

*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

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.” (Romans 12:1-2)

Shortly after moving to Kentucky, I was checking out of a grocery store when the clerk very politely said to me, “You’re not from here, are you?” While she could not tell me where I was from, she could tell that I was not from Kentucky! Now that I have lived in Kentucky for 28 years, I have fewer people who can immediately tell that I’m “not from here.”

I wonder: can people tell that we are aliens and exiles in this world (1 Peter 2:11)? Or, have we, and consequently our churches, adjusted to our culture so well that no one can tell the difference?

Perhaps one of the reasons people may not be drawn to the church is because we

look, sound, and act like the world around us.

Do we live our faith in such a way that it might cause others to say, “You’re not from here, are you?”

Well?

Grace & Peace,

Kevin

## Prayer Concerns to Remember



- Ida Spence Mission & Director

- New

Church Start — The Community UMC in Hebron — Matt Johnson, pastor

- Our Bishop Lindsey Davis
- Art Honican — mother’s death
- Carol Mains — health problems
- Jim and Ruth Finch’s daughter Laura

- Grace Ministry Center in Covington
- Our DS Kevin Burney and his family

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- MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: NOTHERN KENTUCKY SCHOOL OF MUSIC
- EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT: AN AUNTION, HOMECOMING, AND A CONCERT
- REGISTER FOR HOW TO GET MORE MEMBERS
- DISTRICT NEWS, EVENTS, UMW, & UMM

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## Ministry Highlight: Northern Kentucky School of Music



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

About our School In 2006 members of Immanuel UMC had a vision to invest in music and arts education as a means of serving the Northern Kentucky area, which led to the establishment of the "Immanuel School for the Arts" as an outreach ministry of our church.

We offer children and youth choirs, private and group lessons and classes (instrumental, voice, and drama), student recitals, con-

certs and other presentations for all ages and levels of ability. In July of 2011 our church hired Toni Sheffer (Director) and Ellen Stephens (Assistant Director / Strings) as part-time members of our staff to expand this outreach and our opportunities for music education. We have also changed the name of our ministry to the "Northern Kentucky School of Music." This ministry is designed to benefit people from our community and area churches so please help spread the word

about this great opportunity. Immanuel is excited to share the NKY School of Music with our sister churches and the community. What a great opportunity to focus and enhance the creative talents of the people in your church!

Check us out at <http://nkyschoolofmusic.org> or [www.immanuelumc.org](http://www.immanuelumc.org) for more information.

## 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

District Annual Meeting  
Saturday, September 24, 2011  
Washington United Methodist Church, Maysville, KY

Registration starts at 8:30 am and Meeting will start at 9:00 am and end at Noon. Guest Speaker will be Melinda Smith from the Versailles UM Children's Home. Cost of meal is \$10.00. Reservations and payment for the meal need to be sent to Pam Tull, P.O. Box 256, Brooksville, KY 41004 by September 1.

## Ida Spence United Methodist Mission

A very special thank you to all of the churches for their generous donation of school supplies!!!

Also, a thank you for the amazing support for VBS. The community of Ida Spence Mission has been truly blessed by the support, prayers and presence from

the people and churches in the Covington District.

*For more information about the Ida Spence Mission, visit [www.idaspencemission.com](http://www.idaspencemission.com)*

## Erlanger UMC Juicy Steak Night

Erlanger United Methodist Men Group is holding their annual juicy steak night on September 17, 2011 at the church from 5:00pm until 7:30pm. The steak meal costs \$10 and includes steak, roll, corn on the cob, baked potato, salad, dessert, and a drink. The hamburger meal costs \$6 and

includes a hamburger, roll, corn on the cob, baked potato, salad, dessert, and a drink.

Please be sure to call the church office at 859-727-2136 to make reservations.

## Tenth Annual Labor of Love Auction

Ten years ago the Alexandria UMW needed a fundraiser to support their various missions. They had tried flea markets and bake sales, but none were as successful as this auction. All proceeds go to missions (local, state, national, international).

Members of the church, relatives and friends labor all year to make items to be auctioned. They vary from wooden items, gift baskets, bakery goods, candy, paintings/drawings, quilts, holiday

décor and much more. We give away many door prizes.

This year's auction will be Saturday, September 10. We serve a dinner from 4:30 – 5:30 pm – which includes: BBQ, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, potato chips, coleslaw, dessert and a drink – all for \$5/adult, \$2/Child, \$15/family.

During the dinner hour there is a silent auction. The actual auction begins at 6:00PM. We have had the same auc-

tioner for 10 years. It's open to the public. If you are looking for a fun evening and bargains, come on out and join us on September 10. If you have questions, call Sonda Cummins at 635-3190.

