

HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

January, 2009

Church Staff:

Rev. Heather McColl

Minister

Jody Heil

Student Associate

Melissa Askew

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Accompanist

Rhonda Rankin

Secretary

Jestine Johnson

Custodian

Chili Cook-Off

Wednesday, January 28 at 6:30 pm



The youth will be hosting their annual CHILLI COOK- OFF FUNDRAISER at 6:30pm, Wednesday, January 28 in Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fun and fellowship. In addition there will be prizes for the winning Chili's including best over all! So bring your best pot of chili and join us for our annual chili cook-off. The church will provide the crackers and drinks. The youth will be taking donations to support their camp and mission trips. Please contact Jody Heil or the church office if you would like to enter your chili by Friday, January 23.

Epiphany Feast Returns

Tuesday, January 6 @ 6:30 pm

Midway Christian Church will be hosting an Epiphany Feast on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Due to the large turnout last year the feast will be hosted at Midway College in Piper Dining Hall. Cost is \$25 per person.

Chef Ouita Michel will be preparing a whole roast hog, honey roast chicken, olives, figs, dates, candied pine nuts, carrot pudding, confit of cabbage with lentils, saffron rice and other dishes representing the time period.

Again we are expecting a large turn out and will need many volunteers to make this a success. If you would like to help, there are a few different teams you can join: The Decorating Team, The Dish washing Team, The Check-In Table Team, The Service Team, The Cooking Team, and The Break-down Team.

All proceeds will go to Midway Christian Church.

Please RSVP to the church office. If the office is closed, please leave message on answering machine.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Thank You

The entire staff of Midway Christian Church would like to thank everyone for the generous Christmas love offering. We wish you a happy, healthy 2009!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$79,652.73

Received to date: \$81,065.28

Pastoral Word

Member Spotlight:

John and Melissa Askew

John Askew is a native of Lexington, KY, and attended Georgetown College where he received his BS in Math, and is currently pursuing his



Masters in Math at the University of Kentucky. He works at Systems Design Group, Inc. in Lexington where he is a Security Analyst. His hobbies include playing the guitar, and he is active in the choir and the handbell choir.

Melissa Askew grew up in Graefenburg, KY, and also attended Georgetown College, where the two met and got married four and a half years later. She received her BM in Church Music and in addition to leading the music at MCC, she also is the Special Assistant to the Dean of the School for Career Development at Midway College. Melissa and John have been attending MCC for three years now.

Taylor Manor Worship Service

Sunday, January 11, 2009

Midway Christian Church will host the Taylor Manor Worship Service on Sunday, January 11 at 2 pm. Anyone wishing to go, please meet at the church at 1:30 pm

Bio's for Guest Preachers

Dr. Wayne Bell:

Wayne is married to Virginia Bell and served many churches throughout his ministry. He served as the president of Lexington Theological Seminary for many years and also Midway Christian Church as interim from 1994-1995. Many of you remember Wayne Bell during his time here and we are so thankful that he has agreed to come and share in the Word with us once more.

Rev. Dawn Montgomery:

Dawn is married and has two boys. She is originally from St. Louis, Missouri and is a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. She recently served as an associate at Frankfort First and presently serves as a Chaplain for Hospice of the Bluegrass. We are thankful that she has agreed to come and share her message with us in January!

Karen Murphy

Karen Murphy and her husband, Dick, have been members of the Midway Christian for more than 25 years. Karen has served various roles at the church including choir member, Sunday school teacher, elder, deacon and she served a term as chair person of the board.

Karen graduated from West Virginia University in 1977 with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering. She obtained a Master's Degree in Business Administration in 1981 from Xavier University and received a certification in Computer Science from Transylvania University in 1991.

She recently retired after a 30 year career at IBM and has started a new career working in the Computer Technologies Branch of the Kentucky State Police.

Karen and her husband are the proud parents of Ben Murphy. Ben was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering by Northwestern University in June 2008. He is on track to achieve a Master's degree in the same major in 2009.

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



January 4

Second Sunday after Christmas

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon: "Follow the Yellow Brick Road...I Mean Star"

January 11

First Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 1: 4-11

Sermon: "The Flycatcher: Your Baptism or Mine"

January 18

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Sermon: "What Has Been Made Known"

January 25

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Jonah 3: 1 - 4:3

Sermon: "Us vs. Them"

Guest Preachers for January

January 4—*Jody Heil*

January 11—*Dr. Wayne Bell*

January 18—*Rev. Dawn Montgomery*

January 25—*Karen Murphy*

Serving This Month

Elders

Etta Manor

Phil Burchell

Deacons

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

Junior Deacon

Steele Rouse

Worship Leaders:

January 4—Nancy Dare

January 11—Sandy Gruzesky

January 18—Margie Evans

January 25—John Batts

Sunday School



Jim Wombles will be leading Sunday School in January. The topic for all sessions will be "Angels—God's Secret Agents" by Billy Graham.

