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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

There are so many important things that appear elsewhere in this newsletter that I want to highlight this month for your consideration:

The **NKU Wesley Foundation** will finally have their own meeting space in the near future if all goes well. For years, our campus ministry has depended upon available space provided to them by the university. Asbury UMC has a house on John Hills Road that will become the home of our campus ministry, but it is in need of some repairs. We have set a goal of raising \$10,000 by asking each church in the Covington District to take a special offering around Thanksgiving for this project. I hope your church will give generously!

The Covington District Prayer Team is encouraging each church to participate in our **Advent Prayer Emphasis**. You are asked to simply list five unchurched persons and pray

for those persons for 21 days. Then, you invited these five persons to your church during the Christmas season. This prayer emphasis stresses the importance of praying for and inviting people who need to experience the love of God through Jesus Christ. Can you imagine what God can do if all of the 70 churches in the Covington District participate in this Advent Prayer Emphasis?

As I travel throughout the district for Charge Conferences, I am noticing few **road signs** indicating the location of our United Methodist Churches. In partnership with our Cokesbury representative, Ms. Brenda Harris, Cokesbury is providing a 15% discount (\$109.65/sign) for the churches of the Covington District who purchase road signs by November 30, 2012. I can testify that a road sign can make a difference in people knowing where your church is located. Place your order with Brenda Harris who information is found in this newsletter.

The **Redbird Missionary Conf.** has lost a great deal of their financial

support due to the death of many faithful supporters and the current economic conditions. The Redbird D.S. is seeking 2000 giving units to commit to giving \$25 per month to support the ministries of the Redbird Missionary Conference. These giving units may be churches, Sunday School Classes, UMW, UMM, youth groups, other groups and individuals. Won't you join me in supporting the work of our sister conference with your commitment?

Ida Spence Mission is having their Spaghetti Dinner on November 10th at Immanuel. There will also be the Pastor's Cake Auction and I have my recipe all ready to bake my cake. I have consulted the world renowned bakery chef, Betty Crocker, for advice.

I realize that this is a great deal to consider but I hope you will seek the Lord's guidance as you decide what you can do to support the ministries highlighted.

Highlights in this issue:

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- WF@NKU THANKSGIVING OFFERING
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Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission and Director Tiffany Hollums who recently had surgery
- Our DS, Owen Dolin, and his wife Ann
- The Community New Start
- Ken Easley-recovering
- Tim Goshorn family in training for mission work
- David Johnston, NKU campus minister
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- Mike Coppersmith family in the death of his father



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Youth

NKYouth Bonfire 2012

November 4

4-7 pm

On Big Bone Rd, Union

More information call

Elly Fisk 859 341-5330

Brooksville UMC

Has four chandeliers that once hung in their sanctuary before they were replaced. They will need some TLC (have been in storage for several months) but are free to anyone that would need them. They are brass plated and have 12 bulbs each

Also if they need to be rewired, Tom Pitts, pastor at Drury, and his class at vocational school have volunteered to do so.

Charge Conference Dates

Oct 28, Maysville Trinity Central Sedon Washington

Nov 4, Orangeburg Olivet Strawberry/Lee Helena Nepton

Nov 7, Pleasant Grove/Taylor Mill

Nov 11, Faith Community Christ Florence Erlanger Immanuel

Nov 18, Germantown/Salem Shanon/Bethel Sardis/Formans Scott/Havens

COVINGTON DISTRICT THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR THE WESLEY FOUNDATION AT NKU

Join United Methodists from across the Covington District on Sunday, November 25 to help make a dream possible!

The Wesley Foundation at Northern Kentucky University, our United Methodist Campus Ministry at NKU, has been given an incredible opportunity. We need your help to make it a reality!

Our Wesley Foundation has not had a Ministry Center – a building from which to minister to campus – for a long time. Thanks be to God, that

is about to change! Asbury UMC is allowing the Wesley Foundation to use a house located very near to NKU's campus, owned by the church, as our new home base for life changing ministry to college students.

Your church's offering or gift will go towards repairing and renovating the house for use as permanent home for our



The Wesley Foundation @ Northern Kentucky University

2916 Alexandria Pike-Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

www.nkuwf.org

[facebook.com/nkuwf](https://www.facebook.com/nkuwf)

Rev. David Johnston, Campus Minister

859-462-6224

NKU Wesley Foundation.
Our District goal is \$10,000.

