

# SUMMER



## THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June , 2007

### Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Amanda Hatfield**

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**Melissa Langley**

*Music Director*

**Ainsley Wagoner**

*Pianist*

**Rhonda Rankin**

*Secretary*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

### Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck

*Sunday, June 24—Noon*

All members of the church are encouraged to come to Fellowship Hall after the church service on Sunday, June 24. Please bring sandwiches, salads, chips, and desserts.

There will be a short but very important meeting after lunch. We will be voting on Elders, Deacons, Church Officers, and the budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

### Vacation Bible School 2007

#### SonForce Kids



**Date:** June 25-27

**Ages:** preschool through junior high

**Theme:** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

### Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Nightly Schedule:

**Dinner** 5:30-6:00 pm

**Program** 6:00-8:00 pm

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Nightly topics:

**Monday:** Moses—Boy in a basket

We can have courage in all situations by trusting in God's love and plans for us.

**Tuesday:** Jeremiah—Prophet in trouble

We can have courage to follow God's path, even when it is difficult.

**Wednesday:** Joshua—Spy in a strange land

We can have courage to lead others to God's promises

**The search for volunteers has begun, so either report for duty now or await your assignment from mission control.**

### Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$130,842.37  
Received to date: \$126,218.40

## A Pastoral Word

This morning, as I was getting ready for work, I went down to our basement and turned on the TV for my morning dose of Matt Lauer and Meredith Vieira, I noticed that one of our cats was staring intently at the window. So I opened the blinds and noticed that a bird was looking into our window. As many of you know, the parsonage has a basement with a window that is at ground level. So really this bird was sitting on the ground, staring in at us humans and our feline companions.

Our cat began to “hunt” this bird. Her tail began to twitch and she began to make clicking noises. She hunched down in attack mode. And before I knew what was happening, she launched herself at the window. Needless to say, she hit the glass and sort of slid down the wall, with a little dazed look on her face. I ran over to check her out and saw no broken bones, no blood. She may have used just one of her nine lives with that little trick.

So after a few moments, the bird was back at the window and I turn to see my cat once again, getting ready to jump to catch the bird.

All I could think was didn’t she learn anything! She could have killed herself from the first jump and now she is trying to do it again. Thankfully, my cat has a short attention span, so I was able to pick her up and diverted her attention to a safer location and object.

This experience got me to thinking about second chances and second jumps. This experience got me to thinking about learning lessons from our history and how to prevent “crashes into glass windows” in our future.

A few weeks ago, Burnie Wall showed me a Final Report from the Transition Task Force from 1998. Some of our outstanding member came together and “visioned” for the church. They came together and asked those difficult questions and sparked the conversation among the congregation of where God was leading Midway Christian Church. They developed a plan with several goals and practical applications for the church.

I struck me on how similar the visions and implications for Midway Christian Church were in 1998 and now in 2007. The group suggested that Midway Christian Church “increase ties to other congregations in the Midway community, especially Second Christian Church,

embrace greater diversity of persons in the congregation, be more pro-active in our welcome of new Midway-area residents and more aggressive in our follow-up of those who visit, support more “hands-on mission efforts, both locally and through programs of the denomination, and develop better communication throughout the communication.”

And these are some of the same needs that the Visioning Team has discerned for our church today with the help from you the congregation. In April, the Visioning Team once again turned toward the congregation to spark the conversation of where God is leading us as a church family. And the results came in and we are so thankful for everyone who shared their love and their visions for Midway Christian Church.

From the congregational surveys, many of you didn’t know if we do any follow up with our visitors. I can yes we do, thanks to Priscilla Crutcher, who sends a note to all of our visitors. Many of you didn’t know if there was a nursery attendant on Sunday mornings. I can yes we do. Her name is Heather Jackson and she is here every Sunday morning. Many of you wanted more hands-on mission opportunities. So I say, please let us know of ideas that will help us grow in our faith and reach to care for God’s children.

From the congregational surveys, many of you were appreciative of the music program at Midway Christian, that you enjoyed our style of worship, that you felt like we were a welcoming congregation. Actually the positives outnumbered the negatives! Yeah us!

