

THE COORDINATOR

JUNE 2024

TWO CHURCHES AWARDED GRANTS

Right here in the West Area, our churches have been awarded two of the twelve inaugural Justice & Creation Summer Fellowship grants from Green Chalice, a ministry that promotes environmental responsibility and advocacy throughout the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. “These grants aim to support the development of youth and young adult leaders (ages 16-26) engaged in the spiritual movement for creation care, climate justice, and/or social justice.”



Madisonville First Christian has been awarded the grant to fund an internship through the summer. Intern Thea Doran will be working primarily with their community garden, which supplies thousands of pounds of food to the Christian Food Bank of Hopkins County, and helping to develop and promote their 14-acre arboretum.



Princeton First Christian will use their grant to support a team of young adult fellows working, learning and teaching creation care through their community garden, fresh vegetable ministry, healthy food preparation workshops, and other projects developed by the church’s Venturing Crew. The fellows will travel this summer to a conservation camp at the Upper Franconian Ecological Education Center in Mitwitz, Germany. There they will learn about fair world trade, and agricultural methods and their relationship to the climate, livestock, consumers, and farmers.

CAMP AGAPE DEADLINE IS JUNE 1

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and Benton First Christian are again partnering to host Camp Agape, a week of sleep-away camp for up to 25 middle-school youth (having completed grades 6, 7 or 8) who currently live in foster care.

Camp Agape, scheduled for **July 1-5**, combines Camp Kum-Ba-Ya’s spiritual mission of sharing God’s love, community and belonging, with emotional support, mentoring and instruction in practical, everyday skills. From the moment campers arrive, we aim for each one to feel the sense of belonging that comes from having a special place set aside just for them to sleep and be. When they leave at the end of the week, our aim is for each one to feel loved and valued as children of God, with skills to live and grow in relationships and in community.

Who: Middle-school youth in foster care who have completed grades 6, 7 or 8

When: Monday, July 1 (registration begins at 10:00 a.m.) through Friday, July 5

Registration (discounted fee made possible by Benton First Christian): \$50 paid to Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, P.O. Box 1332, Madisonville, KY 42431

Directors: Rev. Kristi Stuckel and Rev. Mark and Nancy Dycus

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



LINKED BY LOVE

Our camp curriculum this summer is titled “Linked by Love.” We know that love comes from God, and sometimes we experience it directly. More often, God’s love is manifest in relationships of all kinds that weave in and out of our lives. We see God’s love in close friends and family – those we are born into and those we chose along the way. We see God in quiet moments where we are present with each other and in acts of profound grace when we have been far apart. We hear God in life-guiding and life-changing words of truth from those who know and love us. As we seek to create and strengthen life-giving relationships, we remember that such love flows from God, and we give thanks. As they study the following scriptures, our campers will explore many ways that God links us together through a love that calls us “beloved”:

- Colossians 3:12-14--Linked in Love
- Luke 10:38-42--Linked through Acceptance
- Job 2:11-13--Linked and Present
- Luke 15:11-32--Linked by Grace
- Exodus 18:5-24--Linked in Truth
- Philemon 1:8-17--Linked to Change
- 1 John 4:7-8, 19--Linked to Love



www.campkumbaya.org



SEND YOUR CAMPERS MAIL

Send some love to your campers by mailing a letter by mailing or hand-delivering your letter(s) at camper drop-off. To help the mail reach your campers in time, please mail at least a week prior to their camp. Please put the camper’s home address as the return address so that we can forward it, if needed.

(Camper’s Name) (Event Name)

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
4943 Barge Island Rd.
Benton, KY 42025



June 24-28, 2024
grades 6-12
\$340

COMMISSION YOUR CAMPERS

This summer, plan to send your campers off with the prayers of your church. Ministries Across Generations offers a camper-commissioning liturgy to use in worship as we prepare to send our campers to Kum-Ba-Ya.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya
4943 Barge Island Road, Benton

Register at Our Website
www.campkumbaya.org



<http://www.campkumbaya.org/register-for-camps/> (See bottom of the webpage.)

Arrival and Departure Times

	Arrival date and time		Departure date and time	
CYF	June 3	10-11 a.m.	June 8	10:30 a.m.
Junior	June 10	4 p.m.	June 14	10:30 a.m.
Chi Rho	June 17	10-11 a.m.	June 22	10:30 a.m.
Sailing	June 24	10-11 a.m.	June 28	Closing at 10:00 a.m.
Discovery	June 28	5-6 p.m.	June 30	10:00 a.m.
Camp Agape	July 1	10-11 a.m.	July 5	Closing at 10:00 a.m.

(all times Central)

NATIONAL CONVOCATION

The 28th Biennial Session of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 11-14.



