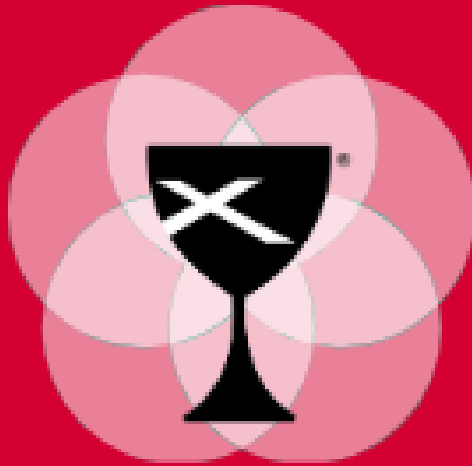




THE COORDINATOR

JANUARY 2020



West Area Workshops

First Christian Church of Hopkinsville • March 7, 2020

A DAY OF EXPLORING AND EQUIPPING ONE ANOTHER FOR MINISTRY

What would happen if groups of people from every congregation across the West Area gathered together for a day of workshops and conversations on topics designed to grow their ministries and bring life to their visions?

Let's find out!

On **March 7, 2020**, come to **First Christian Church of Hopkinsville** for the **West Area Workshops**--a new event where you'll be invited to explore what God is doing through our churches, share your own ministry successes and challenges, discover new ideas and be inspired by our neighboring congregations in the West Area.

Our theme is "I Love to Tell the Story." This is more than just telling our story, but telling God's story through us. The story begins through our Collective Disciples history and will continue through

the next generation of church leaders. God is calling *us* to be a part of the divine story.

See the "Christian Church In Kentucky West Area" Facebook page or the "Events" tab at www.westareadisciples.org for more information. **Register before February 26** by filling out the workshop selection form and mail with a \$15 check made out to "CCK-West Area" (memo line: "West Area Workshops") to CCK-West Area, P.O. Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431. The fee covers lunch and supplies.

West Area Workshops Schedule Saturday, March 7, 2020

10 a.m.	Registration
10:30 a.m.	Opening Worship
11 a.m.	Workshop Session #1
noon	Table Topics Lunch
1 p.m.	Workshop Session #2
2 p.m.	Workshop Session #3
3 p.m.	Closing Worship

The West Area Leadership Development Team has created a slate of fantastic workshops:

- "Grow Your Church Through Children's Music Ministry"
Rev. Dr. Bill Thomas
- "Growing Your Congregation's Endowment Beyond Your Expectations"
Rev. Randy Johnson
- "Hospitality in the Church"
Sue Gray
- "How to Start a New Ministry in Your Church"
Rev. Donna Webster
- "On the Role of Elders and Deacons"
Rev. Dean Phelps
- "Our Family Story from Selina Campbell to Potluck Church"
Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver
- "Telling Your Stories and Growing Your Church"
Rev. Bill Clement and Rev. Wade Miller
- "Trauma-informed Ministry"
Rev. Dr. Milton West
- "Visioning in Congregations"
Leah Eubanks

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

As we close the books on 2019, I'm so glad to share that both the West Area and Camp Kum-Ba-Ya have ended the year in good financial position. We give thanks to God for your generosity as individuals and as congregations. Our Lord takes our little and makes it much.

Last month I shared that we have been working to update our communications tools. I hope you have connected with both the West Area and Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Facebook pages and are sharing our ministry with your congregation and friends.

Our next step in preparing for our 2020 visioning is to connect face-to-face. To that end, please join us for the new West Area Workshops event (highlighted on Page 1) on March 7. Gather as many from your congregation as are able to attend, because there will be something for everyone. Given the giftedness and expertise of our workshop facilitators, I am confident that our churches will be stronger for having participated. God is creating an amazing, inspiring event for us.

Finally, my thanks to all of the groups and congregations who have welcomed me in worship these last three months. It is a joy to worship with you and learn all of your inspiring stories of what God has done and is doing in you and among us. Thank you for opening your doors to me and sharing your joys and challenges.

