

*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  
COVINGTON DISTRICT OF THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Thoughts from the District Superintendent

### A Thanksgiving Message from your DS

I am writing this message on Monday of the week of Thanksgiving. We will all be counting our blessings this week and I have many new blessings that I did not have this time last year. Let me share just a few:

1. I had the blessing of participating in 57 Charge Conferences this fall. My last four were yesterday. I count these experiences as blessings because I can sense God working throughout the Covington District.
2. I have 57 new connections with the pastors and their families who are serving the Lord in the Covington District. It is truly a joy to be in ministry with the clergy of this district. We are truly blessed by the

proclamation of God's Word that is taking place from the pulpits. My wife and I have worshipped in many of the churches since June and we have not heard a bad sermon yet.

3. I am excited and blessed to hear of professions of faith and new disciples being made in most of our churches. Our vision is to have every church in the Covington District reaching out and engaging their community with the love of God.
4. Our district staff is truly a blessing with whom to work. The dynamic duo of Joyce and Grace bring a dedication and commitment to their work that makes it a joy to be around.
5. Our Bishop and other District Superintendents are a joy and a blessing. As many of you know, there is a special bond formed

as people go through similar experiences and the Kentucky Cabinet has that special bond. It is great to be a part of a group of servant leaders who truly care about Kingdom building.

These are just a few of the new blessings that I have received this year. Of course, I have ones similar to yours. The blessing of family, friends and faith are high on my list. The blessing of knowing Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection (Phil. 3:12) is one that I find joy every day.

I hope you, your church and your community will have a blessed Thanksgiving. Psalm 107:1 says:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” (NIV)

Owen Dolin

## Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission and Director Tiffany Hollums
- Our DS, Owen Dolin, and his wife Ann
- The Community New Start
- Ken Easley-recovering
- Tim Goshorn family in training for mission work
- David Johnston, NKU campus minister
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- Kieth Daniel-tests



### Highlights in this issue:

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- LACE TRAINING DATES
- NEW FAITH COMMUNITY
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## Lace/Lay Speaking Training

Dates for the LACE program

January 19, 2013

February 16, 2013

March 16, 2013

April 20, 2013

May 18, 2013

To be held at the Alexandria UMC

## Brooksville UMC

Has four chandeliers that once hung in their sanctuary before they were replaced. They will need some TLC (have been in storage for several months) but are free to anyone that would need them. They are brass plated and have 12 bulbs each

Also if they need to be rewired, Tom Pitts, pastor at Drury, and his class at vocational school have volunteered to do so.

## UMM Men

**The United Methodist Men will meet**

**March 21, 2013 at Alexandria UMC**

**More details to come soon!**

**Come join in the fellowship**

## COVINGTON DISTRICT THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT NKU

Join United Methodists from across the Covington District on Sunday, November 25 to help make a dream possible!

The Wesley Foundation at Northern Kentucky University, our United Methodist Campus Ministry at NKU, has been given an incredible opportunity. We need your help to make it a reality!

Our Wesley Foundation has not had a Ministry Center – a building from which to minister to campus – for a long time. Thanks be to God, that

is about to change! Asbury UMC is allowing the Wesley Foundation to use a house located very near to NKU's campus, owned by the church, as our new home base for life changing ministry to college students.

Your church's offering or gift will go towards repairing and renovating the house for use as permanent home for our



The Wesley Foundation @ Northern Kentucky University

2916 Alexandria Pike-Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

[www.nkuwf.org](http://www.nkuwf.org)

[face book.com/nkuwf](https://www.facebook.com/nkuwf)

Rev. David Johnston, Campus Minister

859-462-6224

Send to the District Office, 36 Johns Hill Road, Highland Hgts, 41076

NKU Wesley Foundation. **Our District goal is \$10,000.**

## News from 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.

### Winter Blitz Scholarships

We are looking for scholarships for teens to attend Winter Blitz 2013. It costs \$50 per teen to attend. Please contact Tiffany if you are interested.

