

Growing holy hearts for a whole community

The Covington District Newsletter



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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

May, 2013 Issue

Thoughts from the District Superintendent

Spring is the time of year for trees and flowers blooming; grass being mowed; warmer weather, and pastor appointments. Yes, it is that time of year when Methodists turn their attention to new appointments. I recently called a pastor who was not anticipating a move and he quickly asked, "What are you calling me about?" I sensed his panic and assured him that I was not calling about a move. It was then that I realized how much my phone calls mean to pastors.

Here are the Covington District appointment changes that I can share at this point:

Maysville Central

David Oliver will be moving to Ludlow Wesley.

Art Honican will be the new pastor at Central. Art is coming off of a three year medical leave. Needless to say, he is anxious to return to ministry.

Maysville Seddon

Ray Payne is moving to Louisa First.

Jeremy Ruegg will be the new pastor at Seddon. Jeremy is being commissioned as a Provisional Elder at this

upcoming Annual Conference.

Washington (Maysville)

Phil Bradley is moving to Berea.

Jerry Beck will be the new pastor at Washington. Jerry and his wife, Terry, will be moving from Lexington Park UMC.

Covington Trinity

Loletuth Kalz will become the Associate Pastor at Christ Church UMC in Louisville.

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- The Community New Start
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NKU WESLEY FOUNDATION

HELP AND SUPPLIES ARE
NEEDED FOR RENOVATION
OF PROPERTY FOR THE
WESLEY FOUNDATION
CALL DISTRICT OFFICE FOR
INFORMATION 442-5444

**The United Methodist
Men**
Will meet on
May 16, at 6:30 pm
Cynthiana Ebenezer
Come Join in the Fellowship

UMW Men

Coming Soon...
PIG ROAST
At Florence UMC
August 8, 2013
More details later.

Luncheon

District Conference

Sunday May 5th

2:00 pm at

Immanuel UMC

**Celebration of the
District Ministries**

**Delegates to Annual
Conference Inform**

Clergy Spouse Luncheon

Monday, June 10, at Annual Conference

11:30 am at the Convention Center

Menu: Grilled Chicken Salad, Fruit,

Dessert and Drink Cost \$10.00

Call District Office 859 442—5444

for reservations — Deadline 5/27

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 Tiffany Hollums at
tiffanyhollums@gmail.com and
be a part of your UM Mission at
work. (859) 462-9730.

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Come be a Part and Help!

LAST SATURDAY MONTHLY MEAL

Please pray about providing a last Saturday Ida Spence meal for the kids and adults at the Mission
Time 1—3 pm. CALL TIFFANY

Scholarships Needed!!

Scholarships are needed to help send kids to camp this summer. Please contact Tiffany if you would be interested in helping.

Mountain Mission

United Methodist Mountain Mission truck will be in our District on June 17 and 18th. They are in desperate need of summer clothes and shoes for men, women and children. Their summer clothes are the lowest it has ever been.

First Day Pickup on 17th

- Cynthiana Elmarsh, First, Ebenezer and Curry
- Berry/Boyd
- Falmouth
- Butler
- Carthage
- Alexandria
- Asbury

- Highland
- New Hope
- Melbourne

2nd Day June 18

- Erlanger
- Covington Trinity
- Pleasant Grove
- Staffordsburg
- Taylor Mill
- Immanuel
- Florence, Florence Christ
- Carters Chapel
- Williamstown

Immanuel UMC

Immanuel UMC

Women's Retreat

May 17-18, 2013

Potter's Ranch

Union, KY

Total cost: \$120 (Price includes 4 meals, lodging, tote bag, journal, and special gifts!

Register now at
www.immanuelumc.org

(\$40 due with registration, total due by April 15th.)

