

# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August, 2006

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Joan Schlesing**

*Student Associate*

**Melissa Langley**

*Music Director*

**Ainsley Wagoner**

*Pianist*

**Rhonda Rankin**

*Secretary*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*



## New Pastor Called To MCC—

*Rev. Heather McColl*

At a congregational meeting on July 9, 2006, the congregation of Midway Christian Church joyfully extended a call to the Reverend Heather McColl to be Pastor of MCC. She will begin her ministry on August 4.

Heather is married to Rev. Mike McColl, who previously served as Student Associate at Midway and is now at Crestwood Christian Church.

Rev. McColl holds degrees from Appalachian State University and Lexington Theological Seminary. She has served as Resident Minister at Central Christian Church in Lexington, and as Director of Development at LTS.

We enthusiastically welcome Heather and Mike into the Midway Christian Church family.

## Midway Treasures Auction Report

Well, it's over. The first MCC auction has come and gone, but we have many fond memories to go with our sore muscles and tired brains. It was loads of work, but loads of fun too. All of the donations have resulted in over \$11,000 going straight to the Future of the Faith building renovation fund. That's a lot of \$\$\$\$\$!

On Sunday, July 23, we had a Celebration Dinner. What did we celebrate? Well, just about everything!! The cooking for this, it's-not-a-potluck-dinner, was done by Pat and Charles Wilson's daughters, Diana Wilson Stewart, Terry Wilson, and Gloria Eversman, sisters of ours from Frankfort First Christian (DOC). They surprised the crowd of over 60 people by announcing that the cost of the food for the dinner was to be donated to the campaign. The wonderful meal was followed by a short program that celebrated the church auction success. Several items found new homes through a silent auction that evening. The items and new owners include: Handkerchief duvet cover—Jan Nance; Handkerchief pillows—Alyson Handley, Sharon Burchell, Jan Nance, Anne Burford, and Etta Manor; shamrock pin-wheel quilt—Jan Nance; MCC silver-plated tray—John Batts; antique frame—Carl Ellis; Kodak camera—Carl Rollins.

A quick total reached by cashiers Jeanne Sturgill & Matt Warfield showed the following:

Auction Proceeds & sponsor money:	\$10,163
Celebration Dinner donations:	\$ 800
Silent Auction proceeds	\$ 626
Total	\$11,589

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## Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$10,903.53  
Received to date : \$11,967.00

## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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## A Pastoral Word

This interim time is about to end...and a new chapter in your life as Midway Christian Church is about to begin. We have talked recently about the new possibilities that await you. I am excited about these new possibilities, and I know how they are moving you forward and giving you new momentum in your life as Midway Christian Church.

As I leave Midway, I want to especially thank you for:

- ◆ Welcoming my family... your allowing Martha Nell to feel very much at home
- ◆ Your continued dedication to tasks and to keeping up a high level of interest, during this interim period.
- ◆ Your love of coming together as a church in a variety of ways as Midway Christian.
- ◆ Your encouragement of variety and change upon occasions.
- ◆ Your support for a talented and dedicated staff. It's a joy to work with *Ainsley, Amy, Jistine, Joan, Melissa, and Rhonda.*

Many thanks for all your prayers and your kind words. I will be taking some "time off" for renewal... perhaps a bit more golf and (certainly) tennis, and more football games, awaiting God's call to new ministry.

You do a beautiful job as a faith community, in loving one another, supporting each other through difficult times as well as life's joys. I pray that God will continue to bless you, as you grow in love toward one another, as you grow in outreach all over this community of Midway.

This week (July 30) we will consider the word of God as recorded in Joshua 1:9—"Be not afraid or discouraged, for I the Lord your God will go with you wherever you go." I trust these very words will stick with you as you prepare for the new possibilities that God will surely bring you through your ministry with Heather McColl.

May the grace and peace of God be with you in the coming months and years of your ministry!

Shalom,  
-Bob

## A Note from Heather...

I have always heard that God works in mysterious ways and have wondered really what that phrase meant in our lives until recently. In my mind, Midway Christian church was always Mike's student church, a place that nurtured him and encouraged him in his ministry. I always associated Midway with the "Midway Girls" through camps, youth, retreats, and mission trips. Midway has always held a special place in my heart. But recently I discovered that God does work in mysterious ways.

