

the COORDINATOR

NOVEMBER 2025

A BEAUTIFUL FALL AT KBY

PREPARING FOR WINTER HOSPITALITY



Come join in the fun of getting our campground ready for another season of ministry. On **November 8**, we'll be cleaning and preparing the grounds, buildings, and waterfront for the winter months. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., and work begins at 8 a.m. Join us as you are able. All ages and skill levels are welcome and needed. Bring your tools, water bottle, and work gloves. Breakfast goodies and lunch will be provided. What a beautiful time to be at KBY!

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/previous-work-days/>

GIVE USING THE FALL WISH LIST

Can't make it to Work Day? You can still help the camping ministry this fall by purchasing needed items from our wish list.



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XBOO8E561ONH?ref=wl_share

Summer Camp 2026
dates are out!
<http://www.campkumbaya.org/promote-the-camping-program/>



FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING & 27TH ALL DISCIPLES SING



The 27th All Disciples Sing was filled with talent--from poetry and original musical arrangements and orchestral settings, to the talent of leading four-part a cappella singing and preparing wonderful food. Not to mention all of the talented musicians who shared their God-given gifts. Our time at future tables will be enriched by this time together in fellowship, and our relationships among our churches are stronger for having come together in worship. Our thanks to Rev. Kara Foster, Rev. Dr. Bill Thomas, and Rev. Zach Hardy for offering Madisonville First Christian as hosts. Thanks to our musicians from Dawson Springs First Christian, Greenville First Christian, Henderson First Christian, Madisonville First Christian, Mayfield First Christian, Murray First Christian, and Paducah First Christian, who all prepared meaningful pieces that showed such a great variety of styles and settings. Thanks, everyone, for a beautiful afternoon of worship around the table!

For those who would like a copy of the poem by Jan Richardson, please see <https://paintedprayerbook.com/2012/09/30/and-the-table-will-be-wide/>

Prior to worship, the West Area Annual Meeting assembly voted to approve the following leaders to serve on the West Area Board beginning on 1/1/2026 (GROUP A):

Board Chair: Rev. Jim Midkiff (Beech Grove Christian Church)
 Board Secretary: June VanderMolen (Murray First Christian)
 District 1 Representative: Beth Scarborough (Mayfield First Christian)
 District 2 Representative: Tim Stull (Sebree First Christian)
 District 3 Representative: Jesse McGuire (Crofton Christian Church)



Vice-chair Rev. Dr. Paul Moore offered a word of thanks for our 2025 Nominating Committee members:
 Brenda Murphy (Paducah First Christian—District 1)
 Rev. David Clifford (Henderson First Christian—District 2)
 Rev. Dr. Larry Baker (Russellville First Christian—District 3)

We gave thanks for the regional board representatives who are completing their terms of service at the end October:

Rev. Anne Bruce (FCC Glasgow--Regional Board Class of 2025)
 Mike Bruce (FCC Owensboro--Regional Board Class of 2025)

We also gave thanks for board members elected by the West Area who are completing their terms of service on December 31, 2025:

Rev. Jeff Mandrell (Crofton Christian Church—Board Chair 2020-2025)
 Elena Roberts (FCC Murray—District 1)

Our deep thanks to each of you for your service in this shared ministry.



Cane Ridge 2025 Closing Day Service Friday, October 31, 2025

10:00 am

An offering will be received

**Cane Ridge
1655 Cane Ridge Rd., Paris, KY 40361
caneridge.org
859-987-5350**

BODY BUILDING

What is your church known for in the community? What ministries and events do you all offer that show the talents and callings God has given your part of the body of Christ? Tell about these gifts and callings as you promote these events so that the wider community knows the reasons why you serve God in these specific ways.



PRAYER CHAIN

Join in the West Area Prayer Chain:

- Nov. 2 Whitesville Christian Church
- Nov. 9 Wickliffe Christian Church
- Nov. 16 The leadership and staff of the Christian Church in Kentucky
- Nov. 23 The leadership and staff of the West Area

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING

For over 130 years, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made a commitment to nurturing and supporting higher education through the general ministry of HELM (Higher Education & Leadership Ministries), formerly the Division of Higher Education. Through relationships with the 15 Colleges/Universities and 7 Seminaries/Divinity Houses connected to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), HELM is able to continue its mission of developing and nurturing Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world.

Every November the church dedicates its General Offering to support these institutions. The collection goes straight to the institutions and enables them to offer scholarships, expand programs, and offer assistance through faith-based services.

