



THE COORDINATOR

OCTOBER 2020



CAMP WORK DAY NOW OCTOBER 31

RESCHEDULED DUE TO FORECAST

Due to the weather forecast, our Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Fall Work Day has been rescheduled for **Saturday, October 31, 2020**. Gates will open at 7:30 am, and work will begin at 8:00 am. Please bring a sack lunch and wear close-toed shoes. All skill levels are needed. We need people with lawn mowers, swing blades, leaf blowers, weed eaters, tall ladders, trucks, or just good old elbow grease to get our campground ready for the rental season. Plus, you can get a sneak peek at all of the renovations and restorations taking place at the campground. Learn more about the work we'll be doing: http://www.campkumbaya.org/?page_id=2831



THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

CWF of First Christian Church of
Owensboro
First Christian Church of
Dawson Springs
First Christian Church of Princeton
Forrest and Allen Holbrook
Mitchell and June Stapleton

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, a time set apart to encourage and celebrate those who dedicate their lives to lead in ministry. In this challenging year, I have heard about many ways that West Area churches have shown appreciation to our pastors and chaplains. Your words of encouragement are helping to carry them through difficult days. You've granted extra sabbath and vacation days to give them needed rest and renewal. You've supported continuing education experiences to offer them new resources and skill-sharpening opportunities to help them lead in this new age of ministry. And, lay leaders and volunteers have stepped up in innovative ways to support the work of ministries through this pandemic. These sorts of acts of appreciation that nurture and support the health of our pastors and chaplains are hallmarks of a vital church.

This reminds me of the teachings we have in the epistles about the importance of Christians being encouragers--scriptures like *"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."* (1 Thes. 5:11, NRSV) The Greek word translated "encourage" is παρακαλέω, and is related to the word paraclete, the name for the Holy Spirit in John 14:16. To encourage is to take part in the work of the Holy Spirit. Encouraging words and acts are powerful and life-giving. They empower us for ministry, invite us to claim our spiritual gifts, and help us to face difficult days.

If Clergy Appreciation Month has slipped by you so far, there are still a few days left in October for you to show your appreciation to our clergy. Of course any day is a good day to extend encouragement and appreciation.

Lastly, let me say how much I appreciate getting to serve in this ministry with each of you. You inspire my faith and strengthen my sense of how to live into my calling. Every day I am reminded how big and wide God's work is among us. Thank you for supporting me.



Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional West Area Regional Minister



CLERGY NEWS

NOVEMBER VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Each month our West Area ministers connect over Zoom to face challenges together, learn about resources to strengthen our ministries, and pray for our churches. We know that we are stronger together. Join us by computer, tablet, or phone.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, November 24, at noon on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, November 10, at 10 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, November 19, at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
Check your email for connection information.

MINISTRY CHANGES

First Christian Church of Hopkinsville celebrated the Associate Ministry of the Rev. **Kimberly Zarley** on October 18. Rev. Kim has been called to serve as the new Transitional Minister at First Christian Church of Ash Grove, Missouri.



First Christian Church of Murray welcomed to their staff **Elena Roberts** and **Matthew Sandiford** as their new co-youth directors. Elena will also be serving on the new West Area Board.

PERMANENT FUND POLICY POSTED

The West Area Board plans to consider proposed changes to the Permanent Fund policy at their November meeting, and they welcome your feedback. See the homepage at <http://www.westareadisciples.org> to view the proposed changes and a letter of introduction from the West Area Board Chair, Rev. Jeff Mandrell.

2021 AREA BOARD CHURCHES ARE APPROVED GOING GREEN

The West Area Nominations Committee's report was approved for our 2021 Board roster at our 2020 West Area Annual Meeting on September 27. Next, the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church In Kentucky approved a new slate of moderators and board members on October 17. Therefore, our 2021 West Area executive committee and board members are set::

Executive Committee

Chair	Rev. Jeff Mandrell	(Providence First)
Vice-Chair	Rev. Dennis Gray	(Mayfield Second)
Secretary	Lynda Wilson	(Sinking Fork)
Treasurer	Charlie Ramsey	(Madisonville First)

Board Members

District 1	Leticia Overton	(Mayfield Second)
District 1	Elena Roberts	(Murray First)
District 2	Cary Hicks	(Beech Grove)
District 2	Wayne Hunter	(Sebree First)
District 3	Sheila DeMoss	(Hopkinsville First)
District 3	Rev. Rachel Ganther	(Liberty)

Program Representatives

West Area Youth Council	Leader
Rev. Zach Hardy	(Madisonville First)
KBY Advisory	Rev. Jamie Eubanks (Paducah First)

CCK Board of Representatives (at-large)

Sue Gray	(Mayfield Second)
Rev. Petie McLean	(Bowling Green First)
Rev. Betty Sivis	(Owensboro, Century)
Madalyn Orr	(Elkton)

Ex-Officio Members (without vote)

Transitional West Area Regional Minister:	Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
Transitional Regional Minister:	Rev. Dean Phelps
KBY Program Manager:	Glori A. Cope
Recording Secretary:	Glori A. Cope
First-Vice Moderator:	Rev. Dr. Milton West (Mayfield First)

Thank you to all who are completing terms on the CCK Board at the close of the regional biennium: Rev. Jeff Bruce, Ray Clark, Sue Gray, Rev. Jeff Mandrell, Rev. Sherry Perry, Susan Roberts, Rev. Betty Sivis, and Rev. Kristi Stuckel. We are grateful to each of you for your service to God in this ministry. Sue Gray and Rev. Betty Sivis will continue serving on the CCK Board in the new biennium.

