



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

March, 2008

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Schedule for Holy Week

Sunday, March 16

Palm Sunday



Thursday, March 20—7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service—Midway Christian Church



Friday, March 21—7:00 pm

Good Friday Service—Second Christian Church



Sunday, March 23—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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Member Spotlight

Carole Munson retired in March 2007 and relocated to Kentucky to be closer to her daughter, Karoline and her family. Carole was born and raised in Chicago and had never lived outside of Illinois except for one year while teaching in Michigan. Her parents and family were primarily located in northwest Indiana and Ohio.



Carole has a degree in education and taught primary grades. She has been a long term and daily substitute teacher and worked with developmentally disabled adults in a sheltered workshop and as a customer service rep for a nationwide playground manufacturer.

Retirement has provided more time for reading, especially mysteries, knitting, cooking, baking, and exploring the Bluegrass. This month she is awaiting the birth of a new grandchild. She has a son who lives in Chicago, and her oldest daughter lives in Florida.

You can find Carole pounding the pavement in the Homestead subdivision, off 460, while walking her ten year old German Shepherd, Sassy.

Budget Update

Budget to date: \$ 99,561.01
Received to date: \$ 104,118

A Pastoral Word

As I write this, I am counting the days...the days until I can have an ice cold Coke again! You see, for Lent, I decided to give up soft drinks, ALL soft drinks.

Years ago, I decided to limit my "Coca-cola" habit to just one a day, at lunchtime. And then I realized that when I would go out to lunch, my one Coke would grow with each refill that the waitress gave me. I may have still had the one glass, but it was refilled a couple of times. And then I realized that I would have Sprite for dinner, thinking, "Well, this isn't a Coke, so it is okay for me to have it."

And I would hear the report of how soft drinks were not good for you...yada, yada,yada...That was the point that I would tune out because I would reason "Well, that is my only guilty pleasure. So really, how bad can they be? It is just one...", conveniently forgetting, that my just one was for Cokes and didn't apply to the other soft drinks that I might intake during the day.

So needless to say, when I told Mike what I was giving up for Lent this year, he needed some clarification. "Are you giving up just Coke or are you giving up ALL soft drinks? I think he was just trying to find out how he was going to live through the next 40 days.

For the first few days, I would catch myself reaching for the red can beckoning to me from the fridge. There is just nothing like an ice cold COKE when you are thirsty!! I had to stop and remind myself, Heather, just forty days. You can do this!!

As the days have gone by, I find myself reaching for the bottles of water in my fridge, and completely ignoring the neglected red can. I find that the caffeine headaches have disappeared. I find myself feeling more energized naturally without the extra boost of caffeine. I am discovering how much I relied on that red can in the past to give me the energy to make it through the day. And I am discovering the money that we are saving!! We can get 35 16 oz. bottled water for about the same price as 12 16oz. Cans.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are given the opportunity to let go of the things that are holding us back or are simply not good for us. Our Lenten journey is a good time to do some spring cleaning for our souls. Are we keeping things in our "spiritual closet" that we have out grown and will never need again? Are we holding on to garments that we will never wear again all because we think that one day, we might need them again.

The lesson of our Lenten journey is that God is constantly doing a new thing. God is constantly clothing us with new garments of spiritual growth and discovery.

We can let go of the bell-bottoms and 80's fluorescent shirts that are taking up room in our closets and make room for God's grace, love and peace.

May your Lenten journey be full-filling and spirit-filled!

Heather

P.S. A few days after I made my Lenten commitment, I heard some interesting information. On the Oprah show, one of her guests, Dr. Oz gave America some homework. He said that our homework was to give up soft drinks for two weeks and we would see a noticeable difference. Dr. Oz said that part of our country's obesity problem could be solved by eliminating 100 calories a day, which is less than a can of soda! I had planned to a big celebration after Easter with a can of Coke. But now, I think I will celebrate with a bottle of water!

Besides, this way, I can save my calories for more of the good food at Midway Christian Church!

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



Heather will out of the office from Monday, March 24th through Saturday, March 29th. If you need anything during this week, please call Dan Roller or Phil Burchell.

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



March 2

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Sermon: WELCOME: Community

March 9

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Sermon: WELCOME: Open Table

March 16

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Sermon: WELCOME: Missions

March 23

Easter Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20

Sermon: WELCOME: Evangelism

March 30

First Sunday after Easter

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Sermon: "That You May Believe"

Serving This Month

Elders

Phil Burchell

Anne Burford

Deacons

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

Junior Deacon

Franklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

March 2—Virginia Ballinger

March 9—Jordan Batts

March 16—Eric Misner

March 23—Phillip Dare

March 30—Margie Evans

Sunday School



March 2—Continue the conversation from Lenten Breakfast: Who is Jesus?

