

THE COORDINATOR

MARCH 2023

GIFTS WITH LOVE AND MEMORIES

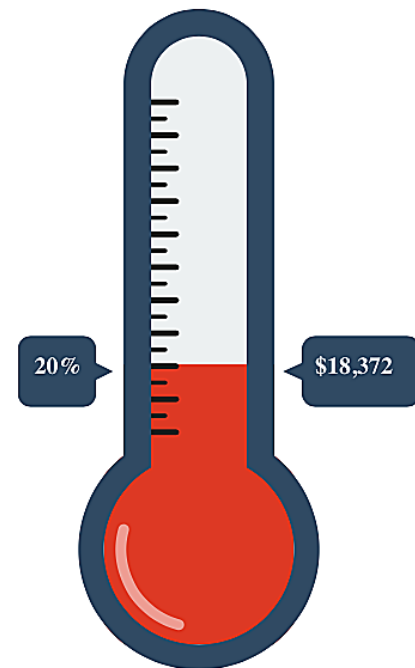
The father of Beech Grove Christian pastor Rev. Jim Midkiff died Jan. 20 at age 103. An educator, community leader and faithful church member, Noble Midkiff lived an inspiring life of generosity and kindness. He was a profound difference-maker in the lives of the people he encountered.

When Jim and his sisters got to work on Mr. Midkiff's obituary, they wanted to give people an option to contribute to some difference-making organization.

"Flowers fade so quickly," Jim said. "As a member of the fundraising committee at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, we had been talking about creative ways to raise the money. I had sort of an epiphany—why not put that in the obituary as an option? My sisters quickly agreed."

It's inspiring that so many people have chosen to honor Mr. Midkiff's memory by donating to our camp. We are grateful for their generosity and the impact it has already made in helping us purchase new beds, mattresses and other furnishings for our new cabins.

GOAL: \$90,000



**FURNISHINGS
FUNDRAISER**

"We want to thank the many people who have given," Jim said.

Thank you, Midkiff family, for choosing to remember Noble Midkiff in this special way. With these lasting remembrances, we are now at 20 percent of our Furnishings Fundraiser goal. With every gift, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya's hospitality and impact grow.

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister

REGISTER TODAY



Summer camp registration is now open! This year, we're excited to be offering online registration for our summer camp events and payment will be made through your church.



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

KUM-BA-YA 2023 DATES

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)

HELP SPONSOR 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).



BE A C.I.T. IN 2023

Do you know youth or young adults (16 years old or older) who would make great counselors-in-training? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful and life-changing ministry. Application forms are due by **March 15**.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CIT-Form-2023-FINAL.pdf>



SPRING WORK DAY APRIL 22



Join us on the grounds at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya for our Spring Work Day on **April 22**. Doors open 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, a tool box, a truck, and/or friends and family who would love to join you in this fun and meaningful work, bring them with you. Lunch will be provided. Come be a part of the exciting changes at KBY!

WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

On **March 11**, come to Madisonville First Christian 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.

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



How to Register

Register before **February 27** by filling out the workshop selection form at www.westareadisciples.org 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

Pick Three Workshops

- "A Workshop on Grief and How the Church Can Support Those Grieving Someone They Love"
Rev. Kara Foster
- "'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"
with Drew Lucas and Rev. Dr. Milton West
- "Where's the Front Door?"
Revs. Dean and Deb Phelps

SPRING AT CHRISTMOUNT'S FERN WAY FARM & FOREST



Fern Way Farm & Forest is an open-hearted educational community that values our relationship with Earth and with each other. Our programs connect youth and adults to the forest and the farm through land-based inclusive programming, college internships, Pre K-12 school year field trips, and summer camps.

Fern Way programs are located on 600 acres of forested, expansive land belonging to Christmount, a non-profit organization and retreat center open to the public as a "place for all to discover community, acceptance, and purpose."

