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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
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Thoughts from the District Superintendent

It is with sadness that I am sharing that Joyce Maegly has decided to retire from her position at the end of June. Words can't express how much she has meant to the work and ministry of the district. Her sixteen years of service has been a blessing to the clergy and laity throughout the Covington District. Speaking for all five of the District Superintendents that she trained, I want to say thank you for her sweet spirit, keen insight and unmatched work ethic. Thanks, Joyce, for your service to the Lord and to His Church!

When we say goodbye to Joyce, we also will be losing our chief office boy, Gene Maegly. Gene is quick with a corny joke and a good laugh. He also does just about everything that Joyce and I do not want to do. Thanks, Gene, for your service to the Lord and His Church!

We will miss Joyce and Gene tremendously but we still hope they will stop by the District Office from time to time to help us out. I was planning a reception for the Maeglys at the District Conference but I just found out that they have planned a trip to Savannah, Georgia and will be gone. So, let me encourage you to send cards to the Maeglys. Please send them to:

Joyce and Gene Maegly
Covington District
8306 W. Main St.
Alexandria, KY 41001

Grace Rockstroh will be the new Administrative Assistant in the Covington District Office effective July 1st. Grace has been leading the district in the area of New Church Development and Leadership Development. Please be praying for the Joyce and Gene, and Grace as we make these transitions in your District Office.

Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission director Gina Cornelius
- Goshorns missionaries in Peru
- Our Bishop and Cabinet during the appointment process
- Our DS, Owen Dolin
- David Johnston, NKU campus minister and the NKU students
- Pastors who will be moving
- Homer Norman retired pastor



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Covington District Conference

May 18th, 2014, 2:30pm

Alexandria United Methodist Church

Included in this year's district conference will include:

- Recognition and awards including L.A.C.E. Graduates, 100% Mission Covenant, Professions of Faith
- Discussion of proposals for Annual Conference including Reduction of Districts from 12 to 9, Budget from \$9 million to \$7.2 million, and Apportionments from 15% to 13%
- Voting on District Issues including name change, budget, and 2015 nominations

Leading Beyond the Walls

The District Office has Rev. Adam Hamilton's book *Leading Beyond the Walls* which is a book related to Developing Congregations with a Heart for the Unchurched. Rev. Hamilton will be presenting three teaching sessions, one Tuesday night, Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon at Annual Conference. The cost of the book is

\$ 12.00 – stop by the District Office any morning and get your copy to read before Annual Conference.

From Vision to Reality

Last Fall Helena United Methodist Church was blessed with a visit from a person who decided she wanted to attend our church that particular Sunday. We welcomed her with open arms and proceeded to have worship service. After the service our visitor did not rush out the door but stated: "Pastor, may I have a word with you?" And that was only the beginning. The word turned out to be a vision and message she said God had laid upon her heart to deliver to our church thus the reason for her attendance that day. Through much prayer and time spent with God, the congregation embraced the vision and decided to go forward.

So, on Saturday, March 15, 2014 the vision took a step toward reality. Approximately 40 men gathered at Helena UMC for a men's breakfast. This was not an ordinary breakfast. This was an ecumenical gathering to hear about the vision and a presentation. The vision was and is that we come together as a community, a community without boundaries to strengthen the family. In so doing we were to start with strengthening the fathers and men. This was the beginning of a formation of a men's mentor men group.

In our research we found a lot of men who are incarcerated receive teaching, guidance, and spiritual uplifting but once released have nowhere to land. And no place to connect. This group is to support other men who are currently having struggles and difficulties that only other men who have been in similar situations and circumstances could possibly understand. This group will be a place to connect.

After a hearty breakfast provided by the congregation of Helena UMC the group heard a presentation from Mr. Michael Jackson from the Lexington Leadership Foundation in Lexington, Ky. He spoke about the Fayette County Fatherhood Initiative Program and how that program through addressing the needs, problems and concerns of men are strengthening the family. Some of the issues presented were absentee fathers (and how to work with that father) addictions, homelessness, economic problems and others. Mr. Jackson explained the Fatherhood Initiative Program is a national program and that each area will need to utilize the program in a way that fits the needs of the communities they serve.

At the end of the presentation there was a lot of discussion, and the most important thing that came out of this gathering was the decision by the group to continue on and go forward with working together to make this vision an even greater a reality.

Those in attendance were a great representation of not only ecumenical clergy and leaders but also government officials as well. Present for the breakfast and presentation were minister: 4 Baptist, 1 from the Nazarene church , 1 from the Church of the Nativity, and 2 Nondenominational. Also, government officials present were a judge, a state representative, a police chief and a school board chairman.

