



THE COORDINATOR

JULY 2021



GREAT THINGS GOD HATH DONE

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad."
(Psalm 126:3)*

Whew! It was a summer camping season for the history books, for sure. As we shift now toward planning our fall camps (Adult Sailing Camp and the All Y'all Retreat) and offering hospitality to our year-round guests and groups, it seems right to stop and give thanks for what God created among us and through us.

God sent us so many more campers than we imagined. Our 138 summer camper registrations far exceeded our expectations, and even exceeded our 2017 camper registration numbers. Thirteen West Area churches sent campers to camp this summer (some sending their first campers in many years), and we even welcomed three campers from out of state (as far away as Arizona)!

God called plenty of counselors and directors for each event. We give our thanks to those who answered that call to be volunteer directors: Spencer Campbell, Zach Hardy, and Kelsey Morris (Chi Rho Camp); Larry Childress and Kristi Stuckel (Junior Camp); Jamie Eubanks (CYF Camp); Kara Foster (Discovery and Young Disciples Camp); and Jerry Johns, who stood at the ready to lead our Sailing Camp. In addition to our directors, we had 21 counselors serving this summer, and several of them volunteered to serve in two camps! Thanks to each of you for the many hours and months that you poured into this ministry. Your gracious and nimble leadership made our camps fun as you shared

God's love, even as you carried out COVID protocols.

The Lord called forth Denny Flaherty, our new caretaker, to join us in this ministry, and God is already giving him an exciting vision for how we might grow the impact of our ministry together. And God stirred up generosity in so many hearts to put our camp on better financial footing than when we started the year.

Sometimes I wish that spiritual growth were quantifiable, like schools measure ACT scores or count Dolch words. That's not how the work of God is in our lives. Still, I know that our campers know that they are loved by God and by the adults who modeled that love at our camp. They discovered new gifts and learned new Bible passages. They made spiritual friends that just might turn into life-long friendships. They learned to be better stewards of God's creation as they grow in their faith practice. And in just a few short days they built a community of the body of Christ that allowed them to get a glimpse of the reign of God.

God did that!

We have more work to do as we grow and improve our camping ministry, but today I am simply thankful and glad.

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

CLERGY NEWS

AUGUST MINISTERS MEETINGS

Our district ministers meetings are beginning to go hybrid! Join us in person or on Zoom. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, August 24, at noon on Zoom
(Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, August 10, 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, August 19, at 11:30 a.m. at First Christian Church of Hopkinsville (2601 S. Walnut St.) and on Zoom
(Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

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

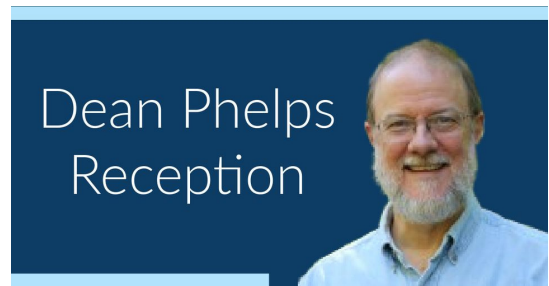


**Seeing the Face of God
in Each Other**

Regional conversations on race, racism,
and reconciliation

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

[Click to register, \\$30](#)



OUR THANKS TO DEAN PHELPS

Come to South Elkhorn Christian Church on Saturday, July 24 from 1:00-3:00pm Eastern Time (noon-2:00pm Central Time) to enjoy cake, conversation and share words of appreciation with Transitional Regional Minister, Dean Phelps. South Elkhorn is located at 4343 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington. Dean has led the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky since May 1, 2019. In August 2021, CCK welcomes new Regional Minister, Don Gillette.

As a special time of sharing, musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments for a true "jam" session with Dean, and others from the region, as part of our celebration of his time in ministry with us. Please arrive by 2:00 PM.

South Elkhorn Healthy at Church: face-coverings are optional for fully vaccinated attendees. Unvaccinated attendees should mask or consider sending a note/card. The reception area has plenty of room for spaced conversation and social distancing. If you are feeling sick, or have any flu-like symptoms, please stay home.

If you are not able to attend, but would like to send a note of appreciation, please send it to CCK, PO Box 910503, Lexington, KY 40591

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.