As the Visioning Team continues their work by discerning where God is leading us, I believe that God has given us a chance for a second leap of faith, to try not to “crash into our windows” but to leap into the future with a God who is loving, who is passionate about God’s people, to leap into the future, knowing that we are a community of faith grounded in the grace and peace of Christ, to leap into the future as the hands, the feet and the heart of God for the people of God. I believe that God has given us a great opportunity to learn from our past, incorporate our life lessons into our present, and to vision a wonderful future for this congregation and for many generations to come!

Thanks be to God!

Heather

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### June 3

*First Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Psalm 8

Sermon: "How Majestic Is Your Name!"

#### June 10

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

Sermon: "The Jar Will Not Be Emptied"

#### June 17

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15

Sermon: "The Sound of Silence"

#### June 24

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: 1 Kings 21: 1-21

Sermon: "Possession of the Vineyard"

### Acolyte Schedule

**June 3**—Steele & Franklin

**June 10**—Betsy & Jordan

**June 17**—Noelle & Faith

**June 24**—J.T. & Sam

**July 1**—Gregory & Clay

**July 8**—Nate & Jack

**July 15**—J.T. & Will

**July 22**—Betsy & Jordan

**July 29**—Noelle & Faith



### Serving This Month

#### Elders

Phil Burchell

Anne Burford

#### Deacons

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

#### Worship Leaders:

**June 3:** Nate Hill

**June 10:** Jordan Batts

**June 17:** Will Schein

**June 24:** Betsy Schein

### Sunday School Classes

**June 3**—"Holy Spirit Field" - led by Jeannie Hill

**June 10-24**—Prayer for Children Program

### Children Worship & Wonder Greeter Schedule

**June 3 & 10**—Ouita Michel

June 10 will be the last Sunday for Worship & Wonder for the summer.

### Church Work Day

*Saturday, June 9*

On Saturday, June 9, 2007, Midway Christian Church is having a work day to move our nursery!

We will meet at the church from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Please bring cleaning supplies to wipe down the furniture and toys.



## Children's Ministry

June 27-27, 2007



5:30 pm—8:00 pm

### Registration Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency (if parent or guardian cannot be reached):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Allergies or Other Medical Conditions:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out one form per child and return to the church office or you may call the church office to register by phone.*

## Children's Ministry

### America's Walk for Diabetes

The American Diabetes Association Walk will be held Saturday, June 2 at Keeneland. Our walkers will meet at the church at 7:45 am Saturday morning to carpool to Keeneland. The walk itself will be from 9 to noon. All those who are planning to walk, please let Amanda know. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and bring the money you have raised. We will return to the church in the early afternoon.



For those who cannot walk but would still like to help, there are opportunities to work with both the setting up Friday evening and the taking down Saturday afternoon. More details about that can be had from Amanda or the Batts family.

Come out and show your support for your church family and Diabetes awareness—Cure, Care, Commitment!

### Youth Sunday School

The new youth Sunday school class continues to meet, and we would love to see some new faces there! We meet with the adults in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for breakfast and fellowship and then go to the youth room above the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

### CW & W Training

There will be a Children's Worship and Wonder Greeters' Training on Saturday, July 28. The trainer will be Cindy James. Both current greeters and anyone who would like to take part in this ministry are encouraged to attend!



*The children/youth (and adults) enjoyed a day of fun and games at Walter Bradley Park!*

## Mission News and Notes

### Mission Night

*Wednesday, June 20*

The next mission night will be Wednesday, June 20, 2007. The Cabinet will meet at 5:45 pm and the Committee's will meet at 6:30 pm.

### Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the

Meals on Wheels team that served the week of April 30:

*Gretchen Arehart, Pat Settleme, Priscilla Crutcher, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Gloria Batts*

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of May 28 and June 25, 2007.





# Fellowship News and Notes



*June 16 & 17*

Midway Renaissance Inc., Midway College, and the City of Midway, Kentucky invite art lovers to an exceptional and award-winning event – Francisco's Farm Arts Festival at Midway College

The primary focus of the event is the outdoor exhibition of juried fine art and fine craft, giving our audience the opportunity to meet, interact with, and purchase art from the creators themselves. One hundred forty artists from fourteen states will exhibit at Francisco's Farm 2007 on June 16 & 17 from 10am to 5pm.