Early in 2006, when Mike started his search process with Crestwood Christian Church, Greg Alexander asked me if I was ready to be in the church again. I said, "Well, first, I really enjoy my job at LTS. I love meeting people and sharing stories with them. However, I know that God is calling me to a church. I just don't know when or where". I thought that was the end of the conversation but God was still talking! When Phil Burchell called me to see if I would be interested in interviewing with Midway, I was delighted and knew that God would be in the process. After the first interview, I drove away thinking, "Wow! I really want to be a part of that church! They are doing some really wonderful things there and eager to try new programs and ideas!" I really have felt God's presence and God's call in this process.

I am truly excited to be called as your minister. There is such a great energy and excitement around the church! I also couldn't ask for a better church staff! Each and every one of the people on staff is creative and loves the church.

I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve with Midway Christian Church. I am looking forward to putting faces with names and seeing where God is calling us as a community of faith.

-Heather

## Children's Ministry

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Outside our original goal of raising money, we saw an even bigger benefit to having this auction. On that Saturday, there were over 30 people in Midway Christian Church t-shirts buzzing around the church building and grounds. That in itself was something to be celebrated; we were a force to be reckoned with! Thanks to John Batts for making those t-shirts available to auction workers.

To help defray the cost of putting on an auction, we collected some mighty fine sponsors: The CWF of Midway Christian Church, Fit Time Gym-Frankfort, Holly Hill Inn, Manor Heating & Air, Adelaine McDaniel, Midway College, Wallace Station, Libby Warfield Interiors, and The Family of Charles & Pat Wilson. Also sponsoring the auction were Dorothy Gordon, Bob & Mary Beth Rouse, Wanda Alford, and Doris Nemore (Amy & Bob's aunt). Donating their services were Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ellis and Craven's Jewelry-Georgetown.

The following people either attended auction meetings, worked that day, or prepared items for the silent auction: Phil & Sharon Burchell, Anne Burford, Rick & Wilda Caudle, Adele Dickerson, Shirley Eckels, Marvin & Mary Glover, Jeannie Hill, Jim & Teresa Hoppin, Thomas & Samantha Jordan, Jim Leer, Keith & Etta Manor, Adelaine McDaniel, John McDaniel, June Mitchell, Jack & Charlotte Morgan, Jim & Jan Nance, Amy Perry, DeeDee Roach, Dan Roller, Joan Schlesing, Bob Stauffer, Jeanne Sturgill & Ray Clark, Libby Warfield, Matt Warfield, and Pat Wilson.

Many other church members attended the auction and contributed to the final total. Visit the church website, [www.midwaychristian.org](http://www.midwaychristian.org) to see pictures from the auction and Sunday evening's Celebration Dinner.

*Thanks again to everyone who helped the auction come together so quickly. We look forward to having other auctions, just not one next year!*

## Spiritual Partners

*Creative giving to your church:* That's one way you could describe what Phil Burchell, Bob Settlemire, and Jeannie Hill are doing. They represent a small but growing group of church people who are raising money by being "Spiritual Partners."

Phil donates to the Future of the Faith campaign by doing yard work at the church and parsonage. The long hours he puts in represent a donation for in-kind services to the church. He has planned amount to give—above and beyond his regular offering plate donations—to the campaign and is literally working off that amount. The church grounds are beautiful because of it and the amount saved by the church receives matching funds from our anonymous donor.

Church building restoration is Bob's game. He is overseeing the drainage and brick/stone preservation work on our old building. This labor of love results in many long hours of planning and work, with much of his labor cost donated to the Future of the Faith money drive. Thanks, Bob, for making sure that our sweet church will be here for many years to come!

Jeanne, on the other hand, wants to bring her donating spirit (and hard labor) to your home or yard. She has set an amount that she wants to give toward the Future of the Faith campaign. When Jeanne is contacted to do housework, yard work, chores, errands, muck stalls, etc., she gives a quote to the caller for the cost of the job (usually \$75 to \$150 a day.) Jeanne does this job, and the "employer" writes a check to the church for the quoted amount. Our Ms. Hill will work with people until she reaches her goal for money to be given to the church. To hire Jeanne, call her at 846-4398.

Who else out there is willing to be creative and join the "Spiritual Partners"? Contact the church office to share your giving spirit.

## Children's Ministry

### Worship and Wonder at Midway Christian

This past May, Cindy Batts, Joan Schlesing, and I attended a Story Teller Training Session for Worship and Wonder at the Lexington Theological Seminary. I have to admit, I had my doubts. By the end of our first session, however, my doubts were erased as we began to experience and see what worship could mean for children. The most important aspect of Worship and Wonder is that this program is a worship service for young children. "Children hear bible stories and learn about God while experiencing the presence of God." The story teller is not conducting a class but performing a worship service. Children from age three to age ten can be grouped together to hear and experience the stories of the Bible.

