

SUMMER



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June, 2008

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Minister

Amanda Hatfield

Student Associate

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Music Director

Ainsley Wagoner

Pianist/Organist

Rhonda Rankin

Secretary

Jestine Johnson

Custodian

Vacation Bible School 2008

Date: June 23—25

Ages: Preschool—5th grade

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Program: 6:00—8:30 pm



Is everyone ready for VBS 2008? Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures will be held June 23-25 right here at Midway CC. Each evening will begin with supper at 5:30 and the program will be from 6:00 to 8:30. Children will explore the stories of the Call of Gideon, The Woman Healed, and Jesus and Thomas through stations such as music, Bible storytelling, crafts, games, and assemblies.

We are excited to be working with Midway Presbyterian Church, Pilgrim Baptist Church and Second Christian Church to make this year's program a memorable one for all involved. Our un-official kickoff will be Sunday, June 22nd when we will set up and decorate the church. It's not too late to volunteer—just talk to Amanda.

Chi-Rho age youth will be participating as helpers. Please turn your registration forms in by June 16th.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Member Spotlight

I graduated from Midway High School in 1940, received an A.B. degree from Transylvania College, then joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps at Vanderbilt University during WW II, receiving B.S. & RN degrees in nursing. As the war was ending, I returned home and became employed as nurse/secretary to two Lexington surgeons, remaining with Dr. Richard Crutcher for 31 years. Upon his retirement, I "changed gears", and was secretary/bookkeeper at Parrish Hill Farm for 7 years.

During my 84 years in Midway (never having married), I became involved in various community activities, but MCC was my special interest. I was baptized at age 12, later began teaching Sunday school for the kindergarten children.

I was church Treasurer for 11 years, Deacon 1 year, Trustee 5 years, and active in Disciples Women since 1947. I attribute my loyalty to this church to my parents who were closely associated with each of our ministers.



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$137,628.50

Received to date: \$145,836.15

A Pastoral Word

Our church year is wrapping up and what an exciting year it has been!! We as a church voted and adopted a new vision statement and a new mission statement. And the Visioning Team continues to meet to come up with an operational plan that will “free” us up to do the ministry and mission of Welcome. We held two events for Ten Thousand Villages: one at our Fall Festival and one during the Christmas season in Georgetown. Midway Christian Church has started a children’s choir. Our handbells have been refurbished, thanks to the Memorials Committee. I know the Handbell Choir is anxious for Christmas time to come around so they can try out their “new” bells. Amanda has started a Chi Rho program and is looking forward to another successful community VBS! We held a baby dedication for Elaine Elizabeth, our first baby dedication in about 4 years. (My first baby dedication as a minister!)

We are hosting at least 3 weddings this year, including our very own, Jeanne Sturgill and Ray Clark’s wedding. Our Men’s group hosted as successful and fun Election Day Pancake Breakfast. Disciples Women hosted a lucrative Rummage Sale. We got new chairs for the Fellowship Hall, thanks to the Memorials Committee and the Disciples Women. We hosted a fantastic Epiphany Dinner, thanks to Ouita’s leadership and dedication. And we are getting calls wanting to know if we are hosting the Epiphany Dinner next year!

We continued to do mission work at the Hope Center and we adopted a family during Christmas time. The Keenagers Group continues to eat our way across KY while our children and youth meet monthly for fun activities.! Our church has been approved for a KY Historical Highway Marker and we are gearing up for our 165th anniversary next year. We had a fun and lively Fat Tuesday Celebration and No-Talent Show, hosted by our Men’s Group. We as a church hosted a moving Community Maundy Thursday Service.

Whew! I am tired just thinking about what all we did this past year! Throughout the year, we as a church worshipped together, fellowshiped together, did mission projects together, and learned about God’s word for us as God’s people. And these are just the highlights! I know that all of us as members of Midway Christian Church are involved in the community and other various ministries in our own ways. And it is great to think about all the things this church accomplished over the past year and it is exciting and inspiring to think about where God will lead us over

the next few years. God has something special planned for this church and I am thankful to be on the journey with you!

As our church year comes to a close and we begin to prepare for a new one, the leaders of this church have been working to come up with new ways that we as a church can better communicate and continue to grow as a family of faith. So the leaders of the church are planning on hosting “Town Hall” meetings once a quarter for the congregation to come together, eat lunch, and hear what is going on at church. Our first one will be Sunday, June 29th at our annual congregation meeting where we will elect new board officers, elders, and deacons and approve our next year’s church budget.

