

THE COORDINATOR

MAY 2023

WHAT A GREAT WORK DAY!

We had such a fantastic Spring Work Day at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya! Our 35 volunteers prepped doors for painting, organized the craft room, moved single beds to cabins, caulked cabin floors, framed photos, pressure washed the pavilion, installed hose racks, moved equipment and signage to the beach, installed bumpers and cleats on the dock, put up volleyball and tetherball nets, pumped up sports balls, cleaned out the gaga ball pit, painted tether ball and volleyball poles, cleaned out gutters, cleared fallen trees and leaves, split and stacked wood, cleaned the counselor refrigerator, assembled the new first aid cabinet, installed blinds on windows, entertained Rusty the dog, tested out the new hiking trails, built new ramps at the staff cabins (thank you, First Christian Glasgow Ramp Mission Team!), helped Dee serve a great breakfast and lunch, and cleaned up from a very fun, meaningful day!

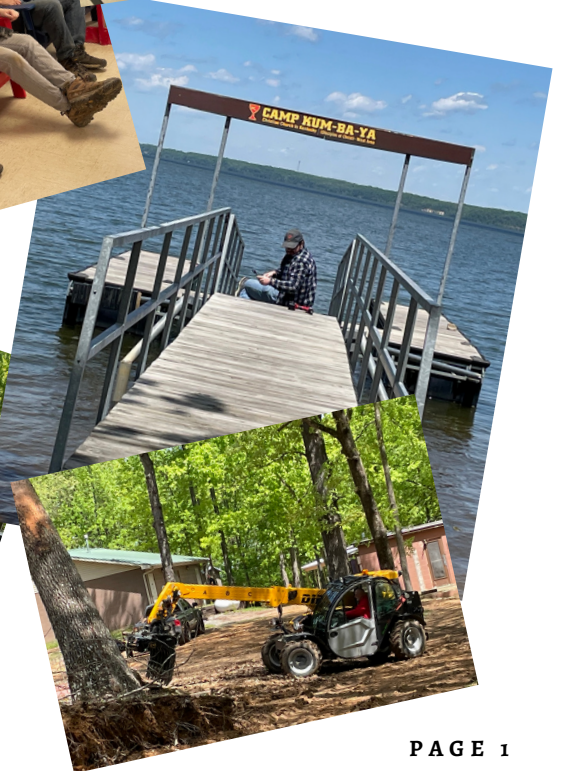
Amazing! What a gift each of you is to our camping ministry. Thank you for serving and lending your skills, time, and talents.

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister



P.S. See more photos on our Facebook page!



SUMMER CAMP IS ALMOST HERE!

REGISTER TODAY!



JUNE 5-10	CHI RHO CAMP	(GRADES 6-8)	\$290
JUNE 11-17	CYF CAMP	(GRADES 9-12)	\$345
JUNE 19-23	SPIRIT SAILING CAMP	(GRADES 6-12)	\$340
JUNE 23-25	DISCOVERY CAMP	(GRADES K-2 + ADULT)	\$112
JUNE 26-30	JUNIOR CAMP	(GRADES 3-5)	\$235
JULY 3-7	CAMP AGAPE	(GRADES 6-8 IN FOSTER CARE)	\$50

MAY 1 DEADLINE
(\$5 LATE FEE APPLIED MAY 2-15)

Camp registrations are definitely coming in more quickly than last year. Yay!

Directors are making their final preparations to ensure we have enough counselors recruited and holding important counselor trainings. Staff are preparing to order small-group supplies, food, and T-shirts.

To do this well, we need camp forms in as soon as possible each year. We'd love to get everyone's forms in by the May 1 deadline, if possible. But given that we have a new online registration process this year, the KBY Team is offering a grace period after the deadline until May 15, with a \$5 late fee applied. T-shirts will be guaranteed for those who register by May 1.

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



BE A CAMP AGAPE SPONSOR

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and First Christian Benton are partnering to host Camp Agape--a week of camp for 25 middle school youth (having completed grades 6, 7, or 8) who currently live in foster care.

CAMP AGAPE



Camp Agape combines Camp Kum-Ba-Ya's spiritual mission of sharing God's love, community, and belonging, with the emotional support, mentoring, and instruction in practical, everyday skills that youth in foster care will need in life. From the moment campers arrive, we will aim for each and every camper to feel the sense of belonging that comes from having a special place set aside just for them to sleep and be. When they leave at the end of the week, our aim is for them all to feel loved and valued as children of God, with greater skills to live and grow in relationships and in community.

With a donation of \$400 designated to "Camp Agape," you can sponsor a camper in foster care to attend this meaningful experience.