FCC PRINCETON BECOMES A GREEN CHALICE MINISTRY

Congratulations to First Christian Church of Princeton for their recognition as a Level 1 Green Chalice Ministry. They join the First Christian Churches of Glasgow, Henderson, Madisonville, Owensboro, and Paducah in this achievement. The purpose of the Green Chalice Program is "to encourage and assist local congregations/DOC Offices and Assemblies who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation. This program is designed to recognize congregations for being good stewards of God's creation. It also aims to empower congregations/assemblies with ideas and resources to enable them to walk gently on the earth."

November 15 is Recycle Day--an excellent time to consider organizing a green team in your congregation. Learn more about how to get started: <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/green-chalice-program/>



DID YOU MISS THE ASSEMBLY?

VIDEOS AVAILABLE



CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN KENTUCKY

Kentucky Disciples made history last week with our first ever virtual regional assembly. One of the benefits of being virtual is that we have great videos of all of the worship and workshops available. Many of these workshops might

be helpful in your church for leadership training, small group ministries, and Bible studies. Clergy may also find information about the upcoming Anti-Racism/Pro-reconciliation trainings for all ministers with standing in Kentucky. <http://www.ccinky.net/regional-assembly-2020/> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzj2ahIzjpC2bWly8ky7jSQ/featured>

SHALL WE CALL IT WACYL?

WEST AREA CHILDREN & YOUTH LEADERS' ZOOM GATHERING

Each month this fall we've held a virtual gathering for our key leaders of children and youth ministry from across the West Area. We've shared great ideas for virtual and socially distanced events and educational offerings, confessed our challenges, prayed for one another, and learned about exciting new resources from Ministries Across Generations and elsewhere.

Let's keep the conversation going! Our next gathering will be on Zoom on **Monday, November 16, at 7 p.m. Central**. Please share this information with the clergy and lay organizers of your church's ministries with children, youth, and families. If you have not received an email with the Zoom connection information, please email Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler (WestAreaMinister@twc.com).



CCK YOUTH VIRTUAL GATHERING

Online region-wide youth gatherings for middle and high school youth are now happening the third Sunday of each month at 4-5:15 p.m. (Central Time). Youth Merge is a time of games, keynotes, small groups, and prayer. Please encourage your youth to join. The Zoom link is listed in the recent CCK News e-newsletter (or contact Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for the links).



Sunday, November 15--Gratitude! Join us as we hear from a Deacon at Beargrass Christian Church and Current Governor of Kentucky, Gov. Andy Beshear, as he talks about his faith and his gratitude for church, and how it guides him in life.

MORE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

YOUTH WEEK

Sunday, October 25--November 1

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Youth-Week-Resources-edited.pdf>

ALL SAINTS DAY RESOURCES

Sunday, November 1

The Christian Church Foundation offers to congregations an All Saints Sunday planning guide to celebrate the witness of the saints of our churches.

<https://www.christianchurchfoundation.org/resources-congregations>



WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom Board members, please watch your email for connection information.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Weeks of November 15 and 22



The Thanksgiving Offering supports leadership ministries and Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. This offering provides a direct connection to

15 colleges and universities, and 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church. See a list of the colleges, universities, seminaries, foundations and divinity houses:

<https://helmdisciples.org/colleges-and-universities/disciples-colleges-universities/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS ON THE WEST AREA AND KBY FINANCES

October 20, 2020

West Area:

Congregational giving continues to be strong. We are at 81% of annual budget which compares favorably to 75% of the year behind us. Expenses have been minimal with only \$79 expenses in excess of income for September. The month ended with a year-to-date \$9,021 in excess of expenses, and our end of month bank balance was \$46,907.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

We started the year with an operational cash balance of \$30,603 and ended September with a balance of \$18,790. The bulk of this decrease in cash was due to camp salary commitments that we did pay and has not yet been offset by the PPP money of \$10,892 that is sitting in restricted funds. We will shortly be filing the necessary documents to get the PPP loan forgiven.

Our Capital Campaign to perform necessary repairs at the Billy Willams lodge was a success, raising \$59,712 which included a \$25,000 matching grant from CCK. We still have not completed all the repairs, but funds do look like they will be available.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer, West Area Board

CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAN BENEFIT KBY

As you Christmas shop this year, consider using AmazonSmile--a simple and automatic way for you to support Camp Kum-Ba-Ya every time you shop, and at no cost to you. With each purchase Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Camp KBY. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Then, pick Christian Church In Kentucky West Area as your favorite charity.



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