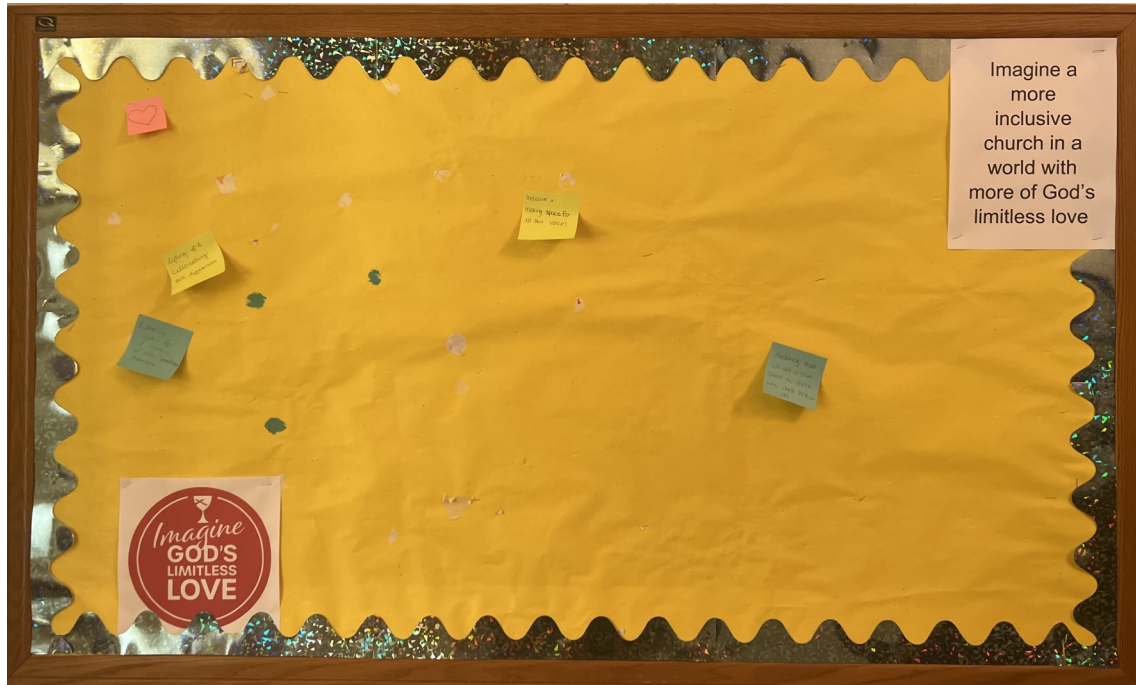


Weekly Newsletter

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FILL THE BULLETIN BOARD!

As part of our current sermon series, Pastor Tracy has challenged us as a congregation to imagine our world in many different ways—to imagine our world with more compassion, community, hope, justice, beauty, and resurrection.

Part of that challenge is a call to action; that action being—to fill in this bulletin board!

This board is located inside the entrance of the church between the 1st and 2nd floors. There are limitless post-it notes and pens available to write your

vision to fulfill the prompt: *imagine a more inclusive church in a world with more of God's limitless love.*

Some folks have already started but we need more involvement from the congregation! Tell us in your own words what a more inclusive church would look like to you.

Some things to think about: *Who would be there? How would we reach them? How might our services change? How might our ministries change?*

PRAYER LIST



We lift up these names to God, in hopes that their needs will be met:

- ◆ Rose & Elton Gudvangen
 - ◆ Harper
- ◆ Gwen Leckecmby
 - ◆ Phyllis Mead
- ◆ Rev. Lisa Smith

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES!

Below are the details of the current sermon series.

We hope that you will be able to join us for each one as we *Imagine a World* together.



