



Words of Faith

June 2010

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ 5th – Men's Breakfast
- ❖ 7th – 11th – Annual Conference
- ❖ 14th – 18th - VBS
- ❖ 25th – Newsletter Deadline

Sundays:

- 9:45 am – Sunday School
- 10:45 am – Worship
- 5:30 pm – Bible Study
- 5:30 pm – Youth Group

Tuesdays:

- 6 am – Prayer Time

Wednesdays:

- 12:30 pm – Women's Study Group
- 6:30 pm – Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 pm - Choir practice

Thursdays:

- 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group

Friday:

- 6 pm – AA Group

Saturday:

- 1 pm – Covenant Discipleship Group

2nd Tuesday of the Month

- 6:30 pm – H.E.A.R.T.S. Support Group

2010 KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By Pastor Lisa



June, for some folks, is synonymous with weddings, the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. In my life it has always signaled Annual Conference. As a child growing up in the Morehead UMC, I served as a page for conference when it was held at Morehead State University. In my late 20's I became first the alternate and then the Lay Member to Annual Conference for the Moreland UMC in Lincoln Co. When I answered the call to ordained ministry I began attending Annual Conference in the clergy role. So, for me, June means seeing folks from all over the state who are my sisters and brothers in Christ and the UMC.

Our connection is more than just the way we appoint pastors or share in ministry & mission; it is about relationship & living out the faith. It is in knowing that we are on this journey together with all the folks in all the congregations who claim the name Methodist.

"For Wesley there is no religion but social religion, no holiness but social holiness. The communal forms of faith in the Wesleyan tradition not only promote personal growth; they also equip and mobilize us for mission and service to the world.

The outreach of the church springs from the working of the Spirit. As United Methodists, we respond to that working through a connectional polity

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based upon mutual responsiveness and accountability. Connectional ties bind us together in faith and service in our global witness, enabling faith to become active in love and intensifying our desire for peace and justice.”

(The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, p. 48)

When we gather at Annual Conference we spend time in Bible study, worship, accountability, and decision making. It is a time of fellowship, encouragement, learning and growing. It is the time when we see the impact that our connection has across the state and on into the world. I am attaching the basic schedule for the conference. Visitors can be in the sessions but will be asked to sit in designated areas. This is to facilitate times when votes are taken. During times of worship & study you may sit anywhere. If you have questions please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I encourage you to take the time to experience the gathered UMC of the Kentucky Annual Conference as our district hosts Annual Conference for the next two years and possibly the next five.

Needed at Annual Conference

Everyone in the Covington District needs to bring several cans of food to Annual Conference. There is a plan for our youth to push carts of food to the food pantries of Grace Church and First Baptist Church in downtown Covington on the day of service. Please help us show that the Methodists mean business with their service to others.

Also, everyone from the Covington District attending Annual Conference needs to bring \$3.00 to defer the cost of mailing the Health Kits that will be filled on Thursday afternoon at the Conference. Heavy tote bag material/fabric and yarn are needed. These items will be used on the Day of Service.

Let Pastor Lisa know if you'd like to contribute to this effort.

Annual Conference Schedule

Wednesday, June 9

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Begins (Lobby)
- 8:30 a.m. Ordination Rehearsal (Hall 1)
- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Executive Session (Hall 1)
- 10:45 a.m. New Lay Member Orientation Video (Ballroom A/B)
- 11:00 a.m. Laity Session (Ballroom A/B)
- Noon Lunch Break
Clergy Spouse Lunch
Suggested Seminary Lunches
- 2:00 p.m. Opening Worship, Communion, Service of Remembrance (Hall 1)
Bishop Richard Looney preaching
- 4:00 p.m. Organizational Session (Hall 1)
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner Break
- 7:30 p.m. **Service of Ordination and Commissioning (Hall 1)**
Dr. Timothy Tennent preaching

