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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

I want to thank everyone in the Covington District for your prayers, cards and visits during my father's illness and his passing. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated not only by me but my entire family. We could sense the undergirding of your prayers as we went through some difficult days.

I also want to thank the pastors for the generous Christmas gift for Ann and me. Let me assure you that I understand the sacrifice that you made to share this gift with us. Speaking of Christmas, I was extremely disappointed that we could not have our Christmas dinner due to bad weather. I also want to thank the people of the Alexandria church who decorated and prepared the food. The food which was prepared was shared with police officers, firefighters and residents in a senior complex. I am thinking of how to make our summer picnic a special time to make up for canceling our Christmas dinner.

While I am in a thankful mode, I want to thank the churches in the district for your faithfulness in participating in the Our Mission Covenant (Conference Apportionments). Once again we were one of the leading districts in the Kentucky Conference in our remittance. It is my personal belief that every church counts and every dollar represents a sacrifice. Also, we set a record in the amount received for Covington District Apportionments in 2013. Your faithful support for the ministries of the United Methodist Church, the conference, and the district is greatly appreciated.

I am most grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ for allowing me to share in ministry with the pastors and laity of this district. You are a tremendous group of people and it is a joy to serve in the Covington District. I am praying for each church and each pastor! May God continue to pour out his blessings on this District. May we attempt great things for God and expect great things from God!

Blessings, Owen

Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission new director Gina Cornelius
- Paul Hammond, shoulder surgery
- Goshorns in Costa Rica
- Kevin Courtney's daughter, healing
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- Our DS, Owen Dolin
- David Johnston, NKU campus minister



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Prayerfully consider sponsoring a Last Saturday of the Month Meal and/or a Cleaning Supplies Collection Month for Ida Spence Mission. In 2014 we would like to continue meeting these basic needs for the residents of City Heights through forming a partnership with the churches in our district. The Last Saturday Meal of the month provides "to go" meals for 350 residents. The Cleaning Supplies Third Friday of the month outreach supplies the following four basic cleaning items to 100 families in need; 1. laundry detergent of any kind, 2. bleach, 3. dish liquid, 4. pinesol or pinesol like (all these items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree for only \$1.00 each). Your church group is welcome to come be a part of the distribution process and meet the residents they are helping. We will continue operating on limited funds in 2014. We can only share with the residents what we have been given. The needs are great, but our God is greater! Please take a moment to review the dates that are still available. Please email the Director, Gina Cornelius at ginac.idaspence@gmail.com (or feel free to call [859-907-6925](tel:859-907-6925)) to schedule a date or ask any questions you may have.

Last Saturday of the Month Meal

Jan:

Feb:

Mar: Alexandria UMC

Apr:

May:

June:

July:

Aug:

Sep:

Oct:

Nov: Erlanger UMC

Dec:

Third Friday of the Month Cleaning Supplies

Jan: Carthage UMC

Feb:

Mar:

Apr:

May:

June:

July:

Aug:

Sep:

Oct: Alexandria UMC

Nov:

Dec:

If you have a smaller sized congregation, this is a great opportunity to connect with another UMC church of similar size in your area. If your Youth Group is looking for a "hands on" Mission experience, this is it! As always-- your church/youth group is both welcomed and encouraged to come tour the Mission.

Gina Cornelius

Director, Ida Spence Mission

idaspencemission.com

Erlanger UMC Spaghetti Dinner

March 15th

5pm-7pm

The Erlanger Methodist men's group is hosting their annual spaghetti dinner. Call church if you like to purchase tickets or put your name down for this event. The cost is \$8.00 per adult ages 12 and up and \$4.00 per child ages 6 to 12, under 6 is free, the meal includes spaghetti, bread, toss salad, dessert and drink. Church office number is 859-727-2136/tell your friends/coworkers/family and spread the word out to community

Meal Ministry for the Wesley Foundation @ NKU

Spring 2014

Each Wednesday during the spring semester, students gather for Vine & Branches, which is a worship service with a dinner beforehand. Providing tasty meals for students is a way for you to get involved with our ministry to students! Think about it, the meals you provide will have something campus food does not: the love of God. So consider getting your UMW, UMM, Sunday School class, or whoever together to help put on a meal. Here are some details on what it'll involve:

- Food for 15-20 students (though as the semester begins, we'll have a better sense of how many will get involved).
- Dinner begins at 7pm, so the food should be dropped off any time before then. Call David at 859-462-6224 to arrange drop off time (afternoon is preferred.)

