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The Covington District Newsletter



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Thoughts from the District Superintendent

DS Thoughts after One Year

I have finished my first year as your District Superintendent. While the position has its challenges, I must admit that I have adjusted well to the rhythm of the position. The DS rhythm is different from that of a pastor.

As a pastor, my time was always measured by Sundays. If someone asked me what the date is, my mind would calculate backward or forward from the date of the Sundays in the month. Sermon preparation dominated my rhythm as a pastor while adjusting for those unexpected ministry opportunities. The seasons of the Christian Calendar like Advent, and Lent were very important in my pastor rhythm.

As a District Superintendent, my rhythm is also built around seasons, but not seasons like Advent and Lent. Superintendents have "The Season of Charge

Conferences", "The Season of Consultations" and "The Season of Appointment –making". For the Covington District Superintendent and hosting annual conference the last five years, the season of "Preparation for Annual Conference" is mixed into the equation. The summer is a "Season for Catch-up" where a DS catches up on all the things that were neglected during the other seasons. This rhythm offers many challenges but once you get used to it, everything becomes more manageable.

I want to share some highlights of our first year together:

At this time, every church in the Covington District has a pastor.

You don't know how much I rejoice in this statement. One of the toughest parts of the DS position is the placement of quality pastoral leadership. Every DS struggles with this responsibility.

I am trying to worship in as many churches in the district as I can get to. Some Sundays I will plan my

travel so that I can worship at two churches on any given Sunday. Some churches have early services so this makes that possible. With 67 churches and some Sundays that I am out of the District, if you haven't seen me, be patient, I will make it to your church.

The NKU Wesley Foundation has a full-time campus ministry and is fixing up a house for their ministry center.

Having their own space is a huge step forward for your NKU Wesley Foundation. Our campus minister, David Johnston, is doing an outstanding job of trying to reach the students but he needs your help in letting him know the NKU students from your church. He also needs your prayer and financial support. In my prior service as a pastor in this district, I served on the Wesley Foundation Board and I have to say that

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- David Johnston, NKU campus minister
- The Community New Start
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- Elyssa Courtney, healing
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United Methodist Women

!NOTICE ! Charge Conference Time !NOTICE!

District Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 28,
at Cynthiana First UMC
Registration 8:30—9:00 am
Meeting at 9:00
Luncheon will follow.

Bishop Lindsey Davis will be speaking on Sunday, September 15., at the old Maysville Opera House. All Mason County , Bracken, Robertson and Fleming County Churches will have their annual Charge Conference meeting that day. Every church must be represented. More information will be coming.

Bishop Lindsey Davis will be speaking on Sunday, September 29., at Cynthiana First UMC. All Charge Conferences for Harrison County Churches will be held that day. Every church must be represented. More information will be coming.

Sunday, October 20, Campbell and Pendleton County Charge Conf.

WANTED!

Asbury United Methodist Church in
Highland Heights, KY

is looking for a part-time Music Director for its traditional worship service.

Responsibilities include

1. Directing the adult choir.
2. Leading the congregational singing.
3. Coordinating the schedule for worship service accompanists and special music.

Though hours are flexible, the Music Director is expected to be present on Sunday mornings to lead worship for first service and Wednesday evenings for choir practice.

Please email your resume to philhoggsr@gmail.com

Future Events at Ida Spence

Come be a Part and Help!

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 Gina Cornelius at
gins.idaspence@gmail.com and
be a part of your UM Mission at work.

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.
EMAIL GINA

Scholarships Needed!!

Scholarships are needed to help send kids to camp this summer. Please contact Gina if you would be interested in helping.

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DISTRICT CLERGY FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, August 3rd at Lincoln Ridge Park (Shelter 3)

(formerly Banklick Park) 420 Independence Station Road

Gathering at 4:30pm and Dinner at 5:30pm

The district will supply the meat, drinks, and paper products. Everyone is asked to bring a side to share (salad, veggies, dessert, etc.)

There will be corn hole, a playground for the kids, horseshoe pit, walking trails, area for baseball, volleyball court, and of course, great fellowship AND FOOD!

Directions I-275 to Turkeyfoot Road Exit; South on Turkeyfoot Road to left on Independence Station Road. Turn left onto Gary Lee Hall Drive. That takes you into the park and to our shelter.

