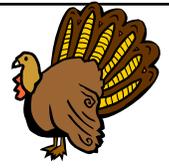




Happy Thanksgiving



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November, 2006

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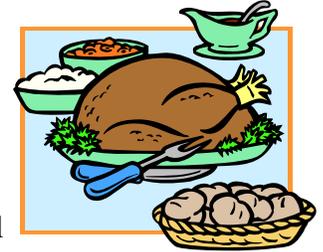
Jestine Johnson
Custodian

Midway Christian Hosts Annual

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 pm

Make plans to bring a traditional Thanksgiving dish to feed your family and four others. We welcome many from our community that could use a hot, delicious meal and good fellowship. This annual event is a wonderful mission tradition of Midway Christian Church. Watch for more information in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



Community Thanksgiving Service

You are invited to the Midway Community Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm at Midway College in the Duthie Auditorium in the Anne Hart Raymond Center. The Midway College Chorale will be singing as part of the service and Heather McColl will be preaching that night.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$49,065.89
Received to date: \$42,957.00

A Pastoral Word

On Sunday, November 5th, Midway Christian Church will celebrate All Saints' Day and remember those who have gone on before us. As I watch the restoration of the outside of the main building, I am reminded and hold dear all those saints who built Midway Christian Church. I am still inspired by their love of God and their love of community. It is humbling to realize that they set out a vision for the church over a hundred years ago and worked hard and lovingly to achieve that vision. They have left us a great heritage and wonderful memories. Midway Christian Church is steeped in history. L.L. Pinkerton and James Ware Parrish saw a need in the community to establish an organization that would provide a future for homeless or unfortunate girls at that time. What they visioned and later established is now known as Midway College.

Another vision that was set forth by Midway Christian Church and its members included establishing Second Christian Church. L.L. Pinkerton saw an injustice and worked with the congregation to see that their African-American brothers and sisters had a place to worship where their voices would be heard.

These visions were set forth over a hundred years ago by this congregation, not knowing really what the future would hold or even if these visions would come to fruition. But the congregation responded to the needs of the time and now we are left with a distinguished heritage.

And now, we have been given the opportunity to vision and respond to the needs of our community. In just a few days, the Board will gather for a retreat where it will vision and plan the future for Midway Christian Church. I am not sure what shape or form this vision will take but I know that it will be grounded in God.

As I have prayed for guidance from God to help lead this congregation into the future, I always seem to get the same message. "Be still and know that I am God. I am working through Midway Christian Church. I am stirring their souls and refreshing their spirits. This congregation is headed for great things. Be patient and listen to my voice."

I know that Midway Christian Church is on the cusp of something exciting. I know that Midway Christian Church's future is bright. I know that Midway Christian Church will continue the traditions of visioning and responding to the needs of the community. I know that this Board Retreat will be an amazing, energizing experience for this congregation. And I know that we will go forward with the grace and guidance of God.

One of the traditions of the Yakama Indian elders is to vision for the future of the tribe. But when they vision, they don't vision for 5 years or even 10 years. When they vision for the tribe, they vision for 50 years.

Imagine what that would mean for Midway Christian Church if we were to vision for 50 years. Most of us may not be around to see this vision come to fruition but what a heritage and what a gift we will have left for our children and our children's children.

As I sit and remember all the saints that have visioned for us and are now gone, I am reminded of another saint whose words speak to me heart and I gladly share them with you now:

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No Statement says all that should be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

That is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future that is not our own.

Oscar Romero

May we remember these inspiring words as we vision for the future of Midway Christian Church.

With thanksgiving,

Heather

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



November 26

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Sermon: "With Thanksgiving"

November 5

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Sermon: "Your people shall be my people"

November 12

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17

Sermon: "The Beginning of Something Great!"

