



# The Link



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## Pastor Jean Reflects On Annual Conference

I am writing this article just a few days after the end of the 2008 Kentucky United Methodist Annual Conference. Before you receive this newsletter in the mail, we will have heard a report on the conference before a Sunday morning worship service. But, I wanted to take a few moments with you and put into your hands some of the highlights of the conference.

Our lay delegates were Ann Jones and April DuVal. Also in attendance from our congregation were 24 additional members, doing things like leading worship, singing, and participating. I saw Pam Lewis, Wilma Larkins, Martha Stewart and David Stewart volunteering at the Galt House. While things were going on downtown, there were three important gatherings held at our building, and Jeanne Parcher, Carol Rhodes, and Tammy Jeffries made sure they were run smoothly. Thanks to you all!

We have several people who are now serving in leadership positions. Russell Behanan is our District Lay Leader. Ann Jones is the Chair of the District Trustees. Jacqui Lovett is now on the conference staff. I have been reappointed to serve you, and Craig Tuck was appointed as our Associate Pastor. The two of us will, of course, be serving with Sarah Ewing, who is a continual blessing! Laura Curry was appointed as a deaconess serving in our district, Karen Lovett was appointed to the staff of KODA, and the retirement of Wayne Anderson was celebrated.

Along with a wonderful Bible study by Leonard Sweet and lots of great singing, there were several items of business that were noteworthy:

- A Creation of a new Full Time African American ministry coordinator on the conference level,
- A Acceptance of a new covenant with the Kentucky Council of Churches, with the promise to study further our relationship,
- A Adoption of a ministry covenant relationship with pastors and districts in Kenya and Uganda,
- A Excellent teaching on evangelism by Dr. Charles Brockwell,
- A Approval of a new resolution caring for immigrants living among us,
- A Closure of 2 congregations (St. Luke in Covington and Liberty in Whitley County),
- A Lowering of apportionments from 16% of church income to 15%,
- A Ordination of 3 new deacons and 6 new elders. Hyungsool Kim was commissioned as a probationer on the elder track for ordination



Jean Hawxhurst

- A Collection of over \$55,000 on Mission Night (for the Red Bird Mission, Katrina recovery, and the Bishop's Initiative on East Africa), and the collection of over 200 pounds of food to be given by United Methodist Men to our neighbors in need in the Old Louisville area.
- A Fourth Avenue received two awards: one for being a Mission Ambassador, and one for welcoming persons by profession of faith.
- A Our next Kentucky Annual Conference will be held in Covington June 3-6, 2009.
- A The Southeast Jurisdictional Conference will be held this month at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Charles Brockwell, Annie Haigler and I will be among those going to represent our conference. We ask for your prayers as we elect a new bishop and offer names to serve on the denominational level.

Peace to you all,  
Pastor Jean.

## Think Green

Since our congregation has officially signed on with Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, it's time for us to really start thinking green! Laurie David, who produced Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" offers suggestions on his website ([www.StopGlobalWarming.org](http://www.StopGlobalWarming.org)) on things you can do to do your part for the environment.

Some of them include:

- | Use compact fluorescent bulbs.
  - | Use re-useable water bottles.
  - | Pull the plug on electronics and charger cords when they aren't in use.
  - | Take shorter showers.
  - | Buy local food products.
  - | Bring cloth bags to the grocery store.
- \*Use recycled paper.

## Infoserve

Do you have a question about the United Methodist Church? Questions, such as where a particular pastor is now located, what resources are available for different areas of ministry, or where our apportionment dollars go, can be answered by InfoServe. Just call 1-800-251-8140 or email [Infoserve@umcom.org](mailto:Infoserve@umcom.org) and ask your question!

## Wednesday Evening Forums

We will take a summer break from our Wednesday evening dinners and forums in July and August. Throughout these summer months, even though we won't have dinner and the forum, we WILL continue with Wednesday prayer time from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Chris Baker and Matthew Blandford, as the Co-Chairs of our Education Team will spend the summer re-thinking our education and formation at Fourth Avenue. If you have suggestions or ideas, please see one of them.

## Open Door Update

Thank you to all our faithful Open Door volunteers. The ministry continues to serve our neighbors well. If you want to get involved, please contact Jacqui Lovett at [SideDoor@fourthanveue.us](mailto:SideDoor@fourthanveue.us) or phone the church office to leave her a message.