Stories are told with the help of simple natural wooden figures in a way that models Montessori based education. Each Sunday, children follow worship rituals in their own worship center that help them stay focused and know that they are hearing sacred and important words and stories. They are given time to respond to what they have heard. Children have their own relationship with God, as parents and caring adults our role is not only to teach them about God but to experience and learn about God together.

Our church is developing a Children's Worship and Wonder center and program in the basement of Fellowship Hall. The room is perfect and has already been painted a soft buttery tone. Our next major goal is to assemble the forty two bible stories necessary to begin the center. Cindy Batts has already ordered four beautiful stories including the baptism of Jesus, and the story of the mustard seed. She and I are donating these to the church. Cindy also constructed and told the Story of the Light to our Sunday Adult Workshop. These stories are extremely moving, in some cases even more so for adult listeners than children. Cindy and Joan will be telling more and more of these stories this summer and fall so that as a congregation we can become more familiar with Worship and Wonder and see how it can lead our children on a journey of faith that can last a lifetime. We will need volunteers to help with the construction of these stories. Some materials we will be purchasing from specialty wood craft centers. Once assembled however, the materials will last for years to come. Like the bible stories themselves they are unadorned jewels—not toys but tools for our future generations to learn about Jesus and themselves.

There are many details to resolve about our Worship and Wonder program, and we know that you have many questions. Cindy, Joan, and I are willing and eager to share our experiences with you and we are working on reports to our board and the congregation in the coming months. Please ask the questions that come to mind. This is a program that has the power to transform all our lives and especially the lives of our children and our church. I find myself often singing the song I learned in training, "Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God".

Many, many times, it helps me through a trying day. One day soon, Willa will sing it for herself and she will be reassured of God's love for her.

Quita Michel



### A Note of Thanks

Dear Joan and Midway Christian Church,

Thank you for the donation given to us by the Vacation Bible School children. This comes from all of us who are working to bring the Homeplace project to fruition. The opportunity you afforded gave us the chance to focus on one of the most important aspects of the project, namely the opportunity it will provide for community involvement and especially that intergenerational involvement that we all think is so important. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Julia Offutt, Midway Homeplace



## Mission News and Notes

### Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of 1 # packages of Spaghetti, macaroni, rice and cans of mixed vegetables.

Our goal is to provide them 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.

### 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](mailto:wawc40@yahoo.com) or 753-0855 if you are interested in assisting with the planning and/or preparation of this meal.



### Mission Night

*Wednesday, August 16*

The next mission night will be Wednesday, August 16, 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 July 24:

*Pat Settemire, Gloria Batts, Priscilla Crutcher, Buddy and Gertrude Johnson, Marjorie Diamond.*



The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of August 21.

## Worship News and Notes

### Midway College

#### Sunday

*Worship at Midway Christian Church*

*August 20, 10:55 am*

Please join us as we host the Midway College Welcome Weekend on Sunday, August 20 at 10:55 am. A potluck will follow in Fellowship Hall. Church members are asked to bring salads, side dishes and desserts.



### Worship with

#### Second Christian Church

*Sunday, August 27 at 11 am*

We will worship with Second Christian Church on Sunday, August 27 at 11 am at Walter Bradley Park (behind Northside Elementary). We will have combined choirs and Rev. Heather McColl will be preaching. Second Christian Church will be cooking fish and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

## Worship News and Notes

### Sunday Workshop Fall Schedule

The first Sunday of each month, with the exception of September, because of Labor Day Weekend, we will be serving a hot breakfast at 9:00 am. Our breakfast in September is a fellowship with Second Christian Church and will take place on September 10. Celebrations and concerns begin at 9:30 am. Our workshop begins at 9:45 am. Please be timely, especially when we have guests.

#### August 6

Jack Morgan—Native American Worship Traditions

Breakfast at 9:00 am

#### August 13 through August 27

John Batts—”Reading the Bible Again for the First Time”

#### September 3

Jack Morgan—The Puritan Worship Traditions

#### September 10

Brenda Jackson—History of Second Christian Church

Fellowship breakfast with Second Christian Church at 9:00 am

#### September 24

Burnie Wall—”The Most Meaningful Scriptures in My Life”

#### October 1

Father Ken from the Orthodox Catholic Church—”Introduction to the Monastic Life”

Breakfast at 9:00 am

October’s studies will be dedicated to Monasticism. Joan is tentatively scheduled for a few sessions in this month. We will also have a session on Thomas Merton.

