

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 OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Reflections—a word or two from our District Superintendent

"Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions..." Joel 2:28

"Pitiful is the person who is afraid of taking risks. Perhaps this person will never be disappointed or disillusioned; perhaps she won't suffer the way people do when they have a dream to follow. But when they look back—and at some point everyone looks back—she will hear her heart saying, 'What have you done with the miracles that God planted in your days? What have you done with the talents God bestowed on you?'" (Paulo Coelho, By the River I Sat Down and Wept)

Paulo Coelho's questions serve as a good guide for us during Charge Conference season. What have we done with the miracles that God planted in our days? What have we done with the talents God bestowed on us?

I believe that fear often gets in the way of our being faithful. Several years ago a member of my congregation gave me something that he found helpful during a very difficult period in his life. Here is what it said:

Don't Be Afraid to Fail

You've failed many times, although you may not remember. You fell down the first time you tried to walk. You almost drowned the first time you tried

to swim, didn't you? Did you hit the ball the first time you swung the bat? Heavy hitters, the ones who hit the most home runs, also strike out a lot. R.H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York caught on. English novelist John Creasy got 753 rejection slips before he published 564 books. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs. Don't worry about failure. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.

I keep a framed copy of this on the wall in my office. I need to remember its message and I want to share it with every person and charge in our district. There is so much of our energy serving fear that we fail to live out the dreams and visions God has for us! God has placed miracles in our days and has given us talents for ministry. We must not be afraid! I am not suggesting that we should be

irresponsible. I am suggesting that we dare go where God is calling us to go and do what God is calling us to do. The church was never meant to be a comfortable bus station where

we safely sit and wait until Jesus comes. It is meant to be a place where we encounter dreams and visions of what God wants to do in and through us. Every local church is to be a "mission station" that risks living the vision that God has given.

I have resolved that I will not fear! As it says in one of my favorite hymns:

*I will not be afraid, I will not be afraid;
I will look upward, and travel onward,
And not be afraid.*

*He says He will be with me, He says
He will be with me;
He goes before me, and is beside me,
So I'm not afraid.*

Grace and Peace, Kevin

Prayer Concerns to Remember



- I d a Spence Mission & Director
- New Church Start — The Community UMC in Hebron — Matt Johnson, pastor

- Our Bishop Lindsey Davis
- Woody Woodford—surgery
- Grace Ministry Center in Covington
- Our DS Kevin Burney and his family

Highlights in this issue:

- IMPORTANT WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT IDA SPENCE
- MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: DRURY'S CHAPEL &
- AROUND THE DISTRICT: UM MOUNTAIN MISSION, SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY UMC
- REGISTER FOR HOW TO GET MORE MEMBERS
- DISTRICT NEWS, EVENTS, UMW, & UMM

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Ministry Highlights: Drury's Chapel & Cynthiana First

TO HAVE YOUR MINISTRY AS A HIGHLIGHT IN THE NEWSLETTER, SEND A 150-200 WORD WRITE UP ABOUT IT TO COVDISTUMC@FUSE.NET

Drury's Chapel is working with a rehab house in Cincinnati where Drury's Chapel members offer training to the house's residents. Such training includes how to write resumes, mock job interviews, and training in various trades such as weatherization, HVAC, electrical and construction. Drury's Chapel is also involved with the Cincinnati Department of Housing which allows them to carry out repairs on houses owned by the elderly. Drury's Chapel is also involved with

the Ida Spence United Methodist Mission.

Cynthiana First United Methodist Church offers a Prayer and Card Ministry that meets every Tuesday morning for one hour. Participants have prayer and send cards to the the shut-ins and sick in the community.

A note about ministry highlights: Ministry highlights are a great way to learn about what God is doing in our district and to share how God is

at work in the life of your ministries. Ideally, you can share how God is at work in 150-200 words. Next week will feature the Wesley Foundation at Northern Kentucky University.

United Methodist Men

Our next meeting will be at

Immanuel UMC located at
2551 Dixie Highway,
Lakeside Park, KY 41017

On Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 pm

Come join in the fellowship.

