

# Weekly Newsletter

## Upcoming: Sunday School Class in September

Written by: Rev. Tracy Siegman

Sunday, September 25th, I will be leading a special one class Bible study regarding Matthew 18: 21—35 focused on The Sin of Unequal Relationships and the Money that Creates those Power Structures. This is a Bible study I wrote for a DMin class I did last fall. As we move into the fall, celebrating the abundance of the harvest, reflecting on ministries addressing poverty, beginning our church budget planning and thinking about our fall stewardship campaign, this is an opportune time for this study. The class will start at 9:30 and meet in the choir / donut room. If you are one that worships from home or unable to make that Sunday, I will offer the class again on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm via Zoom (link to come soon).

## Opinion: The Power of a Small Church

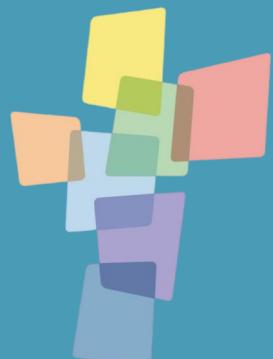
Written by Alex Gallenstein

In the most recent issue of *The Kentucky Christian*, our Regional Minister had some poignant things to say about the impact of the Church in our current society. He says,

*“Being a church of impact requires us to see the world more expansively. For years we have measured church success by numbers; the number of people on the roll, the number of people in the pews, the amounts in the offering plate, and the numbers in a church’s budget. Numbers are an important and necessary measure of growth, but there is room for us to utilize other measurements. How can we measure the impact we have on the lives of people and our communities? Let’s move beyond the quantitative understanding of growth and influence. A church of twelve can have a major impact on its community through outreach and presence. If you only look at the numbers, you might say this faithful remnant is a dying church. Yet through their ministries, these twelve people impact and bring new life to hundreds.”*

If this doesn't describe our church to a "T", then I don't know what does. A day doesn't go by that I am not proud to call this church my home because of the impact we have in the community.

Thank you for keeping the needs of people always at the center of what we do.

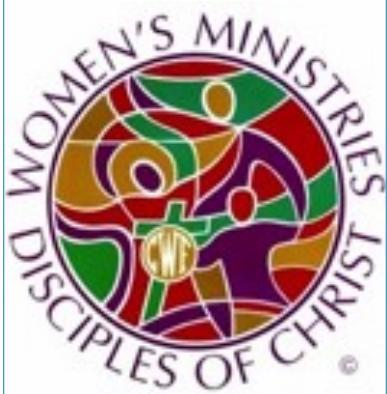


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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Registration for the KY Disciples Women's Ministries 2022 Retreat
- Registration for the biennial Regional Assembly & Workshops Available
- Eastern Kentucky Donation Delivery & Ministry Update
- Leadership Council Meeting Minutes from 08/21/2022



## KY Disciples Women's Ministries 2022 Fall Retreat

The KY Disciples Women's Ministries 2022 Fall Retreat is coming up this October 15-16 at Barren River Lake State Park.

If you are planning to attend, lodging arrangements must be made no later than **Monday, September 5th**. There is a block of rooms and cabins at the state park that have been reserved for

this event, but each person is responsible for reserving their own room within the block.

The completed registration form and \$35 registration fee should be submitted no later than **Friday, September 30th**.

Scholarships are available; interested persons should apply through the regional office.

*“...registrations should be completed no later than October 12th.” - Christian Church in Kentucky Regional Assembly*

### Regional Assembly Workshops:

- Creation Care / Green Chalice
- Chaplaincy
- Using Outreach and Intergenerational Worship to Grow a Small Church
- Mental Health
- Prayer
- Elders
- Health, Wellness, and Thriving: Lilly Endowment Projects
- Knowing Your Identity
- Reconciliation Ministries and New Church Ministries

### Christian Church in Kentucky Regional Assembly

Join us November 3rd—5th for the biennial Regional Assembly at First Christian Church in Georgetown. It's been 4 years since we last gathered in-person, and though not everyone will be able to physically gather at The Welcome Table, there will still be a place for you virtually. Don't let the many distractions of life prevent you from being a part of this great event!

**Registration for folks who need childcare should be completed no later than October 5th. All other registrations should be completed no later than October 12th.** Use the QR code to access the online registration, visit [ccinky.net](http://ccinky.net) to register, or take a registration form from the back of the sanctuary.

