

Growing holy hearts for a whole community

The Covington District Newsletter



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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
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Thoughts on Being a District Superintendent

It is great to be back in the Covington District! All of the “Get Acquainted Gatherings” have gone well and we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone who has come out. It has been a joy to renew relationships with many people from our past service in this district and a great privilege to meet new friends.

Many people have asked me “How do you like being a District Superintendent?” Well, the answer is: “I not sure”. As in everything, there are things that one does not like. To be honest, there have been days when I wonder what I have gotten myself into. But, there are some things about being a DS that are extremely rewarding. To see God working in churches and in ministries within the Covington District is a great joy. The key is to keep

the joy of serving the Lord alive in your heart no matter what position you find yourself.

The transition from a pastor of a local church to a District Superintendent is difficult for many reasons. The nature of the work is totally different. A pastor has some administrative duties that are necessary but most of the pastor’s work deals with the nurture and care of individuals. So, a pastor has to have a “pastor’s heart”. Now that I am in this position where administrative tasks overwhelm my schedule, I sense my “pastor’s heart” being suppressed at times. Yet, I learned in the Treasurer’s position where I served for five years that I need not to allow that to happen and to bring that “pastor’s heart” to the position. Therefore, I am committed not to allow this new position of District Superintendent to change who I am but to be the person that God wants me to be.

Let me conclude by saying, that it is a joy to serve with you in the Covington District and I believe with all of my heart that God has something in mind for us as we work together for his Glory. Be praying for me and this work as the Holy Spirit empowers and leads us to do great things together. I have borrowed the motto of the missionary, William Carey, who said “Attempt Great Things for God; Expect Great Things from God”.

Blessings,

Owen

Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission
- Our new DS, Owen Dolin, and family
- The Community New Start
- Art Honican— recovering from surgery
- Tim Goshorn— healing
- Ken Easley-facing surgery
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- David Johnston, new NKU campus minister
- Ken Jett, healing



Highlights in this issue:

- THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
- IMPACT KENTUCKY
- CHANGE AT WF@NKU
- IDA SPENCE: BIBLE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- CHILDREN’S HOME AUTION

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Impact Kentucky: Hope Reigns

On August 25th, we are going to have our "Impact Kentucky: Hope Reigns" event and we will have many other United Methodist come to the Northern Kentucky area wanting to serve and minister the areas that were impacted by the storms of last March. This is a great opportunity for us to show our communities that there are people who care and that even though it has been months since the tornadoes hit, we have not forgotten what they experienced and that we still are here to help. With this in mind, I have two request from you. First I would like to invite you to go to the website www.impactkentucky.org to register for the event.

We would like to have as accurate of a head count as possible before that day of those who are planning to attend. (Plus you get a free T-shirt!). If you are having trouble getting registered, contact me and I will get you registered.

Also, we are in need of worksites. If you know of any projects in your area that would include simple home repairs, yard work, and such we would like for you to contact me and we can get volunteers to come and serve in your area. This does not have to be actual storm damage, we just want to be able to minister to this general area. Please don't be stingy here. The more work projects the

better. Think of people in your area who are in need of help and we will have plenty of volunteers eager to serve. If you know of a place that will need building materials please contact me as soon as possible so I can get a request in to purchase those materials. I look forward to hearing from you. In Christ,

Barry Robinson, Pastor

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Help Campus Ministries Connect with Your Incoming Students!

In July, Creighton Alexander of the Wesley Foundation at the Uni. of Alabama put on a Campus Ministry Boot Camp for campus ministers. One bit of wisdom he shared with us is that, just like college athletics, we need to be "recruiting" year round. If we wait for the students to just show up to our ministries, they'll never get there.

Here's where you can help. If you

know of someone who is about to head off to college, encourage them to connect with a campus ministry, especially our Wesley Foundations. In addition, **let the campus pastor there know your student is coming so we can connect with them!**

Wesley Foundations exist at NKU, U of L, UK, KSU, EKU, WKU, Morehead, as well as the chaplains at Lindsey-Wilson and Kentucky Wesleyan.

