



THE COORDINATOR

MAY 2021

SO MANY NEW GIFTS TO DISCOVER

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

When campers start arriving at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya in a couple of weeks, they will immediately notice some exciting new developments.



Through the generosity and hard work of the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation

(<https://www.issacsterettadv.org>), our campers will get to play on two new half-court basketball courts and enjoy some really cool new water crafts and attractions,

including a swim raft, paddle boards, and new kayaks! The Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation has also donated a hydrostatic Kubota tractor with a front-end loader and a dual-bench-seat Polaris Ranger for the staff to better care for our camp and grounds. We are so very thankful for this collaboration. We give thanks that we have the honor of carrying on the legacy of Issac, who was a member at First Christian Church in Owensboro, and extending his love of Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, so that other children may come to discover and enjoy the gifts of God's awesome creation.

We also received good news this week that ours is among three Disciples camps (along with Camp Walter Scott in Illinois and Camp Caroline in North Carolina) receiving inaugural funds from the Camp Matters Permanent Fund developed at Christmount. We are so thankful to Christmount's Executive Director, Rev. Rob Morris, and the fund committee for the grant of \$500 to install new bathhouse door handles that meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.



More good news ... Camp Kum-Ba-Ya will be hosting and welcoming two Disciples Peace Fellowship Peace Interns this summer: Ashlyn Baldwin from the University of North Alabama and Kate Myers from the University of Evansville. You can learn about Ashlyn and Kate and DPF at <https://www.disciplespeace.org/meet-the-interns>.

And more good news ... We have received donations of new fishing poles and a rack from a couple of our directors and, from First Christian Church of Benton, a gift of enough chairs to fill a classroom.



But wait! There's more ... staff and counselors have donated two hammocks (for a new hangout area), first aid supplies, hand sanitizing stations and more from our AmazonSmile wishlist!

Plus, we will unveil our new gaga ball pit (an Eagle Scout project developed by Adam Lott, with help from his friends, family, and supporters from First Christian Church of Owensboro), two racks of new white chairs (from an anonymous donor) for the dining hall and metal chairs and glassware from Morris Valley Christian Church that were given during the pandemic. All of this is in addition to our finally getting to see our two newly renovated restrooms in the lodge!

So much exciting stuff is going on at camp right now; it's a joy to be a part of it all. Look inside to read more.

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

CLERGY NEWS

JUNE MINISTERS MEETINGS

Our virtual gatherings will continue to keep us connected across the miles, even as some transition to in-person gatherings. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details or to learn how to connect with us.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, June 22, at noon on Zoom
Watch your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church of Madisonville (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.) Please bring a mask and linger for lunch at Nu9ve as we say our goodbyes to Rev. Betty Sivils.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, June 17, at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

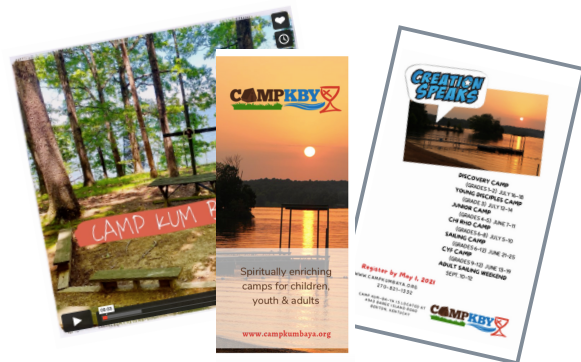
Thursday, June 17, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
Check your email for connection information.

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

On May 2 we celebrated with First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Clarksville and Dr. Christal Williams and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee in the installation of Rev. Theta Miller of Hopkinsville as their minister.



On Pentecost Sunday, First Christian Church of Bowling Green celebrated the installation of Rev. Daniel Lyvers as their new Associate Minister of Youth, Christian Education and Social Justice, blessed Rev. Kyle McDougall in her new role as Associate Minister of Children and Small Groups, and reaffirmed Rev. Megan Huston, who continues as their Senior Minister.



PROMOTE CAMP IN CHURCH

Clergy and lay leaders, please share our invitation to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya in your church, and invite children, youth and adults that you know to attend summer camp this year by using the resources we have prepared, from bulletin inserts to Zoom backgrounds. Encourage church members to personally invite someone by sharing our graphics on their social media or sending someone one of our print invitations. Our invitations might just change a life this summer!

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/promote-the-camping-program/>



Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call ... to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples. But they need the nurturing and generous support of people like you. Please help our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit, and grow more Disciples every day. Join in the special offering.

<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost/>



THANKS, WORK-DAY VOLUNTEERS!

Work Day #1 was great, and Work Day #2 was even better, because it didn't rain!

