



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July, 2006

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10:55 AM: Worship

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Challenge Gift Points Toward A Bright "Future of the Faith"

The campaign to make certain our Midway Christian building is in good shape has simmered for years. It has now taken concrete shape. With one extraordinary gift (given anonymously), the church has made a giant step toward our minimum \$255,000 goal. This gift will be \$50,000 to begin with. Then a second and a third \$50,000 will be given to match our donations, dollar for dollar (total matching funds \$100,000).

The effort has been spearheaded by Bob Rouse and committee, including John Batts, Phil Burchell, Jim Hoppin, Jim McDaniel, Jack Morgan, Dan Roller, Bob Settlemire, Jeanne Sturgill, and others.

Areas included are: paying off the debt for Fellowship Hall heating/ac unit (\$60,000), replacing ancient heating/ac for sanctuary and basement (\$55,000), modernizing sanctuary electrical system (\$5,000), repairing exterior brick work (\$80,000), replacing/painting cornices and window casings (\$45,000) and improving front entrance (\$10,000). Total cost is \$255,000.

Some members—prior to the one generous gift—have been most creative, including: Jim Leer—cooking up a post-worship dinner that created several hundred dollars; Amy Perry and Anne Burford have spearheaded the Midway Treasures Auction, set for July 15; Jeannie Hill has offered to perform landscape work; Ouita Michel is reheating a proven recipe for success—the menu from the Thanksgiving Market.

Everyone's gift will count toward meeting the magnificent challenge. What is most important is that each person who is part of the community of Midway Christian Church examine him or herself to determine how you will be part of this great endeavor.

This is our shared future—the Future of the Faith!

Welcome Our New Pianist

Ainsley Wagoner began June 25, 2006

Ainsley began her ministry with us in June as our new pianist. She is a voice major at the University of Kentucky. Ainsley has been substitute pianist at Victory Christian Church, where she is a member, accompanist for Lafayette Girl's Choir and rehearsal accompanist at Christ Church.

We are very excited to have her on our staff. Please welcome Ainsley to Midway Christian Church!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$149,700.00
Received to date : \$124,697.25

A Pastoral Word

WHAT TO EXPECT

- - - *Robert S. Stauffer*

I've often felt we should talk about what you might expect from a minister. I write this, of course, as you are nearing the end of your interim period, and anticipate a new "settled pastor" and a new era in the life of Midway Christian Church. (Many thanks, in part, to Linda McKiernan-Allen, a faithful Interim Pastor, for ideas expressed here.)

Ministry in the Christian Church is very definitely a "general" vocation...one in which creative planning, visitation, building relationships, and promotion are all part of daily life. It includes meeting with people in a wide diversity of venues, dealing with people in times of laughter and joy, as well as in times of sickness and loss of life.

What is it you can reasonably expect of your minister? A) You can expect a minister **to be with you through the tough times and the high moments**. Of course, a significant part of this involves making sure the pastor knows about these moments. It is important—really important—to let your pastor know about upcoming surgery or hospitalizations, or any desire to get better acquainted. I continue to be in the office late mornings and in the afternoons, Monday through Thursday.

B) **Encouragement**—You can expect a pastor will eagerly **encourage your growth in the faith**, through engagement in small groups, through worship leadership and preparation.

C) **Challenge**—You can expect your pastor **to challenge you**—through **sermons**, through workshops and articles, through urging your participation in **retreats and camps**.

D) You can also expect your minister to

pray with you and for you. It is important to me, to continue praying for each one of you...as I trust you do for your brothers and sisters in church life.

What do you expect from a minister?

Glad to serve as your Interim Pastor, Midway Christian!

- Bob

Calling All Pledge Cards

The sooner you return your Future of the Faith pledge card (by mail or dropped in the plate), the sooner your gift will be matched by a generous donor. Pledges can be fulfilled immediately or paid in installments over three years. Please return your card this week! If you have questions, call Bob Rouse :859-846-5252.

Children's Ministry

Camp Wakon' - Da-Ho

Camping Notes from Noelle Gruzesky

Camp was awesome! We did a lot of fun activities. Every night we had an activity; like water games, or the amazing race. My favorite part of camp was when we would stay up late after "lights out" and talk.

When you go to camp you have a lot of fun, but you also learn a lot about God. You learn songs, and you read scriptures. You say a prayer before every meal, and the food at camp is so good.