Another way that the leadership of this church is looking to grow together in faith is to host an All-Church Retreat at Camp Wakon Da Ho the first weekend of October. It will be a great time to fellowship together, worship together, do service projects together, and most importantly, hear God’s word for us as God’s people. So please mark your calendar and join us for this fun weekend!

So as we enter our new church year, may we remember that God has guided us in the past, God continues to guide us in our present, and will always guide us in the future! I just can’t wait to see what God has planned for us next year!

Heather

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



June 1

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 6: 9-22, 7:24, 8: 14-22

Sermon: "It rained and rained"

June 8

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon: "I will make of you a great nation"

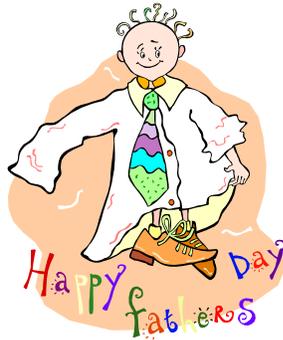
June 15

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Scripture: Genesis 18: 1-15

Sermon: "Sarah laughed"



June 22

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 21: 8-21

Sermon: "A distressing matter"

June 29

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 22: 1-14

Sermon: "The Lord will provide"

Serving This Month

Elders

Anne Burford

Carl Rollins

Deacons

Jim Nance, Virginia Ballenger, Ouita Michel, Sue Roberts, Bob Rouse, Mary Beth Rouse, Bob Settlemire, Jeanne Sturgill, Kit Walden

Junior Deacon

Steele Rouse

Worship Leaders:

June 1—Nate Hill

June 22—Jack Hill

June 8—J.T. Batts

June 29—Jordan Batts

June 15—Marvin Glover

Sunday School

In June we will take a look at Exodus and will continue answering questions about the Bible using "Six Hundred Questions about the Bible".



Acolyte Schedule

June 1—Nate & Jack

July 6—Gregory & Clay

June 8—Betsy & Jordan

July 13—J.T. & Marcus

June 15—Sam & Preston

July 20—Nate & Jack

June 22—Noelle & Faith

July 27—Sam & Will

June 29—Will & Marcus

Cane Ridge Day-Saturday, June 28th

This year, Cane Ridge Day is featuring Midway College and the Midway churches. In the morning, Dr. Bob Botkins will address the topic of "School at Midway: A Clear Purpose Through Changing Times" and in the afternoon, Dr. William Drake will address the topic of "Contemporary Disciples Higher Education: Church or Church-Related. The Midway churches have also been asked to prepare a short history of our churches and their relationship with the college and our youth group has been asked to sell refreshments that day.

Children's Ministry

Chi-Rho

Chi-Rho meetings for June are scheduled for June 1st and June 15th. Our June 1st meeting will be a 'family supper night.' Parents and siblings of Chi-Rho members are invited to come at 5:30 and eat together before the meeting 6:00-7:30. These are 'brown bag' suppers with drinks and dessert provided.

Cane Ridge Day

The Midway Christian Church youth will be participating in Cane Ridge Day by selling drinks as a fundraiser for the church. Registration begins at 9:30 am, so we will gather at the church at 8:00 am and leave for Cane Ridge at 8:30 am. Please talk to Amanda if you have any questions.

Please fill out one for per person and return to the church office by June 16 , or you may call the church office and register by phone.

June 23-25



5:30—8:00pm

Registration Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Birthdate: _____ Last grade completed _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Child's allergies or other medical condition: _____

In case of emergency (if parent cannot be reached):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Home church: _____

Fellowship News and Notes

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 29@ Noon

We will have our annual congregational meeting and potluck on Sunday, June 29 at noon. All members of the church are encouraged to attend. There will be a short but very important meeting after lunch to vote on Elders, Deacons, Church Officers, and the budget for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Keenagers

The Keenagers will travel to Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville on Thursday, June 26. We will leave the church at 10:15 a.m. Please call the church office to RSVP by Monday, June 23.

Board Meeting

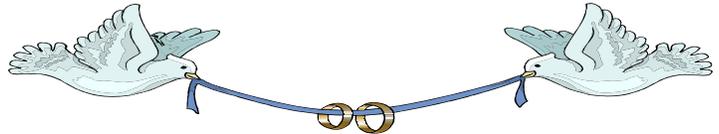
The Board will meet Sunday, June 1, immediately following the worship service. Lunch will be provided.

We Recycle!