Grateful to be in transition with you,

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

2020 ASSEMBLIES



National Convocation, NAPAD, Obra Hispana
July 22-25, 2020 in Fort Worth, TX
Registration opens January 2020

Christian Church In Kentucky
"Come to the Water" is the theme.
October 16-17, 2020
First Christian Church
Owensboro, KY



CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN KENTUCKY
OCT 16-17 | First Christian Church, Owensboro
2020

CLERGY NEWS

NEW VIRTUAL MEETING FOR BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTERS

Bi-vocational clergy, we're having a ministers meeting via video conferencing! Rachel will be organizing a virtual meeting on Zoom (<https://zoom.us>) on **Thursday, February 20 from 7-8 p.m.** for any of our bi-vocational ministers who are not able to attend our monthly face-to-face gatherings. If you'd like to join in, please email your interest to Rachel Nance Woehler (WestAreaMinister@twc.com), and she will send you the instructions for connecting. Let's support one another across the miles!

FEBRUARY CLERGY GATHERINGS

DISTRICT 1

February 25 at noon
First Christian Church, Paducah

DISTRICT 2

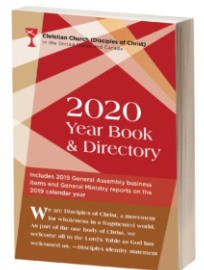
February 11 at 10 a.m.
First Christian Church, Madisonville
Special Guest: Rev. Erin Wathen from Week of Compassion

DISTRICT 3

February 20 at 11:30 a.m.
First Christian Church, Hopkinsville

YEAR BOOK & WEST AREA REPORTS DUE

It's Year Book & Directory report time! Not only is the Year Book a helpful directory resource, it also serves as our official 501c3 listing of congregations. Your congregation's data may be submitted online, by mail or via email. **Reports are due March 15.** Please also fill out the West Area's Congregation Information sheet and return to the West Area office for the 2020 West Area Directory.



BOARD NEWS

SPRING MEETING

West Area Board meeting
February 16, 2020, 3 p.m.
First Christian Church of Madisonville
1030 College Drive

WEEK OF COMPASSION FEB. 16-23

Fires in Australia, earthquakes in Puerto Rico, a typhoon and earthquakes in the Philippines, wildfires in Alaska and California, refugees in Bangladesh, a hurricane in the Bahamas, the crisis in the Lake Chad basin, a tropical storm in Texas--these are just some of the disasters where the Week of Compassion offering has made an impact in recent months. Let's continue to invest in hopeful futures. At weekofcompassion.org you'll find worship materials, videos, offering reminders, children and youth activities, bulletin inserts, posters, and mission moments--including one from West Area board secretary and senior pastor of First Christian Church of Madisonville, Rev. Kara Foster.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



KENTUCKY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S CHORUS RETREAT

March 6-8 at Jeffersontown Christian Church
Register at cinky.net/ministries/disciples-women

SERF 2020 WOMEN'S EVENT

March 13-15 at Christmount Christian
Assembly in Black Mountain, NC
Register at christmount.org/serf-2020

KDW SPRING CONFERENCES

April 18 at Central Christain Church in
Lexington, Ky

April 25 in the West Area (TBA)

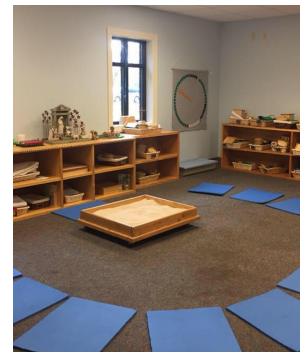
CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER



Is your congregation looking to create a special worship experience for children? Does your existing Worship & Wonder ministry need to train more storytellers? If you answer "Yes" to either of these, then check out the Children Worship & Wonder training being offered in Bowling Green.

February 21-22, 2020
(Fri. 6pm-9p, Sat. 9am-5p)
First Christian Church
Bowling Green, KY
Cost is \$120 if received by Feb.14,
Cost is \$150 after deadline
Trainer: Petie McLean

Register online or by email at
<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/cww-training-schedule>



DISCIPLES MEN'S MINISTRIES



FAR WEST MEN'S CMF GROUP

February 18 at 7:00pm
Meets on the third Tuesday each month.

