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The Covington District Newsletter



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Two New District Teams Formed

Administrative Teams are necessary at the district level in order to organize ministries that benefit the local church. There are also teams that deal with the necessary administrative tasks that have to be done. We currently have these teams in place:

The District Leadership Team acts much like the Administrative Board or Council in the local church.

The District Board of Trustees deal with property and legal matters.

The Committee on District Superintendency shall support the district superintendent in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church. I view this committee much like a PPR or SPR committee in the local church.

The District Board of Church Location and Building is re-

quired by the Book of Discipline to approve building projects and land purchases planned by local churches.

The District Committee on Ordained Ministry serves the purpose of dealing with clergy matters on the district level.

I am not one to add teams just to add work. However, we have added two new district teams that I believe are crucial to our work. Here are the two additional teams:

The District New Church Development Team. As many of you are aware, the task of growing new faith communities has been given to each district. Grace Rockstroh, our new staff person on the district, will lead this team as we move forward to create new churches in the Covington District.

The District Prayer Team. I woke up in a panic one night after being appointed to be a district

superintendent wondering how I can do all the things that are expected and to see the district grow and churches flourish. The answer became clear to me as I heard that soft inner voice asked: "What has guided you throughout your ministry?" My reply: "Prayer". So, I have decided I need a Prayer Team to create an atmosphere of prayer throughout the district and to remind us all of the importance of prayer. **Ben Hahn** has agreed to chair this team. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact the district office.

You will be hearing more from these two new teams as we move in the direction that God wants us to go. Please be praying for me and the work on the district level. I believe the district exists for the purpose of strengthening your church and your ministry. Blessings **Owen**

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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
- Homer Norman recovery
- Tim Goshorn — healing
- Ken Easley-recovering from surgery
- Our Bishop and Cabinet
- David Johnston, new NKU campus minister
- Ken Jett, recovery



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3rd Annual Summer Jam Concert

**Oakland UMC presents the
3rd Summer Jam Concert
At Oakland UMC**

September 15, 6—9 pm

Summer Jam is an outdoor concert that began 3 years ago with the vision of supporting up and coming Christian musicians.

The Church strongly feels this should be kept FREE to the public.

In addition to the music, there is a complimentary cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs/ brats/metts and desserts and drinks.

Lee Roessler and his band are being featured.

Lee grew up in Alexandria and graduated from Bishop Brossart High School.

He is a parochial high school music teacher who feels called to share the hope and strength he's found in Christ. Lee has volunteered his time for the event.

Come and bring someone with you who does not currently attend church!!!

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

Coming Events of Interest

Carter's Chapel Homecoming
with music and lunch. Oct 30
More to come next month.

**Fifth Sunday Gathering of
Maysville Methodists**

Next Fifth Sunday gathering is September 30 th at 6:00 pm at Washington UMC with the Limestone Chorale featured in a concert of sacred music.

Erlanger UMC

Juicy Steak Night Sept 15
From 5—7 pm Cost \$10.00
Kids hamburger meal \$6.00
Reservations call 859 727 2136

Campus Ministries Welcomes Back Students

Classes have kicked off at NKU, so the Wesley Foundation has been in full string connecting with new students and welcoming to campus. The dear sweet saints of Asbury UMC baked a ton of cookies for us to hand out on Freshmen Move-



in Day. It was great to see students eyes light up and their inner-child peek through at the question, "Can I interest you in some cookies?" Don't worry, we

introduced ourselves so no one ended up taking cookies from a stranger. NKU also hosts Fresh-Fusion, a student organization fair of 100+ student groups around Loch Norse. The Wesley Foundation set it self apart by serving up frozen margaritas (non-alcoholic, of course), which were a big hit on a 90+ degree day. Finally, we hosted a Welcome (Back) Picnic at Reuscher Park. We served up hot

dogs, hamburgers, chips, and frozen blended strawberry lemonades (we still had the industrial strength blender on loan, why not?). We had over 20 people show up, a good mix of NKU students, NKU alums, and even some of our board members. We're looking forward to a good year at NKU. Please keep the students in your prayers.

Ida Spence —Thank you! Thank you! For all your help!

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.

Camp Scholarships

Through your generous donations for camp scholarships

3 TEENS went to Aldersgate and 20 TEENS went to Potter's Ranch

What a huge blessing for these teens

School Supplies

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated school supplies.

