



# THE COORDINATOR

FEBRUARY 2021



**DISCOVERY CAMP**  
(GRADES 1-2) JULY 16-18  
**YOUNG DISCIPLES CAMP**  
(GRADE 3) JULY 12-14  
**JUNIOR CAMP**  
(GRADES 4-5) JUNE 7-11  
**CHI RHO CAMP**  
(GRADES 6-8) JULY 5-10  
**SAILING CAMP**  
(GRADES 6-12) JUNE 21-25  
**CYF CAMP**  
(GRADES 9-12) JUNE 13-19  
**ADULT SAILING WEEKEND**  
SEPT. 10-12



## TELLING THE GOOD NEWS FROM KBY

### FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Recently I heard a preacher challenge his church, "If you have good news, tell it! TELL IT!" Well, we do have some good news to share about Camp Kum-Ba-Ya.

First, let me give a word of special thanks to Camp KBY Advisory Team Chair Rev. Jamie Eubanks of First Christian Church of Paducah and his team (Rev. Zach Hardy, Joyce Johnston, Rev. Rick Loader, Rev. Jeff Mandrell, Susan Roberts, Alexandra Smith, Rev. Kristi Stuckel, and Samuel Underwood) for their dedication and leadership as we go through staff transitions and approach our first year of in-person camp during a pandemic. They are making steady progress toward their goals--including preparations for the hiring of a new Camp Manager.

Second, I am so very thankful to share that Rev. Bruce Dobyms of First Christian Church of Murray and Kerry Frazier of First Christian Church of Benton are serving as our volunteer caretakers during this staff transition. They are setting up contractor appointments, hosting workers on site, and monitoring the property. Where would our camp be without our amazing volunteers who believe in its mission and dedicate their time to serve?

And a third piece of good news is that we have many ways for you to engage in this ministry:

- **Invite** children, youth and adults. Whom do you know to invite, inside or outside your church?
- **Promote** KBY on social media and in your church using our posters, postcards, newsletter inserts and more, available under the "You can help" tab at [www.campkumbaya.org](http://www.campkumbaya.org).
- **Volunteer** to serve as a camp counselor.
- **Attend** Spring Work Day on **April 24**.
- **Give** to the operations budget.

Finally, camp itself is good news--that God gives us this time and place to step away from our homes (and screens) to gather again in creation and listen for God's voice. Let us not take it for granted.

This Lent, as we prepare to witness resurrection, I hope that you, too, have some good news to share--news of God's re-creation all around us.

*Rachel*

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler  
Transitional West Area Regional Minister

# CLERGY NEWS

## MARCH VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Our virtual gatherings have kept us connected across the miles throughout this pandemic. We share resources, workshop challenges, and pray with one another. Email Rachel at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com) for more details or to learn how to connect with us.

### DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, March 23, at noon on Zoom  
Check your email for connection information.

### DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, March 9, at 10 a.m. on Zoom  
Check your email for connection information.

### DISTRICT 3

Thursday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom  
Check your email for connection information.

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.  
Check your email for connection information.

## WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM DUE

Church pastors and staff, please complete and submit the 2021 West Area Congregational Info form if you have not already done so. This information is used to update our West Area Directory and connect with new leaders. Please fill out and either scan and email to [westrea@twc.com](mailto:westrea@twc.com) or mail to P O Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431. The form is posted on our website under "Quick Forms."

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/>

## ALEX REPORTS DUE MARCH 15

Did you know that Disciples congregations need to be listed in the *Year Book & Directory* every year to maintain their 501c3 (nonprofit) status? *Year Book & Directory* reports are due **March 15** using the new online platform, ALEX. An instruction manual and trainings are available.

<https://disciples.org/alex/>



## MINISTRY CHANGES



Rev. Linda Creason began serving as the interim minister at Bardwell Christian Church at the beginning of January. Thanks for your ministry, Linda!



Rev. Daniel Lyvers has returned to the ministry team at First Christian Church of Bowling Green as their new Associate Minister of Youth & Christian Education. Welcome back, Daniel!

## ANTI-RACISM/ PRO-RECONCILIATION TRAINING

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other is an online conversation about race, racism, and reconciliation. We look forward to the day we can hold these conversations in person, but until then we are delighted to offer this online. This fulfills the Committee on Ministry requirement for clergy pro-reconciliation, anti-racism training. The conversations take place over the course of two days, meeting each day from 9 a.m. until noon, Eastern. Seating for each conversation is limited to 22, so choose your date and use the link to register and pay ~~the~~ <sup>your</sup> online conversation will be **March 16-17**. The cost is \$30.