To sign up go to <http://ow.ly/nGMHT> This will bring you to Meal Train where you can see what dates are available and what meals we've already had (so we don't have spaghetti for a month). If you do not have internet access or have any questions contact David Johnston at david@nkuwf.org or 859-462-6224


Lay Academy of Congregational Excellence (LACE)

As many of you know, LACE is a program designed to help equip laity to serve in their local churches and communities. We have a lot of exciting sessions we are offering this year and they are being taught by pastors and laity from throughout the district. It's not too late to register! I have attached a schedule and am happy to send out more information to anyone interested. We have also had lots of questions regarding advanced courses and attending these sessions will fulfill the requirements for that.

We also wanted to let people know that if they aren't quite ready to commit to all 5 months that we are offering each of our sessions a la carte. So, that means if there is one day where the keynote or workshops look particularly intriguing, you are welcome to join us! The cost is \$6 for per day and this covers lunch.

You can register via email to grace.rockstroh@gmail.com, by phone to 260-443-3406 or at the first session.

Please help us spread the word! Blessings, Grace



Staffordsburg UMC is hosting a
Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 15th
4pm to 7pm

In the church Fellowship Hall located at
11815 Staffordsburg Road, Independence, KY

Dinner includes your choice of spaghetti with marinara sauce or meat balls, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and a drink!

LACE 2014

Each month we will have a keynote session in the mornings from 9am to 11:30am. After lunch we break into various workshops. The dates and topics are listed below.

February 15th

Keynote: UM Theology & Sacraments

Workshops:

12:00pm-1:45pm “Teaching the Word” or “Stewardship”

2:00pm-3:45pm “Styles of Worship” or “Discipleship”

March 15th

Keynote: UM Polity, Officers, and Social Principles

Workshops:

12:00pm-1:45pm “Communication” or “Evangelism”

2:00pm-3:45pm “Communication” or “Crafting A Message”

April 12th

Keynote: Pastoral Care

Workshops:

12:00pm-1:45pm “Spiritual Gifts” or “Community Assessment”

2:00pm-3:45pm “Spiritual Gifts” or “Discipleship”

May 17th

Keynote: Missional Service

Workshops:

12:00pm-1:45pm “Leadership” or “Telling Your Story”

2:00pm-3:45pm “Conflict Management” or “Service”

Mountain Mission

February 10-12, 2014

Our trucks will be in your area the week of February 10-12, 2014. **Attention:** If no one will be at the church when the driver comes for the pickup, please leave him a note with instructions to follow. If you have any questions about our schedule or if there are any corrections that need to be made, please contact our office as soon as possible. Please have your material at the church before February 10th so that all of your material can be picked up while our trucks are in your area.

First Day

- Cynthiana/Elmarch
- Cynthiana First
- Ebenezer
- Cynthiana Curry
- Berry/Boyd
- Falmouth
- Butler
- Pine Grove (Notice Only)
- Carthage
- Alexandria
- Asbury
- Fort Thomas
- New Hope
- Melbourne

Second Day

- Erlanger
- Ludlow Wesley (Notice Only)
- Covington Trinity
- Covington Pleasant Grove
- Staffordsburg
- Taylor Mill
- Lakeside Park Immanuel
- Florence First
- Florence Christ
- Walton (Notice Only)
- Carters Chapel
- Williamstown

Mountain Mission

Urgent Needs List

Children's:

- Coats
- Shoes

Men's

- Clothes
- Shoes

Underwear & Socks for
the whole family

Erlanger UMC

The Erlanger United Methodist Church will be having SAFE SANCTUARY Training, Saturday, February 22, 2014, at 31 Commonwealth Ave., Erlanger, KY 41018 from 11 am till 2 pm. Lunch will be provide and reservations are need, please call the church office at (859) 727-2136. All are welcome!

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES February, 2014

February
2 Harrison Co. Huddle
9 Mason Co. Huddle
11 River Basin Huddle
19-20 Cabinet
21-23 DS Vacation
27 DLT Meeting

February Clergy Birthdays

Feb 6 Alice Crawford
Feb 17 James Turley
Feb 22 Carol Mains
Feb 24 Rachel Wirrig

Health Ministries

- Parish Nursing:
Contact **Linda Howarth**
(859) 572-9110
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
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Want to Get Involved?

- Financial gifts can be sent
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- **People Working Cooper-
atively**
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