A block of rooms are on hold at the Sleep Inn in Georgetown, KY. The rooms are \$95/night for two adults. Children are free and additional adults are \$10. To contact the hotel and reserve your room, call the hotel at (502) 735-4714.





*Jacob Mack-boll (left) and Pastor Tracy (right) at the donation center in Whitesburg.*

## **Eastern Kentucky Donation Delivery!**

*Written by Rev. Tracy Siegman*

Joe, Sam, Mo Mo and I loaded up the SUV and headed down to Eastern Kentucky on Sunday after worship service. We collected tents, shovels, saws, fans, paper towels, cleaning supplies, diapers, baby food, and jugs of water. We also collected nearly \$200 in cash donations. Thank you all for your generous response to the needs and requests of those recovering from the devastating floods.

We made a quick drop off and got back in the car to head home. It was a long day and a long drive but the ministry we delivered on your behalf was well worth the effort.



### **EKY Ministry Update**

We will only be making one more trip down to EKY to deliver physical donations, however your monetary donations can be sent at any time!

If you'd like to donate financially, there are several places that we have vetted where you can send funds. You can trust that the money sent to these groups will either be donated directly to families in need or used for the recovery process of cleaning & rebuilding:

- **EKY Mutual Aid**
  - PayPal & Venmo—@ekymutualaid
  - CashApp—\$ekymutualaid
- **KFTC** ([bit.ly/EKYMutualAidFlood](https://bit.ly/EKYMutualAidFlood))
- **Week of Compassion** (<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html>)
- **The Hindman Settlement School Flood Relief** (<https://hindman.org/>)
- **Appalshop** (<https://appalshop.org/>)
- **Team EKY Flood Relief Fund**—run by the State Governor's office (<https://secure.kentucky.gov/FormServices/Finance/EKYFloodRelief>)

## Did You Know...?

All Leadership Council meetings are open and **anyone from the congregation can join** the meeting to give their ideas or opinions regarding the decisions being made.

We want to encourage you to join us next month, so the Leadership Council can continue to operate in open transparency and honesty!

Our next meeting will be virtual, via Zoom, on September 18th. Be on the lookout for an email from our church office with the link for the call once we are closer to the date.

**Not getting our emails?** Contact the church office and update your information so you can stay in-the-know!

# Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

## from 08/21/2022

### AGENDA

#### Last Meeting Follow-up

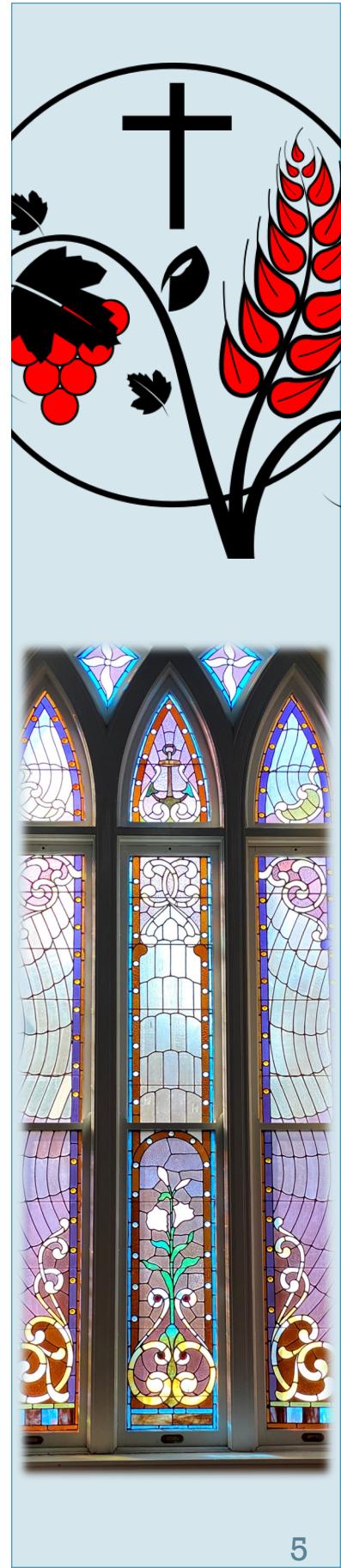
- Open and Affirming
  - ◊ The first meeting was on Monday, July 25th.
  - ◊ Met once according to Ann. Discussing what needed to be done and things to read. This is through the State Disciples. Tracy is having lunch with the Florence minister to discuss their experience on Thursday, August 25.
- BLINK
  - ◊ We have signed up to participate in the parade. Still waiting for confirmation.
- Arnold House
  - ◊ Steve has finished repairs including the mortar. Painting over the mortar is the next project.
  - ◊ Attic window replacement has been ordered and Home Depot will install it. Tracy stopped by Home Depot, but no one was at the window department.
  - ◊ Donut room project still being worked on.
- Financial Secretary & Treasurer
  - ◊ Sheri is still making bill payments. A new process has not yet been determined. A replacement for Sheri is still being sought (2 people, a new Financial Secretary and a New Treasurer). Will be reviewed during the next couple of meetings. Ann was asked to consider one of the people; Ann would need more information. Scott was asked and Scott said no.
  - Building Care
    - ◊ The wedding arch was taken down.
    - ◊ Lex has been invited to meet members and plans to in the future. She is doing a great job.
    - ◊ Was the glass door handle ever tightened? Yes
    - ◊ Have there been further incidents of doors being left ajar? No
    - ◊ There have been no further issues with chapel lights being turned off.
    - ◊ Pipe inspection/cleaning for boiler for winter month to prevent boiler fire? This will be forwarded to Jamie Nessbaum-Loveless, New Property Manager for the Church. Tracy will connect with her soon to discuss property items.
    - ◊ Focus on future building care items will be forwarded to the Property Manager.
  - New Business
    - Alex will work with Tracy to create a current structure vs new structure and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

