



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

November, 2008

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Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, November 2, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 20 @ 6:00 pm

We will have our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 pm in fellowship hall. This is an opportunity for our church to give back by inviting our community to come and join us for a meal and entertainment. We will enjoy the music of the Cane Ridge Revival Band (Bill McDonald's band). We are asking everyone to help out by bringing a dish to serve your family and four others.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Last Names A-J: Salads

Last Names K-P: Sides

Last Names Q-Z: Desserts

Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 24 @ 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the Midway Community Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's A.M.E. Church. Teresa Frye, Pastor of Grace Fellowship, will be preaching and the Midway College Chorale will be performing. A special offering will be collected to benefit the Benevolence Fund of the Midway Ministerial Association. Come and join us as we say "Thanks be to God for all of our blessings" as the community of Midway.



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Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$54,920.08
Received to date: \$52,978.60

Midway News

Member Spotlight: Jim Leer

Jim was brought into the world by Dr. Ben Roach in 1956 and has lived in Scott County all his life.

As a youth, CYF and summer church camp were very important to him.



Jim graduated from high school in 1974 and started farming with his dad. Jim took over the operation after his father's retirement, raising beef cattle, tobacco, corn, wheat, and hay. The family farm has taken care of four generations and starting on the fifth since 1858.

Jim likes to cook, as some of you all know, and travel and see different things.

Homeplace Update:

The biggest news is the return of the geological feasibility report for the Midway College site. Unfortunately, it had disappointing results which in short tells us that we cannot build the Green House design there due to significant underlying rock issues (additional \$2+ million to prepare the site & blasting would also affect the structural stability of the nearby school/ houses.) Keith has discussed those findings with both Dr. Drake & Mayor Bozarth and thanked them for their generous offer to provide a site closer to town. Attention has now turned to seeking other land options including alternate college locations and the original site on Georgetown Road. Keith, Mayor Bozarth and the Task Force Board are approaching various landowners over the next several weeks to explore all possible options; the goal is to have the land issue resolved by Thanksgiving.

Living Link: Disciples Women and Midway College

Khristina Locker, a junior Biology Major, at Midway College, was selected to receive the Living Link award for the 2008-2009 school year. This is a cash award extended by the women of the church toward the student's tuition. The recipient is deemed to be a worthy young woman who exemplifies Christian character selected by a representative of Midway College and Midway Christian Church and one who will be a living link between the two.



Keenagers enjoying lunch at Claudia Sanders Dinner House



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



November 2

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day, Higher Education Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon: "Blessed are those..."

November 9

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25" 1-13

Sermon: "The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids"

November 16

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon: "The Parable of the Talents"

November 23

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46

Sermon: "Separating the sheep from the goats"

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Scripture: Mark 13: 24-37

Sermon: "Keep Awake"

Serving This Month

Elders

Wilda Caudle

Jim Hoppin

Deacons

Tom Arehart, Gloria Batts, Sharon Burchell, Scott Congleton, Teresa Hoppin, Jim McDaniel, Dottie Pollard, Pat Wilson, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles, Jim Wombles

Junior Deacon

Franklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

November 2—Khristina Locker

November 9—Ouita Michel

November 16—Jim McDaniel

November 23—Jeannie Hill

November 30—Marvin Glover

Sunday School

The History of Religion & Politics

"Both religion and politics seek to address our human life together. No wonder the lines often get blurred. Faith communities seek a life in abundance for all people, including the weakest members of society. They also seek to help children of God treat one another with justice. Likewise, governments are the forum where citizens work to create a society where justice reigns so that liberty and justice for all truly happen. Our country was built on a foundation of separation of church and state, religion and politics. One church would not control the government, and the government would not control religious groups. And yet the founders and signers of the Constitution were mostly Christians from what would become mainline denominations in the new country.

More than two hundred years later the tension remains. What role does our religion play in our political life? Is it just religious values we receive that should inform political decisions? Or should our religious institutions play a more powerful role and tell us who to vote for?"

(www.thethoughtfulchristian.com) These are among a few of the questions that we will explore as we study the history of religion and politics.