Thursday, June 10

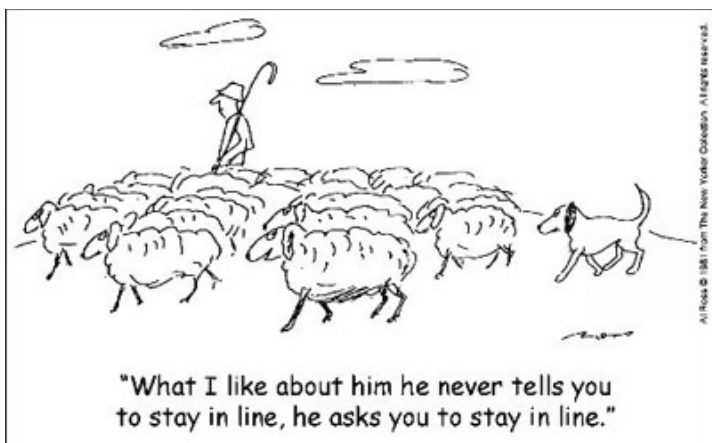
- 8:30 a.m. Legislative Committees (various rooms)
- 11:00 a.m. Gathering Music, Prayer and Praise (Hall 1)
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study (Hall 1) - *Dr. Joy Moore*
- 12:15 p.m. Instructions for Afternoon of Service
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon of Service
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner Break and Free Night

Friday, June 11

- 8:15 a.m. Gathering Music, Prayer and Praise (Hall 1)
- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study (Hall 1) - *Dr. Joy Moore*
- 9:30 a.m. Worshipful Work/Plenary (Hall 1)
- Noon Lunch Break
Retired Clergy Luncheon
Lunch Conversations: Planning Worship to Inspire Missions & Service
- 2:00 p.m. Retirement Service (Hall 1)
- 3:00 p.m. Worshipful Work/Plenary (Hall 1)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Break
Missions Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. **Mission & Ministry Celebration (Hall 1)**
- 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 12

- 8:15 a.m. Gathering Music, Prayer and Praise (Hall 1)
- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study (Hall 1) - *Dr. Joy Moore*
- 9:30 a.m. Worshipful Work/Plenary (Hall 1)
- 11:00 a.m. Reading of Appointments & Sending Forth (Hall 1)
- Noon **Adjournment**
- 1:30 p.m. Methodist History Seminar (Covington Branch of Kenton County Library)



June 6 – Shannon Duck & Don May
 June 13 – Diane Weeks & Dave
 Britt
 June 20 – VBS Sunday – No
 Nursery
 June 27 – Marie Binkley & T.J.
 Gemmer



From the Nurture Chair – Kim Duck

Thank you to everyone who attended our movie night. Everyone had a good time. Our next event is a cookout on Sunday, July 11th at 7 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. We will also have weather appropriate games. Sign-ups will be in the narthex in the next couple of weeks. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please sign up if you plan to attend so that we have enough meat.

Upcoming Events:

June 14-18 – VBS
 July 11th – Cookout
 July 31st – Annual Yard Sale

VBS

Get ready for a High Seas Expedition in June as we explore the mighty love of God. Chadder and his friends will once again be joining us. Ship sets sail June 14-18. Ages: potty trained thru rising 6th grade. (If children are not potty trained, then we ask that a parent stays with them).



Registration forms are in the narthex, or go to our church website at www.faithcommunityumc.com and register online.

Annual Yard Sale

Our annual church yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 31st. Please start gathering your donations together. With donations from everyone, we can have a successful year sale. Please DO NOT bring in any of the items until AFTER VBS. In other words, you can begin bringing them in after June 20th.

One Nation Under God!

Please keep in your prayers the following persons serving in the military:



Elliot Brass (deploying in May 2011)
Angela Foreman (in Iraq until Aug. 2010)
Lisa Maskey (in Iraq until Aug 2010)
Eric Roberts
Jeff Smith
Jake Webb (Iraq)

A God Sighting

Do you ever have an experience that you know beyond a shadow of the doubt that God is at work? How about sharing those moments as a reminder to everyone that our God is very involved in every moment of our lives. Here's a "God Sighting" Marsha experienced recently:

Marsha Stewart – May 24th

I wasn't really watching the time at home this morning when it was time to head for work so I hadn't had lunch. I was planning to start my day at John R. Green getting supplies for summer reading and thought I would pick something up on 3rd street after shopping.

However, as soon as I got on 75 I realized I was quite hungry and, being diabetic, I really needed to eat some real food soon. I got off at Turfway and went through the drive-thru at Lee's. I ordered the shrimp and had to pull around since the shrimp wasn't quite ready. While in the car I was reading a few pages of "Not Your Parents' Offering Plate". when the guy brought my shrimp.