## Leadership Council Meeting Minutes Cont'd

- Undie Sunday to support Florence Christian Church
  - ◊ The Shower Ministry provides guests with a warm shower, coffee, snacks, and the ability to have two outfits dropped off to be laundered and picked up the next day. 1x/week a nurse provides medical exams and referrals. 2x/month HIV/ Hep C screen-ings are provided.
  - ◊ They are asking for underwear donations, of all sizes and genders, and volunteers.
  - ◊ Items to be collected for October 30 distribution date.
  - ◊ Tracy will meet with the Ministry Thursday.
- Salary Redesignation
  - ◊ Redesignate salary (Salary to Housing) to maximize tax benefits. Vote required by LC so that it is documented in official records.
  - ◊ Vote Results:
    - ◆ Sterling presented the motion; Ann second the motion.
    - ◆ Unanimously approved by Leadership Council
  - ◆ **2022 Salary Redesignation beginning August 2022**  
Health Insurance  
Premium \$1,638.96  
Healthcare Savings Acct  
\$1,200.00  
Mileage reimbursement  
Books \$300.00
- Conf & Cont Ed  
\$1,000.00  
Pension \$6,570.90  
Housing \$20,000.00  
Salary \$26,935.00  
Total Package \$57,645
- Holy Cow Data Meeting  
August 22 at 7 PM
  - ◊ Executive Summary will be in future newsletter
- Porta John 3:16 Ministry
  - ◊ Our Rumpke servicer told us that there is too much trash being thrown in the porta potty, and that we need to have it emptied twice per week or have another porta potty placed.
  - ◊ Alex suggested plastic bags for soiled clothes that are being left inside the porta potty. A talk with Rumpke will be done this week.
  - ◊ Our current grant money does not cover this need. We will need either a new grant or a fundraiser to cover this cost.

### Post Meeting

- Next meeting September 18th at 7pm



## Recurring Events:

**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! Contact the church office for the Zoom link if interested.*

**Saturdays 5:00 PM**

Community Dinner

*We prepare and serve a community dinner weekly and always need volunteers! Contact the church office if you're interested!*

## Upcoming Events

⇒ **Sunday, September 18th 7:00 PM**

Leadership Council Meeting

*All members of the congregation are invited to join!*

⇒ **Sunday, September 25th 9:30 AM**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

*A special one class Bible study regarding Matthew 18: 21—35 focused on The Sin of Unequal Relationships and the Money that Creates those Power Structures.*

⇒ **Saturday—Sunday, October 15-16**

Disciples Women's Ministries 2022 Fall Retreat

*This year's theme is: "Women, Get Ready... Get Set... Connect!"*

⇒ **Thursday—Saturday, November 3-5**

Biennial Regional Assembly

*The Christian Church in 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.*

**Thank you for reading this week's newsletter!**

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