<http://www.ccinky.net/seeing-face-god-each-other/>



**Seeing the Face of God in Each Other**  
Regional conversations on race, racism, and reconciliation  
Registration now open for Feb, Mar, and Apr  
[Click to register, \\$30](#)

## BOARD NEWS

### SPRING MEETING

West Area Board meeting  
**Sunday, March 7 at 3 p.m.**  
On Zoom. Board members, please check your email for connection links.

## DISCIPLES MEN

### FAR WEST MEN--DISTRICT 1

Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.  
Please contact leaders or Rachel at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com) for the Zoom connection links.



# DATES FOR CAMP WAKON' DA-HO MARCH YOUTH MERGE

Summer camp dates from our sister camp:  
[www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/](http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho/)

- Mini Camp – June 4-6
- CYF 1 – June 7-12
- Eighter’s Camp – June 13-19
- Junior 1 – June 21-25
- Camp 101A – June 25-27
- CYF 2 – June 28-July 3
- Chi Rho 1 – July 5-10
- Chi Rho 2 – July 12-17
- Junior 2 – July 19-23
- Camp 101 B – July 23-25

## CCK VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP



The next CCK Youth Merge for middle and high school youth will be at **4-5:15 p.m. Central on Sunday, March 21**. The Zoom link will be listed in the CCK News e-newsletter or you can contact Rachel at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com) for the links.

## LTS YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

### OF COURSE YOUTH MINISTRY--BUT HOW?

**Tuesday, March 9 at 6-8:30 p.m. ET**

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Christal Williams, Rev. Rob Shrader and Mr. Jeremy Gillett

Join Lexington Theological Seminary for a Zoom conversation about building and sustaining a relevant youth ministry in your congregation. These experts will share their experiences of the challenges and the joys of youth ministry and share what we can do to better support youth programming throughout the church. After the presentations, there will be a 20-minute Q&A session. Participants will then break into small groups with the task of designing a sustainable youth program.

RSVP with your name and email address to [jmulloy@lextheo.edu](mailto:jmulloy@lextheo.edu). The ZOOM link will be sent out two days before the event.

## FROM KY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### JUSTICE THROUGH BAIL REFORM

For the last several months the Kentucky Council of Churches has been working with the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy (KyPolicy based in Berea, KY) to bring the Justice Through Bail Reform program to the western region. We know you care about justice issues in western Kentucky and cash bail is one of those issues that gets very little attention. The Justice Through Bail Reform program will stream live on Facebook, but we'd love for you to join us on Zoom.

Please share our Facebook event page when you get a chance!

Warm Regards,  
Kentucky Council of Churches staff



Several of our West Area Disciples ministers have helped to prepare this streaming event and curriculum.

**Sunday, February 28 at 3pm Central**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91811108401?pwd=ZU5kdUJhbnRlbnR1bWVudD09>

Bible study/small group curriculum: [http://www.kycouncilofchurches.org/justice-through-bail-reform?](http://www.kycouncilofchurches.org/justice-through-bail-reform?fbclid=IwAR1nl8eW7xr6tqG3LwZOeJVo5dUmQ-uQnUivrS7vspwjlBpHY0eMd0jrx6g)

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

### West Area:

The great news for January was the forgiveness of our federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$13,600. We included that amount in income in January. We also had a generous individual gift of \$4,000 and regular congregation gifts of \$4,857, the combined three amounts totaled \$22,457. We had expenses totaling \$5,768. The difference of \$16,689 added to our beginning balance of \$56,011 left us with a month end balance of \$72,700. With the pandemic still hanging around, we had virtually no West Area minister field expense, no administrative expense and very little office expense. We expect this to change in the near future, however.

### Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

Again, during January we had PPP loan forgiveness in the amount of \$10,892 and expenses of \$2,163. We started the month with \$8,218 and ended with a balance of \$17,047. We normally try to start the year with around \$60,000 to meet the needs of our campers. With many fixed expenses remaining during 2020 and no camper income to offset it, we ended with a pretty big deficit for 2020. Plans are underway to help alleviate the situation in the near future. We still have available \$14,263 in restricted funds, which are basically available for KBY upgrades and improvements.

