

THE COORDINATOR

AUGUST 2023



Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Open House

Tour the changes around the camp, and join us
in giving a fond farewell to Dee and Al Wells.

Saturday, August 5, 2:00-4:00 pm

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya's Billy Williams Lodge
4943 Barge Island Road, Benton



Happy Re-retirement, Dee!



JOIN KBY 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 on **August 5, 2:00-4:00pm Central** at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Rd, Benton) for an Open House to tour the changes at the campground and have time to honor Dee and Al Wells.

Or, send your expressions of gratitude and cards of thanks no later than August 1 to Dee and Al Wells, c/o Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, 4943 Barge Island Road, Benton, KY 42025.



TREC CAMP WEEKEND AT KBY

Youth grades, 8-12: Looking for an adventure-packed backpacking retreat? This fall, spend an evening at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya before embarking on a unforgettable hike through the stunning Land Between the Lakes. During your journey, you'll trek through awe-inspiring natural beauty, set up camp to overnight under the stars, and bond with fellow adventurers. Whether you're an experienced backpacker or a novice looking to try something new, Trec Camp is for you. Space is limited, so prepare now to pack your backpack and join us as we experience God in the great outdoors September 15-17!

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



1: Summer Camp 2023 was AWESOME! Thanks to all of our staff, directors, and counselors. Plus, this summer our campers volunteered to build a labyrinth, stain the pavilion railing, and assemble the new rocking chairs. Thanks for serving, campers!

2: Our Merrimack canoe from the Issac Sterett Adventure Foundation took its maiden voyage!

3: With a grant from the National Benevolent Association, we were grateful to partner with First Christian Benton to host Camp Agape, the first camp at KBY designed for middle school youth in foster care. Donations from First Christian Madisonville, Joy Closet of Hopkinsville, and individuals helped fund this special camp and will seed funding for 2024!

4: This month KBY is hosting two tornado response teams--the Christian Church in Virginia and the International Orthodox Christian Charities.

5: The new cabin furniture has arrived and is being assembled by amazing volunteers! Sixty bunk bed sets, 12 cabinets, and 12 cubbie bookcases arrived in July. Volunteers from AmeriCorp/International Orthodox Christian Charities, Beech Grove Christian, Crofton Christian, CrossRoads Missions, First Christian Glasgow, First Christian Hopkinsville, First Christian Owensboro, First Christian Paducah, First Christian Princeton, and others have us on pace to have them all distributed and assembled before the end of the month!

What an awesome summer it has been so far!

A FEW PHOTOS FROM SUMMER CAMP 2023



PREPARE FOR ALL DISCIPLES SING



ALL DISCIPLES SING
& WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 5 at 4:00pm
First Christian Church of Paducah

First Christian Paducah is excited to be hosting our All Disciples Sing 2023 on **5 November, beginning at 4:00pm Central**. After being on hiatus for the past few years, due to the pandemic, it's going to be great to meet, greet, sing, perform and just get back together again.

Since 5 November is "All Saints Day", that will also be our theme this year--featuring a "Hymn Sing" of familiar All-Saints hymns. Prepare your ensembles, soloists, choirs, and/or instrumentalists--whomever your church might contribute to the worship. More details and information will arrive soon in your church's mailbox and inbox.

TWO DISCIPLES WOMEN EVENTS

FALL RETREAT--OCTOBER 21-22

The Christian Church in Kentucky is hosting their Women's Fall Retreat **October 21-22, 2023** at Barren River Lake State Park - 1149 State Park Road, Lucas, KY 42156. Registration begins at 9:00am, followed by worship at 10:00am. Plan to come to the park Friday night to fellowship, enjoy the beauty of the park and get rested for Saturday morning.

Make your reservation 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! Call (270) 646-2151 to make lodging reservations. Retreat registration forms www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women.

Questions? Contact Director of Women's Ministries Marsha Thornton, Jr. at marsha@ccinky.net.

SPRING CHORAL RETREAT



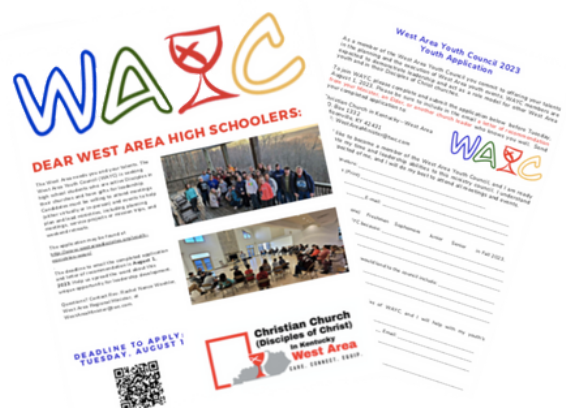
APPLY BY AUGUST 1 TO JOIN WAYC

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/>



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



AUGUST MINISTERS MEETINGS

We have such great conversations and sweet moments at our district ministers meetings! Get more details about upcoming meetings by emailing Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, August 22, at noon Central we will meet in person at First Christian Paducah (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m. Central in the chapel at First Christian Madisonville (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.) Our special guest will be Joyce Adkins, co-chair of the Kentucky Poor People's Campaign.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, August 17, at 11:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Thursday, August 3
10:00-11:00 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver.
To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



STANDING FORMS DUE AUGUST 18



As part of its responsibilities, the region in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) certifies the standing of ministers.

The regional office won't be mailing out standing forms to all ministers, as we have done in the past. We will mail standing forms to any ministers who have indicated a preference for receiving physical mail and to ministers that don't have an e-mail address listed in our database. **The standing renewal process will open on July 10 and we would like to have it completed by August 18**, so the Committee on the Ministry can approve standing for all of our ministers for the 2024 calendar year at their September Annual Meeting.

It is our hope that most ministers will complete their standing form on-line by visiting the Region's website (www.ccinky.net) and following the menus to Resources – Ministers – Ministerial Standing Form. The form is simple and shouldn't take long to complete. If you would prefer to have a paper standing form, contact the Regional Office at 859-233-1391 and we will gladly mail you one.

Please make every effort to complete your standing form by the August 18 deadline. We appreciate everyone taking the time to complete their standing form. If you have already completed your standing form, thank you!

2023 RETIRED MINISTERS AND SPOUSES RETREAT

The Christian Church in Kentucky Retired Ministers and Spouses will be meeting for their annual retreat at Historic Boone Tavern in Berea, Kentucky, on **October 2-4**. This year the theme is "Holy Joy!" Register now to guarantee your room. Contact Rachel (westareaminister@twc.com) for registration information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Information for the month ended June 30, 2023:

West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended June 30, 2023 were \$8,507 with total expenses of \$11,814 giving us a negative cash flow of \$3,307. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$98,041.

We have a restricted cash balance of \$11,489 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 June 30, 2023 were \$9,026 with total expenses of \$17,869 giving us a negative cash flow of \$8,843. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$26,566. There were several churches that had outstanding camper fees that were paid in July. We also had a restricted cash balance of \$103,389 which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades and furniture purchases. The large amount was due to a very successful fundraising drive.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer

MORE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

KBY ADVISORY TEAM

Saturday, August 19 at noon Central on Zoom.
(Connection information will be delivered to your email inbox.)

KBY FALL WORK DAY

Saturday, October 21 at 3:00pm Central at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Road, Benton). Gate opens at 7:30 a.m., and work will begin at 8:00 a.m.

WEST AREA BOARD

Sunday, October 22 at 3:00pm Central on Zoom.
(Connection information will be delivered to your email inbox.)

**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



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who might join in our
ministries together.