the

COORDINATOR

READYING FOR SUMMER CAMP AT KBY!

SPRING WORK DAY IS APRIL 26!

April 26 is our spring work day at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya. Each year we gather volunteers of all ages at the camp to spend a few hours preparing the campground for hosting summer activities and guests. We'll prepare the waterfront, organize closets, do spring cleaning, and use powertools to make repairs on our facility. Our camp manager, Becca Teckenbrock, also has a few special projects for us to tackle this year. Bring your tools, water bottle, and work gloves. Breakfast goodies and lunch will be provided.



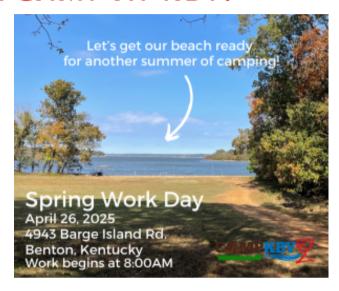
APPLY TO BE A COUNSELOR OR CIT

We are so thankful for our over 52 directors, counselors, and counselors-in-training who volunteered to make summer camp 2024 possible. Be a part of our 2025 team and apply today. Also, do you know youth or young adults (16 or older) who would make great counselors-in-training? Encourage them to apply to serve in this meaningful and life-changing ministry.

http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/







REGISTER IN APRIL FOR CAMP!



MORE CAMP NEWS

KUM-BA-YA TO HIRE A SUMMER ASSISTANT

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work at a camp? Considering a vocation in camping ministry? Just love being at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya? Or, know someone who has the gifts and love for outdoor ministries?

This summer, the camp will be hiring a seasonal summer assistant for our larger camps. The summer assistant will help clean and care for the facilities and grounds, assist the kitchen manager at mealtimes, and help with first aid and general safety. In early April, watch the camp's webpage and social media for more details.

http://www.campkumbaya.org



Materials for CAMP SUNDAY! Help promote our camping ministries in your church using our new resources! **COMP SUNDAY!** **COMP SUNDAY!* **COMP SUND

CREATE YOUR OWN CAMP SUNDAY!

Select a Sunday this spring for your church to celebrate Camp Sunday. Invite children and youth to join us this summer at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya or at our sister camp, Camp Wakon' Da-Ho. You'll find bulletin inserts, postcards, videos, social media graphics, and more.

L	Create a	camp displ	ay in your	narthex or	fellowship	hall

		Celebrate	in	worship
--	--	-----------	----	---------

П	Send a postcard or p	personal no	ote inviting a	camper you
	love to KBY			

http://www.campkumbaya.org/promote-the-camping-program/

DONATE TO THE KBY CANTEEN OR GIVE FROM OUR WISH LIST

Here are three creative ways to donate to KBY:

- Collect and donate items for our canteen--like canned soft drinks, regular sized candy bars, and individual bags of chips or snacks
- Donate luau leis and canned drinks for our endof-camp beach parties
- Purchase needed items from our Amazon wish list.
 https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XBOO8E
 5610NH?ref = wl share





CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



2025 CYF SEMINAR: FACE-TO-FACE WITH OTHER FAITHS

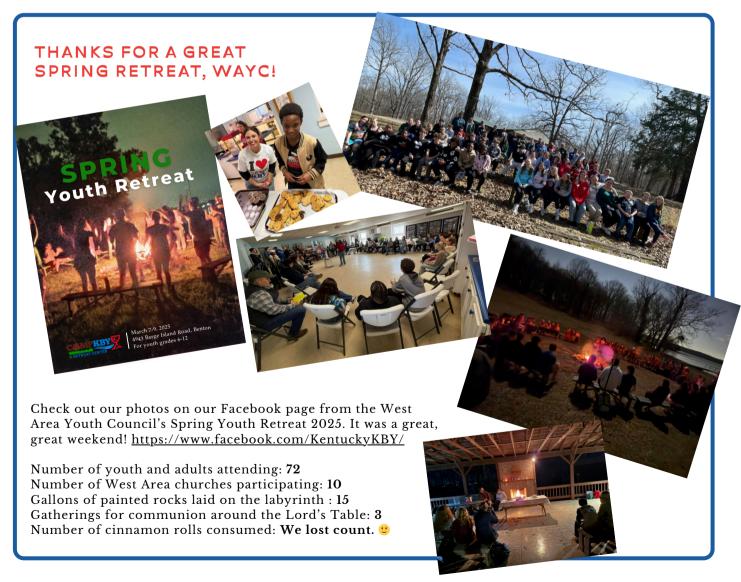
CYF Seminar will be held June 10-17, and will travel to New York City and Washington, D.C.