November 19 - *Thanksgiving Sunday*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1: 1-10

Sermon: "The forgotten"

Serving This Month

Elders

William Drake

Anne Burford

Deacons

Cindy Batts, Sandy Gruzesky, Gloria Batts, Pat Wilson, Teresa Hoppin, Dottie Pollard, Nancy Lu Prewitt, Ella Drake, Sharon Burchell

Worship Leaders:

Nov. 5: TBA

Nov. 19: TBA

Nov 12: TBA

Nov. 26: TBA



Virginia Drake

Motivational Speaker · Life Coach · Transformational Consultant



Sunday Workshop Guest Speaker

Sunday, November 5, Breakfast at 9 am

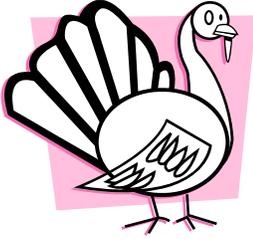
Virginia Drake will be our guest speaker, Sunday, November 5. She will be speaking about the Mind, Body, Spirit Connection.

Virginia Drake has worked in the fields of education, social work, counseling, consulting, and motivational speaking over the past 30 years. She holds a Masters Degree in Education from Georgetown College, a Teaching Certificate from Eastern Kentucky University, and a B.S. Degree in Social Work from Murray State University.

Ms. Drake has a private consulting practice in Lexington and is currently traveling around the U.S. as a motivational speaker. Her knowledge and expertise in the mind-body connection forms the basis for her successful career as a Transformational consultant.

Children's Ministry

Mission Craft Project for Midway Children, Parents & Other Crafty People



Sunday, November 12th at Noon

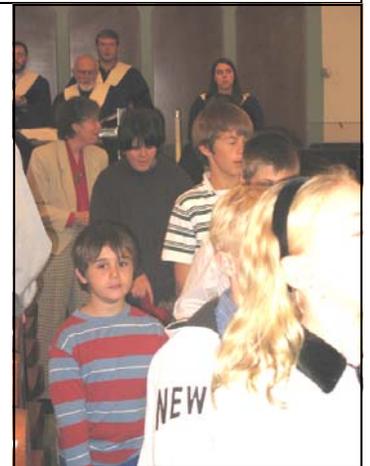
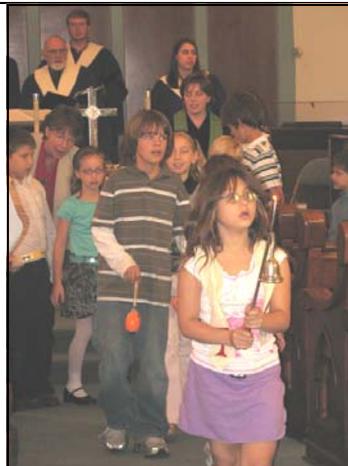
Exercise your creativity by making simple craft projects to be used as table favors for our Community Thanksgiving Dinner guests. The crafts we plan to make include simple origami objects, leaf pencil rubbings, stencil made pumpkins and turkeys. We'll meet in the fellowship hall for pizza and then go from station to station making the various crafts. Feel free to invite a friend to join you for this fun afternoon of making special table favors for our community friends. This event is for children, parents and anyone who would like to join us. Questions, email Joan at joan.schlesing@gmail.com

Revised Acolyte Schedule

Please note that the acolyte schedule has been adjusted. As of Sunday, November 5, two acolytes will be assigned to bring the light into our sanctuary each Sunday. Each child will light one of the candles on the communion table, while the worship leader for that day will take the light out of the sanctuary at the end of worship. The revised schedule is as indicated below:



November 5	Nate & Jack
November 12	Betsy & Jordan
November 19	Noelle & Faith
November 26	J.T. & Will
December 3	Steele & Franklin
December 10	Gregory & Clay
December 17	Nate & Jack
December 24	Betsy & Jordan
December 31	Noelle & Faith



Children's Sabbath - Sunday, October 15, 2006

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

Wednesday, November 15

The next mission night will be Wednesday, November 15, 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

A Big Success!

The Women's Hope Center meal was a huge success! We prepared a spaghetti dinner with all the "fixing's" for 63 residents. The Shoe Box Project in conjunction with the meal resulted in 29 intake boxes for the Center. These boxes are used for the new intake residents when they arrive at the Center. Many of the new residents have just been released from incarceration who arrive with just the clothes on their backs. Several of the current residents came up to the MCC volunteers and personally expressed their thanks. One particular resident stated, "Thanks so much for being here...it is good to know we aren't forgotten to the outside world".

Thanks to Heather McColl, Virginia Ballenger, Gary Glass, Phil Burchell, John Batts and Wilda Caudle for assisting with the meal on 10/22. Thanks to June Mitchell and her granddaughter for bagging up the candy for the residents.