As part of our awareness of our relationship to God's creation, we are becoming more conscious of our responsibility for care and conservation of resources in our lives and around our church. There are many things we can do to be environmentally responsible and we want to keep adding to our lists. Here are a few things to consider:

- Rhonda and Heather recycle paper in the church office;
- there are recycle bins in the kitchen next to the dishwasher for paper, plastic containers (numbers 1 & 2), and cans (glass is not collected for recycle in Midway);
- use our china plates for church meals, when possible;
- when disposable tableware is needed, use biodegradable products rather than styrofoam, etc.
- yard waste is put out for the city to pick up rather than going in the landfill with trash;
- the new furnaces and air conditioning units installed last year as part of the Future of the Faith conserve energy and save money!

You are invited to participate in these ways of recycling and to identify other ways of recycling and conservation around the church.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A
WEDDING SHOWER FOR

Jeanne Sturgill

and

Ray Clark

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

AT NOON

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE BRING A FINGER-FOOD LUNCHEON ITEM
JEANNE AND RAY ARE REGISTERED AT MACEY'S,
BED, BATH & BEYOND, & AVANT TRAVEL
(HONEYMOON DONATIONS, FRANCES WOOLLAM, AGENT).

YOU MAY VISIT THEIR REGISTRY AT

[Http://j.sturgill.home.insightbb.com/Wedding/weddinginfo.html](http://j.sturgill.home.insightbb.com/Wedding/weddinginfo.html)

IN LIEU OF GIFTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE A
DONATION IN OUR NAME TO GOD'S PANTRY.

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

The next mission night will be Wednesday, June 18, 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 : Nancy Dare, Pat Wilson, Gretchen Arehart, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of June 23 .



Fellowship News and Notes

Welcome New Members

We welcome new members Phil & Nancy Dare and Bobbi Dare to Midway Christian Church. They joined the church on Sunday, May 18th, 2008 by transfer of membership from Crestwood Christian Church.

Bobbie Dare is Phil's sister and resides with them. Notes may be sent to 113 N. Winter Ct., Midway.



Francisco's Farm Arts Festival

June 21 & 22—10 am to 5:00 pm

Midway Renaissance Inc., Midway College, The City of Midway, and the entire Midway community invite you to visit the fifth annual Francisco's Farm Arts Festival in 2008 on the beautiful campus of Midway College.

For the second year in a row, AmericanStyle magazine has named Francisco's Farm Arts Festival at Midway College among the 'Top 10 Art Fairs and Festivals'.

Admission is \$5 per car.

Out of the Office

Heather will be attending CYF camp and **Rhonda** and **Melissa** will be on vacation the week of June 15. There will be volunteers in the office Monday thru Friday from 9 am to noon. Please call Phil Burchell or Dan Roller if any needs arise.



Community Notes



As many of you may have seen in the recent additions of the Disciples World magazine, Michael Kinnamon has been writing articles about the 12 markers we as a denomination have discerned as God's calling for us as people of faith in this ever changing world. This conversation began back in July 2007 when our General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins put together an advisory team to vision our denomination for the future. "Many long-time Disciples worry that we may be losing crucial characteristics of our common life. New Disciples want to know about the distinctive gifts of this community of faith. All of us need to have clarity about who we are in order to be faithful and effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. And so, we offer a succinct statement of identity, under girded by twelve distinct principles of what it means to be a Disciples of Christ." (taken from www.disciples.org21cvt/docidentity.html.)

Who we are : We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."

Marks (Principles) of Identity:

- 1) We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God [and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world], requiring nothing more - and nothing less - as a basis of our life together.**
- 2) We hold the centrality of scripture, recognizing that each person has the freedom - and the responsibility - to study God's Word within the community of the church.**
- 3) We practice the baptism of believers, [stressing] that the way of Christ is costly and, as part of the whole body of Christ, recognizing other forms of baptism.**
- 4) We structure our community around the biblical idea of covenant, emphasizing not obedience to human authority, but accountability to one another because of our shared obedience to Christ.**
- 5) We gather as often as possible for the Lord's Supper, experiencing at this table - open to all who believe - the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.**
- 6) We participate in God's mission for the world, working with partners to heal brokenness, reconcile divisions, and bring justice to the whole human family.**
- 7) We hear a special calling to make visible the unity of all Christians, proclaiming that in our diversity we belong to one another because we commonly belong to Christ.**
- 8) We witness to the Gospel of God's saving love for the world in Jesus Christ, while continuing to struggle with how God's love may be known to others in different ways.**
- 9) We affirm the priesthood of all believers, rejoicing in the gifts of the Spirit - including the gift of leadership - that God has given for the common good.**
- 10) We celebrate the diversity of our common life, recognizing our different histories, styles of worship, and forms of service.**
- 11) We give thanks that each local congregation, where Christ is present through faith, is truly the church, affirming as well that God's church and God's mission stretch from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.**
- 12) We anticipate God's coming reign, seeking to serve the One whose loving dominion has no end.**

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