

THE COORDINATOR

JANUARY 2022

FROM CARETAKER TO CAMP MANAGER

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

We are deeply grateful to announce that Rev. Dee Moore Wells has answered the call to become our Interim Camp Manager! I am so excited to welcome Dee and her husband, Al, to the camp residence and eagerly anticipate the ministry they will share with us.

In December our Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Caretaker, Denny Flaherty, was called to a new full-time position at a camp in Virginia. It is a dream come true for him and an opportunity that he could not pass up. As I shared with the KBY Team, Denny has been a wonderful asset to our camp in this season of development. He faithfully attended Far West Men's meetings and connected with our churches. He organized our supplies, repaired hidden leaks that had plagued us, hosted volunteers who made many improvements to our campground, and offered hospitality to groups that allowed us to exceed our budgeted facility-use income projection. If you would like to send a note of thanksgiving to him for his ministry with us, please send them to the Christian Church In Kentucky--West Area office for forwarding.

Immediately, we began looking for an Interim Camp Manager--a combination of the caretaker and camp program manager job descriptions--who had the gifts and experience to lead us in the 2022 camping season AND help guide us toward becoming a year-round ministry and retreat center. What a blessing Dee and Al are and are going to be in the months ahead. We hope you like your new lake life on Barge Island Road.



Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

GREETINGS FROM DEE



It is with great excitement and a grateful heart that I have been called to do this outdoor ministry with the Kentucky region in the West Area at Kum-Ba-Ya.

My name is Dee Moore Wells. I am a retired DOC minister. I served all my 22 years of congregational ministry at First Christian Church in Livingston, Tennessee. It is there that I began as a student minister, then Associate Minister and then Senior Minister. I earned my Masters of Dignity from Vanderbilt University in Nashville in May of 1999.

Prior to becoming an ordained minister, I worked as a social worker/counselor. My passion was working with at-risk juveniles, and I was the director of a residential treatment center.

I have been married to Al Wells for 14 years, who is a retired teacher and basketball coach.

I have been blessed with two children who are now grown, both married and living in other places. John David Ledford serves in the U.S. Air Force and is a Load Master; Dana Parker also loves the outdoors and lives in Henderson, Kentucky. My heart sings with gratitude with three grandchildren, Lizzy, Clay, and Annabell, who keep me grounded in humility, fun and simplicity, and for that I am ever grateful.

I am so very proud to say that I am a third generation Disciples minister. My love for the church and church camp came from my family but was also shaped from the many years I spent being at Bethany Hills as a camper, then in later years as a counselor and director. I was the Camp Manager at Bethany Hills, which is a job I had always dreamed of, for I love outdoor ministry and hospitality, until I retired to help take care of my ailing parents.

Some of the places I find respite and renewal happen when I am camping, hiking, boating, golfing, backpacking, entertaining friends, vegetable gardening, traveling, watching good movies and reading.

I have a strong passion to continue to do outdoor ministries in collaboration with a team of folks who find "outdoor church" to be a vital ministry. Thank you for this incredible opportunity of ministry.

--Dee

TORNADO RECOVERY

VOLUNTEER WITH FCC PRINCETON

First Christian in Princeton is hosting work day Thursdays at noon each week through November 17, 2022. They are inviting other churches to join their members and youth to do a variety of tasks and tornado relief work. They intend to post the week's work plans and location on their Facebook page ("First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Princeton, Kentucky") by Tuesday at 4pm prior to each Thursday, and they plan to offer both more and less physical tasks. Past work has included assembling and delivering veggie baskets, unloading donations, storm clean up, and serving in the community's distribution center. As of this writing, they have hosted workers from Berea Christian near Russellville, Cadiz Christian, First Christian of Madisonville, and Liberty Christian near Hopkinsville.

SKI THING 2022

POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 11-13

Due to the rise in COVID cases, our annual Ski Thing has been postponed until February 11-13. All other details—price, packages, registration requirements, etc.—remain the same as originally planned. COVID protocol adjustments will be shared closer to the dates of the event. More details and registration forms may be found on the WAYC webpage. The deadline is now Monday, February 7. Questions may be directed towards Rev. Zach Hardy at First Christian of Madisonville, zach@madisonvilledisciples.org.



MORE 2022 DATES & LINKS

KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

March 4-6, 2022, at Middletown Christian in Louisville.

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

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

April 10-17, 2022, the Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church.

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

SPRING WORK DAY AND CABIN DEDICATION AT CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Saturday, April 23, 2022. Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. Central for Work Day. A new cabin dedication will be held at 3:00 p.m. Central.

