

Growing holy hearts for a whole community

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
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Reflections—a word or two from our District Superintendent

By now, many of you have heard of my upcoming ministry appointment. In June, Bishop Davis will appoint me as the Kentucky Conference Director of Ministerial Services. While I was very happy to serve here, I am looking forward to what God has in store for us in my new role. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we make this transition. Tom Smith has set a high standard of excellence as the current director. I'm honored to follow him. He will be going to Middletown UMC as senior pastor. I know that they will flourish under his pastoral leadership.

Serving as your District Superintendent has been a rich blessing for me. It will be a time in my ministry that I treasure. You have helped me understand what it means for us to be the church together. It has been, and continues to be, a great time to be in the Covington District.

Many of you already know Owen Dolin, who will be coming as your next DS. Owen has served the Shannon/Bethel Charge, the Mt. Olivet Circuit, Covington Trinity, and Florence in our district. He has also served as our conference treasurer. Owen currently is the pastor of LaGrange Covenant. He has a wonderful pastoral heart and will be a superb superintendent.

This month some of our pastors may hear that they are going to move. Some churches may hear that their pastor is moving. Change is difficult, especially when it means leaving relationships that have been nurtured over years. Let's remember that God loves us and loves our churches and God's love is at work!

Grace & Peace,

Kevin

Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Ida Spence
- The Community
- Our Bishop and Cabinet, especially as appointment time is near
- Our DS and family as they move
- Our new DS and family
- Art Honican— recovering from surgery
- George Edwards family
- Congregation of Scott/Havens UMC in loss of their pastor



time is near

Highlights in this issue:

- ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE FOR NORTHERN KY
- IDA SPENCE CALENDAR WITH VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES
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UM Women

June 1- 2, Southeastern Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting will be in Birmingham, Alabama.

July 12 - 15, School of Christian Mission, Lindsey Wilson College

September 22, District Annual Meeting
October 13,

LACE Sessions

Lay Academy of Congregational Excellence has the following dates remaining:

April 14 at Flemingsburg UMC

May 5 at Washington UMC

For any additional information, please call (859) 442-5444

KY Annual Conference: Calling All Volunteers

Now's the time to volunteer to meet & greet (and do lots of other things!) at this year's Kentucky Annual Conference. Volunteers are needed from Sunday, June 10th through Wednesday, June 13th. E-mail or call one of the team leaders below if you can help!

Greeters: Pam DeWolfe,	r.dewolfe@insightbb.com	859-653-0340
Registration: Karen Cresswell	kcress@insightbb.com	859-918-5152
Stage setting: Paul Hammond	jch1949@praisinghim.com	859-234-1134
Ushers/pages: Mark Burns	meburns08@insightbb.com	859-743-4526

If you'd like any information about volunteering at Annual Conference, please call on Roger DeWolfe (859-394-2857; r.dewolfe@insightbb.com) or Becky Jones (859-802-7047; bsj123@insightbb.com) and they'll be glad to help you get connected!

Volunteer training will be held at the District Annual Conference on Sun., May 20th at Immanuel UMC in Lakeside Park (2:00-4:00pm).

UM Men

Methodist Men will meet May 17, at Minerva UMC

A woman's black jacket was left at the Christian Hospitality Workshop. If yours call (859) 442-5444

Sweets and Stories for Wesley Foundation

Northern Kentucky University Wesley Foundation hosts a special evening of fine desserts & specialty coffee to support the work of our United Methodist Campus Ministry at Northern Kentucky University.

This event will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 7:00-9:00pm at Highland United Methodist Church in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky.

The stories of the life-transforming ministry of the Northern Kentucky University Wesley Foundation will be told, there will be fine cheesecake and other fine desserts to be enjoyed, and other special events.

Alumni of NKU Wesley are especially invited to a time of reunion at the event. Tickets will be

available at the door.

Look for more information to follow to your congregation in the mail in the days to come. If you would like more information, please contact John Kalz at kalzjd@gmail.com or 859-462-4766.