Counties represented were Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason and even Brown county in Ohio

Helena UMC is a small church located in the southern portion of Mason county. The congregation believe that while we may be small in number we are big in heart, spirit and doing the work of our Lord. We try to continually find was to help make disciples of Christ and to be God's obedient servants.

The church is pastored by Elizabeth L. Smith.

WANTED!

Volunteers are needed at the water station, course guides, and finish line for the 5K Run on Sunday, June 8th before Annual Conference. If you are interested in helping, please contact the District Office at 859-442-5444 or Celeste Doll, cdoll@kyumc.org

Volunteers are also needed for loading and unloading the truck from/back to the Conference Office, ushers, and greeters.

Contact Carole DeLong (606) 584-3651 caroledelong@gmail.com



Mark Your Calendars!

Ida Spence Mission's only district wide fundraiser....

Annual Spaghetti Dinner and
Cake Auction
Immanuel UMC
Saturday, November 1st

Lunch with Adam Hamilton

The New Church Development team would like to invite you to join us for lunch with Adam Hamilton during Annual Conference.

Tuesday, June 10th at 12pm

Covington Ballroom—Marriott Hotel.

\$20 per person

Register by May 19th at kyumc.org

*Rev. Hamilton will be available to sign
Pre-Purchased books immediately following
lunch for those attending.*

Edelmaier Fund/United Methodist Men

Money in this fund is available to churches as a loan of \$2,000 interest free. The funds are to be used for church repairs and improvements. The loan is to be paid back after 1 year or special arrangements are available. The fund is controlled by the District Lay Leader, District Superintendent, United Methodist Men's President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Applications are available from Gene Maegly at 859-441-1644.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 9 - 11, 2014

Reach the World

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Equipping Servant Leaders

Annual Conference will soon be here. If you are the delegate for your local church, remember to get on line and **register**. There are many opportunities for lunches, service, and gathering at Annual Conference so don't forget to register for those as well.

All information can be found at www.kyumc.org.

Run for the Nets 5k

Annual 5k walk/run event to benefit *Imagine No Malaria*

June 8, 2014

Race begins at 6pm

Devou Park, 790 Park Lane, Covington, KY

Start/Finish at the Volpenhein Shelter

\$30 Pre-Registration available online or by mail

(7400 Floydsburg Rd, Crestwood, KY 40014) by May 27, 2014

\$35 Race Day Registration

www.kyumc.org/5krun

Hand Towels

Every year each district is asked to bring an article for the "health kits" that are assembled for UMCOR. This year the goal is 3000 kits. Covington District is asked to bring hand towels (not dish towels). Please start collecting these and bring them with you to Annual Conference or drop them off beforehand (by June 5) to the District Office. Our District will need to furnish approximately 500 plus.

Second Wind Ministry

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Thom Slaughter:

Gospel Singer & Song Writer

Debbie Slaughter:

Cancer and 9/11 Survivor

**Ministering Through
Song & Testimony
Sunday, May 4th at 6:30PM**

Gethsemane United
Methodist Church
2776 Burlington Pike
Burlington, KY 41005

Yard Sale

The United Methodist Women of Trinity United Methodist Church will hold a yard sale on **June 6** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the church (101 E. Southern Ave., Latonia). All proceeds from the sale will benefit mission and ministry projects. Please call the church office at [859-261-](tel:859-261-)

L.A.C.E.

Reminder that our next LACE session is:

Saturday, May 17th

9:30am to 4pm

Alexandria UMC

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Institute of Learning

May 8th, 2014

12:30pm-1pm Lunch Provided

1pm-4pm Webinar

Boone County Public Library in Burlington, KY

Helping Adolescents Cope with Loss

This new program focuses exclusively on the issues that adolescents face as they cope with loss. Adolescence, broadly defined, from middle school years to emerging adulthood, is a significant developmental period during which adolescents form identity, independence, and intimacy. Illness and loss profoundly influence these processes. Moreover, adolescent encounters with loss are likely to be traumatic—deaths by accident, suicide, and homicide. This program explores the ways that healthcare workers, hospice clinicians and staff, social workers, counselors, clergy, funeral directors, and other professionals can assist adolescents as they cope with loss.

InstituteOfLearning@stelizabeth.com or 859-301-4600 for more information

CE Availability

Thousandsticks UMC

Hello friends in Covington. I was wondering if you could get the word out that we are taking applications for work-teams for this summer here at Thousandsticks if any churches would be interested in doing such. If anyone has any questions, they can either contact me by phone (606-672-2581), email (ramundsen08@gmail.com), or on Facebook. Hope everyone is doing well. God Bless.

