

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*

A Monthly Newsletter

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- Reflections -

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10

"... Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray."
John 9:28b

“**Six Keys to Being Excellent at Anything**,” seemed to be a pretty ambitious title for an article on the [Harvard Business Review](http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2010/08/six_keys_to.html) website, http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2010/08/six_keys_to.html by Tim Schwartz. I expected to find a list of clichés that I’ve read before. It turns out that Schwartz gives good, research-based advice.

Key #5, however, was not something I anticipated finding in the [Harvard Business Review](http://blogs.hbr.org/cs/2010/08/six_keys_to.html). Writing to an audience of business leaders, Schwartz states that that key #5 to “Being Excellent at Anything” is to “take regular renewal breaks!” “Relaxing after intense effort not only provides an opportunity to rejuvenate, but also to metabolize and embed learning. It’s also during rest that the right hemisphere becomes more dominant, which can lead to creative breakthroughs.”

Has the business world discovered what we as church leaders are in danger of forgetting? Have we engaged so much of our energy in the hard work of trying to build the Kingdom of God that we’ve neglected our spiritual well? Didn’t Jesus take regular renewal breaks to pray to His Heavenly Father? If the church is lacking in vitality and “creative breakthroughs,” could it be because we are not taking time for personal and corporate (i.e. church) spiritual renewal breaks?

On August 30 through September 3rd, I am taking a personal retreat at the Abbey of Gethsemani, near Bardstown, Kentucky. My time there will be focused on renewing my spiritual well. I realize that not everyone can take off five days for a retreat, but I challenge all of you, laity and clergy, to build-in some time in this coming year for regular renewal. I believe that it will make a tremendous difference in your life, your family, in our churches, and in our District. It is a key step toward excellence!

Grace & Peace,
Kevin

District News and Events

Church Women United -East Central Regional Event-
 Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio
 "CLAIM A NEW VISION TOGETHER" October 15-17
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville.
 Registration Friday, 3-5:30pm End Sunday, noon

Important Announcements:

The District Office will be closed from September 1 until September 7. The District Superintendent will be on a Spiritual Retreat from August 30 through September 3 and the office will be closed Labor Day, September 6. Also, he will be attending Cabinet meetings on the 7th and 8th.

Joyce will be out the office from September 1 through the 6th. If necessary, you can reach her at (859) 441-1644. Also, she will be checking email and messages on the office

Prayer Concerns to remember:

- John Jefferson (pastor at Nepton
- New Church Start - Matt Johnsc
- Ida Spence Mission
- Grace Ministry
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- Ken Easley
- David Ryan



A huge thank you to the wonderful churches and servants of the Covington district for your generous donations of time, prayers, supplies and donations for the Ida Spence Mission VBS. You all have truly been the hands and feet of Christ to this community. I thank God for you.

Blessings,
 Tiffany Hollums

IDA SPENCE UNITED METHODIST MISSION NEWS

We are in great need of the following items (as food stamps do not cover these important household items)
 Bleach, Detergent, Toilet paper, Pine Sol
 ANY toiletries-deodorant, toothpaste, feminine products, diapers, etc
 And any cosmetics especially trial sizes would be wonderful!!!

Upcoming Events:
 TRICK OR TREAT October 31st at 4:30-6 Get a group from your church to decorate the car trunk and fill it with prizes or candy and come to bless the children of this community! Please contact Tiffany if you can come

FALL SPAGHETTI DINNER AND CAKE AUCTION FUNDRAISER
 Saturday, November 13 , 4:30-7 at Immanuel UMC

Pastors-we need your wonderful culinary skills again this year so begin now planning your creations!!!

Adopt a family Christmas is also coming up! Please pray about adopting a family from Ida Spence this Christmas. Interested? Please contact Tiffany

Contact Tiffany Hollums at
Tiffanyhollums@gmail.com
 call (859) 581-9174 and leave a message

We are sending out a special Ida Spence mission newsletter via email-if you are interested in receiving this please contact Tiffany via email.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER

Our Mission Together Covenant represents the minimum mission and ministry needs of our annual conference. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist states that full payment of Our Mission Together is the first missional responsibility of the church (cf. ¶ 247.14).

