

the COORDINATOR

DECEMBER 2024

GOD HAS, INDEED, BEEN WITH US

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK AT THE ALL DISCIPLES SING

Sitting in the sanctuary at the All Disciples Sing on Sunday afternoon was a spiritually evocative and moving time for me for so many reasons.

One year ago October 18 First Christian Dawson Springs said goodbye to their beloved pastor, Rev. Mike Moschenrose, after years living with cancer. With no pastor and no music director, they faced an uncertain future in their recovering town. He had hoped for them to have a strong children's and music ministries, even as they had no pianist to play their hymns and were singing along to videos. And yet, a year later, three ministry staff members from the church Mike loved so much were standing before us at the All Disciples Sing at First Christian Owensboro praising God in beautiful three-part harmony! In a year, God has taken their church from a wilderness time to a time of great joy and celebration that fills their sanctuary with music. Wow! Isn't God awesome?

After singing an uplifting duet of praise with Beth Pittman, First Christian Mayfield's music director, Stephen Clark, shared the song "Bless this House"--a piece that he had sung at Mayfield's groundbreaking for their new building as they continue their own recovery from the 2021 tornado. Reminding us all that First Christian Owensboro had also gone through their own rebuilding after the destruction of their building (theirs due to fire in 2013), as he prepared to sing a song of blessing for his future church home, Stephen said, "It's just a great feeling to feel like you have a church home again." Thanks be to God for hope and resurrection!

Later, as we took communion, the 1st/3rd Quartet sang "God Thou Art Love." These four began singing when, after the 2013 fire, First Christian Owensboro was borrowing space from Third Baptist Church. Years later, the two men from First Christian and two men from Third Baptist share their talents with both churches--often traveling to both worship services on the same Sunday morning! The four remain a symbol, not only of their past journey together, but of an ecumenical spirit of love as Third Baptist's remarkable hospitality continues to bear fruit.

The whole worship was filled with songs of thanksgiving by talented musicians, and it was as if God was reminding me again and again of the depths and heights that God will travel with us--through fire and storm and the deepest of grief--shepherding us and offering hope, peace, and love for the journey. Immanuel! God with us!

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler
West Area Regional Minister



Learn more at
<https://buff.ly/4eMgVzjy!>



SoulCare
WARMTH & WELLNESS
Join us for a moment of soul care for the holidays.
Livestream Event
December 17
6:30pm CST/7:30pm EST

National Benevolent Association

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**SEEKING
PIANIST OR
ORGANIST**

Liberty Christian Church on Lafayette Road in Hopkinsville is seeking a pianist or organist (or two who might alternate Sundays) for their 11:00 worship (and occasional evening services on holidays) to play hymns, preludes, and accompany vocalists for special music. The pay is negotiable. Contact Rachel for more details: westareaminister@twc.com

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

God's love
visible



 2024 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Our regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- Witness to the power of God to make things new

Received in many congregations Dec. 15-22, the 2024 Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our region.

<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/>

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



**West Area
Workshops**
First Christian Church, Henderson • March 1, 2025

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CAMP NEWS

Support our campers with a gift from our Amazon wish list this Christmas! Use this QR codes to see our list of needs.



Save the dates 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

See 2025 dates and pricing from our sister camp in Yosemite, Kentucky.
<http://www.ccinky.net/camp/wakon-da-ho/>

CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2025 DATES

YOSEMITE, KY | REGISTER AT CCINKY.NET

Activity	Dates
SPRING WORK WEEKEND	TBD
MINI CAMP (2-3)	MAY 30-JUNE 1
CYF 1 (9-12)	JUNE 2-7
EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)	JUNE 8-14
JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)	JUNE 16-20
CAMP 101A (K-2*)	JUNE 20-22
CYF 2 (9-12)	JUNE 23-28
CHI RHO 1 (6-8)	JUNE 30-JULY 5
CHI RHO 2 (6-8)	JULY 7-12
CAMP 101B (K-2*)	JULY 19
Y'ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)	AUGUST 29-SEPT 1

Service-Learning Trips

Christmount

Come Move Mountains with Us!

