



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July, 2007

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Commissioning Service for Delegates for General Assembly

On Sunday, July 15, as part of our worship service, we will commission our delegates, who will be traveling to General Assembly. We would ask that you keep Phil and Sharon Burchell, Shirley Eckels, and Heather McColl in your thoughts and prayers as they travel to Fort Worth, Texas to represent our congregation.



Update on Future Endowment Fund

The trustees have developed a policy concerning the setting up and usage of the Endowment. This was made possible through a generous gift to the church by Dorothy Gordon's estate. The trustees will present the Endowment Policy to the board at our July Board meeting. The trustees would like to thank all the church members who have helped revise and prepare this policy. We would ask that you keep these trusted leaders in your prayers as they help build a foundation for the future of Midway Christian Church.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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To All Vacation Bible School Volunteers:

Thank you all so much for the hard work you put into making SonForce Kids a memorable time for our congregation and community. It has been a long several weeks full of meetings, email, phone calls, and shopping trips, but now we have all earned a good vacation. VBS 2007 required a small army of volunteers, and its success is a testament to the love you have for Midway Christian Church and its youth. Thank you again and we'll be talking VBS 2008 before you know it!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$141,745.90
Received to date: \$138,726.90

A Pastoral Word

“The check is in the mail.” I have always heard this expression and to be honest, I have probably used this expression. It is a “good faith” statement between both parties. Each one trusting in the fact that the check is actually in the mail.

When the trustees learned about Dorothy Gordon’s generous gift to the church, we understood that once again the check was in the mail or at least in the legal process of making it into the mail. The trustee met with a few different investment firms and tried to figure out the best course of action for this generous donation. The trustees came to a consensus that Midway Christian Church needed to start an Endowment Fund that would support new ministries and mission for the church, that would ensure our future as a church, and that would enable us to all breathe a huge sigh of relief, knowing that we had a “cushion” for our church.

And even though the trustees decided that we should start an Endowment Fund with this generous gift, the trustees had to come up with what exactly would be the purpose for this Endowment Fund. Would it be there for eternity, gaining interest or would Dorothy Gordon want us as a church to use some of the income from our investments to create new ministry opportunities? These questions gave the trustees a few long nights of praying and discerning. Finally, it was agreed upon that the trustees could use some of the income to fund new ministries for the church only after the budget was completed and approved. This way, we as a church, would continue our practice of being responsible stewards to our general fund while embracing the creative spirit of God and the paths of mission that it might be leading us on as a church.

This has not been an easy process of the trustees. There were revisions after revisions. Suggestions and Discussions. And then we thought: Aha! We have the final draft only to find a few typos and a disagreement with our constitution! No one thought to look at our constitution because we didn’t have an Endowment. So thanks to the watchful eyes of Jim Hoppin and the forethought of past leadership at Midway Christian Church, we realized that there was a line under the responsibilities of church trustees to supervise all Endowment Funds of Midway Christian Church. So there was another revision and there was

more discussion.

We were starting to see the policy coming together. We were feeling comfortable with where we were headed when Jim Rouse let the trustees know that he had received a call from the lawyers and “the check was in the mail.”

The Endowment Fund was starting to become a reality for us as a church. We were seeing the policy come together. And to be honest, I thought I was prepared for when I received that call from Jim Rouse. “Heather, I just received the check from the Dorothy Gordon estate. Who am I suppose to send it to and what would you like me to do with it? There was stunned silence on my end. It was actually here! The check had come through the mail and it was in Jim Rouse’s hand. My mind was drawing a blank. In all our preparation, why didn’t I prepare for this moment? I think Jim even had to ask if I was still there.

“Yes, Jim, I’m still here. Well, I guess I had better ask a trustee to head over to your office now and let’s get it into the bank.” And I am a firm believer that God works in mysterious ways because just after I finished that statement in walks Phil Burchell, one of our church trustees.

I got off the phone with Jim and let Phil know that he had a mission! Time to go to the bank! Time to start the Midway Christian Church Endowment Fund! Time to ensure the future of our church!

The check was in the mail and now the check is in the bank! I know that I speak for all of us as members of Midway Christian Church when I say a huge thank you to Dorothy Gordon and am so thankful that she showed her love for her church through this generous gift which enables us to continue to build on its historical mission of loving God and one another and to continue to create an atmosphere of spiritual growth, witness, and worship for generations to come!

