

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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July, 2011

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Welcome new pastors to the Covington District

Asbury UMC - Phil Hogg

Butler/Concord Pendleton - David Johnston

Faith Community - Michael Albertson

Maysville Seddon - Raymond Payne

Melbourne - Betty Jo Sommerville

Morning View - Daniel Nikolich

Nepton - Joyce Haug

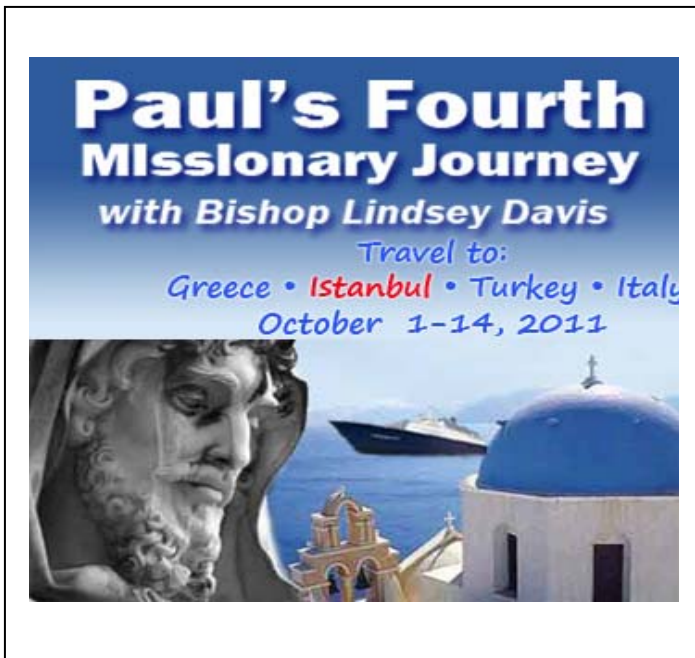
We made it through Annual Conference for another year without too many problems.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in helping to make it successful conference.

District News and Events

- Taylor Mill UMC needs someone to play piano.
Contact pastor Michael Sweeney at (859) 431-7504 or pastormichael@taylormillumc.com
- Oakland UMC now has an 8:30 am worship service every Sunday
Everyone welcome!

On the third Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm there is a Praise and Worship Service



Prayer Concerns to remember:

- Ida Spence Mission & Director
- New Church Start -- *The Community UMC* in Hebron -- Matt Johnson, pastor
- Our Bishop Lindsey Davis
- Pastors moving to new churches
- Grace Ministry Center in Covington
- Our DS Kevin Burney



**YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE
IDA SPENCE UNITED METHODIST
MISSION**

Summer Camp

Consider adopting a child from Ida Spence to attend summer camp. This is a life changing experience that would not be possible without your generosity

Make checks payable to Ida Spence Mission and send to P.O. Box 121319, Covington, KY 41012-1319

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 2 – 5

from 1 – 3 pm

Snacks and craft supplies needed.

Interested in helping
Contact Tiffany Hollums

tiffanyhollums@gmail.com

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

**Backpacks Markers Scissors
Colored pencils Notebook paper
1 subject notebooks Paper Folders
3 ring binders Hand Sanitizer
3 and 5 subject notebooks**

**Deliver to Ida Spence or call
Tiffany for help.**

Covington District Ministry Goals 2009-2012

- **Creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations.**
 - Start three new faith communities (at least one African-American) in our district by 2012.
 - Increase professions of faith and worship attendance by 5% each year
 - District staff to help revitalize the ministry of our small membership churches through self-assessment and ministry goal setting.
- **Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.**
 - Increase the number of lay and clergy leaders in our district under the age of forty by 20% by 2012.
 - Increase the practice of spiritual disciplines by our lay and clergy leaders (measured through self-report).
 - Strengthen lay and clergy leadership by providing leadership training opportunities annually.
- **Engaging in ministry with the poor.**
 - Emphasize two days each year in which we engage in projects across our district that help provide safe housing for the poor (e.g., remodeling, repairing, or winterizing).
 - Designate two district food drive collection days each year in which local churches collect food for their local food pantries.
- **Combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally.**
 - Start three new Parish Nurse Ministries in the district by 2012.
 - Engage as a district in international partnerships that are working to improve the health of those living in East Africa (e.g., clean water in Darfur, “Nothing But Nets”).