United Methodist Women

Kentucky Conference UMW Annual Mission Celebration will be held, on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Madisonville First UM Church, 200 E. Center Street, Madisonville. Cost \$10.00. Deadline for registration, October 13, 2011. mstpaula-1948@att.net

The Theme this year is *Telling God's Story.*

Ida Spence United Methodist Mission: Trunk or Treat and Spaghetti Dinner

Ida Spence UM Missions' 2nd annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 2-4 pm. Decorate your car, bring some treats, and let's bless the kids in the community!

Please email Tiffany at tiffanyhollums@gmail.com if you are coming!!

The Ida Spence UM Mission Spaghetti Dinner and Pastor Cake Auction will be held on Saturday, November 12th at Immanuel UMC. Dinner will be served dinner from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

Tickets are \$10.00 for ages 13 & up; \$5.00 for ages 3 - 12 and under 3 eat free.

Pastors, please get your recipes ready for another great year of cakes to auction! Please bring cakes to Wesley hall at Immanuel by 4:30pm.

For more information about the Ida Spence Mission, visit www.idaspencemission.com

Wesley United Methodist Church Holds Dedication Service

Members and friends of Wesley UMC on Oak Street held a special Worship Service on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011 to dedicate a number of property improvements to the glory of God. Over 90 people attended the service to celebrate the blessing of having a parking lot adjacent to the church complete with a handicap accessible ramp & entrance to the sanctuary.

Wesley UMC also dedicated interior improvements including the renovation of the nar-

thex, and installation of a media presentation system. The church has been able to complete these projects and retire all debt associated with the improvements through the generous support and memorial gifts given in the names of many of our dearly departed faithful members and friends, including: Roy Sanford Smith, Joyce Brown, William M. Dailey, Johanna Silvers Drewry, James G. Ernest, Edward Earl Laws, Pauline Brown Schwartz.

Rev. John Kalz is the pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church. He has faithfully served the congregation and community since his appointment here in June 2010. Covington District Superintendent Rev. Kevin Burney was the special guest preacher for the Worship and Dedication Service.

The Methodist congregation was founded in Ludlow in 1853, and the current building was erected in 1889. The congregation meets each

Sunday morning at 10:00am for Sunday School, 11:00am for Morning Worship, and on each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm for a community-wide "Wesley Wednesday" meal and program for all ages. The congregation invites you to join our church family as we continue to seek and serve God by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

UM Mountain Mission Pick-up

The UM Mountain Mission Pick-up will come to the Covington District on October 10 for Campbell County, Pendleton County, and Harrison County and on October 11 for Kenton County, Boone County, and Grant County.

Please consider making a donation for fuel when the truck comes around. Donations can be given to the

driver or mailed to:

Methodist Mountain Mission
P.O. Box 888, Jackson, Ky
41339

Other Urgent Needs include Men's Winter Clothing and Shoes as well as various household items.

Porter Paint

All UM Churches may purchase Porter Paints for a discount and of course no tax. There is an account set-up in their computers for this. It must be purchased at a regular Porter Paint store not at a store that may sell some of their paint. This could be quite a savings for our churches.

CLERGY BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

9/29, CYNTHIANA – BIANKES

10/19, MAYSVILLE -- BOB EVANS

11/15, NORTHERN KY – FRISCH'S ON ORPHANAGE RD, FT WRIGHT

THIS IS JUST A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND GETTING TO BETTER KNOW EACH OTHER

Safe Sanctuary Workshop

A Safe Sanctuary Workshop will be held at Asbury UMC, Highland Heights on Saturday, October 22, from 9am – 12pm. Everyone is invited to come and take part. Rev. Phil Bradley, Pastor at Washington UMC, will be the leader of this workshop.

In Concert
At Asbury UMC
PHILLIP HOGG
The Phillip Hogg Band
Sunday, October 9
6:00 p.m.

Original Rock Music with a Message

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How to Get More Members



Each team must include the senior pastor and at least three key lay members, (preferably 5 – 8).

“Regaining a heart for your mission field.”

When: October 8-9, 2011

Registration begins @ 8:30am

Workshop runs Saturday, 9:00 – 5:30; and Sunday, 8-1

Where: Covington Marriott Hotel 10 W. Rivercenter Blvd., Covington

What: This workshop is for church teams to learn:

- How to Reconnect with your mission field
- How to get more members in your church
- Why the old ways to growth no longer work & What works now!
- Why most Pastors want to reach new people but can't
- What new people look for when selecting a church

Who: Our leader will be Jim Griffith, a consultant who works with hundreds of congregations all over the country on issues of church vitality.