## Exercise Room

Fourth Avenue now has a room on the third floor of the Education Wing designated for exercising. You are welcome to use it. Please take a partner, or let the front office know when you are up there. See Courtland Rose for more details.

## Annual Church Garden Party

Dan and Mary Anne Tenfelde invite the whole church out to their house in Crestwood on Friday, July 18 for food and fellowship. We have done this for several years now, and it's a lot of fun. Watch for more details.

## Dialogue on Gambling in Kentucky

The Progressive United Methodists of Kentucky invite you to a dialogue on the pros and cons of legalized gambling. It will be held at Highland United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Kemper, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches will help to get the dialogue going. There is no charge. See April DuVal, Gil Schroerlucke, or Pastor Jean for more details.

## Schedule for 8:45 A.M. Worship

- July 6 - Praise, Praise & Healing
- July 13 - Roxie Keese
- July 20 - Sarah Ewing
- July 27 - Chris Baker

## Vacation Bible School

As a part of our ecumenical Tri-Covenant partnership, Calvary Episcopal Church (821 South Fourth Street) invites the children of our church to their "Holy Week in Jerusalem" Vacation Bible School. It will be held 9:00 a.m. to noon July 21 – 25, and it will be considered our VBS for this year. There will be classes for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration forms are available here at Fourth Avenue. For more information, see Pastor Jean, Pastor Sarah, or call Sarah Dewberry at 894-9187. (Adult volunteers are also needed!!)

## Church Calendar

July 1 – 6:00 p.m. – Trustees  
July 6 – 12:30 p.m. – Wedding of Karen Rankin and Ron Newbold (The congregation is invited)  
July 8 – 6:00 p.m. – Justice Ministries Network Meeting (CLOUT)  
July 9 - 7:00 PM - Stewardship Committee  
July 12 – 10:00 a.m. – Dialogue on Gambling at Highland UMC  
July 18 – evening – Tenfelde Garden Party  
July 21 – 9:00 a.m. – Vacation Bible School at Calvary begins  
July 21 - BATS game 7:05 PM  
July 22 – 6:00 p.m. – Worship Team  
July 27 – After Worship – Church-wide Music Retreat

## Church Needs

- a a tenant for our third floor Education Wing offices.
- a extra volunteers to stand outside and welcome guests to the Open Door lunch.
- a small group leaders for new groups Craig Tuck will be forming soon.  
if you can help with any of these, please see Pastor Jean.

## Thank Yous

- i to Jack Steiner who has been volunteering in the church office.
- i to Sarah Ewing and Jacqui Lovett who helped to store Sophia Thomas' belongings while she is in rehab.
- i Mavis Abraham for volunteering in the church office so Jeanne could teach cooking

class

- i to everyone who participated in Annual Conference.
- i to James Craig for continuing to provide pro bono counsel when needed

## Congratulations

- Q to Laura Curry, who graduated with a Masters Degree in Education.
- Q to Gil Schroerlucke for the publishing of a great book entitled, I Did What I Could: A Memoir
- Q to Ed Copeland whose artwork is on display at the Derby Museum.

## John and Lissy Mann Update

New address: 307 A Bowling Ave.,  
Nashville, TN 37205 Cell: 502-657-9374  
e-mail: johnmann78@hotmail.com

John will be working in an elementary school teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade English language learners. He will also be following a career in music.

Lissy will be going back to school for training as a nurse.

## Wesley Walk for Others, 2008

From Joyce Wilmoth

Members of 4th Avenue supported the Wesley Walk this year in a variety of ways. Our unique group consisted of an early-bird walker, David Stewart, who walked on Friday; an inabsentia walker, Margaret Carroll; a short, four legged walker, McDougall, and two bicyclistists, Pastor Jean and Jerry. Saturday's group included Mary Bomar, Janie Christensen, Ann Jones, Caryl Keeley, Carol Rhoads and Joyce Wilmoth.

We all walked the two-mile route, and then, after a Krispy Kreme donut, some walked the two miles again.

It was a fun time of fellowship and we raised \$500.00 plus for Wesley House. Plan to join us next year.

## Nurture News

On June 3, the Nurture Team was invited to a "Volunteer Appreciation Celebration" at the Christian Care Community Center. Lunch was served and a musical program was enjoyed.

Volunteers here, there, and everywhere are very much appreciated. Mavis Abraham and Roberta Edwards represented Fourth Avenue.

