

the COORDINATOR

SEPTEMBER 2025

“GATHER US IN, ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER”

I don't often think of Jesus' disciples as a singing bunch. But the other day when I was reading Mark's account of the Last Supper, I was reminded again that after Jesus passes the cup, and tells them that he will not “drink of the fruit of the vine” until in the kingdom of God, the disciples do something important that I/we often overlook. The Revised Standard Version says that the disciples had “sung a hymn...” (ὕμνῳ) before going to the Mount of Olives.

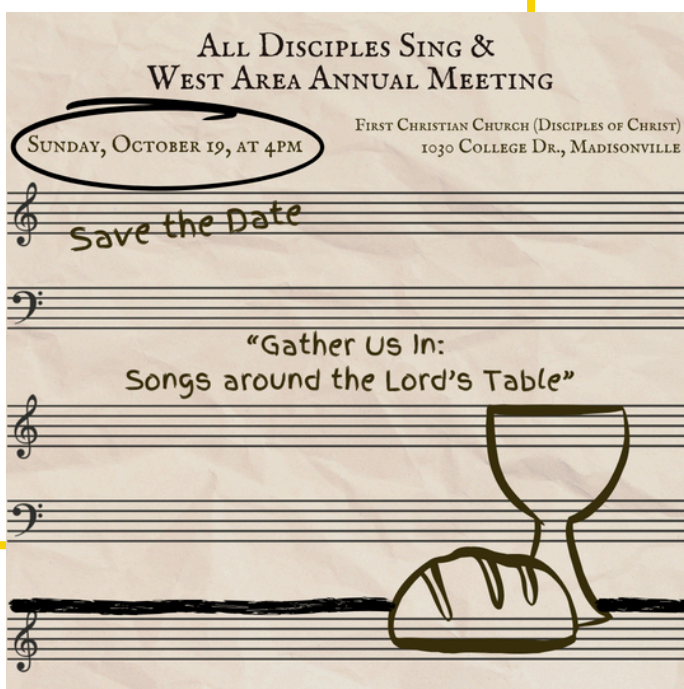
Do you think that the disciples were good singers? I wonder who had the best voice? I wonder who had a good enough voice to sing solo, and I wonder who sang so-low you couldn't hear them. Did they just burst into song because they were compelled to have a song of inspiration for the journey ahead? Did they remember that song in their heart for the rest of their lives? Songs do, after all, hold memories for us.

On October 19 at 4 p.m. Central, we'll be gathering once again to worship at the All Disciples Sing—this year at First Christian Church of Madisonville. Our 2025 is “Gather Us In: Songs Around the Lord's Table.” Please consider this your invitation to join us—to be among the Disciples singing around the Table, as musicians from our West Area churches lead us in worship.

Inspired by the hymn of the same name by Marty Haugen (Chalice Hymnal #284), “Gather Us In” invites us to gather (“all peoples together”) to find community and belonging where we receive the “wine and the water” and “bread of new birth.” What hymns are meaningful for your church as you prepare to gather around the table? What hymns of communion have helped you find deeper meanings in the Lord's Supper? What song do you feel compelled to sing as you depart from the table?

Thanks be to God for the gifts of music and of the table, and for the Disciples who first taught us that the two belong together.

<http://www.westareadisciples.org>



FOUR GRANTS FOR MINISTRY

UP TO \$1,500 FOR ANTI-RACISM/PRO-RECONCILIATION MINISTRIES



In order to answer God's call and further the vision of becoming a fully transformed and anti-racist, multi-cultural church, the Christian Church in Kentucky's PR/AR Team will award grants to congregations and ministries of CCK that present:

- Innovative and creative programs aimed at fostering healthy conversations on racism in the community
- Projects aimed at empowering and serving marginalized communities
- Projects aimed at organizing for human rights and full inclusion of persons of all ethnicities in the beloved community
- Projects whose priority is the implementation of social change and seeking to change systems (1) where there is demonstrable oppression of or discrimination against persons on the basis of race and (2) which support attitudes, prejudices, and injustices against marginalized communities

<http://www.ccinky.net/reconciliation-ministry/>

FOR OLDER ADULT AND CHILDREN/YOUTH

Does your church need funding for ministry? NBA Mission & Ministry Grants are purpose-restricted funds for two types of programs:

- "Educational Purposes for At-Risk Children and Youth" between the ages of 10-25 years
- "Older Adult Ministries" serving those who are 50 years or older

Churches here in the West Area have received these grants in recent years. Yours could, too! Applications for the summer 2025 cycle are now open, and will be accepted through **September 24**.

NBA Mission & Ministry Grants



Countryside Christian Church



We Care Indy

Supporting Disciples ministries for older adults and educational programs for at-risk youth and young adults.