-Robert Amundsen

Although both the song and movie God's Not Dead have a powerful message; the congregation of Helena UMC didn't have to see the movie or hear the song to receive this message. God in His own mighty way gave this message on Easter Sunday morning to the congregation.

Easter Sunday started out with Helena UMC and Nepton UMC coming together for a beautiful sunrise service at Helena. The service was then followed by a wonderful time of fellowship over breakfast; and then moved into the regular worship service. We were blessed by two powerful messages that day: "The Power of Resurrection" and "Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead".

But there was nothing about the worship service that was *regular!* The sunrise service was to get us ready for what was about to happen. During the second service a family of nine came to visit. It was during this service, when the invitation was given, that five members of that family, one of which was a youth, came to the altar and gave their lives to Christ. But the Holy Spirit was only getting started as a young couple had their baby baptized also during this service. What a beautiful day!

But as God would have it, He definitely wanted to make this Easter Sunday a memorable one. After the benediction was given, the visitors remained to talk. It was during this time of extended fellowship; a young man took his girlfriend by the hand and led her to the altar. Stopping just in front of the altar this young man knelt down on one knee, told his girlfriend he wanted to spend the rest of his life with her, and in front of God and all who were present, he pulled a ring out of his pocket and asked her to marry him. She did say YES!

Anyone of these events shows us that God's Not Dead and the Holy Spirit is still at work. But to have all three within the same service more than solidifies the message that He is Alive and still working!

God never ceases to amaze me! And this Resurrection Sunday is one that for all who were there are not likely to forget. Because we witnessed, experienced, and were the recipients of the excitement, the amazement, the power and glory God has to offer.

Thank you Lord for your *amazing Resurrection Sunday 2014! To God be the glory!!!*

-Pastor Elizabeth L. Smith

Helena United Methodist Church

IDA SPENCE

Our Youth would love the opportunity to showcase their tie dye t-shirts and Mission Shirts (regular)--along with perhaps boxed fudge (still checking into an item we can sell for fundraiser that most are likely to buy) at your church on a Sunday, Wednesday, or any church event.

Please seek God in prayer as to if he is calling you to contribute directly to this cause, or for those He would lead you to approach about sponsoring one of our Youth. Of course, donations in any amount are welcome--and just be sure to include on check/envelope it is for our Youth Camp fund.

They are working to raise money for Aldersgate Camp this summer and are all so excited. Our goal is to send 10-12 Youth--those who have been regular participants in our Youth Group throughout this past year. We are hoping to gradually mend the broken relationship between the Mission and the Camp that developed over the past years. It is a new day--Aldersgate and Ida Spence both have new directors that are eager to work together to get our kids to camp this summer. The new director has put place a sliding scale this Camp Season and has offered a large discount on each child attending. I realize in the past we sent more children, but given the issues that contributed to the strain relations in the past, thought it best to start with the 12 youth.

PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR CHURCH LEADERS AND MISSION TEAMS DIRECTLY IN HOPES OF SECURING SOME DATES IN MAY AND JUNE for our Youth. We can share for a minute or two from the pulpit about why we are there, or your Church Leaders can do that, show our 2 minute video, advertise in the bulletins and announcements etc...and we will set up in the foyer etc.

As Summer approaches, consider bringing your adults and/or youth to the Mission to host a Parking Lot Party before or after one of our evening meals being served from 6-7pm Sunday through Friday each week during the summer months. The long hot days of summer often leave our little ones looking for something FUN to do.

This is an awesome opportunity to share the love of Christ with these little ones.

Sidewalk chalk, bubbles, water games, popsicles....anything that sounds like FUN! This is a great opportunity to introduce members of your congregation to the amazing ministry taking place daily on the "Hill."

Contact Director Gina Cornelius at 859-907-6925 or via email @ ginac.idaspence@gmail.com to schedule your group.

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES May, 2014

27-May3 DS Vacation
8 DLT/Superintendency Mtg.
12 AC Meeting
13 West Huddle
15 Cabinet
17 L.A.C.E.
18 District Conference

May Clergy Birthdays

5 Owen Dolin
7 Joyce Haug
15 Kevin Courtney
19 Jerry Beck
20 Tommy Purvis
21 Faron Owen
22 Jonathan Mann

Want to Get Involved?

Health Ministries

- Parish Nursing:
Contact **Linda Howarth**
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