



Mission Statement: To Cultivate Christian Growth

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News From Your District Superintendent

Colleagues and Friends:

It is hard to believe that summer is fast coming to a close and we are thinking about the fall and beyond. My daughter has been in school for most of three weeks already! "Time keeps on slippin' slippin' slippin' into the future..." as the Steve Miller band says.



With my sights on the fall, I want to share with you my plans for Church Conferences this season. Along with the other districts on our Annual Conference, Five Rivers District will be conducting Cluster Conferences. This means that a number of churches will gather at a central location and have the conferences at the same time. From two to six church/changes will gather at a host church to share in worship with Holy Communion, share celebration of local church ministries, share information and conduct the business of the church conference. This last piece, the business of the local church/charge, will be conducted by each church in separate spaces within the host church. Or-

derained Elders from our district, and perhaps other districts, will lead these separate meetings and help each church accomplish the necessary business.

I know that we are doing a new thing with the use of Clusters. New things mean change and change is sometimes challenging. There needs to be sound reasoning for trying this new way of conducting Church Conferences. I believe that there is good reasoning. Using Cluster Conferences will allow District Superintendents to redirect a good deal of time from business meetings to relating to local churches in other ways. It is my intention to be present with churches in ways that may prove more beneficial to strengthening the ministry of the churches. Perhaps I will spend time with the Administrative Council, or with the Staff Parish Committee, or with the Visioning team of a church. I will be seeking invitations from churches to be present in ways that may prove helpful to the mission of the church. So be thinking about how this may look in your church.

Thanks for taking this journey with me. I know that I am asking something of each pastor and church. I know that there may be some who are feeling like "what else can I do, the DS said we are going to do this!" That is true, but I hope that you can see the reasoning behind the decision and come along and see if it works for us. Let's be on prayer for and with one another as we do this new thing together.

In Christ

Dennis

PROJECT

REVOLUTION

District Youth Rally
September 11-12
Lawrence 1st UMC
West Campus

The Theme is
Come To Him In 2010

We are up 25 from last year =
165 signed up for this event.

[Prayer Requested for this
Five Rivers District
sponsored youth event](#)

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Living Waters District Newsletter

Schedule of Events

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 6th ~ Labor Day District Office closed
- 11th-12th ~ Project Revolution. Saturday 4 p.m.-Sunday 11 a.m. Lawrence 1st West Campus.
- 12th-15th ~ Extended Cabinet Retreat, DS out of town.
- 15-16 PAUMCS KE and KW districts administrative assistant event in Salina. District Office closed.
- 16th ~ Gathering of Clergy and Laity for worship, fellowship and dinner 6:30 p.m. Moran UMC
- 18th ~ Five Rivers UMW District Fall Meeting at Humboldt UMC 9 a.m. to Noon, registration by 9/1
- 18th ~ Listening Event-Ottawa 1st 2-4 p.m. NE-KS Conference Transition Information
- 22nd ~ Meeting of the Orders of Elders and Deacons and Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Countryside UMC rsvp by Sept. 15 to Leslie Blarcom at lvanblarcom@kc.rr.com

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Marvé will be on vacation from September 27th to the 30th. District office open October 4th.

Rev. Lane Bailey ~
Wellsville, Clearfield



Pastors new to Five Rivers District



Pastor Loren Drummond ~ Lyndon

Pastor Dan Norwood ~
Lawrence Centenary/
Linwood



Of Possible Interest to You:

September 16th, **Gathering of Laity and Clergy** of the district for worship, fellowship and dinner. **Moran UMC** ~ 6:30 p.m. dinner provided rsvp to Pastor David Shrum 620-237-4442 or e-mail dshrum@minister.com or Pastor Bill Nelson at Pastorwillie@hughes.net

Edgerton UMC Fall Revival

Getting In “The Way”

Revive your life and spirit

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

September 27, 28 and 29 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Donnell J. Moore, Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church

In Ottawa 1st will preach on Getting In “The Way”

Each night will feature special music ~ All are welcome!

