

THE COORDINATOR

MARCH 2024

GEARING UP FOR SUMMER CAMP!



APPLY TO BE A COUNSELOR OR CIT

We are so thankful for our over 40 directors, counselors, and counselors-in-training who volunteered to make summer camp 2023 possible. Be a part of our 2024 team and apply today to be an adult counselor.

Juniors, seniors, and young adults: Looking for a meaningful and fun leadership opportunity this summer? Apply to be a Counselor-in-training at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. The deadline to apply to be a CIT is **March 15**. Qualification details, the online form link, and the background check release are available on the camp's website.

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



APRIL 20 IS SPRING WORK DAY

Let's show our campground some love! Saturday, **April 20**, is Spring Work Day at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya--an annual event that brings together folks from across the West Area and beyond for a day of service to care for our buildings and grounds, and to prepare the camp for the upcoming summer season. Tasks will include painting, cleaning, power washing, repairing, and setting up facilities to ensure everything is ready for our summer campers. Please bring tools, painting clothes, and sturdy shoes. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. Lunch is provided.



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

- June 3-8 CYF Camp (grades 9-12)
- June 10-14 Junior Camp (grades 3-5)
- June 17-22 Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)
- June 24-28 Sailing Camp (grades 6-12)
- June 28-30 Discovery Camp (grades K-2 & adult)
- July 1-5 Camp Agape (grades 6-8 in foster care)



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Invite someone to summer camp using our promotional postcard, graphics, flier, bulletin inserts, and video!

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/promote-the-camping-program/>

MORE CAMP KUM-BA-YA NEWS



SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY--APRIL 8

Camp Kum-ba-ya is working with Paducah Christian Church to host a Solar Eclipse Watch Party! Lodging is available at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya the nights of **April 7 and 8, 2024**. We will then be caravanning to Paducah First Christian to watch the Solar Eclipse in the totality zone. Bring your friends and come join in the fun!

Contact Camp Manager Becca Teckenbrock (campkby.westarea@gmail.com) for reservation details.

CAMP AGAPE FOR GRADES 6-8 IN FOSTER CARE!

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

Camp Agape, scheduled for **July 1-5**, 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. From the moment campers arrive, we aim for each one to feel the sense of belonging that comes from having a special place set aside just for them to sleep and be. When they leave at the end of the week, our aim is for each one to feel loved and valued as children of God, with skills to live and grow in relationships and in community.

Who: Middle-school youth in foster care who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8

When: Monday, July 1 (Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.) through Friday, July 5

Registration fee (discounted fee made possible by Benton First Christian Church): \$50 paid to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, P.O. Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431

Directors: Rev. Kristi Stuckel and Rev. Mark and Nancy Dycus

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WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCES



Come out and CELEBRATE 150 years of Disciples Women's Ministry!!! There will be two spring conferences held this year. The Central Kentucky spring conference will be held April 13 at Danville First Christian Church. The message will be delivered by Rev. Sheila L. Edwards. **The West Area spring conference will be held April 27 at Owensboro First Christian Church.** Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler will be our guest speaker. The theme for our conferences this year is "Through the Looking Glass: Seeing the World through the eyes of Faith" – Matthew 13:6-7. The registration fee is \$30.00 per person.

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

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE WEST AREA WORKSHOPS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

West Area Workshops Schedule
Saturday, March 9, 2024
Cadiz Christian Church

10:00 a.m. Central Registration and Exhibits
10:30-11 a.m. Opening Worship
11:10-noon Workshop #1
12:10-12:50 p.m. Lunch
1-1:50 p.m. Workshop #2
2-2:50 p.m. Workshop #3
3-3:30 p.m. Closing Worship



How to Register

The fillable pdf registration form is available on the West Area homepage. There, you'll find detailed descriptions about each workshop. The deadline to register is February 26. The cost is \$20.

Spread the word!

www.westareadisciples.org

Choose three workshops from among this list:

- “Faith Tutors” with Rev. Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrave
- “Hey, We REALLY Need to Talk” with Rev. Amanda Groves
- “Mental Illness & Ministry: A story of struggle and hope” with Rev. Adam Bridgman
- “Seeing the Face of God in Others” with Rev. Dennis Gray and Rev. Tracy Parker
- “Social Media Ministry” with Kim Simons
- “Ten Traits of Thriving Congregations” with Rev. Dr. Erin Cash
- “Watching the River” with Rev. Kevin Deibert
- “When God Calls us to Multiple Vocations” with Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver
- “Woman-to-Woman Worldwide” with Tammie Sanders

EQUIPPING DISCIPLES: CCK WEBINARS FOR ALL OF US!

MARCH 16

“GENERATIONAL TRAUMA: GETTING REAL ABOUT HOW WE HEAL” WITH DR. IRIE LYNNE SESSION

Join the Kentucky Region and Dr. Irie Lynne Session for the workshop “Generational Trauma: Getting Real About How We Heal,” where we will explore the impact of generational trauma, magnified by COVID-19, within our region, church and communities. This session focuses on understanding generational trauma, exploring biblical insights on trauma, offering strategies for healing, and creating supportive spaces for collective and individual recovery .

