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WEST AREA NEWS

A Word from the West

Mid-winter can be a challenging time of year! You know how it goes....

- always the chance of snow and ice
- it's too much trouble to get out
- everyone is tired from the holidays
- in-between time before Lent and Easter

It is possible to get into a less-than-positive frame of mind. But I think it is interesting that for everything on the list above, you can also put it in the positive column. How do we make the best of where we are and what we have in front of us?

- there is always the chance of snow and ice, so it's good to be prepared
- too much trouble to get out, so use the time well to read, visit by phone
- Thank goodness the holidays are over and we can rest up and look ahead
- It's an in-between time before Lent and Easter, so think about liminal time

How are you managing this winter? In western Kentucky we have certainly episodes of snow and ice! Although it is always difficult to get around, it does make us appreciate the arrival of warm breezes and cleansing rain. Our energy returns as we decide that we have had enough of isolation.

How is your church community doing this time of year? It may be that we have to miss out on some things due to the weather or travel during the holidays. But we know that we are still together in spirit. We have also been drawn into a difficult time as we seek to surround our brothers and sisters in Christ in Benton following a shooting at Marshall County High School. As churches, ministers and members alike find ways in which they are able to come together in prayer and support for those families who are dealing with death and injuries. Our churches are places of hope, but also places where pain can be faced and countered.

What about that liminal time thing? This is a time when we can rest in the space between commitments and calls for our involvement. Liminal time calls us to be present with God, to listen more than we talk, to design more than we discard. Liminal time is the in-between, but it is not a blank time. You are called to find your way into the next season of your life! While it might also be a Lenten discipline, I think it is refreshing to allow that winter break, the time to let our hearts and minds wander into something new and interesting in our lives.

I would love to hear what you are considering for the next couple of months in your life. I will also be dwelling in liminal space and time this next month. I am available by text, phone, Facebook, or in person around our West Area. Keep in touch, even though it's winter! Beth

West Area Café Update

We have been talking about the West Area Café for some time, and a date had been set for February 17th. However, it has been difficult to secure leaders for one date, and others have expressed concern about the date. So we are going to try something different.

Trying to think outside the box, we are going to make better use of the great technology we have available to us. We are going to morph the Café into the West Area Café podcast! Beth Dobyns will be developing this resource for us, and it will be available to everyone. Beth will be looking for subjects to cover, so feel free to send her your ideas.

What is a podcast? Here is a Google answer.

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1. 1. a digital audio file made available on the Internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device, typically available as a series, new installments of which can be received by subscribers automatically.

verb

1. 1. make (a digital audio file) available as a podcast.

We will keep you updated on this project for our Area and will give notice when it time to release our very first podcast. This may be new to some persons, and so our first efforts will be to share information about how to access, find, and manage the podcast offerings.

Important Dates Set 2018

Feb. 2-4 KY Regional Men's Chorus
General Butler State Resort
Park, Carrollton

Mar. 9-11 Women's Choral Retreat
Jeffersontown CC

**Mar. 24* Spring Spiritual Retreat@KBY
more info to come**

April 21 KY Disciples Women's
Spring Conference
Location to be determined

April 28 KY Disciples Women's
Spring Conference
Frankfort FCC

July 9-12 Quilters & Knitters Retreat
KY Leadership Center, Jabez

Check website for registration info:
www.ccinky.net

*** more info coming from CCK-West Area**

Minister Changes and Updates

Cadiz CC: **Tom Martin (Carol)** has retired as Minister after serving 40 plus years. **Mark Calvert-Rosenberger (Susan)** is serving as Interim Minister.

Hopkinsville, Liberty CC: **Kent Sullivan** is serving as Minister.

Hopkinsville FCC: **Phillip Miller (Paula)** will be serving as Interim Senior Minister beginning February 4. **Kimberly Zarley** will be serving as the Associate Minister. Sr. Minister **Nathan Brown (Marion)** has accepted a position at Sandy Springs CC, Georgia beginning Jan. 15. **Sara Fisher (Jonathan)**, Associate Minister has accepted a position as Senior Minister at Rolling Oaks CC, San Antonio, TX.

Paducah FCC: **Jamie Eubanks (Leah)** has been called to serve as Lead Minister beginning in Jan. **Bob Franz (Elizabeth)** was serving as Interim.



Camp Kum-Ba-Ya News

A Present for the Camp Office

Recently a gift was given to the West Area Office from Barbara Ridley. She also gifted First Christian Church, Madisonville with the same.

She painted these using the photo that was taken of the communion table at the vespers area during the camps 60th Birthday Party.

Ms. Ridley resides at NHC, Madisonville and is often visited by Ms. Joyce, who updates her on news of the great ministries we offer through our camp.

Thank you, Barbara Ridley!



KBY Spring Youth Work Retreat

April 21-22

No Charge!!!