New Song Music Festival

August 19 – 21, 2011

**Tickets are available at the
District Office Until Aug. 4**

Friday only \$25.00

Saturday only \$35.00

Full Weekend \$45.00

**At the Gate Tickets will be
\$10.00 More**

**Online tickets can be purchased
until August 8**

Wanted

Information about a ministry in your local church. Each month the District would like to highlight some type of ministry that is going on in your church.

See Wesley UMC on page 5

Please contact the District Office about what your congregation is doing.

covdistumc@fuse.net

Delegates Elected at Annual Conference

General Conference Delegation Clergy

Debbie Wallace-Padgett

Bill T. Arnold

Tom Grieb

Mike Powers

Maxie Dunnam

Thomas W. Smith

General Conference Delegation Laity

Carol Ackley

Michael B. Watts

Linda Underwood King

Ed Shytle

John R. Denham

Jayne Squires

Jurisdictional Conference Delegation Clergy

The above-named clergy plus

Julie Hager Love

Eliseo Mejia-Leiva

Rebecca Curry

Tamara Brown

John Hatton

David Grout

Jurisdictional Conference Delegation Laity

The above-named laity plus

Jan Brown-Thompson

Linda Gayheart

Terry Cunningham

Chrysanthia Carr-Seals

John Crissman

Nancy Wetzel

United Methodist Men

**Next at Cynthiana
Ebenezer UMC**

**On Thursday, August 18,
6:30**

***Come Join in the
fellowship***

Covington District UM Women

**School of Mission
Lindsey Wilson College
July 14 – 17, 2011**

August 20, 2011

***District Mission Study,
Highland/Ft. Thomas,***

Brown Bag Lunch

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wesley United Methodist Church in Ludlow recently finished its first year of a new outreach and discipleship program called Wesley Wednesdays. The congregation wanted to be more missionally involved in the neighborhood, and to do so in a way that was ongoing and consistent. Last fall, they launched "Wesley Wednesdays" a weekly evening program complete with a free meal and Christian Education programs for adults, youth, and children. A special emphasis was put on reaching out to children, including offering outdoor games for them before the meal. Over the year we've built relationships with around thirty-five children that had no previous connection to the congregation. Many of those children now consider Wesley "their church."

Ludlow is an urban community, where children walk to school, and can also bring themselves to our church. It has been a joy to see so many children, many of whom come from impoverished families, enjoy eating a good meal, get the loving attention of adults, and learn about the Good News of Jesus Christ. This spring average attendance by children, youth, and adults at the program was 56 - our Sunday morning average is only 63! It has helped to bring a new sense of mission, vitality and community to our church. The program has been made possible by the love and support and vision of lay people who have given generously of their time and efforts week after week in cooking, cleaning, teaching, and building relationships. We believe the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst - and we can't wait to see how God uses us in our community in the days to come!

*How to Get
More Members*



Each team must include the senior pastor and at least three key lay members, (preferably 5 – 8).
“Regaining a heart for your mission field.”

When: October 8-9, 2011

Registration begins @ 9:30am

Workshop runs Saturday, 9:30 – 5:30; and Sunday, 8-1

Where: Covington Marriott Hotel 10 W. Rivercenter Blvd., Covington

What: This workshop is for church teams to learn:

- How to Reconnect with your mission field
- How to get more members in your church
- Why the old ways to growth no longer work & What works now!
- Why most Pastors want to reach new people but can't
- What new people look for when selecting a church

Who: Our leader will be Jim Griffith, a consultant who works with hundreds of congregations all over the country on issues of church vitality.

Early registration: If your team registers by August 19, 2011, the cost is \$200 per church team (you may bring an unlimited number for your team). After August 19, 2011: The cost is \$250 per church team.

NOTE: Pulpit supply needs to be arranged so the pastor can attend the entire sessions.

Registration

Name of Church: _____

Senior Pastor (must attend): _____

Number of Laity attending (minimum of three must attend): _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Please detach this registration form and send it with a check made out to the Covington District UMC for \$200 and send to: Covington District UMC, 36 John's Hill Road, Suite C, Highland Heights, KY 41076

This event is sponsored by the Covington District of the Kentucky Annual Conference. The reduced cost is made possible by your "Our Mission Together" contribution.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

JULY Birthdays: 2 Homer Norman 6, Mark Dickinson 7, Tom Pitts 10, Elaine Hussung; 13, Matt Johnson 25, Michael Rice 28, Ben Hahn and Kieth Daniel

Superintendent's Calendar for July: Office Closed July 4

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.