

THE COORDINATOR

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

FEELING THE LOVE

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

After the devastating tornadoes on December 10 and 11, and again on January 1, Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold from Week of Compassion immediately began working with the Christian Church in Kentucky-West Area to identify members in churches that were impacted. Since then, over \$21,000 in Household Solidarity Grants have been given out to 52 Disciples households across the West Area. First Christian Mayfield, whose building was deemed a total loss, also received a Congregational Solidarity Grant to help them in this time. And, so far, West Area churches have received over \$7,700 (and counting) in Community Solidarity Grants and volunteer support as they strive to help their neighbors in need through innovative ministries.

Behind the scenes, Week of Compassion connects with KY- VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) and other recovery efforts to provide the West Area on-the-ground information and opportunities for churches to engage in appropriate responses in each community, whether it be connecting with low-income housing initiatives, feeding ministries, FEMA process training, mental-health services, or other long-term recovery ministries.

Week of Compassion continues to stand at the center of all of these efforts and assist us with the challenging work of long-term recovery. I hope ministers and lay leaders from your church will join in this important conversation with Caroline on March 13.



Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister



*Love
remains*

Week of Compassion
Special Offering

FEBRUARY 20-27



A CONVERSATION ON LONG-TERM DISASTER RESPONSE

You are invited to join for a conversation about tornado recovery with Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, Associate Director for Domestic Disaster Response with Week of Compassion, to:

- Share your observations of needs and recovery efforts so far
- Talk through "typical" patterns of disaster recovery
- Share ideas about how Disciples could be involved in recovery

Sunday, March 13
3:00pm Central
on Zoom with
Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold



To join the Zoom meeting, click:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84070773308?pwd=b3o3MFdmRlI2WEZ0OVBJQTJvYmphUT09>
Meeting ID: 840 7077 3308
Passcode: 115920

WORK DAY & CABIN DEDICATION



Join us on the grounds at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya near Benton for our Work Day and Cabin Dedication on April 23. Gate opens at 7:30 a.m., and work will begin at 8:00 a.m. If you have work gloves and shoes, a weed eater, leaf blower, pressure washer, a tool box, a truck, a mask, and/or friends and family who would love to join you in this fun and meaningful work, bring them with you.

Then, at 2:00 p.m., join us for a very special worship and cabin dedication. We'll give thanks to God and celebrate the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation's gift of eight new cabins. We hope you'll join us in this historic day in the life of our camping ministry.

INVITE A CAMPER TO KBY!

POSTCARDS, GRAPHICS, SLIDES, AND MORE!

Will you be an ambassador for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya? Invite a child, youth, or adult to attend summer camp this year by using the resources we have prepared, from bulletin inserts and postcards to presentation slides and Zoom backgrounds. Your invitation just might change a life this summer!

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

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



WEST AREA MISSION TRIP

JUNE 27-JULY 1 IN MEMPHIS, TN

The West Area Youth Council is hosting a mission trip meet-up for our West Area youth (grades 6-12). The total cost of the trip will be \$300 registration, plus transportation, travel meals, and any expenses associated with the Wednesday night activity. For more information about the mission trip experience and schedule, go to disciplesummermission.org. Then, contact WAYC Leader Zach Hardy at 270-821-5335 or zach@madisonvilledisciples.org for registration details.



SAVE THE DATE!

WEST AREA YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEET-UP

For youth completing grades 6-12
Learn more at disciplesummermission.org
Hosted by the West Area Youth Council
For details, contact Rev. Zach Hardy
zach@madisonvilledisciples.org

TORNADO RECOVERY

LONG-TERM SITES ARE OPENING

Long-term tornado recovery sites are coming together now, so please help us spread the word to those who might like to serve in our impacted communities. Currently, here are three opportunities:

1) First Christian Madisonville is hosting a long-term recovery site operated by the Fuller Center. To sign up for a work week, click on the following link:

https://fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilders-establish-volunteer-base-in-madisonville-kentucky-for-long-term-tornado-recovery/?fbclid=IwAR1FhvG51wDa3EnS_Gpx9jtOX3ZLhYA4N9USn8Csr7TsqOeVpShm7oY1cpM

2) First Christian Princeton is hosting volunteer groups and individuals every Thursday to help their community and area with tornado recovery. Watch their Facebook page for the jobs they'll be tackling in their tornado recovery efforts. (They will announce the list on the prior Tuesday.)