KENTUCKY REGIONAL MEN'S CHORUS

February 14-16 at First Christian Church,
Pikeville. More information at
<http://www.kyregionalmenschorus.org>

DISCIPLE MEN SESSIONS 2020

July 10-12 at Texas Christian Univeristy
<https://sessions.life/2020/>

MEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

August 7-9 at St. Meinrad Archabbey in
St. Meinrad, Indiana

NEWS FROM CAMP KUM-BA-YA

PROMOTE OUR CAMPING MINISTRIES

Help spread the word about the significant impact Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is having in the lives of our campers and counselors. Set aside March 8 or another Sunday as Camp Sunday--a day to invite and promote our camping ministry in your congregation and community. Posters, brochures, bulletin inserts, and other promotion materials are available on the "You can help" tab at www.campkumbaya.org

Do you know someone who would make a great camp counselor? Counselor and Counselor-In-Training (CIT) forms are available on the "Just Forms" tab at www.campkumbaya.org. The CIT deadline is April 10.

And plan now to attend Spring Work Day at KBY on April 18, 2020. The KBY Advisory team will be on hand to guide you or your group through improvement projects and general cleaning that will prepare our camp for another exciting camping season. Lunch is provided. Join us in a day of meaningful work.



A PLACE FOR PRAYER

EIGHTH GRADERS' CAMP @ WKDH



Eighth-graders, Camp Wakon' Da-Ho hosts a regional camp just for YOU! It's called Eighters Camp, and it is designed "to provide comprehensive, age-appropriate faith-based sexuality education. Our goal is to help students pursue wholeness, both physically and spiritually, in this important area of their lives." It's a life-changing camp experience. For more information, see justsayknowministry.com. The dates are June 14-20, 2020, at Camp Wakon' Da-Ho in Yosemite, Kentucky.



Register by May 1, 2020

DISCOVERY (GRADES 1-2)	MAY 29-31
YOUNG DISCIPLES (GRADE 3)	JUNE 4-6
CYF (GRADES 9-12)	JUNE 7-13
CHI RHO SAILING (GRADES 6-8)	JUNE 14-19
CYF SAILING (GRADES 9-12)	JUNE 22-26
JUNIOR (GRADES 4-5)	JUNE 29-JULY 3
CHI RHO (GRADES 6-8)	JULY 6-11
ALL Y'ALL RETREAT (ALL AGES)	SEPT. 11-13

THREE EXCITING WAYC EVENTS!

WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL NEWS



The 2020 Ski Thing has turned into a Big Splash Adventure! With the lack of snow at Paoli, the West Area Youth Council has prepared a Plan B for us. Grades 6-12 will gather January 24 at First Christian Church- Owensboro for a lock-in that includes worship, games, and great fellowship. The next morning (January 25) the groups will head to the Big Splash Adventure--a 40,000 sq. ft. indoor water park in French Lick, Indiana. Forms and info are on the "Youth Ministries (WAYC)" tab at www.westareadisciples.org.



On April 3-4 the West Area Youth Council (WAYC) will be hosting a Youth Spring Retreat at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. Mark your calendars and watch for more details on Facebook and the "Youth Ministries (WAYC)" tab at www.westareadisciples.org. This is a great opportunity to bond with youth groups in the West Area and reunite with old camp friends, or experience the camp for the first time and see all of the fun activities our camp has to offer.



Plus, something NEW for 2020! The West Area Youth Council is hosting a joint mission trip for our youth across the West Area. WAYC will lead those who have completed grades 6-12 to the Disciples Summer Mission trip at Memphis, Tennessee on June 29-July 3. So, save the date and begin making plans and raising money for your youth (and adult sponsors) to attend. For more information about the experience, go to disciplessummermission.org or contact WAYC Leader, Zach Hardy, at 270-821-5335.



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WEST AREA BOARD 2020

Chair	Rev. Jeff Mandrell (First, Providence)
Vice-Chair	Rev. Dennis Gray (Second, Mayfield)
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