



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

October, 2006

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Record Breaking Rummage Sale!

Thanks to all who donated items or helped in any way. Your help is greatly appreciated! Because of all of your hard work we had a record year—our total is \$3,122.00. This will enable the CWF to purchase several new tables for Fellowship Hall. We will also donate \$1,622.00 to the Future of the Faith campaign, which will go towards some much needed church repairs.



Also, through your generosity the CWF was able to donate many articles of clothing to Eastern State Hospital and the Lexington Rescue Mission. No items went to waste as Marvin Glover generously offered to take the remaining items to an auction house to raise additional money.

Thanks again, we couldn't have done it without you!

Installation Service for Heather McColl

Sunday, October 29

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

On Sunday, October 29, Midway Christian Church will install their new minister during the Sunday morning worship service. Greg Alexander will be the regional representative. Please join us as we celebrate a new beginning for the church!

Ten Thousand Villages Update

I want to thank everyone for their support of the Ten Thousand Villages Booth at the Fall Festival. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the great stuff that the organization had sent us to sell. We have set up the remaining items in Fellowship Hall if people are still interested in buying items before we have to ship them back. All checks need to be made payable to Midway Christian Church and there is a 6% sales tax on each item. This is a great opportunity for Christmas shopping! As of right now, we have sold over **\$3,000** worth of merchandise and the church will receive **\$300** profit that will go to the Future of the Faith campaign. Thanks once again for your support!



*Fairly Traded Handicrafts
from Around the World*

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$35,436.48
Received to date : \$30,624.00

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A Pastoral Word

I have shared with the congregation already that I enjoy cooking, trying out new recipes and gathering at the table. It is just one of the ways that I show my love for those who I deeply care about in my life.

I started the Dinners for 8 in hopes that I would get to know everyone better and to learn more about Midway Christian Church. And that has happened as I expected it would. I have learned stories about where I am living now, shared laughter with a group that has grown up in Midway together, and learned more about the history of the church. But I am also grateful for the unexpected blessings that have come from these experiences.

But I realized that I was not the only one experiencing the unexpected blessings from these occasions of fellowship. People have shared with me that they also got to know other church members better. They see each other on Sundays but now they feel that they are really connected as members of the church.

I was reflecting on these unexpected blessings this morning as I wrote this newsletter article. I was thinking of the groups that have sat around our dining room table since arriving in Midway: the crew who helped us to move into the parsonage, the Keenagers, the first group of Dinners for 8 and the groups of people who sat around that table before it came to Midway. The table was my Grandma Woodruff's and it stayed in her kitchen where we had all of our family meals. I remember Christmas dinners and Easter lunches at this table. I remember the pieces of chocolate cake that always seemed to find their way to my plate at this table. So many wonderful meals!

When my grandmother passed away, I asked my parents if I could have the table, thinking, at that time, Mike and I would be married in a few months and needed a dining room table, not really knowing the special gift that was being shared with me as I began my life with Mike.

It just wasn't a table to hold plates of food or a place to sit and eat. I was given the gift of fellowship and love. I was given the gift of hospitality, a

gift that keeps giving each time we sit down to eat, a gift that shows God's grace every time we gather around it.

Mike always tells me I worry too much about the details when hosting a dinner party. Is the house clean enough? What dishes will I serve? What plates will I use? What tablecloth works best for the occasion? He reminds me that once people sit around the table to eat, things come together regardless of my worrying. People enjoy themselves regardless of if I have my fall tablecloth on the table or if I am just serving PB & J sandwiches!

When we gather around the table whether to eat dinner or share communion, we let our defenses down and who we are really are shines through. We are filled with the warmth and peace of God's hospitality and nourished by each other's company.

I am looking forward to the remaining Dinners for 8 and learning more about everyone but I am really looking forward to experiencing God's grace with each one of you as we gather around the table.

Heather

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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

October 1

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Mark 9: 38-50

Sermon: "Stumbling Blocks"

October 8

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 10: 17-31

Sermon: "Then who can be saved?"

