

March 14, 2023



In Our *Prayers*

Please remember these friends in prayer:

Ukraine
LaRue Ingram
Marilyn Storm
George & Dean Lunsford
Rae-Jean Burke

Andrew Orr's father
Mary Francis Hedrick (Prayers are much appreciated.)
John Pratt
Tom Johnson, son of TJ Johnson

New Beginnings

This summer is a wonderful opportunity to attend General Assembly. Every other year, congregations across the continent get together in one centralized location and meet to conduct the business of our denomination. Each church gets to send delegates, and those delegates get to vote on various items that shape and mold the denomination in who we are, and who we will become. The theme this year for the General Assembly happening in Louisville, Kentucky, will be the “Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us.” General Assembly is not just for clergy, and there will be lots of events and activities, mission and service projects, workshops, and amazing worship services. It is a remarkable time.

The General Church that oversees our denomination does more than host a meeting every other year. This is where we discover Disciples Home Missions, Higher Education, the Christian Church Foundation, and many other ministries that we support come together and are connected through the General Church. One of those in particular, the Disciples Church Extension, is a ministry that helps churches to grow, to dream, and also helps churches to invest in their future. They offer a program called New Beginnings, which is kind of like a consulting ministry that goes to churches and helps them to take a close look at themselves and provides the tools to revision who they are as church. The WOCC Administrative Committee has elected to bring the New Beginnings program to Western Oaks to help us plan for our future. The group will send in a consultant to analyze who we are and the ministries we are engaged in and also provide statistical information of our surrounding community. Then they will help us to set up our own discussion groups within the church and help us to facilitate these listening groups that will help us to look at the wonderful opportunities awaiting for us down the road. The consultant’s first visit will be on April 20th, and I am excited to begin a process of looking to the future of WOCC with you.

Blessings,

Daniel

REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023
in Louisville, Kentucky
JULY 29 – AUGUST 1



The 2023 General Assembly is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship with God, as individuals and as a part of God’s community through an expansive gathering of the church in Louisville. God’s limitless imagination holds so many possibilities for our church.

Join us July 29-August 1, 2023 for worship, workshops, Bible study, a Louisville, mission project, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, and adults across the life of the church.

If you are planning to attend the general assembly and want to be a delegate, please call the church office as soon as possible.



There's a new addition to our Library! Several of our Members and Church Friends have left Picture Puzzles to share with everyone. There are 500 piece and larger with various subjects. You will find these puzzles on the 3 or 4 shelves by our church reference books. There is not a "check-in or check-out list", so take a puzzle to put together with friends and family.

There's always room for one more, so please bring any extra puzzles you might like to share.

It takes a tribe, and lots of helpers...

Jim, I want you to know all your hard work does not go unnoticed and you are greatly appreciated. For those unaware, Jim is at the church almost every day during the week sweeping, taking out trash, and doing a variety of tasks to keep our beautiful church clean and ready to welcome you on Sundays. Please give him a big thank you for all of his volunteer work. Hopefully we will hire a new custodian soon.

Aidan and Liam sacrificed a small part of their Spring Break to help build a new top for the Sound Booth instead of replacing it with the same old top. The old roll top to the sound booth had been replaced a couple times. When it gets warm in the sanctuary, or something is placed on top it, the top would begin to sag and pull out of the track. I trusted the boys with power tools and together we built a new top. If this one begins to sag then we really have problems.

Daniel

For the last several years, the PC Schools Outreach subcommittee, along with those in the WOCC congregation making additional donations, has provided the cast and crew of PC West's spring musical with lunch on its dress rehearsal day. This year's production was "Little Shop of Horrors" and it was a fantastic show. Such talent. On the back page of the program, WOCC was given a special thanks along with others.


For your information, West has the following upcoming events.

April 17 - PCW Percussion Ensembles Concert;
May 2 - PCW Spring Choir Concert;
May 9 - PCW Orchestra Spring Concert.

Check the PC West website for details, and support these hard-working student actors, actresses, and musicians by attending one of their events.

Pat Brown





**CHURCH
YARD
WORK**

**March 25
Saturday
9:00am - Noon**

Bring your yard tools for an all church yard cleaning day. We can use rakes, shovels, hoes, etc. to make our church lawn look beautiful for Easter. Everyone can help with these projects!



Messy Church will return
with our next
fellowship dinner.

Western Oaks Christian Church



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching. Saturday, April 8th, 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. We will have Egg Hunts by grade levels, crafts, cotton candy, hot dogs, games and more!!

Your help is needed to distribute eggs at the Easter Egg Hunts and with various activities! We appreciate your help!! We will meet at 10:15a.m. to set up for the Easter Egg Hunts. All the children enjoy the various activities!!

If you are able to help with any of the activities, especially distributing eggs, please contact Julia Jordan Gillett.



Vacation Bible School

Coming June 12 – 15!



MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Julia and 5 youth are going on the mission trip to Fort Worth, Texas in July. We will participate in a **rummage sale** with New Covenant Christian Church at the beginning of June. The proceeds will help pay for food and gas for the vans. Please help our youth by saving new or gently used items to put in the sale. The deadline for donations is Wednesday, June 1 at New Covenant.



Time to start thinking about Church Camp!

Discount Rates are Feb 5-April 23. Regular Rates go in effect April 24-May 15 (Deadline)

Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8): June 5-9

Discount Rate: \$403

Regular Rate \$475

Discovery Camp (grades 2-3): June 23-25

Discount Rate: \$175

Regular Rate: \$225

CYF Conference (grades 9-12): June 19-24

Discount Rate: \$429

Regular Rate: \$500

Junior Camp (grades 4-5): June 26-30

Discount Rate: \$307

Regular Rate: \$380



Church Staff

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Daniel U'Ren
 Associate Minister: Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett
 Music Director: Andrew Orr
 Pianist: Rosa McCroskey
 Praise Band Leader: Ben Frantz
 Praise Band: Natalie Griffin and Zach Jones
 Nursery Attendant: Janet Harper
 Admin Assistant: Cindy Cannon
 Sound Technician:

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PRAYER BREAKFAST

Don't Forget! Elders are meeting for prayer breakfast the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
 Next month we meet Wednesday, April 4 and Wednesday April 18.

Attendance	Vimeo Live	Facebook Live	Facebook Live Daniel's	YouTube	TOTAL online Worship	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL on campus Worship	Giving	General	Blessing Fund
2/26/2023	3	29	**	1	33	15	49	64	2/26/2023	\$8,659.	\$55
3/5/2023	3	48	25	1	77	16	50	66	3/5/2023	\$2,686	\$30

*Online attendance taken from respective website reports of number of times the video is viewed on each website.

** Technical difficulty prevented online worship.

“Loving God, Serving our Neighbor”



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