Please consider a generous donation as we come together to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of students, giving them a strong foundation to build upon as they prepare to go out and do great things in the world. For more information about HELM and a list of the institutions we support, please visit [helmdisciples.org](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving/).

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VOLUNTEER IN EASTERN KY & BEYOND

In 2022 Eastern Kentucky experienced historic flooding that destroyed homes and businesses. In February 2025, these same areas were hit with even more flooding that impacted communities already trying to rebuild. Week of Compassion is working with Pike County Relief Services and Pikeville First Christian to receive volunteers to help with rebuilding efforts. Pike County Relief Services is flexible in accommodating groups of various ages and sizes. Ideally, groups will have at least one skilled leader.

- Minimum age : 14
- Group size: 1-20
- Registration: free, suggested donation to FCCP
- Housing: air mattresses at First Christian Church, Pikeville, KY
- Meals: responsibility of the group, with kitchen facilities available at the church



Please email Week of Compassion at volunteer@weekofcompassion.org for more information. Details and a volunteer interest form are available at their website. <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/group-volunteers/eastern-kentucky>

Other locations seeking groups: <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/volunteer.html>

CHILDREN'S NEWS

CHILDREN WORSHIP, WONDER & WELCOME

Training in Children Worship, Wonder & Welcome, an exciting way of doing faith formation with children, will be held at Madisonville First Christian on **November 8, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.** (There will also be a 60 minute virtual segment the week of the training and a follow-up the week afterward.) The cost for the training is \$75/person.

<https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/registration-form/?formId=42fb13d8-9a00-46a7-958e-2d184bbafed6&envId=p-2Xj0B1l5rEm8MRVgKSYv6w&zone=usa>

For more information please contact Elaine Austin, coordinator of Children Worship & Wonder, at (540) 309-3328 or eaustin@dhm.disciples.org.



Date: Nov. 8th 9AM - 5PM

Plus a 60 minute virtual meeting before the date and after the date, two options will be offered

Location: First Christian Church
1030 College Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431

Cost: \$75 per person
Plus purchase of book Young Children and Worship

Registration:

<https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/registration-form/?formId=42fb13d8-9a00-46a7-958e-2d184bbafed6&envId=p-2Xj0B1l5rEm8MRVgKSYv6w&zone=usa>



Trainer:

Petie McLean
pmclean@glasgow-ky.com

For More Information

(540) 309-3328
Rev. Elaine Austin Coordinator of CWW&W



DHM OFFERS NEW INTERGENERATIONAL GUIDE

The C.A.R.E. Team from Disciples Home Missions is back with another great resource for you, "Hey, Imago Dei!" Download, print, and share this free intergenerational experience guide to expand the reach and creativity of your ministry. "Hey, Imago Dei!" is designed for churches and families to widen the gaze of children, so that they may see God in a vast number of ways all around them.

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/resources/hey-imago-dei/>

Or, if you are seeking a weekly curriculum, check out their 12-week C.A.R.E. Sundays curriculum. Each of the three Bible stories (Breakfast on the Beach, Walk on Water, Hole in the Roof) is explored over four weeks of lessons.

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/resources/c-a-r-e-sundays/>



YOUTH NEWS



CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KY YOUTH RETREAT!

Join youth from across Kentucky for the 2025 Fall Regional Youth Retreat!

We will be gathering Friday, **November 21**, to Sunday, **November 23**, at Camp Loucon in Leitchfield. This retreat is intended for 6th to 12th graders. The cost is \$100 per person (youth and adults) covering lodging, meals, and activities. The deadline to register is **November 3**.

Registration link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUWl9knQmRbbBBjmK99yPrNCXWsojTDhsgZKZVWudQOx4Ww/viewform>

<http://www.ccinky.net/ymyac/>

NEW COHORT OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM BEING FORMED

High school students passionate about faith and leadership are invited to apply for HELM's Youth Leadership Symposium! Through workshops and community-building, participants deepen faith, grow in confidence, and explore church and community leadership—culminating in a project to benefit their congregation or community. Any congregation in the United Church of Christ or Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) may have one youth and one adult participant. A second youth participant may be added upon request.