What's really interesting is the fact that he didn't ask what I was reading. He asked, "What kind of book is that?" I told him briefly, told him our committee was reading it and since we had several copies he could have that one. I handed it out the window. He thanked me and we both went our way.

Don't you love it!?!?
 Marsha

TRUSTEE POINT PERSON FOR JUNE

Ettore Minghetti

If you notice a maintenance issue, let Ettore know!

Wouldn't it be great if we lived in a world without Ego?

By Wayne Hoffman

Think about it.

The mentality of "what's in it for me" would no longer exist. There would be no toes to step on. We would not have to watch our backs. We could express an idea without someone shooting it down before we even get it out of our mouth.

Yes, Life would be much less stressful if the world wasn't filled with Ego.

Realistically we may not be able to make the entire world Ego free, but we can be absolutely sure that our own little corner of world stays that way. I'm going to tell you how you can make that happen, but first let's take a quick look at what Ego is.

The simple definition of Ego is self. The larger definition defines Ego as an over inflated sense of self-significance. As a general rule you can easily identify a person with an over inflated Ego. They usually like to be seen and just as important, heard. A lot of times they are heard well before they are ever seen. They are like the kid at recess that brings their ball for everyone to play with and then expects everyone to play strictly by their rules. Here's how to keep from becoming that person.

There are five virtues that you must adopt as the way you interact with people. They are to be Humble, Teachable, Appreciative, a Good Listener and Relaxed. Let's look at each of these virtues in more detail.

First Be Humble. Remember, you are a very small part of this world and guess what, it doesn't revolve around you. If the people in your world sense that you feel even a little bit superior to them, you will have little success in convincing them that you care about them or their success as an individual.

The 2nd virtue is to Be Teachable. Focus on what you can learn rather than what you know. None of us ever reach the point where there is nothing left to learn. If we are open and looking for it we can learn something from practically every person we encounter, no matter how young, how old or how educated they are. In fact almost everything you now know came through the hard work of someone else.

The 3rd virtue is to be a Good Listener. Listen carefully when someone is speaking to you and make every effort to fully understand what they are saying. When they finish speaking, allow a pause, ask questions and listen again. Notice their body language and facial expressions. This will help you understand what they are saying beyond their words.

The 4th virtue is to Be Appreciative. Appreciate People! Enjoy their contributions and let them know how you feel about them. Give praise when they are doing well and offer words of strength and encouragement when they struggle.

Most importantly focus on the needs of others as opposed to your own and make service to others your priority. There is no better way to show appreciation to someone than to give them a helping hand when they are in need.

The 5th virtue is Relax. Relax your need to be right all of the time as well as your need to defend your territory. These two factors alone can easily squelch new ideas or make people defensive before you even get started. Remember, not everything in life is meant to be a competition.

Be patient with people. Allow them the time they need to grow and develop. Your time clock may not always be set with the correct time.

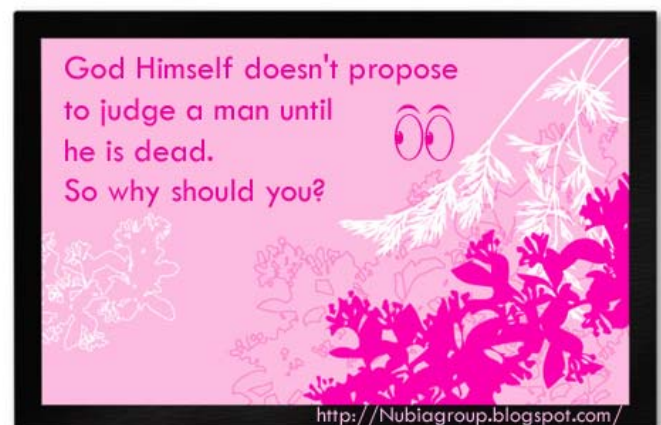
Be Humble, Be Teachable, Be Appreciative, Be a good listener and Relax

Once you adopt these virtues and put them into practice you will be well on your way to living Ego free. You will feel a sense of freedom that perhaps you've never felt before. Soon you will be amazed how much your view of the world has changed and how rich the relationships with your family and friends have become.

As I mentioned earlier, the simple definition of Ego is Self. Isn't it ironic that in order for us to have an Ego free world, it has to start with self?

