

THE COORDINATOR

FEBRUARY 2023



West Area Workshops

First Christian Church of Madisonville • March 11, 2023

In the spring of 2020, the West Area gathered together for a wonderful day of workshops, worship, food, and fellowship. Let's do it again!

On **March 11, 2023**, come to **First Christian Church of Madisonville** for the **West Area Workshops** to explore what God is doing through our churches, share your own ministry successes and challenges, discover new ideas, and be inspired by our neighboring congregations in the West Area.

The Leadership Development Team has selected the theme "Faithful to Restore" in response to 1 Peter 5:10. After the tornadoes, after the pandemic, after so many have disengaged from church, after our youth have felt abandoned and isolated, after so much transition, loss and grief, God is restoring us. Come be restored, hear stories of restoration, and learn of new ministries that might allow us to help others experience restoration, too.

How to Register

For more information, see the "Christian Church In Kentucky West Area" Facebook page or www.westareadisciples.org. **Register before February 27** by filling out the workshop selection form and mail with a \$20 check made out to "CCK-West Area" (memo line: "West Area Workshops") to CCK-West Area, P.O. Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431. The fee covers lunch, supplies, and small honoraria.

West Area Workshops Saturday, March 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. Central Registration and exhibit area
10:30-11 a.m. Opening Worship
11:10-noon Workshop Session #1
12:10-12:50 p.m. Lunch
1-1:50 p.m. Workshop Session #2
2-2:50 p.m. Workshop Session #3
3-3:30 p.m. Closing Worship

The West Area Leadership Development Team has created a slate of fantastic workshops:

- "A Workshop on Grief and How the Church Can Support Those Grieving Someone They Love"
Rev. Kara Foster
- "Congregational Governance"
Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett
- "Familiar Bible Stories: Comfort or Temptation?"
Margaret Harden Brown
- "Hybrid Church"
Wesley King
- "Leadership as Art and Science"
Drs. Charisse & Donald K. Gillett, II
- "Ministry for Dementia Patients and Their Caregivers"
Rev. Marie Weaver
- "Technology in Worship"
Rev. Dr. Bill Thomas
- "The Trauma Informed Church: Ministry in Challenging Times"
Rev. Dr. Milton West
- "Where's the Front Door?"
Revs. Dean and Deb Phelps

BE A PART OF THE FUNDRAISER



FURNISHINGS FUNDRAISER

Our West Area Finance and Fundraising Committee is raising funds to purchase new beds, mattresses, and other needed furnishings for our camper cabins and our two new retreat cabins. Our hope and vision is to be a place that draws ministers, families, churches, and other groups to seek meaningful and fun retreat time in God's beautiful creation. With new furniture for our climate-controlled cabins, our campers and guests will have a more enjoyable stay in the heat of summer and the cold of winter, providing a comfortable and inviting space for our campers. We believe that all campers should have the best possible experience, and this furniture for our new cabins is an essential part of that.

So, how do we get to our \$90,000 goal? Well, we will need some large gifts, like the one we just received from The Legacy Fund of First Christian

Church Owensboro and Century Christian Church. We are so honored to receive this grant and to represent their legacies.

And, we will need Camp Alumni far and wide to give back to this special place.

We'll also need several of our West Area churches to raise funds for this effort. One pastor suggested that an envelope fundraiser (where you number envelopes 1-100 and invite donors to fill it with a gift in the amount on the envelope) would raise \$5,050. Another thought that having a "Camp MEATing" and selling BBQ meat would be a great way for a church to get their community involved. Some churches have their children collect "noisy offerings" or "change for change" in coffee cans during worship for causes they believe in. Several counties in Kentucky offer trash-for-cash to church groups to clean roadways and raise funds. Car washes, bake sales, spaghetti suppers, and rummage sales are all fun ways to raise money for camp. What ideas might your church plan to raise funds for furniture at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya?

And, we'll need YOU, because you know that camp changes lives and inspires new generations of leaders for our churches. Please join me in supporting the work of the Finance Committee, the KBY Advisory Team, and all those who make camp such a spiritually enriching experience.

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

SKI THING 2023 BACK AT BEDFORD

West Area Youth, grab your sleeping bags and heavy coats, and join in our annual Ski Thing 2023! This is a trip open to all students 6th-12th grade and will take place **February 10-12**. We will meet on Friday, February 10, at Camp Bedford in Southern Indiana. We will stay in the heated lodge at Camp Bedford (33 Church Camp Road, Bedford, IN 47421) both Friday and Saturday night. We will

be providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We will wake Saturday, have breakfast, and then leave for Perfect North in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Day ski passes go from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. so students will be able to ski all day. After we all get back to Camp Bedford, we will have a large group activity and worship before lights out. On Sunday we will wake for breakfast and have worship together before we depart. More details and registration forms are available on the WAYC webpage. Questions may be directed toward Rev. Zach Hardy at First Christian Madisonville, zach@madisonvilledisciples.org.