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.

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Start thinking about this. Call Tiffany at (859) 462 9730 for more information !!!!!

Spaghetti Dinner

November 10, 4:30—7:00 pm

Immanuel UMC

Tickets

\$ 10.00

Kids \$5.00

Under 3 free

Desserts and crafts

Pastor's Cake auction

Adopt a family information will be available.

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.

Special Offer from Cokesbury



Covington District

Special Road Sign Offer for a limited time Available only through your local Cokesbury Sales Representative

Brenda Harris Cokesbury Sales Rep
Off 812.654.1325 Mobile: 513.477.2172
Email: bharris

United Methodist-Dark Blue

Item Number: RSM2 Size: 24" X 40"

Retail: \$129.00 Sale Price: \$109.65

(Covington District Offer when ordered through your Cokesbury Representative

Other types available

Offer expires 11/30/2012

For more information contact B. Harris

Or the District Office 442-5444

Cokesbury road signs, when strategically placed, serve as guideposts to the location of your church. They feature colorful denominational emblems, making them highly visible from the road. They are custom-shaped to best display your denominational logo for maximum recognition. Their high-quality manufacturing makes them the most weather-resistant, colorfast signs available to-day!



Student Day Offering

United Methodist Student Day is

November 25

United Methodist Student Day is just weeks away. Nov. 25 is the day for the offering. This Special Sunday sets aside time to honor our students, and the offering provides scholarships and loans for those attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

The funds raised through United Methodist Student Day provide financial support to help students to stay in school and focused on their studies.

Help students on their path to success by giving to this special offering on Nov 25 th or any other day of the year.

Housing Opportunities of NKY (HONK)

Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK) is a local faith-based non-profit organization that for 20+ years has helped lower-income families achieve the dream of homeownership. HONK rehabs homes and builds new homes in Northern Kentucky while preparing families for homeownership.

HONK has 9 quality, affordable homes available now/soon in Covington, Bellevue, Florence, and Hebron. More homes are in the pipeline. To learn more about HONK and the affordable homeownership opportunities that may be available for members of your congregation, we are inviting local pastors or their designees (plus

guest) to a special evening of Food, Fellowship and Opportunities.

This informational event is being held at:

Twin Oaks Golf & Plantation Club in Latonia

Tuesday, November 13th
 Fellowship begins at 6 pm
 Dinner starts at 6:30 pm
 HONK discussion and Q & A from 7-8 pm

Please RSVP by October 30th. Call HONK at (859) 581-4665 or e-mail:

dhastings@honkhomes.org

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet

November 15, 2012 at FLORENCE UMC

Dinner 6:30 pm Speaker Bill Ellis Retired Professor from Eastern KY University

Come join in the fellowship

United Methodist Women

Conference Annual Mission Celebration

October 27, at Owensboro

November 17,
 Team Mission Meeting
 Covington Trinity



Covington District
3-Step Advent Prayer Emphasis

A. List 5 un-churched people that you want to pray for

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



B. Pray for these people for 21 days:

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|--------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Nov 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

C. Invite these 5 persons to a worship service or special Christmas event.

Ida Spence Spaghetti Fund Raiser Dinner

November 10, 2012
4:30—7:00 pm
At Immanuel UMC

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| <p><u>Tickets</u> \$ 10.00 Kids \$5.00 Under 3 free</p> | <p><u>Crafts</u> Pastor's Cake Auction Pastors get your recipes out and get ready to bake</p> | <p><u>Adopt a Family</u> Information will be available at the dinner</p> |
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**Additional Help
Needed at the
Ida Spence Dinner**

**Crafts are needed to
sell — if have a
talent for crafts —
please bring some.**

**Desserts are needed
for the meal — la-
dies please consid-
er baking and
bringing some.**

New Faith Communities Update

Happy November! I wanted to share with all of you some of the things I have been working on the last few months. Starting in January, I have attended each monthly meeting of the Conference New Church Development team. In addition to attending meetings, I have worked with several team members outside the meeting time on projects relating to the team including drafting a covenant, working on a district MAP, creating a District NCD team, and developing a presentation for the Cabinet.

