

# THE COORDINATOR

JULY 2023

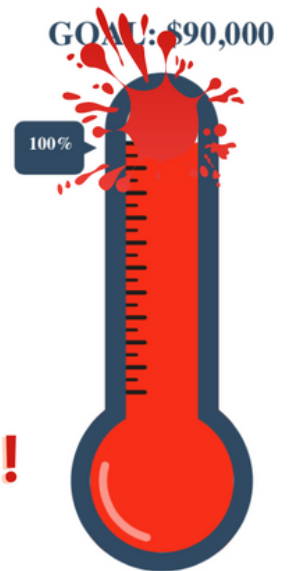
## WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!

Your generosity is overflowing! Thank you so much for taking our furnishings fundraiser way beyond our dreams and imaginings. To God be the glory for stirring up an abundance of generosity all across the West Area and beyond. We are in awe.

Please join us in giving a special word of thanks to our KBY Advisory Team's Furnishings Task Group (Rev. Zach Hardy, Susan Roberts, Katie Sterett, Rev. Kristi Stuckel and Rev. Dee Moore Wells) and the Finance Committee members (Rev. Jeff Mandrell, Rev. Jim Midkiff, Rev. Wade Miller, and Treasurer Charlie Ramsey) who planned and organized the Furnishings Fundraiser. Our thanks to each of you for your service in this special mission.



**\$146,037.22!**  
**THANK YOU!**



## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

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## JOIN US FOR FURNITURE WORKDAYS!



The furniture company is planning to deliver our new bunkbeds, cabinets, and cubbies on **July 12** at 9 a.m. Central. We will need lots of volunteers to help us haul them to the new cabins and start the work of assembling the furniture. All skill levels are needed. If you (or your group) are able to join us when the delivery arrives (or in the days afterward), please contact Interim Camp Manager Dee Moore Wells at [deemwells@gmail.com](mailto:deemwells@gmail.com) and she will put your name on an alert notification list for more details or any unanticipated changes on the delivery time. It will be an exciting day.

## JOIN US IN THANKING DEE AND AL



We have been blessed in having Rev. Dee Moore Wells serve as our Interim Camp Manager for a year and a half. Please join us in expressing our deepest thanks for her and her husband Al's loving presence and faithful, hard work at Camp KBY. Dee has been critical and instrumental in our development of a year-round camping ministry. She has helped make our camping ministry more impactful and stronger as she's joined us in casting a greater vision for our camp's future. Along with Dee's hard work, we'd like to lift up her husband, Al, in his amazing amount of volunteer hours. Al has helped clean, clear, paint, prepare and haul anything that was needed at camp. In their short time with us, we can see their legacy in every direction as we look all around at the splendor of camp. We thank Dee for her wonderful camp ministry and inspiring us to be more and do more. As Dee and Al head back home to friends and family in Tennessee, we will miss them both.

Please join us by sending your expressions of gratitude and cards of thanks for Dee and Al's time with us to the camp **no later than August 1**. Send cards to:

Dee and Al Wells  
c/o Camp Kum-Ba-Ya  
4943 Barge Island Road  
Benton, KY 42025



# BEARING FRUIT AFTER CAMP



Our FruitFULL Faith camp 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](mailto: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>

# WE'RE HIRING!



We are excited to announce that Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is ready to enter its next chapter of ministry and hire a full-time Camp Manager to oversee our ministries and facility.

**Job Title:** Camp Manager (full-time, year-round position)

**Job Overview:** We are seeking a Camp Manager to oversee the daily operations and administration of our camp. The Camp Manager will be responsible for ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all campers and guests, managing staff, coordinating activities, and maintaining camp facilities.

Learn more about this ministry position and how to apply here:  
<http://www.campkumbaya.org>

# CAMP AGAPE

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



Help us spread the word in your community using our information flyer!

<http://www.campkumbaya.org>

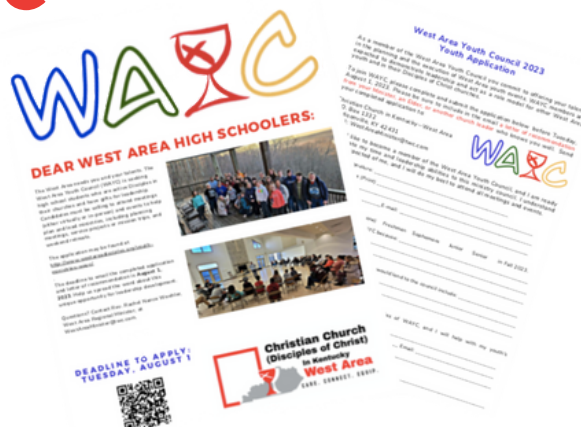
# APPLY TO JOIN WAYC

Do you have some great student leaders in your church? The West Area Youth Council (WAYC) is seeking high school students who are active in their churches and have gifts for leadership. Candidates must be willing to attend meetings (either virtually or in-person) to help plan and lead ministries.