- Summer**: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
- Spring, Winter, Fall Breaks**: YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE
- Anytime**: WATER & WINE ADULTS

Christmount is hosting service-learning trips for youth, college, and adult groups in 2025. Help our denomination's retreat center restore their facility after Hurricane Helene.

<https://www.christmount.org/summer-offerings>

APPLY TO BE A DPF PEACE INTERN

Disciples Peace Fellowship is overjoyed to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2025 DPF Peace Intern Program! Visit disciplespeace.org/apply to learn more about the program and to start your application! Applications are due by **January 31, 2025**.



Each year DPF selects three young adults (21-years-old or older) to serve as Peace Interns. This is a 12-week, paid, summer internship (\$3,000 stipend) that will allow you to serve as an advocate for peace and justice in many different ways. The 2025 DPF Peace Internship will be a hybrid model again this summer. That means that Peace Interns will serve at in-person Disciples of Christ Church Camps AND they will have remote work weeks where they work on specific projects with Disciples Justice Ministries groups (like AllianceQ, Reconciliation Ministries, Green Chalice, Be The Neighbor, and more) or interfaith/ecumenical peace partners. The 2025 Peace Intern summer experience will begin in late May, include a working trip to General Assembly in Memphis, and end in early August.

YOUTH NEWS

GOING ON A MISSION TRIP IN 2025?

Would your church like some help with that mission trip? The Christian Church in Kentucky offers up to 10 Youth Mission Trip Partnership Grants. The form below needs to be turned in at least two months prior to your mission trip. The first 10 churches who apply are considered first.

For a domestic mission trip you can get up to \$250 and for an international mission trip you can get up to \$500. All we ask is that you send us some stories and pictures for our website and other media forms. Only 10 grants are available each year. Start planning now! You may send the form to Christian Church in Kentucky, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504.

<https://www.ccinky.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Youth-Outreach-Partner-Grant-Application.pdf>

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.)



DEC. MINISTERS MEETINGS

Advent is a busy season. As always, ministers, feel free to attend the meeting that fits with your schedule.

DISTRICT 1

Last meeting of the year is Tuesday, November 26, at 12 p.m. Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom. No December meeting. Meets again January 28, 2025.

DISTRICT 2

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

DISTRICT 3

No December meeting. Meets again January 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom.

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, December 12, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

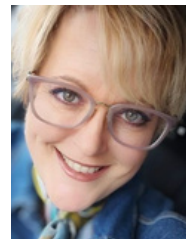
Caregiving during the holidays can be extra challenging. Join the CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support Group for clergy sharing the ups and downs of caregiving.

Thursday, December 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

Pembroke Christian Church welcomed Rev. Dann Masden and Rev. Martha Rucker as their co-interim ministers in November. Martha also serves as staff chaplain at Ascension St. Thomas in Nashville. Over the years Dann has served several of our churches in the West Area, including Guthrie First Christian, Hopkinsville First Christian, Russellville First Christian, and Paducah First Christian.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



Worship and study materials are now available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity--traditionally celebrated January 18-25.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/resources-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025>

BODY BUILDING

Does your church or ministry have a plan for following up with holiday guests? How will your church gather contact information at each event so that you can reach out via email, phone, text, or a hand-written thank you? What will you invite them to next and how? Are members and leaders prepared to engage with new faces in the sanctuary or fellowship hall? Now's the time to prepare for our guests.



FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY-- WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$16,597.25
Total Expenses	\$10,083.27
Positive Cash Flow for September	\$6,513.98
Total Operations Balance as of 10/31/24	\$95,033.07
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 10/31/24	\$9,490.35
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 10/31/24	\$104,523.42

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$2,601.25
Total Expenses	\$7,541.98
Negative Cash Flow for September	-\$4,940.73
Total Operations Balance as of 10/31/24	\$30,814.40
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 10/31/24	\$89,245.29
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 10/31/24	\$120,059.69

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
Treasurer

HELP US END 2024 STRONG

Make a donation, an honorary gift, or a memorial gift to the Christian Church in KY--West Area by check::

CCK-West Area
P O Box 1332
Madisonville, KY 42431



Or give online to the West Area through the Givelify button on our "Give" tab:

www.westareadisciples.org/give/

Learn more at
<https://disciples.org/2025-general-assembly-workshops/>



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