Yes it's true. Only you can chose to take the steps that will keep you Humble, Teachable, Appreciative, a Good Listener and Relaxed.

Will your little corner of the world be Ego free? It's all up to you. It's your choice and I encourage you to make it today. Believe me you will be glad you did.



Meet The Methodists:

(This is a new item to the newsletter to help promote The Connection)

Cote d'Ivoire is a difficult place if you're trying to live a Christian life. From 1960 to 1999 it was a fairly peaceful and one of the more prosperous African nations. (CIA Factbook) In 1999 that changed as attempted military coups, rigged elections, and AIDS took a heavy toll on the people. In 2002 the country became geographically divided with rebels taking control of the north. In 2007 the government and the rebels reached an agreement and began the rebuilding. Political views and traditional structures have made citizenship, land use and access to service divisive issues and elections have been put on indefinite hold. The CIA Factbook lists the reintegration of rebel fighters into the national military forces may be the most difficult part of the process.

Now, meet Phillippe and Julienne Mangou. Christians, United Methodists, they hold Bible studies in their home and invite others to follow Christ. This commitment to Christ has made it possible for them to forgive the atrocities they suffered during the civil war and be witnesses to others who have suffered, as well.

Philippe is actively involved in the efforts to rebuild the nation's military.: that's General Philippe Mangou, the chief of Cote D'Ivoire's national forces.

Raised in a Christian home, General Mangou sometimes led the choir and preached. Many people expected him to follow in his father's footsteps in ministry, but Mangou is adamant that he was not called to preach. Instead, God's calling led him to a uniform and following that calling has been costly.

During the fighting of 1999-2000 he was arrested, his family abused and terrorized, and forgiveness is sometimes hard. Mangou related the story of his stolen car. He was so angry he really intended to kill the thief but arriving at the man's home he finds only the wife and family. Instead he ordered the man to appear at his headquarters. The thief took Mangou to the car, which was undamaged except for the missing engine!

By then Mangou had calmed down and had the man arrested instead. When he related this exemplary behavior to his wife, she sent him to get the man out of jail and give him 5,000 central African francs, about \$10.00! Even generals take orders sometimes.

To find out more about the Mangous and the work of other United Methodists in Cote D'Ivoire take advantage of the great resources from the office of United Methodist Communications. They have slide shows, news articles, and stories of United Methodists around the world.

The article about the Mangous, a slide show, and much more can be found at <http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=IwL4KnN1LtH&b=5259611&ct=7190861>.

Church Family News

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jacob Walbourn graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee School of Law on Friday, May 21, 2010.

SUMMER HELP NEEDED

Diane Weeks

I am looking for someone with a drivers license who is responsible for this summer to come to my Union house to watch Hannah (7) and to keep an eye on Jake (13) beginning June 7 – August 17. Times would be from 7 AM until at the latest 4:30 PM but on most days it will be earlier. You would have full use of the swimming pool as well as a KI season pass.

There are days that I know already that you would not need to watch the kids: June 11 and 29; July 5, 27, 30; Aug. 1-6

The pay is \$30.00 a day and I can pay you daily or weekly.

There are a lot of summer activities at the Boone County Library and Free Movie days. There are parks around us that are fun to go to so what you do on a daily basis is up to you and Hannah. If you are interested please call or text me at 859-760-4185

THANK YOU!

Dear Faith Community UMC,

We would like to thank you for your support in both your prayers and in allowing our support group to use your facility for our meeting location. In the past year and a half since HEARTS began we have been able to provide support to a number of families whose lives have been touched by pregnancy and infant loss. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings and friends have had a comforting place to come, share their stories of loss and be supported through their grief. This would not have been possible without your support.

We would also like to thank Pastor Lisa May for all she has done for us in providing spiritual support during our meetings. She always find the perfect words at the perfect time for the people who are hurting.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Faith Community UMC in the months and years to come.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Sincerely, HEARTS Founders
Andrea Speakman, Erin Kelly, Gina Talbert, Kendra Roenker, Lisa Loudon

It's Coming!

The “**Afternoon of Service**” is literally just days away, scheduled for Thursday the 10th of June, and we're asking ALL of the churches in the Covington District to participate.

Please come and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to show the community of Northern Kentucky that the church is a “Church in Action!” We hope that everyone will prayerfully take advantage of this unique endeavor.

