

THE COORDINATOR

DECEMBER 2022



FURNITURE FUNDRAISER IN JANUARY

In January, we'll be launching a fundraiser to turn our campground into a year-round ministry. Join in our "Furnishings Fundraiser" to raise funds to purchase new beds, mattresses, storage, and other furnishings for our new camper cabins and retreat cabins at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya.

At Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, we are committed to aiding the spiritual growth of children, youth, and adults through outdoor and camping ministry. A gift from the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation (ISAF) provides a giant leap forward in this ministry. We have received eight new buildings. Six are being converted into duplex cabins, able to house 11 campers on each side. Plus, ISAF plans to renovate two additional retreat cabins with living areas, kitchenettes, restrooms, and a separated bedroom. All eight buildings are heated and cooled.

The KBY Furnishing Task Group will be seeking a goal of \$90,000 for our Furnishings Fundraiser to outfit the new facilities. Purchasing these items will help us best utilize this new gift, both for our campers next summer and for outside groups looking to reserve facilities. Watch for details in the January *West Area Coordinator*.

THANKS FOR WORK DAY!



We had a great work day on November 12 at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. Twenty-eight individuals from our churches and the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation came out to clean gutters, paint walls, replace siding and trim, organize closets, blow leaves, move mattresses, side the lodge, and split firewood. And, we received a gift of a beautiful, custom canoe from Katie and Tres Sterett of the ISAF! Our thanks to everyone for a productive and memorable day for our camping ministry.

Our Spring Work Day is planned for **Saturday, April 22**. Plan now to bring a group and join us as we prepare for the upcoming season of summer camp. Your work changes lives!

SUPPORT KBY AS YOU SHOP

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support Camp Kum-Ba-Ya every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the [Amazon Shopping app](#) for iOS and Android phones. When you select "Christian Church in Kentucky West Area" as your charity, AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya.



RESERVE KBY

Wouldn't you love more time at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya? Know a group that would enjoy our beautiful space? Reserve our camp and retreat center for your next special event. Share our new brochure and reservation forms.



<http://www.campkumbaya.org/reservations/>

ADD CAMPS TO YOUR CALENDAR



KUM-BA-YA 2023 DATES

The 2023 Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Summer Camp dates are set! Save the dates and spread the word across the land (and lakes!).

- June 5-10 Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)
- June 11-17 CYF Camp (grades 9-12)
- June 19-23 Spirit Sailing Camp (grades 6-12)
- June 23-25 Discovery Camp (grades K-2 + adult)
- June 26-30 Junior Camp (grades 3-5)

WAKON' DA-HO 2023 DATES

- Mini Camp – June 2-4
- CYF 1 – June 5-10
- Eighter's Camp – June 11-17
- Junior 1 – June 19-23
- Camp 101A – June 23-25
- CYF 2 – June 26 – July 1
- Chi Rho 1 – July 3-8
- Chi Rho 2 – July 10-15
- Junior 2 – July 17-21
- Camp 101 B – July 22
- Y'All Camp – September 1-3
- Fall Family Fest – October 6-8



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

in Louisville, Kentucky
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2023



REGISTER NOW FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2023 General Assembly! Join Disciples across the United States and Canada as we gather July 29 - August 1, 2023, in Louisville, Kentucky, to celebrate the Kindom of God, Within Us. Among Us.

<https://ga.disciples.org>

AND VOLUNTEER IN LOUISVILLE!

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville



Kentucky Disciples, we need your help! The 2023 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly will be right here in Louisville. Want a discounted registration fee? Have skills you can offer? Join our planning committee! Volunteer to help serve on one of the teams by completing this Google Doc.

<https://forms.gle/EXroKLQUrmp1h7VV7>

DATES FOR YOUR 2023 CALENDARS

CAMP DIRECTORS TRAINING

Saturday, January 21, 9:00 a.m.-- 2:00 p.m.
Central at Camp KBY,

KY REGIONAL MEN'S CHORUS

January 27-29 in Covington.

