

THE COORDINATOR

OCTOBER 2023



MEET OUR NEW KBY MANAGER AT WORK DAY

Join us for our Fall Work Day on Saturday, **October 21**, at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Road, Benton) and meet our new Camp Manager, Becca Teckenbrock!

Becca will officially join the staff on **October 9**, so come and welcome her to our ministry and help with a project. We'll be cleaning, repairing, organizing, and splitting wood for the winter months. If you have work gloves and shoes, a weed eater, leaf blower, a tool box, a truck, and/or friends and family who would love to join you in this fun and meaningful work, please bring them with you. The campground will open at 7:30 a.m., and the work day fun will begin at 8 a.m. Central.

Many thanks to the KBY Search Committee-- Spencer Campbell, Amy Cates, Zach Hardy, Jeff Mandrell and Charlie Ramsey--for their work bringing Becca to us. And abundant thanks to Marci Cox, Terry Hart, Sean Mestan and Susan Roberts for volunteering to host groups and keep the grounds in the interim.

GREETINGS FROM BECCA



I am thrilled to be the new Camp KBY manager! This new journey is one my family and I have prayed about and feel called to do. I have lots of ideas on how to grow into a year-round ministry, and I look forward to working with our team.

Hello! I'm Rebecca Teckenbrock, and I'm a resident of Marshall County and a First Christian Benton member. I graduated Frankfort High School in 2003 and married the love of my life, Wes, whom I met at The University of Louisville, where I majored in anthropology. I have three children: Liz, 20; Lucy, 13, and Gabriel, 7. We have a dog, several cats and a turtle, Sheldon.

I previously worked for a nonprofit in Louisville, Dreams with Wings, which works with adults with developmental disabilities. In addition to caregiving, I coordinated leisure events so our clients could experience all life has to offer-- canoeing trips, vacations, ballgames, etc. I would love to see KBY become more accessible for our differently abled communities to better enjoy such a beautiful space.

Currently, I'm the event coordinator for a Benton-based nonprofit, A Soldier's Heart. We have a yearly fundraiser, Pickin' On A Soldier's Heart, which pays to help combat veterans with PTSD go on therapy retreats. I would love to open KBY for these retreats. I have seen the difference they make, as my husband is a USMC veteran.

I have worked the last two years with some of my closest friends at The Sweet Tee Company, making custom T-shirts and learning vinyl crafting and screen printing. I've dabbled in embroidery, learned graphic design and worked in custom picture framing. I look forward to using my artsy side to make camp beautiful and profitable.

Some of my best childhood memories are from North Central 4H Camp in Carlisle, Kentucky, where I spent every summer I could until aging out, and I've loved counseling as an adult at KBY. Camp has been such a big part of my life, and I am so excited about more people experiencing the glory of God and the friendships in Christ that grow here.



TOOL TRAILER WORKDAY

Help Week of Compassion's disaster recovery work in Mayfield. Five to eight volunteers are needed for a few hours on Friday, **October 13**, at **9 a.m.**, to help inventory, repair, and organize the tool trailer. This helps improve the operations of our site so that groups can work more efficiently by having tools and materials they need easily accessible.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIjDXMQJ7pBK5K0cZr77ELgLYBGDcGMlItL3FsTgNULeFJ8g/viewform>

If October 13 doesn't fit your schedule, there is an ongoing group of people that helps in Mayfield on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information contact First Christian Paducah's missions and outreach director, Leah Eubanks leubanks@fccpaducah.org. And in eastern Kentucky, the Housing Development Alliance and Appalachian Service Project are welcoming volunteers for various projects. Contact [Week of Compassion](#) if you would like to organize a group or connect with ongoing recovery work. Encountering God through service!

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Christian Church in Kentucky is hosting a Women's Fall Retreat **October 21-22** at Barren River Lake State Park - 1149 State Park Road in Lucas. Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by worship at 10 a.m. Plan to come to the park Friday night to fellowship, enjoy the beauty of the park and rest.

