

Living Waters

Five Rivers District Newsletter



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News From Your District Superintendent

Friends and Colleagues:

My family and I had a great time away for vacation this summer! It is so good to be able to get out of the routine and to see the world with a different agenda. Make sure that you find the time to do some of this re-directing of your agenda before the fall moves in on your schedule.



I am working on the schedule for the fall church conferences. As I have been sharing with the pastors and lay leadership of the district, I plan to move to a new way of accomplishing these meetings. Many districts across the denomination have gone to some form of cluster church conferences. In such gatherings a few churches/charges (maybe 3-5) come together in a central location for a shared worship service followed by separate church conferences. This format allows for

more effective use of resources while accomplishing the necessary business of the churches. There may be reason for a particular church to need an individual conference, but by and large, the business of church conferences is fairly routine.

Why do church conferences this way? The primary answer is that it will allow me to redirect my time to more engaging use in local churches. I will be able to come to churches and connect in ways other than a business meeting. Perhaps I can spend time with the Church Council to discuss mission and ministry strategy. Maybe I can help a local church get connected in a renewal program. Whatever the form, I can spend time in a greater variety of ways in the local church.

I will be able to talk about this more in the near future. I plan to have information ready for the upcoming Pastors meeting on August 26th. So stay tuned for more details.

Blessings!

Dennis

PROJECT REVOLUTION

DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

SEPTEMBER 11-12

LAWRENCE 1ST UMC

WEST CAMPUS

ALL DISTRICT YOUTH

INVITED

LOOK FOR REGISTRATION
SOON!

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Schedule of Events

- * **August 7th**, District
Superintendency Meeting, 9-12a.m. Fort Scott 1st
- * **August 12th**, New to the district
Pastors' meeting,
Ottawa, Trinity
10 a.m. to noon.
- * **August 19th**
You are invited to Welda UMC
6:30 p.m. for Fellowship and
Food.
Pastorwillie@hughes.net
- * **August 26th**
All Clergy Meeting
10 a.m. To Noon
Ottawa 1st UMC

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Rev. Kara Eidson, KU Wesley Campus Minister.
Kara at her ordination with her grandmother and cousin Ava. Congratulations Kara!

Pastor Kathy Symes, son Dean and sister Kim on a family float trip this summer down the Upper Meramec River south of St. Louis. "Our family has floated together since I was a little girl. It is a beautiful, relaxing way to spend a day - a time to truly appreciate God's creation," added Symes.



Of Possible Interest to You:

Clergy Meeting Planned for August 26th

There will be an *all clergy meeting at Ottawa 1st from 9 to noon on Thursday, August, 26th*. Please put this on your calendar and try to be there if at all possible.

We won't be serving lunch that day so you are free to make plans on your own. You will get forms for church conference and sign-up for clergy consultations. Rev. Ackerman will be talking to you about possible changes to church conferences this fall and his plans for the district.

Fab Five Fall Festival and Fellowship

Please save the date of **Saturday, October 30th** for our district wide event at Ottawa 1st. Our first ever **Fab Five Fall Festival and Fellowship**. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. with registration. At 10:30 a.m. We will have an uplifting worship service with music and food for our souls by our speaker (he has agreed but we are waiting on his written confirmation.) ***This is going to be an event you won't want to miss for sure!***

We will share a picnic style barbecue lunch with all the fixins at around noon. After lunch we will have a display area set up in the gym where we want every church in the district to bring some things to share about their churches ministry. You will each be given space for a small table or card table for display. One person from each church (not the pastor) should bring and be responsible for displaying this. You might use something similar to a science fair board, video Powerpoint, the sky is the limit. The main idea being a sharing of ministries and recognition of other churches in our district. Start thinking of what individuals might be good to work together on this. We have almost three months to promote and work on our presentations. This should be fun!

At 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. we will have a wonderful motivational and inspirational presentation by our speaker. The ongoing climate of the day will be, how can we connect with the neighbors outside our church doors? How do we share the excitement we have as followers of Christ with those who are currently un-churched? Who are our neighboring churches and fellow Christians within our district. Finally how can we connect and share our ministries and talents within our district to support the backbone of the district, our local churches.

Look for posters and registration forms soon. Let's really try to promote this. We are hoping to have between two and three hundred in attendance. ***If Project Revolution can get over a hundred kids for our youth rally, shouldn't we be able to at least triple that for our all district event?*** There will be a registration fee of 10.00 to cover the catered lunch but the district is covering the cost of the well known speaker and the rest of the costs. Please join the District Leadership Team as we have begun **praying** for this event daily.

Safe and Sacred Training Opportunity

Osawatomie UMC,
Monday, August 9th
from 6-9 p.m., cost is 30.00 payable to the KE conference for background check. Please download all the paperwork from the KE website at www.kansaseast.org (go to Safe and Sacred in the search box.) Register by Thursday, August 5th at 913-755-4774.

August Clergy Birthdays

Melody Kimbrel 08-23

Marti McDougal 08-28



District Prayer Calendar

Aug. 1st Vinland UM
Rev. Nick Woods

Aug. 8th St. John's-
Hammond-West Liberty
Rev. Janet Myers

Aug. 15th Waverly-Prairie
View
Rev. Melody Kimbrel

Aug. 22nd Iola Wesley
Rev. Trudy Kenyon
Anderson

Aug. 29th Lawrence
Indian UMC
Rev. Julienne Judd

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Facebook – Adding Pictures

It's relatively easy to add pictures on Facebook if you have a digital camera. You start by clicking on the tab at the top called Photos. Next go to create an album. It will ask you to give the album a name, location and description. Most important is the security. You can make it available to Facebook friends, everyone (not recommended), friends of friends, or customize. If you choose customize you can list specific people it will be visible to and specific people who you hide it from. Always remember to save settings. Now you are ready to add pictures to your album. It is easiest if you already have uploaded pictures to your PC. You simply go to add pictures and select those you want to upload. Once they upload you can edit photos, add more, organize (you can drag pictures to a different spot in your album or click reverse order at the top), edit info (captions), delete pictures. After you make any changes, don't forget to save changes at the bottom. Remember any thing you write under pictures (yours and others) is visible to anyone that has accessibility to the album, this is not just between you and the person you are commenting on. You can leave a comment on individual pictures or the album as a whole.

Tagging pictures: Other people can tag pictures to you and you can tag them as well. You go to the bottom right side of the picture you want to tag and click on tag this photo, then click on the face of the person you are tagging and a box of all your contacts comes up. You choose the person and it will be sent to their Facebook wall.

If you don't want everyone to see pictures tagged of you, go to Account (upper right side of home page,) then photos and videos I'm tagged in. Make this custom and then add names to make this visible to or add names to hide this from. I make most pictures I'm tagged in visible to my immediate family only. That is mostly who sends them to me as well.

Below is a photo I was able to share with my friends of my seven year old grandson and his new brother and one of me with the new grandbaby born last month. Some of my cousins didn't even know I was a grandma. This is my favorite application.

Jacob, Leslie, Nathaniel and Grace Cloud staying cool this summer at the Baldwin City pool.

