



THE COORDINATOR

JUNE 2021

WELCOME OUR NEW CARETAKER!

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

At the end of June Camp Kum-Ba-Ya will welcome our new caretaker, Denny Flaherty, and his family to the caretaker's residence. Denny brings a wealth of construction knowledge and a full background of camping experience to the position. His ministry with us will begin on July 1. Please send him a word of welcome:

Attn: Caretaker Denny Flaherty
Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
4943 Barge Island Road
Benton, KY 42025

We owe a debt of gratitude to several people who have kept our camp running during this time of transition. First, I give my thanks to the search committee--Jamie Eubanks (KBY Advisory Chair), Rachel Ganther (Personnel Committee), Zach Hardy (KBY Advisory Team), and Jeff Mandrell (West Area Board Chair). Second, we give our deep thanks to James Cope, who served as our Interim Caretaker, and to Bruce Dobyns and Kerry Frazier, who filled in as volunteer caretakers this spring. Third, let's give our appreciation to Susan Roberts, our Summer Facilities Manager, and to Ellie Bennett, our Kitchen Manager, who have both gone above and beyond the call of duty to keep all the trains running on time. Susan helped organize our many volunteers at the two work days and helped me behind the scenes to make sure that we were ready and ordered for camp, and Ellie put in volunteer hours to make sure that we passed our inspections with flying colors.

And finally, so many of you have volunteered your time and talents to make this season of summer camp possible. We thank God for you and your commitment to this important work. We are so excited to enter this new chapter in Camp Kum-Ba-Ya's history.

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister



Hello my fellow Christ followers!

My name is Denny Flaherty. I am your new caretaker (a.k.a. a camp ranger) for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. I am a native of Evansville, Indiana, with a large amount of my family from Owensboro and Island, Kentucky. I have been married to Melissa since 1992. We are a blended family with Melissa's two grown children and our two grown boys (*pictured on the right*). We have been serving the camp(s) community since 2001. We have lived all over this great country of ours and are looking very much to be close to our roots. Looking forward to meeting all Camp Kum-Ba-Ya alumni and new campers alike.

Jesus has great things in store for us on the camp grounds!

Godspeed,

Denny Flaherty

CLERGY NEWS

JULY MINISTERS MEETINGS

As some transition to in-person gatherings, our virtual gatherings will continue to keep us connected across the miles. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, July 27, at noon on Zoom
Watch your email for connection information.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, July 13, at 10 a.m. upstairs at First Christian Church of Madisonville (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, July 15, at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Check your email for connection information.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
Check your email for connection information.



**Seeing the Face of God
in Each Other**

Regional conversations on race, racism,
and reconciliation

Meets the anti-racism training requirement for minister standing in Kentucky

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MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



On June 13, Second Christian Church of Mayfield and the Christian Church In Kentucky celebrated the commissioning of **Rev. Antonio Sherrill** into the ministry of Christ's church.



On June 17, brothers and sisters in Christ from each of the three West Area districts joined together to celebrate with **Amanda Groves** at Millbrooke Christian Church as she was graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity, with several awards and honors.

A NEW SUPPORT GROUP FOR CLERGY WHO ARE ALSO CAREGIVERS

On Thursday, September 2, at 10:30-11:30 Central time on Zoom, a Christian support group for clergy who are caregivers for loved ones (spouse, parent, child, grandparent) will begin. We will meet the first Thursday of each month. Our group will be a Christian community (God included, with prayer, scripture reading, and devotion time), a place where you can be honored as a child of God, in a sacred setting! You, clergy, need a place where you can freely talk about your story, your situation, where you can ask questions, receive information, reassurance, encouragement, and support, all with active listening, understanding, and acceptance. Your presence provides support for other clergy because of your acceptance and expertise. Clergy are often called upon to help others. Take the time now, to receive support in your ministry call and as you care-give your loved ones.

The group will be facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, Certificate in Pastoral Ministry graduate from Lexington Theological Seminary. Commissioned in 2017, she was associate minister at Radcliff Christian Church for 3 years. Currently, Marie is caregiver for her husband who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease in 2018. Before attending seminary, she worked with Dementia residents at a Memory Care unit of an assisted living community. She helped them in their care and led them in Christian activities and Bible studies. She also has helped support families who cared for loved ones (while associate minister).

For more information and to sign up to receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com.

ADULT SAILING CAMP

Join sailing director, Rev. Brandon Cook, on the weekend of September 10-12 for renewal on the water. This camp experience is for anyone over 18 with one full year out of CYF Camp. Encounter God's spirit in new ways as you sail on Kentucky Lake. No experience is required, and all levels are welcome. The registration fee is \$300.

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



SOME JUNE CAMP PHOTOS!



SEE MORE PHOTOS AT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



MORE CAMPS TO COME!

Chi Rho Camp grades 6-8
 Discovery Camp grades 1-2
 Adult Sailing Weekend
 All Y'all Retreat

July 5-10
 July 16-18
 September 10-12
 September 24-26



CCK BOARD CALLS NEW REGIONAL MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II has been called as the new regional minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. The regional board voted unanimously on Saturday, May 22, to approve the Regional Minister Search Team's recommendation that Rev. Dr. Gillett be called to this position. He will start in this position on Aug. 1.

<http://www.ccinky.net/blog/2021/06/board-calls-don-gillett-as-regional-minister/>

WEST AREA VISION TEAM

CARE, CONNECT, EQUIP

The West Area Vision Team will meet again **Monday, July 19, 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.



<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/dmfday>



<https://disciplesconnect2021.vfairs.com>



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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	Ilsley 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)