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## Come be a Part and Help!

### Cleaning Supplies

**Needed**

**Bleach**

**Detergent—Pine Sol**

**Bathroom Tissue—Paper Towels**

**Dish Washing Liquid**

**Toiletries—Bar Soap – Toothpaste**

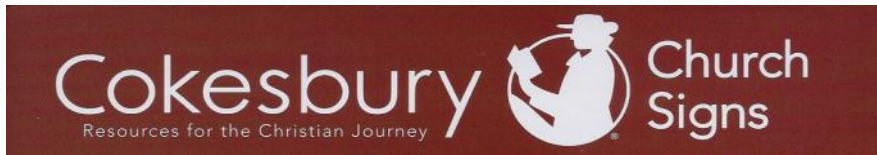
**Diapers—feminine products**

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

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Ida Spence UM Mission Spaghetti Dinner & Cake Auction. We raised \$5,000 and had a wonderful time! Thanks for all your support, prayers, and giving hearts.

Special Offer from Cokesbury



Covington District

Special Road Sign Offer for a limited time Available only through your local Cokesbury Sales Representative

Brenda Harris Cokesbury Sales Rep Off 812.654.1325 Mobile: 513.477.2172 Email: bharris

United Methodist-Dark Blue

Item Number: RSM2 Size: 24" X 40"

Retail: \$129.00 Sale Price: \$109.65

(Covington District Offer when ordered through your Cokesbury Representative

Other types available

Offer expires 11/30/2012

For more information contact B. Harris

Or the District Office 442-5444

Cokesbury road signs, when strategically placed, serve as guideposts to the location of your church. They feature colorful denominational emblems, making them highly visible from the road. They are custom-shaped to best display your denominational logo for maximum recognition. Their high-quality manufacturing makes them the most weather-resistant, colorfast signs available to-day!



Student Day Offering

United Methodist Student Day is

November 25

United Methodist Student Day is just days away. Nov. 25 is the day for the offering. This Special Sunday sets aside time to honor our students, and the offering provides scholarships and loans for those attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

The funds raised through United Methodist Student Day provide financial support to help students to stay in school and focused on their studies.

Help students on their path to success by giving to this special offering on Nov 25th or any other day of the year.

The Redbird \$25 Commitment

If we had 2000 giving units giving \$25 a month to help our ministry we could have \$600K to supplement our present income and help us meet our budget and change the future of ministry in the Red Bird Missionary Conference and lives we strive to reach. Just think, for \$25 a month, you or your church or your district could be in ministry in one of the economically poorest areas of our country.

Fill out the form to the right, put it in the mail, and keep the top section as a reminder of your participation.

I will pledge to become part of the \$25 Commitment.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Red Bird Missionary Conference, 54 Queensdale Ctr. Beverly, KY 40913.

Clergy & Family Christmas Dinner

The Annual District Christmas Dinner

At Alexandria UMC, 8286 W. Main St, Alexandria, KY

On Friday, December 7, 2012

Fellowship time with appetizers at 6:00pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

Child care provided

Dress: Office Casual

To make reservations for dinner and child care call the District Office by December 3, 2012 at 859-442-5444 or email covdistumc@fuse.net



Covington District  
3-Step Advent Prayer Emphasis

A. List 5 un-churched people that you want to pray for

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



B. Pray for these people for 21 days:

Nov 25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

C. Invite these 5 persons to a worship service or special Christmas event.

**Ida Spence Adopt-A-Family**

**We are looking for churches to adopt our families for Christmas. Each family was asked to fill out a form with the following information on each child under the age of 18 yr old: shirt size, pant size, any clothing needs (such as a coat, socks, underwear, etc), and then 2 gift/toy ideas UNDER \$20. Then each adult chose from the following: a laundry basket with cleaning supplies, a personal hygiene basket with items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste for their family, or towels and washcloths. (It is important to note that these cannot be purchased with food stamps, therefore, there is a huge need for these items for the families at Ida Spence). To adopt a family, contact Tiffany at [tiffanyhollums@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyhollums@gmail.com) or 859-462-9730.**