## Homecoming Happenings at Carter's Chapel UMC

On September 25th, Carter's Chapel will be celebrating its homecoming. Homecoming is a special day to welcome back "old" friends and acquaintances. Everyone is welcome to participate in a day of worship, good memories, good music, and good food! Forgiven Trio will be performing at the morning worship hour and at the af-

ternoon service. Come and enjoy listening to Cloid, Debbie and Brian as they spread the gospel and share the message of Jesus Christ! Other special music will be a part of worshipping with Melissa Martin returning to her home church.

Rev. A. Dewey Sanders will deliver the afternoon message. We welcome back

Rev. C.W. Clos, retired minister of 40 years at Carter's Chapel.

Morning Worship begins at 11:00 with Homecoming Service beginning at 2:00. Carter's Chapel UMC 1044 Carter's Chapel Rd. -Pastor Alice Crawford

## Patriotic Concert

This concert is to honor our first responders and our Armed Service men and women. It will be held at Gethsemane United Methodist Church, which is located at 2776 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41004. It will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 7pm. Everyone is invited

rus will combine with The Choral Club of Northern KY to bring us an awesome night of musical entertainment. There will be a dessert and beverage fellowship immediately following the concert. Don't miss this opportunity to say "Thank You" to our first responders and our armed service people.

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## CLERGY BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

9/29, CYNTHIANA –  
BIANKES  
10/19, MAYSVILLE --  
BOB EVANS  
11/15, NORTHERN  
KY – FRISCH'S ON  
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## Flea Market at Asbury UMC

The Goshorn Family, who are raising money to go to Peru as missionaries, will be having a Flea Market at Asbury UM Church on Saturday, October 1, 8:30 am to ????

Address 2916 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights. Call 635 – 8157 if you have articles to donate and need pick-up or just come and support this family by shopping.

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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 @ 9:30am

Workshop runs Saturday, 9:30 – 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.

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### *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 \$200 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").

## KYUMH Annual Day & BBQ: Celebrating 140 Years of Hope

Join us September 10, 2011 for family Fun at the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth Versailles Campus.

Activities will include Live and Silent auctions, free "Home"-made BBQ lunch and inspirational programming. Join us to help support our ministry of hope and healing to children and families who are survivors of abuse, neglect and/or family trauma.

### Annual Day Events

- 9:30 Registration & Bake Sale Open
- 10:30 Inspirational Program
- 11:45 Lunch & Exclusive Preview of All Auction Items
- 12:30 Silent Auction Open for Bids!
- 1:00 Live Auction

Cash, checks, Visa/MC accepted and greatly appreciated!

All proceeds benefit the youth at The Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes.

Visit KYUMH online at [www.kyumh.org](http://www.kyumh.org)

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## District Calendar and Birthdays

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Tuesday, September 13,** Clergy Meeting at Asbury UMC, 10:00 am – Lunch to follow. Speaker – Jody Curry, Attorney for the KY Conference will address: Legal Issues for the Local Church
- **Saturday, September 24,** PPR Training at Faith Community. 10:00 – 12:00 conducted by Dr. Tom Smith, KY Conference Director of Ministerial Services.
- **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
- **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 (Place TBA)

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- **Sept 5 Labor Day (Office Closed)**
- Sept 7, Minerva CC
- September 10, Children's Home Annual Day
- Sept 11, Carter's Chapel CC - California CC – Oakland CC
- Sept 12, Warsaw CC
- **Sept 13, CLERGY MEETING ASBURY**
- Sept 14, Carthage CC
- Sept 18, Oddville CC – Wagoner's Chapel CC - Mt. Pleasant CC
- Sept 19, Covington Trinity CC
- Sept 21, Wesley CC
- Sept 22 – 23 Cabinet Meeting
- Sept 24, PPR Training Faith Community
- Sept 25, Strawberry/Lee CC - Olivet CC - Orangeburg CC - Scott/Haven's Chapel CC
- Sept 27, Augusta CC
- Sept 28, Alexandria CC
- Sept 29, Clergy Breakfast Cynthiana

### Birthdays:

- Sept 6 Eric Patterson
- Sept 15 Terry McDuffy
- Sept 18 David Oliver
- Sept 20 Sam Jones
- Sept 23 Woody Woodford
- Sept 30 Mason Harrod

We are always open to new suggestions and feedback on how to make this newsletter better serve you email your thoughts to [covdistumc@fuse.net](mailto:covdistumc@fuse.net)