Baptism Sunday

Sunday, January 11

On Sunday, January 11th, we will be celebrating Baptism Sunday. During the service, there will be a chance for all us to renew our baptism by dipping your hands in the water and hearing God's promise to us once more. Everyone is invited to come forward whether you have been baptized or not because it is also an opportunity for us as people of faith to re-commit ourselves to Christ as we begin the new year. Come and join us for this very special Sunday and remember the moment you were washed clean and renewed as a person of faith.

Missions News & Notes

January Missions:

Midway Food Pantry: The Midway Food Pantry is housed in Midway Baptist Church as is available for all citizens of Midway. It can be used one time per month per household. The food pantry is able to provide non perishable food items, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

Woodford Co. Senior Citizens: The Woodford County Senior Citizens Center's mission is to keep senior citizens in their homes and living independently. The agency provides in house lunches, activities, outings and socialization. They also provide home delivered meals to individuals that are home bound. Another service they provide is home care. An aid comes to the home and provides light house keeping and personal care. Transportation is also provided to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, beauty shops, etc. This service is available Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of December 8: Charlann Wombles, Pat Wilson, Nancy Dare, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Sharon Burchell.



The next Meals on Wheels delivery will be the week of January 4, 2009.

Food Pantry

The Midway Food Pantry is in need of all canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and meats, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cereal, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

You may drop off any items in the tub located in the narthex.

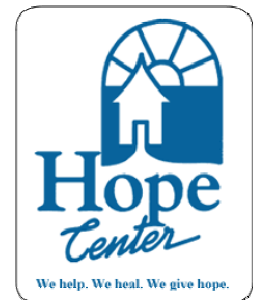


Hope In A Bag

As the weather gets colder it is time to think about the homeless in our community. The Hope Center is collecting personal hygiene items and articles of clothing for the homeless men and women of Lexington. Last year they collected enough to last through the summer. This year they are striving to collect enough to last until November.

The following "travel- size" items are needed and can be dropped off at the church office:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, soap, razors, deodorant, feminine items, band aids, cough drops, chap stick, hats, socks, and gloves.



Rev. Heather McColl,
Phil Burchell,
and Burnie Wall
display the
Midway Christian Church
Historical Marker which was
dedicated on Dec. 7, 2008.



Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Thursday, January 15 @ 11:30 am

The Keenagers will travel to Wallace Station on Thursday, January 15th at 11:30. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, January 11th. Keenagers is a group for people who are retired or practicing retirement.

Disciples Women

Sunday, January 18

Disciples Women will meet at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 18. Bring your own "sack lunch" and drink. We will begin our study on "The Road to Emmaus", A Faith Journey! Please come ready to share your journey!



Elder "On-Call" Schedule

During Rev. McColl's maternity leave, the following Elders will be "on-call" each week. If any needs arise, please call the church office or the "on-call" Elder.

January 4-10: Wilda Caudle

January 11—17: Adele Dickerson

January 18—24: Jim Hoppin

January 25—31: Jim Leer

No Board Meeting for January

There will not be a Board meeting in January. If you have a some church business that needs to be addressed, please call Phil Burchell.

Amazon Gift Wrap

The Amazon Gift Wrapping team made **\$611.75** during their two day session. This amount will go to our capital fund. Many thanks to Nancy Dare, Gretchen Portwood, Amy Perry, Bobbie Dare, Gloria Batts, Jim McDaniel, Phil Burchell, Helen Rentch, and Laura Riddle.



Landscaping

The Grounds Committee would like to suggest the next time your out shopping to pick up some spring blooming bulbs and help beautify the re-vamped courtyard and church grounds. Now is the time to plant them plus you can find them for half price.



In the early spring you may bring in your favorite perennial to share and beautify the church grounds.

Wellness Cooking Class

Susie Quick of Midway will be having "Wellness Cooking Classes" on Thursday, January 15 & 29 starting at 6 pm in the fellowship hall of Midway Christian Church. The classes will cover the basics of eating for health (as opposed to going on a diet) with an emphasis on the foods you should eat more of rather than what you shouldn't eat. In addition, you will learn a few basic knife skills and cooking techniques to help you start your new health regime for 2009.

Each class will include 3 or 4 courses (including dessert) and students will participate in preparing most of the meal. You will receive the recipes and associated materials and get to enjoy a delicious meal with friends after all the hard work. Helping do the dishes is optional! Students need to bring an apron, small cutting board and a chef's knife. Cost of the class is \$32 per person. To make reservations or to purchase a gift certificate, contact Susie Quick at 859-533-0085 or email honestfarm@speedbeam.com. There is a limit of 20 people per class. We need to have payment before the class date to reserve your space.

