

the COORDINATOR

NOVEMBER 2024

ALL DISCIPLES SING 2024!

“COME WITH THANKSGIVING” TO OWENSBORO ON NOVEMBER 17

Join us for the 26th West Area All Disciples Sing & Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. Central on Sunday, **November 17**, at First Christian Church in Owensboro. It's more than just a musical gathering; it is a chance for West Area Disciples to connect, share, and strengthen our bonds. The All Disciples Sing will feature a diverse lineup of choirs and musicians from across our congregations, each bringing their unique style, talents, and spirit to the celebration. Based on Psalm 95:1-7a, this year's theme is "Come with Thanksgiving." We'll collect our annual offering for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. First Christian Owensboro will host a cookie reception following worship.

A brief West Area Annual Meeting will be held to elect new board leaders. Our thanks to the 2024 Nominating Committee--Rick Loader, Dan Lovell, Bourke Mantle, Jim Midkiff, Paul Moore (Chair), and Linda White. Here is the 2025 slate of nominees.



GROUP B Executive Committee Officers (2-year Term:
Rev. Dr. Paul Moore as Vice Chair (FCC Greenville)
Kellie Fredrick as Treasurer (FCC Madisonville)

GROUP B Representatives (2-year Term: 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2026)
District 1: Rev. Kristi Stuckel (FCC Benton)
District 2: Rev. David Clifford (FCC Henderson)
District 3: Alice Doss (Millbrooke CC, Hopkinsville)

www.westareadisciples.org



CAMP NEWS



Save the date for camp this summer at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya!



CAMP KBY & RETREAT CENTER

-  Junior Camp (gr. 3-5) June 2-6
- Sailing Camp (gr. 6-12) June 9-13
- Discovery Camp (gr. K-2) June 20-22
- Chi Rho Camp (gr. 6-8) June 23-28
- CYF Camp (gr. 9-12) June 30-July 5



FEB 1
REGISTRATION BEGINS

SAVE THE DATES   www.campkumbaya.org  4943 Barge Island Rd., Benton

THANKS FOR A GREAT WORK DAY!



What a fun and impactful work day! Our light rain turned into a beautiful fall day for completing tons of projects around the camp--bridges and boats moved, windows washed, blinds installed, craft closet organized, rails reinforced, tread strips installed in showers, faucet fixed, windows covered, trails improved, towel hooks installed, pantry cleaned out, photos labeled, benches stored, waterfront winterized, more bunk bed trays and baskets attached, leaves blown, porches swept, mattress covers put on beds, lunch cooked, dishes washed, future projects assessed, and lots, lots more. What a hard-working crew! Thank you to folks from Benton First Christian, Eastwood Christian (Tn.), Madisonville First Christian, Mayfield First Christian, Paducah First Christian, Princeton First Christian, Potluck Church, our staff, and Bailey the dog for coming out to help make it a great work day!

YOUTH NEWS

REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT IN LOUISVILLE--NOVEMBER 22-24

Join us **November 22-24** at Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, for a weekend of faith, fun, fellowship and food for all 6th-12th graders. We are excited that our new Regional Youth Committee is learning and hosting this event that will include keynotes, worship, service projects, small groups, and lots of fun. The Rev. Jay Deskins will be keynoting for us and leading us to think differently as we Fall into Faith!

Registration will start at 8:30 p.m. Eastern, and we will finish after the 9 a.m. worship at Beargrass on Sunday morning. In between we will play games, worship, be challenged by keynotes, and participate in service projects around Louisville. We are excited that this event is planned and led by 17 youth from around the region.

We are asking that churches use the online registration link below. Each church is asked to bring one adult for every six youth. Packing list and schedules will be emailed before the event. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Mike McColl at mjmfcc@gmail.com

<https://forms.gle/JKjVtUhsCwJtotgR9>



YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2025

Youth Leadership Symposium (YLS) is a new ministry preparing high school youth to lead in their local congregations. 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.

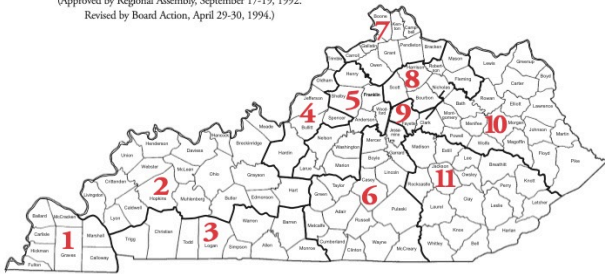
Registration for the 2025 cohort is now open! Visit youthleadershipsymposium.org to register, see past project reports, and more.



CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



NOV. MINISTERS MEETINGS

We're grateful for all of the ministers that set aside time to form these communities of support and encouragement.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, November 26, at 12 p.m. Central
We will meet in person at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, November 12, at 10 a.m. Central
We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 3

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

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, November 14, 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, November 7, 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

Cadiz Christian welcomed **Rev. Dr. Ron Buck** as their transitional interim minister in October. We're excited that Ron has returned to serve in Kentucky in his retirement. Years ago, he served as senior minister at First Christian Hopkinsville.



Paducah First Christian welcomed **Jinny McCormick** as their new Children and Youth Director in October. Jinny is a seminarian at Lexington Theological Seminary and a licensed student minister.

BOUNDARIES TRAINING

Boundaries training is conducted online.

- **Monday, November 11, and Tuesday, November 12, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
Central each night

www.ccinky.net/boundaries-training/ .

BODY BUILDING

What exciting events are on your church calendar in the coming months? For each event, consider how you might invite guests to attend the event that follows (e.g. if you are hosting a Thanksgiving meal, hand out or send invitations to your Thanksgiving guests inviting them to your Advent events. Invite Advent-season guests to your Christmas events, and invite Christmas guests to your new 2025 Sunday School class.) Keep the invitations rolling throughout the seasons of the church.





SCHEDULE:

Friday, November 15

6:00 Dinner
 7:00pm StoryHour – in person and online across the US and Canada
 8:30 to 9pm Begin Transformative Community Conference (TCC) with Dr. David Anderson Hooker

Saturday, November 16

9 to 12noon – Transformative Community Conference (TCC)
 12 to 12:30 lunch
 12:30 to 3pm TCC

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

We will gather at **Beargrass Christian Church** in **Louisville, Kentucky** on November 15 and 16.

At StoryHour, the theme is "Eureka!" We're telling stories of epiphanies, large and small.

We have already recruited 7 storytellers from across the Kentucky Region.

Join us to listen to their stories – and engage in dialogue to explore what it means for us to be the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



The registration cost is \$20 which helps to cover cost of the meals and facilitators. The registration link: https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=3470de86-85a7-11ef-af04-ab41alccace2. A block of rooms reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn (Louisville Mall) for **November 15**, and the cost is \$119 (plus applicable fees). The Hilton Garden Inn is conveniently located just five minutes away from Beargrass Christian Church. The deadline for our special rate is **October 31**, so book now! <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=SDFSMGI&groupCode=TCCKY&arrivaldate=2024-11-15&departuredate=2024-11-16&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

HELM SPECIAL OFFERING

Please consider a generous donation as we come together to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of students attending our 21 Disciples-related higher education institutions, 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. Thanksgiving Special Offering materials now available: <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving/>



Save the date for the 2025 West Area Workshops in Henderson!



FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE
MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$10,356.45
Total Expenses	\$7,569.12
Positive Cash Flow for September	\$2,787.33
Total Operations Balance as of 9/30/24	\$88,519.09
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/24	\$9,240.35
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/24	\$97,759.44

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$2,013.42
Total Expenses	\$8,677.37
Negative Cash Flow for September	-\$6,663.95
Total Operations Balance as of 9/30/24	\$35,755.13
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/24	\$90,586.51
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 9/30/24	\$126,341.64

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
Treasurer

THANK YOU CHURCHES!

We are grateful for the West Area churches who have given so far this year to our West Area operations budget. Thank you for your generosity supporting our shared ministry.

Beech Grove Christian
Benton First Christian
Berea Christian (Russellville)
Cadiz Christian
Crofton Christian
Dawson Springs First Christian
Glasgow First Christian
Henderson First Christian
Hopkinsville First Christian
Ilsley Christian (Dawson Springs)
Liberty Christian (Hopkinsville)
Madisonville First Christian
Millbrooke Christian (Hopkinsville)
Morris Valley Christian (Bardwell)
Murray First Christian
Owensboro First Christian
Paducah First Christian
Russellville First Christian
Sebree First Christian
Sinking Fork Christian (Cerulean)
Whitesville Christian



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