

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
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Reflections—a word or two from our District Superintendent

It is necessary that at the beginning of this [Lenten season], the Lord should show Himself to us in His mercy. The purpose of Lent is [...] above all a preparation to rejoice in His love. And this preparation consists in receiving the gift of His mercy – a gift which we receive in so far as we open our hearts to it, casting out what cannot remain in the same room with mercy.

Now one of the things we must cast out first of all is fear. Fear narrows the little entrance of our heart. It shrinks up our capacity to love. It freezes up our power to

give ourselves. If we were terrified of God as an inexorable judge, we would not confidently await His mercy, or approach Him trustfully in prayer. Our peace, our joy in Lent are a guarantee of grace.
— Thomas Merton in Seasons of Celebration

We are in the very beginning days of the church season called Lent. It is a period of self-examination and prayer in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Many of us give up something or begin a new discipline during the days of Lent. Thomas Merton challenges us to give up or “cast out” fear. The most frequent command-

ment in the New Testament is “Do not be afraid!”

It is far easier for me to give up my coffee, sweets, or food, than it is to give up my fears. Worrying is one of the things I do best. If I want to make room for mercy, however, I must cast out fear. This is the discipline I want to take up during Lent. Make room for the gift of God’s Mercy this Lent.

Peace to you,
Kevin

Prayer Concerns to Remember

- Mike Albertson
- Ida Spence
- The Community
- Our Bishop and Cabinet, especially as appointment time is near
- Our DS and family
- Grace Ministry
- Eugene Penn
- Art Honican surgery
- Karla Fullwood’s daughter Jaycie and grandson Eli



Highlights in this issue:

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- WESLEY FOUNDATION DESERTS AND COFFEE!
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Conference United Methodist Men's Retreat

"Men For Christ, What Are You Doing?"

Start Date: 3/30/2012
Start Time: 3:00 p.m.
End Date: 3/31/2012
End Time: 2:30 p.m.

Join the Conference United Methodist Men in their Spring 2012 retreat: March 30-31 at Potter's Ranch, Union, KY. This is a Friday night to Saturday afternoon retreat.

Retreat begins with registration between 3:00 and 4:45 p.m. on Friday and ends with Saturday closing worship and communion, out by 2:30p.m. Come enjoy the wonderful grounds of Potter's Ranch and share in the fellowship of men.

Meals and overnight stay is included in the \$70 registration fee if made by March 18, 2012. Late registration fee is \$75. Registration for those men who prefer not to spend the night is

\$50 by March 18, 2012 and late registration is \$55.

Retreat leader is Rev. Dr. Jack Brewer. Music leadership is Rev. Eric Patterson. Worship and communion led by DS Rev. Kevin Burney.

For directions to Potter's Ranch go to <http://kyumc.org/events/detail/1913>. Directions and other details can also be found on the flyer.

Online registration is available at <http://kyumc.org/registrations/register/72>. Registration fees can be paid by credit card. Online registration closes March 27.

Dessert and Coffee to Benefit Wesley Foundation @ NKU

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.



UM Women Spiritual Day Apart

UM Women will be having their
Spiritual Day Apart Celebration
and Officer Training

This event will be held at Maysville Scott UMC on Saturday, March 24.

Announcements from Around the District

Money Talk for Women, The Campbell County Extension Service is offering a Money Talk for Women workshop starting March 5th. This is a five week program focusing on financial basics, insurance coverage, investing, planning for future life events and retirement. Dates of the program are March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and 27th. Register by calling 859-572-2600 or <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/campbell>

Healing Prayer Service
Healing United Methodist Church
Date: March 4, 2012, Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Helena UMC, Rte 324 off of Hwy 11, Mays Lick, KY 41055

Charity Baseball Game, Come join us for the basket ball game of the season when teams from the Kentucky Army National Guard takes on the Maysville Police Department. April 3, 2012, 7:00 PM, Maysville High School Gym, 25 E 2nd St Maysville, KY 41056. All Proceeds fund the Ceiling Reconstruction Project of Helena United Methodist Church. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2 Children and Senior Citizens 55 and older.