Trinity UMC Fish Fry

Fish Fry Frenzy, Come join us at Trinity UMC (101 E. Southern Ave., LATONIA, KY 261-4010) every Friday from February 24 - March 30, 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. in the Church Gym. Cost: \$7, Extra Sides: \$1. Dinner includes fried or baked fish (with rye or white bread), dessert, drink, and choice of two sides: Macaroni & Cheese, Hush Puppies, Stewed Tomatoes, French Fries, Creamy Slaw, Baked Pasta. Children: Choice of Chicken Nuggets or Fish Sticks and 2 sides. No Drinks with Carry Outs.

Long Term Recovery Committee for NKY

We had our first Long Term Recovery Meeting for the Northern Kentucky area this past week and we will continue to meet on a weekly basis. From this point on, we are starting to move into the Long Term Recovery phase.

This is the phase when the insurance and Fema have done their part, but as you all know there is still lots of work to do. We are working with many other great organizations on this and one of the areas that we can help is by recruiting Case Managers.

As a Case Manager, you will work with up to 5 families to help determine their needs and to verify

those needs. We then bring those needs to the Long Term Recovery group and then we see which group can help meet those needs. I would especially like to have some volunteers from those counties and areas most impacted because it is important to have a local face that the people can know and trust. There will be some training involved and it will probably occur sometime after Easter. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact me via email at brobinson@williamstownumc.com

Faith Community Ida Spence Calendar

Faith Community's Annual Spaghetti Dinner is coming up Saturday March 31st from 4-6:30. The dinner is set up for take out or dine in and there is a silent auction as well as a cake auction. This is a fundraiser for the outreach ministries of the church. Tickets are at the door and are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12, and free for the younger ones. The address is 4310 Richardson Rd between Dixie and Turkeyfoot. The web site is faithcommunityky.org and my cell phone is 606-233-7407 if you have questions. Blessings, Mike Albertson

You can be a part of the Ida Spence United Methodist Mission. Become involved in some or all of the events listed.

Calendar of Coming Happenings

April, Easter Baskets – candy, small toys, prizes for 100 children

April – May, Afternoon snacks are need for after school sessions and Sunday afternoon gatherings

May – June, Summer Camp: Consider adopting a child from Ida Spence to attend summer camp. This is a life changing experience that would not be possible without your generos-

ity. Make checks payable to Ida Spence Mission and send to P.O. Box 121319, Covington, KY 41012-1319

July – August, Vacation Bible School, Supplies and Volunteers are needed!

August, School Supplies are needed to help get ready for school

January – December, Cleaning Supplies are needed: Bleach, Detergent, Bathroom Tissue, Paper Towels, Pine Sol, Dish Washing Liquid; Toiletries – deodorant, toothpaste, feminine products, bar soap, diapers, etc.

January – December, Meal of the month – every last Friday of the month a meal is provided – check this out – maybe your church could help out or go together with another church and provide a meal.

November, Fund Raiser at Immanuel UMC

November – December, Adopt a family for Christmas

Contact Tiffany Hollums at tiffanyhollums@gmail.com and be a part of your UM Mission at work. (859) 462-9730.

Summer Feeding Program

As we have in the past few years, Highland United Methodist will once again be participating in the Summer Feeding program. This program allows us to provide, for free, full meals and snacks to ANY location where there is an identified need (need is based on one of your local schools having a 50% or more participation in the free/reduced lunch program). There are NO limitations on what you can or can't say about Jesus. You can teach the Bible without hesitation or fear of reprisal, and still get these meals for FREE. These are

available for regular feeding programs (daily) or special events (such as Vacation Bible School).

Last year, we partnered with several UMC's, as well as other non-UMC entities to serve over 28,000 meals in Northern Kentucky.

This is an invitation to join in this wonderful program. There is no cost to you, and the paperwork is minimal. You do not need to reveal anything about your church or your finances; simply the name of the contact person. The daily paperwork simply

consists of making a checkmark when you give away a meal or a snack.