## New Faith Communities Update

Merry Christmas everyone! 2012 has flown by. I have been so honored to have been a part of the district staff for almost a year now in which time I have met and learned a tremendous amount from the Godly and talented clergy and laity that are a part of our district. I appreciate everyone's support as I am learning and growing into this new position. I continue to look forward to meeting those of you that I have not and hope to support and work along side many of you in the coming year. Many blessings this holiday season to you, your families, and your congregations!

-Grace

## Winter Blitz

Plans look awesome for Winter Blitz 2013! Winter Blitz will be held the weekend of January 25-27, 2013 in Louisville. We have **Reggie Dabbs** coming back the fourth time in our history as keynote. The worship band, **Mosteller**, was with us last year at the Conference Youth Rally. We will have some fun from the stage and celebrate together with **The Bucket Boys**.

Early Bird Registration through December 1<sup>st</sup> is still \$40/person – the same price since 2005. Registration for \$45/person is December 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 15.

After January 15 registration is only at the door for \$55/person. A weekend parking pass is \$25/pass and is only available pre-purchased through January 15. More information will be coming.

## VIM Training

VIM training will be February 23, 2013 at Asbury UMC. More details soon.

# GOSHORN SILENT AUCTION DECEMBER 8TH, 5-7 PM ASBURY UMC HIGHLAND HEIGHTS

Come and support the Goshorns  
Missionaries to Peru

Come for a dinner of soup, chili and dessert  
starts at 5:00

We are asking churches, Sunday School  
classes or individuals to donate theme  
baskets (UK, Zoo ....) or items to auction.  
It would help to know the theme or item  
ahead of time in order to make a bidding sheet.

If you can make a donation to auction  
and/or attend, please contact us.

859-466-9580 or

[teejaygoshorn@yahoo.com](mailto:teejaygoshorn@yahoo.com)

IF NEEDED, WE CAN PICK UP DONATED ITEMS

## Additional Help Needed at the Ida Spence Last Friday Dinners

**We need churches to sign up to cook & serve our last Friday meals. Even if the meal can't be provided - donations are welcome!**

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## THE COVINGTON DISTRICT

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[covingtondistrictumc.com](http://covingtondistrictumc.com)

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## District Calendar and Birthdays

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Dec 6,** District Trustees

**Dec 7,** District Christmas  
Dinner at Alexandria UMC

**Dec 11,** District Leadership  
Team

**Dec 20—Jan 2 Christmas  
Office Closed**

**Office reopens Jan 3**

### December Clergy Birthdays

Dec 9 Daniel Simonton

Dec 19 Roger Wallace

Dec 30 Mark Shepherd

## Want to Get Involved?

### Health Ministries

- Parish Nursing:  
Contact **Linda Howarth**  
(859) 572-9110  
[howlin@fuse.net](mailto:howlin@fuse.net)
- Flu Shots/Blood Drive Van:  
Contact **Marlene Faegan**  
St. Elizabeth Health Minis-  
tries (859) 292-4149
- Mobile Mammography  
Van:  
Contact **Madonna Vini-  
combe** (859) 301-2031  
[Madonna.Vinicombe  
@stelizabeth.com](mailto:Madonna.Vinicombe@stelizabeth.com)
- **Ida Spence Mission**  
Contact: Tiffany Hollums  
462-9730  
[tiffanyhollums@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyhollums@gmail.com)

- Financial gifts can be sent  
to: Ida Spence Mission  
P.O. Box 121319  
Covington, KY 41012-1319
- **People Working Coopera-  
tively**  
Contact: **Jere McIntyre**  
(859) 653-4609
- **Don Markesbery  
Home Repair Ministry**  
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