March 9—Continue the conversation from Lenten Breakfast: What is sin?

March 16—Continue the conversation from Lenten Breakfast: What does the cross mean to me as a Christian?

March 23—Easter Sunday, No Sunday School

March 30—Continue conversation from Lenten Breakfast: Who is God?

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday, March 8. We "spring forward" on hour for daylight savings time.



Children's Ministry

Youth Events

On Saturday, March 8th we will be going to the Lexington Children's Theatre for a performance of *The BFG*. Giants, captured dreams, little girls in their nightgowns, and the Queen of England all have a role to play in this classic story by Ronald Dahl. We will meet at the church at 1:00; the performance begins at 2:00. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for children and \$12.00 for adults. We will make a group reservation by March 1st at the latest.

On Saturday, April 19th we will take a trip to the Louisville Zoo. We will meet at the church at 10:00 Saturday morning. Participants should bring money for admission and lunch at the zoo. Admission is \$11.95 for ages 12-59, \$8.50 for ages 3-11, \$9.95 for 60+, and free for 2 and under. Also it is \$2.50 to ride the train and \$1.50 to ride the carousel. We will need plenty of parent volunteers for both drivers and chaperones, so either talk to Amanda or wait for Amanda to come to you.

Chi Rho

Our next scheduled meetings are March 9th and 30th. All meetings are from 6:00-7:45 Sunday evening and initial gathering is in the fellowship hall. Friends are welcome, and youth may always arrive at 5:30 with a 'brown bag' supper; we will have 'official' suppers together every other month.

March 9th Meeting – Labyrinth

For many years, the Church has used labyrinths as a tool for prayer and reflection. At our last meeting before Holy Week and Easter, we will be taking a spiritual journey around the church campus. Youth will travel from one 'station' to another throughout the building, being prompted at each station to pray, ponder, read, write, draw, and otherwise respond to the season of Easter.

Saturday, March 15th – Chi Rho Special Event

We will gather at the church at 6:00 for pizza and a movie. And we might even talk about the movie a little, too! The movie for the evening is *Whale Rider*. A young girl named Pai is growing up among the Maori people of New Zealand. Her grandfather is worried that the traditions of the tribe are dying because there is no one to become the next chief, and Pai tries to show him that the leaders of the future are all around them. This movie is rated PG-13 for brief language and one drug reference. Pick-up time is 9:00.

Don't forget the regional Chi Rho retreat April 25-27 at Wakon' Da-Ho!

Worship & Wonder Greeter Schedule

March 2— Nancy Dare

March 9—Amanda Hatfield

March 16—Margaret Easton

March 23—Nate Hill and Jordan Batts

March 30—Ouita Michel

Acolyte Schedule

March 2— Betsy & Jordan

March 9— Sam & Preston

March 16— Noelle & Faith

March 23— J.T & Will

March 30—Nate & Jack

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Monday, March 17 @ 10:00 am

Keenagers will travel to Louisville on Monday, March 17 to have a birthday lunch with C.P. Williams. We will leave from the church at 10:00 am. Please call the church office by Wednesday, March 12.

Disciples Men

Our meeting time has moved!! Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 16 immediately following the service at Wallace Station for lunch. All men of Midway Christian Church are invited and encouraged to attend!



Lenten Breakfast Series

Many of us have shared that we don't feel comfortable sharing our faith because we believe that we don't have the "right" language or terms to talk about our faith. It is hard to talk about God's goodness and God's love when words fail to come to us. It is hard to prepare our signature dish of "Welcome" without the right tools in our faith kitchen. So this year for our Lenten Breakfast Series, we have invited Emily Askew, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, to come and lead us through Theology 101 sessions.

March 1 - 9:00 am : Who is Jesus Christ?

Breakfast provided by: Flock 3

March 8 - 9:00 am: What is sin? (taught by Dr. Jerry Sumney)

Breakfast provided by: Flock 2

March 15 - 9:00 am: What does the cross mean for me as a Christian?

Breakfast provided by: Flock 1

Disciples Women



Sunday, march 16 @ noon

Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, March 16 at noon. Lunch will be provided for \$5. We will continue our study, A Mile in Her Shoes. We will also discuss possible projects like a cookbook and will continue the discussions about the future of Disciples Women. All women of Midway Christian Church are invited and encouraged to attend.

New Children's Choir

There has been a lot of interest in having a children's choir. This will require commitment for those who decide to participate. Practices will be the first and third Sunday's of each month at 5 pm. The first practice will be March 2. If you have any questions, please see Melissa.