All meals are hot meals, prepared for you and delivered to you. All paper products are included, as are beverages. For your VBS, you would have *no out of pocket costs* for any food or snack, if you are in an eligible area.

If you are interested in participating, simply send me the following information:

- 1.Contact name and number
- 2.Your local Elementary,

Middle and High School

- 3.Dates of your event (e.g. daily feeding program of VBS)
- 4.Estimated number of people under 18 who will participate (we would hope that a target number of 50 could be achieved)

If you have any questions, please call me at 441-0587 or email me at safy@aol.com.

Pastor Larry
Highland Methodist

District Conference

Sunday

May 20th 2012

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Immanuel UMC

2551 Dixie Highway

Lakeside Park

Lace Graduates

Annual Conference Delegate Training
Annual Conference Volunteer Training

Work Projects in the Red Bird Missionary Conference

Is your church looking for a summer mission project? Consider one of the following to support Red Bird

Approved Work-team Project list

Work-teams do not have to take on entire projects, they can do parts of projects as their abilities and time allows.

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u>Work-teams</u>
1	Sidewalk needs leveled Porch post needs replaced Gate/Fence fixed or replaced Flowerbed landscape timbers replaced Porch needs painted	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
2	Pressure wash exterior of house Leak in exterior building	<u>Taken</u> _____
3	Paint interior part of porch	_____
4	Replace Kitchen sink faucet Paint Ramp Clean Gutters	_____ <u>Taken</u> <u>Taken</u>
Church	Terrace playground area & fill w/ mulch Cabinets in Faith, Hope, Love SS room Jams for Back doors of 2 SS rooms Replace door w/ wall & window in garage of parsonage. Change elevation of land behind parsonage & install a drain to ditch. New Parsonage Windows Storage Building* Addition to Community Store*	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

* Items with Asterisk are available projects only after all others are completed and not expected to be accepted as a 1st choice.

** Fundraising for new parsonage windows will be taking place after work-team season is over.

Please notify Pastor Robert which projects your group chooses as soon as possible. They will be given on a 1st come, 1st serve basis.

If you have any questions on projects, please contact Pastor Robert. We look forward to seeing you all this summer. May God continue to bless you all.

Support Group for Tornado Survivors

Members from four Harrison County churches plus six others from the Covington District made up a 33-strong support group to help aid the tornado victims of East Bernstadt, Ky. March 2, 2012, will be a day that all inhabitants of Little Arthur Ridge Road remember.

Whether it is the sound of high winds or the sight of what was left, the families that survived the deadly tornado that swept across the small town just five miles north of London, Ky., will surely live in

fear of going through it again.

The death toll currently stands at five for the victims of an EF-2 tornado. "After we heard the tornado had gone through, I drove there the very next day to see what could be done to help," said First United Methodist Pastor Mike Coppersmith.

Coppersmith said he wasted no time in organizing a group to drive to East Bernstadt and provide help to the families who had lost everything.

"I sent out an email to all the

churches asking anyone who wanted to go," said Coppersmith. "I had no idea how many to expect."

Coppersmith said 33 members gathered in the parking lot on the morning of March 13, to make the drive to East Bernstadt.

"We took about 500 canned goods with us and other supplies that we thought they would need," said Coppersmith. "We had a really good team and we all seemed to work

very well together."

The group of 33 worked all day clearing debris and gathering personal items of the families who were devastated by the tornado.

Coppersmith said, "141 homes were destroyed beyond repair and an additional 40 homes were damaged. What made us feel good though is when we left; you could tell that we made a difference."

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Thursday, April 19th**, 7-9pm, Sweets and Stories, a desert benefit for the Wesley Foundation @ NKU, held at Highland Heights UMC.
- **Sunday, May 20th**, 2-4pm, District Conference (see page 4)

April CALENDAR

- Apr 9 - 12, Cabinet
- Apr 16, Louisville
- Apr 19, Annual Conference Meeting
- Apr 24 – 29, General Conference

Birthdays:

- Apr 3, Christopher Morgan
- Apr 13, Don Fryman
- Apr 28, Barry Robinson