Located on the beautiful campus of Midway College, Kentucky's only college for women, this event promises to be a destination of artists and buyers for years to come. Midway Renaissance Inc., Midway College, and the City of Midway, Kentucky invite art lovers to an exceptional and award-winning event !

## Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting on Sunday, June 3 at 5 pm.

## Elders

The Elders will meet on Sunday, June 24 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

## Kentucky Men's Retreat 2007

*June 29— July 1*

Men's lives are like spiritual houses. There are times when they need a little up-keep, times when they need an addition, and then there are those times when they need a complete renovation. Our Christian lives are always a construction zone and people watch what we are building. Start a project on your life this year!



Christian Church in Kentucky

Men's Spiritual Life Retreat

The Influencers with Men's Consultant Ed Huckleberry  
St. Meinard Arch Abbey, St. Meinard, IN

Cost of Registration, Lodging, and Meals-\$157.50

Registration deadline is June 10, 2007

Registration forms are located in the Narthex or you may contact the church office to receive one.

## Keenagers

*June 11 at 11:30 am*

On Monday, June 11, 2007, Keenagers will meet for lunch at Wallace Station at 11:30 am. Please call the church office to RSVP.

## Church Picnic

On Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm, Midway Christian Church will have a church wide picnic.

We will eat outside on the grassy area between the playground and the parsonage. Yes, there will be tables and chairs! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.



## Cane Ridge Day 2007

*Saturday, June 23– 9:30 am to 3 pm*

Registration is at 9:30 a.m.

At 12 noon, families and church groups open up their picnic baskets and enjoy lunch under the shade trees while listening to gospel and traditional Appalachian music.

At 1 p.m., Cane Ridge trustee Kenney Roseberry recounts the "Early History of Cane Ridge Schools," followed by James Trader speaking on the future of Cane Ridge and its role as an educational institution in and of itself.

At approximately 3 p.m. is benediction.

## Announcement

The wedding of Elizabeth Roach and Matt Seybert has been cancelled. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## Community News and Notes

### Vacation Time

Rhonda will be out of the office June 4-8.

Melissa will be out June 10-18.

Heather will be out June 21-22.

### Thank You

On behalf of the family of Charles S. Wilson, who died May 12, 2007, at his home, I wish to extend our appreciation to the entire church family for all the many ways you expressed care and concern for us. We thank you for the prayers, the beautiful cards, the visits, the telephone calls, the flowers, the prayer circle at home, your presence at his funeral and of course the wonderful food which was brought to the house and the lovely lunch after the funeral.

I feel so blessed because you were near me during this devastating time in my life.

Thank you for your continued prayers,

Pat Wilson

### From the Christian Church Foundation

#### *A Final Act of Stewardship*

Have you included the church in your will?

Writing a will is a right granted by law. When we fail to take advantage of this right, our property is distributed by a formula with no consideration given for the things we hold important, like our families and our church, both here locally and in its regional and general manifestations.

Our legal system provides just three ways our estates can be distributed: to family and friends; to charities; and to the government. It is safe to assume that the way the government would distribute your assets is different than the way you would prefer.

Christians also can use their wills in one final act of stewardship. Our possessions are gifts from God, and God has intended for us to use them wisely throughout our lifetimes. Through our wills, we can provide for our loved ones while also making a faithful distribution back to God to further God's work.

Please remember the church in your will.

To learn more about incorporating our congregation into your estate plans, contact your local pastor or the Christian Church Foundation, (800) 668-8016.



### Prayer Concerns

Our Men and Women of the Armed Forces

Mary Lee Curtis (Taylor Manor)

Hap Horn (VA Center in Wilmore)

Ann Horn (Taylor Manor)

William B. Drake, Sr. (Thomson-Hood VA Center)

Carolyn Varner

Mayme Wall (Taylor Manor)

Justin Sorenson

Mary Terwilliger

Jane Reynolds

Mary Ann Rainey

Ida Lee Craig

Sherman Columbia

Elsah Boyles

Elizabeth Marsh

Clarence Abbney

John Berry

Michael Relland

Rowan Covington

The Family of Les Duncan

The Family of Charles S. Wilson

The Family of Tempa Endicott

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**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the July newsletter is Noon,  
Friday, June 22.

