



Living Water

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Friends: It has been awhile since we sent out a newsletter.

The District Office has moved, see page 4 for details.
The phone, mail and email have all stayed the same.

The DS, and I have enjoyed getting out to some of our churches to share a message and fill the pulpit for our pastors. It is always so wonderful to see those we speak to on the phone, in person! We love to hear about, and see you!

This summer, we encourage our pastors to take some time off.. Each year they are to be taking 4 weeks vacation. It starts over July 1st, they can only carry over two weeks.

There are a number of folks that can fill the pulpit in our district if you plan in advance. Below is a link to our website.

This is a newer website that you might want to check out. The new address is <https://www.fiveriversdistrict.org>

We are offering a Zoom bible study this summer. You may choose to do this as an independent study on Zoom, do this in your church with your pastor, or a group. There is no cost but you need to order the [workbook](#) from Cokesbury.com, Christianbook.com or Amazon.com. There is a companion book that might be helpful but is not required. We will watch a video for about 10 mins., read the scriptures together, discuss the lesson, and pray over our District and Churches as a group.

Here is the link to register.

<https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/ZoomBibleStudyADisciplesPath>

We have you in our prayers and will look forward to hearing from you. *Remember, our office is always your 1st resource.*
Blessings, Marve'

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the District Office

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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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June 2023

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July 2023

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Events:

May 29 Memorial Day
 May 30 District Office closed.
 May 31 Opening of Annual Conf.

June 5 Clergy Session of Annual Conf.

June 7-10 Annual Conference

June 18th Father's Day

June 19th Juneteenth

June 20th District Office Closed

July 19 A Disciple's Path Zoom

Bible Study begins (6 weeks)

- You are invited to join a bible study on the book **A Disciples Path**. This is a great study for new members, those that need a spiritual renewal, and those wanting a refresher on the UMC.

Below is the link to register. There is no cost, it will be on Zoom. Copy and paste the link below into your browser to be taken to registration.

<https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/ZoomBibleStudyADisciplesPath>

You just need to order your workbook, and companion book if you want to join us. Details are with registration.

Five River's District Appointments for July 1, 2023, to June 30th 2024

Baldwin 1st / Ives Chapel Colony	Rev. Amanda Baker
Elsmore	Pastor Dorothy Welch
Eudora / Edgerton	Rev. Ralph Peters
For Scott 1st	Rev. Ross Baker
West Liberty	Rev. Christopher Eshelman
Mapleton	Rev. Jim Brackett
Garnett	Pastor Connie Edgerton
Gridley / Turkey Creek	Pastor David Shrum
Haittville / Uniontown	Rev. Marcia Eaton
Humboldt / Big Creek	Rev. Carl Ellis
Iola: Wesley	Rev. Blake Stanwood
Welda	***Rev. Dyton Owen
LyCygne / New Lancaster	Pastor Bill Nelson
Lawrence: Centenary	**Rev. Brennan Cummings
Lawrence: Central	CLM Todd Seifert
Lawrence: 1st	Rev. Amy Seifert
Lawrence: 1st	Rev. Kay Scarbrough
Lawrence: 1st / Wesley KU	Pastor Jeni Andersen
Louisburg	Pastor Susan Mercer
Lyndon / Vassar / Overbrook	Rev. Kathy Symes
Melvern / Quenemo	***Pastor Dean Lashley
Michigan Valley	Rev. Alex Bruening
Moran / Bronson / Mildred	Rev. Butch Norton
Mound City	Pastor Tracy Smith
Osawatomie / Lane	Rev. Bob Conway
Ottawa: 1st / Richter	Rev. Hyun Ju Gil
Ottawa: Trinity	Rev. Jay Pi
Ottawa: Union Chapel	Rev. Ron Bell
Paola	Liza Perry
Parker / Beagle / Fontana	*Rev. JeeSook Gil
Prescott / Pleasanton	CLM Bascom Ratliff
Redfield	TBD
Waverly	DSA Susan Cole
Wellsville / Clearfield	Pastor Emily Elliott
Williamsburg	***Pastor Stephen Sim
Yates Center / Neosho Falls	Rev. Kathleen Whitmore

*** **new pastor**, Rev. Dyton Owen, Pastor Stephen Sim, and Rev. Brannon Cummings have new appointments in 5R.

** **new status**: Rev. Brennan Cummings and Rev. Jimmy Yoo were approved for Provisional Elder Status

* **new status**: Rev. Jee Sook Gil was approved for Full Elder

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5R District Office has moved

After having our office at Baldwin 1st UMC for almost 5 years, we had to move. There was flooding from a new boiler system that happened several times, it was necessary to save our files and electronics.

The District Office is now in my home office. This may be temporary, but at this time, it's what is working best. If you need to deliver anything to our office, call 785-841-4804, and I will meet you at the church or a coffee shop called The Nook across the street from Baldwin 1st UMC.

Our phone number and PO Box #556 are still the same.

Disaffiliations/Changes in 5R

Five Rivers District Churches that are disaffiliating July 1st, 2023.

Burlington ~ Pastor Joshua Johnson is withdrawing to Global Methodist

Fulton ~ Pastor Connie Edgerton will continue to pastor both churches

Kincaid Selma ~ Pastor Bill Nelson will continue to pastor both churches

Blue Mound ~ Rev. Bob Conway will only pastor Mound City UMC

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Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past , only what's done for Christ will last. Written by C.T.Studd , British Missionary to India, China, Africa. He founded WEC International.