#### November 5

Virginia Drake—Mindy, Body, Spirit Connection

Breakfast at 9:00 am

### Taylor Manor Worship Service

*Sunday, August 6 @ 2 pm*

MCC will be hosting the Taylor Manor Worship Service on Sunday, August 6 at 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist the residents as they worship.

### Acolyte Schedule

**August 6**—Steele Rouse

**August 13**—Franklin Watson

**August 20**—Jordan Batts

**August 27**—Gregory Watson

**Sept. 3**—Sam Hatfield

**Sept. 10**—Noelle & Faith Gruzesky

**Sept. 17**—Clay Rouse

**Sept. 24**—J.T. Batts

## Community News and Notes

### August Birthdays



- 8/1 Sharon Rouse  
 8/2 Lauren Greathouse  
 Adelaine McDaniel  
 8/4 Carl Rollins  
 Emily Horn  
 8/5 Lilly Mae Wright  
 Hallie Roach  
 8/6 Hap Horn  
 8/7 Betty Ann Voigt  
 Bruce Colston  
 Richard Greathouse  
 8/9 Amanda Roach  
 8/10 Logan Curtis  
 8/13 Margaret Ware Parrish  
 JoAnn Tate  
 8/14 Ouita Michel  
 8/16 Lesley Burford  
 8/17 Katherine Horton  
 8/18 Jim Leer  
 8/19 Kate Bentley  
 Beth Foley  
 8/20 Perry Bentley  
 8/21 Joshua Eckert-Hilton  
 8/25 Michael Greathouse  
 8/26 Marlene Riddle  
 8/27 Heather Nance-Kneirman  
 Ben Roller

### Anniversaries



- 8/6 John & Cindy Batts  
 8/9 Jonathan & Wendy Creech  
 8/19 David & Libby Warfield

### 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.

Contact the church office for more information.

### Disciples Women Prepare for Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale, sponsored by Disciples Women, will again take place during this year's Fall Festival, September 15-17.

Now is the time to clean our your closets. All donations to the Rummage Sale are greatly appreciated.

More details to come!

### Board Meeting

*Sunday, August 6 at 5 pm*

All elders, Deacons, and Committee Chirpersons are requested to attend this first board meeting of the fiscal year. Any member of the church is welcome at board meeting as the business of the church is discussed.

### Paint Day

Sprucing up the offices has begun, yet there is still a lot of work to be done. Repair work in the Pastor's office and the entry hallway are finished and we are ready to get those painted. We will need several volunteers to get this done! If you would like to help, please contact Adele Dickerson.



### Elders Meeting

*August 27, 6:00 pm*

The Elders will meet Sunday, August 27, 2006 at 6 pm.

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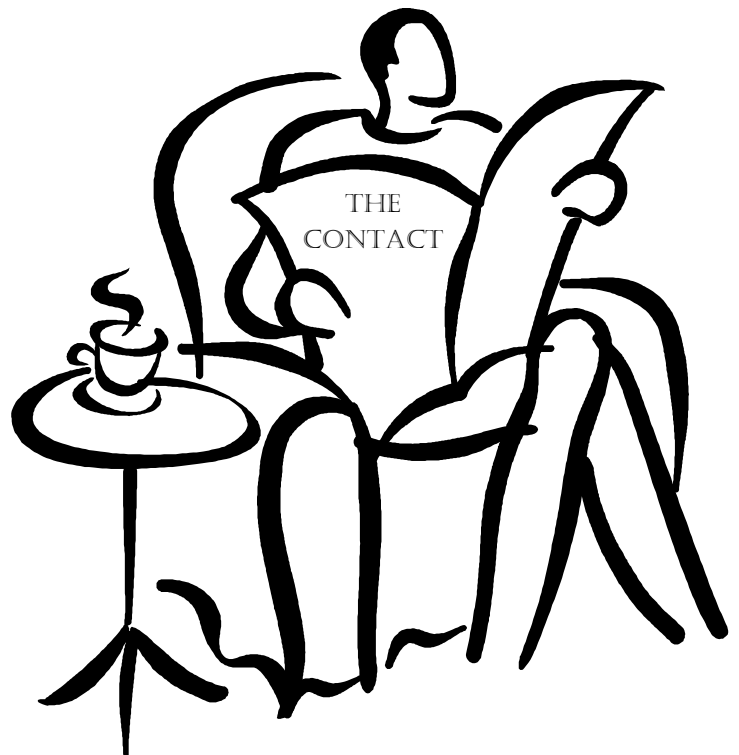
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