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The Covington District Newsletter



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Pastor Changes and Pastor Appreciation Month

We have five new pastors in the Covington District since Annual Conference. Here is the list of new pastors:

Greg Williams is the supply pastor at Strawberry/ Lee's Chapel. Greg is a member at Covenant UMC in La Grange and drives to these churches ever weekend.

Troy Hahn is the supply pastor at Minerva. Troy is the son of Ben and Brenda Hahn and is a member at the Alexandria UMC

Paul Hammond is the supply pastor at Shannon/Bethel in Mason County. Paul is a certified lay speaker from the Benson and Curry Charge.

Jeffrey Jackson is the supply pastor at Cynthiana Elmarch. Jeffrey is well known in the Cynthiana area and he was formally on staff at Leesburg Christian Church. Chad Chamness, the former pastor at Elmarch, returned to Texas due to the health of his mother-in-law.

Ron Berry, who retired at this last Annual Conference will be serving Faith Community effective November 2. Mike Albertson, the current pastor of Faith Community, will be taking an Ad Interim Retirement (in between conferences effective that same date.

Please keep these pastors (both the former and new ones) and the churches in your prayers as they minister to the people in their communities. If you have the opportunity to encourage the new pastors, please do so.

Everybody needs encouragement. Pastors, in particular, need to hear words of encouragement. It is not easy to be a pastor in today's world. Many people are calling this period of time "The Post-Christian Era". Whether you agree with that terminology or not, it has become more and more difficult to be a Christian today and especially a Christian pastor. I have said all of this to say:

"Encourage your pastor and appreciate the work that they do. October is "Pastor Appreciation Month" so I hope every pastor in the Covington District will receive words and acts of encouragement from their congregations."

Blessings,

Owen Dolin

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Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence Mission and Director Tiffany Hollums
- Our DS, Owen Dolin, and family
- The Community New Start
- Ken Easley-recovering from surgery
- Tim Goshorn family in training for mission work
- David Johnston, new NKU campus minister
- Our Bishop and Cabinet



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Clergy Meeting

Clergy Meeting
October 11, 2012
At Butler UMC 10—Noon
Lunch to Follow

A presentation on "Holy Marketing" for your church

District Prayer Emphasis for the season of Advent

New Health Savings Account presentation by Rob Moorlach, Kentucky Annual Conference

Everyone that participates in the health plan should be present

Cov. Epworth Celebration

On Sunday, October 28th Covington Epworth Church will celebrate their **135 th** Anniversary with a Homecoming celebration.

There will be a special worship service at 10:30 am (childcare provided) with a coffee and cake reception afterwards.

At 5:00 pm there will be a potluck dinner followed by the **Ball Family Gospel Singers** in concert at 6:00 pm.

Need a ride call Pastor Jim Bishop at 859 466-5442 and he will help make arrangements.

Charge Conference Dates

Sept 30, Ebenezer Cynthiana First Lair Benson/Curry
Oct 7, Warsaw Drury Williamstown Walton
Oct 10 Morning View
Oct 14, Berry Boyd Falmth Carthage
Oct 17, Eggleston
Oct 18, Staffordsburg
Oct 21, Carters Ch. Alexandria Asbury Highland Cov. Epworth
Oct 24, Gethsemane
Oct 28, Maysville Trinity Central Seddon Washington
Nov 4, Orangeburg Olivet Strawberry/Lee Helena Nepton
Nov 7, Pleasant Grove/Taylor Mill
Nov 1, Faith Community Christ Florence Erlanger Immanuel
Nov 18, Germantwn/Salem Shanon/Bethel Sardis/Formans Scott/Havens

NKU Campus Ministries

Our semester is going well here at NKU. What we have been truly blessed by is the consistency of the students we've connected with. Consistency was an issue last academic year, so we give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us and these students faithfulness to our gathering times. Two of them have yet to miss an event except when a class conflicts! One of them even treks into the Student Union to make the last 10 minutes of our bible study (of course we promised him that meant he could always have the last word).

