

# 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*

A Monthly Newsletter

May, 2011

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After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

(Matthew 28:1-8)

I don't recall where I found this prayer, but during these 50 days of Easter (Pentecost is June 12<sup>th</sup>) I want to offer it as a prayer for our district:

Living God,  
long ago, faithful women  
proclaimed the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection,  
and the world was changed forever.  
Teach us to keep faith with them,  
that our witness may be as bold,  
our love as deep,  
and our faith as true.

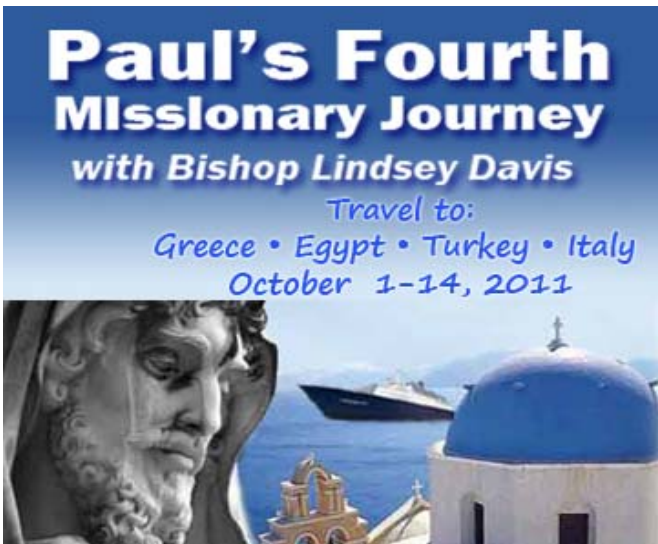
Amen.

Grace & Peace,

Kevin

*District News and Events*

- Taylor Mill UMC is in need of a piano player. Contact pastor Michael at (859) 431-7504 or [pastormichael@taylormillumc.com](mailto:pastormichael@taylormillumc.com)
- Butler UMC will be celebrating their debt free building and parsonage on Sunday, May 22. The DS will be speaking. Come join in the celebration.
- **Eggleston UMC Flooded**  
*See page 9 for needs.*



**Prayer Concerns to remember:**

- Ida Spence Mission & Director
- New Church Start -- *The Community UMC* in Hebron -- Matt Johnson, pastor
- Our Bishop Lindsey Davis
- The cabinet and the appointment process
- ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- Grace Ministry in Covington
- George Edwards, pastor at Scott



**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

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**August 2 – 5**

**from 1 – 3 pm**

Interested in helping  
Contact Tiffany Hollums

[tiffanyhollums@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyhollums@gmail.com)

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**We are also in need of donations of cleaning supplies and health items listed below.**

Bleach, Detergent, Toilet paper, Paper Towels, Pine Sol, Dish Washing Liquid

ANY toiletries – deodorant, toothpaste, feminine products, diapers, etc.

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**Snacks are needed for afterschool sessions and Sunday afternoon gatherings**

## 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").

## Parish Health Ministry

At Asbury UMC, caring for the wholeness of "body, mind, and spirit" continues to be an important value and call. A vital part of our holistic approach to ministry is our Parish Health Ministry. We offer blood pressure screenings, office hours for questions and concerns, bereaved ministry, care and consultation for those hospitalized and other therapeutic services.

We would love to share our ministry (free of charge) with your Church! We would be glad for our volunteer team to share these resources with you by offering our services to your church or by helping you to establish your own Parish Health Ministry team.

**For more information, please contact Linda Howarth  
Asbury UMC Parish Nurse, at 859-572-9110.**

## 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. Notice the Parish Nurse Ministry happening at Asbury, i.e. (see the article next to this box) Please contact the District Office about what your congregation is doing.

**A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Easter Basket project for Ida Spence Mission a big success.**

**They gave out 200 baskets**

**United Methodist Men**  
will be Thursday, May 19, at  
6:30 pm  
at Cynthiana First UMC  
*Come Join in the fellowship*  
Speaker will be from  
Aldersgate Camp

## ***District Conference***

Sunday, May 1, 2011  
2:00 pm

AT IMMANUEL UMC

Worship Service  
*Speaker Rev. Julie Love*

Lace Graduates

Candidates for Ministry

Annual Conference Delegate  
Training

Annual Conference Volunteer  
Training

## **Covington District UM Women**

April 30<sup>th</sup> UMW Spiritual Day Apart  
AT IDA SPENCE MISSION  
Speaker Rev Tiffany Hollums  
Bring a salad to share at potluck

**CAR POOL    PARKING LIMITED**

## **Cokesbury's Spring Tent Sale**

Mark your calendar now for  
Cokesbury's Spring Tent Sale

May 13 & 14 at the  
Northern Hills United Methodist Church  
located at 6700 Winton Road in Cincinnati.