Heather

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



July 1

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 9: 51-62

Sermon: "Freedom to Follow"

July 8

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Sermon: "The Harvest is Plentiful"

July 15

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon: "Go and Do Likewise"

July 22

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42

Sermon: "Only One Thing"

July 29

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 85

Sermon: "What God Will Speak"

Serving This Month

Elders

Dan Roller

Adele Dickerson

Deacons

John Batts, Gloria Batts, Sharon Burchell, Scott Congleton, Ella Drake, Teresa Hoppin, Jim McDaniel, Nancy Lu Prewitt, Pat Wilson

Worship Leaders:

July 1: Louise Hatfield

July 8: Clay Rouse

July 15: Gretchen Arehart

July 22: TBA

July 29: Nancy Dare

Sunday School Classes

July 1—Biblical Study of Christian Hospitality, Ouita Michel

July 8—Bread, Biblical Significance, Ouita Michel

July 15—Wine, Biblical Significance, Ouita Michel

July 22—Salt and other Foods Found in the Bible

Update from the Visioning Team

The Visioning Team has been meeting since January and has been discerning where God is leading Midway Christian Church. We are one step closer in this process with a new vision statement! "The vision of Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to be a Christ Centered, welcoming community of faith, building on its historical mission of loving God and one another, in an atmosphere of spiritual growth, witness, and worship". Let us know what you think! We would also ask that you continue to keep this group in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to discern God's mission for our church.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers

Starting July 1, Midway Christian Church will offer wafers that are free of gluten, wheat, dairy, egg, sugar, nuts, and corn for people who have food allergies. If you would like one of these wafers for communion, simply ask the deacons at the back of the sanctuary as you come into church.

Children's Ministry

Trip to Cane Ridge

Our next youth event will be a mission trip to Cane Ridge on Saturday, July 21. We will meet at the church at 9 am and drive to Cane Ridge as a group. We will be working on the grounds of the site doing whatever jobs the staff finds for us. Lunch is not provided so we will need to bring sack lunches from home. We will return to Midway by 4 pm.

Worship & Wonder Training

There will be a training session for Children's Worship and Wonder Greeters on Saturday, July 28 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Cindy James from Lexington Theological Seminary will be conducting the training. This is a good opportunity for those who would like to become involved with Worship and Wonder and also those who are already serving as Greeters but have not had the official training. Please let Amanda know if you are planning to attend by Monday, July 23.

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!

Acolyte Schedule



July 1—Gregory & Clay

July 8—Nate & Jack

July 15—J.T. & Will

July 22—Betsy & Jordan

July 29—Noelle & Faith

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

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

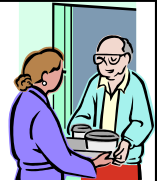
Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the

Meals on Wheels team that served the week of June 25:

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

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of July 23, 2007.



Hope Center—Men's Shoebox Project

The Missions Committee received a call from the Hope Center –Men's for a replenishment of the intake shoeboxes. The suggested travel size items are: soap, shampoo, conditioner, comb/brush, razor, shaving cream, tooth brush, tooth paste, travel size baby wipes, sun screen, bottle of water, snack items (nabs, gum, mints, etc.). Do not include mouth wash, instead send breath spray or the melt away breath strips. Please include an encouraging note. Empty shoe boxes are available in the narthex. If you would rather donate cash or items to the project rather than fill a box, we will have a collection basket in the narthex.

All donations should be at the church by July 15.

Food Pantry

The Hope Ministries Food Pantry's inventory levels are in good shape at this time. Any food donations brought to the church will be forwarded to the Midway Baptist Food Pantry for use by the hungry in Midway.

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers are going to Hollywood!

July 11 at 11:30 am

Keenagers will go to the Kentucky Theatre on Wednesday, July 11th for the afternoon showing of Key Largo. We will meet for lunch at Country Cooking in Lexington at 11:30 a.m. The movie starts at 1:30 p.m. Tickets for the movie are \$4.50. Please RSVP by Friday, July 6th if you would like to go to the movie. We have to purchase tickets in advance.



Sundaes and a Movie!

Saturday, July 28—7:30 pm

On Saturday, July 28 at 7:30 pm, Midway Christian Church is invited to have homemade ice cream sundaes and watch a movie in the grassy area between the parsonage and play-



ground. Everyone is invited to bring their best homemade ice cream to share, and blankets or chairs for an outdoor showing of "Over the Hedge". Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

You're Invited to a Pie Dinner and Auction!



Yep, you heard right. A Pie Dinner and Auction! Midway Christian Church is hosting a pie dinner on Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a pie to share and a pie to sell. The pies could be anything from Chicken Pot

Pie to Apple Pie! Proceeds from the auction will go to the Future of the Faith Campaign.

The children and youth of Midway Christian Church are also invited to a pie baking class on Wednesday, August 1 at 3:00 pm. Ouita Michel will be teaching the class and size of the class is limited to 20 people. Please call the church office to RSVP for the class.

Sunday Southern Supper with Live Gospel Music at Holly Hill Inn

Sunday, July 15—Noon - 4:00 pm

Join us for down-home Kentucky soulfood with pork roast, country ham and biscuits, Weisenberger Mill cheese grits, Kentucky green beans, fresh-off-the-cob corn pudding, sliced tomatoes and slow-cooked greens. This event is part of our Culinary Adventure Series. The cost is \$25 per person. Our very own Phil Burchell will be the emcee for this event.

