

the COORDINATOR

SEPTEMBER 2024

TWO WOMEN'S FALL RETREATS

Barren River State Park

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Fall Retreat

18-20 OCTOBER

Start 6:30PM on the 18th
\$40 Registration
www.ccinky.net

FELLOWSHIP
SILENT AUCTION
WORSHIP

**BRING YOUR GAMES!
BRING YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS!**

FALL RETREAT

The Christian Church in Kentucky is hosting the 2024 Kentucky Women's Fall Retreat on **October 18-20** at Barren River Lake State Park (1149 State Park Road, Lucas, Kentucky). Rev. Marilyn Williams from Covenant Christian in Cary, N.C. is the keynoter this retreat. We will begin with registration and fellowship time on Friday, the 18th, at 6 p.m. Then on Saturday, the 19th, we will start with registration at 9 a.m., and worship begins at 10 a.m. Registrants need to make their own lodging arrangements no later than September 15.

You can make your own reservation by calling (270) 646-2151, Group Code 4582 or parks.ky.gov/. Lodge rooms are \$105 per night plus taxes and resort fees; cottages are \$179 per night plus taxes and resort fees, and villas are \$220 per night plus taxes and resort fees. A registration form and fee of \$40 should be sent to CCK by October 1.

SILENT RETREAT

The annual Silent Retreat will take place **November 15-17** in Loretto, Kentucky. Bonnia Fouts, Educator, will facilitate this retreat. This event is limited to 17 women. Lodging, meals, and registration are included in the cost of \$190.00 per person, or \$140.00 without meals. A registration form and fee should be sent to the regional office no later than **October 18**.

ccinky.net/ministries/disciples-women/

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GATHERING HOSTED BY PRINCETON FIRST CHRISTIAN

World Peace Day and Season of Creation--Celebration and Prayer
Saturday, September 21, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Princeton First Christian, 510 Hopkinsville St.

West Area youth and leaders please join us for fellowship, prayer and celebration.

5:30 Ring bells for peace. Prayer and song for world peace.

6:00 Meal prepared by the group celebrating the Season of Creation with fresh, local foods.

7:00 Four 30-minute session rotations (peace and creation art, meditation and movement, expression through music, team building challenge)

8:00- 8:30 Candle lighting, prayer and communion



If you or your group would like to join us, please send a confirmation email (tammie.sanders82@gmail.com) no later than **September 10**. Include your name, number of participants and contact information in the text. If you have questions or would like to help with planning or preparation for this celebration, please text Tammie Sanders at (270) 963-0409.

WAYC DEADLINE EXTENDED

Do you have some great student leaders in your church? The West Area Youth Council (WAYC) is seeking high school students who are active in their churches and have gifts for leadership. Candidates must be willing to attend meetings (either virtually or in-person) to help plan and lead ministries. The application deadline is **September 13**. An informational flyer and application may be found on the WAYC webpage. Help us spread the word about this unique opportunity. Questions? Contact the West Area (270) 821-1332.

westareadisciples.org/youth-ministries-wayc/

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2025

Youth Leadership Symposium (YLS) is a new ministry preparing high school youth to lead in their local congregation. Every congregation can have one youth attend for free each year. Adult participants are also welcome. YLS brings youth together via zoom or local "pods" to learn about building partnerships, facing change, finding mentors, navigating congregational polity, and taking ideas and making them reality. YLS 2025 will begin in February and run through June. Three Saturday "symposiums" are required along with reading, mentor meetings, and event planning between gatherings. To complete YLS, each youth designs and leads a project in their local congregation. Those projects are shared on the YLS website so other youth and congregations can draw inspiration.

Registration for the 2025 cohort is now open!

Visit youthleadershipsymposium.org to register, see past project reports, and more. If you would like to host a "pod" for youth in your Conference, we are setting those up now for 2025.



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



SEPT. MINISTERS MEETINGS

Feeling isolated? Needing to laugh with colleagues who understand? Join us in September.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, September 24, at 12 p.m. Central
We will meet in person at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, September 10, at 10 a.m. Central
We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, September 19, at 10:30 a.m. Central
on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m. Central
on Zoom. (Check your email for 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, adult children, or other family members.

Thursday, September 5, 10-11 a.m. Central
Facilitated by Rev. Marie Weaver, who 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

MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

Dawson Springs First Christian welcomed Rev. Leah Eubanks as their new interim minister in August. Leah is the Moderator of the Christian Church in Kentucky and a seminarian at Lexington Theological Seminary. Previously, she served as the Missions and Outreach Coordinator at Paducah First Christian Church.



STANDING FORMS DUE

Ministers with standing with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky who wish to continue that standing are required to complete a 2025 Ministerial Standing Form-- now available online. A paper form is also available on request.

ccinky.net/resources/ministers/ministerial-standing-form/

Training for starting
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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Registration open!



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October 22 to
October 25

Sign Up
Now



<https://newchurchministry.org/leadership-academy/>

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE MINISTERS RETREAT AT KBY

On Wednesday, **September 18**, we will once again be hosting a retreat just for our ministers (chaplains or pastors, active or retired) to be together at serene Camp Kum-Ba-Ya (4943 Barge Island Road, Benton). Rev. Dr. Erin Cash, Project Director of the Thriving Congregations Project at Lexington Theological Seminary, will set our theme: **“The Relationship Between Rest and Risk for Congregations.”**

Thriving churches and thriving pastors know that it takes collaboration and a willingness to change for real vitality to happen. But how? How do churches develop an internal culture that is willing to take risks while preventing burnout of their leaders?