Save 50 % on Friday, May 13 and 75% on  
Saturday, May 14 on select Christian books,  
church supplies and a lot more.  
Shop early for the best selection during the  
hours of 9 am - 6 pm both days.

Contact **Brenda Harris**,  
your local Cokesbury Sales Representative,  
513-477-2172 for more information.  
All sales final, no other discount apply.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS

Join our district-wide team of volunteers who will meet, greet and serve our United Methodist brothers and sisters during Annual Conference at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, June 7-11 (with Opening Session on June 8). Contact one of the volunteer coordinators below today!

**Don't forget – Our District Worship Service and Volunteer Training will be on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Immanuel UMC in Lakeside Park from 2:00-4:00pm.**

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THESE AREAS:**

#### **Greeters (Tues., 6/7 thru Sat., 6/11)**

- Contact Pam DeWolfe
- dewolfer1@juno.com
- 859-689-0064 (home) or 859-653-0340 (cell)

#### **Information Desk (Tues., 6/7 thru Sat., 6/11)**

- Contact Doug Garner
- doug.garner@century21.com
- 859-363-9900 (home) or 859-391-2100 (cell)

#### **Pages (youth volunteers) (Wed., 6/8 thru Sat., 6/11)**

- Contact Pastor Larry Karow
- safy@aol.com
- 859-441-1949 (Highland UMC)

#### **Registration (Tues., 6/7 thru Fri., 6/10)**

- Contact Carole DeLong or April Garner
- caroledelong@gmail.com or april.garner@century21.com
- 859-371-2765 (Carole) or 859-620-1241 (April)

#### **Stage prep and Sign placement (Tues., 6/7 thru Sat., 6/11)**

- Contact Doug Epperson
- 859-743-0852 (cell)

#### **Set up (unload trucks on Tues., 6/7) and Tear Down (load up trucks on Sat., 6/11)**

- Contact John Minor
- jminor17@insightbb.com
- 859-341-9699 (home) or 859-750-4207 (cell)

#### **Ushers (Wed., 6/8 thru Sat., 6/11)**

- Contact Mark Burns
- meburns08@insightbb.com
- 859-743-4526 (cell) or 859-586-7487 (home)

**During Annual Conference – Check out this workshop  
Church History as part of Public History  
Speakers include----**

**Professor Mike Davis  
Northern Kentucky University's Dept of Public History and  
Paul Whalen  
"Lincoln and the Methodists"  
(previously presented at The Conference on Illinois History)**

**Tuesday June 7, 2011  
Grace Campus (First Methodist Covington) Parish House  
Corner of Greenup & 5th Street -- behind Kenton County Library**

**Registration 12:30 pm Fee \$5.00  
contact Paul Whalen (859) 466-3450  
Workshop 1 – 5  
plewellinwhalen@aol.com  
CEU Credit Available**

**Annual Conference Needs**

We will be making “health kits” again this year for UMCOR. Each District is asked to bring a different article. Covington District will be taking an offering for the purchase of toothpaste for each of the kits. Hopefully, your church or UMW’s group will consider making a monetary gift for this project. Bring your gifts for this project to the INFORMATION TABLE in the lobby.

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Remember to bring can goods and non-perishable items for the afternoon of service project. Food will be distributed to several different agencies.

There will be a display and drop off area in the lobby.

## Summer Feeding Program

As we have in the past few years, Highland United Methodist will once again be participating in the Summer Feeding program. This program allows us to provide, for free, full meals and snacks to ANY location where there is an identified need (need is based on one of your local schools having a 50% or more participation in the free/reduced lunch program). There are NO limitations on what you can or can't say about Jesus. You can teach the Bible without hesitation or fear of reprisal, and still get these meals for FREE. These are available for regular feeding programs (daily) or special events (such as Vacation Bible School).

Last year, we partnered with Ludlow UMC and Erlanger UMC, as well as other non-UMC entities to serve over 28,000 meals in Northern Kentucky.

This is an invitation to join in this wonderful program. There is no cost to you, and the paperwork is minimal. You do not need to reveal anything about your church or your finances; simply the name of the contact person. The daily paperwork simply consists of making a checkmark when you give away a meal or a snack.

All meals are hot meals, prepared for you and delivered to you. All paper products are included, as are beverages. For your VBS, you would have NO OUT OF POCKET COSTS for any food or snack, if you are in an eligible area.

If you are interested in participating, simply send me the following information:

1. Contact name and number
2. Your local Elementary, Middle and High School
3. Dates of your event (e.g. daily feeding program or VBS)
4. Estimated number of people under 18 who will participate (we would hope that a target number of 50 could be achieved)

If you have any questions, please call me at 441-0587 or email me at [safy@aol.com](mailto:safy@aol.com).