NCD Update

I had the privilege this week of participating in the online portion of a church planting conference called Exponential 2013. It is a gathering of church planters from all over the country and there were 20,000 of us watching online from around the world. The theme for this year was DiscipleShift and the focus was on creating disciples. Mike Breen, founder of 3DM often teaches that we see Jesus make disciples and then out of that comes the church, while we try to make a church and hope to get disciples. The speakers and planters challenged us to shift to a mindset of life-on-life discipleship. This means living a life that is accessible and worth imitating. That is certainly not a light challenge! It is a great place for the conversation to begin though. What are we doing as individuals, leaders, and churches to imitate Christ and invite others to join us on that journey? As we invest in people and develop them as disciples, we will certainly see begin to see growth in the church as well as in our own lives. For more information, please email me at grace.rockstroh@gmail.com.

Blessings, Grace

May, 2013

Partnership Church

The Covington District continues our partnership with a church from the Red Bird Missionary Conference. Our partner church is Thousandsticks United Methodist Church whose pastor is Rev. Robert Amundsen. John Denham and Owen Dolin have been in contact with Pastor Amundsen to discuss how to enrich our relationship. Pastor Amundsen informed us of several opportunities for short-term mission trips to the area where

houses can be repaired, ramps can be built and other miscellaneous tasks can be done. In fact, Robert was receiving applications from area residents who desire work to be done that very day that we talked with him. If your church would like to send a team to Thousandsticks on a mission trip, contact Rev. Robert Amundsen at (606) 672-2581 or email at ramundsen08@gmail.com.

Rev. Amundsen will be speaking at our Covington District Conference on May 5th at 2pm at Immanuel UMC. John Denham and Owen Dolin plan to attend the Red Bird Missionary Conference on May 17-18 in anticipation of the ordination of Rev. Robert Amundsen.

If anyone from the district would like to attend the Conference, please contact the district office at covdistumc@fuse.net.

Goodbye Open House

Our dear friends, DG, Tiffany and Gracie, Hollums have an exciting move ahead of them! They're packing up and heading west to serve at High Point UMC in Rio Rancho, NM. They will be greatly missed in the community, so we want to celebrate all that God has done in them during their ministry in Northern Kentucky and send them out in love.

Please join us in an open house at Immanuel UMC Wesley Hall from 7-9 on Friday, May 3 to say goodbye and send them off. We want to express how much we love them, so we'll be collecting cards, notes, and pictures. If you are unable to attend and would like to include a note in the scrapbook, please email efisk@immanuelumc.org.

Message from DS Cont.

Covington Trinity Cont.

Shannon Blosser will be the new pastor at Trinity. Shannon is being commissioned as a Provisional Elder at this upcoming Annual Conference.

Ludlow Wesley

John Kalz is moving to Buechel UMC (Louisville). David Oliver will be the new pastor at Wesley. David and Sharyn are coming from Maysville Central and moving to David's home area.

NKU Wesley Foundation

David Johnston will be appointed as the full-time Campus Minister. David is being commissioned as a Provisional Elder at this upcoming Annual Conference.

Florence Christ Assistant Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship:

Kieth Daniel (PTLP) will be appointed to this new position at Florence Christ. Kieth is leaving Eggleston after 11 years of service.

Ida Spence Mission Director

Tiffany Hollums will be leaving this position effective June 1st due to the transfer of her husband, D. G., to the New Mexico Conference. We will be praying for D.G., Tiffany and Gracie during this time of transition. I will be working with the Ida Spence Mission Executive Committee to find a qualified director.

Please pray for these pastors and their families as they make plans during this transition period. There will be additional part-time appointments announced later in the month of May.

Blessings,

Owen Dolin, D.S.

Safe Sanctuary

Phil Bradley will be having a Safe Sanctuary Training

Gethsemane UMC, 2776 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY

Saturday, June 1st from 9am-Noon.