SUMMER AT CAMP KUM-BA-YA

(by grade completed in 2021-22 school year)

June 6-11	Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)
June 12-18	CYF Camp (grades 9-12)
June 20-22	Young Disciples Camp (grade 3)
June 24-26	Discovery Camp (grades 1-2)
June 27-July 1	Junior Camp (grades 4-5)
July 4-8	Chi Rho Sailing (grades 6-8)
July 11-15	CYF Sailing (grades 9-12)

DISCIPLES SUMMER MISSION

June 27-July 1, 2022, in Memphis, Tennessee.. West Area group hosted by WAYC.

<https://www.disciplessummermission.org>

KENTUCKY REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 2022, at First Christian of Georgetown.

CLERGY NEWS

LISTENING CONFERENCES AT FEBRUARY MEETINGS

At our February District Ministers meetings, members of the West Area Vision Team will join us to host listening sessions. Ministers, if you are not able to attend your regular meeting, please join in one of the other meetings. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com to get any needed Zoom links.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, February 22, at noon Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, February 8, at 10 a.m. Central upstairs at First Christian of Madisonville (1030 College Drive) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.) Lunch afterward.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, February 17, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Now on the second Thursdays. Next on February 10, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

Thursday, February 3
10:30-11:30 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver
To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



CCK TRAININGS AND CONVERSATIONS



SEEING THE FACE OF GOD

Now registering for February 16-17 and March 18-19. More dates are scheduled for later in the year.

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

FAITH TRUST BOUNDARIES TRAINING

Dates are now scheduled through October 2022.

https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=1eef8eaa-1b00-11ec-a350-482c979aed1

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ALEX YEARBOOK REPORTING

ALEX Yearbook reporting tabs are now available for you to enter your church's report for 2021. Please plan to make time to enter your information during January and February if at all possible so we don't have a logjam on March 15.

Tutorial sessions are available in late January and early February. Learn more at the "Congregation User Info Page."

<https://disciples.org/alex/congregation-user-info/>

WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM DUE

Church pastors and staff, please complete and submit the 2022 West Area Congregational Info form posted on the "Quick Forms" page of our website. This information is used to update our West Area Directory and helps us connect with each other for greater partnership in ministry. Scan and email the form to westarea@twc.com or mail it to P. O. Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431 by March 15.

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

CONGRATULATIONS, REV. DONNA WEBSTER



Congratulations to Rev. Donna Webster, who was ordained Sunday afternoon, January 9, at Unity Christian in Radford, Virginia. Rev. Webster has served for many years as a commissioned minister under care

of the Christian Church in Virginia, and now she is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Presently, Donna serves as the Transitional Senior Minister at Central Presbyterian in Princeton, Kentucky. Proud husband is Dr. Jonathan Webster, Senior Minister of First Christian of Princeton, Kentucky.

https://youtu.be/qDv_x7cvfCQ

WELCOME TWO NEW CCK STAFF



The Christian Church In Kentucky welcomes Acting Director of Women's Ministries, Rev. Tammie Douglas. Rev. Douglas also serves as pastor of Carrollton Christian. She has been a member of the Women's Cabinet since 2017 serving as worship leader, liturgical writer, and spiritual guide.



The region also welcomes Rev. Molly Maupin Smothers as Acting Associate Regional Minister. Rev. Smothers has pastored congregations in Cynthiana, Mt. Sterling, and Morehead. She has served as interim pastor to many congregations, most recently in Flemingsburg. She has taught for the Commission on Ministry School and served on the Committee on Ministry. She has led workshops for DWF, Regional Assembly and congregations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER AND END-OF-THE-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

West Area:

We had several large Church contributions that put us 20% over budget for the year. We had total regular receipts of \$12,707 and had expenses of \$6,613, giving us a positive cash flow of \$6,094. We also received \$2,700 Tornado Relief donations that were placed in restricted funds. We ended the year with a total cash balance of \$111,040.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total regular receipts for 2021 were \$83,742 with expenses of \$71,639, giving us a positive cash flow of \$12,103. We ended the year with an operational cash balance of \$22,805. We had a restricted cash balance of \$19,928 which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades.

Endowment Funds:

Our Field & Main account ended up December 31, 2021 at \$258,598 versus \$246,881 at December 31, 2020. This was after we took a budgeted income draw of \$11,844 during the year.

Charlie Ramsey, Treasurer



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Love remains

Week of Compassion
Special Offering

FEBRUARY 20-27

