

THE COORDINATOR

JUNE 2023

SWIMMING IN GOD'S ABUNDANCE

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK

I shared with Dee and Teri this morning that it just feels like right now we are swimming in God's abundance through your generosity. We have been gifted in so many ways by the generosity of your time, talent, and treasure this spring. God has stirred up so many to do so much for our camping ministry, and it has been a joy to witness it--the acts of service at our campground, the creative ways you have raised funds, and the inspiring amount of donations that have come in for our camp. We are very close to meeting our Furnishings Fundraising goal, and we hope to be able to celebrate the completion of that effort in our next newsletter. In the meantime, let me share with you some of the other acts of generosity that we've witnessed creating change for our ministries.



In May, the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation finished renovations on five of the six camper cabins to get us ready for summer. Plus, they put in a new ceiling on the back porch and finished the lower level of red siding on the lodge. They also installed beautiful shiplap in the dining hall. Thank you, ISAF!



First Christian Benton was awarded a \$7,500 Mission and Ministry Grant from the National Benevolent Association to host Camp Agape at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. Thank you, First Christian Benton and NBA!



First Christian Madisonville raised \$3,657 for Camp Agape by holding a BBQ and dessert auction fundraiser. Thank you, First Christian Madisonville!



Brandon, Elizabeth, and Phil Cook helped Dee build a beautiful new deck on the back of the Camp Manager residence. And Terry Hart helped us arrange for the lumber for the project. Thank you, Brandon, Elizabeth, Phil and Terry!

Jeff and Michael Bruce repaired the commercial refrigerator and are getting the golf carts ready for another season of ministry. Thank you, Jeff and Michael!

Volunteers Marci Cox, Judy Davenport, and Glenn and Nannette Durham spent days of service with Dee helping get the camp ready for summer. Thanks, Glenn, Marci, Nannette, and Judy! And, we always remain thankful for Al Wells, who is our "above and beyond" volunteer extraordinaire. Thank you, Al!

Thanks be to God!

Rachel

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
 West Area Regional Minister

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



FRUITFULL FAITH AT CAMP KBY 2023

This summer our camp theme is "FruitFULL Faith: A Spirit Filled Life." Paul's letter to the Church of Galatia will come alive this summer as we explore each of the qualities of the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:16-26. Campers will see evidence of the fruit in other places in scripture, like the Lost Sheep (love and joy), Jesus Calming the Storm (peace), Elijah and the Widow (patience and kindness), the Widow's Coin (goodness and faithfulness), David and Saul (gentleness and self-control) as they build a fruitful community and learn to see the fruit as evidence of God's presence and call.

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0253/9064/5293/files/FruitFull_Faith_flyer_May2022.pdf



| | Arrival date and time | | Departure date and time | |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Chi Rho | June 5 | 10-11 am | June 10 | 10:30 am |
| CYF | June 11 | 3-4 pm | June 17 | 10:30 am |
| Discovery | June 23 | 4-5 pm | June 25 | 10:00 am |
| Junior | June 26 | 10-11 am | June 30 | 10:30 am |
| Camp Agape | July 3 | 10-11 am | July 7 | Closing at 10:00 am |
| | | (all times Central) | | |

COMMISSION YOUR CAMPERS

Send off your campers with the prayers of your church. Ministries Across Generations offers a camper-commissioning prayer for use in worship. You'll find the liturgy near the bottom of the Camp Kum-Ba-Ya registration page.

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

SEND YOUR CAMPERS MAIL

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

BEARING FRUIT AFTER CAMP

Our FruitFULL Faith curriculum comes with take-home sheets, videos, and a Spotify song playlist for each day's theme that you can use with your family or church.

FruitFULL Faith Take-home Sheets

To gain access to these, please contact Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

FruitFULL Faith Theme Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/@insideoutCurriculum>

Spotify Playlist for FruitFULL Faith

<https://open.spotify.com/user/hrhbg7qjlhr0uril7zx1fopr?si=804320fcb2a34b06>

CAMP KUM-BA-YA 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/wishlist/ls/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl_share

PREPARE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY!



SIGN UP FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY EMAILS

Be the first to know! Sign up for occasional updates and details about the 2023 General Assembly, The Kindom of God, Within Us, Among Us, in Louisville, July 29 - August 1, 2023.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/be7H125/GA2023>

HELP PROVIDE COMMUNION AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Our Kentucky region is honored to host the General Assembly at the end of July, and we would like to ask your congregation to partner with us in providing communion for the four worship services. Here's what we'd like to know:

- 1) Would someone in your congregation be willing to bake one or more loaves of bread to be brought to and used at General Assembly? The bread must be gluten-free (a recipe can be provided if needed). We're hoping for smaller loaves (6"x3"), so you should be able to get several loaves from one recipe.
- 2) Would your congregation be willing to donate toward the cost of providing pre-packaged communion?
- 3) Would your congregation be willing to share a communion ware set to be used during worship? The set would be returned to you after General Assembly is over.