We are looking forward to going

News from the Wesley Foundation

on a fall retreat to Camp Loucon with other Wesley Foundations from across the conference. Our theme is Luke 9:23: "Then [Jesus] said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'" This retreat will engage students in fellowship, worship, and also leading different workshops and seminars centered around our theme. The retreat will be Oct. 26-28. If you know any college students interested, please put them in touch with us: da-vid@nkuwf.org. Looking on to next semester, there are several things we are excited about God doing. First is

recognizing the commitment many of our students make to our ministry but inviting them to become student leaders of the ministry. One of our tasks as your college ministry is to form principled Christian leaders for tomorrow, and this is one we will do that. Second, we have recently applied for a grant from the conference that, if awarded, would help us secure a worship space of our own. Asbury UMC has agreed to let us use a house they own near campus on a long term basis. This is an exciting opportunity

to have a home base for our activity. However, the house needs major renovations that would be possible with this grant. We'll also be inviting local churches, UMWs, and UMMs to lend a hand in some of the work side by side with our students. Finally, we have begun conspiring on a spring break mission trip that will happen during March. Please pray that God will guide us in all of these things, transform the lives of our students, and draw more students into our band of disciples.

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.

Trunk or Treat

October 28

At 3:00 pm

Bring Candy, your car and fun to bless the kids in the community.

Adopt a family for Christmas

Start thinking about this. More information to come!!!!

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.

Come be a Part and Help!

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.

District Superintendency Committee Report

Greetings from the District Superintendency Committee. We have been blessed in the Covington District for several years to have strong and caring leadership at the district level. As our new Superintendent continues to settle in among us, it is clear that we continue to have a leader that is dedicated to fulfilling the responsibilities of his position. By now we have all had the opportunity to meet Owen Dolin and to at least begin to get to know him. His job is a daunting one and I'm not sure we all realize just how overwhelming the job of District Superintendent can be from time to time. We all know that he is responsible for many churches, there are now actually 69 in our district, and many pastors (61). As if that doesn't keep him busy, he is also on the board of the NKU Wesley Foundation, Ida Spence Mission, and Ruggles Camp. Add to the meetings for those organizations the meetings with the Conference cabinet, clergy meetings, and the CEU requirements that we all have and you

begin to see how much time those requirements take up.

Appointments are a huge part of our DS's job but most of us only think of appointments as a March to June part of the church. Did you know that there have been five charges within our district with changes to their appointments since Annual Conference? Making sure that every charge has a pastor is quite a job and finding pastors to supply those charges is not an easy task, especially in some of our small rural churches.

With all these responsibilities in mind (and there are others) probably the most important part of a District Superintendent's job is to be a pastor to the pastors of his district. Owen takes this part of his job very seriously and is available to each of his pastors when needed. He has been trying to get to as many of our churches as possible to attend a worship service and now that he is conducting charge conferences (another time consuming responsibility)

he is making his way around the district. However, we all know what an impossibility it is for him to be with all the churches on an even irregular basis. As an example, his house is over an hour and a half from my church.

Just as we, as pastors of our churches, need help from our members, our District Superintendent needs our help as our pastor. I would hope that each of us would encourage him, ask him how we can help, call him when we need, but work out things on our own when possible, and show him the Christian love that he shows us. We are indeed blessed to be a part of the Covington District family and to be served by a man who loves the Lord with his whole heart. We are a team, all working together for the same goal, to make disciples of all people. Please feel free to contact me or any of the members of the District Superintendency Committee with any questions or needs.

Bill Henry, Pastor of Mt Olivet UMC and Chair of the District Superintendency Committee

NEW CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE

Fall is here and we have been working hard at the district office to get things going with our New Church Development Team. We recently had our second meeting and are already jumping in to creating a plan for the district. I am excited about this team and their passion for existing churches within the district as well as the possibilities for creating new spaces for new people. One of the really exciting things we are starting to think about is specialized training for laity that are inter-

ested in being part of a support team for church planters, so look for more information about that coming soon! I hope to get to see all of you at the Clergy Meeting on October 11th at Butler UMC. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me and let me know how I can help you and your congregation!