Missions News & Notes

November Missions: Christian Care Communities and Hope Ministries Food Pantry

Christian Care Communities "is Kentucky's largest faith-based not-for-profit provider of affordable housing and long-term care for Older Adults. Founded in Louisville in 1884 to care for widows and orphans, Christian Care primarily serves Older Adults through an extensive network of retirement communities, including independent living apartments and patio homes, assisted living, and skilled nursing care." (www.christiancarecommunities.com) This is the group that is working to bring the Midway Nursing Home into reality.

Hope Ministries Food Pantry is a community supported food bank which has food available for people in need within our community. It is located in Versailles at 299 S. Main Street and is open Monday and Friday from 2-4 p.m. and on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Clients receive a grocery cart of food which contains basic items such as meats, cheeses, and butter. They are also able to choose items such as canned vegetables and canned fruits among other items to supplement their basket. The Hope Ministries Food Pantry does work with God's Pantry to obtain various food items but relies on community donations for most of the food items that fill their shelves.

Mission Night

November 19

The next mission night will be Wednesday, November 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 October 13: Charlann Wombles, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Nancy Dare, & Pat Settlemire.

The next Meals on Wheels delivery will be the week of November 10.



Food Pantry

The Hope Ministries Food Pantry in Versailles in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, and fruit juices. You may drop off any items in the tub located in the narthex.



Music News & Notes

Choir Retreat

Saturday, November 15

There will be a Choir Retreat at the church on Saturday, November 15 from 9 am to 3 pm. This is a chance to review our Christmas music, as well as a time to fellowship with great friends! Please let Melissa know if you will not be able to attend.

Handbell Practice

Saturday, November 22

The Handbell Choir will practice on Saturday, November 22 from 10 am to noon.

Fellowship News and Notes

Elders' Meeting

Elders will meet Sunday, November 30 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Keenagers

Thursday, November 20

The Keenagers will travel to Lexington on Thursday, November 20th for lunch at "The Pub" at 11:30. Please call the church office by Wednesday, November 12th to RSVP.

Gift Wrap With A Smile

Help raise money for MCC by joining a team of gift wrappers for Amazon.com in Lexington. We will be wrapping on December 9 and 10 from 8am to 1 pm. You can join us for one or both days! We will need 5 or 6 people each day. Last year we raised over \$500. Please call Nancy Dare, 846-5568, if you plan to attend.



Disciples Women

Sunday, November 16 @ 12:15 pm



The Disciples Women will meet Sunday, November 16 at 12:15 pm in fellowship hall.

We will have a special guest speaker, Rev. Linda Jones, Regional Minister for Women in Kentucky.

Meat (beef pot roast) will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or desert!

Let's have a great turnout for this meeting! See you there!

Fall Cleaning Day

Saturday, November 8 @ 9 am

On Saturday, November 8 at 9 am the Disciples Men will sponsor an **All Church Fall Cleaning Day**. Everyone is invited to join in putting things in their proper place in preparation for the coming holidays. "Many hands will make light the task".



Heather & Mike McColl at their baby shower given by their Midway Christian Church family.



Heather and Laura (Heather's sister) watch as Mike opens one of the many wonderful gifts they received.

Children's Ministry

Greetings!

I hope you all had a wonderful October, I know I sure did!

On October 12th I was installed into the church. I would like to thank everyone for their warm wishes and the reception, my family really enjoyed getting to meet each and every one of you! I also want to thank the congregation for my gift, the cross is beautiful and is hanging behind my desk in my office! Again thank you so much! Also on October 12th Amy gave us a historic tour of Midway! We had both youth and adults attend! I really appreciated the time to spend with our youth and adults and we each learned something new about each other!

This past Sunday, October 26th was TRUNK OR TREAT!!!! We had children and adults dressed up as any number of fantastic and ghoulish characters! There was pumpkin coloring, candy corn people making, pin the face on the pumpkin, the infamous "trick or treat" game, music, dancing, a fashion show of this year's most fashionable costumes! And of course TRUNK OR TREATING! I'd like to give a special thanks to all those who helped trunk or treat be a success this year: John, Cindy and Gloria Batts, Ouita Michel, Brooke Schneitman, all the wonderful people who decorated your trunks and of course everyone who came to enjoy the festivities and trunk or treat with us. I look forward to doing trunk or treat again next year.

