



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April , 2007

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Schedule for Holy Week

Sunday, April 1

Palm Sunday



Thursday, April 5—7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Midway Christian Church



Friday, April 6—7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Midway Baptist Church



Sunday, April 8—7:00 am

Easter Sunrise Service

Walter Bradley Park



Breakfast to follow at Midway Women's Club, hosted by Second Christian Church

10:55 am Easter Sunday Service at Midway Christian Church

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Pictorial Directory

It is time to put on your best outfit and your best smile! We are taking your picture! As a part of the new software that we are using in the church office, we are able to create a pictorial directory in house with little or no cost!! So we are asking people to sign up for times to have their picture taken. The times will be—before and after church on Sunday, April 15, Sunday, April 22, and Sunday, April 29. We will also have some times available on Wednesday, April 18 before Cabinet meeting and after committee meetings. Sign up sheets will be located in the narthex.

Cane Ridge Day 2007

June 23 - 9:30 a.m. Registration

The theme for the day will focus on the historical connections between Cane Ridge and Transylvania University. Weather permitting, during the noontime break, participants will enjoy their own picnics on the grounds or they may order a box lunch by June 20 from Cane Ridge. Music groups will entertain. Midway Christian Church is looking to take a group, look for more information next month.

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$106,309.43
Received to date: \$100,536.69

A Pastoral Word

This is one of my favorite times of year! A sure sign of Spring! (One our cats especially love because we open up the windows so that they can see all the creatures from atop of my dining room table!)

As new flowers bloom and trees bud, there is just a sense of anticipation and surprise that fills the air. It feels as if anything and everything is possible! New Life is coming forth. Creatures are waking up from a winter slumber. People are getting out and enjoying the sunshine of the spring days throughout our week. Everything seems new and fresh!

It's this sense of excitement that always gets me energized for the weeks to come and wondering what God has in store for Midway Christian Church. Our Visioning Team has been meeting since January and we really feel as if the presence of the Holy Spirit is guiding us through this process. This has been an energizing process for the members of this team and we are all anxious to continue this journey that we are on and discern where God is leading us. It seems as if some of the same words keep coming up every time with meet: "welcoming, hospitable, renewal, accepting," There also seems to be a guiding hand help us to discern ways to be more open to the community that surrounds us. One of our members suggested that we have a Heritage Day, as a way to combine the sense of tradition and history of our church with the new vision and energy of our church.

And it is just not there that we are feeling God's spirit leading us. For the past 7 weeks, the elders have met and began a new journey with 8 of our youth in the Pastor's Class. We have some remarkable and insightful youth who are looking forward to continuing their ministry with Midway Christian Church. Each week, the elders gather after class and are amazed by the questions and the comments that our youth have put forth during our sessions. There is such a spiritual depth to the thinking of theyouth of Midway Christian Church.

There is such great energy that has filled and refreshed our church, and it is fueled by the members who have such a deep love for this congregation and the people who are a part of the family. And a family is exactly what Midway Christian Church is for the members. We rejoice in all of each other's celebrations and we mourn in all of each others sorrows. Several church members have commented to me that during times of need, they have felt the love and concern of their family at Mid-

way Christian Church coming to them. We are a family that deeply cares for each and every one of our members.

Many of my friends and family have asked me if I am still enjoying being at Midway Christian and I enthusiastically say YES!! I am loving being the minister at Midway Christian Church. I love the people. I love the energy! I love the church! And I am so thankful that God has joined our journeys of faith so that we could travel this road together.

Each Sunday, when I walk through the doors of Midway Christian church, it feels as if this church has embraced God's direction and has become renewed in its calling as God's people. I tell people when they ask me to describe Midway Christian Church for them, that it is has been an extraordinary experience to be and to minister with the people of Midway Christian. Midway is such a great church. Midway is such a loving church. Midway is such a welcoming church that I want to tell everyone I know about this wonderful, exciting, spirit-filled church that I have found!

And I am sure that you feel the same way! You want to share this great experience with the people that you know and love.

That's why on Sunday, April 22nd, we are having "Bring a Friend" Sunday! We are inviting all of our friends, families and neighbors to come and experience the grace of God through the people of Midway Christian Church. This is an opportunity to share an amazing gift that we have been given. This is an exciting time in the life of Midway Christian Church and we are called as Jesus' disciples to invite those in who are lost and lonely, those who are looking for a family, those who are looking for a beacon of light on their faith journey, to come in and rest, to come in and be refreshed, to come in and be renewed.