CYF Seminar is a mobile classroom experience for high school students and first-year college students. The group will travel, experience diverse cultures and new adventures, and learn more about our faith and the history of religious pluralism in our country.

To register, please download the form, print, and return your filled-out copy to the regional office.

Registration form and first payment is due by April 1.

www.ccinky.net/ymyac/



THE COORDINATOR PAGE 3

CONFERENCES, ASSEMBLIES, AND MORE

NATIONAL FAITH + CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM



Calling Congregants of All Ages!

You're Invited to the
National Faith + Climate Forum 2025!
March 27, 2025
11:00 am - 4:30 pm CT
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
510 Hopkinsville Street
Princeton



Join faith leaders and community members for a live watch party of the National Faith + Climate Forum 2025. Experience a day of powerful discussions, engaging workshops, and community building as we explore the intersection of faith and environmental care.

Come and be part of a movement towards sustainable congregational practices and robust community resilience. Let's inspire and support each other in acts of faith that care for creation.

Registration is easy, free, and filled with purpose:

- 1. Go to https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org or scan the QR code above.
- 2. Fill out the required registration fields.
- 3. Select the "Attend in person at a designated host location" ticket type.
- 4. Select Princeton, KY.
- 5. Submit your registration and look out for a confirmation email with your registration details!

Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries

2025 Spring Conferences

Come, Holy Spirit Come! John 14:15-17

April 12 at Paducah First Christian Church, messenger Rev. Dr. Debra Reid, Disciples Home Missions' Interim Executive Director of the Office of Disciples Women.

Last day to register is **April 5**. Registration is \$30. Please fill out a registration form, and submit it to the Christian Church in Kentucky, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504. Or, register online.

We are offering three workshops, and lunch will be provided. Please note special dietary needs on your registration form. As part of the IDWM service project in response to gender-based violence, bring women's hygeine products or gifts cards for a local shelter.

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



THE COORDINATOR PAGE 4

PREPARE FOR THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1 FOR THE EARLY BIRD PRICING





https://ga.disciples.org

Are You Ready to Go BEYOND?

Join us at the 2025 General Assembly on July 12-15, 2025, in Memphis, TN.

With the theme BEYOND, rooted in Ephesians 3:20-21, we'll unite for:

- Uplifting worship
- Dynamic workshops
- · Thought-provoking Keynote Speakers
- · Meaningful mission projects
- . Fun and fellowship for all ages

Register today for early bird pricing!



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION bit.ly/2025GARegistration

The General Assembly is a four-day gathering in response to God's covenant of love that calls us to come together to go BEYOND. It is a time for us to step into the vastness of God's imagination across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Mark your calendars to join us July 12-15, for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Memphis, mission projects, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, young adults, and adults across the life of the church.



HELP BUILD HOPE

Frame a house for a disaster-impacted family, part of Week of Compassion's long-term tornado recoveru in Kentucku.

build host site: The BLVD

Plan to come early to help frame a home for our Kentucky neighbors!

https://ga.disciples.org/congregationalresources/

THE COORDINATOR

Friday, July 11 - 10:00am-5:00pm

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE!

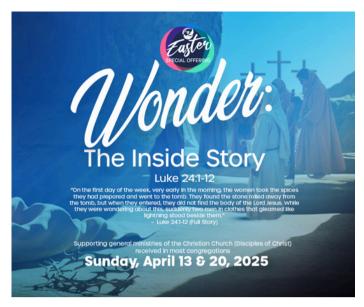


The Office of General Minister and President, in collaboration with the Proclamation Project, has released two 6-week congregational resources to help you and your congregation explore the General Assembly's themes and scriptures through Bible study, preaching, and worship.

What's included?

- Preaching Resource: Scriptural reflections, sermon starters, liturgy suggestions, poetry, and visual art.
- Bible Study: Scriptural reflections, discussion questions, and accompanying poetry and art.

Download the resources and start preparing to go BEYOND today!



https://disciplesmissionfund.org/specialofferings/easter/

BODY BUILDING

Does your church building seem alive and welcoming from the street? Does the landscape or entrance appear lifeless?

