

THE COORDINATOR

MAY 2022

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER, CHRISTINA



Hi, my name is Christina Olivarez. I was born and raised in Earlington, to a family who struggled financially. So, as a child, I always wanted to do better for myself and my family. I am the only person in my immediate family to have gone to college. I have degrees in human-service management and accounting.

I always wanted to own my own business or at least run one for someone else, and today I am an entrepreneur. My passion is to work with families and children, and my businesses have allowed me to work closely with and build relationships with my customers. I have owned a frozen-yogurt shop in Salem, Oregon, for the last five years, and continue to do so, though I now live in Madisonville. It has been a joy but also very exhausting. I also owned a family fun center in Salem. I sold the fun center last July to free up time for my family.

Not only have I been very fortunate with my education and business success, but I also have been very blessed with my husband of 13 years (Alvaro), three beautiful children (two of whom are already grown and have families of their own) and two amazing grandsons.

Our favorite activities are camping, boating, mudding and almost anything outdoors. The one thing you will not catch me doing or liking is anything that pertains to climbing or heights. So, I'm sad to say that there will not be any Christmas lighting on the Olivarez house unless it's Mr. Olivarez up on that roof.

I just want to end with a HUGE thank you for this incredible opportunity you guys have given me as the West Area Office Manager! I am blessed beyond words and am excited for this new chapter in my life. Hopefully, you will be just as excited to have me onboard.

- Christina

GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." --1 Corinthians 3:6 (NRSV)

Spring is here, and God is giving us new growth in so many places.

God has grown our staff! I hope that you will join in welcoming Christina Olivarez as our new West Area Office Manager. Christina comes to us with an accounting and business background. She has a sweet spirit and is excited about serving God in this ministry.

God has grown our campground! At our work day on April 23 we dedicated eight new cabins donated by the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation. Dr. Tom Steiner reminded us that change comes in stages. After this stage of installing the buildings on the foundations, the ISAF crews will begin renovating the interiors and exteriors. So, please make plans to come visit again and see each stage of this exciting change at our camp.

God has grown our ability to respond to the needs of our neighbors! See page 3 to learn about the generous donation from Jeffersontown Cares and plans for its use.

Next, we pray that **God will grow our number of campers this summer.** But we need YOU to help plant some seeds by inviting the children, youth, and adults in your life to camp, And, volunteer to be a camp counselor this summer. Be a part of God's growth among us.

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister



INVITE A CAMPER!

YOUR INVITATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Plant a seed by asking, "Are you going to church camp this summer?" 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. Tell them what you know about this great ministry. 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/>



COUNSELORS NEEDED AT KBY!

Do you know an adult who has the talents to be a wonderful counselor? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful ministry. We need one counselor for every five campers to lead small groups, sleep in cabins, and guide our campers throughout their days with us. Please help us recruit counselors from your church to accompany your campers. Having a familiar face from your church at camp not only makes new campers more comfortable about attending, it also deepens special relationships that last their whole life long. Come make a difference in the life of a camper! Counselor forms are available at www.campkumbaya.org, under the "Register" tab.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camp/>

GRANT A WISH



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

- PTO kubota tractor leaf blower
- driveway gravel
- camp truck
- railroad ties
- canoe/kayak trailer
- food tables
- tools
- paper supplies
- a jump starter

More is listed on our Amazon Charity list. Or, ask us about helping purchase beds and mattresses.

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/L2R7P4EVO334/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

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





JEFFERSONTOWN CARES

Under the leadership of Diana Polsgrove and Rev. Lee Huckleberry on March 6, Jeffersontown Christian hosted and organized a city-wide fundraiser for tornado disaster recovery. The big night of music, magicians, a quilt raffle, food-venders, and speakers was called "Jeffersontown Cares," and it gathered together city leaders, church leaders, and caring Disciples, and other local citizens to excee their goal and raise \$10,505. Diana even came to the West Area to learn more about the impacts of the storms and hand-delivered the check to us in Madisonville.

The West Area will serve as custodian of these funds, and Board Chair Rev. Jeff Mandrell is forming a task group for their distribution in the coming months of long-term recovery. It continues to be a blessing to see the concern and love that others across the church and nation have for those of us impacted by the tornadoes. God is growing our compassion.



Week of Compassion
 You are invited
 SPECIAL PRESENTATION
**WEDNESDAY
 APRIL 27
 AT 5:30 P.M.**
 First Christian Princeton
 510 Hopkinsville Street
 Princeton, KY



Caroline will be speaking about the work of Week of Compassion INCLUDING everything from our local tornadoes to the work in Ukraine. She will also have copies of her book *Wonder Awaits*, available for purchase.

Music and Refreshments

Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold
 Associate Director
 Week of Compassion

MORE 2022 DATES & LINKS

WEST AREA VISION TEAM
 Monday, May 16, at 3:30 p.m. Central on. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

FAR WEST DISCIPLES MEN
 Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. Central at First Christian Church in Paducah.

ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLES MUSICIANS CONFERENCE
 2022 Music & Worship Conference
 July 17-22, 2022, in Tulsa, Oklahoma
<https://www.adm-doc.org>



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023
 July 29-August 1, 2023, in Louisville

CLERGY NEWS

MAY MINISTERS MEETINGS

Join us as we workshop our ideas, share resources, and pray for one another. If you are not able to attend your district's meeting, join in any one of these offerings. Email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for more details.

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for a new Zoom link.) This month our special guest is Rev. Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrave, Minister for DHM's Ministries Across Generations.

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

Thursday, May 5
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 May 18-19 and June 20-21. 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/at_tendeas?guid=1eef8eaa-1b00-11ec-a350-482c979aedel



KY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES 2022 SPRING CONFERENCE WHEN WOMEN CONNECT...

DATE: APRIL 30, 2022

TIME: 10 AM – 2 PM (EST); 9 AM – 1 PM (CST)

LOCATION: FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM –
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN KENTUCKY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT REV. TAMMIE DOUGLAS (TAMMIE@CCINKY.NET), ACTING DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES.

PENTECOST OFFERING 2020

2022 Pentecost Offering materials are now available. Help spread the word in your congregation with the graphics, bulletin insert, sides, and videos to support our new churches.

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



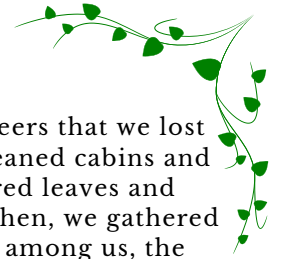
RESOURCES FOR SUMMER

Looking for curricula or other resources for your summer ministries? Ministries Across Generations has free VBS curricula, mission trip resources, Sunday School materials, and more.

<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/summer-programs>



THANK YOU FOR WORK DAY!



Our cabin dedication and work day was such a meaningful day. We had so many volunteers that we lost count! Every pocket of the camp had a crew of folks helping. We prepared firewood, cleaned cabins and restrooms, hung signage, installed ADA compliant door knobs, organized supplies, cleared leaves and brush, restored the beach, trimmed walls, and SO much more. It was an amazing day! Then, we gathered at the pavillion to sing songs of praise and give thanks to God for the generosity stirred among us, the inspiring life of Issac Sterett and the work of the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation, and how the Lord has been with us in all of the stages of this camping ministry. We marked this stage with a ribbon cutting at one of the cabins and celebrated with a cake reception. After all of the cabins have been placed, the interior and exterior work will begin to renovate them for our needs. What's the next stage? Raising funds to furnish them with beds and mattresses.



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to mail this to someone
who might join in these
important ministries.