Register [HERE!](#)

Hotel reservations [HERE!](#)

<https://kyregionalmenschorus.com>

KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

February 24-26 at Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington.

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

WEST AREA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, February 26, at 3:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. Please watch your email for Zoom links.

2023 WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 11, at First Christian Church, Madisonville. Registration details coming soon.

SPRING WORK DAY AT KBY

Saturday, April 22. Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. Central for Work Day. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. Central.

SUMMER AT CAMP KUM-BA-YA

(by grade completed in 2022-23 school year)

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June 23-25 Discovery Camp (grades K-2 + adult)
June 26-30 Junior Camp (grades 3-5)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

July 29-August 1 in Louisville

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CLERGY NEWS

DECEMBER MINISTERS MEETINGS

Do you need a community of colleagues and friends? We have a place for you at the ministers meetings. Email Rev. Rachel Nance woehler at WestAreaMinister@twc.com for details.

DISTRICT 1

No meeting in December. Starting in January District 1 will meet in person at First Christian Paducah (415 Audubon Dr.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, December 13, at noon Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, December 15, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, December 8, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for a new Zoom link.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Thursday, December 1
10:00-11:00 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver



To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



On November 13, First Christian Princeton celebrated the ministries of Dr. Jonathan Webster and Rev. Donna Webster. Donna has received a call to serve as Senior Minister at Perseverance Christian Church in Virginia.

On November 20, First Christian Providence celebrated and gave thanks for the ministry of Rev. Jeff Mandrell with a Thanksgiving feast. Jeff served as their full-time pastor for nine years. He continues to serve as chair of the West Area Board.



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NEW OFFICE MANAGER BEGINS DECEMBER 1



Greetings! My name is Teri Arp, and I will be the new Office Manager for the West Area effective December 1st! I am excited to be joining Rev. Rachel and offering some administrative support to the West Area!

I am originally from east central Indiana, but moved to Kentucky for college, and immediately felt at home. I met my future husband at Centre College in Danville, and soon after we married, he became an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church. We have moved a few times during our marriage, serving churches in Danville, London, and Nicholasville. We moved to the Madisonville area in July 2021. We are blessed with two teenagers, who attend high school here in Hopkins County.

My work history spans the worlds of banking, education, and non-profits, but each of my jobs have focused to some extent on tracking financial data and providing reports. I enjoy writing, editing, organizing, and I look forward to using my experience and skills for the furthering of God's kingdom.

In my free time, I enjoy gardening with my husband, watching my son play baseball, shopping for books at Barnes and Noble with my daughter, and walking our large loveable mutt, Felix. God is Good!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial information for October 2022:

West Area:

For the month, we had total receipts of \$8,604. We had total expenses of \$6,126, giving us a positive cash flow of \$2,478. For the ten months ended October 31 we had a total negative cash flow of \$3,572. We ended the month with an operating cash balance of \$102,566. We have a restricted cash balance of \$15,826 which consists of \$13,205 in tornado relief contributions. By year end we expect to receive \$3,750 for DMF support and \$1,100 for Smallwood Interest. We also plan to receive a scheduled draw from our Endowment Funds totaling \$11,718.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total year to date receipts for the nine months ended October 31 were \$57,496 with total expenses of \$67,242 giving us a negative cash flow of \$9,746. We ended the period with an operational cash balance of \$13,059. We had a restricted cash balance of \$17,844 which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades. By year end we expect to receive approximately \$17,000 as a CCK endowment.

Charlie Ramsey

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

Your Christmas offering equips the Kentucky Region to echo the joy heard in summer camp settings, congregational life, seminary classrooms, and leadership gatherings. Your gift enables our Region to give support to Elders, Sunday School teachers, youth group sponsors, worship leaders, seminarians, and pastors so that joy resounds. With your gift, connections are made between congregations and among Disciples throughout the Kentucky Region and around the world.

<https://cdn.disciplesmissionfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/01130100/Kentucky-BW-Custom-Back.pdf>



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