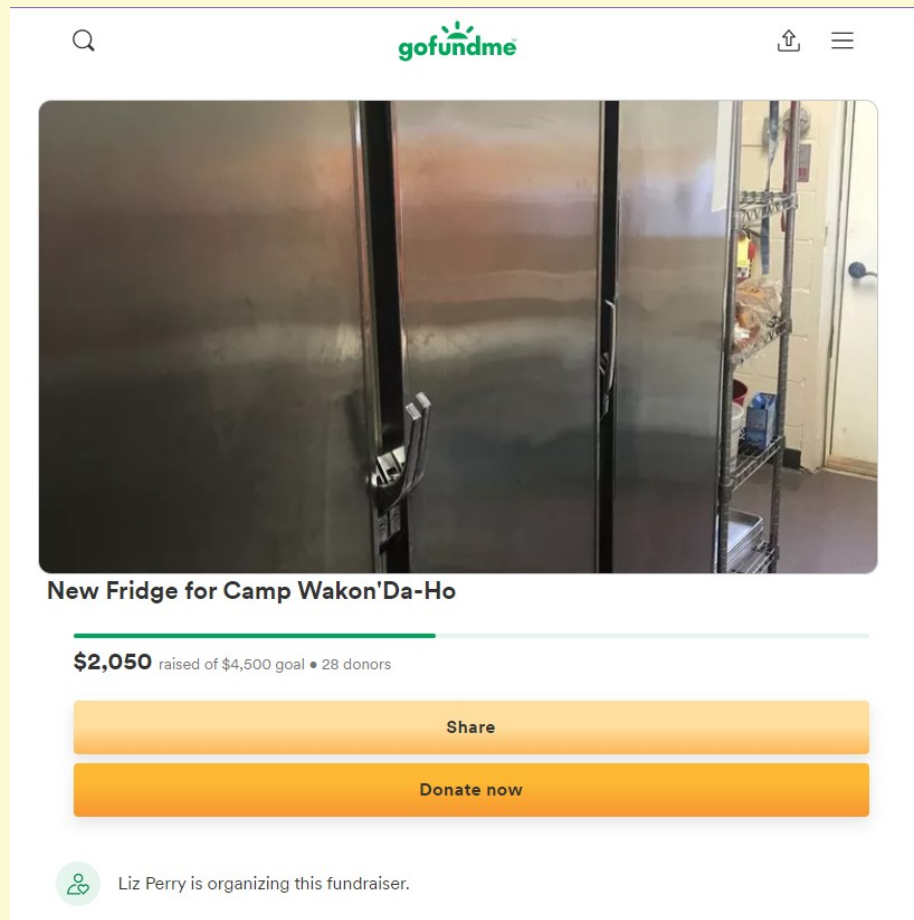
| <i>Imagine A World with More...</i> | (scripture) | (date) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Compassion | Matthew 25:31-44 | June 12, 2022 |
| Community | Acts 2:42-47 | June 19, 2022 |
| Hope | Hebrews 10:23-25 | June 26, 2022 |
| Justice | Isaiah 58:1-9 | July 3, 2022 |
| Beauty | Psalms 19:1-4 | July 10, 2022 |
| Resurrection | TBD | July 17, 2022 |

FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP WAKON'DA-HO

Liz Perry has started a fundraiser for a new fridge for Camp Wakon'Da-Ho. She says in the gofundme:

We need your immediate help! Here at Camp Wakon'Da-Ho we have a broken commercial refrigerator that needs replaced for this summer season. These refrigerators store food and cooking supplies for all of our camps. The fridge cannot be repaired so we would appreciate help raising money to cover this necessary cost.

To donate, visit the [gofundme link](#) and click on the "Donate Now" button.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FALL RETREAT

Marsha Thornton, Acting Director for Women's Ministries in Kentucky, has announced that the Disciples Women's Ministries will be hosting the Fall Retreat this year, and the theme is "Women, Get Ready... Get Set... Connect!"

The retreat will be October 15th-16th at Barren River Lake State Park. Cabins and hotel rooms have been blocked for this event, so feel free to start making your

reservations now through the lodging for the Barren River State Park.

We are also blessed to have Rev. Emily Askew, Professor at Lexington Theological Seminary, as our keynote speaker!

There will also be a silent auction that all are welcome to participate in, with all proceeds going to support the Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries events. Bring a themed basket to

enter into the auction and be prepared to bid to show your support!

Registration forms can be picked up at the back of the church sanctuary or you can register online at www.ccinky.net.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING NOTES—JUNE 2022

Last Meeting Follow-up

Cincinnati Pride - June 25th (Tracy)

Florence Christian Church is participating, we have been invited for planning. Tracy was reaching out to Florence Christian Church regarding planning.

Rev. Tracy has not received any response for participation for the Cincinnati Pride. Rev. Tracy informed Florence Christian that FCC would not join them. Rev. Tracy stated that they did not have any weddings performed during the NKY Pride event. Rev. Tracy feels that FCC needs to start earlier in advertising for the NKY event.

Open and Affirming (Tracy & Sterling)

Currently on-hold. Tracy and Sterling were reaching out to those in the congregation who have concerns. Scott Farkas recommends going forward with the process. A vote was taken to proceed. All, but one voted in favor of moving ahead the process. Rev. Tracy has a list of members to make up the committee.

Church Admin (Tracy)

Tracy was drafting a job description to create a new listing and receive applications.

Rev. Tracy is still in the process of working with Alex Gallenstein in creating a job description for the administrator position.

F.I.A.T. (Tracy)

Currently on-hold.

BLINK (Sheri)

October 13-16. Neighborhoods have not yet been determined.

Alex Gallenstein gave an update on what information she has come across concerning the event.

Arnold House (Tracy)

Called City Hall to determine if the parsonage can be rezoned for additional ministry.