Check out Fern Way's educational offerings for spring and summer 2023! We offer sliding scale payment to make our programs more accessible.

<https://www.christmount.org/fern-way-farm-forest>

LET DCEF HELP YOU REBUILD

Whether you're years into conversations with insurance companies or just starting to assess building damage following a natural disaster, Disciples Church Extension Fund's disaster response team can be your advocate when dealing with insurance adjustors, contractors, and your region. With years of experience in civil engineering, and helping congregations like yours, our team can assist you on-site or through phone and video calls.

<https://disciplescef.org/plan/disaster-response/>



CLERGY NEWS

MARCH MINISTERS MEETINGS

Join us in this season of Lent as we gather as colleagues and friends. For more details about these meetings, email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, March 28, at noon Central we will meet in person at First Christian Paducah (415 Audubon Dr.) Bring a sack lunch, if you wish.

DISTRICT 2

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

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

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

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

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

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



PROMOTE GENENRAL ASSEMBLY

**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

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.

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

PROMOTE CAMP IN YOUR CHURCH

Help promote Camp Kum-Ba-Ya at your church or invite a friend to join you at camp, by using our promotional materials. We have postcards, a poster, social media graphics, Zoom background, video screen graphics, a video, a brochure, bulletin inserts, logos, and more!

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



RETIRED MINISTERS ON ZOOM

Retired ministers in the West Area:

The CCK Retired Ministers and Spouses Group will be gathering on Zoom on Wednesday, **March 8**, with special guest Todd Adams, President of the Pension Fund. They have extended a special invitation to you to join in on this virtual presentation, beginning at 10:45 a.m. Central. Watch your email for details and the Zoom link so that you can join us!

ALEX REPORTS DUE NOW

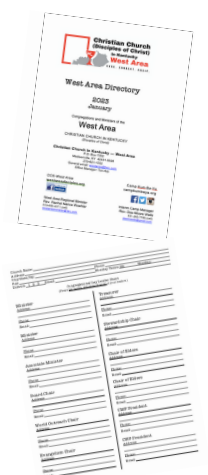
Church staff and leaders, if you have not submitted your church's ALEX Yearbook 2022 report, please do so as soon as possible.

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

WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFO. FORM DUE MAR. 15

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/>



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Month Ended January 31, 2023:

West Area: The total receipts for the month ended January 31, 2023 were \$3,799 with total expenses of \$8,719 giving us a negative cash flow of \$4,920. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$107,708. We have a restricted cash balance of \$19,886 which consists of \$13,205 in tornado relief contributions.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya: The total receipts for the month ended January 31, 2023 were \$1,715 with total expenses of \$3,255 giving us a negative cash flow of \$1,808. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$27,933. We had a restricted cash balance of \$28,296 which will be used mainly on camp upgrades and furniture purchases.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer

SAVE THE DATE!

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S RETREAT

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!

EASTER OFFERING 2023

The Easter Offering, collected April 2-9, supports General Ministries of the Church. General ministries serve across the United States and Canada, and around the world. General Ministries also partner in ministry with a variety of far-reaching and unique organizations.

WAKON' DA-HO 2023 DATES

Learn more about the camps offered at our sister camp, Camp Wakon' Da-Ho.

<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakon-da-ho/>

CADIZ SEEKS YOUTH LEADER

Cadiz Christian is seeking to hire a part-time, salaried youth leader to help build young disciples of Christ by developing and implementing spiritual and fellowship activities for the youth of the congregation, including community projects and outreach, while serving as a spiritual leader and role model. Work to grow youth participation and programs by reaching out to youth and their families in the community. This position could be excellent experience for someone who is studying to enter the ministry or considering it. The application deadline is **June 15**. For details, please contact Pastor Kevin Deibert, vicarofcadiz@gmail.com (Office: 270-522-8402) or Personnel Committee Chairman, Mike Davis (270-498-3213), wmdavis1@bellsouth.net.



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