Based on our conference treasurer's report in June, the following churches appear to be well on their way to paying 100% of their Our Mission Together Covenant!

Alexandria	Helena	Olivet
Asbury	Immanuel	Orangeburg
Bethel (Mason Co.)	Lair	Pine Grove
Brooksville	Ludlow Wesley	Piqua
Concord (Bracken Co.)	Maysville Central	Sardis
Concord (Pendleton Co.)	Maysville Seddon	Shannon
Eggleston	Maysville Trinity	Wagoners Chapel
Erlanger	Melbourne	Walton
Faith Community	McKendree	Warsaw
Florence Christ	Minerva	Washington
Florence	Morning View	Williamstown
Foster's Chapel	Mt. Olivet	
Ft Thomas Highland	Nepton	

2010 Charge Conference Gatherings
All gatherings will start at 2:00 pm

Augusta UMC – September 19th

1. Augusta/Foster
2. Brooksville
3. Concord/Neave
4. Germantown/Salem
5. Seddon

Foster's Chapel UMC – September 26th

1. Mt Olivet Circuit
Piqua
McKendree
Foster's Chapel
2. Mt. Olivet
3. Sardis/Forman's Chapel
4. Shannon/Bethel

Williamstown UMC – October 3rd

1. Berry
2. Boyd
3. Carter's Chapel
4. Drury's Chapel
5. Falmouth
6. Walton
7. Warsaw
8. Williamstown

Cynthiana Elmarch UMC – October 10th

1. Benson/Curry
2. Cynthiana First
3. Ebenezer
4. Elmarch
5. Lair
6. Mt Pleasant
7. Oddville
8. Pine Grove
9. Wagoners

Maysville Trinity UMC October 24th

1. Central
2. Helena
3. Minerva
4. Nepton
5. Olivet
6. Orangeburg
7. Scott/Haven's Chapel
8. Strawberry/Lee
9. Trinity
10. Washington

Erlanger UMC – November 7th

1. Covington Trinity
2. Eggleston
3. Epworth
4. Erlanger
5. Faith Community
6. Florence
7. Florence Christ
8. Gethsemane
9. Immanuel
10. Taylor Mill
11. Wesley

Highland UMC – November 14th

1. Alexandria
2. Asbury
3. Butler/Concord (Pen)
4. California
5. Carthage
6. Highland
7. Melbourne
8. Morning View
9. Oakland
10. Pleasant Grove
11. Staffordsburg

**Next Clergy Meeting will be on
Tuesday, September 14, at 10:00
am at Alexandria UMC.**

**RED BIRD
MISSIONARY
OFFERING**



Mission Offering Report

Praise the Lord!
The offering for Red Bird Mission at Annual Conference was \$200,000 plus. Bishop Davis had set a goal of \$100,000 for the Conference. The Lord is good. District Superintendent Kevin Burney had set a goal for the Covington District of \$30,000. To date we have had the following offerings from churches in the Covington District for Red Bird:

Alexandria	741.00	Asbury	500.00
Benson/Curry	500.00	Butler	226.00
Carters Chapel	250.00	Concord	100.00
Covington Trinity	100.00	Cynthia First	100.00
Drury	89.00	Ebenezer	217.00
Epworth	50.00	Erlanger	700.00
Faith Community	400.00	Falmouth	2000.00
Florence	2000.00	Highland	780.00
Immanuel	3500.00	Maysville Central	300.00
Maysville Seddon	126.00	Maysville Trinity	200.00
Orangeburg	100.00	Piqua	51.00
Shannon/Bethel	700.00	Staffordsburg	75.00
Walton	100.00	Washington	1131.00
Wesley (Ludlow)	155.00		

Total to date of \$15,191.00!

United Methodist Men and Women:

UMM The next District Meeting of the United Methodist Men will be held at Minerva UMC on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm. The "pig roast" at Florence was fantastic -- come join in the fun in November.

UMW The District UMW will hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 25, at the Florence UM Church.

Registration starts at 8:30 - 9:00 am
Speakers are Wesley and Maureen Alexander
Topic: *Haiti - a Mission of Love*

Cost of the meal \$6.40 Noon
Florence UMW will provide drinks and desserts.