Tracy reaching out to Steve Rehfuß regarding repair of the back wall.

Attic window still needs to be replaced.

Rev. Tracy stated that the Arnold House cannot be sold or used as housing. Rev. Tracy and Alex Gallenstein have looked into the possibility of using the space for "sober living." It seems that all that can be done with the space is what it is already being used for at this time. Alex Gallenstein stated she is having a difficult time finding someone to replace the window in the Arnold House.

Custodian (Tracy)

Richard is still acting as interim custodian. Applications have been received and interviews are being conducted. Richard is typically working 4-5 hours per week.

Rev. Tracy stated that there were approximately 40 applicants for the position. She has arranged multiple interviews.

Need handyman/landscaping services as well.

Bushes out back need to be trimmed.

Cathy Farkas stated that you have to be careful with trimming the hydrangea bushes. Cathy will take a look at them.

Dumpster vs Trash Can (Alex)

Should we have a dumpster instead of the trash cans?

Cans are sometimes moved by community members.

The dumpster would have to be housed on the free parking spaces that the church owns. For the time being FCC will continue with trash cans.

Holy Cow! Consulting Survey (Tracy)

Sending to the congregation late-June.

Ann Brewer stated she would have liked an additional place for comments.

New Business

Financial Secretary & Treasurer (Sheri)

Looking for someone else to take up the role of Financial Secretary & Treasurer.

Need to update signors before August for the church bank account.

Scott Farkas will replace Cyndi Baker as a signer on the FCC bank account. A vote was taken and passed with no one opposed.

Gun Control Conversation (Tracy)

In light of recent events, we would like to make the church a gun-free zone with signs that reflect such.

No sign at this time.

Adopt-A-Class 2022-2023 (Tracy)

We have participated at John G. Carlisle in the past, but stopped because of COVID. Would we like to do so again?

Will ask the congregation if they want to do this.

NOTES

Alex Gallenstein discussed no longer having the Gleam. Sterling Staggs requested that the link be sent out for the Leadership Council meetings.

Rev. Tracy brought up a general picnic at Panorama. Steve Rehfuß will be asked about a date. Rev. Tracy received a donation of hot dogs from the Free Store.

Sheri Jackson reported the following income and expenses:

April: Income \$8000, Expenses \$14000

May: Income \$12000, Expenses \$12000

\$10,000 was received in March from M&E fund for operating assistance. Another \$10,000 has been requested and should be received in June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT NAME | EVENT DETAILS |
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| Saturday, July 9th 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Honoring Linda Jones' Ministry | Location: Christian Church in Kentucky Regional Office Linda Jones, former CCK Ass. Regional Minister, retired during the pandemic and her ministry is being honored with an open house. |
| Thursday, July 14th | <u>DEADLINE</u> : Holy Cow! Congregational Survey | Members of our congregation should have already received an emailed invitation to take part in the Holy Cow! online congregational survey. Please make sure you have completed the survey before July 15th . If you have questions about the survey, please contact Pastor Tracy. |
| Sunday, July 24th 2:00 PM | FCC Book Club | The next book selection is <i>The Maid</i> by Nita Prose. Folks who would like to participate in the next book club discussion can join via Zoom on July 24th at 2:00 PM. If this will be your first book club meeting, please let the church office know of your interest so we can add you to the email list to receive the link. |
| Sun – Tues 7/24 – 7/26 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Vacation Bible School: HayDay! Growing in Friendship with Jesus | Location: Madison Avenue Christian Church At HayDay VBS, kids will be up to their elbows in farmin' fun as they explore one simple Bible truth: Jesus will always love us! |
| Sunday, July 31st 10:45 AM | Picnic and Worship! | A special event! We will be meeting to for worship at Pioneer Park instead of the church building. Once worship has concluded, box lunches will be served! |
| Thurs-Sat, 11/03-11/05 | Regional Assembly 2022 | The Regional Church of Kentucky will gather in Georgetown this fall. The Assembly team is planning for a feast of workshops, fellowship, worship, and prayer. They are also preparing a digital assembly experience for those who cannot make it to Georgetown. |

RECURRING EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT NAME | EVENT DETAILS |
|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Sundays 10:45 AM | Morning Worship | Join us in-person or from home during our live-stream! |
| Tuesdays 2:00 PM | Women's Bible Study | Join the weekly Zoom call for a prayer and Bible study session! Please contact the church office for the Zoom link if interested. |
| Saturdays 5:00 PM | Community Dinner | We prepare and serve a community dinner every Saturday and are always looking for volunteers! Contact Sheri Jackson to get involved. |

Welcome Wholly. Love Authentically. Share God's Grace

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Worship
in the Park

@ Pioneer Park
in Covington

July 31st