



THE COORDINATOR

OCTOBER 2021

CARE. CONNECT. EQUIP.

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Take a look at the top of this page and you'll notice a new West Area logo! West Area Vision Team member Cary Hicks designed this for us, with feedback from the whole team. Throughout 2021 the West Area Vision Team--Leah Eubanks (Chair, Paducah), Rev. Anne Bruce (Glasgow), Rev. Kevin Deibert (Cadiz), Cary Hicks (Beech Grove), and Rev. Paul Moore (Greenville)--has been hard at work identifying and defining our shared vision and mission for our ministry together in covenant as the West Area. It's a bold vision that sees our impact reaching far beyond our three districts: "The West Area will faithfully support the work of churches so they may spread the Gospel into all the world." All the world! Wow! Could God do that with the ministry work and witness we do here in western Kentucky?

The West Area Board has affirmed and embraced these three mission words--"care," "connect," "equip"--to guide. In the next phase of the team's work, they will be creating opportunities for deep listening and discernment across the West Area, so watch this space for details about how you can join in the mission. What caring, connecting, and equipping needs, ideas, opportunities, and callings come to mind for you?

Rachel
Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

OUR WEST AREA SHARED VISION
The West Area will faithfully support the work of churches so they may spread the Gospel into all the world

IN FULFILLING THIS VISION, THE WEST AREA WILL:

- CARE**

We will provide pastoral care to clergy and church leaders as well as spiritual renewal for the work of ministry.
- CONNECT**

We will focus on opportunities that build community with the larger body of Christ so that God might abide among us and connect us to do greater works.
- EQUIP**

We will grow collectively through the collaboration of ministers and the equipping of one another through mutual support.

TO ACHIEVE THIS THE WEST AREA WILL:

- Be Trustworthy** stewards and leaders throughout the region, leading with integrity, transparency and dedication to the work of ministerial service.
- Empower** clergy and congregants with the tools needed to lead and serve throughout the West Area and beyond.
- Encourage** one another in leadership and ministry for the work that God has called each person to do.
- Unite** our congregations, clergy, leaders, and staff through shared goals that accelerate the work of ministry to benefit those we serve.
- Invest** in our people and culture to hold close those values that unite us, while embracing new initiatives that make our communities better.

CLERGY NEWS

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Clergy, invite an Area colleague to join you for this month's minister meetings. Join us in person or on Zoom. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, November 23, at noon Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, November 9, at 10 a.m. Central upstairs at First Christian Church of Madisonville (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, November 18, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Now on the second Thursdays, beginning November 11, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

GROUP CONVERSATIONS WITH THE REGIONAL MINISTER

Join with Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Don Gillett on the **second and fourth Tuesdays** for 30 minutes of conversations where we can talk and listen to one another.

https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=88c846f8-f492-11eb-8ddf-737d769aedel

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

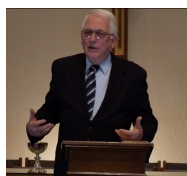


On Thursday, November 4, 10:30-11:30 Central on Zoom, the caregiver's support group for clergy will meet again. They plan to meet on the first Thursday of each month. You, clergy, need a place where you can freely talk about your story, your caregiving situation, where you can ask questions, receive information, reassurance, encouragement, and support--all with active listening, understanding, and acceptance. The group is facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, Certificate in Pastoral Ministry graduate from Lexington Theological Seminary. For more information and to sign up to receive the Zoom link, contact the West Area Office or Rev. Marie Weaver--crafter000@gmail.com.



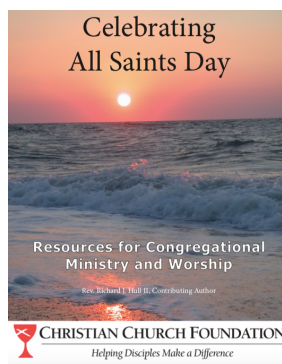
MINISTRY CHANGES/CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Amanda Groves was ordained into ministry on Sunday, October 10 in an outdoor ceremony at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya sponsored by First Christian Church of Murray. Rev. Groves has been called to serve First Christian Church of DuQuoin, Illinois.



Rev. Dr. Larry Baker has been called to serve as the interim minister at First Christian Church of Russellville.

ALL SAINTS DAY RESOURCES



The Christian Church Foundation offers to congregations an All Saints Day planning guide to celebrate the witness of the saints of our churches. All Saints Day is November 1.

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

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

NOVEMBER 14-21

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--including Midway College, Transylvania University, and Lexington Theological Seminary here in Kentucky, and the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt in Tennessee. Gifts from



this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the greater Church.

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

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

WEST AREA VISION TEAM

The West Area Vision Team will meet again **Monday, November 15, at 3:30 p.m. Central** to continue their work together into the second phase with Chair Leah Eubanks. Team, please check your email for the recurring Zoom link.

WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

The Kentucky Disciples Women's Choral Retreat is planned for **March 4-6, 2022** at Middletown Christian Church in Louisville.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Kentucky-Disciples-Womens-Choral-Retreat-104264362034335>



WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

The West Area Board will meet **Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Central** on Zoom.

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WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING

The West Area Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 14, at 4:00 p.m. Central** on Zoom. We will email out the Zoom links two weeks prior to the gathering. Please only share this Zoom link with your congregations in a secure way. Please do not post the Zoom link on a public website.

At this meeting, those assembled will consider the 2022 budgets and nominations to the West Area Board. Our great thanks to this year's Nominations Committee: Debbie Enyart, Rev. Dennis Gray (Committee Chair), Quena Jackson, Rev. Rick Loader, Sean Mestan, and Rev. Dr. Tom Steiner.

"CHRISTMAS IS COMING..."

...the goose is getting fat." It's time to make our preparations for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. In our district meetings, the ministers have been sharing some of their favorite resources for the season, and we'd like to pass them along to you, too!



Ministries Across Generations--Advent Stories: <https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/disciplesfamilyfaith>

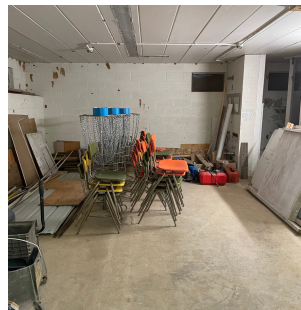
Society of St. Andrews--Advent Devotional: <https://endhunger.org/advent/#download>

Chalice Press--devotionals for individuals and families: https://chalicepress.com/search?type=article%2Cpage%2Cproduct&q=advent*

Life In Liturgy (for Hanging of the Greens and other seasonal liturgy): <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/11/20/preparing-for-the-great-preparation/>

THANKS, FALL CAMP VOLUNTEERS!

A big thank you to all of our fall Work Day volunteers who came out to serve in our camping ministry and make improvements to our campground. They were able to spread rock to needed areas and remove the old pillars in preparation for a new entrance, repair old benches, work on the dishwasher, turn the old boys bathhouse into a warehouse area for maintenance supplies, and clean out and reclaim the old girls bathhouse building for ministry. This work helps us be better stewards of our buildings and grounds. Thank you, Marci Cox, Don Critchfield, Gerald Goodlett, Mary Haylee Hancock, Dan McKeel, and Susan Roberts! And our thanks to Caretaker Denny Flaherty for planning a great Work Day and to Denny's son, Connor, for a great lunch!



Earlier in the fall, Rev. Larry Childress, Gerald Goodlett, and Brian Windsor came to camp all the way from Crestwood, Kentucky, to help us check off a few more projects on the list, including building a new door for the old boys bathhouse, new seat tops for the seating at the newly designated 4-square court, and a new water spigot at the pavilion. We are so thankful that they were willing to make the drive and set aside time to help us complete these important projects.



Much of this work would not have been possible without our generous donors, who have given us supplies, equipment, and financial support. Let's give a special thanks to the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation for the donation of a new utility golf cart and tractor, Terry Hart and Murray Lumber Co. for donations of lumber, and Dan McKeel and McKeel Equipment Co. for our new tractor equipment. These allow us to take better care of our grounds.



TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

West Area:

We have had very good year-to-date receipts from our congregations totaling \$49,686, or 77% of the annual budget. We already have \$8,034 in Congregational giving in October, giving us a 90% of our annual budget. We have had very little expenses other than the West Area Minister's items. Our year-to-date operating income was \$24,386 in excess of expenses, bringing our operating cash balance to \$80,399 at month end. Our restricted balance remained at \$2,202.

We have not yet taken our budgeted draws from our Endowment funds in the total amount of \$11,844, which we plan to do in the next week or so.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

Our September statement shows a very improved situation over 2020. We ended the month with an operating cash balance of \$25,507, plus a restricted cash balance of \$20,407. Our budgeted receipts for 2021 were \$42,700; however, actual receipts have been \$70,284, thanks to congregational and individual gifts exceeding \$17,000. Also, the PPP Loan that was forgiven was \$10,926. Hopefully 2022 will be easier to budget and we will get back to normal.

It should be noted that we started 2021 with an operating cash balance of \$8,218 and ended September with \$20,407, and this was after paying multiple years worker's compensation insurance and property insurance in excess of \$14,400.

Endowment Funds

The value of our Field and Main account was slightly down to \$263,051 at September 30, 2021. The balance was \$264,213 at June 30, 2021.

--Charlie Ramsey



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Make your check payable to:

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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.

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	Ilsey 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)