If you didn't go to the camp this year, then go next year, because it is so much fun. You will have the best time at camp. It teaches you about God, and how to work as a team. You will make the most friends there in one day at church camp than in one week anyplace else!

So I really encourage you to go to camp.



Adventure of the Treasure Seekers—Vacation Bible School A Big Hit



Midway Presbyterian and Midway Christian hosted VBS with an attendance of about 30 children and numerous volunteers.



Children had fun learning about Bible promises and hunting for treasure. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who participated!



Camp Wakon' - Da-Ho

Abby & Liz—Their last year at Camp Wakon' - Da-Ho



Abby Goodan



Liz Perry

Community News

Midway Treasures
Auction
Saturday, July 15, 2006
10:00 a.m.
 (preview 8:00 a.m.)
 Corner of Bruen and Gratz Streets
 Midway Christian Church (DOC) Fellowship Hall
 (859) 846-4102

Thanks to all who have donated items or given financial sponsorship for the auction. Our expenses for the fund-raiser itself are now covered; money made on Saturday, July 15 will go straight to the Future of the Faith campaign. What a blessing that is!

We need many friendly faces and strong backs for the weeks before the auction and the day of the sale.

There is a job for everyone! This auction is doing more than making money for the church; it is bringing us all together for a common cause. Come on and join in by calling the church office (859-846-4102) or mailing in the information below.

Mark your calendar for the “*Celebration Dinner*” and auction wrap-up on Sunday, July 23 at 6:30 pm. Pat and Charles Wilson’s daughters will be cooking for the church that evening; donation bowls for the groceries will be on the tables. After eating, a silent auction *could* be set up for any left-over auction items.

Name _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

____ I have things to donate; please call me! _____ I can help move donations before the auction.

____ I can help organize items the week of July 10. _____ I will be there on auction day (list here the best type of job for you):

Mission News and Notes

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of cold cereals, fruit juices and peanut butter.



Our goal is to provide the Food Pantry with a monthly donation equal to one item from each church member each week.

This is a great way we can help others in need!

Backpack Project

The Missions Committee is assisting the Woodford Co. Extension Homemakers and the Woodford County 4-H program in collecting donations for our community backpack project.



An estimated 300 students in Pre-school through 12th grade will not have the required items to start school. The estimated cost for supplies and backpacks is at least \$60.

For questions, contact June Mitchell at 859-846-4219. Please make checks payable to: Woodford Co. Extension Homemakers.

Haiti Mission Trip Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the kids in Haiti. The shoes and socks and other great treats were well received by the 28 kids that you helped.

My trip was wonderful. We finished up a VBS that another team had started. It is amazing that these kids are so strong for the Lord. They couldn't wait for the time to start the morning singing, praying and loving God.

The kids are happy and healthy. Their recent move from Croix de Bouquet, to the mountainous area of Ft. Jacques has been a great change. The city was much hotter and more dangerous. The mountainous home is much cooler and the kids have less stress. They still live, eat, play, have school and church all in one area but they are secure. Sometimes Debbie takes them into town with her but otherwise they stay in the house and surrounding area. They do have an area to play soccer, which they enjoy. We taught them to play t-ball, which they hadn't played before. At first, the language barrier was somewhat difficult, they speak French-Creole, we didn't. But after showing them how to play, we ended up playing for two hours.

Life in Haiti is harsh but the love of God that shines in these people is amazing. We had a church service in Balan, a small village in the desert area of Haiti, I was most impressed with there offering, these people who live in mud huts and miles to go to make money, gave freely. This impressed me in the fact that we can place an offering in the tray without thinking about it, but these people work for there coins. God blesses all who give to him and his children.

Thank you in Christ,

Mary Helfenberger (Sharon and Phil Burchell's daughter)

Mission Night

Wednesday, July 19

The next mission night will be Wednesday, July 19, 2006. The Cabinet will meet at 5:45 pm and the Committee's will meet at 6:30 pm. Childcare is provided.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Meals On Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of June 26:

Gloria Batts, Pat Settemire, Priscilla Crutcher, Marjorie Diamond, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson



Hope Center—Women



The Missions Committee is planning a meal this fall for the 75+ residents of the Women's Hope Center in Lexington. Please contact Wilda at wawc40@yahoo.com or 753-0855 if you are interested in assisting with the planning and/or preparation of this meal.