As you prepare for guests on Easter Sunday, consider updating the flowers, wreaths, banners, and signage to show passersby that your church is excited and prepared to celebrate the resurrection.



















Thank you to the West Area
Leadership Development
Team, our leaders,
exhibitors, and all of the
volunteers from
First Christian Church of
Henderson
for making the
2025 West Area Workshops
such a sweet day!

CLERGY NEWS

The application deadline is Thursday, March 27th.

District Boundaries



APRIL MINISTERS MEETINGS

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, April 22, at 12 p.m. Central at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, April 8, at 10 a.m. Central We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

CLERGY RETREAT

RESURRECTING YOUR MINISTRY

APRIL 27-29, 2025 NAZARETH RETREAT CENTER BARDSTOWN, KY



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Space is limited to 40 clergy, so register now! Registration deadline is April 20.

DISCIPLES INTERIMS INTERIM MINISTRY BASICS



APRIL 28-JUNE 23,2025



LOOKING FOR A NEW ADVENTURE?
WANT TO SERVE A CONGREGATION
THAT IS BETWEEN SETTLED PASTORS
AND HELP THEM EFFECT POSITIVE
CHANGE?

BRING YOUR GIFTS AND DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS FOR THIS ADVENTURE IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY.

TRAIN.SUPPORT.CONNECT.

CONTACT DISCIPLESINTERIMS@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO

2025 WEST AREA DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND ALEX REPORT BOTH DUE NOW

Church staff, please complete and submit the 2025 West Area Congregational Info form posted on the "Quick Forms" page of our website:

http://www.westareadisciples.org/quick-forms/. Scan and email the form to westarea@twc.com. Or use our new online form:

https://forms.gle/fJ7zSipEKzmayydz7

And, ALEX Yearbook report deadline is extended to **April 11**. Get help here: https://ccdoc-ogmp.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/72000348023



FOR CLERGY CAREGIVERS

Caregivers: The CCK's Clergy Caregiver Support group is a safe space for you to share your questions and concerns. Join us!

Thursday, April 3, 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

PRAYER CHAIN

Pray the West Area Prayer Chain with us.

April 6 Ilsley Christian Church,

Dawson Springs

April 13 First Christian Church, Earlington April 20 The Christian Church of Elkton

April 27 First Christian Church, Fulton

BOARD SECRETARY

We are grateful to welcome June Vander Molen from Murray First Christian to the West Area Executive Committee. June will serve as our Board Secretary for 2025. Thanks for serving with us, June!

NEW GMAIL EMAIL

Rachel and Teri are transitioning to Gmail email addresses, joining Becca who already uses a Gmail account. Please change our work email addresses in your contacts list:

<u>teri.westarea@gmail.com</u> (Teri Arp, West Area Office Manager)

westareaminister@gmail.com (Rachel
Nance Woehler, West Area Reg. Minister)



CCK-West Area or Camp Kum-Ba-Ya P.O. Box 1332 Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

To receive the newsletter by email monthly, send your name and email to teri.westarea@gmail.com

270-821-1332

teri.westarea@gmail.com (Teri Arp)
westareaminister@gmail.com (Rachel Nance Woehler)
campkby.westarea@gmail.com (Becca Teckenbrock)

WESTAREADISCIPLES.ORG

@WESTAREADISCIPLES X 0

CAMPKUMBAYA.ORG

@CAMPKUMBAYA

New Gmail addresses!

FROM THE TREASURER

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KY--WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$11,641.43
Total Expenses	\$9,915.55
Positive Cash Flow for February	\$1,725.88
Total Operations Balance as of 2/28/25	\$24,071.93
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25	\$4,891.05
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25	\$28,962.98
DCEF 12 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 12/31/24	\$20,100.75
DCEF 36 Month Term Note Investment Balance as of 12/31/24	\$50,278.96
Total DCEF Term Note Investment Balances as of 12/31/24	\$70,379.71

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25	\$97,412.19
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 2/28/25	\$88,853.62
Total Operations Balance as of 2/28/25	\$8,558.57
Negative Cash Flow for February	-\$5,556.32
Total Expenses	\$7,986.42
Total Receipts	\$2,430.10

Respectfully submitted, Kellie Jo Fredrick 2025-26 Treasurer



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