Charlie Ramsey  
Treasurer, West Area Board



## LEAVING A LEGACY

After over 110 years in ministry, First Christian Church of Nortonville is making preparations to close and leave a legacy for their sister churches. One act of legacy is that they would like to donate *Great Hymns of the Faith* hymnals, a pulpit and their communion parament sets to a church that could benefit from receiving them. They also have a communion table that is for sale. For more information about these items, please contact Linda Kling at 270-875-7745. Praise be to God for the ministry and witness of First Christian Church of Nortonville.



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### MAKE A SUSTAINING GIFT TO THE WEST AREA OR CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Make your check payable to:

CCK-West Area or Camp KBY  
P O Box 1332  
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Or, give digitally to the West Area or Camp Kum-Ba-Ya through the Givelify or Paypal links on our "Give" tab.

[www.westareadisciples.org/give/](http://www.westareadisciples.org/give/)





## An Invitation to Join Together in Prayer

What if each week we dedicated moments to praying for one of our sister churches or ministries in the West Area? What if we covenant to the practice of praying for one another? We might list each one on our prayer lists, or in our newsletters and bulletins. We might raise up their names in our prayer groups, at our devotional times, or in our prayer moments at staff meetings. We might invite our elders, deacons, and other intercessors to speak the names of our sister churches and ministries in their own daily prayers. What impact would such a practice of prayer together have on our ministries, and how might God weave us together in a stronger bond of ministry? Let's find out.

Let's join in praying each Sunday and the following week for each one of our churches and ministries in the West Area. Our chain of prayer will take us through the year to the first Sunday of Advent 2021.

<b>January 3-9</b>	Bardwell Christian Church, Bardwell
<b>January 10-16</b>	Morris Valley Christian Church, Bardwell
<b>January 17-23</b>	Baskett Christian Church, Baskett
<b>January 24-30</b>	Beech Grove Christian Church, Beech Grove
<b>January 31-Feb. 6</b>	Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
<b>February 7-13</b>	First Christian Church, Benton
<b>February 14-20</b>	First Christian Church, Bowling Green
<b>February 21-27</b>	First Christian Church, Cadiz
<b>Feb. 28-Mar. 6</b>	Sinking Fork Christian Church, Cerulean
<b>March 7-13</b>	Crofton Christian Church, Crofton
<b>March 14-20</b>	First Christian Church, Dawson Springs
<b>March 21-27</b>	Ilsey Christian Church, Dawson Springs
<b>March 28-Apr. 3</b>	First Christian Church, Earlington
<b>April 4-10</b>	The Christian Church of Elkton, Elkton
<b>April 11-17</b>	First Christian Church, Fulton
<b>April 18-24</b>	First Christian Church, Glasgow
<b>April 25-May 1</b>	First Christian Church, Greenville

May 2-8	First Christian Church, Henderson
May 9-15	Roaring Springs Christian Church, Herndon
May 16-22	First Christian Church, Hopkinsville
May 23-29	Liberty Christian Church, Hopkinsville
May 30-June 5	Christian Care Communities of Bowling Green
June 6-12	Millbrooke Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 13-19	Bethel Christian Church, Kevil
June 20-26	First Christian Church, Madisonville
June 27-July 3	Christian Care Communities of Hopkinsville
July 4-10	Potluck Church, Madisonville
July 11-17	First Christian Church, Mayfield
July 18-24	Second Christian Church, Mayfield
July 25-31	First Christian Church, Murray
August 1-7	First Christian Church, Nortonville
August 8-14	Century Christian Church, Owensboro
August 15-21	First Christian Church, Owensboro
August 22-28	First Christian Church, Paducah
Aug. 29-Sept. 4	Christian Care Communities of Owensboro
September 5-11	Pembroke Christian Church, Pembroke
September 12-18	First Christian Church, Princeton
September 19-25	First Christian Church, Providence
Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Berea Christian Church, Russellville
October 3-9	First Christian Church, Russellville
October 10-16	First Christian Church, Sebree
October 17-23	First Christian Church, Smiths Grove
October 24-30	Maxon Christian Church, West Paducah
Oct. 31-Nov. 6	Whitesville Christian Church, Whitesville
November 7-13	Wickliffe Christian Church, Wickliffe
November 14-20	The leadership & staff of the Christian Church in Ky
November 21-27	The leadership & staff of the West Area

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6, NRSV)*