



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

September, 2006

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Disciples Women Prepare for Annual

Rummage Sale

Work is under way by the Disciples Women for their annual rummage sale, September 15 & 16 from 8 am to 6 pm and September 17 from Noon to 6 pm. On September 12-14 at 6 pm each night they will be in the basement of Fellowship Hall preparing items for the sale.



Disciples Women use the proceeds from the sale to fund various mission projects. Last year was a record year. Disciples women received over \$2,700 and they donated all proceeds over \$1,500 to the HVAC Fund. This year they have designated any proceeds over \$1500 to go toward the Future of the Faith campaign.

You may bring your items to the church during office hours or call Etta to set up a time. Items should be placed in the furnace room in the basement of Fellowship Hall. After September 3 you may place them in the main area of the basement.

If you have any questions or need someone to pick up your items for the sale, please call Etta Manor at 502-863-6460 or 859-229-8628.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Fall Festival

September 16-18

It's that time again! Midway Christian Church will be hosting a booth at the Midway Fall Festival on Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th. We will be working with an organization called Ten Thousand Villages that supports third world country artisans by selling their arts and crafts. Each of these artisans receive part of the profit from the sale of their items. Please check out the things we will be selling by going to Ten Thousand Villages' website at www.tenthousandvillages.com. If you would like to help at the booth, please contact Heather for a date and time.



*Fairly Traded Handicrafts
from Around the World*



Jothi Palrata
SIPK
Chennai, India

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$24,532.94
Received to date : \$18,991.00

A Pastoral Word

Wow! Has it really been a month already since I started at Midway Christian Church? So much has happened in my life and in the life of this church! Mike and I have finally settled into the parsonage and I believe we have unpacked the last box! Yeah!

All the animals have also seemed to settle down into their new home. Jake, our dog, loves his walks around Midway and all the new smells! The cats, being cats, gave Mike and I the cold shoulder for the first few days but now greet us every morning by walking on our faces and chest, reminding us that it is time to eat!

I also believe that the animals are just as thankful as Mike and I are that things have finally settled down in the McColl household and Bubba, our 18-pounder of a cat, is just as happy that he can get to his food!

One of the things that I am most looking forward to being in the town of Midway is really being a part of a community. For the last four years, I have felt rootless and disconnected. This feeling was also a part of my spiritual life. Where could I call home? Who could I call my family? I was on a pilgrimage, searching for a place, hoping to make a connection with someone. It was like I was cutting from a plant, placed in a glass of water to grow roots, but not really in a permanent place where I could grow, expand and dig my roots into the nurturing soil and flourish!

But now, I feel like I have been taken from my glass and planted by the Gardener into an area filled with nutrients and fertile soil. This fertile, nurturing soil is called Midway Christian Church! And what fertile soil it really is!

It truly has been an amazing month for Midway Christian Church filled with new visions and new beginnings. Each day when I

come to work, there is something new and exciting going on with the renovation. And the offices and entry way are freshly painted, giving the sense of welcome and openness. It's like it is a brand new building!

We have also done so much in this month: new pastor, new elder serving at the table, celebrating Midway College Sunday by welcoming 40 young women to our community, and a wonderful combined service with 2nd Christian in the park! There is such great energy and excitement around this place and around this congregation. There is new life budding at Midway Christian Church!

And now it's time to share that new life with others in our community. We have been nourished by the fertile soil that we call Midway Christian Church but there are others who are searching and hoping to make a connection with someone. Invite someone to place his or her roots here. Share the Good News with someone who is on his or her own pilgrimage of faith. Give someone the opportunity to be nurtured by Midway Christian Church!

May we continue to grow in love, faith, peace and hope.

Heather

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.

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

Worship Themes



You are encouraged to read the text for the day in advance

September 3

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: James 1:17-27

Sermon: "Generous Act of Giving"

September 10

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 7:31-37

Sermon: "Be Open"

September 17

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "Good Intentions"

September 24

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: "Who is the Greatest?"

Children's Ministry

Children's Worship and Wonder

Children's Worship and Wonder will be starting soon. We are very excited about this, and would like for you to join us in celebrating its beginning. We will have a dedication of the room on Sunday, September 24 and hope that you can come. The next week, we will have several opportunities for children and their families to come see what Worship and Wonder is all about. Then, on October 1st, we will have our first service of Children's Worship and Wonder. The first several will only be an introduction to the rules and structure, but we hope that all of the kids can come and be a part of this time of worship.