United Methodist Men

On August 8

Will have a

Pig Roast at

Florence UMC

Gil Hanke, President of National UMM will be the speaker

Come join in fellowship

New Church Development

NCD has had a busy summer! The conference team is putting together a Planter Share Day in August that will bring together all the planters from across the conference for a day of sharing and encouragement. The district team is already working on 2014 and potential new faith communities. We are excited to be a part of the River Basin Task Force as well and to play a supporting role to what they are doing. I am also excited to be working on planning next year's Lay Servant Ministry trainings. I will have lots more information about that in next month's newsletter.

Blessings,

Grace

Ida Spence VBS

Join us for VBS 2013 at Ida Spence Mission!

July 31st-August 2nd (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

1:00pm-3:00pm

Come share the love of Christ with the City Heights community by joining our team of VBS volunteers. We expect over 100 children to attend! Make this an outreach event for your church group by planning to volunteer one or all three days. If your group is unavailable to participate, gather some much needed supplies for the event. Together we can make a difference in this community. For more information contact Gina Cornelius at ginac.idaspence@gmail.com

More Ida Spence Summer Fun

If your group is unable to participate with VBS this summer, we are in the process of scheduling church groups to visit the site one afternoon/evening for Summer fun of your group's choosing. Pulling on the talents/gifts of your particular group to offer the children of City Heights some summer fun to break up the long hot days of summer.

Contact Gina Cornelius for more info!

Job Posting

Erlanger United Methodist Church is seeking a vibrant and enthusiastic person who is committed to Jesus Christ to work with youth. This is a part time position. We want this person to oversee the spiritual nurture of our youth group and coordinate youth activities for fun and growth.

Interested persons should contact the pastor, Rev. Mark Shepherd at 859-727-2136 or the Chair of our Staff/Parish Committee, Jim Johnson, at 859-371-2042.

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New York Times BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

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HOPE AND HELP FOR YOUR TURBULENT TIMES

OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND DISCOVER THE TRUTH, THAT IN GOD'S HANDS, INTENDED EVIL BECOMES GOOD.

Erlanger United Methodist Church
Wednesday, September 11
(Time to be announced)

Urban Arts Academy

WESLEY UMC

in Ludlow seeks qualified instructors in Music, Art, and Drama to teach at a new Arts Education program for local elementary students in K-5th grades. The program is slated to launch in Sept. 2013. Classes will meet for one hour each Wednesday evening for 15 weeks. Teacher compensation provided. For more information, contact Rev. David Oliver at

doliver0022@gmail.com, or call [859-291-6255](tel:859-291-6255) (Wesley UMC), or [859-953-0362](tel:859-953-0362) (cell).

DS Thoughts from the District Superintendent (continued from page one)

I think at this point the NKU Wesley Foundation is positioned for growth as never before in its history. For such a time as this, let us be united in our support of our NKU Wesley Foundation.

The cooperation of the four Maysville churches in their “Reach-out” ministry. At the prompting of some people in Maysville, last January I met with representatives with the four churches in downtown Maysville (Central, Scott, Seddon, and Trinity) to dream what a cooperative ministry might look like. God has moved in a wonderful way as a vision for ministry to the children was birthed and now has become reality in what has been termed the “Reach-Out” ministry. Already, some wonderful events have taken place to touch the children of Maysville. I am a proponent of churches working together!

The River Basin Task Force is planning ministry in the area along the Ohio River from Ludlow to Dayton. We have seven UM churches and Ida Spence Mission in this river basin. United Methodists have retreated by closing churches and selling churches in this area for decades. I do not want to close any churches in this river basin so we are developing a comprehensive plan to enhance the ministries at these seven locations and even dreaming of starting new faith communities in this area. Stay tuned to see what God will do in the river basin of Covington!

I have many other things to share but my space in the newsletter is limited. I will write a Part Two for next month.

Blessings, Owen Dolin

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR IDA SPENCE CHILDREN

Elementary Schools ask for specific items for each grade. This is a composite of what is required/asked for in grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Please pick up something every time you go to the store.