I have created packets of demographic information for Staffordsburg, Concord, Neave, Covington Trinity, Erlanger, Florence, Washington, and the Covington/Newport area for DS. I attended follow-up informational meetings with the pastors of Staffordsburg, Concord & Neave, and Erlanger as well as attending a visioning meeting at Staffordsburg. I also attended Concord as a "mystery church shopper" for a Sunday morning service at their request and provided them with feedback on the experience as a first-time visitor.

Working with the District Superintendent, I helped form a District New Church Development Team. This team includes 5 clergy and 5 laity. I have been leading the monthly meetings.

I participated as one of the presenters of the Conference NCD team's presentation to the Bishop and Cabinet.

I am working with the District Superintendent to plan clergy meetings as well as laity training workshops in January.

Grace

Asbury Craft Fair

For over 40 years Asbury UMW, at 2916 Alexandria Pk. Highland Hgts. have held a craft fair for missions.

The dates this year are:

Friday, November 9, 7–9 pm

Saturday, November 10, 9—3 pm

Crafts, Home Décor, Christmas Items

Homemade Bake Goods, their special pickles, jelly, jams, cakes in a jar
Lunch with homemade soups, pies

Disaster Training Coming

On January 23, 2013 there will be disaster training in Campbell County.

The Redbird \$25 Commitment

If we had 2000 giving units giving \$25 a month to help our ministry we could have \$600K to supplement our present income and help us meet our budget and change the future of ministry in the Red Bird Missionary Conference and lives we strive to reach. Just think, for \$25 a month, you or your church or your district could be in ministry in one of the economically poorest areas of our country.

Fill out the form below, put it in the mail, and keep the top section as a reminder of your participation.

I will pledge to become part of the \$25 Commitment.

Name _____

Address: _____

City _____

Zip _____

Return to: Red Bird Missionary Conference,
54 Queensdale Ctr. Beverly, KY 40913

Winter Blitz

Plans look awesome for Winter Blitz 2013! Winter Blitz will be held the weekend of January 25-27, 2013 in Louisville. We have **Reggie Dabbs** coming back the fourth time in our history as keynote. The worship band, **Mosteller**, was with us last year at the Conference Youth Rally. We will have some fun from the stage and celebrate together with **The Bucket Boys**.

Early Bird Registration through December 1st is still \$40/person – the same price since 2005. Registration for \$45/person is December 2nd through January 15.

- After January 15 registration is only at the door for \$55/person. A weekend parking pass is \$25/pass and is only available pre-purchased through January 15. More information will be coming.

Red Bird Mission

November 13 and 14 th

You are invited to join us for an Immersion event to experience the ministries of the Red Bird Conference. As we continue our partnership between the Kentucky Annual Conference and the Red Bird Missionary Conference, you will have the opportunity to tour the ministry facilities of Red Bird Mission, Red Bird School, and Henderson Settlement. You will also find out more information about the churches that make up the Red Bird Conference. The Immersion Event will be Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 14. The cost is \$50 and includes lodging and meals. For more information or to register, go to

www.kyumc.org/rbimmersion.

Fall Praise Jam

October 27th

6:57 pm

FALL PRAISE JAM

AT

OAKLAND UMC

7869 STONEHOUSE RD. KY 1997/KY
547 Exits from the AA Highway

CAVE DWELLERS BAND

ROCKING THE HOUSE!

Starting 6:59PM

Doors open at 6:30pm

∞ You are invited ∞

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND COME EARLY TO GET THE BEST SEATING.

ONLY 150 SEATS WILL BE FILLED, others may stand, or dance! See y'all there!

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 3, VIM Training
Nov 4, Charge Conferences
Nov 6, NKU Wesley Mtg
NCD Mtg
Nov 7, Charge Conference

Nov 10 **Ida Spence Dinner**

Nov 11, Charge Conferences
Nov 13—14 **Cabinet Mtg.**
Nov 15, UM Men Mtg.
Nov 18, Charge Conferences

Nov 22—23 **Thanksgiving**
Office Closed

November Clergy Birthdays

Nov 2 Michael Albertson

Nov 14 Kevin Messer

Nov 19 John Kalz

Nov 20 D. G. Hollums

Nov 29 E. J. Saint

Nov 30 Tiffany Hollums

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
tiffanyhollums@gmail.com

- 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**
donmarkesbery@fuse.net

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