Board News and Notes

Officers of the Church Board

Adele Dickerson, *Chairperson of the Board*
 Phil Burchell, *Vice-Chairperson of the Board*
 Amy Perry & Ouita Michel, *Co-Secretaries*
 Jack Morgan, *Treasurer*
 Rhonda Rankin, *Financial Secretary*
 Virginia Ballenger, *Assembly Delegate*
 John Batts, *Historian*

2006/2007 Ministry Budget

Salaries	\$81,645.90
Administration	\$ 8,300.00
Education	\$ 1,900.00
Children's Ministry	\$ 400.00
Property	\$27,000.00
Supplies	\$ 300.00
Worship	\$ 3,000.00
Debt Service	\$ 3,300.00
Grounds	\$ 1,200.00
District 5	\$ 200.00
Assembly	\$ 2,000.00
Petty Cash	\$ 400.00
Missions	<u>\$12,100.00</u>
Total Budget	\$141,545.90

Incoming Elder

(service through June, 2009)
Unanimous election, 36 votes
 Jim Hoppin

Incoming Deacons

(service through June, 2009)
Unanimous election, 36 votes

Elder Emeritus

Unanimous election, 36 votes
 Jack Morgan

Gloria Batts	Virginia Ballenger
Wilda Caudle	Jeanne Sturgill
Etta Manor	

Worship News and Notes

There
 Will
 be
 NO
 Board
 Meeting
 in
 July

Acolyte Schedule

July 2 —Gregory Watson	Sept. 3 —Sam Hatfield
July 9 —Sam Hatfield	Sept. 10 —Noelle & Faith Gruzesky
July 16 —Faith & Noelle Gruzesky	Sept. 17 —Clay Rouse
July 23 —Clay Rouse	Sept. 24 —J.T. Batts
July 30 —J.T. Batts	
August 6 —Steele Rouse	
August 13 —Franklin Watson	
August 20 —Jordan Batts	
August 27 —Gregory Watson	

Community News and Notes

July Birthdays



- 7/4 Jennifer Godby
7/6 Adele Dickerson
Charles S. Wilson
7/9 Pat Settlemire
7/10 Ann Horn
7/12 Donnie Hilton
7/13 Anna Kinnamon
Jim Hoppin
Rick Devers
Mary Beth Rouse
7/19 Allen Kirkwood
7/21 Trae Noel
Rick Caudle
Jim Nance
7/23 Elizabeth Rye
7/24 Lily E. Kesten
7/25 Victoria Deacon
Jessie Lee Nichols
7/29 Steele Rouse
7/30 Sherman Columbia
Matthew Curtis
7/31 Dorothy Gordon
William Drake

Anniversaries



- 7/2 Charles & Jessica Kellerhals
7/3 Jim & DeeDee Roach
Chuck & Patti Wilson
7/6 Buddy & Gertrude Johnson
7/18 Carl & Brenda Rollins
7/25 Leighton & Marlene Riddle

Kentucky Regional Assembly

“Living into the Vision” is the theme of our Regional Assembly, to be held September 14-16 at the Clarion Hotel in Louisville.



The Regional Assembly is a time for inspirational worship, great fellowship, wonderful speakers, and enrichment of our faith. We will hear from Rev. Don Gillette II of East Second Street Christian Church in Lexington, Dr. Daisy Machado, Dean of Lexington Theological Seminary, and Rev. Sharon Watkins, GMP of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Regional Assembly is a time for developing new relationships and for learning more about who we are as Disciples of Christ. It is a time for growth in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

See Adele Dickerson or Bob Stauffer for more information.

New General Minister



At the annual meeting in May, the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky selected the Reverend J. Gregory Alexander as General Minister of the Kentucky region. Greg has been Acting-General Minister for the past eighteen months. He will provide support and care to the 241 congregations and 525 pastors who make up the Christian Church in Kentucky. Greg has previously held pastorates in Indiana and Iowa, and has been involved with the Kentucky region for over a decade.

We hope that many Midway Christian members will be able to travel the short distance to Louisville to share in Greg's installation at the closing of the Kentucky Regional Assembly, on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Work Day

The next church work day will be **Saturday, July 8 at 9 am**. We will be painting the church office, Pastor's office and the Worship and Wonder room downstairs. We will need lots of volunteers to get this done! There is a job for everyone. If you would like to help, please contact Adele Dickerson.



Elders

Meeting

July 30, 6:00 pm

The Elders will meet Sunday, July 30, 2006 at 6 pm.

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