There is no registration fee. For 2026, this project is free for all participants. More details are available on their website

<https://www.youthleadershipsymposium.org/registration>



OLDER ADULTS NEWS

OLDER ADULTS DO MEDITATE! A GUIDE TO CONTEMPLATION WITH OLDER ADULTS

October 29, November 5, November 12, November 19
11:00 a.m. Central
Virtual

Older Adults DO Meditate!
A Guide to Contemplation
With Older Adults



Wednesdays from
October 29-November 19
12:00pm ET/11:00am CT



Enrich your spiritual life and that of others by following the contemplation resource, "Looking for God Over Your Shoulder." It will be our guide to a different topic each week. An image, scripture verse, meditation reflection, and prayer will be shared. Then participants will be invited to explore discussion prompts. Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, regional minister of the Mid-America Region, has been a participant in contemplative meditation circles in earnest for a decade and will lead our discussions. He practices daily meditation either alone, with his family, or with an online community. He has written, with other Disciples, "Looking Over God's Shoulder: A Contemplation Guide for Older Adults."

<https://www.nbacares.org/event/older-adults-do-meditate-a-guide-to-contemplation-with-older-adults/>

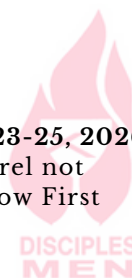
DISCIPLES MEN'S NEWS



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. 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

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/>



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



NOV. MINISTERS MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, November 25, at noon Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, November 11, at 10 a.m. Central at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom. (Check your email Zoom link.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, November 20, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

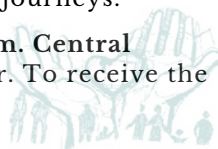
BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, November 13, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for Zoom link.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Our clergy caregiver support group is a safe space for sharing our caregiving journeys.

Thursday, November 6, 10-11 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver. To receive the Zoom link, contact Marie at craftywriter000@gmail.com



BOUNDARIES TRAININGS FOR CLERGY STANDING

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

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

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS



In October, Hopkinsville First Christian welcomed Rev. Glen Schory as their senior minister. Glen comes to us from the Ohio region, though he has lived in nine states. His daughter joins him in his move to Hopkinsville. Welcome to the West Area, Glen!

FCC OWENSBORO HOSTS PREACHING WORKSHOP

Dr. Anna Carter Florence, Professor of Homiletics at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, is coming to preach, teach and lead preaching workshops at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Owensboro, Kentucky (700 J.R. Miller Blvd). She will preach in worship on Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m., teach at 10:20 and lecture at 4 p.m. for the community.

On Monday, November 3, she will lead a preaching workshop for clergy from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. focusing on preaching in Advent and Christmas. Let the office at First Christian Owensboro know if you are coming so they can plan for you at lunch. The cost is \$10. Their number is (270) 684-8879.

Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and holds degrees from Yale University (BA) and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv and PhD). Anna's books include *Preaching as Testimony*, *Inscribing the Word*, and *Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community*, based on her 2012 Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale Divinity School. Her newest book is *A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture*. She has also published articles and chapters in numerous books and journals, including a year's worth of lectionary text commentaries for www.WorkingPreacher.org.

<https://fccowb.org>

FROM THE TREASURER

I would like to follow up from my chat with you at All Disciples Sing. We are currently working on the 2026 budget, and we are finding that our expenses are exceeding our income. Several things have been put in to place to reduce the expenses, such as cutting staff time and eliminating expenses like the physical office, copy machine, business phones, internet, etc. But one thing that we have realized is that we have not reached out to the churches for an estimate of giving for several years now.

I would like to ask that your Church prayerfully look at your estimate of giving to the West Area for 2026, and return this to Teri at teri.westarea@gmail.com no later than **November 9, 2025**. Our estimate for giving for 2025 was \$70,000 (based off of prior years gifts) and as of 9/30/25 we have received only \$39,678.45. I would also like to ask that you review your giving to date in 2025.

Thank You!

Kellie Jo Fredrick
2025-2027 Treasurer

Church treasurers, please email your estimate of giving for the 2026 West Area budget to teri.westarea@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KY--WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$2,400.00
Total Expenses	\$5,345.51
Negative Cash Flow for September	-\$2,945.51
Total Operations Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$8,344.50
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$5,945.40
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$14,289.90
DCEF 12 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 9/30/25	\$20,100.75
DCEF 36 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 9/30/25	\$50,278.96
Total DCEF Term Note Investment Balances as of 9/30/25	\$70,379.71

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$914.30
Total Expenses	\$8,521.47
Negative Cash Flow for September	-\$7,607.17
Please note that the Property & Liability Insurance was paid in September in the amount of \$3,702.24 (Quarterly payment).	
Total Operations Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$9,268.69
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$98,616.09
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/2025	\$107,884.78



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