So let us share this extraordinary gift that we have been given through Jesus Christ and open our doors to our friends, families, and neighbors!

Heather

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



April 1

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40

Sermon: "Blessed Is The King"

April 8

Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

Sermon: "I Have Seen The Lord"

April 15

Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20: 19-31"

Sermon: "Peace Be With You"

April 22

Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 21: 1-19

Sermon: "Do You Love Me?"

April 29

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 9: 36-43

Sermon: "To Be Alive"

Serving This Month

Elders

Jim Hoppin

Shirley Eckels

Deacons

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

Worship Leaders:

April 1: Scott Congleton

April 8: Jim McDaniel

April 15: Wilda Caudle

April 22: Charlann Wombles

April 29: John Batts

Sunday School Classes

April 1—Resurrection & Crucifixion, led by Jeannie Hill

April 8—No Sunday School

April 15—History of MCC, led by Margaret Ware Parrish

April 22—Faith Sharing—Six Week Study led by Rev. McColl

April 29—Faith Sharing

Taylor Manor Worship Service

Sunday, April 1 @ 2 pm

Midway Christian Church will be providing the Sunday worship service at Taylor Manor Nursing Home in Versailles on Sunday, April 1. We need volunteers to assist the residents and join in the congregational singing. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 1:15 pm.

Acolyte Schedule



April 1—Sam & Will

April 22—Nate & Jack

May 13—J.T. & Will

April 8—Steele & Franklin

April 29—Betsy & Jordan

May 20—Gregory & Clay

April 15—Gregory & Clay

May 6—Noelle & Faith

May 27—Nate & Jack

Children's Ministry

A parents' meeting was held on March 4th after worship. Items discussed are as follows:

Youth Events: People seem to prefer two events per month. Also, it was mentioned that events that take place at the church rather than requiring a carpool are appreciated.

Sunday Mornings: Right now there is no program for youth during the Sunday School hour. Beginning in May we will try having an informal youth fellowship during this time—youth would begin in the fellowship hall with everybody else and then go to their own room after the opening prayer.

Christian Education: While our youth program is very active as far as social activities goes, we do not have regular opportunities for Christian education. In addition to a Sunday morning activity, we are also planning to try in the coming months an evening program during the week which will have an educational focus.

Youth Space: If the youth are going to have their own regular times for education and fellowship, they will need a space of their own other than the Children's Worship and Wonder Room. Interest in the youth room over the sanctuary has been expressed, but it will need to be cleaned and rearranged before it is ready for use. If you would like to help with this, please talk to Amanda (and bring an umbrella in anticipation of the shower of gratitude that will occur).

Our next scheduled youth event is Saturday, April 28th when we will gather for Kickball and Alligator Tag. We will meet at the church at 3:00 pm. Looking ahead to May, we will be going to the Louisville Zoo on Saturday, May 19th.

Thanks to everyone who attended and otherwise contributed to Pizza & Video Night on the 24th. A good time was had by all.

Remember that camp forms are circulating already—now is the time to be making plans for the summer! We want as many of our youth as possible to have the experience of attending church camp this year. Contact Amanda or the church office for more information.

Children Worship & Wonder Greeter Schedule

April 1 & 15—Sandy Gruzesky

April 22 & 29—Adele Dickerson

Training Session for Children Worship and Wonder

Please mark your calendars! Lexington Theological Seminary is hosting another Children Worship and Wonder Story Teller training session in April. This is a growing ministry for MCC. Our children are really enjoying this experience of worship! The dates are April 21-22 and the cost is \$120 if received by April 6. Please let Amanda know if you are interested in attending this training.

Summer Experiences for Children, Youth & Families

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Cost (if postmarked by 5/1)</u>
Chi-Rho <i>6-8th grade</i>	July 9-14	WKDH	\$180
Junior 1 <i>4 & 5th grade</i>	June 11-15	WKDH	\$150
Mini <i>3rd grade only</i>	June 8-10	WKDH	\$90
Camp 101 <i>1 & 2nd grades plus a parent or guardian</i>	June 2-3	WKDH	\$40
Ya'll Camp <i>Family Camp</i>	Aug. 31-Sept. 2	WKDH	\$40

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

Wednesday, April 18

The next mission night will be Wednesday, April 18, 2007. The Cabinet will meet at 5:45 pm and the Committee's will meet at 6:30 pm. Childcare is provided.