For a taste of what Wellness Cooking is all about check out Susie's cooking videos at WLEXTV.com, or her regular segment on Tuesdays at 12:45 pm on Channel 18's 12:30 pm show.

Susie also has Wellness Cooking for Special Diets on the website featuring recipes for people with diabetes and heart disease.

Children's Ministry

Greetings!

I hope you all are staying warm and safe on these cold winter nights we've been having! I thought I'd give you a little update as to what the children and youth have been doing lately and what we will be up to in the coming weeks!

On December 7th the youth went caroling to the Midway College Apartments and Betty-Ann's House. A good time was had by all. We nearly froze but came back to the church for some hot chocolate and cookies.

On December 14th – The children and youth participated in their annual Christmas Program. This year's program was "A Wondering Journey" based off of the Children's Worship and Wonder Christmas story. Following a fantastic performance the audience had the opportunity to give their praise to the hard working actors and crew!

On January 4th the youth and children will be gathering for a fun night of activities including ... the infamous Romans and Christians!!!

On January 11th the youth will participate in a Bible Study

On January 18th the youth will have a movie night! Bring a friend and enjoy the show!

On January 25th the youth will be going on a digital camera scavenger hunt. The youth will be hunting around Midway in search of answers to clues given to them. Look out! A Midway Christian Church youth may be knocking on your door and snapping a picture!

On January 28th the youth will be hosting their annual CHILLI COOK OFF FUNDRAISER at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fun and fellowship. In addition there will be prizes for the winning Chili's including best over all! So bring your cook your best pot of chili and join us for our annual chili cook-off. The youth will be taking donations to support their camp and mission trips.

There are some events to be keeping in mind.

First is that camps are coming up and children from first through twelfth grades are involved in our camps. In addition, there are family camps for children of all ages! Please visit the Christian Church in Kentucky's Outdoor Ministry webpage at www.ccinky.net/outdoor or call or email me for more information!

Second, Midway Christian Church and Crestwood Christian Church are Teaming up this summer for their mission trip. This year we will travel to Arkansas to Heifer Ranch. The group will participate in The Global Challenge Program and will be June 9th – June 14th. For more information about Heifer Ranch please visit www.heifer.org or feel free to call or email me.

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe Out Peace,

Jody

Worship and Wonder

All children are invited to attend Worship and Wonder during Sunday morning worship services. This is a time for the children to experience the stories of the Bible. We are also looking for greeters to help out with this ministry. If interested, please contacted Jody.

Acolyte Schedule

January 4—Clay Rouse & Sam Hatfield
 January 11—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts
 January 18—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter
 January 25—Nate & Jack Hill

Community News and Notes

Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Annual Retreat

The Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Annual Retreat will be February 13-15, 2009 at Pine Mountain State Resort Park. Registration fee is \$45. Overnight accommodations are available. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Kentucky Regional Women's Choral Retreat

The Kentucky Regional Women's Choral Retreat will be February 20-22, 2009 at Beargrass Christian Church in Louisville. The retreat will conclude Sunday morning with a choral performance during the morning worship at the church. All women are asked to wear all black for the performance. Dr. Carl Smith, Director of Kentucky State University Chorus and Choir Director of First Christian Church, Frankfort, will serve as music director and Hollis Rosenstein of Bridgeport Christian Church, Frankfort, will serve as accompanist. There is a \$45 registration fee. Registration form and fee must be in the regional office by January 25, 2009. Forms are available in the church office.

MLK Community Service

Monday, January 19 @ 7 pm

Everyone is invited to a community MLK service on Monday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church. There will be a guest preacher. We will also be taking up an offering that goes to support the Midway Ministerial Fund which goes to help people in our community with rent and utility assistance.

Boy Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 1

On Sunday, February 1, we will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday. The young men from Scout Troop 40 will lead us in worship and serve as deacons. Midway Christian Church's connection to Troop 40 began in the summer of 1994 when MCC became the charter institution for the troop. MCC deeply appreciates its continued connection to the Scouting tradition through Troop 40.

It's a Girl! Birth Announcement



Sarah Ann McColl was born December 24, 2008 at 2:57 pm. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 17 " long.

Heather, Mike, and Sarah are doing well.

Kroger Cards

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

Board Officers and Visioning Team Meeting

On Saturday, January 3rd, the Board Officers and Visioning Team will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall to begin the process of implementing the new church structure. This is an exciting time for our congregation as we continue to live out our mission and vision of WELCOME! Please RSVP to Phil Burchell. Breakfast will be served.

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