

## THE WEEKLY

JULY 4, 2023

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day
Church Office closed

Wednesday, July 5

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, July 6

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers

Sunday, July 9

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

#### **BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY**



This Sunday, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service, we'll celebrate the baptisms of:

Patton Barlow-Fiero Grae Percio Hampdyn Percio

These youth were all a part of this year's Pastor's Class. Join us as we give thanks to God for these three youth making such an important decision. God bless you, Patton, Grae, and Hampdyn!

SUNDAY, July 9
Mustard Seed Faith
Mark 4:30-32

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

### DOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LOUISVILLE

Our denomination's national gathering, the General Assembly, will take place this summer in Louisville. It's a time of worship, learning, and sacred community. You're welcome to join us! You can register and find more information at www.ga.disciples.org.

# YOUTH AND CHILDRENS MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES!

July 21st - Friday Night Youth Fellowship! July 23rd - Chi Rho Mission Trip Departs for Asheville, NC

July 28th - Chi Rho Mission Trip arrives home

July 30th - Wake Up with Wallace

August 1st - Welcoming incoming 6th Graders Field Trip

August 6th - Stockholders' Appreciation Dinner August 13th - Blessing of the Backpacks/Youth Partent Informational Meeting

August 20th - Back to School Bash

August 27th - Youth Group Kick-Off Meeting

#### CAMPERS LOVE MAIL

This week, the following youth will be at Chi Rho 1 Camp. Please consider sending them a card or note of encouragement!

Will Adamson

Desmond Lakin

Mail should be sent to: Camp Wakon'Da-Ho 7900 E KY-70 Yosemite, KY 42566

### **CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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### **Joys and Concerns**

- **MEMBERS**: Joe Clark, Jo Fulkerson, Alma Kidd, Family and friends of Traci Letcher, Jeanna Ott, Family and friends of Skip Redmond, Family and friends of Dotty Williams
- <u>FAMILY</u>: Blake and Cody Brewster (nephews of James Pelfrey), Dan Carey (brother-in-law of Libby Wachtel), Family of Geri Faris (sister of Sandi Smith), Family of Bill Lindsay (brother-in-law of Dave Miller), Ellie Michaels (granddaughter of Sue Michaels), Mack Ramsey (grandson of Mitzi Ramsey), John Schiano (father of Steph Wallace), Donna Smith (sister-in-law of Mitchell Smith)
- FRIENDS: Family and friends of Ben Cowherd (of Andrea Nielsen), Family and friends of Paul David

  Jett (of Dabney Parker), Erin Laswell and Casey Rusher (of Crestwood), Jeremy Vannoy (of Andrea

  & Peter Menner), Family and friends of Guy Waldrop (of Crestwood), Jacob Whitt (of Libby Wachtel)
- <u>ARMED FORCES</u>: Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Bowman Gardner),

  Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Daniel Day (grandson of John and Carol Royse and son of Tracy
  Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John
  Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in law & son of David and Pam Sigler), Dalcus
  Sparks (nephew of Andrea Back)
- <u>HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS</u>: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Faye Cooper, Jacqueline Lindsey, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas
- <u>OUR WORLD COMMUNITY</u>: We pray for the victims & loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center & their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local & national leaders, for those affected by COVID & natural disasters, & for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

### SERMON SERIES - THE KIN-DOM OF GOD: WITHIN US, AMONG US

The theme for the 2023 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is "Kindom of God: Within us, Among Us." As Rev. Yvonne Gilmore, Associate General Minister and Interim Administrative Secretary for the National Convocation, wrote: "'Kin-dom' is not a spelling error or a replacement for the word kingdom. It's a way of connecting the 'kin' that God makes and expanding our imagination about Jesus."

In the last few years, violent political radicalization, a literal plague, and cascading natural disasters have all served to deepen fractures in our faith communities and bodies of belonging. We are much more likely to imagine our neighbor as our enemy than as our kin in the body of Christ. By dwelling on what it means to be the Kin-dom of God, we invite the Holy Spirit to once again reorient us around the True Love which saves and liberates and unites us all. Remember what Paul taught the church in Ephesus: "Now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household." We became God's household because Christ came and dwelled amongst us, bringing the Kindom of God near. Christ's power and presence is not diminished! The Kin-dom of God is here.

For our summer sermon series, we'll join with other Disciples churches across the country to learn what it means to be the Kin-dom of God. Join us as we seek to live out our call to be the one body of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

July 9 - Mark 4:30-32 - The parable of mustard seed

July 16 - Psalm 33:13-19 - God watches over us

July 23 - 2 Peter 1:1-11 - God has given us everything we need

July 30 - General Assembly Sunday