Meals On Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of March 5:

Pat Settlemire, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Priscilla Crutcher & Gloria Batts

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of April 2, 2007.



Food Pantry

The Hope Ministries Food Pantry is in need of several items: laundry detergent, 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.



Fellowship News and Notes

Bring A Friend Sunday

Midway Christian Church will be celebrating "Bring a Friend Sunday" on Sunday, April 22. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to come join us for worship on this Sunday. There will also be a lunch following the church service for all of our friends and members. The cost of the lunch is \$5 for church members, free for our guests.

Update on Visioning Team

The Visioning Team has been meeting since the end of January and made great progress on our Vision and Mission statements. Our meetings have consisted of prayer, bible reading, and discussion. We are now at the point in the process of collecting information from our fellow church members about how the congregations views Midway Christian Church and where God is leading its ministries. This has been a very rewarding and insightful process. The church is very thankful to all the members of this team who have given their time and energy to this process of discernment.

2007 Stewardship Focus: *The Gifts We Bring*

Visioning and preparations are already being made for the upcoming new church year and the ministries that we hope to be able to be a part of in our community, in our church and in our world. Committees have been asked to formulate a budget for their upcoming church year and to think about how much money would be needed to live out their mission and their ministries.

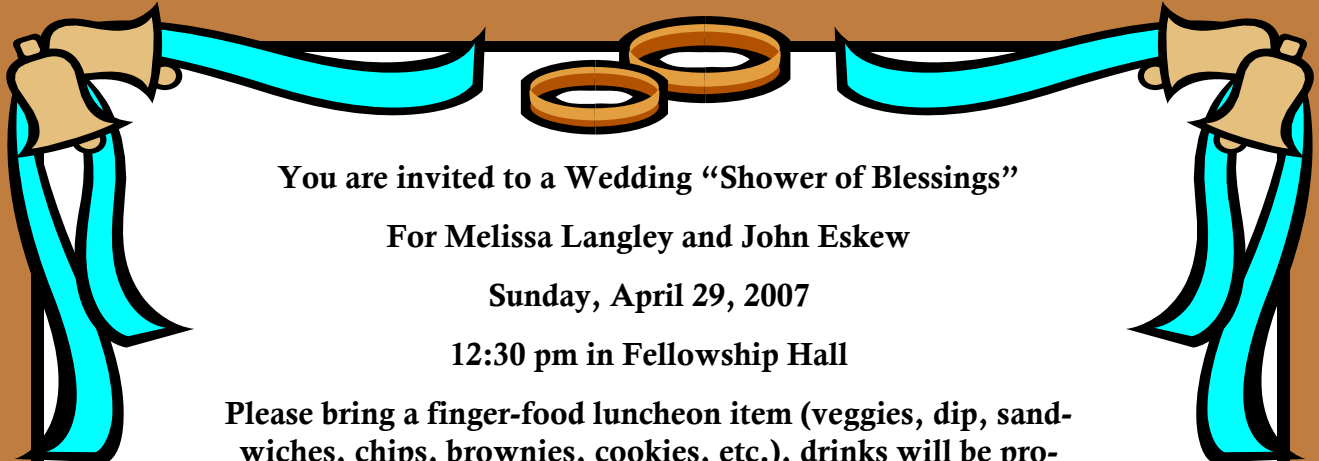
As a part of this process, we are seeking God's blessing and God's guidance for our ministries and God's help in preparing our budget. This year, we will be asking for each person or family to prayerfully seek God's blessings and guidance for their own financial giving as they made a pledge for the coming fiscal year (July, 2007-June, 2008).

Our hope in doing this process is that we can have a budget that gives us a faithful and accurate picture of the ministries of Midway Christian Church. When the time comes, please make an estimate for your yearly giving so that we can faithfully celebrate God's blessings upon our church.

Please do not put your name on this pledge. We will not be tracking the pledges. We understand that circumstances in life can change and that you may give more or less than you anticipated. The Finance Committee wants to faithful to God and to Midway Christian Church in all of God's blessings.