As you can see, things are really starting to come together for our Children's Worship and Wonder program but we still need your help! We still need to acquire some of the stories that go along with this program. The prices of the stories vary in range so that there is an opportunity to give at all levels. This is also a wonderful opportunity to give creatively! These stories can be purchased as an alternative giving experience for birthdays, anniversaries, and Christmas. These stories can also be purchased in honor or in memory of people.

There is a list of stories that still need to be purchased in the narthex along with the prices of these stories. We have also placed an example of a story in the narthex so that you can see how the children will experience these stories.

Acolyte Schedule

Sept. 3—Sam Hatfield

Sept. 10—Noelle & Faith Gruzesky

Sept. 17—Clay Rouse

Sept. 24—J.T. Batts

Oct. 1—Steele Rouse

Oct. 8—Franklin Watson

Oct. 15—Jordan Batts

Oct. 22—Gregory Watson

Oct. 29—Sam Hatfield



Joan in worship with children in Selma, CA telling them about Midway, KY

Midway Treasures Auction



Mission News and Notes

Food Pantry

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

If you would like to assist Pat Wilson in taking the food to the pantry and to attend quarterly meetings with the Pantry Board, please contact Pat Wilson at 846-4387.



Mission Night

Wednesday, September 20

The next mission night will be Wednesday, September 20, 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!

Hope Center Dinner and Shoebox Project

The Missions Committee is planning a meal in October for the 75+ residents of the Women's Hope Center in Lexington. We will also be doing a shoebox project in conjunction with the dinner. 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.



Meals On Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of August 21:

Anne Burford, Gloria Batts, Buddy and Gertrude Johnson, Charles and Pat Wilson, Pat Setlemire

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of September 18.



Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Monday, September 11

Rev. Heather McColl will host a luncheon at the parsonage on Monday, September 11 at 11:30. Keenagers is a gathering of retired folks, regardless of age. *Please join us!*

Kentucky Disciples Men Fall Retreat

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park

October 6-8

Registration fee: \$35

Men from across the Commonwealth will gather at Lake Cumberland State Park October 6-8, 2006 to learn what it's like to be God's Wing Man. The Men's Fall Retreat will be lead by Larry Malone, the national men's ministry director for the United Methodist Church. Larry is a former Naval pilot who served in Vietnam and brings all his knowledge and skill to bear on the task of educating men on this unique perspective of the Christian life.

Room reservations can be made by calling Lake Cumberland State Restort Park at 1800-325-1709 (make sure you tell them you are with the Christian Church in Kentucky Men's Retreat).

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Huckleberry at 502-964+-1500 or by email at edhuckleberry@yahoo.com.



**There will
be no
Board Meeting
in
September**

Fellowship News and Notes

Dinners For 8!

The members of Midway Christian Church are invited to come and enjoy a meal with your new minister and her husband! Heather and Mike would like to get to know everyone at Midway Christian Church as we begin this journey together. Heather would also like to hear everyone's vision and hopes for Midway Christian Church at these dinners. There is a sign up board outside of Heather's office with dates and times. Please sign up for a slot and come enjoy a good meal and great conversation! Also please let Heather know if you are allergic to cats and dogs and any special dietary needs.

CWF

Quarterly Potluck and Program

The CWF will hold it's Quarterly Potluck and Program on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Rev. Heather McColl. Please bring a covered dish and a friend to share in the evening.



Worship in the Park: A large turnout came to Worship and Fellowship with Second Christian Church on Sunday, August 27, 2006

Continuing Education News

LTS Fall Schedule for Lay School Theology

Each course meets from 9 am to Noon in Fellowship Hall at Lexington Theological Seminary. Registration is \$40 for each course or \$110 for all three courses in a semester. You can register and pay for the course at www.lextheo.edu.

September 9, 16, 23

Families: Impact on You and Your Church

Led by: Dr. David Sharrard

October 7, 14, 21

Reading romans: Understanding and Living the righteousness of God

Led by: Dr. Jerry Sumney

November 4, 11, 18

Prayer in the Christian Tradition

Led by: Dr. William Paulsell

Christian Church in Kentucky Disciple U

Being, or becoming, a life learner is the responsibility of anyone who claims faith, and the region is pleased to offer an online setting to encourage individual education. Register for DiscipleU Courses online at www.ccinky.net or by calling 233-1391 by September 24. Courses begin September 25.

