

THE COORDINATOR

JUNE 2022

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

Our church camp has a wonderful name--Kum-Ba-Ya, or "Come By Here." It is a call to recognize that God's presences is always with us and a reminder to invite Christ into all the moments of our lives, whether they are sad or joyful. Not every camp has a theme song, but ours does, and so we can carry its name as a song in our hearts throughout the year, knowing and claiming that "Kum-Ba-Ya moments" are real and true. Names are important, and they can be inspiring.

This summer our camp theme is "What's in a Name?" Our campers will be exploring biblical lessons from Moses meeting "I Am" at the burning bush, Jesus calling Zacchaeus's name, Elizabeth naming John, Naomi naming herself, Jacob becoming Israel and Simon becoming Peter. Campers will learn that God knows their name, and that they are more than the names they are called by others. Recognizing that we are claimed by God and called to share God's love with others changes our lives. At the end of camp, we'll send them out to serve in the name of Christ.



WRITE TO THEM BY NAME

Our Camp Kum-Ba-Ya campers LOVE to hear their names at mail call. Send some love to your campers by mailing a letter (snail mail) or hand-deliver your letter(s) at camper drop-off. Be sure to write the requested delivery date on the envelope for your camper to receive your mail. To help the mail reach your camper in time, please mail at least a week prior to their camp. Please put the camper's home address as the return address so that we can forward it, if needed.

(Camper's Name) (Event Name) Camp Kum-Ba-Ya 4943 Barge Island Rd. Benton, KY 42025

NAME THEM IN PRAYER

Send your campers off to camp with the prayers of your church. Ministries Across Generations offers a camper commissioning liturgy for us to use in worship. You'll find the liturgy on the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya homepage. http://www.campkumbaya.org

ADD MORE NAMES

We have room to add some more names to our camp rosters. I wonder if there is someone whom you might invite to experience Camp Kum-Ba-Ya for themselves. We've extended the deadline. http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camp/

In Jesus's name,

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler West Area Regional Minister

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NEW CABINS. NEW BEDS

We need to purchase new beds and mattresses for our eight new heated and air conditioned cabins. In the old A-frame cabins (see photo), the beds were built into the structures, but our new cabins will have free-standing bed frames with sanitizable surfaces and allow for more flexibility of use. Plus, the new mattresses and beds will help us provide a more comfortable night of sleep for campers of all ages.

We are over a third of the way to our goal of purchasing new metal bed frames and mattresses for our eight new cabins. Will you help us raise funds to purchase 53 more camp beds and mattresses?

Please make a donation to the Camp Revamp fund.

To give by check

Checks may be written out to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, P.O. Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431. Please put "Camp Revamp" in the memo line.

To give online

Online donations may be received through **Givelify**. Go to https://www.givelify.com (search "Camp Kum-Ba-Ya") or click here.



Photo of the old beds.



Registration opens at 8:30AM.

CLERGY NEWS

JUNE MINISTERS MEETINGS

In June, we'll discuss ways to improve our ministers meetings, and kick around some ideas for future guests. 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, June 28, at noon Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, June 14, 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, June 16, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, June 9, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for a new Zoom link.)

FOR CLERGY WHO ARE CAREGIVERS

Thursday, June 2
10:30-11:30 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver
To receive the Zoom link, contact
Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com

IN RESPONSE TO GUN VIOLENCE



With mass shootings so common among us, Ministries Across Generations continues to maintain a listing of resources for quality conversations for our families, churches and children as they respond to the incidences and trauma of gun violence. Find conversation starters, prevention tips and resources for responding to trauma at various age levels.

https://www.docfamiliesandchildr en.org/gunsafety

MINISTRY CHANGES

Rev. Kent Sullivan has been called as the minister of Central Christian Church in Orlando, Florida. Thanks, Kent, for the supply ministry that you provided to our churches in the West Area in recent years as you worked in education. May the Lord bless you in your next ministry.





PROMOTE CAMP IN WORSHIP

Each year we provide numerous materials to help our churches spread the word about camp registration. From bulletin inserts and postcards to presentation slides and social media posts-you'll find them on our camp website.

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

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)

Chi Rho Sailing (grades 6-8)

July 11-15 CYF Sailing (grades 9-12)



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MORE 2022 DATES & LINKS

WEST AREA VISION TEAM

Monday, June 20, at 3:30 p.m. Central on. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

FAR WEST DISCIPLES MEN

Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. Central at First Christian Church in Benton.

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

PENTECOST OFFERING 2022



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









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