Back Pack with zipper

-No wheels
Box of Tissues
Bottle of hand sanitizer (pump)
Box of gallon size Ziploc bags
Glue Sticks (large)
Baby wipes / Clorox cleaning wipes

Pencils/markers

Packs of # 2 size pencils (many packs are needed)
Packs of colored pencils
Pack of Crayola colored pencils (12 pack)
Pack of Crayola Makers (8 – 10 count)
Highlighters: Orange – yellow – pink

Folders/notebooks

-folders (2 pocket) red
-blue, orange, yellow
Single subject notebook
-(70 pages)
Three subject notebook

Ringed binders

-2 inch binder with filler paper
Packs of lined filler paper

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO GATLINBURG

WHEN: November 11-13
WHO: Melbourne UMC -- Melbourne, Kentucky
WHAT: Motor Coach Transportation
2 Nights Lodging
4 Meals 2 breakfasts
2 Dinners
2 Evening Shows
2 Morning Shows
Free Time in Historic Gatlinburg
Shop the Outlets in Pigeon Forge
COST: \$279 per person—Double Occupancy
\$ 339 per person—Single Occupancy
\$ 259 per person—Triple Occupancy



Call Sandy Clift to Registration of July.

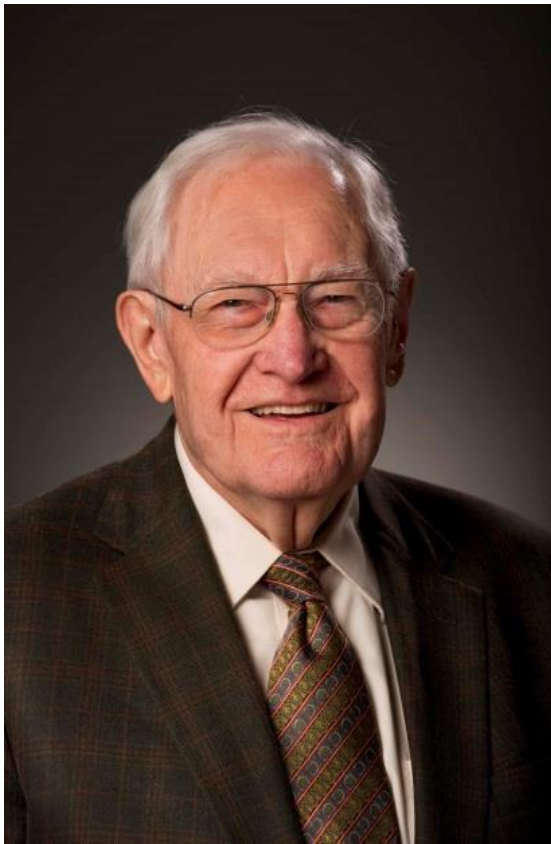
A \$75.00 registration fee holds your place.

The remainder may be paid in part. The total is due by September 15.

SEND PAYMENTS TO: Sandy Clift
326 E 6th Street
Newport, Kentucky 41071
859-581-6447—© 859-7433412
Checks/Money Orders made payable to
Melbourne United Methodist Church

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WHY: Christian fun and fellowship and to support our teens' trip to the Winter Blitz



Join us for a one day retreat and
Bible Study

When the Church Was Young

With

Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas

A look at the early church and how to
capture its spirit of ministry and
evangelism.

ERLANGER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lunch will be served.

Reservations requested by calling 859-727-2136 or emailing office1@erlangerumc.org.

\$10 donation requested which includes lunch.

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Aug 3** Clergy Family Picnic
- **Aug 6** Wesley FD Mtg
- **Aug 13—17** Denver
- **Aug 19-21** Cabinet Meeting
- **Aug 22** River Basin Mtg
- **Aug 27** NCD
- **Aug 29** DLT
- **Aug 29** Superintendency Committee

August Clergy Birthdays

- Aug 1** Paul Hammond
- Aug 15** Betty Jo Somerville
- Aug 17** Troy Hahn
- Aug 23** John Bowling
- Aug 29** Kelly McClendon
- Aug 31** Bill Henry

Want to Get Involved?

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** (859) 301-2031
Madonna.Vinicombe@stelizabeth.com
- **Ida Spence Mission**
Contact: Gina Cornelius
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- Financial gifts can be sent to: *Ida Spence Mission*
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- **People Working Cooperatively**
Contact: **Jere McIntyre**
(859) 653-4609
- **Don Markesbery Home Repair Ministry**
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We are always open to new suggestions and feedback on how to make this newsletter better serve you email your thoughts to covdistumc@fuse.net