

The Covington District Newsletter



*Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ - and the great things that He is doing in and around the
Covington District of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church*

A Monthly Newsletter

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- Reflections -

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Connection:

14c., connexion , from O.Fr. connexion , from L. connexionem , from *connexare , freq. of connectere "to fasten together, to tie, join together," from com- "together" + nectere "to bind, tie" (see [nexus](#)).

Spelling shifted to connection mid-18c. under infl. of [connect](#), abeted by affection , direction , etc.

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“Connection” is a word that is thrown around a lot in United Methodist circles. With any word that is used frequently, it is good to be occasionally reminded of its meaning. Being a part of a connectional church means that our concerns extend beyond the boundaries of our local church and community. We are bound together as the body of Christ. Every UMC ministry, whether it is in Kenya or in my neighborhood, is our ministry; it is never just “their ministry.” Within our district, it doesn’t matter if the ministry is in Cynthiana, Covington, or Maysville, it is our ministry! Ida Spence Mission is never “their” ministry; it is our ministry! The new church start in Hebron is not just Matt Johnson’s ministry; it is our ministry!

Being connectional also means that we are not alone. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are in ministry together! Sometimes this means that we receive prayers and support from others. At other times it means that we pray for others and give our support. The connection goes both ways. It’s relational. Serving Christ in our world is difficult. We can’t do it alone! We were never meant to do it alone! We need each other! I’m glad to be connected with you as we seek to be a part of the Kingdom of God!

“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.”

Grace and Peace

Kevin

District News and Events

Clergy Family Picnic will be on Saturday, August 21, at Lincoln Ridge Park (same as last year). All clergy/spouses and family are invited to attend.

Church Women United -East Central Regional Event- Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio "CLAIM A NEW VISION TOGETHER" October 15-17 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville.
Registration Friday, 3-5:30pm *End* Sunday, noon

Congratulations to Nelson Figueroa on his graduation. Nelson is one of our Hispanic ministers. He is serving at Emmanuel is the Way -- Florence UMC.



The District Office has *New Song* tickets for sale. Friday only wristbands are \$35.00. Saturday only wristbands are \$45.00 and the full-weekend is \$55.00. Tickets purchased at the gate will cost \$10.00 more. Call the District Office for your tickets at (859) 442-5444.

Prayer Concerns to remember:

- John Jefferson (pastor at Nepton)
- Art Honican – surgery
- New Church Start - Matt Johnson pastor
- Ida Spence Mission
- Grace Ministry
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- George Edwards (pastor at Maysville Scott)
- Mason Harrod - surgery (Orangeburg)



Ida Spence VBS, High Seas August 3-6 (Tuesday-Friday) 11:30-3 pm

Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Feeling God tugging on your heart to give? Please come and receive a blessing by serving at the Ida Spence VBS. There are many different ways to serve, and any time commitment would be a gift. If you are interested in serving, please contact Tiffany Hollums at tiffanyhollums@gmail.com

We also need the following supplies (or monetary gifts are welcome) as we are expecting at least 150 children:

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| White kids size Tshirts | Aileens tacky glue |
| Tie dye kits | Ziplock balloon bags |
| Shells | Bubbles |
| Sidewalk chalk | Glue sticks |
| Rubber bands | Sharpies |
| Glue dots | |

~A huge thanks to those who graciously gave for the Ida Spence camp scholarships. The kids and teens have been so blessed!

IDA SPENCE SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED BY AUGUST 13

- pencils
- pens
- highlighters
- glue
- folders with prongs
- 3 ring plastic notebooks
- hard cover notebooks (even 'trapper keeper' type ones)
- 5 subject spiral notebooks (solid colors only)
- 3 subject spiral notebooks (solid colors only)
- 1 subject WIDE RULED spiral notebooks (solid colors only)
- clear backpacks
- kids backpacks
- packages of notebook paper

TAKE TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OR DISTRICT OFFICE

Clergy Family Picnic

Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 4 - ??? Eat at 5:30 PM



Bring a favorite dish to share with others. Meat, drinks, paper products will be furnished by the District.

Lincoln Ridge Park on Independence Station Road – Kenton County

Directions: I-275 to Turkeyfoot Road Exit; south on Turkeyfoot Road; left on Independence Station; park is located on the left. Park is 3/1 miles from the entrance to the Kentucky County Golf Course.

We have reserved Shelter #3 – conveniently located restrooms.

Amenities: Playground – horseshoe pits – volleyball court – Frisbee golf – walking trails.
We will probably have our usual cornhole games.

Call or email Joyce at the office if you and your family plan on attending. 442-5444 covdistumc@fuse.net

2010 Charge Conference Gatherings All gatherings will start at 2:00 pm

Augusta UMC – September 19th

1. Augusta/Foster
2. Brooksville
3. Concord/Neave
4. Germantown/Salem
5. Pine Grove

Foster's Chapel UMC – September 26th

1. Helena
2. Mt Olivet Circuit
Piqua
McKendree
Foster's Chapel
3. Mt. Olivet
4. Nepton
5. Sardis/Forman's Chapel
6. Shannon/Bethel

Williamstown UMC – October 3rd

1. Berry
2. Boyd
3. Carter's Chapel
4. Drury's Chapel
5. Falmouth
6. Walton
7. Warsaw
8. Williamstown

Cynthiana Elmarch UMC – October 10th

1. Benson/Curry
2. Cynthiana First
3. Ebenezer
4. Elmarch
5. Lair
6. Mt Pleasant
7. Oddville
8. Wagoners

Maysville Trinity UMC October 24th

1. Central
2. Minerva
3. Olivet
4. Orangeburg
5. Scott/Haven's Chapel
6. Seddon
7. Strawberry/Lee
8. Trinity
9. Washington

