

Weekly Newsletter

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**WHEN FLOOD
WATERS RISE,
WE RISE UP AS
A COMMUNITY.**



Support people
impacted by the
recent floods by
making a donation at
First Christian Church.



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Items in **bold** are more heavily requested at this time.
We will update this list weekly.

- shovels
- box fans
- tents
- work boots
- clorox wipes
- camp showers
- jugs of water
- first aid kits
- heavy duty rubber gloves
- mold killing cleaners (not bleach or clorox)
- shop vacs
- tools
- plastic totes
- heavy duty extension cords
- air conditioners
- dehumidifiers



- dog and cat food
- non-perishable food
- sheets
- towels
- extra-large, heavy duty trash bags
- socks
- underwear
- sleeping bags
- mops
- wheelbarrows



**Any volunteers who are planning to travel to EKY to
volunteer to help remove debris or rebuild should be up to
date on their tetanus and hepatitis A&B vaccines.**

**Contact EKY Mutual Aid for more information regarding
volunteer opportunities.**

*Photo of dog in mud provided by Colleen Unroe

PRAYER LIST

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



- ◆ Gwen Leckecmby
- ◆ Phyllis Mead
- ◆ Rose & Elton Gudvangen
- ◆ Karen Nussbaum
- ◆ Joan Peddicord
- ◆ William Skasick
- ◆ Josef Althoff
- ◆ Correyson Wright
- ◆ Phyllis Palmer
- ◆ Frank
- ◆ Phyllis Hatton
- ◆ Dottie Wilke
- ◆ Beverly
- ◆ Bernard Howell
- ◆ Helen Ferrell
- ◆ Shane Ferrell

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES!

The book of Revelation is one of the most intriguing, most feared and least studied book of the Bible. I will be starting a sermon series this week on the book of Revelation. The series will have 7 sermons over 10 weeks. We'll break up the series a little bit on 7/31, a worship service led by

the young people in August and a work day on Labor Day weekend. I hope these breaks will give you a little time to shift our thinking about the book.

There are only 2 things that you must take away from this sermon series. First is that there is

only one revelation. Often people call it Revelations, but it is only one Revelation. Second is love wins. If you don't come away with a new found appreciation for the book, at least know that in the end the God who is love wins.



The Seven Churches	Revelation 3:1-6	July 24th, 2022
Before the Throne of God	Revelation 4-5	August 7th, 2022
The Seven Seals	Revelation 6-8	August 14th, 2022
The Seven Trumpets	Revelation 8-12	August 28th, 2022
New Heaven and New Earth	Revelation 21:1-27	September 18th, 2022
The River and Tree of Life	Revelation 22	September 25th, 2022

EKY FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE

A letter from Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II; Regional Minister regarding the Disciples' response to flooded areas.

Most counties are reporting having an overabundance of blessings and are pausing the receipt of in-kind donations unless they are for a specific request made by affected families. Organizations are being asked to procure donation requests from the centralized distribution centers before bringing any donations into the county.



Photo provided by Colleen Unroe

Local volunteers are needed at the donation and distribution centers in various counties.

To volunteer in Breathitt County, pastors/leaders can contact Jamie Mullins-Smith at (606) 233-3502 or [Sign-up Online here: https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1136989235757022055/false#/invitation](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1136989235757022055/false#/invitation). Breathitt County has been very responsive and very well organized, but with that being said, disaster response is not something they do every day, so please extend some grace as they figure things out and get volunteers organized.

Breathitt County (Jamie Mullins-Smith)

- **Need** volunteers for donation center and to inventory donations
- Extremely blessed and **do not need** any more

donations unless they are specifically asked for

- Partnered with Aspire Appalachia, working with Amazon for deliveries to distribution sites.
- Working to coordinate the donations and communicating amongst groups who have need.
- Going to reach out to Perry, Letcher, and Knott counties to try and fill needs elsewhere
- Breathitt County Disaster Response 2022 on FB

Perry County HDA (Chris Doll)

- **Needs:** box fans, camping tents (2-6 person) and air mattresses, flat bottomed shovels, rakes, wide push brooms, tarps, towels, sheets, blankets, OTC meds (advil, baby aspirin, tums)
- Consolidated all donation points into one distribution center in the old JC Penney building.
- Need more volunteers to staff the distribution center
- Foundation for Appalachian KY provided \$250 direct assistance checks to people affected by flooding
- self-reported numbers are 959 families having a total loss

Pike County (Jim Morse) and County Pine Mountain Partnership (Jeffrey Justice)

- Will be scheduling a town hall meeting to talk about crisis clean-up, Fema, and additional resources
- Hearing about some people not wanting their floors pulled up due to concerns about not having anything to put back down and concern about not being able to get homes dried out and a fear of mold
- There is still a need for some tree removals

Thank you for your prayers and the assistance you are providing to our brothers and sisters in Eastern Kentucky. I will continue to provide you with updates regarding relief efforts as I receive them.

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II
Regional Minister

SEEKING GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Provided by the [Christian Church in Kentucky](#).



- Over 21 years old
- Willing to attend General Assembly in Louisville July 29-August 1, 2023
- Willing to be in the Preschool area at GA all hours that childcare is offered
- Creative and flexible
- Someone who enjoys working with small children (birth to Pre-Kindergarten)
- Able to organize a small team of volunteers to plan activities and secure supplies
- Available for a monthly meeting (time TBD) via Zoom
- Able to pass a background check

The Local Arrangements Committee for General Assembly is being formed now, and we are looking for a lay person to direct Preschool Ministries. We are hoping you can help us find someone. The ideal candidate is:

If you know someone who meets these criteria and would be willing to consider the position, please send their name, phone number, and email address to Erin Cash (ecash@lextheo.edu) or Don Gillett (don@ccinky.net) by Friday, August 12th.

Help Change A Child's Story

Become a CASA Volunteer



To learn more attend our
CASA 101 Meeting

August 25th at 5:30 PM
Virtual via Zoom

Scan the barcode or call 859-392-1792



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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT DETAILS
Sat – Sun, 10/15-10/16	Disciples Women's Ministries Fall Retreat	Location: Barren River Lake State Park This year's theme is: "Women, Get Ready... Get Set... Connect!" Registration forms can be picked up from the church office or women can register online at ccinky.net . Folks should make lodging reservations with the state park.
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.

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