3) First Christian Princeton is also hosting a work day on Saturday, March 5, to prepare their church building to be a long-term tornado mission site. They need our help to make this possible. They will be cleaning out Sunday School rooms and building beds. Contact Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster, if you have questions.



FIRST CHRISTIAN PRINCETON

TORNADO RECOVERY

Saturday, March 5
10:00 a.m. Central
First Christian Church of Princeton
510 Hopkinsville St.

Help us turn our church into a mission site for **Operation Recovery**. We will have jobs for everyone as we build beds and clear rooms to prepare dorm spaces in our church building for hosting long-term recovery groups for our community in partnership with Crossroads Mission.

fccprinceton.org

VOLUNTEER



The Welcome Table

A Reunion of God's Beloved Community

Make Plans to Attend the Reunion
Regional Assembly - November 3-5, 2022 - Georgetown KY

GOING GREEN

Congratulations to Cadiz Christian and First Christian Paducah for being recognized as Green Chalice Congregations. They join with other West Area churches on the Green Chalice list: First Christian Glasgow, First Christian Henderson, First Christian Madisonville, First Christian Owensboro, and First Christian Princeton.



<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/green-chalice-program/>

MORE 2022 DATES & LINKS

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

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

FAR WEST DISCIPLES MEN

Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. Central at Wickliffe Christian Church.

WEST AREA VISION TEAM

Monday, March 21, at 3:30 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

April 10-17, the Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church.
<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/>

CLERGY NEWS

DR. LON OLIVER AND REV. MOLLY SMOTHERS AT MARCH MEETINGS

At our March District Ministers meetings, Acting Associate Regional Minister Rev. Molly Smothers will join us to host a special Lenten meditation. And, the bi-vocational/part-time gathering will host Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver, who will present on the new grant project at LTS. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com to get any needed Zoom links.

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, March 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 March 10, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

Thursday, March 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 March 18-19. More dates are scheduled.

<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-a350-482c979aedel

FREE LENTEN RESOURCES

Ministries Across Generations

<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/single-post/lent-for-families>

Society of St. Andrew-

<https://endhunger.org/lent/>

Creative Youth Ministry Ideas for Lent: Engaging Teens on the Journey to Easter & Beyond

<http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/other-news/2015/2/12/creative-youth-ministry-ideas-for-lent-engaging-teens-on-the-journey-to-easter-beyond>

Reclaiming Our Call: Lenten Worship Resources to Spark Transformational Conversations

<https://cciwdisciples.org/2022/01/reclaiming-our-call/>

ALEX DEADLINE IS MARCH 15

ALEX Yearbook reporting tabs are now available for you to enter your church's report for 2021. The deadline to enter your information is March 15. Tutorial sessions are available 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 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/>

PIANIST/ORGANIST NEEDED

First Christian Church of Dawson Springs
is seeking to hire a full or part-time pianist or organist.
For more information, contact
Rev. Mike Moschenrose at pastormike.fccds@gmail.com.



TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

West Area:

We had total receipts of \$4,329. We had total expenses of \$4,806, giving us a negative cash flow of \$476. This is common for the first of the year. We ended the month with a total cash balance of \$110,563.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total regular receipts for January were \$2,500 with regular expenses of \$2,925 giving us a negative cash flow of \$425. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$22,380. We had a restricted cash balance of \$22,977 which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades. During the month we received a \$5,000 individual contribution and we paid \$2,500 for repairs.

Charlie Ramsey

GRANT A WISH



Would you make one of our wishes come true by making a donation from our wishlist for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya?

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/L2R7P4EVQ334/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl



THANKS, WAYC!

Thanks, West Area Youth Council, for leading another great Ski Thing! It was SO good to be together again.

CAMP WAKON' DA-HO

Summer camp dates from our sister camp:
<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/>

Mini Camp – June 3-5
CYF 1 – June 6-11
Eighters' Camp – June 12-18
Junior 1 – June 20-24
Camp 101A – June 24-26
CYF 2 – June 27-July 2
Chi Rho 1 – July 4-9
Chi Rho 2 – July 11-16
Junior 2 – July 18-22
Camp 101 B – July 23



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