DiscipleU Courses

- ◆ *Touching the Garment: Embracing Christian Spirituality*
- ◆ *The Gospel of Mark: Choosing the Will of God*
- ◆ *Disciples History in Kentucky*
- ◆ *Being the Church in the World: Around the World, Around the Year with Week of Compassion*



Community News and Notes

Elders Meeting

September 24 @ 6:00 pm

The Elders will meet Sunday,

September 24, 2006 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

New Address

Heather and Mike's

New address: PO Box 4390,

Midway, KY 40347

Phone #: 846-9121

Heather's cell #: 361-2613

E-Mail: hmccoll@midwaychristian.org

Prayer Concerns

All families of victims in Sunday and Monday's plane crash)

Our Men and Women of the Armed Forces

Mary Lee Curtis (Taylor Manor, room #50)

Hap Horn (VA Center in Wilmore)

Vicki Johnson (cancer, friend of Wilda Caudle)

Jane Reynolds (cancer, Phil Burchell's niece)

Kathy Marshall (Crohn's Disease, sister of Karen Murphy)

Bob Hardin (cancer, son-in-law of Nancy Jefferson)

Jules Delambre (cancer)

Mary Ann Rainey (lymphoma, sister of Phil Burchell)

Carolyn Varner

Dorothy Gordon

Tempa Endicott

Lilly Mae Wright

Dick Starks

Ann Horn

Alex Alexander

Maxine Wilson

Nancy Jefferson

Sherman Columbia

Justin Sorenson

Pam Sparks

Amy McDaniel

New and Improved Website

Our new and improved website is up and running thanks to the hard work of Jeanne Sturgill. The new website has many new and exciting links. You can look at the photo gallery, current and old newsletters, church calendar, current church news, and a new prayer request link has been added. Visit the site at - www.midwaychristian.org

Thank You

Dear Midway Friends,

You all have "swept us away" with your love and kindness! We have so enjoyed the last five months being with all of you. You will always mean so much to both of us. Thank you for all the good times—the beautiful worship services, the pretty solos and choir, great meals, good meetings, all the fun at the auction, the Lenten breakfasts, being with CWF'ers at the Spring Conference, and on and on! Good times! We won't forget!

Thank you, thank you for the nice going away gift. We will enjoy being at Holly Hill again! We really appreciate this most generous gift.

Our love and best wishes to you as you begin together a new period in the life of Midway Christian Church.

-Bob & Martha Nell Stauffer

Dr. and Mrs. William Drake, Jr.

Cordially invite you to a

Reception Celebrating the Call of

Reverend Heather McColl

To the Ministry of Midway Christian Church

Sunday, October 8, 2006

2:00—4:00 p.m.

Pinkerton-Rouse Place

305 South Winter Street

Midway, KY 40347

RSVP your attendance by calling the Church

Office at 846-4102 by October 4.

Midway Christian Church

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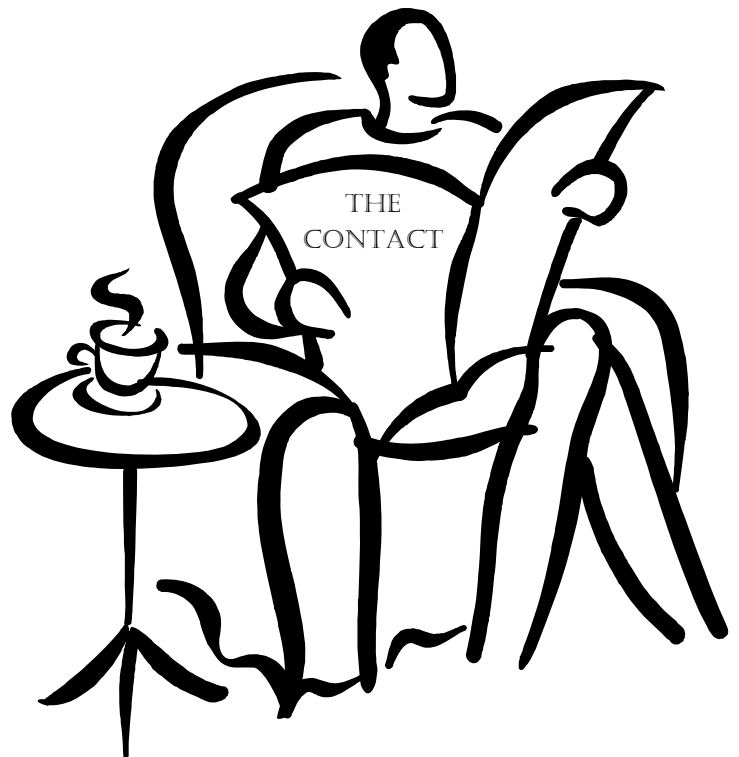
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*Information for the October
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by September 25, 2006.*