Apply at NBACares.org/MM-Grants

Applications due **September 24, 2025**



National Benevolent Association
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT

The Disciples Women's Endowment Fund offers grant for work that benefits women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. The deadline is **October 15**, and grant requests should not exceed \$5,000.

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/ministry-programs/disciples-womens-ministries/disciples-womens-endowment-fund/>



CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS FOR CLERGY



DISCIPLES
Home Missions

Disciples Home Missions (DHM) seeks to support ordained and commissioned clergy in their commitment to a process of life-long learning. Those who take advantage of available educational experiences often discover that there are benefits of such experiences for themselves and the people with whom they are in ministry. Disciples Home Missions offers grants up to \$500 for commissioned and ordained ministers to participate in continuing education experiences. The application period is from September 1 to **October 31** for grants that may be utilized in 2026.

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/vocational-support/clergy-continuing-education-grants/>

CAMP NEWS

FIVE RAMPS, TEN BENCHES, AND ONE FALL WORK DAY COMING UP



Camp Kum-Ba-Ya continues to expand its welcome to all. In May, Terry Hart and his grandson (Murray First Christian) delivered a load of lumber. John Yakel and the talented Ramp Building Team from Glasgow First Christian took it from there, constructing the fifth ramp that they have built for one of our main buildings. And, Dan McKeel from Murray First Christian delivered 10 new wooden benches to the camp. We are so grateful for the gifts of these disciples committed to realizing God's wide-open welcome in practical ways.

If you'd like to lend your time and talents to helping improve Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, one way to do so is to attend the Fall Work Day on **November 8**. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. and work begins at 8 a.m. Join us when you can.



YOUTH NEWS



ANNOUNCING OUR 2025-26 WEST AREA YOUTH COUNCIL

Returning Member
Abbie DeWeese

New Members

John Carver (Madisonville First Christian)
Kyndle Mahaffey (Princeton First Christian)
Lucy Teckenbrock (Benton First Christian)

Save the date for this great weekend for
youth grades 6-12 from across the
region of Kentucky.
Watch here for details!
<http://www.ccinky.net/ymyac/>



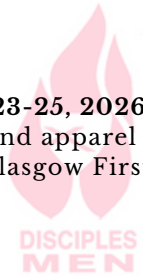
DISCIPLES MEN'S NEWS



SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL MEN'S CHORAL RETREAT

The 2026 Regional Men's Choral Retreat will take place **January 23-25, 2026** at Glasgow First Christian Church. Registration is \$65 – lodging and apparel not included. We will be singing at Sunday morning worship at Glasgow First Christian.

To learn more and register, visit www.ccinky.net/disciples-men/.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S NEWS

REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL RETREAT

KENTUCKY WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

October 24-26

Barren River State Resort Park, Glasgow

Featuring speaker Rev. Dr. Denise Bell.

Make room reservations now by calling 1-270-646-2151.

Use group code 4947. Registration is due **October 12**, and lodging arrangements must be made by **September 26**.



WOMEN'S SERF RETREAT

March 13-15, 2026

Christmount Christian Assembly in Black Mountain, N.C.

The Disciples Women of the Southeast Regional Fellowship

(SERF) will gather for a retreat around the theme, "You Are

Enough." Keynoter Rev. Dr. Marcia Whitney Mount Shoop will explore the theme inspired by the focus scripture 2 Cor. 9:8.

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



BODY BUILDING

As we arrive in a new place, good signage helps us feel at ease. The same is true for our church guests. Does your building have clearly marked signs for the sanctuary doors and the church office? Do you have informative signs for Sunday School or fellowship spaces? Does your signage appear well maintained? Is the wording visitor friendly? Help your guests feel at home in your space from the moment they arrive.



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



SEPT. MINISTERS MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, September 23, at noon Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, September 9, at 10 a.m. Central at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, September 18, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

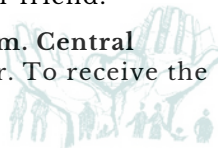
BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, September 11, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Are you a minister who is also a regular caregiver for a family member or friend?

Thursday, September 4, 10-11 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver. To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



PRAYER CHAIN

Pray the West Area Prayer Chain with us.

Sept. 7	First Christian Church, Princeton
Sept. 14	First Christian Church, Providence
Sept. 21	Berea Christian Church, Russellville
Sept. 28	First Christian Church, Russellville

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

On July 27, Sebree First Christian Church celebrated the retirement of Rev. Bill Anderson after twenty years of ministry. Family and friends gathered from near and far for a reception honoring Bill and Angie.



In July, First Christian Earlington sold their building and began the process of closing their visible ministry. Rev. Kim Hudson led them in a closing worship.

On August 24 at First Christian Paducah, Rev. Kevin Patterson's ordination was recognized and celebrated by the Christian Church in Kentucky.



BOUNDARIES TRAININGS FOR CLERGY STANDING

Healthy Boundaries Trainings are now also being offered in shorter-form webinars! Take this 1.5-hour module to count toward 25% of the total required training for ministerial standing.