October 15

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Children's Sabbath

Scripture: Mark 2: 1-12

Sermon: "Faith in Action"

October 22

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 10: 46-52

Sermon: "He is calling you"

October 29

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Heather McColl's Installation Service

Scripture: Mark 10: 35-45

Sermon: "Not to be Served But to Serve"

Serving This Month



Elders

Carl Rollins

Shirley Eckels

Deacons

Jim Nance, Etta Manor, Jeanne Sturgill, Wilda Caudle, Virginia Ballenger, Bobby Riddle, Ouita Michel, Bob Rouse, Sue Roberts, Bob Settlemire

Worship Leaders:

October 1: Mary Beth Rouse

October 8: John Batts

October 15: Ouita Michel

October 22: Sue Roberts

October 29: Scott Congleton

Acolyte Schedule

October 1—Steele Rouse

October 8—Franklin Watson

October 15—Jordan Batts

October 22—Gregory Watson

October 29—Betsy Schein

November 5—Will Schein

November 12—Sam Hatfield

November 19—Noelle & Faith Gruzesky

November 26—Clay Rouse

Sunday Workshop Fall Schedule

October 1—Breakfast at 9 am

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

October's studies will be dedicated to Monasticism. We will also have a session on Thomas Merton.

November 5—Breakfast at 9 am

Virginia Drake—Mindy, Body, Spirit Connection

Children's Ministry



Children Worship & Wonder Begins October 1st!

You've been hearing about it for over a year, and finally, it's HERE!! Children Worship & Wonder, an innovative approach to teaching bible stories to children based on the Montessori Method is beginning at Midway on Sunday, October 1st. The Christian Education Committee and several Midway Christian children have been preparing the newly dedicated Worship & Wonder space. Some of you have purchased various stories, crafted wooden story pieces, given donations or provided necessary supplies. Many hands, all working together to establish a new and wonderful ministry that will provide children a unique opportunity to experience the presence of God. Children from age 3 to Middle School are invited to participate in this multi-generational Children Worship & Wonder experience. Following "Children's Moment", children will be guided from the sanctuary to the new Worship & Wonder Room where they will have their own worship experience. Cindy Batts will be the storyteller during the months of October and November and Joan Schlesing will rotate in for the month of December. Ouita Michael will serve as Greeter. *Would you like to know more about how this ministry was developed, what makes it so unique and why it's so effective? Or perhaps you're interested in learning more about what is required to become a Greeter. If so, you are invited and encouraged to attend a . . .*

Worship & Wonder Informational Session & Greeter Training,

Saturday, October 7th

9:00 A.M – 11:00 A.M.

Come to Midway Christian Church fellowship hall on October 7th and find out for yourself what's got everybody talking about Children Worship & Wonder. Cindy James, seminarian and Trainer will provide some of the history to this innovative approach to teaching children. She will also tell several stories in the Worship & Wonder style, provide a question and answer session and mini-training for those who want to know more about the role of "Greeter." **Please call the church office at 846-4102 to register.** For details, talk to Joan.

Children's Sabbath Celebration—Sunday, October 15

The Children's Defense Fund instituted an annual Children's Sabbath Celebration for all faiths and denominations as a way to remember the needs of children both near and far. This year's theme is, "*Congregations Stand for Healthy Children: Bringing Hope and Healing.*" During worship on Sunday, October 15th Midway Christian will hold a Children's Sabbath Celebration, lifting up the needs of children in Kentucky. Our children will participate by opening the worship service through a processional into the sanctuary and a bible story enactment. They will then be led to the Worship & Wonder Room for their service and rejoin us later for the recessional. They will lead us from the sanctuary to their **Worship & Wonder Room for an Open House.** Don't miss this opportunity to support our children in the new Worship & Wonder Ministry. They'll be excited to show you their "sanctuary."



Trick or Trunk— Sunday, October 22nd at Dusk

Decorate your trunk, put on your Halloween costumes, and bring some treats to share. Midway Christian Church children will dress up in various costumes moving from trunk to trunk hoping to find some good treats at each car. Decorated cars will park in the church parking lot. Adults, you too can take this opportunity to dress up and become young at heart for this evening of church family merriment. Boooooooo! See Gloria Batts or Joan Schlesing for more information.

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

Wednesday, October 18

The next mission night will be Wednesday, October 18, 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

Sunday, October 22



The Missions Committee is planning a meal on October 22 for the residents of the Women's Hope Center in Lexington. We will be preparing spaghetti/meatballs, salad, bread and dessert for 75 people. We will need 8-10 volunteers to assist with preparations, serving and cleanup. We will leave the church at 3:00 pm. The evening meal is served at 5:00 pm.

We will also be filling shoe boxes for the new intake residents for delivery on October 22. The shoe boxes will be available to pick up on in the narthex on October 1. Our goal is to fill 10 boxes. If you would rather donate cash or items to the project rather than take a box to fill we will have a collection basket beside the shoe boxes in the narthex. Any funds collected as donations will be used to purchase items for the shoe box project.