We will spend the day exploring that topic in the peaceful setting of KBY. Come prepared to refresh your spirit with worship, collaboration, and fun as Erin leads us in a process of discernment for our congregational health. The day will include worship, a keynote lecture, small group collaboration and sharing, Q & A, lunch, and time for you to relax; we might even add in a little bit of art!

After a light breakfast bar, we'll begin with worship at 9:30 a.m., and our program together will close in worship at 2:30 p.m. Before or after our scheduled time together, you might choose to kayak, play board games, hike, or organize a game of ping pong. Spend some alone time in a quiet spot by the lake, read, nap, or pray at the vespers area. Bring a picnic supper if you wish to stay until evening. Or maybe gather up some new ministry friends and head into town for supper at a local restaurant. Plan to be with us just for the day, or extend your stay and reserve a cabin for the night before and/or the night after at a discounted rate of \$25 per night. The time is yours, and the staff will be available to assist you.

Find more details and registration at westareadisciples.org. Deadline is September 11.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!

Global Ministries seeks candidates to serve internationally:

Fully Supported Mission Co-Workers

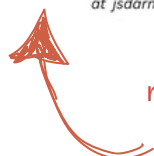
- Salary and Benefits Provided
- Priority Positions
 - Physician, East Timor
 - Physician, Zimbabwe
 - Academic, Philippines
 - Other Positions TBA, Africa Region

Global Mission Interns (21 - 30 years old)

Short-Term Volunteers (2 weeks - 6 months)

Long-Term Volunteers (1+ year)

To apply visit www.globalministries.org or contact Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell, International Recruitment and Training Coordinator at jsdarnell@dom.disciples.org.



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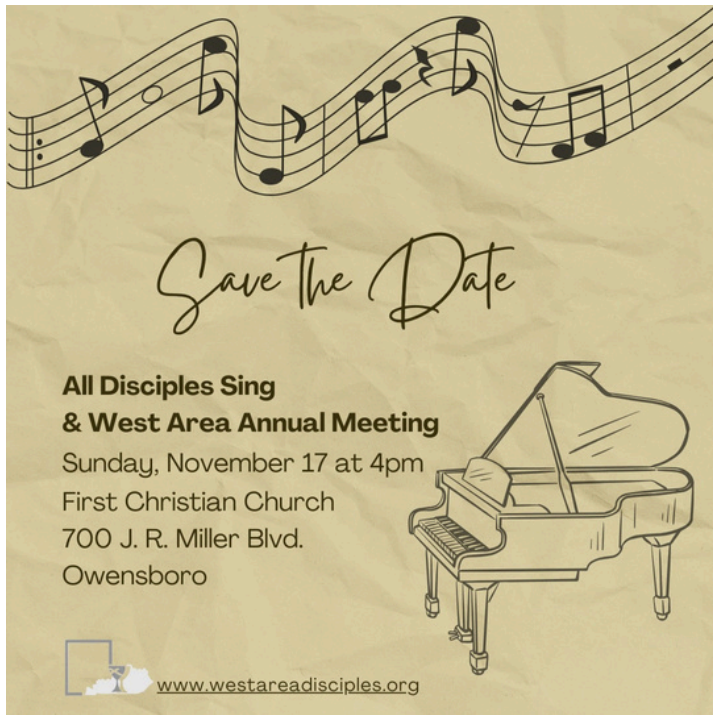
SENT 2024

Registration for the 2024 SENT Seminar is open! Taking place **September 9-20**, this year's conference will offer practical, nuts-and-bolts information to help guide participants through the beautiful,



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messy world of Social Entrepreneurship. Hear from experts in the fields of law, finance, leadership development and more. Registration for this virtual conference is free at <https://buff.ly/3SBhy6E>



ALL DISCIPLES SING 2024

Through the power of music, the West Area All Disciples Sing is an annual gathering that celebrates the unity and diversity from across the West Area as we gather to praise God with our voices and instruments. It's an afternoon set aside for all of us to come together in worship. Please mark your calendars for **November 17 at 4 p.m.** Central at First Christian Owensboro (700 J.R. Miller Blvd.).

As we prepare for this special worship, please begin exploring if your church has soloists, ensembles, or choirs that would like to be a part of this meaningful worship, and keep watch for sign-up details that will be sent via email to your church in September.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERINGS

DMF Day of Giving
disciplesmissionfund.org/dmfday/



[Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering materials now available https://reconciliationministry.org](https://reconciliationministry.org)

FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$1,815.25
Total Expenses	\$6,463.26
Positive Cash Flow for April	-\$4,648.01
Total Operations Balance as of 6/30/24	\$92,837.10
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/24	\$9,451.73
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/24	\$102,288.83

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$11,017.52
Total Expenses	\$22,908.33
Positive Cash Flow for April	-\$11,890.81
Total Operations Balance as of 6/30/24	\$14,024.09
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/24	\$91,322.69
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 6/30/24	\$105,346.78

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$9,915.25
Total Expenses	\$9,234.33
Positive Cash Flow for April	\$680.92
Total Operations Balance as of 7/31/24	\$93,518.02
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/24	\$9,437.40
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/24	\$102,955.42

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$41,664.82
Total Expenses	\$15,499.38
Positive Cash Flow for April	\$26,165.44
Total Operations Balance as of 7/31/24	\$40,189.53
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/24	\$90,656.61
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 7/31/24	\$130,846.14

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
Treasurer



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