



Fruitful Faith For God's Followers

Summer 2009

Radical Hospitality *Passionate Worship* *Intentional Faith Development*
Risk-Taking Mission and Service *Extravagant Generosity*

A Note from Bob

Special points of interest:

- Clergy Breakfasts
- CC Schedule
- Retirements, Farewells, etc.
- Clusters

One of the resounding themes of the Imagine Indiana process has been God's ability to do far more than what we can even imagine. The verse from Ephesians 3:20 has been our hope through so many months of starts and restarts, of visioning and shaping, of looking back and looking ahead. We stand now just a few months from another major manifestation of this imagining. On January 1st, we become ten districts, moving from the current eighteen district alignments. This is but one more way in which we move into a reality that five years ago only God could have imagined.

Annual Conference was certainly more than I could have imagined five years ago. At the same time I felt nostalgic about missing Bloomington as the site of annual conference, I experienced a conference session that was exciting, innovative and refreshing. The logistics of a new site always bring frustrations and a need to adapt here and there. But the spirit of our first conference session was wonderful. Far more than I could have imagined.

As clusters learn what it means to assist local churches to be more than they could have imagined we will witness yet another manifestation of God's imagination. Cluster leader training this summer and fall will be of utmost value in this process.

God can do far more than we can imagine. So often we gather in our communities of faith and we realize how limited we are as we look only at our abilities (or perceived lack), our resources (or perceived lack), and our ideas (or perceived lack). It is so easy to come up with long lists of reasons why we cannot do this or that! But we have a God who sees beyond our limitations and our hesitation. In fact, God is able to do among us and within us far more than we can imagine.

Let's rejoice in discovering together what God has in mind for us of the Bloomington District, even as the district lines soon change. We are still called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our world.



ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify the district office of address changes for your church location, pastor's address, and church leaders.

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Upcoming Events

YOUTH WEEKEND RETREAT AT CAMP RIVERVALE AUGUST 7th-9th

Open to all children 2nd grade - high school-Cost for the weekend is \$50. Come fellowship with fellow youth in the district. Enjoy music, activities and more. If a church is interested in sponsorships for the youth weekend--It costs \$50 to send a child to the weekend outing. Make checks payable to the Bloomington District and state in the memo line Youth Event. If anyone is interested in more information please call District Youth Coordinator Becky Padgett 812-865-3948.

CLERGY BREAKFASTS

All breakfasts will be at 8am

Aug. 19th Morgan County at Indy's in Martinsville
 Aug. 20th Monroe/Brown County at Cracker Barrel in Bloomington
 Aug. 21st Orange/Lawrence County at Maple St. in Orleans
 Aug. 24th Jackson County at Brock's in Brownstown
 Aug. 26th Greene County at Stoll's in Linton
 Aug. 27th Owen County at Chambers in Spencer

FIRST APPOINTMENT WORKSHOP—AUGUST 29TH

There will be an important gathering on Saturday, August 29: A Workshop for all persons appointed for their first appointment in our conference. This is a day for learning much about how our life together in Indiana is organized. It is crucial that pastors new to our system take advantage of this learning time. It will be especially helpful as Charge Conference Season approaches. The following persons are asked to attend: Terry Brammer (Harrodsburg), Ramon Tristani (Simpson Chapel), Derrick Fields (Medora), Lyndel Manship (Old Union/Leipsic), Teresa Terrell (Christiansburg), Mathew Whitacre (Erie), Mark Pogue (Millgrove), Tony Ross (Gosport), James Grant (Moores Ridge), Jeanine Burge (Mt. Olive)

CLERGY SPOUSE REFRESHER

Theme: Fishing for Joy
 September 20th-22nd, 2009
 Clifty Falls, Madison IN
 Guest Speaker: Mrs. Jan True
 Registration Deadline is August 1st.

CONVOCATION FOR PASTORS

Theme: Our Mission Together
 October 12th-14th, 2009
 Holiday Inn in Columbus, IN
 Guest Speaker: Bishop Sally Dyck
 Registration Deadline is October 1st.