Praise be to God for the outpouring of prayers, monetary donations, and support from the entire MCC family. This project was certainly blessed!



Meals On Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of October 16:

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



The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of November 13.

Food Pantry

The Hope Ministries Food Pantry is in need of several items: canned fruit, corn, ravioli, spaghetti o's, and cereal. Please remember those in our community who are in need by donating one or more of these items.



More Items from Ten Thousand Villages



Since the response from the Fall Festival was so great, Midway Christian Church is hosting more items from Ten Thousand Villages. Everything will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 5. We will have these items for the month of November. Time to get your Christmas shopping done early. Tell your friends and family to come and support third world artisans by buying unique gifts from around the world.

*Fairly Traded Handicrafts
from Around the World*

2006 Thanksgiving Special Offering

Your gift to the thanksgiving special Offering supports the Disciples colleges, universities, and institutions that educate students and create spirited leaders for our church. We will be collecting the Thanksgiving Special Offering on November 12 & 19.



Fellowship News and Notes

CWF

The CWF will meet Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.



Board Retreat

Saturday, November 4

Please mark your calendar! The board will have a retreat on Saturday, November 4th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Midway College. We will be meeting in the Conference Room outside of the Dining Hall. A continental breakfast will be served. We will also eat lunch in the dining hall. Childcare is provided.

Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Bennie Braddick, minister at Twin Pines Christian Church in Lexington, KY. Twin Pines has been going through a restructuring process with their committee structure and adopted their new structure at a congregational meeting at the end of September. Twin Pines did not go this process alone. They received help and resources from First Christian Church in Louisville who also has gone through a transition of committee structure in recent years. 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 the board retreat. We are asking everyone to read, "Turning Communities into Communities" by Roberta Hestenes. There are still copies available if you have not picked up a copy.

At this retreat, the board members will have an opportunity to discover what their spiritual type is and how this may influence how they worship and grow in their faith. Board Members will also have an opportunity to brainstorm and share their vision for Midway Christian Church. Most importantly, the board will begin to discover where God is calling Midway Christian Church and how we as a community of faith are going to journey to where God has called us.

Keenagers

The Keenagers will meet on Monday, November 6 at 11:30 am at Darlin Jean's for lunch. Please RSVP to the church office by Nov. 3 so we can make reservations.

Choir Retreat

Saturday, November 11

The Choir will have a choir retreat on Saturday, November 11 from 9 am to 3 pm at the church. We would love to have some new voices join us, so if you think you may be interested come and join us.



Wilda Caudle, Phil Burchell & Virginia Ballenger preparing to cook.



Virginia Ballenger really getting into her job!

Community News and Notes

Elders Meeting

The Elders will travel to First Christian Church Shelbyville to hear Fred Craddock preach. We will be leaving the church at 5 pm.

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

Scouts Selling Christmas Wreaths

Scout Troop #40 is selling Christmas wreaths. The cost is \$18 for wreaths and \$16 for swags. If you would like to place an order, call David Field 873-0402. Please make checks payable to Troop 40.



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!

New Directories Coming Soon

We just completed our new directories using our new PowerChurch Software. There will be a copy in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for everyone to look at their information and check for accuracy. If anything needs to be changed or added, please mark it on the copy. Rhonda will make any changes necessary and a copy will be available for everyone by November 12.

Prayer Concerns

Our Men and Women of the Armed Forces
Mary Lee Curtis (Taylor Manor, room #50)
Hap Horn (VA Center in Wilmore)
Ann Horn (Ashwood Place in Frankfort-cell #859-270-7123)
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
Tempa Endicott
Dick Starks
Justin Sorenson
Maxine Wilson
Dorothy Gordon
Sherman Columbia
Esther Phillians
Pam Sparks
Richard Devers

Church Office to be Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Campaign Update

We're reaching ever closer to our goal of \$100,000. As of Oct. 25, gifts and pledges to the Future of the Faith campaign total \$68,640. Add that to a few earlier gifts, a successful rummage sale and a tremendous auction event, and our church has raised a total of \$92,140! Add that to the wonderfully generous gift from our anonymous donor, and the overall campaign total stands at \$242,140. Let's push forward with our commitment to this project; please make your pledge now!

Bob Rouse, campaign chair



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