The application deadline is **August 1**. An informational flyer and application may be found on the WAYC webpage. Help us spread the word about this unique opportunity.

Questions? Contact the West Area Office (270) 821-1332.

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





# 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 two 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.

## TWO DISCIPLES WOMEN RETREATS

### FALL RETREAT--OCTOBER 21-22, 2023

The Christian Church in Kentucky is hosting a Disciples Women fall retreat **October 21-22** at Barren River Lake State Park, 1149 State Park Road, Lucas, Kentucky 42156. We will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. If you can, plan to come to the park Friday night to fellowship, enjoy the beauty of the park and get rested for Saturday morning.

You can make your reservations right now; we have cabins and hotel rooms blocked. Registration is \$35. Feel free to bring your neighbor, sister, mother, aunt... we will even have some spouses; all are welcome! Make your reservations for the lodging now! Call (270) 646-2151 to make your reservations. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Christian Church In Kentucky website at [www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net).

Questions? Contact Director of Women's Ministries, Marsha Thornton, Jr. at [marsha@ccinky.net](mailto:marsha@ccinky.net).



### WOMENS SPRING CHORAL RETREAT



## ADS IS BACK!

Mark your calendars for the 2023 All Disciples Sing and West Area Annual Meeting. Details coming soon.

**Sunday, November 5**  
4:00pm Central

First Christian Church  
415 Audubon Drive  
Paducah, Kentucky



# CLERGY NEWS

## District Boundaries

(Approved by Regional Assembly, September 17-19, 1992.  
Revised by Board Action, April 29-30, 1994.)



## JULY MINISTERS MEETINGS

Each month we talk about topics relevant to our ministries, share resources, learn about upcoming opportunities for our churches, and pray for our colleagues and churches. For more details about our ministers meetings, email Rachel at [WestAreaMinister@twc.com](mailto:WestAreaMinister@twc.com).

### DISTRICT 1

No meeting in July due to General Assembly.

### DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, July 11, 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, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

### BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. Central, at 7:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

## FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Thursday, July 6  
10:00-11:00 a.m. Central  
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver.  
To receive the Zoom link, contact  
Marie at [craftywriter000@gmail.com](mailto:craftywriter000@gmail.com)



## MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



On June 25, First Christian Church of Hopkinsville bid farewell and thanks to senior minister Rev. Wade Miller and his wife, Rev. Theta Miller, as they depart for their new ministry at Hillside Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas. The church presented Wade with a basket of handmade gifts for the journey and held a dinner in their honor. During their years in the West Area, Theta served as pastor of Pembroke Christian Church and Wade served on the West Area's Finance and Fundraising Committee and as the Disciples representative on the Board of the Kentucky Council of Churches. We will miss you, Miller family!

## ASSEMBLY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# 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*

If you're planning to be at Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly **July 29 - August 1**, the Kentucky Local Arrangements Committee invites you to share in welcoming the whole church back together. Volunteers are needed to register guests, provide directions, share time with people with special needs, serve communion, count offering, and much more. You can donate as few as two hours of your time by signing up here:

<http://www.ccinky.net/general-assembly-volunteers/>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Information for the Month Ended May 31, 2023:

## West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended May 31, 2023 were \$7,109 with total expenses of \$8,478 giving us a negative cash flow of \$1,369. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$101,347. We have a restricted cash balance of \$11,554 which consists mainly of \$6,455 in tornado relief contributions and \$4,540 in youth activities restricted monies.

## Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total operational receipts for the month ended May 31, 2023 were \$6,643, with total expenses of \$3,612, giving us a positive cash flow of \$3,030. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$35,409. We also had a restricted cash balance of \$30,967, which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades and furniture purchases. Our Camp Fundraising efforts are going much greater than expected and the results will be reported later.

Charlie Ramsey  
Treasurer

# NEWS FROM DCEF

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## DCEF IS HIRING

Do you want to work for a ministry that inspires and empowers congregations to create Holy Places where people connect with God, each other, and the community? If so, then join Disciples Church Extension Fund! It is searching for a Chief Financial Officer, Director of Investments, and Director of Lending.

<https://disciplescef.org/careers/>



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who might join in our  
ministries together.



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