Students are much more likely to plug in if they get there early on in the fall semester.

Since I am at the NKU Wesley Foundation, I'd love to connect with your NKUers, but I can also pass on information to other WF directors as needed.

You can reach me by phone at 859.462.6224 and by email at david@nkuwf.org

Visit us online: www.nkuwf.org

Ida Spence—PO Box Address for donations

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.

Calendar of Coming Happenings

August, Vacation Bible School, Supplies and Volunteers are needed! Call Tiffany to help!

VBS: August 8—10 1—3 pm

August, School Supplies are needed by the 13th to help get ready for school.

School Supplies Needed

Backpacks

Markers

Colored Pencils

Pencil Sharpeners

Pens

3 Ring Notebooks

Spiral Notebooks

Paper Folders with brads

Highlighters

Scissors

Glue Sticks

Erasers

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.

New Congregational Update

Happy August everyone!

I am struggling to believe that the end of summer is so close! I wanted to take a second to update you on how things are coming along in New Church Development here at the District Office. I have been serving on the Conference New Church Development Team since January and there are some really, really exciting things happening in our Annual Conference, as well as in our district. In the Covington District we have three churches that are already exploring the possibilities of planting satellite campuses in our district. I have also had the opportunity to work with several churches that are in various stages of starting new services as a means to continue to reach the least, the last, and the lost.

Another aspect of my position is helping to resource all of you with leadership development opportunities. I know quite a few churches were able to attend Dr. Christine Pohl's workshop on radical hospitality in the spring. We are hoping to provide even more experiences like this. I would love to know what topics you think your congregation, staff, and leadership would really benefit from learning more about. Please feel free to contact me at grace@thecommunityky.org and let me know how we can continue to support and uplift the congregations in our district.

Blessings,
Grace

Thank You Note

I would like to personally thank you for your assistance on my trip to the Olancho province of Honduras.

We helped build latrines, pour cement floors, construct chimneys, made home visits, and assisted with the local VBS.

This will really help me in my decisions about my possible future in the mission field.

Once again I just want to thank you for helping make this all possible for me.

>> Sincerely, Kyle Burney

Auction Items Needed—KY UM Homes for Children and Youth

ANNUAL DAY

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

2050 Lexington Rd.

Versailles, KY

Gates open at 9:30 am, Lunch at 11:30 am

We are asking for your help in obtaining auction items for our Annual Day Friends of the Children Auction. In addition to the live auction, we have a silent auction and a bake sale. Please send or bring your donations to the Versailles Campus, Administration Bldg., 2050 Lexington Road, Versailles, Ky. Also, be sure to recommend a value for

your items. If you do intend to contribute, please call us to let us know what you are sending or bringing so we can prepare adequate space for your items.

Our toll-free number is 1-877-887-4481. In order for your item to be included in this year's Auction, we would need to receive it no later than 5:00 pm September 4 to allow time for the auctioneer to plan for the item.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet:

August 16, at Erlanger UMC

Dinner 6:30 pm

Speaker: John Strong

Come join in the fellowship

United Methodist Women

Annual Reports due August 1, 2012

Coordinators Needed

September 22, 2012

District Annual Meeting

October 13, 2012

District Mission Study

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES:.

August 7, DLT Meeting
4:30—6:00 pm

August 25, Impact Kentucky

August 26—31 Conference
Lake Junaluska

Birthdays:

- August 5, Ray Payne
- August 15, Betty Jo Sommerville
- August 17, Troy Hahn
- August 23, John Bowling
- August 29, Kelly McClendon
- August 31, Bill Henry

Want to Get Involved?

Health Ministries

- Parish Nursing:
Contact **Linda Howard**
(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** (859) 301-2031
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Ida Spence Mission

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