There will be a light breakfast for those arriving early. This training is free and open to the entire Covington District. Please contact Pastor Ellaine Hussung if you need more information:

Email: gethsemaneburlington@yahoo.com

Cell: 859-640-4638

District Conference

Sunday, May 5th

2pm - 4pm at Immanuel UMC

Pastor Robert Amundsen from Red Bird Mission will be the speaker

Worship & Delegate Training for Annual Conference

Annual Conference June 9–12 (some highlights)

Sunday	June 9 Registration begins 5–8 pm Nets 5K Youth Rally 5:30 pm
Monday	June 10 Registration/ Opening Worship Evening Ordination Service 7:30 pm
Tuesday	June 11 Retirement Service Afternoon of Service 2:00pm Evening Mission Celebration 7:30 pm Mission Offering will go to help <i>“Imagine No Malaria”</i>
Wednesday	June 12 Reading of Appointments

Volunteers are Still Needed

If you have never helped before, please consider helping this year. If you have helped before, we need you to help out again. Volunteers are needed for ushers, greeters, and registration. See the contact information below.

Carole Delong (Co-Chair) (859) 371-2765 caroledelong@gmail.com

April Garner (Co-Chair) (859) 620-1241 april.garner@century21.com

Greeters call Elaine Markesbery (859) 240-4473 ekmarkesbery@fuse.net

Registration call Karen Cresswell (859) 918-5152 kcress@insightbb.com

Ushers call Mark Burns (859) 743-4526 cell meburns08@insightbb.com

Afternoon of Service Val Holland (859) 803-4110 godreigns@insightbb.com

Annual Conference Information

- We will again be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food for the food pantries in our area. Our youth will be distributing the food. Please bring donations to Annual Conference.
- Mission Offering will go toward helping get rid of Malaria. Start saving!!

During the Afternoon of Service we will again be making health kits for UMCOR. The Covington District will need to provide 750 large sturdy combs for the kits. NO POCKET SIZE COMBS. Start collecting these and bring them to the Convention Center when you come or drop them off at the District Office.

NEEDED !!

Items needed for Annual Conference:

- 2-3 Pop-up (Accordion style) tents for use on the Afternoon of Service
- 2-3 Sofas (In good shape) for use during the entire conference.
- Workers to help with the start of registration and end of the 5K Nets.

Contact the district office if can help or have any of the items that we can borrow.

Run for the Nets 5K

The first Run for the Nets 5K will be held Sunday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. EDT.

The race will take place in Devou Park in Covington, Ky. This is a pre-conference event.

Entry Fees

Registration fee if registered by May 27, 2013 is \$30

Race Day fee is \$35

Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable - no exceptions

Entry fees are payable to the Kentucky Annual Conference - Net proceeds donated to Imagine No Malaria.

Online Registration

To register for Run for the Nets 5K, [click here](#). You will be directed to our online registration site and must use a PayPal account to register. Online registration closes at midnight EDT on Monday, May 27, 2013. You will receive confirmation on-screen and via email immediately following registration.

Mail-In Registration

Mail in registrations are available. Contact the district office for more information.

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 5** District Conference
- **May 6-11** DS Gone
- **May 12** Camp-bell/Pendleton Huddle
- **May 16** UMM Ebenezer
- **May 17-18** Red Bird Conf
- **May 19** Mason Huddle
- **May 21** River Basin Mtg.
- **May 23-24** Cabinet
- **May 26** Foster Chapel Homecoming
- **May 29** Convention Center

April Clergy Birthdays

- May 5** Owen Dolin
- May 7** Joyce Haug
- May 15** Kevin Courtney
- May 19** Loletuth Kalz
- May 20** Tommy Purvis
- May 21** Faron Owen
- May 22** Jonathan Mann

Want to Get Involved?

Health Ministries

- Parish Nursing:
Contact **Linda Howarth**
(859) 572-9110
howlin@fuse.net
- Flu Shots/Blood Drive Van:
Contact **Marlene Faegan**
St. Elizabeth Health Ministries (859) 292-4149
- Mobile Mammography Van:
Contact **Madonna Vinicombe**
(859) 301-2031
Madonna.Vinicombe@stelizabeth.com
- **Ida Spence Mission**
Contact: Tiffany Hollums
462-9730
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- Financial gifts can be sent to: Ida Spence Mission
P.O. Box 121319
Covington, KY 41012-1319
- **People Working Cooperatively**
Contact: **Jere McIntyre**
(859) 653-4609
- **Don Markesbery Home Repair Ministry**
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