CAMP KBY WISH LIST



Would you like to purchase an item for the camp from our wish list? Use this QR code or link to find our wish list on Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wish-list/lr/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl_share

**EIGHTER'S CAMP
AT WAKON' DA-HO**



If you're just completing the eighth grade, Camp Wakon' Da-Ho offers Eighter's Camp, a specialty camp on spirituality and sexuality. Keynotes are led by trained leaders from Just Say Know Ministries. The special "Created to Be Me" curriculum aims to provide soon-to-be ninth graders with factual and spiritual sexuality education that will help them view intimacy as a gift from God to humanity for loving, lifelong, committed relationships. In 2023, Eighter's Camp is happening June 11-17.

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

CLERGY NEWS

MAY MINISTERS MEETINGS

New life is springing up in our ministries. Come share what you are seeing and hear from our colleagues about the good things happening in their ministries. For more details about these meetings, email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, May 23, at noon Central we will meet in person at First Christian Paducah (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. Bring a sack lunch, if you wish. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. Central upstairs at First Christian Madisonville (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.) Oug special guest in May will be Dr. Lon Oliver, who will share about his new rural church work.

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Thursday, May 4
10:00-11:00 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver.
To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



CAMPER COMMISSIONING

This summer, plan to send your campers off to camp with the prayers of your church. Ministries Across Generations offers a camper commissioning liturgy to use in worship as we prepare to send our campers to Kum-Ba-Ya.

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/> (See bottom of the webpage.)

PENTECOST OFFERING IN MAY



Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, received this year in most congregations on Sundays, May 21 and 28, help ensure our movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision: to be and to share the Good News, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Half of your gift supports training and preparing new church pastors here in Kentucky. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost/> and <http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/new-church/>

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

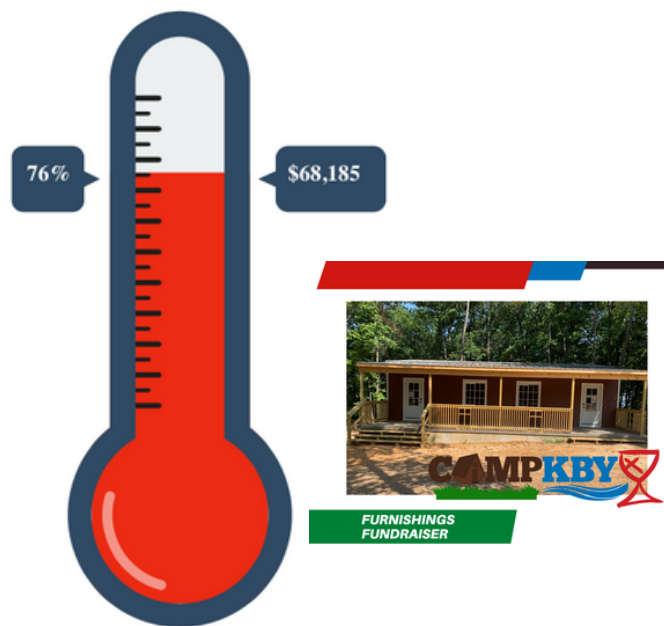


We are excited to invite the whole church to the 2023 General Assembly The Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us in Louisville, Kentucky, July 29 – August 1. There are all the resources your congregation needs to invite people to the in-person and virtual event. From graphics and logos, to Bible studies, to a promotional video and pre-written social media posts and newsletter articles, share the good news—we are gathering to declare that the kindom of God is within us and among us!

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

ALMOST THERE!

GOAL: \$90,000



As of April 24, we have received \$68,185. That's 76% to our goal! Thank you so much for your generosity and efforts to fundraise with us.

Counselor beds and mattresses are already on site. The camper cabin furniture is scheduled to arrive in July. Camper mattresses have been ordered and should arrive in mid-May. What an exciting time to be in ministry together at KBY!

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Information for the Month Ended March 31, 2023:

West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended March 31, 2023 were \$5,948 with total expenses of \$11,606 giving us a negative cash flow of \$5,658. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$102,109.

We have a restricted cash balance of \$11,364 which consists mainly of \$6,205 in tornado relief contributions and \$4,540 in youth activities restricted monies.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total operational receipts for the month ended March 31, 2023 were \$471 with total expenses of \$3,071 giving us a negative cash flow of \$2,600. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$20,032. We had a restricted cash balance of \$23,961 which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades and furniture purchases.

Included in the net restricted cash balance was \$52,108 from our current fund raising efforts to furnish the new cabins and an expense of \$43,805 to advance pay for furnishings.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer

Share the good news!
Stick a mailing label here
to mail this to someone
who might join in our
ministries together.