The Center suggested the box contain the following: white socks, winter gloves, winter hat and/or scarf, travel size hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, baby wipes, tooth paste, tooth brush, soap, lotion, comb, brush, disposable razors, women's shave gel or dental floss), lip balm and an encouraging note. The Center suggested as a treat to include any or all of the following extra items: gum, mints, bottled water, pre-packaged snack items and an emery board.

Meals On Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of September 18:

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

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of October 16.



Food Pantry

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

Thank you to Pat Settemire for volunteering to be our representative for the Food Pantry.



Music Notes

Hand Bells Coming To Midway Christian Church



If you are interested in playing hand bells for the Advent/Christmas season, please let Melissa know as soon as possible. Rehearsal will be Wednesday nights from 6:30—7:30 pm except for nights that committees meet. The Hand Bell Choir is a great way for you to become active in Midway Christian's Music Ministry, and the more we have the better!

Fellowship News and Notes

Dinners For 8

Due to popular demand, more dates have been added for Dinners for 8! Please join Heather, Mike and other church members for great food and great conversation. Heather would also like to hear everyone's vision and hopes for Midway Christian Church at these dinners. There is a sign up board in the narthex with more dates and times. Please let Heather know if you are allergic to cats/dogs or have any special dietary needs.



Midway Goes to The Abbey of Gethsemane

Saturday, October 28th

Many of you are familiar with the work and life of Thomas Merton, former Abbot at The Abbey of Gethsemane, which is located near Bardstown. Here's an opportunity to see where Merton did much of his work. You are invited to visit the Abbey of Gethsemane on Saturday, October 28th and experience the tranquil beauty of the monastery and its surroundings. We'll meet at Midway about 10 A.M.; carpool to Bardstown, have lunch and then head to the Abbey. After viewing an educational video, Fr. Seamus will be on hand to answer questions. Then we'll go to the Abbey sanctuary to attend a sacred 15 minute service, called "None" and end our time at the Abbey gift shop, where books and other treasures, including the monk's famous cheese and bourbon fudge may be purchased. We'll head back to Midway about 3 PM, refreshed in body and soul! **The monastery needs to know how many of us will be attending, so please call the church office and register by October 20th. For details, see Joan.**

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.

Keenagers

The Keenagers will be meet on Monday, October 9 at 11:30 am at Betty Ann Voigt's home. Leah Endicott will be hosting that day. Please RSVP to the church office by October 6.

Board Retreat

Saturday, November 4

Please mark your calendar! The board will have a retreat on Saturday, November 4 from 9 am to 5 pm at Midway College. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Bennie Brad-dick, minister at Twin Pines Christian Church in Lexington. Twin Pines has been going through a restructuring process with their committee's and Bennie is going to share some of the church's insights during the process. Current board, deacons, elders, deacon emeriti and elder emeriti are invited to attend. We are asking everyone to read, "Turning Committees into Communities" by Roberta Hestenes. The church will be ordering copies for people who are planning to attend the retreat. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, October 23.

Hymn of the Month

As Melissa and Heather pick our hymns for Sunday morning worship services, they are discovering that there are a lot of hymns in the Chalice and Blue Hymnals that the congregation does not know or has not done in a while. So as part of creating a worship experience that is beneficial to all, we will be sharing a hymn of the month. Each Sunday, we will be singing the same hymn. We will be using this for our opening hymn during the month of October. This month's hymn Uyaimose. We will be introducing it for World Communion Sunday because it is from another country. The choir will lead the congregation through the hymn once before we sing it as our opening hymn.



Community News and Notes

Elders Meeting

October 29 @ 6:00 pm

The Elders will meet Sunday,

October 29, 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

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

Justin Sorenson

Pam Sparks

Maxine Wilson

Sherman Columbia

Virginia Ballenger

Information for the newsletter must be in the office no later than 9:00 a.m. on the deadline date listed on the back of the Contact! *Thank You!*

Rocking out with Thanks: a note from Joan



I have moved off of the Lexington Theological Seminary campus and now live in the basement of a beautiful home, surrounded by lovely trees and flowers, and merely a stones throw away from the Arboretum. All of this I am thoroughly enjoying, but what really helps to make my new place "home" is the lovely rocking chair which some anonymous Midway Church folks graciously purchased for me at the MCC Auction.

I thank you for your kind hearted generosity. When I rock and read my daily devotion booklet, or my Theology text books, I can't help think of you and your thoughtfulness! Thank you. What a wonderful surprise which I'll treasure always.

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
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RSVP your attendance by calling the Church
Office at 846-4102 by October 4.

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