Blessings, Grace
grace.rockstroh@gmail.com

United Methodist Men

**The United Methodist
Men will meet**

November 15, 2012

Place to be determined

Dinner 6:30 pm

**Come join in the
fellowship**

United Methodist Women

District Mission Study

October 6,

**Registration 8:30 –9
Meeting 9—2**

Ludlow Wesley

Bring a sack lunch

**Drinks and Desserts
furnished.**

Conference Annual

Mission Celebration

October 27, at Owens-

Volunteers in Mission Training Event Coming Soon!

United Methodist Volunteers in

**Mission Leader Training
Saturday, November 3, 2012
State Street UMC –**

Bowling Green

Are you interested in mission opportunities both close to home and abroad? Do you feel led to lead a team to experience what God is doing in other places? Do you want to make sure your mission trips are well planned and bear fruit? United Methodist Volunteers in Mission is offering training to equip individuals to lead mission effective mission trips. UMVIM offers the opportunities of hundreds of United Methodist mission sites around the United States and around the globe.

There will be two trainings tracks offered:

UMVIM Team Leader training will equip you with the knowledge, tools, and resources to successfully lead your church's short-term mission team. Our United Methodist missionaries tells us that they can tell a difference between volunteer groups

Ruggles District Methodist Men Fall Meeting

Monday, October 22,

Dinner 6:30 and Meeting at 7 pm.

Music by the Cooper sisters

Guest Speaker Rev. Jerry Eubanks,
pastor of Mt Carmel UMC.

For more information call Tim Tee-
garden at 606- 564-9313

Disaster Training Coming

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

they receive that are led by a UMVIM trained leader and those that aren't. The practical education and resources from the training will empower you to be a better leader to your church's team and a better mission partner to your destination ministry. UMVIM training will empower you to lead in mission.

UMVIM Team Leader training will open doors to your church's mission team. There are hundreds of mission sites in the United States and around the world who are ready to receive United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Teams, and many require that the mission teams they receive be led by a UMVIM trained team leader. Partnering with Methodist mission sites will allow create an instant and deeper bond between your team and your mission site. In addition, UMVIM offers affordable, first-rate insurance to registered teams led by team leaders. UMVIM training will open worlds of mission opportunities to you and your local church. You can register for the training at www.kyumc.org/vimleadertraining

Scott UMC News

Scott UMC received nine new members. There were 6 baptized, 2 reaffirmations and 1 transfer. The baptism was held Sunday, September 16. What a great blessing.

The Scottaire Choir of Scott UMC celebrated its 45th anniversary on September 22. The choir was organized in 1967 under Rev. L. H. Fields. They have participated in local churches and community events. Also, they have appeared in Indianapolis, Dayton, Covington, Falmouth, Columbus and at Annual Conference.

Charter Members: Rose Nelson, Ida Green, and Frances Combs.

Rev. James Turley, Pastor
scottumc.webs.com

Red Bird Mission Immersion Event

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.

United Methodist Mountain Mission

The Mountain Mission Trucks will be in the area on October 15-16 th

October 15th Pick up at

Cynthiana First, Elmarch, Ebenezer, Curry, Berry/Boyd, Falmouth, Butler, Carthage, Alexandria, Asbury, Highland, New Hope, and Melbourne.

October 16th Pick up at

Erlanger, Covington Trinity, Pleasant Grove, Staffordsburg, Taylor Mill, Immanuel, Florence, Christ, Carter's Chapel, and Williamstown

NEEDED

Men's clothing – new socks and underwear –pots and pans – shoes

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 2, NKU Wesley Mtg.
Oct. 7, Charge Conference
Oct. 10, Charge Conference
Oct. 11, Clergy Meeting at Butler
Oct. 13, Conference Leadership
Oct. 14, Charge Conferences
Oct. 15—16 Cabinet
Oct. 17, Charge Conference
Oct. 18, Charge Conference
NCD Team Mtg.
Oct. 21, Charge Conferences
Oct. 24, Charge Conferences
Oct. 28, Charge Conferences

OCT. 11 CLERGY MTG

October Clergy Birthdays

Oct 5 Elizabeth Smith
Oct 6 Daniel Nikolich
Oct 19 Brian Wilson
Oct 21 Phil Hogg
Oct 31 Jerry Watkins

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
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- **People Working Cooperatively**
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- **Don Markesbery Home Repair Ministry**
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