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

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## Thoughts from the District Superintendent

Annual conference is over and we will be getting started in our new conference year. A big welcome to new pastors and pastors who have moved to new local congregations.

- Brian & Beverly Davis serving Butler UMC & Concord (Pen) UMC
- Shannon & Abbi Blosser serving Covington Trinity UMC.
- Kathy Elifrits serving Drury's Chapel UMC.
- Troy & Kristin Hahn serving Eggleston UMC.
- Daniel & T.J. Nikolich serving Faith Community UMC.
- Kieth & Kim Daniel serving as Asst. Pastor at Florence Christ UMC.
- Michelle Nelson, Asst. Pastor at Immanuel, serving at New Hope UMC.
- Art & Tina Honican serving Maysville Central UMC.
- Jeremy & Nancy Ruegg serving Maysville Seddon UMC.
- Joyce Haug serving Minerva UMC.
- John & Cheryl Losey now serving Morning View UMC & Staffordsburg UMC.
- Adam Gully temporarily serving Nepton UMC.
- Tommy Purvis serving Warsaw UMC.
- Jerry & Terri Beck serving Washington UMC.
- David & Sharyn Oliver serving Wesley UMC.
- David & Rachel Johnston serving NKU Wesley Foundation.
- Gina Cornelius serving as the new director at Ida Spence Mission.

I want to give a special thank you to the annual conference host team and the local volunteers that came together to make Annual Conference run so smoothly. We could not have done it without all your help!

Blessings, Owen

## Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission new director Gina Cornelius
- The Community New Start
- Goshorns in Costa Rica
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- Our DS, Owen Dolin
- David Johnston, NKU campus minister
- Bill Conatser, surgery
- Pastors moving to new appointments
- Elyssa Courtney, healing



### Highlights in this issue:

- THOUGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
- IDA SPENCE SUMMER EVENTS
- IDA SPENCE BACK TO SCHOOL
- THE KENTUCKY UNITED METHODIST HOME
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## United Methodist Women

**MISSION U**  
**(formerly**  
**Christian Mission)**  
**July 18-21, 2013**  
**at Lindsey Wilson**  
**College**

## United Methodist Men

**August 8, 2013**  
**6:30 pm**  
*Pig Roast at*  
Florence UMC  
Gil Hanke, President of National  
UMM will be the speaker

## Annual Conference

*Here is some info from Annual  
Conference worth celebrating!*  
**\$3,500** - The amount raised at  
the 5k for Imagine No Malaria.  
**\$108,000** – The amount  
raised at the mission offering.  
**2,100 +** The number of health  
kits assembled.

## From our partner church in Redbird...

Rev. Dolin and all of the Covington District,

I would just like to say a special thanks to you all for the invitation that was given to our congregation to come and be a part of the KY Annual Conference, which you hosted. 10 of us, 7 youth & 3 adults, made the journey to be with you all and to help in the Potato Drop. We also want to say thanks to Trinity UMC in Covington for opening their doors to us for the evening so that we could have a place of rest. I have also been informed of some gifts for our church that were dropped off at the Red Bird Conference table at conference and I will be receiving those on Monday. We thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. We value our connection with this partnership and I hope that we will continue to work together to help enhance the Kingdom of God in Covington and in Thousandsticks. God's Blessings to you all.

Rev. Robert Amundsen

## Future Events at 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.

### 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.*

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## Come be a Part and Help!

### LAST SATURDAY MONTHLY MEAL

Please pray about  
providing a last Sat-  
urday 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 Gi-  
na if you would be  
interested in help-  
ing.

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**The Kentucky United Methodist Home**

Colleagues:

At a recent Cabinet meeting we talked a bit about the Fifth Sunday Offering for the Methodist Home. I shared that our March offering was unusually low because it coincided with Easter. I realize that pastors had much to celebrate on that Sunday and it is understandable that lifting up the importance of this offering may have be overlooked.

In ten days the next Fifth Sunday Offering will happen again and this will also be the first Sunday for our moving pastors. In an effort to not have a repeat of the March offering, would you please help me encourage your churches to remember this offering. Realize that this has potential to be another busy Sunday with the arrival of the new pastors, but a word about the work that we treasure will be much appreciated.

Please feel free to send any or all of this email in your communication. I would also offer the following story

that has come to us today after a meeting with my Executive Team this morning.

A young teenage woman who has just spent the last number of months in our care has recently returned to her single mother's home. Before coming to us, she was experiencing emotional outbursts and some physical altercations with her mother. Through one of our Methodist pastors, mom turned to us for help. She was reluctant at first to release her child to our care, but finally realized the situation was beyond control. She finally found the strength to risk letting her child go in order to give her daughter an opportunity for transformation.

Today we received a check in our mail from that youth in the amount of \$73.20, along with a card containing the following handwritten note;

"Dear Clinical Staff, Thank you for helping me through the ups and downs. I am very grateful for this. I would like donate my allowance."

Signed, .....

You see, every child in our care receives a weekly allowance that they can use as they see fit, within some limits. They have opportunity to go shopping for themselves and do the normal things that youth do. However, this young resident decided to save that money. A wise enough decision in its own right. However, to offer those savings to us a token of her appreciation truly says something about the transformation that has taken place in her young life.

Your faithful support makes this kind of change possible. We too are grateful for this.

Blessings,

*Rev. Randy Coy*

**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.*

**Thank You**

The Local Host Team would like to thank the many wonderful volunteers that helped to make the 2013 Annual Conference a success. It would be impossible to host this event without our great volunteers. We appreciate the time you gave to help make our out-of-town guests feel welcome. Thank you for your service.

**In His service,**

**April Garner and Carole DeLong**

# 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](mailto:ginac.idaspence@gmail.com)

## 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.

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
4 pack EXPO markers.  
24 count box of Crayola Crayons  
Pencil Box

## 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

Supplies can be collected and delivered to Ida Spence Mission by  
Monday, August 5th.

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## District Calendar and Birthdays

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 2** Harrison Co Hud-  
dle Wesley Fd. Meeting
- **July 4** HOLIDAY
- **July 12—14** Conven-  
tion St Louis
- **July 15—16** Cabinet
- **July 18** River Basin Mtg.
- **July 21** Preach Asbury

### July Clergy Birthdays

- July 1** Homer Norman
- July 6** Mark Dickinson
- July 10** Ellaine Hussung
- July 13** Matt Johnson
- July 14** Ray Snider
- July 17** Chad Burn
- July 18** Art Honican
- July 25** Michael Rice
- July 27** David Johnston
- July 28** Ben Hahn
- July 28** Kieth Daniel

## 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**  
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Van:  
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