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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
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Thoughts from the District Superintendent

A Tribute to Dr. Harold Gardner All of us, I hope, have persons who impacted our lives in a positive way and made us better people for having walked side by side with them. One such person in my life was Dr. Harold Gardner. Yesterday, I learned of Harold's passing and immediately my mind started to reminisce of our times together, and the words of wisdom that he shared with me along the way. Dr. Harold Gardner was my mentor and in many ways a spiritual father. Much can be said about Harold's illustrious career as a United Methodist pastor such as the church's he served and his final appointment prior to retiring as the Covington District Superintendent. But what I remember most are those special times together such as:

Harold and Lottie were great UK fans. Every now and then, usually when UK played Indiana at Indianapolis, Harold would invite my wife and I to go with them, mostly so I would drive. It was always a great time particularly if the Cats won! I have never seen two people yell and get into the game like Harold and Lottie (mostly Lottie). What great memories!

Harold taught me many things about being a District Superintendent. One lesson came when I was being moved from Covington Trinity to Florence. Harold told me to be at Trinity's SPR Committee when he was going to break the news to them that I was moving. He instructed me to share that I was moving, and that I was offered and accepted the move, which was true. Later, he told me he knew that was hard for me to do but you will understand one day why he made me do that. Now, I understand! Sometimes, pastors don't take ownership of their decisions and let the DS or Bishop take the heat. So if you are a pastor reading this tribute, be forewarned when I utilize this bit of wisdom from Harold Gardner.

The Kentucky Conference owes a great deal of gratitude to the financial insight of Harold Gardner. I remember prior to the annual conference that voted on the plan for Wesley Methodist Village in Wilmore, Harold shared his research for the plan with me. I was overwhelmed by his preparation and his knowledge. Today, the Wesley Methodist Village stands as a legacy for visionary leaders like Dr. Harold Gardner. When Harold turned 90 in January, 2013, I called my dear friend in Florida and wished him a Happy Birthday. In typical Harold fashion, he said: "I have a contract with the Lord that states I can live 90 years and I can renew it for an additional 10 years." Apparently, Harold and Lord opted not to exercise that option for 10 more years on earth but chose the eternal life option instead. I can't help but think of what the young prophet, Elisha, prayed as he saw his mentor, Elijah, was taken up to heaven: "Lord, give me a double portion of his spirit." As I reminisce about Harold Gardner's impact on my life, I, too, pray: "Give me a double portion of his spirit". Owen

Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission new director Gina Cornelius
- Adam Gulley (Nepton), healing
- Goshorns in Costa Rica
- Ken Easley
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- Ben Hahn, healing
- Our DS, Owen Dolin
- The family of Harold Gardner (former DS)
- David Johnston, NKU campus minister



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Covington District Christmas Dinner

For Clergy and Families

Friday, December 6th

Alexandria UMC

Fellowship and Appetizers at 6pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

Childcare will be provided.

Reservations must be made by December 2nd.

Please contact the district office at 859-442-5444 or
covdistumc@fuse.net

Chili Cook-Off!

Erlanger UMC

November 9th, 5pm-7pm

Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids ages 6-12, and Free for ages 5 and under.

For more information call the church office at 859 -727 -2136 or email Mark Burns

Meal Ministry for the Wesley Foundation @ NKU

Autumn 2013 & Spring 2014

Each Wednesday during the autumn and spring semester, students gather for Vine & Branches, which is a worship service with a dinner beforehand. Providing tasty meals for students is a way for you to get involved with our ministry to students! Think about it, the meals you provide will have something campus food does not: the love of God. So consider getting your UMW, UMM, Sunday School class, or whoever together to help put on a meal. Here are some details on what it'll involve:

- Food for 15-20 students (though as the semester begins, we'll have a better sense of how many will get involved).
- Dinner begins at 7pm, so the food should be dropped off any time before then. Call David at 859-462-6224 to arrange drop off time (afternoon is preferred.)
- Though not required, having a few servings of a "vegetarian option" would be nice
- We have access to Asbury's kitchen so we can keep food warm or reheat if needed. Crock-pots are also a good way to go.
- Please drop off a desert too. We'll feast on it after worship.
- We will provide plates, utensils, etc. as well as drinks
- Meals are every Wednesday from September 4th, 2013 until April 30th, 2014 with a break in December.

To sign up go to <http://ow.ly/nGMHT> This will bring you to Meal Train where you can see what dates are available and what meals we've already had (so we don't have spaghetti for a month). If you do not have internet access or have any questions contact David Johnston at david@nkuwf.org or 859-462-6224

Free Veteran's Day Breakfast

For all veterans and spouses on

November 11, 2013 7 am to 11 am

At Carthage United Methodist Church, 3027 Carthage Road, California

More info call 908-0237

The Ida Spence Mission “\$10 Makes A Difference” Campaign

For the month of **November**

It is that time of year again, the annual Spaghetti Dinner/Cake Auction to benefit the Mission.