Now for what is coming up ...

On Nov. 2nd Board Game Night is back by popular demand! So ... bring your next favorite board game! If you brought a game last time and we played it I suggest you bring a different game to play. Also, if you brought a game last time and we didn't get a chance to play it bring it again and hopefully we will get to it this time! Bring a friend and we'll have a blast!

On Nov. 9th we are going to be raking leaves for the church. As you can see the leaves are falling and we are going to rake them up and provide a service for the church (perhaps we'll even slip and jump in a few). So bring your closed toed shoes, some warm clothes and of course a rake! Bring a friend!

On Nov. 16th movie night is back by popular demand. The movie is not set in stone yet so keep checking your newsletter for more information. Bring a friend!

On Nov. 23rd and 30th we are going to begin practicing for our Christmas Program. Please make a point to be at these youth groups so we can provide the best possible Christmas Program for our church! If you have a friend who would like to participate please bring them along with you.

Just a few side notes before I sign off here.

On Nov. 15th and 16th I will be attending Worship and Wonder training at Lexington Theological Seminary. Due to the times of Worship and Wonder training I will not be able to be at Sunday School or Worship on Nov. 16th. I do apologize for any inconvenience and I am looking forward to learning this new skill!

Also, I wanted to remind everyone that we do have Sunday School from 9:30 – 10:45 every Sunday morning. We meet in fellowship hall and join the community in announcing joys and concern and prayer and then go upstairs to the youth room for Sunday School. Sunday School is for all ages. I am using a program called One Room which allows for each age group to have meaningful activities. Children are welcome to bring a friend and following Sunday School we head down to the sanctuary for worship.

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Gady Keil!

Acolyte Schedule

Nov. 2—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts

Nov. 9—Nate & Jack Hill

Nov. 16—Will Schein & Marcus Watson

Nov. 23—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter

Nov. 30—Clay Rouse & Sam Hatfield

Dick & Karen
Murphy

decorate their
car for

Trunk or Treat



Community News and Notes

Welcome Our New Pianist—*Dayton Harris*

Dayton began his ministry with us in October as our new pianist. He is a student at Transylvania University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Music with a minor in Math. He has been an accompanist for St. John's Episcopal Church in Versailles, worship leader for Campus Crusade for Christ and substitute pianist for Lexington Avenue Baptist Church in Danville.

We are very happy to have Dayton on our staff. Please welcome him to Midway Christian Church.

Christian Sympathy

Midway Christian Church would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the family of C.P. Williams, who passed away on 10/1/08.

Kroger Cards

Remember to keep using those Kroger Cards when you purchase groceries, prescriptions, or gasoline.

Election Day Pancake Breakfast



The Disciples Men will host a Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, November 4th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Midway Ministerial Association, which supports those in need within our community.

Please come and support our men's group that day!

MCC will be collecting items to fill Christmas Stockings!

We will be collecting items to fill stockings for children for inmates' children. These stockings will be given to the children as they leave the jail after visiting their family member on the week before Christmas. You can't imagine the excitement of the children as they receive the stockings. A little effort from each of you will bring a great deal of joy to some child. Overall, the chaplaincy office of the division of community corrections is looking to fill 250 stockings with **non-gender** items because the officers cannot know how many boys or girls will come on any night. If they run low on one gender then they cannot give to the other because of leaving out that gender and thus have stocking unused. Items need are: small toys, books, candy bars, coloring books and crayons, mittens and stretch caps, packaged snacks, stuffed animals (not pink). All items must be into the church office by **Sunday, November 16th**.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30

On Sunday, November 30th, we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with our Hanging of the Greens Service during our morning worship service. This service is our opportunity to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season and to once again hear the story of why we use the decorations that we do use to decorate our sanctuary. It is also an opportunity to once again hear the promises of the season of hope, peace, joy and love.

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