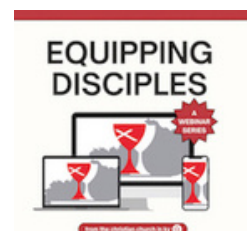
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APRIL 13

“THRIVING CONGREGATIONS” WITH DR. ERIN CASH

Thriving Congregations have at least ten things in common. In this 90-minute Zoom workshop, Dr. Erin Cash of LTS will lead you through exercises in discovering the traits you already have and discovering those you want to develop. The workshop is designed to be attended by teams from congregations – each pastor should bring at least 2 lay leaders from their congregation. Registration opens soon!



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HIGH SCHOOL AND FIRST YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS - JOIN US THIS SUMMER IN WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK CITY

2024 KENTUCKY CYF SEMINAR

Face to Face with Other Faiths

JUNE 11-18, 2024

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/YMYAC/



EASTER OFFERING 2024



<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/easter/>

CALLED TO BE AN INTERIM?

Disciples Interims will offer their "Interim Ministry Basics" training course Mondays, April 8-May 20 from 6-8 p.m. Central on Zoom. Cost for the course is \$500. The application deadline is Thursday, March 7. For application and other questions contact Rev. Rebecca Kirby, Disciples Interims administrator at DisciplesInterims@gmail.com

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/clergy/christian-vocation-intentional-interim-ministry/>



CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2024 DATES

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SPRING WORK WEEKEND	APRIL 12-14
MINI CAMP (2-3)	MAY 31-JUNE 2
CYF 1 (9-12)	JUNE 3-8
EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)	JUNE 9-15
JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)	JUNE 17-21
CAMP 101A (K-2*)	JUNE 21-23
CYF 2 (9-12)	JUNE 24-29
CHI RHO 1 (6-8)	JULY 1-6
CHI RHO 2 (6-8)	JULY 8-13
CAMP 101B (K-2*)	JULY 20
Y'ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)	AUGUST 30-SEPT 1
FALL FEST (ALL AGES*)	OCTOBER (DATES TBD)

*FIND DETAILS REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS, CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS, AND PRICING AT CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO



2024 Regional Assembly
August 1-3, 2024 in Mt. Sterling

CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



MARCH MINISTERS MEETINGS

In these busy seasons of ministry, we can support one another and help one another work smarter-not harder. Join us in person or on Zoom by emailing Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, March 26, at 12:00 p.m. Central
We will meet in person at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.
(Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. Central
We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.
(Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

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

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Join the CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support Group for clergy sharing the joys and challenges of caregiving for aging parents, siblings, spouses, or adult children.

Thursday, March 7, 10-11 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, who recently published the book "Dementia, Caregiving, and Christian Discipleship: Managing Ministry for Dementia Patients and their Caregivers."
To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



MINISTER CELEBRATIONS



On February 18, Princeton First Christian and Rev. Adam Bridgman celebrated a ceremony of installation, recognizing Adam as their pastor and covenanting in ministry together. Adam is pictured here with Rachel and friends from Madisonville First Christian who joined the congregation for the special day.

ALEX DEADLINE IS MARCH 4



Congregations can now enter their Yearbook statistics for 2023 on the ALEX Yearbook site at alex.disciples.org through **March 4**.

Resources and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the Help Center. Congregations can also receive help with ALEX by sending an email request to alex@disciples.org. When requesting help with ALEX, please include in the email the church name and location.

WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFO. DUE MARCH 15

Church staff and leaders, please complete and submit the 2024 West Area Congregational Info form posted on the "Quick Forms" page of our website. This information is used to update our West Area Directory and helps us connect with each other for greater partnership in ministry. Scan and email the form to westarea@twc.com or mail it by **March 15**.

<http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/>

END OF 2023 FINANCIALS

Financial Information for the Month Ended December 31, 2023:

West Area:

The total receipts for the month ended December 31, 2023, were \$13,073 with total expenses of \$13,098 giving us a negative cash flow of \$25. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$100,763. We have a restricted cash balance of \$10,100 which consists mainly of \$4,355 in tornado relief contributions and \$4,540 in youth activities restricted monies.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya:

The total operational receipts for the month ended December 31, 2023, were \$3,200 with total expenses of \$11,984 giving us a negative cash flow of \$8,784. We ended the month with an operational cash balance of \$36,272. This balance will give us a positive start to next camp season. We also had a restricted cash balance of \$99,398, which will be used mainly on Camp upgrades. The large amount was due to a very successful fundraising drive earlier in the year.

Charlie Ramsey
2023 Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JAN.

FINANCIAL INFO. FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY--WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$6,141.84
Total Expenses	\$5,422.67
Positive Cash Flow for January	\$719.17
Total Operations Balance as of 1/31/24	\$101,482.90
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/24	\$11,452.42
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/24	\$112,935.32

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$2,370.00
Total Expenses	\$3,943.21
Negative Cash Flow for January	-\$1,573.21
Total Operations Balance as of 1/31/24	\$34,699.56
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/24	\$99,453.17
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 1/31/24	\$134,152.73

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
2024 Treasurer



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who might join in our
ministries together.