The cost is \$250 per church team.

NOTE: Pulpit supply needs to be arranged so the pastor can attend the entire sessions.

Registration

Name of Church: _____

Senior Pastor (must attend): _____

Number of Laity attending (minimum of three must attend): _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Please detach this registration form and send it with a check made out to the Covington District UMC for \$250 and send to: Covington District UMC, 36 John's Hill Road, Suite C, Highland Heights, KY 41076

This event is sponsored by the Covington District of the Kentucky Annual Conference. The reduced cost is made possible by your "Our Mission Together" contribution.

Covington District Ministry Goals 2009-2012

- ◇ **Creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations.**
 - Start three new faith communities (at least one African-American) in our district by 2012.
 - Increase professions of faith and worship attendance by 5% each year
 - District staff to help revitalize the ministry of our small membership churches through self-assessment and ministry goal setting.
- ◇ **Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.**
 - Increase the number of lay and clergy leaders in our district under the age of forty by 20% by 2012.
 - Increase the practice of spiritual disciplines by our lay and clergy leaders (measured through self-report).
 - Strengthen lay and clergy leadership by providing leadership training opportunities annually.
- ◇ **Engaging in ministry with the poor.**
 - Emphasize two days each year in which we engage in projects across our district that help provide safe housing for the poor (e.g., remodeling, repairing, or winterizing).
 - Designate two district food drive collection days each year in which local churches collect food for their local food pantries.
- ◇ **Combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally.**
 - Start three new Parish Nurse Ministries in the district by 2012.
 - Engage as a district in international partnerships that are working to improve the health of those living in East Africa (e.g., clean water in Darfur, “Nothing But Nets”).

The Community UMC Asks for Coupons to Support Ministry

The Community UMC is collecting coupons to put together Welcome Baskets for our new neighbors moving into the apartments in our neighborhoods. If you would publish this list and share it with the people in your churches we would greatly appreciate it!

This is an easy and free way to support the outreach of The Community!

We need coupons for:

- Tide Laundry Detergent
- Dial or Softsoap Hand Soap
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Dawn or Gain Dishwashing Liquid
- Paper Plates
- Napkins

Coupons can be mailed to The Community, PO Box 962, Burlington, KY 41005.

Thanks for your help!

-Matthew Johnson

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District Calendar and Birthdays

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Tuesday, October 4,**
Clergy Meeting at Immanuel UMC. 10:00 am – Lunch to follow
- **Sat. and Sun., October 8 – 9** Get More Members
Covington Marriott Hotel
- **Saturday, October 22,**
Safe Sanctuary Workshop at Asbury UMC, Highland Heights from 9 – 12. Everyone is invited to come and take part. Rev. Phil Bradley, Pastor at Washington UMC, will be the leader.
- **Tuesday, November 1,**
Clergy Meeting Erlanger

UMC. 10:00 – 12:00 -
Lunch to follow

- **Saturday, November 19,**
Finance Committee Training at Highland UMC 10:00 – 12:00 conducted by Michael Watts, Treasurer of the Kentucky Conference
- **Friday, December 9,**
Clergy Christmas Dinner at Highland UMC

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct 2 , CC at Lair, at Cynthiana First, at Elmarch, & Ebenezer
- Oct 3 - CC Pleasant Grove
- **Oct 4 - CLERGY MEETING IMMANUEL**

- Oct 5 - CC Gethsemane
- Oct 6 - DLT
- Oct 8 -9 - "Get More Members" Workshop
- Oct 10 - CC Eggleston
- Oct 12 - CC Epworth
- Oct 16 - CC at Williamstown and Walton
- Oct 17 - CC Staffordsburg
- Oct 19 - Clergy Breakfast at Bob Evans Maysville CC Taylor Mill.
- Oct 23 - CC at Berry, at Boyd, & Falmouth
- Oct 24 -- Cabinet Meeting
- Oct 26 -- CC at Erlanger;
- Oct 30 -- CC at Mt. Olivet, at Mt Olivet Circuit, & Benson/Curry

Birthdays:

- Oct 5 Elizabeth Smith
- Oct 6 Daniel Nikolich
- Oct 19 Brian Wilson
- Oct 21 Phil Hogg
- Oct 30 April Gray
- Oct 31 Jerry Watkins