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

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Singing with the Saints



ALL DISCIPLES SING
& WEST AREA ANNUAL MEETING

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

ALL DISCIPLES SING NOVEMBER 5 IN PADUCAH

First Christian Paducah is excited to host All Disciples Sing 2023 on **November 5 at 4 p.m. 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 November 5 is All Saints Day, that will 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 Page 2 of Patt Lynch's letter sent to your congregation. The letter is also available on the West Area website.

A brief West Area Annual Meeting will be held to elect new board leaders. Our thanks to the 2023 Nominating Committee--Jim Midkiff, Paul Moore (Nominations Committee chair), Milton West and Linda White.

<https://www.westareadisciples.org>

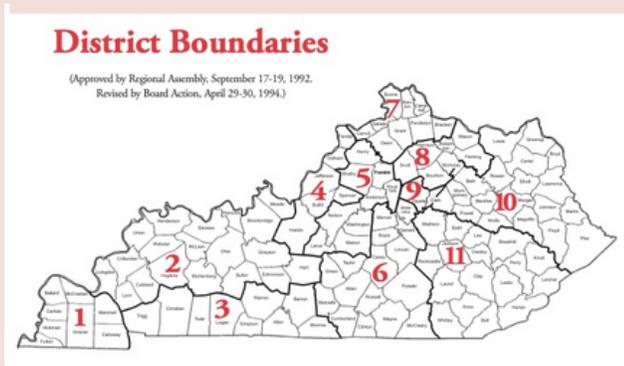
CW&W TRAINING

Is your church interested in starting a Children Worship & Wonder ministry? Is your Children Worship & Wonder ministry in need of more storytellers? Ministries Across Generations will host a virtual storytelling training on **November 10-11**.



<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/cww-training-schedule>

CLERGY NEWS



OCTOBER MINISTERS MEETINGS

Can I visit other District meetings? Yes, you can! Get more details about how to connect to a specific meeting in person or on Zoom by emailing Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com. And, please note that District 3 will be meeting at a new time starting in October.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, **October 24 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

Note: The District 2 meeting will not be held in October.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, **October 19, at a NEW TIME!** We'll meet at **10:30 a.m. Central** on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, **October 12, 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, **October 5**
10-11 a.m. Central

Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver.
To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



Christian Church of Elkton celebrated the 186th anniversary of the church on **August 20** with a Homecoming worship and fellowship meal. (Pictured L-R are Rachel and Revs. George Perry and Sherry Perry)



On **September 17**, First Christian Mayfield celebrated the retirement of Rev. Dr. Milton West. Milton has served in ministry for over 44 years. Next, he will be serving as the interim minister at First Christian Hopkinsville. On behalf of the church, Co-Board Chairs Jim Heath and Beth Scarborough gifted Milton and Paula West stained glass from the former office in the tornado-ravaged building. The Wests' children and grandchildren participated via cellphone.



Second Christian Mayfield celebrated their 125th anniversary on **September 17**. Thanks be to God for all of these years of ministry. (Pictured L-R are the morning preachers: Minister Timeka Fitzgerald, Rev. Royce Oliver, Rev. Antonio Sherrill, Rev. Howard House, Rachel, and Rev. Dennis Gray)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Information for the month ended August 31, 2023:

West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended August 31, 2023, were \$8,450 with total expenses of \$8,601, giving us a negative cash flow of \$151. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$95,103. We have a restricted cash balance of \$11,579 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 August 31, 2023, were \$15,019 with total expenses of \$9,434, giving us a positive cash flow of \$5,585. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$61,232. This balance will give us a positive start to next camp season. We also had a restricted cash balance of \$99,334 which will be used mainly on camp upgrades. The large amount was due to a very successful fundraising drive.

Charlie Ramsey
Treasurer

MORE FOR YOUR 23-24 CALENDAR

WEEK OF MINISTRY

October 8-14, join the Pension Fund in honoring those in ministry by using their Week of Ministry resources. How might your church show appreciation for your minister?

<https://pensionfund.org/learn/resources/week-of-ministry>

WEST AREA BOARD

Sunday, October 22, at 3 p.m. Central on Zoom.
(Connection information will be delivered via email.)

2024 WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Cadiz Christian Church in Cadiz, Kentucky.



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to mail this to someone
who might join in our
ministries together.