Pastor Larry, Highland Methodist

*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.*



## Eggleston UMC NEEDS

Flash Flood damage to Eggleston UMC

They will need to replace the following items. This is a message from their pastor Kieth Daniel. Please send any monetary donations to the District Office. (859) 442-5444  
[covdistumc@fuse.net](mailto:covdistumc@fuse.net)

Hot Water Heater

Possibly our Furnace, will know more by Saturday

Refrigerator Warming Stove

(1) Dehumidifier

(1) Nursery Rocker

(2) Nursery "Pack in Plays"

(22) Folding Chairs

(2) Sunday School Tables

The Church Christmas Tree and Decorations.

VBS Supplies

The Men of Grateful Life have taken our two lawn-mowers and weed eater to clean out and restore them, so we have no need to replace them.

Most of our tables were made of plastic and chairs were metal and salvageable.

We lost about 11 lineal ft of Cabinets and Countertops in our warming Kitchen, but we will seek to replace these items with stainless steel tables with drawers.

We will need to replace approximately 200 lineal ft up to 4 lineal ft Above the Finished Floor of damaged gypsum board with "Crete Board" to prevent further flood damage. Mudding and Paint will be needed as well.

All of our carpeting will be replaced with epoxy flooring approximately 1200 square ft.

We have many qualified carpenters, laborers, electricians, and plumbers as well we are blessed with many volunteers as well as the resource of the partnership of the men of Grateful Life. Labor is not a need, Praise God.

We have more heavy rain forecast for the rest of the weekend and into next week. We pray that this will not lead into a flood greater than the last one.

Priorities once our electric is turned back on and the Hot Water heater installed, are to get the Sunday School Room and Nursery Room back as soon as possible.

We currently have \$9,500.00 in our building fund for capital expenses for a new roof in the future, and we will use most of that amount for materials. Any donations that fit our needs would be greatly appreciated. We expect to be using the Sanctuary next Sunday for Worship Services. The amount of work we have done already is amazing, the Trustees of Eggleston are amazing and we look forward to Easter Services at the GLC on Sunday.

In His Peace and Love,  
 Kieth Daniel

## FLOOD BUCKETS

With the potential of all the flooding in the state, it might be wise to start putting together some extra flood buckets. Here are the items needed. Call the District Office or Jimmy Owens, District disaster coordinator, for more details. (859) 298-1427

### Cleaning Bucket      Collection spots Cynthiana First and Immanuel UMC

Value: \$ 55.00

#### **5 gallon bucket with resalable lid**

Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned.

Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner.

Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

#### **liquid laundry detergent**

two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only

#### **liquid household cleaner**

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water

no spray cleaners

#### **dish soap**

16-28 oz bottle any brand

#### **1 can air freshener**

aerosol or pump

#### **1 insect repellent spray**

6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

#### **1 scrub brush**

plastic or wooden handle

#### **18 cleaning wipes**

handi wipes or reusable wipes

no terry cleaning towels

remove from packaging

#### **7 sponges**

remove from wrapper

#### **5 scouring pads**

remove from wrapper

#### **50 clothespins**

remove from packaging

#### **clothes line**

two 50 ft. or one 100 ft cotton or plastic

#### **1 pair of work gloves cotton or leather**

#### **24 roll heavy duty trash bags**

remove from box

#### **5 dust masks**

#### **2 pair of disposable waterproof gloves**

rubber or latex / remove from package

#### Assembling Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket.

Ensure the lid is closed securely.

#### Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- UPS, FED EX and the US Postal Service will not ship buckets containing bleach. In such case, you may leave the bleach out of the bucket.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States. They are not opened to verify the contents unless there is indication some items have been omitted.

**Packing Kits**  **Box Weight.** Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.

**Shipping Kits** 1. Complete 2 packing lists-one for your records and one to put on the shipping box.

2. Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits. 3. **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1 for each kit you send. This donation enables kits to be sent to areas in need. For Cleaning Buckets: \$1.50.

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



The Covington District  
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[www.covingtondistrictumc.com](http://www.covingtondistrictumc.com)

**DISTRICT CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS**

**May Birthdays:** 15, Kevin Courtney; 19, Loletuth Kalz;  
22, Jonathan Mann;

**Superintendent's Calendar for May:** 1, District Conference;  
10, Restoration Mtg. 15, Speaking at Gethsemane UMC, 16, Annual  
Conference Mtg. 18 - 19, Cabinet Meetings; Cov Dist UMMen,  
22, Speaking at Butler UMC, 26, DCOM

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Check out our updated website at

[www.covingtondistrictumc.com](http://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](mailto: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.