Reservations must be in by September 4. Call Mary Jo Willoughby at 859 586-5867 or email Pam Tull at pgtull@ekns.net

**Clergy Meeting Dates for the rest of 2010 plus one
Please put on your calendar NOW !!!**

Tuesday, September 14, 2010	10:00 am
Alexandria UMC	
Thursday, October 14, 2010	10:00 am
Cynthiana Ebenezer	
Tuesday, November 16, 2010	10:00 am
Maysville Trinity	

DECEMBER 10, CLERGY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, January 13, 2011	10:00 am
Asbury UMC	

**Future Clergy Breakfast Dates
Put on your calendar NOW!!!!**

Thursday, September 9, 2010	8:30 am
Frischs Northern KY Orphange Road	
Thursday, September 23, 2010	8:30 am
Maysville Bob Evans	
Thursday, November 4, 2010	8:30 am
Frischs Northern KY Orphange Rd.	
Thursday, November 11, 2010	8:30 am
Bianckes Cynthiana	

LACE... At Last!

The Lay Academy of Church Excellence (LACE) will have its first session in the Covington District starting in October, 2010. LACE is for any United Methodist who wants to know and understand more about Methodism and improve their leadership skills in the church.

All LACE sessions will be held at the **Alexandria United Methodist Church**, centrally located in the District at **8286 West Main Street in Alexandria**.

The session dates are as follows:

October 16, 2010	November 13, 2010	January 15, 2011
February 19, 2011	March 19, 2011	

There will be make-up dates for cancelled sessions due to inclement weather.

Sessions will begin each Saturday at **9:00 am**, and conclude by **3:45 pm**. Lunch will be provided. The cost is **\$16.00** per session, or **\$80.00** for the entire program.

In addition to Basic Lay Speaker training, topics include: United Methodist Beliefs on Baptism and Communion, Leadership, Caring and Compassionate Service, Conflict Resolution, Evangelism, Organization of the United Methodist Church, Duties of Church Officers... and more.

Advance registration is required. For more detailed course offerings and registration, contact Brian Wilson at revbnw@fuse.net.

CLERGY SCHOOL
October 11- 12, 2010
KY Annual Conference Center

Effective Evangelism in a Changing Culture

Clergy School - 2010 - Oct 11, 2010

Clergy School 1.5 CEU October 11-12, 2010 Location: Kentucky Annual Conference Office, Crestwood, KY Cost is \$90. Includes lunch both days To Be Considered Registered for this event, payment must be received at least 3 business days prior to the event. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. EST

Effective Evangelism in a Changing Culture

The most effective evangelism happens when we understand our cultural context. Our culture in the U.S. is changing rapidly and the evangelism techniques...



[Laity Day Apart With Bishop Davis](#)

Join Bishop Davis, along with wife Jennifer, for Laity Day Apart...

"Down Home with Bishop Lindsey and Jennifer Davis"

"The State of the Church: Vision and Focus of Kentucky Methodists"

September 25

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (EDT)

Memorial UMC

Elizabethtown, KY

Covington District
The United Methodist Church
36 Johns Hill Road, Suite C
Highland Heights, KY 41076

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DISTRICT CALENDAR AND BIRTHDAYS

The Covington District
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September Birthdays: 6 Eric Patterson; 15 Terry McDuffy; 18 David Oliver;
20 Sam Jones; 23 Woody Woodford; 30 Mason Harrod

Superintendent's Calendar for September: August 30 - September 3 **Spiritual Retreat;** 6 Office Closed - Holiday; 7 - 8 **Cabinet Mtg.** 9 Clergy Breakfast NK Frischs; 14 **CLERGY MEETING ALEX;** 15 CRRT Mtg. 16 Workshop; 19 **CC Augusta;** 21 DLT; 23 Clergy Breakfast Maysville; 25 **UMW Annual Mtg.** 26 **CC Foster's Chapel;** 28 Young Clergy Lunch

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Check out our updated website at

www.covingtondistrictumc.com

It's a work-in-process, so all comments will be appreciated!

Have something you'd like to see there?

Changes/corrections/additions to your individual church information? Let us know!

Contact us at covdistumc@fuse.net or call the district office at 859-442-5444

Debbie Maskey, District Website Coordinator, can help your local church establish a website. Contact her at 859-240-8799.