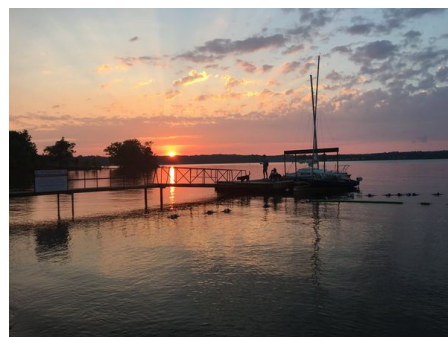
The group will be facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, Certificate in Pastoral Ministry graduate from Lexington Theological Seminary. Commissioned in 2017, she was associate minister at Radcliff Christian Church for 3 years. Currently, Marie is caregiver for her husband who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 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 our 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/>



ALL Y'ALL RETREAT: SEPT. 24-26



Do you wish you could have a do-over for this year? Well, here's your opportunity. We're packing a WHOLE liturgical year in one weekend. We're talkin' Christmas, Watchnight, Lent, Holy Week, and Pentecost! We've missed some special celebrations this year, so let's make up for lost time with a weekend on God's time.

As the name implies, everyone is invited to All Y'all Retreat. Everyone. Singles and families ... old, young and in between ... folks beyond our church, folks beyond our denomination, folks beyond our faith ... everyone is invited, so please invite everyone. This will be fun interactive weekend for all ages, activities will be intergenerational and will be opportunities for creative learning about liturgical and church year.



And we'll have a lot of time for play and relaxation. Bring your tennis shoes. Bring your craft projects, your board games, your jigsaw puzzles, your musical instruments, ... whatever you'd like to share. Most importantly, bring your family, friends and acquaintances, and let's see what God does with our weekend away together with our co-directors, Rev. Donna Webster and Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster, on September 24-26. Registration coming soon.

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WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL

Dear Youth of the West Area,

These last couple of years have been difficult on all of us from the West Area to around the world. As new challenges have arisen, we have all found innovative new ways to keep the communities we have thriving. Your youth group has been different, your school has been different, and your church life has been different. Our calling now, as we begin looking forward into 2021-2022 is to begin the difficult task of being TOGETHER AGAIN. Your church and your region need you and your talents to make sure we adapt to this renewed call for unity. Maybe you have a heart for worship, and feel a call to lead others, that will help bring us TOGETHER AGAIN. Maybe you have a brain that allows you to organize and focus on the details, that will help bring us TOGETHER AGAIN. Maybe you feel a call by God to help others and you are looking for a place to start, that will help bring us TOGETHER AGAIN. WAYC is open to anyone who is entering/in high school, and comes with certain responsibilities. Learn more about the work of WAYC, their year-round leadership, and how to apply by August 31.

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/youth-ministries-wayc/>

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY WEST AREA

WAYC TOGETHER AGAIN!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE
Looking to Lead
Willing to be Present
Collaborative
Active in their Church



Must be entering/in High School. Willing to attend meetings either virtually or physically.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!
CONTACT REV. ZACH HARDY WITH QUESTIONS

JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

Christian Church In Kentucky - West Area:

Cash receipts for June were \$8,400 versus total expenses of \$6,135 for an increase in cash of \$2,265. Year to date cash receipts of \$63,288 versus total expenses of \$38,801 gives us an increase in cash of \$24,487. That increase gives us an operational cash balance of \$80,498. Restricted Funds remain unchanged at \$2,202.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

Camper participation has been much greater than anticipated. Camper Fees were budgeted at \$16,300 but as of June 30 we had received \$23,869. Offerings have exceeded budget by \$906, congregational giving has exceeded budget by \$3,116. Expenses are close to what was budgeted. Total year to date receipts have been \$63,056 versus \$43,130 in expenses, giving us an increase in cash of \$19,926. That brings our operational cash balance to \$51,349. Our restricted funds had a few charges bringing us to a restricted balance of \$9,473.

Permanent Fund:

The stock market was kind to us during the last quarter. The market value went from \$252,087 as of March 31st to \$264,213 on June 30th.

--CHARLIE RAMSEY

WEST AREA VISION TEAM

CARE, CONNECT, EQUIP

The West Area Vision Team will meet again **Monday, August 16, 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.

NOTHING
NOTHING
CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD
ROMANS 8:31-39

DISCIPLES
VIRTUAL GATHERING

SATURDAY
08-07-21

REGISTER NOW

Imagine
God's
LIMITLESS
LOVE

Let's be the church
we say we are.

<https://disciplesconnect2021.vfairs.com>



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P O Box 1332
Madisonville, KY 42431

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

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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)