We are asking that you bring your pledge forward on Consecration Day, Sunday, May 20, as a sign of your commitment and your response to the grace of God that has been shown to you as a child of God.

Fellowship News and Notes



You are invited to a Wedding "Shower of Blessings"

For Melissa Langley and John Eskew

Sunday, April 29, 2007

12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Please bring a finger-food luncheon item (veggies, dip, sandwiches, chips, brownies, cookies, etc.), drinks will be provided. Melissa and John are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting on Sunday, April 1 at 5 pm.

Elders

The Elders will meet on Sunday, April 29 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Ministry Meeting

All women of the church are invited to attend a session on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss the women's ministry of the church. We would like every woman to voice their hopes and what they would like to see as a part of this ministry.

Elder's Workshop at Lexington Theological Seminary

There will be an Elder's Workshop at LTS on Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 am until noon. The cost is \$15. The speakers for the workshop will be Rev. Steve Monhollen, Director of Field Education, and Dr. O. Wesley Allen, Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Worship. Steve Monhollen will lead a session that will focus on the qualities of leadership that sustain a commitment of hospitality by exploring the example of hospitality shown by Le Chambon sur Ligon, one of several French Protestant villages that welcomed Jews who were escaping Nazi persecution. Wes Allen will lead a session that will focus on how public prayer is different from and yet related to private prayer. Please contact Dan Roller if you are interested in attending this workshop.

Keenagers

Friday, April 20

The Keenagers will meet Friday, April 20 at 11:30 am at the church to travel to Keeneland. The cost is \$6 which includes general admission ticket and reserved seat. Please call the church office to RSVP for this outing.



Update on Trustees' Meetings

The Trustees of Midway Christian Church met with Dave Shaw of Nancy Baron and Associates on Thursday, March 15 to discuss the beginnings of setting up a church endowment fund. They also met with Randy Johnson of the Christian Church Foundation to learn more about endowment funds. The Trustees are developing a policy concerning the setting up and usage of the Endowment Fund made possible by a generous gift given by Dorothy Gordon as a bequest through her will. Once the trustees have developed this policy, they will present it to the board for approval. Please keep these trusted leaders in your thoughts and prayers as they help build a foundation for the future of Midway Christian Church

Community News and Notes



**Here comes Peter Cotton Tail hopping
down the bunny trail.....**

Join us for the
Midway College

Ruth Slack Roach Leadership/Scholarship Program

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7, 2007

Please meet us in front of the Midway College
McManis Student Center at 10:00 a.m.
to enjoy the festivities.



There will be an egg hunt (divided by age groups),
games, prizes, a visit from the Easter Bunny
and more!



Volunteer Training

Hospice of the Bluegrass is looking for dedicated individuals to provide companionship to patients, caregiver relief, transportation to appointments, and Administrative support.

Attend the FREE Volunteer Training and find out how you can help. Lunch will be provided.

Monday, April 16, 2007 from 9:30 am to 5 pm at the Woodford County Public Library. Call Shellie Brown at 800-926-1302 to register.

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)
William B. Drake, Sr. (Lexington Country Place)
Carolyn Varner
Tempa Endicott
Mayme Wall (Taylor Manor)
Roselyn Jones
Justin Sorenson
Mary Terwilliger
Jane Reynolds
Mary Ann Rainey
Ida Lee Craig
Sherman Columbia
Richard Devers
Elsah Boyles
Maxine Wilson
Elizabeth Marsh
Bob Hardin
Les Duncan
The Family of John T. Mitchell, Jr. (father of Marlin Mitchell)
The Family of Raymond Jones (father of Jan Nance)
The Family of Nell Creamer (aunt of Wilda Caudle)

Handouts from Lenten Breakfast

We have enjoyed some wonderful speakers through our Lenten Breakfast Series. If you are interested in receiving any handouts that were left by our speakers, please contact the office.

Dear Midway Christian Friends:

I really appreciated your concern, cards, and prayers during the illnesses and passing of my aunts, Louisa Petrie and Nell Creamer. Each of these Christian women leave behind a legacy in a lifetime of tireless work for the Lord. Our family is comforted by knowing God has welcomed two new angels into heaven. I am so thankful and proud to be a part of such a warm and caring congregation.

Always,
Wilda

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May newsletter is Noon,
Monday, April 23.

