



Living Waters

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Reflections From Ron

Hello Colleagues and Friends,

It's fall again. It seems like just yesterday we were frolicking in the heat of summer and now comes fall. Fall arrives usually with a beautiful array of color bursting forth from nature. We usually welcome the change in this season and accept the beauty of the change without fanfare.

Fall in the life of the church brings about some other changes as well. There will be changes in leadership responsibilities as lay leadership teams meet to discern people's call to service in the church. There will be changes in local church budgets as they seek to find ways to meet their ministry needs financially. There will be changes in tempo as fall ministries escalate both in the life of the local church, the district, and the annual conference. But more importantly, the beauty of this fall is going to provide an opportunity for us to change the landscape of the annual conference for years to come.

This fall we will begin taking a serious look at the Capital Campaign and seeking ways that we can be supportive of our Annual Conference Strategic Plan to start new churches, revitalize existing churches, strengthen campus ministries and camping ministries in Kansas. Participation in and being supportive of these efforts is one way of cultivating Christian discipleship within ourselves and the communities where we serve. Being supportive of these efforts is one way of strengthening the connection of United Methodist churches in the Five Rivers District, but in the annual conference as well.

For many of us, this is going to require us to change. It will require us to change from what we have been into what God and Christ is calling us to be—faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Support and participation in “Building Bridges to the Future” invites us to accept the beauty of change into the people of God that know where they're going and are taking the right steps to get there. It is my ardent prayer that as we live into our roles as disciples of Jesus Christ, cultivating our discipleship, we will begin to live into the beauty of who Christ is fashioning us to be as we change. Be at peace as you cultivate this faithful discipleship in your lives.

Agape and shalom,
Ron

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Meet Matt Stuckey Youth Minister Iola: Wesley-Neosho Falls
Five Rivers DCYM



Hello Everyone,

I'm Matt Stuckey the Youth Minister at Wesley United Methodist Church in Iola. I've been here now for six years and I love every minute of the ministry here. When I was younger, youth group was such an amazing time for me to fellowship with my peers, worship God, and I realized that this whole Christian thing was a life chang-

ing one. Sure enough, once I was out of high school, Wesley United Methodist Church approached me to come and work with the youth. Ever since that time I've been blessed to see so many youth make connections in their faith. Seeing these moments helps me to realize that God is so good. I see a generation of youth that have so many gifts to give to our society. What a change they can make through Jesus' name! When I was asked in February to be a part of DCYM I was unsure of what was involved. After meeting with many youth workers and student leaders and feeling their desire to let youth know the love of Jesus I knew I wanted to be a part of that. I look forward to working with the many people involved in youth ministry in our district. I ask that we all be in prayer for our DCYM that we may create with God's help meaningful and life changing events that help youth become disciples of Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Matt Stuckey

Five Rivers District Youth

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Youth Events:

CIA: Christians In Action - “Water and Rainbows” October 12th-13th at Parson’s Wesley UMC. Contact Kurt Cooper or Kelly Chapman at 620-4211-6130 for more information.

District Youth and Coordinators Meeting, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. Garnett UMC, 124 W. Oak, Garnett, KS.

This meeting is for youth coordinators, area directors and Rev. King has requested that the coordinators bring one senior high youth if possible.

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Clergy Cons. Ottawa 1st Clergy Spouse Event P.M.	2 Clergy Con- sultations Office <i>PAUMCS FALL EVEN T Marve' out of office</i>	3 Clergy Con- sultations Iola:Wesley	4 Clergy Con- sultations Lawrence 1st	5	6
7	8 Clergy Con- sultations Lawrence Central	9	10 DS Extended Cabinet	11 DS Appoint- ive Cabinet	12	13
14	15 Clergy Con- sultations Fort Scott Youth Meet- ing Garnett	16	17 Clergy Con- sultations Garnett	18 District Leadership Team Meet- ing 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21 Michigan Valley CC 10:30 a.m.	22 Clergy Con- sultations Office	23 C Con. office Union Chapel- Princeton CC 7:00 p.m.	24 Clergy Con- sultations Office	25 Elsmore- Mildred CC 7:00 p.m.	26	27
28 Please see below CC schedules	29 Plum Creek CC 7:00 p.m.	30 Sexual Ethics Quadrennial Update Topeka 1st	31			

October 28th: Devon-Mapleton 10:30 a.m., Mound City-Blue Mound 1:00 p.m., Colony-Kincaid Selma 3:30 p.m.

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

October Birthdays

October 8th Michael Tomson-DeGreef

October 10th Ron King

No wise man ever wished to be younger.
- Jonathan Swift

District Prayer Calendar

Please remember these churches, clergy and spouses in your daily prayer time.

Oct. 7 Devon-Mapleton
Pastor Glen and Hilary Duderstadt

Oct. 14 Iola: Trinity
Rev. Connie McKee-Smith

Oct. 21 St. John's-Hammond-West Liberty
Pastor Vida Williams Huen

Oct. 28 Fort Scott First
Rev. Paul and Debbie Babcock



Along with these clergy, please remember Joe and Shirley Edgerton and their future Mission Team in Haiti.

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“Gathering Community One Stitch at a Time.” was the theme of the Ives Chapel UMC Salad Supper on September 6th. Seventy-nine women participated.

The hilarious skit was “The Quilters” was performed by Joy Uthoff as Lily Lou, Rosann Elder as Daisy Mae (church quilters and pictured above), Ellen Grammer as Pansy and Gail Kingsley as Petunia (Sunday School teachers.)

Welcoming and intros as well as a Erma Bombeck reading were done by Joy Uthoff (pictured to the right.)

The lovely decorations were done by Rosann Elder (chair), Pat Rosell and Karin Constantinescu.

Ives Chapel Pastor, Rev. Harriett Bechtle led the singing.