Social Media Boundaries Webinar

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Central
Cost: \$15

Join Rev. Josh Snyder and Rev. Chloe Specht for a boundaries training about social-media ethics. In this training, you'll explore how to create and maintain professional boundaries around your personal social-media presence, as well as your church's social-media presence.

Best Financial Practices Webinar

Tuesday, October 21 via Zoom from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Central

Full Boundaries Training – Monday and Tuesday, November 10-11, via Zoom from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Central both days

<http://www.ccinky.net/boundaries-training/>

FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH
ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KY--WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$7,365.25
Total Expenses	\$6,202.12
Positive Cash Flow for June	\$1,163.13
Total Operations Balance as of 6/30/2025	\$9,150.58
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/2025	\$6,995.40
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/2025	\$16,145.98
DCEF 12 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 6/30/25	\$20,568.09
DCEF 36 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 6/30/25	\$51,573.64
Total DCEF Term Note Investment Balances as of 6/30/25	\$72,141.73

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$10,208.47
Total Expenses	\$21,580.07
Negative Cash Flow for June	-\$11,371.60
Total Operations Balance as of 6/30/2025	-\$95.00
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/2025	\$100,903.71
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/2025	\$100,808.71

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH
ENDING JULY 31, 2025

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KY--WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$3,190.25
Total Expenses	\$10,285.72
Negative Cash Flow for July	-\$7,095.47
Total Operations Balance as of 7/31/2025	\$2,055.11
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/2025	\$5,945.40
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/2025	\$8,000.51

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$35,494.85
Total Expenses	\$16,661.97
Positive Cash Flow for July	\$18,832.88
Total Operations Balance as of 7/31/2025	\$18,737.88
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/2025	\$97,741.89
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/2025	\$116,479.77

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
2025-26 Treasurer

Help support our West Area ministries!
<http://www.westareadisciples.org/give/>



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An Invitation to Join the West Area Prayer Chain

In 2021, the West Area connected in a powerful chain of prayer. Let's covenant to pray for one another again in 2025!

Each Sunday and the following week, the prayer chain invites to pray for one of our churches or ministries in the West Area. Our chain of prayer will begin the first Sunday after Epiphany on January 12 and take us throughout the year to the Sunday before Advent. We might list each one on our prayer lists in our newsletters and bulletins. We could raise up their names in worship, in our prayer groups, at our devotional times, or in our prayer moments at staff meetings. It's an opportunity to invite our Elders, Deacons, and other intercessors to speak the names of our sister churches and ministries in their own daily prayers.

Thanks be to God that we are able to connect across the miles in a chain of prayer with one another.

"I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers."
(Ephesians 1:16-19a)

January 12	The retired ministers of the West Area
January 19	Bardwell Christian Church, Bardwell
January 26	Morris Valley Christian Church, Bardwell
February 2	Baskett Christian Church, Baskett
February 9	Beech Grove Christian Church, Beech Grove
February 16	First Christian Church, Benton
February 23	First Christian Church, Bowling Green
March 2	Cadiz Christian Church, Cadiz
March 9	Sinking Fork Christian Church, Cerulean
March 16	Crofton Christian Church, Crofton
March 23	First Christian Church, Dawson Springs
March 30	Camp Kum-Ba-Ya

April 6	Ilseley Christian Church, Dawson Springs
April 13	First Christian Church, Earlington
April 20	The Christian Church of Elkton, Elkton
April 27	First Christian Church, Fulton
May 4	First Christian Church, Glasgow
May 11	First Christian Church, Greenville
May 18	First Christian Church, Henderson
May 25	Roaring Springs Christian Church, Herndon
June 1	First Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 8	Liberty Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 15	Millbrooke Christian Church, Hopkinsville
June 22	First Christian Church, Madisonville
June 29	Christian Care Communities of Hopkinsville
July 6	Potluck Church, Madisonville
July 13	First Christian Church, Mayfield
July 20	Second Christian Church, Mayfield
July 27	First Christian Church, Murray
August 3	First Christian Church, Nortonville
August 10	First Christian Church, Owensboro
August 17	First Christian Church, Paducah
August 24	Pembroke Christian Church, Pembroke
August 31	Christian Care Communities of Owensboro
September 7	First Christian Church, Princeton
September 14	First Christian Church, Providence
September 21	Berea Christian Church, Russellville
September 28	First Christian Church, Russellville
October 5	First Christian Church, Sebree
October 12	First Christian Church, Smiths Grove
October 19	Maxon Christian Church, West Paducah
October 26	Christian Care Communities of Bowling Green
November 2	Whitesville Christian Church, Whitesville
November 9	Wickliffe Christian Church, Wickliffe
November 16	The leadership and staff of the Christian Church In Kentucky
November 23	The leadership and staff of the West Area