We are asking that everyone in the Covington District come to conference and bring one can of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries in Covington. We are asking **everyone** to bring **ONE** can of food. However, if **any church** would like to donate 10 or 20 or 30 cans and bring them to Conference we assure you that they will be well used!

There is currently a tremendous need for such items as canned beans, peas, corn, tomatoes, pears, peaches and fruit cocktail. A simple can of food - it is certainly not much to ask as we reach out to those who are struggling during these very difficult economic times!

We are also supporting the **Red Bird Missionary Conference** by bringing in Campbell Soup Can labels. These labels will be cut, sorted and organized and used in the “**Labels for Education**” outreach in the conference.

So we're asking for your cans!! Cans of food and Campbell Soup can labels. Your pantries may be overflowing with small items that can help others in a **BIG WAY!**

Please help us out and bring a can to feed and a label to support!

Let us be United Methodists reaching out to serve others – “**Sent to Serve**”

Submitted by Rev. Scott Stith, coordinator

Project Leaders still needed

15 Leaders are currently needed

Numbers in parenthesis are the number of leaders needed for each project.

Assembly Project

Agape Letters (2)- this requires one to lead a group of people in writing Agape letters to soldiers and missionaries. All supplies will be provided
Campbell Soup Can Labels

Care & Hospitality (Visitation)

Hosea House (1)
Providence Pavilion (1)

Cleaning and Repair- this requires one to lead a group of 5 at each place cleaning and repairing

St. Vincent DePaul (1)
Be Concerned (1)

Landscaping& Yardwork- this will require one to lead a group at each place doing

St. Vincent DePaul (1)
Director's House (Salvation Army) (1)
Riverfront/ City Trash Pickup (1)

Nursing Home Visitations-this will require one to lead a group doing nursing home visitations

St. Charles (1)
Brighton Center (1)



Prayer Walk- this will require one to lead a group of 15 on a prayer walk through the streets of Covington.

Group 3 (1)
Group 4 (1)

Organizing and Sorting- this will require one to lead a group organizing and sorting.

Welcome House(1)
Newport Schools (1)- this requires one to lead a group of 30 moving books.

JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Prayer for our Garden:</i></p> <p><i>The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Amen.</i></p>		<p>1 6 am – Prayer Time</p>	<p>2 12:30 pm Women's Study Group</p> <p>6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6pm – AA Group</p>	<p>5 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group</p>
<p>6 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship – Hussung/Hartman wedding with potluck dinner after</p> <p>5:00 pm– Youth Group 5:30 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6 am – Prayer Time</p>	<p>9 12:30 pm Women's Study Group</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6pm – AA Group</p>	<p>12 9 am – Men's Breakfast</p> <p>1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group</p>
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<p>13 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship</p> <p>5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> FLAG DAY</p>	<p>15 6 am – Prayer Time</p>	<p>16 12:30 pm Women's Study Group</p>	<p>17 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group</p>	<p>18 6pm – AA Group</p>	<p>19 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group</p>
<p><i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 6:30 pm</i></p>						
<p>20 Father's Day 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship –VBS Program</p> <p>5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Summer</p>	<p>22 6 am – Prayer Time</p>	<p>23 12:30 pm Women's Study Group</p> <p>6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice</p>	<p>24 6:30 pm – Women's Study Group</p>	<p>25 6pm – AA Group</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>26 1pm - Covenant Discipleship Group</p>
<p>27 9:45 S.School 10:45 Worship</p> <p>5:30 pm – Bible Study 5:30 pm– Youth Group</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6 am – Prayer Time</p> <p>7pm – Crafters</p>	<p>30 12:30 pm Women's Study Group</p> <p>6:30 pm –Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm – Choir Practice</p>	<p><i>Prayer for our Church and Garden Harvest:</i></p> <p><i>Make us worthy, Lord,</i> <i>to serve those throughout the community who live and die in poverty or hunger.</i> <i>Give then, through our hands, this day their daily bread;</i> <i>and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Amen.</i></p>		

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Next Newsletter Deadline: June 25th

Submit information

- to the church office
- fax to 859-342-7507, or
- email to dmaskey@administrativeedge.net

Remember – Flag Day, June 14th!

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834. This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide. This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.



Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our servicemen.

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America ' for an amount of 'up to and including My life.'

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