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/youth-ministries-wayc/>



ONLINE REGISTRATION IN FEBRUARY!



KUM-BA-YA 2023 DATES

The 2023 Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Summer Camp dates are set, and online and paper form registration will begin mid-February. Watch <http://www.campkumbaya.org> for forms.

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)
July 3-7	Camp Agape (grades 6-8)

SUPPORT CAMP AGAPE

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is offering a new camp experience in 2023! Camp Agape will be a wonderful week of camp tailored to youth grades 6-8 in foster care, directed by Rev. Kristi Stuckel, Rev. Mark Dycus, and Nancy Dycus.

This camp combines KBY's spiritual mission of sharing God's love, community, and belonging, with practical, everyday skills that campers will need in life. Camp Agape will meet for the first time on **July 3-7**. If you are feeling called to support this camp with your time, talent, or treasure, please contact Rev. Dee Moore Wells (deemwells@gmail.com) or Rev. Kristi Stuckel (kjstuckel@gmail.com).

MORE FOR YOUR 2023 CALENDARS

KY WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

February 24-26 at Crestwood Christian 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.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT IN THE WEST AREA

Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.--3:00 p.m. Central
Sinking Fork Christian Church
114 Clarks Store Sinking Fork Rd, Cerulean
More details 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. Lunch served. All ages welcome.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

July 29-August 1 in Louisville
<https://ga.disciples.org>

WAKON' DA-HO 2023 DATES

Mini Camp – June 2-4
CYF 1 – June 5-10
Eightier'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



CLERGY NEWS

FEBRUARY MINISTERS MEETINGS

Feeling isolated in your ministry? A group of ministers is saving a chair for YOU. For more details about these meetings, email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, February 28, at noon Central we will meet in person at First Christian Paducah (415 Audubon Dr.) **Caroline Hamilton-Arnold** and **Raiza Spratt** from Week of Compassion will be our special guests. Bring a sack lunch, if you wish.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, February 14, at 10:00 a.m. Central upstairs at First Christian Madisonville (1030 College Drive) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

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

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

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

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Thursday, February 2
10:00-11:00 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver

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



FEBRUARY IS ALEX MONTH



Church staff and leaders, the ALEX Yearbook reporting tabs are now available for you to enter your church's report for 2022. February is the month to submit your financial data and activity reports for the year 2022. Learn more at the "Congregation User Info Page."

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

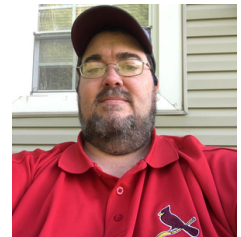
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MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



On January 22, Rev. **Darren Longar** was commissioned into ministry at Sinking Fork Christian Church near Cerulean. The church family presented Rev. Longar with a white stole and celebrated the occasion with a potluck lunch.

Rev. **Jeff Mandrell** began serving as pastor of Crofton Christian Church on January 30. He previously served as pastor of First Christian Providence and continues in his second term as the Chair of the West Area Board.



PROMOTE GENENRAL ASSEMBLY

Invite your church to the 2023 General Assembly "The Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us" in Louisville, Kentucky, **July 29 – August 1**. You'll find all the resources you need to invite people to the in-person and virtual event.

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OF GOD
WITHIN US
AMONG US**

<https://ga.disciples.org/resources/>

WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM DUE

Church pastors and staff, please complete and submit the 2023 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/>

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TREASURER'S REPORT

West Area:

The total receipts for the year ended December 31, 2022, were \$97,437 with total expenses of \$86,055 giving us a positive cash flow of \$11,382. We ended the year with an operational cash balance of \$117,520. We have a restricted cash balance of \$19,886, which includes \$13,205 in tornado relief contributions.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total receipts for the year ended December 31, 2022, were \$79,940 with total expenses of \$73,011 giving us a positive cash flow of \$6,929. We ended the year with an operational cash balance of \$29,735. We had a restricted cash balance of \$28,006, which will be used mainly on camp upgrades.

Operational highlights include camper fees \$7,424 in excess of budget, congregational gifts \$8,957 in excess of budget and CCK Endowment \$1,165 in excess of budget. In the expense area we had Repairs Maintenance and Supplies with the total exceeding budget by \$5,987, which was due mainly to the new facilities. In the Restricted Funds we had a nice jump on our \$90,000 Fundraising Goal to equip the new facilities with a \$10,000 legacy gift and individual contributions of \$2,222.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer



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