Elders

The Elders will meet on Sunday, July 29 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Board Meeting

The Board will meet Sunday, July 1, after the worship service. Lunch will be provided.

Deacon and Elder Training

Sunday, July 8, Noon

On Sunday, July 8, there will be a deacon and elder training session for **all** current and new deacons and elders immediately following the church service. Lunch will be provided. We will review responsibilities and expectations of deacons and elders. Please make every effort to attend!

Board News and Notes

Officers of the Church Board

Majority votes, 42 votes

Chair of the Board: *Phil Burchell*

Vice Chair of the Board: *Amy Perry*

Secretary: *Gretchen Portwood Arehart*

Treasurer: *Jack Morgan*

Financial Secretary: *Rhonda Rankin*

Church Clerk: *Rhonda Rankin*

Historian: *John Batts*

Convention Delegates: *Phil Burchell, Sharon Burchell, Shirley Eckels*

Incoming Elders

(service through June, 2011)

Majority of votes, 42 votes

Wilda Caudle

Etta Manor

Incoming Deacons

(service through June, 2010)

Majority votes, 42 votes

John Batts

Scott Congleton

Jim McDaniel

Mary Beth Rouse

Kit Walden

Junior Deacons

Majority votes, 42 votes

Steele Rouse

Franklin Watson

Salaries

Minister- Salary		\$	21,000.00
Pension		\$	4,284.00
Insurance		\$	2,595.00
Soc. Sec.		\$	2,264.00
Expenses		\$	5,905.00
Youth Min. Salary		\$	9,200.00
Pension		\$	1,288.00
Insurance		\$	1,200.00
Secretary-Salary		\$	13,497.12
Pension		\$	1,889.60
Organist		\$	6,695.00
Choir Director		\$	6,695.00
Janitor		\$	6,034.00
Nursery		\$	7,560.00
Social Security		\$	2,693.00
Total		\$	92,799.72

Administration

Newspaper		\$	676.00
Bank		\$	40.00
Office Supply		\$	3,000.00
Postage		\$	1,400.00
Printing		\$	930.00
Prof. Services		\$	100.00
Staff Training		\$	175.00
Local Phone		\$	1,700.00
Long Dist. Phone		\$	320.00
Website		\$	468.00
Internet		\$	264.00
Copier Lease		\$	2,497.08
Copier Service		\$	600.00
Total		\$	12,170.08

Other

Insurance		\$	13,000.00
Buildings		\$	10,000.00
Grounds		\$	1,700.00
Education		\$	2,000.00
Music		\$	1,000.00
Outreach		\$	1,000.00
Ministry		\$	3,000.00
Conventions		\$	2,200.00
Petty Cash		\$	300.00
Total		\$	34,200.00

Missions

Total:		\$	13,100.00
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Total Budget, 2008:		\$	152,269.80
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Community News and Notes

Thank You...

Dear Diciples Women,

I have enjoyed being your Living Link Scholar!! Over the past three years as serving as the Living Link, I've grown to love all of you! In one way or another you all have touched my life and I want to thank you. Thanks for the generous gift. I will keep in touch!

God Bless You!

Jennifer Seabolt

Thank You...

Thank you to the church officers, elders, deacons, church staff and the congregation for all the support given to me as Chair of the Board for the past two years. I thank all of you for your service to the church through the many ways you share your gifts and talents.

This is an exciting time for Midway Christian Church with new members and friends, interesting programs for spiritual development for all ages, generous gifts of talents and money and the renovation of this beautiful, historic church building. As we move into the 2007-2008 church year with new elders, deacons, church officers, and budget, let us continue to support each other and build upon the foundation to be a relevant, welcoming place of worship in this community.

Adele Dickerson

Midway College Move-In

Saturday, August 18, 9—noon

Saturday, August 18, Midway Christian Church will help move in Midway College students. We will be helping with the move-in at Buster Hall from 9 am to noon. This is a great way to keep the connection going between the college and the church. If you cannot help lift items, please still come and help pass out water to all the movers!

Thank You for Your Years of Service!!

Midway Christian Church would like to say thank you to Jim Rouse and Betty Ann Voigt for their years of service as trustees. They have shared their gifts of ministry with this church and have blessed this church with their love and passion for this congregation. Betty Ann and Jim have decided to step down as trustees for various reasons. Betty Ann served as a trustee for five years and Jim has served as a trustee for thirty years. We want to let them know how much we have appreciated their time and their talents that they have shared with this community of faith.

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

Bob Redmond

The Family of Sam Renick (father of Brenda Rollins)

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August newsletter is
Noon, Tuesday, July 24.