DR. DAVID BELL'S REGIONAL SEMINARS ON STEWARDSHIP

Time and location to be determined
 October 2nd-3rd, 2009 – Districts 1 & 3 (N & NW) Location TBA
 November 20th-21st, 2009 – Districts 2 & 7 (NE & E) Location TBA
 January 8th-9th, 2010 – Districts 4 & 9 (SW & W) to be held at Vincennes First UMC
 January 22nd-23rd, 2010 – Districts 5 & 6 (C & NC) Location TBA
 February 5th-6th, 2010 – Districts 8 & 10 (SE & S) to be held at Scottsburg UMC



DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY INTERVIEW DAY—DEC. 1ST
CLERGY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY —DEC. 7TH

Charge Conference

OCT. 21st, 7:00PM

Mt. Lebanon
 Moores Ridge
PAOLI
 Ames Chapel
 Springs Valley
 West Baden
 Ft. Ritner
 Orleans
 Tunnelton Charge
 Old Union Charge
 Bonds Chapel Charge

OCT. 22nd, 7:00PM

Oolitic
 Bedford First
 Springville
 Heltonville
 Erie
BEDFORD GRACE
 Leesville
 Harrodsburg
 Wesley Chapel
 Jacob Finger

NOV. 9th, 7:00PM

Jasonville
 Folsom Memorial
LINTON FIRST
 Lyons Charge
 Prairie Chapel
 Nine Mile
 Newberry
 Bloomfield
 Mineral
 Scotland

NOV. 14th, 9:30AM

Freetown Charge
 Whites Chapel
 Brownstown
 Medora
 Vallonia Charge
CHRISTIANSBURG
 Mt. Nebo

NOV. 17th, 7:00 PM

Patricksburg
 Shiloh-Wesley
 Gosport
SPENCER
 Millgrove
 Arlington
 Fairview
 Ellettsville
 Simpson Chapel
 Freedom

NOV. 19th, 7:00 PM

Mt. Olive
 Monrovia
 Morgantown
 Poplar Grove
 Banta Charge
MARTINSVILLE
 Mooresville

NOV. 23rd, 7:00PM

Solsberry Charge
 Koleen
 Garrison Chapel
 Walkers Chapel
 Crossroads
ST. PAUL
 Bloomington Korean
 St. Mark's
 Bloomington First
 Nashville

Bloomington District News

- The following churches have yet to turn in their 2008 audits: Bloomfield, Bloomington First, St. Mark's, St. Paul, Wesley Chapel (Orange Co.), Christiansburg, Ellettsville, Erie, Folsom Memorial, Heltonville, Marco, Martinsville, Mineral, Moores Ridge, Mooresville, Mt. Nebo, Old Union, Patricksburg, Spencer, Springville, Vallonia, and Wesley Chapel (Lawrence Co.)
- Please access the district website (www.blumc.org) for updates during this time of transition. This is important especially when things need to be announced in between newsletter publications. **PASTORS: If you do not have access to the internet, please have someone in your congregation check the website for you so that you will be up to date on District information.**

NEW Districts/Clusters

CLUSTER LEADER TRAINING (REQUIRED FOR CLUSTER LEADERS)

10am-5pm EST

August 15th – Districts 5 & 6 (C & NC) Location TBA

August 22nd – Districts 8 & 10 (SE & S) at North Vernon First UMC

September 12th – Districts 2 & 7 (NE & E) at Heritage Pointe UMC

September 19th – Districts 1 & 3 (N & NW) in the Logansport area

CENTRAL DISTRICT will consist of churches in the following counties: Morgan, Hendricks, Shelby, Johnson, Marion and Hancock

****DISTRICT CONFERENCE SET FOR NOV. 15TH AT 3:00PM LOCATION TBA**

SOUTH DISTRICT will consist of churches in the following counties: Harrison, Floyd, Crawford, Clark, Scott, Washington, Orange, Lawrence plus Harrodsburg UMC (Monroe Co.)

**** POST-CONFERENCE BRIEFING**

The Rev. Dr. Jim Bushfield will be visiting the **South District** (formerly New Albany District) on Sunday, August 9, at 2:30 p.m. He will be sharing a one-hour “Post-Conference Briefing” with us to explain actions of this summer’s Annual Conference session with special emphasis on new district structure. There will be Q/A time. Pastors are expected to attend and encouraged to bring your Lay Member to Annual Conference and additional laity from your congregation. The event will be held at Faithpoint UMC, located at 6694 Hwy 150 @ Navilleton Rd.; Floyds Knobs, IN 47119 (or check the website www.faithpointchurch.org for map/directions).

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT will consist of churches in the following counties: Jefferson, Switzerland, Ohio, Dearborn, Ripley, Franklin, Jennings, Jackson, Brown, Bartholomew, Decatur, Rush and Monroe excluding Fairview UMC, Arlington UMC, and Ellettsville UMC but including Solsberry UMC Charge (Greene Co.)

