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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

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Reflections—a word or two from our District Superintendent

In time in which we face historical change in the church and during this time in which the United Methodist Church's General Conference is meeting, I share the following quote with you:

“Everyone now agrees that we are at a new season in the life of the North American church, a new season that is starkly different from what was but that has almost taken us by

surprise. That new season of dislocation is surely to be seen as a profound challenge to the church. [...] The massive and unarguable dislocation of the conventional church may be an occasion for a common resubmission to the power of God's Spirit.”

-Walter Brueggemann (Deep Memory, Exuberant Hope)

Please pray for our General Conference, for our Annual Conference, for the Covington District, and for all who

are taking on this “new season in the life of the North American Church.”

Grace & Peace to you,

Kevin

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- THE GATHERING FARM
- IDA SPENCE CALENDAR WITH VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES
- DISTRICT CONFERENCE
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Prayer Concerns to Remember



- Ida Spence
- The Community
- Our Bishop and Cabinet as they make appointments
- Our DS and family as they move
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- Art Honican— recovering from surgery
- Pastors who are retiring
- Dewey Sanders in the death of his sister

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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).

UM Men

The United Methodist Men will meet:

May 17,
at Minerva 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

The Gathering Farm: Seeking Volunteers and Student Garden Manager

Butler UMC and the Wesley Foundation at NKU are teaming up to launch a new outreach and community building ministry in Butler, KY for the summer. The Gathering Farm



will be a large garden in the

town of Butler where fresh, healthy vegetables will be grown using organic methods. The produce will then be given away to those in need, coupled with nutrition and cooking classes.

Most of the work will be done by volunteers. If your church or youth group are looking for a service day project, this would be a great opportunity to get out and

work in the dirt in the scenic setting right by the Licking River. If interested, contact David Johnston **859-462-6224** or johnstond@gmail.com

The Gathering Farm is looking for a student, preferably from NKU, to work at the garden manager to coordinate the work. Housing, some meals, and a \$1500 stipend will be provided for the summer (June 1st-

August 10th).

In addition to managing the garden, the internship will have a spiritual formation element rooted in humanity's first vocational call in Genesis: to keep and till the land (see Genesis 2:15).

For more information or to apply visit: nkuwf.org/the-gathering-farm/

Car Wash: Erlanger

Erlanger United Methodist Youth Group is having a car wash from 11 AM thru 3:00 PM on May 5 that Erlanger United Methodist Church; all donations are accepted plus they will selling hot-dogs, chips and drinks. For more information or to ask questions, call: Mark Burns (859) 743-4526

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, 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 generosity. 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. **VBS: August 8 - 10 from 1 - 3 pm**

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.

Immanuel UMC Hiring Youth Minister and Administrative Assisant

YOUTH MINISTER
(Associate Minister/Pastor)
Immanuel United Methodist Church, Lakeside Park, KY. Full-time position; Needed - by late June. Immanuel is a growing, evangelical, and Wesleyan congregation in Northern Kentucky committed to sharing faith and serving others. We are seeking a new staff member to lead our strong youth ministry focusing on discipleship, worship, evangelism, mission outreach, and leadership development for youth (and the adults who serve with them). Deacon ordination, or in proc-

ess toward, is preferred (not required). Ability to preach / lead worship is also preferred. We are a medium to large church with multiple worship services (both traditional and contemporary in style) with an average of 700 in worship, and 50-100 in our youth program each week and we anticipate growth in all areas. For more information about our church please visit: www.immanuelumc.org. To request a complete job description or to submit a resume please contact youth.search.immanuel@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISANT
(Pastoral)

The Administrative Assistant reports to the senior pastor and serves as his/her primary administrative support. Also serves other pastors as needed and available.

General Requirements for Immanuel Staff Members:

1. Must be a growing Christian, deepening his/her personal relationship with Jesus Christ and modeling this to others. (1 Tim. 3:1-13). Must have visible

commitment to prayer and dedication to daily living out the truth of God's Word

2. Must have a calling from God to the ministry position

3. Desirable spiritual gifts: administration, faith, service, discernment, helps, mercy

4. Must be willing to support and advance realization of the church's vision, mission

statement, organizational structure, and philosophy of ministry

For more information contact Immanuel UMC at 859-341-5330

District Conference

Sunday, May 20th 2012

2:00 pm - 4 pm

Immanuel UMC

Lakeside Park

Lace Graduates

Annual Conference Preparation

An Update on Proposed Changes in the Clergy Health Insurance Will be presented

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.

For more information contact Robert Amundsen of Thousand Sticks UMC : amundsen08@gmail.com

The Annual KY Conference Pre-conference History Seminar

The Annual KY Conference Pre Conference History Seminar will be held on Sunday from 2 to 6 at the Covington Convention Center in Covington, Kentucky. We will be having Dr. Sarah Blair, Professor at the United Theological Seminary in

Dayton, Ohio and director of the "Center for Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) History" will be presenting. The Center will also be bringing a display at our table in the Convention Center. As the EUB is one of our predecessor churches, I

would encourage confirmation classes to consider attending. We are also having a presentation on the "Importance of Church History as part of Local History" Mrs. Penny Conrad of the Pen-

leton County Historical Society will be one of the presenter in that part of the program. For more information, contact Paul Whelan (859) 466-3450

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES:.

- **Sunday, May 20th**, 2-4pm, District Conference (see page 4)
- **June 11th-13th**, KY Annual Conference

May CALENDAR

- May 1 Covenant Mtg.
- May 6 Preach at Asbury
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 14 – 16 Cabinet Meeting
- May 17 UMM Minerva
- May 18 Red Bird Conference
- May 20 DISTRICT CONFERENCE - IMMANUEL UMC
- May 24 Isaiah Project Training

Birthdays:

- May 7 Joyce Haug
- May 15 Kevin Courtney
- May 19 Loletuth Kalz
- May 22 Jonathan Mann