Please let **Rev. Kory Wilcoxson** (kory@crestwoodchristian.org) know how your congregation will share in the blessing of providing the communion elements to those attending General Assembly.



HELP BUILD HOPE AT THE "SERVICE SERVICE"



At General Assembly, join Week of Compassion for a "Service Service" on Sunday morning, July 30, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern in the Exhibit Hall, and be part of worship to bless the builders, the resources, and the homeowners, and help frame a house for a western Kentucky homeowners recovering from the 2021 tornadoes! Register at ga.disciples.org. Add this to your General Assembly registration in the "Other Sessions: Sunday Service" category of the registration process by selecting "Help Build Hope."

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

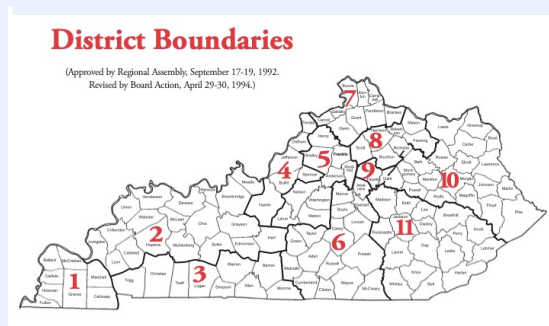
GET DIGITAL ACCESS FOR YOU OR YOUR CHURCH

Attending the 2023 General Assembly but not sure you can make it to all the inspiring workshops? Not able to attend but want to get the most out of your continuing ed? Grab a digital access pass to the 2023 General Assembly. Register now and select Digital Access Pass or add it to your cart if you plan on attending in person.

<https://ga.disciples.org>



CLERGY NEWS



JUNE MINISTERS MEETINGS

Here it is--the antidote to your feelings of isolation in ministry! The district ministers meetings build relationships among colleagues who listen and understand. If your district's meeting date doesn't work for you, join another one. For more details about these meetings, email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, June 27, at noon Central we will meet in person at First Christian Paducah (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. Our special guest in June is Rev. Sarah Renfro from the Pension Fund. Bring a sack lunch, if you wish. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, June 13, 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, June 15, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. Rev. Dr. Paul Moore will be sharing about his doctoral project. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Thursday, June 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

Roaring Springs Christian Church welcomed Rev. Ed Carl as their new minister on May 21. Rev. Carl is an ordained Church of the Brethren pastor and Elder of First Christian Madisonville, where he and his wife, Phyllis, hold associate membership. In recent years Rev. Carl has regularly served as a supply preacher for many West Area churches. Welcome, Rev. Carl!



On May 21, First Christian Paducah celebrated the 50th anniversary of their sanctuary. Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett preached for the special occasion.

PENTECOST OFFERING



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/>

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S RETREAT: QUILTING/KNITTING/CRAFTING



Register today! This year's Disciples Women's Quilting/Knitting/Crafting Retreat will be June 12-15 in Berea. Lodging will be at Boone Tavern and retreat activities will be at First Christian Berea. All retreat fees for a single room are \$360 and for a double room are \$285. This retreat has a capacity of 35. The registration deadline is May 26.

<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/>

MEN'S RETREAT @ DAWSON SPRINGS

Kentucky Disciple Men's
2023 Spiritual Life Retreat

August 25-27

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park
Dawson Springs

Keynoter: Rev. Josh Snyder,
CCK Associate Regional Minister

Theme: "Are You Listening ... to God, ... to yourself, ...
to others, to the world?"

Registration fee \$50 (lodging and meals not included)

<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-men/>



We have a block of rooms reserved for retreat participants at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. There are 18 rooms with 2 queen-sized beds and 2 rooms with 1 king size bed. The rooms are \$124.95/night + taxes. There are 2 - 2 bedroom cottages. The cottages are \$219.95/night + taxes. To reserve a room or cottage, call the Park at (270) 797-3421 and mention that you want a room in the Christian Church In Kentucky's block. Room reservations must be made by July 25. This retreat is an intentionally small event, so register soon. Space is limited.



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Stick a mailing label here
to mail this to someone
who might join in our
ministries together.



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