

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

A word from the DS

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Greetings my friends and welcome to the fall of the year. GOD IS GOOD AND THERE IS EVIDENCE OF THAT ALL OVER THE DISTRICT! Finances are better (see below); LACE registrations are numerous; I hear of baptisms and growth in several churches along with attendance growing. We had a little over 400 at the District Picnic as the water park counted 375 that went in the park and others went home at that point. Churches are doing creative things to get people in door of the church and thus get an opportunity to share Jesus with them.

So we go into the fall with a lot of positives in our district. There is much to do for the Kingdom's good in the coming days but it takes everyone in the church finding where they can be in ministry in their community. The Pastor nor anyone person can do all the ministry, everyone is a disciple of Jesus Christ and is charged with witnessing to those around you. Let's make a difference in the life of someone in the next few months.

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LACE

The Lay Academy for Church Excellence is quickly approaching in the Corbin District. At this writing we have about 35 registered for all of the classes. We will celebrate with those who complete the course at our Spring District Conference. Please remember all the teachers and participants in your prayers over the next few months.

Session Dates:
Oct. 3; Nov. 7; Jan. 9; Feb. 6; Mar. 6
All will be held at the London First UMC.
Call Patricia Colwell at 606-862-0239 for more information.

Pastor Meetings

Every Pastor in the District is expected to attend one of the following gatherings with the District Superintendent:
Sept. 28 at Simpson Memorial @ 7:00pm
Sept. 29 at Ferguson @ 1:00pm
Sept. 29 at Jennies Chapel @ 7:00pm
Sept. 30 at Barbourville Ist @ 10:00am
Oct. 1 at London Ist. @ 7:00pm
Please allow up to two hours.

CHARGE CONFERENCE DATES

Oct. 21	Knox & Bell Counties	7:00pm	Pineville UMC
Oct. 22	McCreary Co.	7:00pm	Mill Creek UMC
Oct. 25	Casey Co.	3:00pm	Middleburg UMC
Oct. 29	Wayne Co.	7:00pm	Ellers Chapel UMC
Nov. 1	Laurel Co.	3:00pm	Olive Gilead UMC
Nov. 2	Pulaski Co.	7:00pm	Sardis Chapel UMC
Nov. 4	Harlan Co.	7:00pm	Baxter UMC
Nov. 5	Whitley Co.	7:00pm	Corbin Trinity UMC

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 District UM Women at Grace on the Hill
Registration starts at 9:00am
Call Susie Kalz for more Information 606-679-1655

Oct. 2-3 Margaret Therkelson will be speaking at the Somerset First UMC. Call Somerset UMC for information

December 5 Pastors and families Christmas Brunch

Reason to Celebrate

The Churches of the Corbin District are stepping up with our finances. Over 81% of our District Funds are already in with only six churches that haven't contributed anything yet.
As a District we are also \$39,000 ahead of last year (Jan-July) in giving to Our Mission Covenant. It's not where we should be but we are making progress. Keep up the great work!

CHECK OUT HOW NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COULD ENHANCE THE MINISTRY OF YOUR CHURCH! CALL Rev. Mike Albertson at 606-549-2564 or Rev. Ernie Carmichael at 606-546-3695.

Mike also brought to my attention that helping your community find available flu and pneumonia shots or dealing with an local flu outbreak in whatever way you can would be living out the "needs base evangelism" promoted by NCD.

September Continued...

Travel Opportunity

Below is an opportunity for you to travel with a group of Christians on a cruise, enjoying the beautiful world God has created. JFF Tours is owned and operated by Terrie Stuart, the wife of your DS. She is an experienced traveler and travel agent and is leading this group on a Caribbean adventure. You can be alone as much as you choose or be with people from our area, mostly out of our churches. One church has a group going and you are welcome to join them and JFF Tours on the high seas.



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Charge Conference Attendance

The Charge Conference is the highest governing body of a local United Methodist Congregation. Each church has an annual meeting of this body to consider the business of the church such as election of officers, setting pastors salaries, renewing covenant with other United Methodist churches, approving lay Speakers, and celebrating what God is doing in their midst. Though somewhat routine, it is not to be considered unimportant and thus should be attended with utmost purpose.

Last year some churches only had a few and a couple of churches only the pastor attended. This is not acceptable and when only the pastor attends you have really not had a charge conference and it could be considered null and void. Each church is a part of a cluster and each cluster is assigned a time and place well in advance so you might prepare for your attendance. The pastor as well as the officers of the church and any others are EXPECTED to be in attendance. Besides, the DS looks forward to being with your congregation as make your plans for the new year and we covenant together to be in the ministry of God's Church.

Safe Sanctuary Training

For those churches who are still working on your Safe Sanctuary policies, and this is REQUIRED by our conference, a training will be held on November 8, 2009 from 2:30-5:00 in London. Julie Love, the Director of Connectional Ministries of our Conference will be there to give instructions and help to your church along with reasons why this is so important. So if you still need help, this is a great opportunity We will announce the place at a later time.

THANKS to Bill Parrot, our District Chairperson for Disaster Relief for attending the UMCOR Disaster Relief Training held in Louisville. THANKS to Mike Strehl, Shannon Cain and Gus Clouse for helping with games at the picnic. And to Terrie and Leah Stuart for helping with the food, table set up and clean up. And Mike Coppersmith for supplying the sound system and a song as well as Jennifer and daughter, David and Butch for the wonderful music. And Delila and Barbourville Ist for supplying tables and chairs and people to get them there.

**NOTE TO ALL PASTORS AND CHURCH TREASURERS!
ALL PASTORS AND TREASURERS ARE ASKED TO MEET WITH THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR CHARGE CONFERENCE AT THE LOCATION OF YOUR CHARGE CONFERENCE. NEW PROCEDURES FOR DISTRICT FUNDS WILL BE EXPLAINED AT THIS TIME. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.**