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# The Covington District Newsletter



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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

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## Reflections—a word or two from our incoming District Superintendent

When Bishop Davis asked me to serve as the Covington District Superintendent, I was shocked and elated; shocked because he chose me and elated because it was the Covington District. My first eighteen years of ministry were within the confines of this district. My appointments included the Mt. Olivet Circuit, Shannon/Bethel, Covington Trinity and Florence. It will be like returning home for my wife, Ann, and me.

I want to express my appreciation to Kevin and Kay Burney for the hospitality that has been shown us.

Kevin has served the Covington District with distinction and he leaves the district in outstanding shape. My intent is to build upon the foundation that has been laid by Kevin. I wish Kevin and Kay the very best in their new appointment and in their new home. From a Cabinet standpoint, I look forward to working with Kevin in the future. It is a good thing that he will not be too far away so I can learn from his experiences, particularly hosting Annual Conference for the next couple of years.

We look forward to seeing some old friends from the past and meeting new ones as Ann and I begin this new chapter. I plan to

have a few “Get Acquainted Meetings” soon after arriving in the district so be looking for those dates. I am anxious to meet all of the clergy and as many laity in the district as I can in my first months in my new position.

You are in my prayers and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for the Covington District through our work together.

God bless you!

Owen Dolin

### Highlights in this issue:

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## Prayer Concerns to Remember



- Ida Spence
- Our new DS and family
- The Community
- Art Honican— recovering from surgery
- Our Bishop and Cabinet as they make appointments
- Pastors who are retiring
- Our DS and family as they move

# **Going Away Reception for Kevin Burney**

Sunday, June 3, 2012

from 2:00 - 4:30 pm

To be held at

The Campbell County Extension  
Center

(Next to Asbury UMC)

Highland Heights, KY

Plenty of parking at Asbury.

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## 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	kcross@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).

## Combs and Cans for Annual Conference

Health kits will be assembled as part of our day of service at Annual Conference this year.

**700 sturdy combs (not pocket) are needed for these kits.**

Please consider bringing a comb or two (or five!) to donate for these much needed kits.

Also, everyone is asked to bring several canned goods to be distributed to local area food banks as well.

## UM Men

The United Methodist Men will meet:

August 16,  
at Erlanger UMC  
at 6:30 pm.

Come join the fellowship!

## 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**, District Mission Study

## Mountain Mission Pickup

Mountain Mission Truck will be in the Covington District on June 18 - 19. If you do not know your church's schedule for pick up, check with your pastor or call the District Office at (859) 442 - 5444

Urgent Needs List

Men's Clothes

Shirts - Pants - Suit Jackets - Fall Jackets -  
Winter Coats - Shoes - Socks - Underwear

## Ida Spence Calendar

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

**May – December**, Snacks for After-school 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 generosity. Make checks payable to Ida Spence Mission and send

to P.O. Box 121319, Covington, KY 41012-1319

**August**, Vacation Bible School, Supplies and Volunteers are needed!

**VBS: August 8–10 1–3 pm**

**August**, School Supplies are needed by the 18th 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, dia-

pers, 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](mailto:tiffanyhollums@gmail.com) and be a part of your UM Mission at work. (859) 462-9730.*

## Faith Community Website

Faith Community, Independence, and pastor Mike Albertson, have a new church website: [faithcommunityky.org](http://faithcommunityky.org)

However, the website was designed and is hosted by a third party and it has not been easy to keep it current and compelling for visitors.

So, I am wondering if a few of our district churches would like to collaborate in designing effective websites. I use an iMac and have a web de-

sign tool, "SandVox." It looks like it is user friendly and provides all the templates and tools that might be needed.

There are reputable web hosting sites that cost less than a dollar a week. So, this would be a low budget item for any churches that want to work with me.

Contact info  
[Mikealbertson1@mac.com](mailto:Mikealbertson1@mac.com)  
606-233-7407

Blessings, Mike

## Clergy Spouse Luncheon

Monday, June 11 at 11:30 in room 9 – 10 on the second floor of the Convention Center.

Cost 10:00

Call (859) 442-5444 for reservations or make check out to the Covington District and mail reservation to:

The Covington District  
36 Johns Hill Road  
Highland Heights, KY  
41076

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## Third Annual KY Methodist History Seminar

Pre-Conference Activity 2 pm to 6 pm

Sunday June 10, 2012

Covington Convention Center

### Sharing Your Church History With the Community

Penny Conrad,

President of Pendleton County Historical & Genealogical Society

Dave Schroeder,

Executive Director Kenton County Library  
former Archivist, Diocese of Covington & Thomas More College

### United Methodist History---Emphasis on "United"

Dr. Sarah Blair

Director of Center for the Evangelical United Brethren Heritage (EUB)

Registration: Paul L. Whalen 859-466-3450  
or plewellinwhalen@aol.com

## Why I Don't Like Church

Ever had a bad experience at a church?

Do you think church is irrelevant and outdated?  
Have you ever wanted to tell the church just exactly what you think about church?

Here is your opportunity to do just that!

Join with us and other discontented folks for a open and honest conversation about what's wrong and what's right with church.

June 24th 2012

at The Burg' Coffee House 7p.m.

Located at:

Staffordsburg United Methodist Church  
11815 Staffordsburg Road  
Independence, KY.  
356-0029

We'll be sharing over Burg Beanery specialty coffee and deserts.

## Introducing Grace Rockstroh, New Church Development Team

Hi everyone! I have had the privilege of meeting several of you already but wanted to take a second to introduce myself to those of you I haven't had the chance to meet and let you know some of the projects that I am working on. I have been so blessed by the opportunities that I've been a part of so far. I've already

started working with a few congregations that are looking to start new worship services and reach different demographics. I have also been serving on the New Church Development Team . As part of the next step of this process, we are looking to start a District New Church Development Team. We

are looking for some individuals that feel passionate about planting new churches in our district and that would be willing to be a part of this new team. If you would be interested, please feel free to contact me at [grace.rockstroh@gmail.com](mailto:grace.rockstroh@gmail.com)

If there's any other way that I can support you or your congregations, I'd love to know that too! I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Blessings,  
Grace

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### **District Calendar and Birthdays**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:.**

- **June 11th-13th, KY**  
Annual Conference
- **June 15th-25th;**  
District Offices  
closed

#### **June CALENDAR**

- June 3 Reception  
for Kevin Burney
- June 6 Burney's  
move
- June 10 – 13 An-  
nual Conference
- June 19 Moving  
Day for Pastors
- **June 15 - June 25**  
**District Office**  
**closed – Joyce on**  
**vacation**

#### **Birthdays:**

- June 1 Jim Fant
- June 9 Larry Karow
- June 13 John Losey
- June 20 John Boyd
- June 21 Michael  
Sweeney