On **November 2nd from 5-7pm at Immanuel UMC**, local pastors will be baking to benefit the Mission. Please plan to participate in the Annual Cake Auction that will take place during the spaghetti dinner. Gift baskets and other items will also be available.

After much time in prayer seeking the direction of our Lord as to how we can work together to continue to fund the many life changing ministries taking place at the Mission on a daily basis, here it is –The “**\$10 Makes a Difference**” Campaign taking place in the month of November.

Please my friends, my brothers and sisters in Christ, prayerfully consider leading your congregations in the “**\$10 Makes a Difference**” 2013 Campaign. Plan to add it to your church calendar for 2014. Times are tough for many, and we have all experienced a decrease in giving. Sadly, for a Church that exists solely on the generosity of members from other churches, the results can be devastating.

When each of us offers up our \$10 seed, planted together, these seeds are sure to reap a great harvest. When we are willing to make this small sacrifice, we will prove to the world that we are his disciples, through our love for one another (John 13:35).

Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner/Cake Auction will be delivered this week to all NKY churches (while those further out will receive them in the mail). In addition to the tickets, envelopes addressed to the Mission will also be made available for anyone choosing to make a donation at a later date, and a Sign Up sheet for our monthly email updates titled “Friends of Ida Spence.” Please reach out to your church staff/lay leaders, securing individuals that will be available after each service to sell tickets and accept donations.

Please consider showing this short video (2 minutes 28 seconds) during your Sunday Services by following this link to Youtube,

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDKilSIUrCQ&feature=youtu.be>.

This video captures the heart of this ministry—the children we serve.

I welcome the invitation to speak/preach at your church anytime throughout the year—ginac.idaspence@gmail.com or by phone at [859-907-6925](tel:859-907-6925).

May you continue to be richly blessed in your service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

—Gina Cornelius, Director, Ida Spence Mission

Ida Spence Mission

We would love to continue our Cleaning Supplies Ministry -- blessing over 100 families w/ the following four items each month -- laundry detergent 2. Dish liquid 3. Lysol or something similar 4. Bleach

Please partner w/ Ida Spence by committing to a Cleaning Supplies Drive at your church once every six months or once a year. Please consider introducing this need to your Youth Pastors , Children's Pastors, Missions Pastors, UMW Groups, Lay Leaders, or even your Pre-Schools.

Doing good has never been easier! In fact its as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Select your one or two months for the year.
2. Contact Gina at ginac.idaspence@gmail.com to be added to our schedule.
3. Begin promoting your selected month for the Cleaning Supplies Drive within your own congregation.

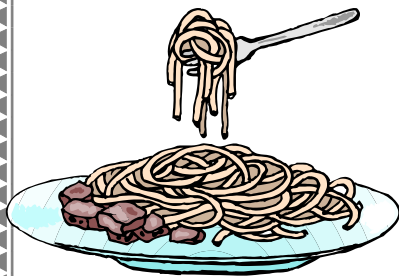
Ida Spence Mission

Annual Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, November 2

4:00-7:00pm

Immanuel UMC—Lakeside Park

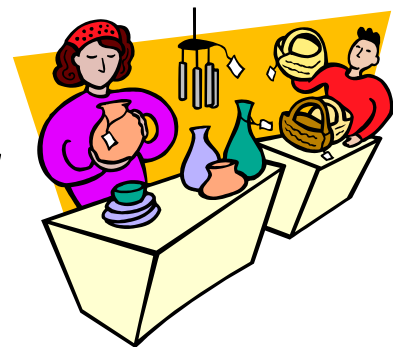


\$10 Adult, \$5 Child

Under 3, free

Auctions!

Crafts for Sale



Cake and Gift Baskets

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES
November, 2013

- 2 Ida Spence Dinner
- 3 Carter's Chapel CC
Harrison Co. Huddle
Tri-County Meeting
- 6 Pleasant Grove/Taylor
Mill CC
- 10 Faith Community CC
Gethsemane CC
Christ CC
Florence CC
- 13 Asbury CC
- 17 Covington Epworth CC
Erlanger CC
Immanuel CC
- 18/19 Cabinet
- 19 Highlands CC

- 20 California CC
- 24 Strawberry/Lee CC
Mason Co Huddle
May Central CC
OFFICE CLOSED
11/27—30
THANKSGIVING

November &
December Clergy
Birthdays

- Nov 4 Jeremy Ruegg
- Nov 14 Kevin Messer
- Nov 29 EJ Saint
- Dec 9 Daniel Simonton
- Dec 19 Roger Wallace
- Dec 30 Mark Shepherd

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**
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tries (859) 292-4149
- Mobile Mammography
Van:
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- **Ida Spence Mission**
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- Financial gifts can be sent
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