****DISTRICT CONFERENCE SET FOR OCT. 18TH AT GREENSBURG UMC AT 2:30PM**

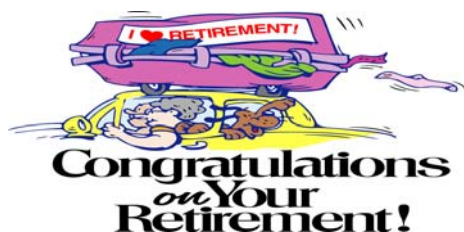
****THE SOUTHEASTER E-NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COLUMBUS DISTRICT OFFICE AND ON THE BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT WEBSITE.**

WEST DISTRICT will consist of churches in the following counties: Vermillion, Fountain, Montgomery, Putnam, Parke, Vigo, Clay, Owen, Sullivan, Greene excluding Solsberry UMC Charge (Greene Co.) but including Fairview UMC, Arlington UMC, and Ellettsville UMC (Monroe Co.)

****DISTRICT CONFERENCE SET FOR NOV. 8TH —SAVE THE DATE!**



Mary Wilder Cartwright as Associate Pastor at Bloomington First UMC
 Nelson Steele as Senior Pastor at Bloomington St. Marks' UMC
 Teresa Terrell as Senior Pastor at Christiansburg UMC
 Matthew Whitacre as Senior Pastor at Erie UMC
 James Grant as Senior Pastor at Moores Ridge UMC
 Fred Haywood as Senior Pastor at Nashville UMC
 Peggy Haywood as Associate Pastor at Nashville UMC
 Ramon Tristani as Senior Pastor at Simpson Chapel UMC
 Lyndel Manship as Senior Pastor at Old Union/Leipsic UMC
 Damon Soper as Senior Pastor at Brownstown UMC



Helen Stephenson from Simpson Chapel UMC
 Ted Murphy from Erie UMC
 Warren Schoenecker from Old Union UMC Charge



Eric Kersey (Mitchell Jacob Finger), and Colin Cress (Folsom Memorial UMC Charge) on being Commissioned at Annual Conference!
 Diane Menke-Pence (Ext. Min. Hamilton Center) on being on Ordained at Annual Conference!



Jim Ramsey from Bloomington St. Marks' UMC to Avon UMC
 Jimmy Moore from Bloomington First UMC to Greensburg UMC
 Joe Crow from Moores Ridge UMC to no appointment
 Wade Compton from Nashville UMC to Greenfield Bradley UMC
 Lyndon Hopkins from Oolitic UMC to no appointment
 Gary Schaar from SIC Ext Ministries to Columbus First
 Bob Walters from SIC Ext Ministries to Friendly Planet Missiology
 Sharon White from SIC Ext Ministries to Anderson New Hope UMC



Remembering *those* we have lost this year

Michaelene Haysler (Brownstown UMC)
 George Greathouse (Heltonville UMC)
 Bill Butler (Scotland UMC)
 John Thrasher (Medora UMC)

Bloomington District UMC

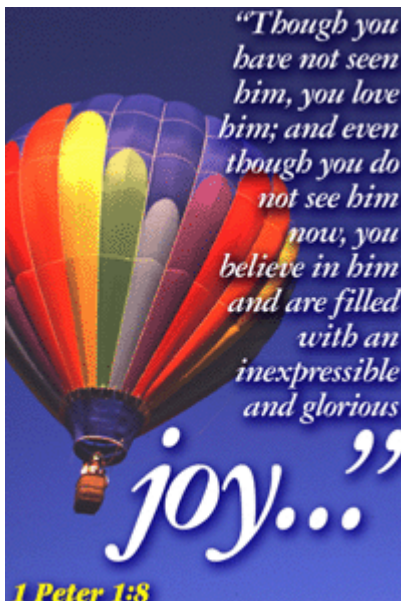
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SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



JULY

- 3 Kathy Leth (Jasonville)
- 3 Myra Neal (Retired)
- 6 Linda Beedle (Solsberry Charge)
- 12 Christopher Van Allen (St. Paul)
- 13 Janet Robbins (Retired)
- 13 Max Cramer (Retired)
- 15 Debbie Bushfield (Ext. Min)
- 16 Dona Sweigart (Retired)
- 21 Jim Roach (Arlington)
- 24 Lloyd Swango (Walkers Chapel)
- 29 Dan Voorhies (Leesville)
- 30 Julie Hoskins (Retired)

AUGUST

- 4 James Grant (Moore's Ridge)
- 12 Doris Loy (Ames Chapel)
- 19 Pam Cook (Paoli)
- 20 Marcia Frazier (Retired)
- 20 Heather Cress (Worthington Charge)
- 27 Bill Van Horn (Banta Charge)