

THE COORDINATOR

SEPTEMBER 2023



**ALL DISCIPLES SING
& WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING**

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

PREPARE FOR ALL DISCIPLES SING

First Christian Paducah is excited to be hosting our All Disciples Sing 2023 on **November 5, 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. Churches and music ministry leaders, please share your plans with us via the form on Page2 of Patt Lynch's letter sent to your congregation The letter is also available on the West Area website.

<https://www.westareadisciples.org>



TREC CAMP DEADLINE SEPT. 8

Youth grades 8-12: Are you 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 with Director Jeff Bruce. 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.

The deadline to register is **September 8**. 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/>

JOB HUNTING?

Are you interested in a career that inspires and empowers congregations to create Holy Places where people connect with God, each other, and the community? If so, then join the team at Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF)! Founded in 1883, DCEF provides building and capital planning services to organizations across the Disciples family. This general ministry is looking to fill its Director of Investments and Director of Lending positions. All roles will operate from a hybrid work environment.

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

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WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

FALL RETREAT--OCTOBER 21-22

The Christian Church in Kentucky is hosting their Women's Fall Retreat **October 21-22** 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.

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

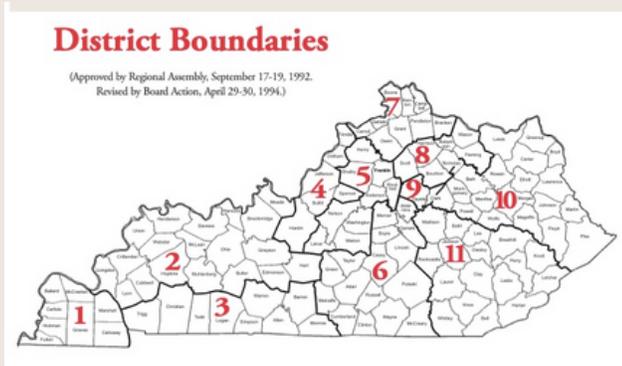
www.ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women.

Sound the Trumpets:
Unmuted Ministry:
Uncommon Love;
United Service
Numbers 10:4-7

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY
SPECIAL OFFERING
SEPTEMBER 24th - OCTOBER 1st

www.reconciliationministry.org

CLERGY NEWS



SEPTEMBER MINISTERS MEETINGS

Can I visit other District meetings? Yes, you can! Get more details about how to connect to a specific meeting by emailing Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, **September 26 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, **September 12, 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.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, **September 21, at 11:30 a.m. Central** on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, **September 14, at 7:00 p.m. Central**, at 7:00 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Are you a minister who is also a caregiver--caring for an aging parent, a sibling, or a spouse? Do you need a safe space of support? Join the CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support Group as we share the joys and challenges of caregiving.

Thursday, **September 7**
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



On August 5, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and the West Area hosted an Open House Re-retirement reception and gave thanks for the ministry of Interim Camp Manager Rev. Dee Moore Wells and her husband, Al, as they returned to retirement life in Tennessee. Thanks for everything, Al and Dee.



Roaring Springs Christian Church installed Rev. Ed Carl as their new minister on August 6. 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. (Pictured with son, Jason, right).

FROM THE MAILBOX

To my Kum-Ba-Ya friends:

I want to...express my gratitude and delight in the beautiful gift picture of Kum-Ba-Ya, autographed by the Discovery and Junior Campers, staff, and counselors!! So many names are familiar to me, and others I look forward to meeting next year. The youngest youth I recognize, "always by his sweet wave" is Wyatt... and the most familiar adult is Cindy, "loved by all." This autographed picture will be the focal point in my home craft room.

A HEARTFELT thank you,



Grandma Joyce



TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Information for the month ended July 31, 2023:

West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended July 31, 2023, were \$4,955 with total expenses of \$7,743 giving us a negative cash flow of \$2,787. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$95,253.

We have a restricted cash balance of \$11,518 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 July 31, 2023 were \$37,085 with total expenses of \$11,852 giving us a positive cash flow of \$25,233. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$51,798. This balance will give us a positive start to next camp season. We also had a restricted cash balance of \$99,245 which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades. The large amount was due to a very successful fundraising drive.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer



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FOR YOUR FALL CALENDAR

KBY FALL WORK DAY

Saturday, October 21 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. The KBY Advisory Team will meet at 3:00 p.m.

WEST AREA BOARD

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

IN SOLIDARITY

The West Area was able to offer a second round of funding for churches who previously received Week of Compassion Household Solidarity Grants after the 2021 tornadoes. Because of the generosity of Jeffersontown Christian Church and their Jeffersontown Cares fundraiser, we have been able to distribute \$7,000 this year. Thank you, Jeffersontown! The recovery continues.

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