Edgerton UMC

300 East Fourth Street

Edgerton, KS 66021

Phone 913-882-6735

Grief Study ~ Baldwin 1st UMC ~ Rev. Dr. Harold Ivan Smith

What Does Grief Have to Teach Us? (All district invited)

October 28th, 2010

6:00 p.m. arrival, snacks and sharing, Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

The **Fab Five** Festival and **Fellowship**



Event Location:

Ottawa 1st United Methodist Church located at - 203 E 4th, Ottawa, Kansas

Please join us in a district wide day of growing our faith with Five Rivers District friends and learning from Rev. Rudy Rasmus to open our church doors to include new and old neighbors

OCTOBER 30 • 2010

Event Begins:

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| 10:00 am | Registration/name tags |
| 10:30 am | Worship service |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch, picnic style with smoked meats, potato salad, beans and veggie relish dish |
| 12:30 pm | Getting to know your fellow churches and sharing ministries |
| 1:30-3:30 pm | Rev. Rudy Rasmus – How do we connect to the neighbors outside our church doors? |

Registration Deadline: October 8th

Cost is 10.00 per attendee, due at time of registration

Registration includes: lunch, t-shirt and the motivational seminar by Rev. Rudy Rasmus

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Special Diet Concerns: _____

Home Church: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Shirt Size (adult):

Male Cut: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Female Cut: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

District E-mail: office@5riversds.com

Please mail registrations and check to: Five Rivers District, 3300 Clinton Parkway Court, Suite 110,

Lawrence, Kansas 66047-2629

Phone: 785-841-4804

Fab Five Festival & Fellowship Displays – For our October 30th District Event

As a part of our fall event we are asking each church in the Five Rivers District to bring a display highlighting one or two ministries that their church does well. Kind of a, “This worked for us” sharing of information. Do it however you want, but we must restrict the size to no larger than a card table. There are over seventy churches in the district! If a charge of multiple churches would like to share a display that is acceptable.

We would like for the display to be staffed by someone(s) from the church who can share information with others about the church and ministries. It is preferred that the person staffing the display not be the pastor of the church. This part of our fall event will involve persons milling about on a large map of the district with the churches plotted on it. Our goals are to celebrate the ministries of the churches of the district, share ministry ideas, and to become more familiar with who we are as the Five Rivers District.

You’re Invited:

The Lawrence Indian Church dedication
 Service October 8th (Friday 6 p.m.)
 950 E 21st Street ~ 785-832-9200
 Rev. Julienne Judd

September Clergy Birthdays

Jerrald Harnden September 5th

 Connie Wilson September 22nd



District Prayer Calendar

- Sept. 5 Colony-Kincaid/
Selma
Pastor Merritt
Nielson
- Sept. 12 Ottawa 1st
Rev. D.J. Moore
- Sept. 19 Fort Scott 1st
Rev. Paul Babcock
- Sept. 26 Osawatomie-Lane
Pastor Gary Gooding
- Oct. 3 Lawrence Central
Rev. Maria Campbell
- Oct.10 Pomona-Vassar
Pastor Kathy Symes
- Oct. 17 Devon-Mapleton
Pastor Glen Duderstadt
- Oct. 24 Overbrook
Rev. Karen Jeffcoat
- Oct. 31 Garnett
Pastor Richard Fitzgerald



Please remember to **pray** for
Project Revolution on September 11th-12th
Fab Five Festival and Fellowship Event on
 October 30th.

We're on the web at:

Www.5rivereds.com

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October 8-10 Mates In Ministry Fall Retreat

Clergy Spouse Organization of the Kansas East and West are merging for their **fall event**.

Where: Camp Horizon

30811 Horizon Dr

Arkansas City, KS 67005

Friday evening—arrival anytime in afternoon (we will begin acquainted activities at 7 p.m.)

Departure—Sunday after noon meal

Things to bring: Bible, books to share, flashlight, casual clothing, snacks to share, table games, jacket, open heart and mind, friend

Things to know: Supper will not be served at camp on Friday night, eat before you come or bring a snack supper.

Send registration to: Jeanne Brooks, 7817 Oakmont, Wichita, KS 67226

Cost 85.00 payable to Mates in Ministry due by September 25, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Enclosed is my check for 85.00 made out to Mates for Ministry # _____

Special diet needs _____