Erlanger UMC – November 7th

1. Covington Trinity
2. Eggleston
3. Epworth
4. Erlanger
5. Faith Community
6. Florence
7. Florence Christ
8. Gethsemane
9. Immanuel
10. Taylor Mill
11. Wesley

Highland UMC – November 14th

1. Alexandria
2. Asbury
3. Butler/Concord (Pen)
4. California
5. Carthage
6. Highland
7. Melbourne
8. Morning View
9. Oakland
10. Pleasant Grove
11. Staffordsburg

Newsletter Transition

In order to be better stewards, the Covington District Newsletter will transition to an e-mail format in August. Pastors who want other people to receive the newsletter should send their e-mail addresses to the District Office at covdistumc@fuse.net Anyone may receive the edition by e-mail -- just send us your e-mail address. We're asking pastors, and lay leaders to print copies of the newsletter for those who do not have an e-mail address. The newsletter is also posted every month on our website www.covingtondistrictumc.com

UNITED METHODIST MEN EVENT

The next District Meeting of the United Methodist Men will be held at Florence UMC on Thursday, August 19 At 6:30 pm Mark Dickinson will be speaking

RED BIRD MISSIONARY OFFERING



Mission Offering Report

Praise the Lord!

The offering for Red Bird Mission at Annual Conference was \$200,000 plus. Bishop Davis had set a goal of \$100,000 for the Conference. The Lord is good. District Superintendent Kevin Burney had set a goal for the Covington District of \$30,000. To date we have had the following offerings from churches in the Covington District for Red Bird:

Alexandria	741.00	Asbury	500.00
Benson/Curry	500.00	Butler	226.00
Carters Chapel	250.00	Concord	100.00
Covington Trinity	100.00	Cynthia First	100.00
Drury	89.00	Ebenezer	217.00
Epworth	50.00	Erlanger	700.00
Faith Community	400.00	Falmouth	2000.00
Florence	2000.00	Highland	780.00
Immanuel	3500.00	Maysville Central	300.00
Maysville Seddon	126.00	Maysville Trinity	200.00
Orangeburg	100.00	Piqua	51.00
Shannon/Bethel	700.00	Staffordsburg	75.00
Walton	100.00	Washington	1131.00
Wesley (Ludlow)	155.00		

Total to date of \$15,191.00!

Clergy School
October 11- 12, 2010
KY Annual Conference Center
Cost \$90 both days

Clergy Meeting Dates for the rest of 2010 plus one
Please put on your calendar NOW !!!

Tuesday, September 14, 2010	10:00 am
Alexandria UMC	
Thursday, October 14, 2010	10:00 am
Cynthiana Ebenezer	
Tuesday, November 16, 2010	10:00 am
Maysville Trinity	

DECEMBER 10, CLERGY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, January 13, 2011	10:00 am
Asbury UMC	

Future Clergy Breakfast Dates
Put on your calendar NOW!!!!

Thursday, September 9, 2010	8:30 am
Frischs Northern KY Orphange Road	
Thursday, September 23, 2010	8:30 am
Maysville Bob Evans	
Thursday, November 4, 2010	8:30 am
Frischs Northern KY Orphange Rd.	
Thursday, November 11, 2010	8:30 am
Bianckes Cynthiana	

LACE... At Last!

The Lay Academy of Church Excellence (LACE) will have its first session in the Covington District starting in October, 2010. LACE is for any United Methodist who wants to know and understand more about Methodism and improve their leadership skills in the church.

All LACE sessions will be held at the **Alexandria United Methodist Church**, centrally located in the District at **8286 West Main Street in Alexandria**.

The session dates are as follows:

October 16, 2010 **November 13, 2010** **January 15, 2011**
February 19, 2011 **March 19, 2011**

There will be make-up dates for cancelled sessions due to inclement weather.

Sessions will begin each Saturday at **9:00 am**, and conclude by **3:45 pm**. Lunch will be provided. The cost is **\$16.00** per session, or **\$80.00** for the entire program.

In addition to Basic Lay Speaker training, topics include: United Methodist Beliefs on Baptism and Communion, Leadership, Caring and Compassionate Service, Conflict Resolution, Evangelism, Organization of the United Methodist Church, Duties of Church Officers... and more.

Advance registration is required. For more detailed course offerings and registration, contact Brian Wilson at revbnw@fuse.net.



Holy Land Classic 2011
 Join Bishop Lindsey Davis
 and the
 Kentucky United Methodist Conference
January 19, 2011
10 Days of Biblical Discovery
 Jerusalem Galilee Bethlehem Jericho

10 Days of Biblical Discovery departing **January 19, 2011**
 from Cincinnati, OH; Louisville, KY; Lexington, KY;
 or Nashville, TN for just \$2298

The educational theme of this trip will be *Jesus: His Life,
 His Time, His Land, His Hebrew Faith.*

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DISTRICT CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

August Birthdays: **5** Aaron Klinefelter **8** Chris Klimecko **29** Kelly McClendon
31 Bill Henry

Superintendent's Calendar for August: **August 1 - 2** School of Congreg. Dev.
August 4-8 Vacation **August 10** DLT Mtg. **August 21** CLERGY FAMILY
PICNIC

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Check out our updated website at

www.covingtondistrictumc.com

It's a work-in-process, so all comments will be appreciated!

Have something you'd like to see there?

Changes/corrections/additions to your individual church
information? Let us know!

Contact us at covdistumc@fuse.net or call the district office at
859-442-5444

Debbie Maskey, District Website Coordinator, can help your
local church establish a website.
Contact her at 859-240-8799.