Taylor Manor Worship Service

Midway Christian Church will host the Taylor Manor Worship Service on Sunday, March 9 at 2 pm.



Printer Needed

The church office is in need of a new or used laser printer, preferably black ink only. If you have one you are not using anymore or would like to donate a new one, please call the church office.

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering in the church office, a couple of days a week in the afternoon, to help answer phones, please contact Heather

Kroger Gift Cards



Don't forget to keep using your Kroger Gift Card each time you visit Kroger whether it is for groceries, prescriptions or gas. To date we have received \$366.58 in rebates. Way to go!

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

The next mission night will be Wednesday, March 19, 2008. 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 February 4: Charlann Wombles, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Pat Wilson, Gretchen Arehart, Pat Settlemire

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of March 3, 2008.



KY Disciples Women's Spring Conference

April 12, 2008—9:30 am

The Kentucky Disciples Women's Spring "Remix" Conference will be held April 12 at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington. The keynote speakers will be Cynthia Hale, pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church in Atlanta and Dr. Lisa Davison of Lexington Theological Seminary. Registration for and \$25 fee are due by March 28, 2008. You can get a registration form from the bulletin board outside the church office or on the regional website www.ccinky.net.

Week of Compassion Update



Congratulations, MCC! We have raised over \$1,000 to send to Week of Compassion. Through Week of Compassion, North American Disciples reach out in the name of Christ to provide emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, droughts, civil war and other natural and human catastrophes, respond with help, hope and hospitality to people who have been uprooted and displaced from their homelands by war, environmental catastrophe, famine and natural disaster, and encourage and support volunteer groups in "hands-on" mission and service opportunities.

Hurricane Relief Trip

On Monday, March 24th through Saturday, March 29th, Heather McColl and Virginia Ballenger will travel with Midway College to Covington, LA to do mission work as part of an Alternative Spring break trip. The projects that they will be working on are hanging drywall and laying tile flooring in homes in this area. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they travel during this time.

Easter Offering

The Easter Special Day offering provides financial resources for ministries that extend from your Sunday school rooms to the ends of the earth. Contributions to the 2008 Easter offering will benefit many ministries such as Disciples Women's Ministries, Disciples Care for Children, the Student Ecumenical Partnership, Global Ministries, Ministerial Relief and Assistance. We will collect our Easter Offering on Sunday, March 16th and Sunday, March 23rd.

Camp Road Show coming to Midway Christian

On Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m., Midway Christian Church is hosting a potluck dinner with speaker, Michael Davison, Associate Regional Minister for Outdoor Ministry, Children and Youth in KY. Michael will be sharing information about Outdoor Ministry opportunities through the "Camp Road Show". If you ever been to Camp Wakon Da' Ho or Camp Kum Ba Ya and would like to see what has changed or if you simply want to know what is going on in the region with camp ministry, this dinner is a great opportunity to see how the camps in KY are changing lives for children, youth, and adults!



The church will provide the meat and drinks and we are asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share with your church family.

Community Notes

Thank You

Dear Heather and Church Members,

Thank you so much Heather for having such a wonderful service for mom's (Ann Horn) funeral. It made such a difference having the service at the church. It made it so much more personal and special.

This church meant a lot in my mom's life. She was with this church a very long time and she made so many good friends here. She was very fortunate to be a member here and have such a great church family.

I would also like to thank the church for the delicious meal you provided to our friends and family. You all made it easier for our family to go through this loss.

I have to bring up another great thing about this church, which is the CWF. My mother always looked forward to those meetings. I became a part of those meetings with my mom and I understand why she enjoyed the fellowship with this special group of women.

Thanks again for all your kindness and thoughtfulness you have shown to me and my family.

Love,

Cheryl Hippe



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, March 15, 2008



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!



Thank You

Betty Ward and Marlin & June Mitchell would like to thank Midway Christian Church and all those who helped prepare food and serve lunch in fellowship hall following the funeral service for Steve Creech. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Automatic Deposit of Funds

Midway Christian Church is moving into the 21st Century!! We are now offering automatic deposit for your offering. Many of you have expressed that you would like the church to explore if this was possible. And the answer is yes! Simply fill out a form from your bank, attach a voided bank deposit slip and turn it into your bank. MCC will be notified that you have added us as an automatic deposit. This is good way to keep up on contributions and pledges when we cannot be at the church for various reasons. It also helps the church's income avoid the summer "slumps". Please take the time to seriously consider this option of stewardship.

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Easter Lily Order Form

Return this order form and your check to the church by Friday, March 14, 2008



NAME: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ LILY (IES) AT \$10 EACH. TOTAL \$ _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

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