replace rotted soffit from roof leak	
5	Replace underpinning Winterize pipes	

Church Projects for church are prioritized 1-High, 2-Med, 3-Low

- Replace floor and laminate by outer door to Noah's Ark Classroom -1
- Replace 2 sections of siding on outside of sanctuary and paint -1
- Paint the outside window frames of church building -1
- Replace fascia boards on front of parsonage -1
- Repair floor in main bath of parsonage -1
- Patch cement in rock wall around church -2
- Replace door with wall and window in garage of parsonage -3
- Change elevation of land behind parsonage and install a drain to ditch -3

Mission Ambassador Churches

God is truly at work and we trust each of our congregations wants to be part of this remarkable church movement! Does your church qualify as a Mission Ambassador Congregation?

To be considered for this recognition, you need to give 100% of Our Mission Together commitment and participate in four of the five tracks, which are:

1. A World Advance Special
2. A National Advance Special
3. A Conference Advance Special
4. Receive at least three of the six Special Day Offerings
5. Give to UMCOR through the One Great Hour of Sharing or other emergency requests from them.

[Any Advance Special project from the Partnership in Mission Catalog will qualify for a World or National Advance Special. A list of recommended Advance Specials is available here.](#)

The deadline to be considered as a Mission Ambassador Church is **April 15**. Please email information on church participation in the above criteria to Jeanette Westerfield (dajlwest@att.net). These awards will be presented at district conferences.

A Message from Bishop Davis

Bishop Lindsey Davis is pleased to announce four new Cabinet positions. All changes will become effective at the 2013 Annual Conference session.

Rev. James Williams will become the Lexington District Superintendent, Rev. Paul Fryman will be assigned as the Prestonsburg District Superintendent, Rev. Gene Pillow will serve as the Madisonville District Superintendent, and Rev. Terry Reffett will become the new Superintendent of the Ashland District.

As the new District Superintendent of the Lexington District, Rev. James Williams, currently serving Winchester First, will follow Dr. Randy Coy who has been serving the Lexington District in an interim capacity since September.

Rev. Paul Fryman, pastor of State Street UMC in Bowling Green, will become the Superintendent of the Prestonsburg District, following Rev. Charlie Douglas who is retiring in June.

Rev. Gene Pillow who is currently the Ashland District Superintendent, will begin serving the Madisonville District in June. Dr. Jay Smith will leave his role as the Madisonville District Superintendent and return to the pastoral ministry.

Rev. Terry Reffett, pastor at Somerset First UMC will become the new District Superintendent in the Ashland District.

Let us keep all of these servants and their families in our prayers at this time of transition.

District Conference

Sunday, May 5th

2pm - 4pm at Immanuel UMC

Pastor Robert Amundsen from Red Bird Mission will be the speaker
Worship & Delegate Training for Annual Conference

Annual Conference June 9–12 (some highlights)

Sunday	June 9	Registration begins 5–8 pm Nets 5K Youth Rally 5:30 pm
Monday	June 10	Registration/ Opening Worship Evening Ordination Service 7:30 pm
Tuesday	June 11	Retirement Service Afternoon of Service 2:00pm Evening Mission Celebration 7:30 pm Mission Offering will go to help <i>“Imagine No Malaria”</i>
Wednesday	June 12	Reading of Appointments

Volunteers are Needed

If you have never helped before, please consider helping this year. If you have helped before, we need you to help out again. Volunteers are needed for ushers, greeters, and registration. See the contact information below.

Call Carole Delong (Co-Chair) (859) 371-2765 caroledelong@gmail.com

Call April Garner (Co-Chair) (859) 620-1241 april.garner@century21.com

Greeters call Ellaine Markesbery (859) 240-4473 ekmarkesbery@fuse.net

Registration call Karen Cresswell (859) 918-5152 kcress@insightbb.com

Ushers call Mark Burns (859) 743-4526 cell meburns08@insightbb.com

Afternoon of Service Val Holland (859) 803-4110 godreigns@insightbb.com

Annual Conference Information

- We will begin collecting canned goods and non-perishable food for the food pantries in our area. Our youth will be distributing the food. Please bring some donations to Annual Conference.
 - Mission Offering will go toward helping get rid of Malaria. Start saving!!
- During the Afternoon of Service we will again be making health kits for UMCOR. The Covington District will need to provide 750 large sturdy combs for the kits. NO POCKET SIZE COMBS. Start collecting these and bring them to the Convention Center when you come or drop them off at the District Office.**

Harry Denman Evangelism Award

Begun in 1981 to honor United Methodist clergy and lay persons in each annual conference who exhibit unusual and outstanding efforts for their work on Christian Evangelism, the **Harry Denman Evangelism Award** helps draw attention to evangelism in the conference by honoring one clergy person, one lay person, and one youth who are reaching others effectively for Christ.

Those eligible for the awards are effective in helping persons to experience the transforming love of God through Jesus Christ. The Denman Award is sponsored by the **Foundation for Evangelism**, an affiliate of the General Board of Discipleship of the UMC.

Send completed nomination forms to Tami Coleman at 7400 Floydsburg Rd., Crestwood, KY 40014. Forms must be received by **April 15**.

Nomination forms are available online. Contact the district office for more information.

Run for the Nets 5K

The first Run for the Nets 5K will be held Sunday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. EDT.

The race will take place in Devou Park in Covington, Ky. This is a pre-conference event.

Entry Fees

Registration fee if registered by May 27, 2013 is \$30

Race Day fee is \$35

Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable - no exceptions

Entry fees are payable to the Kentucky Annual Conference - Net proceeds donated to Imagine No Malaria.

Online Registration

To register for Run for the Nets 5K, [click here](#). You will be directed to our online registration site and must use a PayPal account to register. Online registration closes at midnight EDT on Monday, May 27, 2013. You will receive confirmation on-screen and via email immediately following registration.

Mail-In Registration

Mail in registrations are available. Contact the district office for more information.

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 1** Deadline for license to preach school
- **April 1-5** Cabinet
- **April 7** Harrison Co Huddle
- **April 7-10** DS Vacation
- **April 12** UM Foundation Mtg.
- **April 14** Camp/Pendle Huddle
- **April 16** DLT Mtg
- **April 18** Superintendency mtg.
- **April 28** DS Wesley UMC

April Clergy Birthdays

Apr 13 Don Fryman
Apr 28 Barry Robinson

Health Ministries

- Parish Nursing:
Contact **Linda Howarth**
(859) 572-9110
howlin@fuse.net
- Flu Shots/Blood Drive Van:
Contact **Marlene Faegan**
St. Elizabeth Health Ministries (859) 292-4149
- Mobile Mammography Van:
Contact **Madonna Vinicombe**
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- **Ida Spence Mission**
Contact: Tiffany Hollums
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Want to Get Involved?

- Financial gifts can be sent to: Ida Spence Mission
P.O. Box 121319
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- **People Working Cooperatively**
Contact: **Jere McIntyre**
(859) 653-4609
- **Don Markesbery Home Repair Ministry**
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