Thank you to Ellie Bennett, Bruce Dobyns, Jamie Eubanks, Kerry Frazier, Dan McKeel, Susan Roberts, John Yakel, and our dozens of volunteers from West Area churches who made both days not only possible, but so very productive. We built a ramp to Cabin 2, cleaned up construction areas, reset the Lodge, prepped the cabins and grounds, restocked the first aid and craft closets, hung signage, sanded benches, cleared leaves and debris, prepped new recreation gear, spread new gravel, cleaned the beach, and repurposed decking for new footbridges that lead to newly cleaned shelters. Thank you, volunteers, for more than 450 hours of labor accomplished in the two combined Work Day weekends. You all are the best!

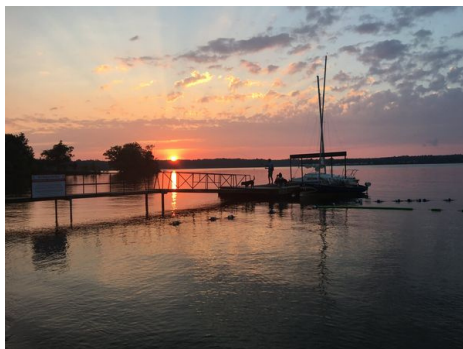
And let us say a special word of thanks again to Rev. Bruce Dobyns and Kerry Frazier (so good they should be listed twice!) for their commitment to serve as volunteer caretakers this spring. They have both given so much heart, time, and talent to this ministry these last few months as they have carried us toward reopening and welcoming a new caretaker beginning July 1. (Yes, there is more good news there, too! We'll introduce you to our new caretaker in the June issue of *The West Area Coordinator*, so keep reading!)



YOUR CABIN IS READY

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is ready for another great season of camping ministry, and it's not too late to register. First, see our Parent Guardian and Camper Info pages as well as our REVISED Covid-19 Risk Reduction Strategies. Second, register with our Camper Form, and don't forget to include a copy of your medical or insurance card. Third, invite someone to attend camp with you, using our promotional graphics and invitations. Or share our camp video and show why you love Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. Be among the first to break-in our new basketball courts, gaga ball pit, fishing poles, and watercraft. It is going to be a fantastic, exciting year at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/camp-kum-ba-ya-is-fun/>



Camp Kum-Ba-Ya 2021

Discovery Camp	grades 1-2	July 16-18
Young Disciples	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		September 10-12
All Y'all, Date to be announced		

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

West Area:

The operational cash balance increased by \$8,287. This was due to congregational gifts being \$11,177 and expenses being only \$2,890. The West Area Regional Minister's expenses were the main expense items and we had very little other expense. The restricted cash balance remained unchanged at \$2,202.

Our congregational giving is doing very well at 43% of the year-to-date budget.

Camp Kum Ba Ya:

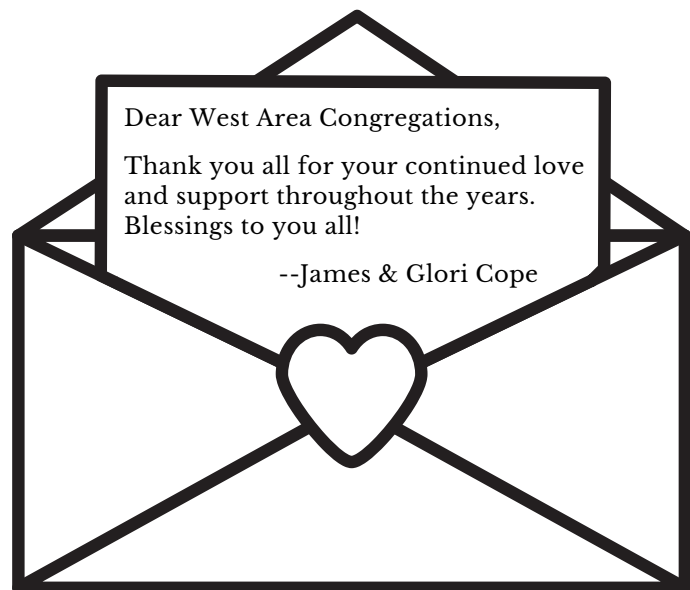
The operational cash balance increased by a net \$72, but included camper fees of \$1,586 plus congregation gifts of \$1,000 and individual gifts of \$1,200. These were offset mainly by current utilities and leadership materials for 2021 camp use. The operational account balance is now \$32,284, and the restricted balance remained unchanged at \$13,254.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer

WEST AREA VISION TEAM

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

The West Area Vision Team will meet again **Monday, June 21, at 3:30 p.m. Central** to continue their work together with Chair Leah Eubanks. Team, please check your email for the recurring Zoom link information.



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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/





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.

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