## New Members



Tara Nally & Matt Davis

Tara comes from Southeast Christian and Matt comes as an affiliate member. Welcome to both!!!

## Anniversaries

July 2 Joe & Cathy Clark

## Birthdays

July 4 Jerry Richardson  
July 7 Martha Stewart  
July 10 Joyce Wilmoth  
July 12 Christy Sanders  
July 16 Toby Coffey  
July 18 Laura Curry  
July 19 Wilma Orr  
July 20 Jerry Cappel  
July 20 Roberta Yates \*  
July 22 Jessie Stokes  
July 24 Les Gross  
July 26 Polly Bennett  
July 26 Erica Smith Deal  
July 27 Pam Lewis  
July 29 Ila Cornett

\*Although she is no longer with us, we remember Roberta in our thoughts and prayers on her "special" day.

## Memorials

Gifts in memory of Harold Williams have been given by the United Methodist Men, Charles and Mary Ann Brockwell and Rev. Bill Bowling

## Louisville BATS Outing

It's "take me out to the ball game" time! We hope you will join your Fourth Avenue family and friends at a Louisville BATS game on Monday, July 21. Game time is 7:05 p.m. and the cost of admission is \$6.00.



Good reasons to attend: the BATS have a winning team this year (currently tied for first place with Toledo in the West Division of the International League); Slugger Field is a great family-friendly place AND, most importantly, you know you will have a good time with the Fourth Avenue flock!

To reserve your space, please call Jeanne Parcher in the church office (585-2176).

## Congratulations to April and the Council with a Special Thanks.

The Council on Mental Retardation has recently moved into a new facility which they renovated at 1151 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Fourth Avenuer and Council Director, April DuVal, has donated unneeded items to the church.

The information stand now sitting in Central Hall is one of those items. It was carried by Healing Place volunteers to the church and received a fresh coat of paint by Clayton and Courtland. Other items donated were chairs, tables, cubicle partitions, file cabinets and a coat stand.

Thanks, April, for directing these items to the church.

At the formal opening of the new building, the new center was officially named "The DuVal Centre" and City Government named the day "**April Duval Day.**"

## Congratulations April!!!

## A Little Bit of History

by Chuck Kleinhans

Let me tell you a story...

The story starts with some background history. As a Naval Officer in World War II serving on the LST 138 (Landing Ship Tank), our mission was to land on the beaches of Normandy, let down the ramp and deliver Sherman Tanks to support the Infantry who had already landed.

On June 4, 1944, in London, England, we loaded 25 tanks, jeeps, trucks, ammo, and about 450 men onto our LST. The invasion was delayed because of bad weather and we anchored in the Thames River and waited. We were told to make the troops and tankers comfortable, feed them our best food and try to put them at ease.

I had the pleasure of talking with several of the young tankers who told me they had trained at Fort Knox, near Louisville. I had never been to Louisville, so I asked them if there was anything to do there when they had liberty or a week-end pass. Several responded that indeed it was a good place with picture shows, dance halls, girls, and a Methodist church named for a street that was within walking distance of the train station. They told me the ladies of the church fixed up the basement with bunk beds. They could stay overnight, and the ladies fixed a nice breakfast the next morning for only 35 cents. Not only that - but they would often invite them to a real home-cooked meal in their homes on Sunday. With a glint in their eye, they added that these nice ladies usually had their daughters helping too!

After the war, I found a job in Louisville and eventually have found my way to Fourth Avenue. One Sunday I met Les Gross, who seemed to know all the history of the church. He told me that Jean Hawxhurst had transcribed a voice history which Drury Molloy had written, and he had subsequently recorded it on CDs. (These CDs are still available. Ask Les or Chuck.)

Listening to the records, I was fascinated to hear the details. During the War years 1942-1944, the ladies of Fourth Avenue operated a dormitory with bunk beds, showers, and breakfast for nearly 100 soldiers from Ft. Knox each week. And yes...they invited

the boys into their homes. Lo and behold...I have found the church! Over the years, they had served almost 7,000 soldiers. The church received hundreds of thank you letters from the boys' families who were so thankful for this wonderful support.

I thank them also, because those boys really appreciated their mission! I am so proud of Fourth Avenue!