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.

Attention Confirmation Students!

A morning with Bishop Davis and confirmation students.

Saturday, March 10th, 2012

10:00am - 1:00 pm at Crestwood UMC
7214 Kavanaugh Road, Crestwood

Registration closes on March 5

Cost \$5.00 per person to include lunch.
For info and registration
www.kyumc.org/confirmation



Ida Spence Needs Volunteers!

Did you know that Christians traditionally took the money that they saved from fasting during Lent and shared it with those in need? What better way to expand you and your church's Lenten discipline this year than participating in the vital ministry of Ida Spence.

There are still opening for churches to provide the last Friday meal for the mission. Tiffany Hollums would love to share with your church what is going on at the mission.

Also, NEEDED, Easter baskets, candy, small prizes, etc for 100 children.

Contact her by email tiffany-hollums@gmail.com or phone her at 462-

Lay Academy of Congregational Excellence

LACE is an opportunity for you to learn more about:

- *Spiritual Gifts *Leading Worship *Methodist Beliefs
- *Lay Speaking *Growing in Your Faith *How to Effectively Witness
- *Church Organization *Leadership through Service
- *Managing Conflict with Christian Love *Methodist History

The Dates for LACE in 2012 are:

- March 17 at Vanceburg UMC
- April 14 at Flemingsburg UMC
- May 5 at Washington UMC

Each workshop will cover different topics listed above. The workshop will be 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The total cost for LACE is \$30. Make checks out to Covington District. *Lunch will be provided for these workshop.*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Church _____

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Christian Hospitality Workshop

ANNOUNCEMENT

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY WORKSHOP Reclaiming Christian Hospitality in the local church.

Clergy and Laity teams are invited to attend.

**Our leader will be
Dr. Christine Pohl, Asbury Seminary**

**Saturday, March 17, 2012
Registration 8:30 am
Session Starts at 9:00 am**

**Lunch will be provided
Session over by 2:00 pm**



**Place: The Indiana Wesleyan University Center in Florence
600 Meijer Drive**

Cost \$15.00 per person (lunch included)

Early registration by March 12

Church teams of 4 or more \$10.00 per person

After March 12 \$ 25.00 per person

Contact the District Office (859) 442-5444

The Community Launches Worship

The Community UMC church plant in Boone County celebrated its launch on February 5th, 2012. With nearly 60 people in attendance, including Bishop Davis, several staff members from the Conference, and the District Superintendent, The Community took a big step that has been 18 months in the making.

We're thankful to God for bringing us to this point, but we realize that this is the beginning of our journey. We can't begin to thank the district for all the prayers, gifts and support that we have received. We still need help with set-up and tear down, so if your church would be willing to help for a month, please contact Matt at

matt@thecommunityky.org
As we move forward, we continue to covet your prayers and financial support as we work toward our mission of radically engaging people who are disconnected from God and each other. Feel free to stop by and visit us on Sunday mornings at 11 AM

at the Florence campus of Indiana Wesleyan University (600 Meijer Drive in Florence).

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Saturday, March 17**, Christian Hospitality Workshop with Dr. Christine Pohl.
- **Thursday, April 19**, Desserts and Coffee to benefit the Wesley Foundation at NKU. 7-9pm at Highland Heights UMC.

March CALENDAR

- Mar 5, AC planning
- Mar 11 – 14, Cabinet
- Mar 15, Primary Task
- **Mar 17, Christian Hospitality Workshop**
- **Mar 19 –20 Rudy Russman in the district**
- Mar 30 – 31, UM Men's Retreat

Birthdays:

- Mar 1, Kevin Burney
- Mar 16, Jim Finch
- Mar 18, Chad Chamness
- Mar 21, Ken Newby
- Mar 29, William Conatser