Calling all Chi-Rho and CYF Youth and Youth Leaders! Come work for Saturday and stay overnight. More details soon, and the registration forms will be on the website.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya Dates

#campmatters

The KBY camp registration form is available here:

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Application.Youth-Events.pdf>

New for 2018, we have fillable forms online:

<http://www.campkumbaya.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Application-Youth-Events-pdf-fillable.pdf>

Event	Grade	Dates
Spring Work Retreat		April 21-22
Young Disciples	3	June 1-3
Junior	4-5	June 4-8
Discovery	1-2	June 8-10
CYF Sailing (limit to 15)	9-13	June 11-15
Chi Rho Sailing (limit to 15)	6-8	June 17-22
CYF	9-12	June 24-30
Chi Rho	6-8	July 2-7
All Y'all		TBA

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho Dates

The WKDH application is available here:

<http://www.ccinky.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-WKDH-Camp-Registration.pdf>

Event	Grade	Dates
Spring Work Retreat		March 16-18
Mini	3	June 1-3
CYF1	9-12	June 4-9
Eighter's	8	June 10-16
Junior1	4-5	June 18-22
Camp 101A	1-2	June 22-24
CYF2	9-12	June 25-30
Chi Rho1	6-8	July 2-7
Chi Rho2	6-8	July 9-14
Junior2 (50 ppl max)	4-5	July 16-20
Camp 101B	1-2	July 20-22
Y'all Camp		Aug. 31-Sept. 2

CYF 2018 Seminar



CYF Seminar is a mobile classroom travel experience for youth to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Together they experience

different cultures, new adventures and learn more about their faith and the history of religious pluralism in our country.

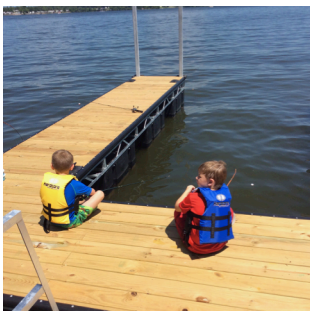
Click for more information:

<http://www.ccinky.net/ministries/ymyac/2018-cyf-seminar/>

Share the News!

Camp is available for groups besides Disciples. If you know of a Scout group, another denomination, a soccer team, a family reunion, etc., looking for a place to meet or retreat, have them call 270-821-1332.

In 2017, we had a record number of groups stay at camp – 18 days in all (including the Solar Eclipse)! Thank you, Benton FCC, Murray FCC, Owensboro FCC, Household of Faith, Gospel Tabernacle, Becky Cornwell, Kappa Fraternity and our Solar Eclipse Weekend guests. We appreciate you!



What Fun

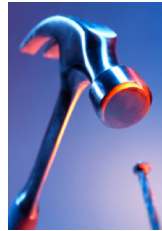


Fishing off the new dock at Camp KBY.

Work Days set for Camp KBY

Spring Work Day

April 21
8 am until...



Help get the camp ready for summer use. There are lots of things for all skill levels. Come for a couple hours, half a day or stay all day. Lunch will be provided. The project list will available soon.

Fall Work Day

October

Here we help get things ready to close up for the season. Details soon.

Fund Raising Opportunities for KBY

Amazon. Enter www.amazon.com into the search bar. Search for Christian Church In Kentucky-West Area and then log into your Amazon account. The screen should then indicate you are supporting Christian Church In Kentucky-West Area. Bookmark the site and the next time you go to purchase anything it should come up with the right page. So shop and support!

Prairie Farms Lids. Save your milk lids with the Our caps, YOUR CAUSE sticker. You can enter the numbers that are under the sticker at <https://www.prairiefarms.com/ocyc-redeemcodes/>. We are listed under Faith & Religious, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya, Benton, KY

Kroger/Ruler Foods. You can register your Kroger card and a percentage of your purchases will come back to KBY.

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"like" us on
facebook



Instagram





Be a Counselor!

Directors are currently recruiting counselors for all camps. Counseling camp is a meaningful spiritual experience and great fun!!

If you'd like to be considered for one of our weekend or week-long counselor positions, click here for the application:

[Counselor & Director Application](#)

Questions? Please contact the West Area Office [270-821-1332 or cckwaglo@bellsouth.net] to learn more.

Interested in being a Counselor in Training?

If you are at least 16 years of age, serving alongside a mentor as a Counselor in Training (CIT) might be a great way to experience counseling camp for the first time. Discovery, Young Disciples and Junior camps each have two (2) openings for CITs, and the positions do fill up quickly. So, hurry and get your form in before the April 1 deadline. Click here for more information and the form:

[CIT Application](#)

Work at Camp!

You could spend your summer at camp by serving as on-site staff at Camp KBY! We are looking for a talented, responsible person that has received certifications from the Red Cross in first aid and CPR, waterfront safety, and lifeguarding. Don't have the training? Are you willing to complete the certifications along with the Marshall County Food Handlers Class this spring? Here is the application and additional information on the position.

[On Site Job Application](#)

Help Promote Camp Kum-Ba-Ya

You and your church can help spread the word about our great camping ministry at Kum-Ba-Ya. The KBY Team has put together a variety of materials for you to help promote camp, tell others about our Summer 2018 events, and share with others that camp matters. Please share the following materials with your children and youth, church members, family, neighbors, and friends:

Click here for [Introduction to 2018 #campmatters Promotion Materials](#)

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