**(Editor's Note: I landed on Omaha Beachhead on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Wouldn't it be fascinating if Chuck's boat had carried me up to the beach that day, but, it didn't.)**



**Gil Schroerlucke & Chuck Kleinhans swap WW II Normandy Invasion stories**

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### **New Babies and New Love**

A reception was held June 8<sup>th</sup> in the parlor after the morning worship service celebrating newly engaged couples and families with young babies.

Recognizing a family with a newborn and a couple that will soon be wed is a time to celebrate. New beginnings in the lives of our friends is an occasion for our church family to have a party.

Scrolls were given, good food was enjoyed and great fellowship was experienced by all who attended.



**James Craig and baby Jackson (among others) attended the reception.**

## Arts and Spirituality News

### In the Central Hall...

- >> Gil's Gallery of various media continues through July 3.
- >> The next display will be by the Needlecraft Group - July 3 through Aug 3. Their **meet 'n greet** will be July 6.
- >> Lisa Schmidt will display Aug 4 through Sept 7. Her **meet'n greet** will be Aug 10. .
- >> Any artist or craftsperson willing to display their work in Central Hall should please contact Courtland Rose.
- >> A pottery class is in process of formation.

### Creative Writing Class

- >> The group will convene every Tuesday in September (2,9,16,23,30)
- >> Connie Meyer will be the leader. Please sign up in the church office.

### Cooking Classes

- >> The classes continue in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen on Tuesdays (2 to 4). The classes have been most enjoyable and have provided good fellowship and yummy 'tasting'. Thanks to the past leaders:
- >> Carol Rhodes & Teddye Noel
- >> Jeanne Parcher & Joyce Wilmoth
- >> Pam Lewis & Fade Iyun\_\_\_\_\_
- >> Craig Tuck

Upcoming cooking class leaders are:

- >> Paula Sammons July 1
- >> Edy Johnson July 8
- >> David Stewart July 15
- >> Carol Rhodes July 22
- >> Jacqui Lovett July 29

Below are 'pics' from the cooking class - Pam demonstrates the lesson...

The following pictures show Pam Lewis demonstrating her cooking skills and the "class" enjoying the results.

It was a "YUM YUM" experience for all of the participants.



### Small Group Ministry Formation

By Craig Tuck

*.[we] must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15b-16*

"Love is never lived out in isolation; rather it is integrated into every relationship."

We are currently working towards offering three new small group opportunities that will begin the first week of August. Plans are to begin with a neighborhood small group, a young adult small group (hopefully in a coffee shop or similar location), and a men's small group. We do not have meeting times or locations chosen as of yet so please let us know if you are interested and what might work best for you. If you would like to attend

a small group or want to know more about our small group ministry focus (relationship building, prayer, scriptural guidance, and intentional outreach) talk to any of the following leaders: Ashley Williams, Andrew Smith, Tammy Jefferies, Jack Steiner, or Craig Tuck. Hope to see you soon and more information will be offered during worship announcements and in next month's Link.

## Music Summit

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> Immediately Following  
Worship Church Parlor**

What a great time to start thinking about the direction of our total music program here at Fourth Avenue!!! There seems to be much interest in making our program even more diverse.

All persons interested in participating in any aspect of our music program are invited to participate in a session that will focus on the further development of a total program that will minister to all. Those who may not be interested in participating in the music program at Fourth Avenue but have a sincere interest in the direction of our program are also very welcome.

We will have some fun playing and singing. There will be some sharing of a vision for our total program and there will be time for feedback and discussion within the group to help in the development of the full vision and plan. Please plan on attending and participating in this important get-together as we continue to worship our Lord through music.

**(Food will be provided for all attendees so please sign up in the office so that plans can be made accordingly)**

Blessings to All,  
Russell Behanan, Director of Music

The best sermons are  
lived!



## Memorial Service

Friends, family and fellow clowns gathered on Saturday, June 21st for a memorial service in memory of Harold Williams. The service was led by pastors Jean and Sara. Several of Harold's clown friends came dressed in their clown suits and shared stories of Harold with warm affection as did members of the congregation. The clowns presented each person with a red clown nose..

The worship center was a rose and clown nose. The service was a heartfelt expression testifying to the good influence Harold had on both the Fourth Avenue congregation and community folks.



Sometimes in the wind of  
change we find our true  
direction

To love and be loved is to feel the  
sun from both sides.



**Fourth Avenuers at dinner during  
the Kentucky Annual Conference**



**Pam Lewis leads a cooking class**