<https://www.nationalconvocation.org/biennialsession>

MEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT



Join Disciples Men of Kentucky **July 26-28** at St. Meinrad Archabbey (200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, Indiana) for their annual spiritual life retreat. The registration fee is \$50, plus \$112 per room. There will be a buffet-style meal for \$12.50 per person/per meal (Friday supper, three meals Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).

https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=94be3db4-fdae-11ee-bfc0-3a92b4ccace2

LODGING GROUP RATE FOR CCK ASSEMBLY

The 2024 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky will be held **August 1-3** in Mount Sterling. Our host churches are High Street Christian, Somerset Christian, and Mount Sterling First Christian. Childcare, lodging group rate information, voting forms, the schedule, workshop information, the preview video, and registration forms for all ages are now available on the Christian Church in Kentucky website.



<http://www.ccinky.net/resources/2024-regional-assembly/>

WOMEN'S 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). We will begin registration at 6p.m. Central on Friday, Oct. 18 and then have a relaxed social evening; on Saturday we will open registration at 9 a.m., followed by worship at 10 a.m. If you can, plan to come to the park Friday night to fellowship, enjoy the beauty of the park, and get rested for Saturday morning. You can make your lodging

reservations right now; we have cabins and hotel rooms blocked. Lodge room rates are \$105.00 a night, cottages are \$179.00 a night, and villas are \$220.00 a night. To make your lodging reservations, call 1-270-646-2151, or reserve online at parks.ky.gov/ using Group Code 4582. **September 15** will be the cutoff for reservations. More details on page 10 of *The Kentucky Christian*.

<http://www.ccinky.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/24-056-TKC-MAY-newsletter.pdf>

CLERGY NEWS

District Boundaries

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



JUNE MINISTERS MEETINGS

Summer is a great time to reconnect with colleagues and learn about new ministry opportunities. To receive connection links, email Rachel at WestAreaMinister@twc.com.

DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, June 25, at 12:00 p.m. Central
We will meet in person at Paducah First Christian (415 Audubon Dr.) and on Zoom.
(Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 2

Tuesday, June 11, at 10:00 a.m. Central
We will meet in person at Madisonville First Christian (1030 College Dr.) and on Zoom.
(Check your email for connection information.)

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, June 20, at 10:30 a.m. Central on Zoom. (Check your email for connection information.)

BI-VOCATIONAL/PART-TIME

Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
(Check your email for Zoom 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, or adult children.

Thursday, June 6, 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



BOUNDARIES TRAINING



The Christian Church In Kentucky's Faith Trust Boundaries Training offering, which is currently an online event, discusses things you need to know about ministerial boundaries. These events fulfill the Committee on Ministry's requirement for clergy boundaries training.

Registration for each event is limited to 22 participants, so choose your preferred date(s) as early as possible and use the link to register and pay online. Two trainings are currently scheduled:

Saturday, June 29, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Eastern (8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Central)

Monday and Tuesday, August 19–20, 6:30–9:30 p.m. Eastern (5:30–8:30 p.m. Central) both days

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

ANNUAL RETIRED MINISTERS & SPOUSES RETREAT



Historic Boone Tavern
Berea, Kentucky
October 14-16, 2024

A registration deposit of \$50.00 per person is needed by **August 15**.

The total cost for the retreat, including program, registration, room, and meals is \$395.00 for one person in a room, or \$575.00 for two persons in a room. Final payment of fees is due in full on or before **September 1**. A total refund is available for cancelation on or before **September 10**.

Contact Bill Schiphorst (cwilliamh2@gmail.com) or Rachel (westareaminister@twc.com) for the registration form, menus and more exciting retreat details.

MUSICIANS CORNER

First Christian Church of Russellville is seeking a **Minister of Music and Worship** to lead in our Sunday Morning Worship. For details call Dr. Larry Baker at 270-847-0894.



2024 ASSOCIATION OF DISCIPLES MUSICIANS CONFERENCE



July 22-26 at Harvard Avenue Christian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Clergy and lay musicians, connect with ADM through the [ADM Facebook Group Page](#)

<https://www.adm-doc.org>

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL INFO. FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY--WEST AREA

Total Receipts	\$14,112.27
Total Expenses	\$9,314.87
Positive Cash Flow for April	\$4,797.40
Total Operations Balance as of 4/30/24	\$101,878.21
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 4/30/24	\$9,386.10
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance	\$111,264.31

CAMP KUM-BA-YA

Total Receipts	\$19,337.06
Total Expenses	\$6,752.98
Positive Cash Flow for April	\$12,584.08
Total Operations Balance as of 4/30/24	\$32,300.24
Total Restricted Fund Balance as of 4/30/24	\$88,609.99
Total Operations and Restricted Fund Balance	\$120,910.23

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Jo Fredrick
2024 Treasurer



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who might join in our
ministries together.