Over 100 backpacks and 400 bags of school supplies were distributed to the young people of Ida Spence.

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.

New Congregational Update

This past weekend I had the privilege of attending the School of Congregational Development in St. Louis, MO. It was such an encouraging, challenging, and educational experience and I want to share one of the insights I had from the conference. One of my favorite workshops was with Olu Brown & Adam Weber. Both are United Methodist church planters, but they come from very different backgrounds and situations. Brown is pastoring a multi-cultural plant in Atlanta, Georgia and Weber's plant is in Sioux Falls, Iowa. What they had in common has an undeniable passion for the least, the last, and the lost. They were broken-hearted for those in their communities that were far from Christ. I would encourage each of us to take a few minutes this month just to look around us. Look at the people in our lives that are lonely, broken, or in need. As a district, as United Methodists, and as followers of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our approach to new commu-

nities of faith in our district is based off of this love.

As a little update on how things are going in the Covington District, we have officially had our first meeting of the New Church Development District Team. It went really well! We have five clergy and four laity that have committed to being a part of this process. We look forward to learning and growing together as a team and will update you frequently on the projects we will be working on. I am also looking forward to the upcoming "Holy Marketing" workshop that will take place as part of the Clergy Meeting at Butler UMC on October 11th. Chris Kuhnen will be joining us for this and will help us to creatively approach marketing and information distribution as churches. As always, please feel free to email me anytime and let me know how I can help resource you and your congregation. grace@thecommunityky.org

Blessings, Grace

Charge Conference Dates

Sept. 9, Minerva Augusta Brooksville Concord/Neave Butler/Concord(Pd)
Sept 12, Wesley CC
Sept 16, Pine Grove Oakland California Melbourne
Sept 23, Mt Olivet Mt Olivet Circuit (Foster) Oddville Wagoner's Mt Pleasant
Sept 26, Covington Trinity
Sept 30, Ebenezer Cynthiana First Lair Elmarch Benson/Curry
Oct 3, Eggleston
Oct 7, Warsaw Drury Williamst. Walton
Oct 10 Morning View
Oct 14 Berry Boyd Falmouth Carthage
Oct 17 Staffordsburg
Oct 21 Carters Ch. Alexandria Asbury Highland Covington 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 11 Faith Community Christ Florence Erlanger Immanuel
Nov 18 Germantwn/Salem Shannon/Bethel Sardis/Formans May. Scott/Havens

Annual Auction & BBQ Lunch —KY UM Homes for Children and Youth

ANNUAL DAY

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

2050 Lexington Rd.

Versailles, KY

Gates open at 9:30 am, Lunch at 11:30 am

We are asking for your help in obtaining auction items for our Annual Day Friends of the Children Auction. In addition to the live auction, we have a silent auction and a bake sale. Please send or bring your donations to the Versailles Campus, Administration Bldg., 2050 Lexington Road, Versailles, Ky. Also, be sure to recommend a value for

your items. If you do intend to contribute, please call us to let us know what you are sending or bringing so we can prepare adequate space for your items. Need items by September 4.

Toll-free number is 1-877-887-4481.

- 9:30 Registration & Bake Sale
- FREE LUNCH 11:30 am
- Tours of Cottages
- Live and Silent Auctions
- Activities for ages 3—12

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

Sat., September 22,

District Annual Meeting

Alexandria UMC

Registration 9:00 am

Registration for lunch is a must.

District Mission Study

October 6, 9—2 at Ludlow Wesley

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 3 Labor Day Office Closed.
Sept. 4, Wesley Foundation Meeting Noon —1
Sept. 8, Prayer Breakfast Immanuel 9 - 10 am

Sept. 9, Charge Conferences
Sept 12, Wesley CC
Sept 16, Charge Conferences
Sept 19—21 Cabinet Retreat
Sept 23, Charge Conferences
Sept 26, Covington Trinity CC
Sept 30, Charge Conferences

OCT. 11 CLERGY MTG

Birthdays

Sept 6 Eric Patterson
Sept 15 Terry McDuffy
Sept 18 David Oliver
Sept 20 Sam Jones
Sept 23 Woody Woodford
Sept 30 Mason Harold and Michael Copersmith

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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