



The Contact

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July, 2009

Church Staff:

Rev. Heather McColl

Minister

Jody Heil

Student Associate

Melissa Askew

Music Director

Dayton Harris

Accompanist

Rhonda Rankin

Secretary

Jestine Johnson

Custodian

Vacation Bible School 2009

Crocodile Dock

Where Fearless Kids' Shine God's Light!

Date: July 7—July 9

Time: 5:30-6:00pm—dinner 6:00-8:00pm—program

Ages: Preschool—Jr. High

Midway, Muslims, and the Little Mermaid?!?

Did you know...

Muslims are the largest and most un-reached people group in the world. Yet less than 2% of American missionary resources (funds and people) go to reaching people in Muslim areas.



Simply put, these people really need a heaping helping of the welcome that God has laid on Midway Christian Church's heart.

So how do you extend Christ's welcome to someone who doesn't speak your language, doesn't know your culture, and doesn't live on your side of the Atlantic Ocean?

Come Wednesday night, July 22nd, for a potluck dinner and great time of fellowship, and find out about Dayton's missionary work in Senegal and how you might team up with what he's doing, either financially or in prayer!

P.S. For all you Disney fans, this evening of missions and fellowship just might be "accompanied" by an appearance of the Little Mermaid as well!



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$158,412.95
Received to date: \$157,238.68

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Church News and Notes

A Pastoral Word

I have been thinking a lot about the remnant—the group of Israelites that returned from exile. They stepped out of the familiar and followed God’s call home once more. I have been thinking about this group because just like this group, we have reached a crossroads in our congregation and we are wondering what the next step is for us as a congregation. We have embraced our mission of WELCOME, but we are still left with a lot of questions. We started a conversation a few years ago about who we are called to be but now the conversation has stalled. And so we find ourselves at a crossroads, wondering what does it mean for us to be Midway Christian Church, wondering what does it mean for us to be people of faith, wondering what does it mean for us to say we serve God and welcome all through: Worship, Education, Love, Community, Open Table, Missions, and Evangelism, wondering what it means for us to live out an authentic faith in a changing, hurting, broken world?

The Good News is that God’s Spirit is stirring us, moving among us, challenging us, and pushing us out of our comfort zones. The Good News is that we are opening ourselves up to God’ call once more to come home, to go out and make disciples, and to live out an authentic faith for a word that is in desperate need for a few simple words: God loves you. God cares about you. God invites you in, just as you are!

At our last elders’ meeting, the elders decided to begin the process of listening to God. The elders will offer opportunities for small groups to come together and begin finding answers to some of the questions that are before us. These small group opportunities will give our members a chance to say where they see Midway Christian Church is today and what we need to do to push ourselves out of our comfort zones and to join in the conversation that is before us.

God’s spirit is moving among us, pushing us, leading us in this discussion, and granting us wisdom and courage for the journey ahead. As we begin this process of listening to God, I leave you with a few words from the prophet Jeremiah:

“Then [the Lord said] I myself will gather the remnant of my flock...and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.”

Heather



Homecoming Celebration

Sunday, July 26th, 2009

“These Christians-to-be decided to try to establish a church of their own here [Midway]. Since they had no building, they began holding services in an unfinished woolen mill on a site now occupied by a brick building at 206 Main (Railroad) Street. Dr. Pinkerton, in a sermon at a much later date, is specific as to exactly when the first meeting was held: “ ‘The Church of Christ was organized on Saturday, before the third’s Lord’s day in July, 1844.’ ”¹

On Sunday, July 26th, we will be having a homecoming celebration to recognize our 165th anniversary as a church. All former ministers and current and past members are invited to attend this celebration. There will be a lunch following the church service with food provided by Wallace Station. We will be collecting favorite “Midway” memories to share with the church and will be sharing what we hope the next 165 years will bring for us as a community of faith. There may even be a few surprises! So come join us as we remember our past, celebrate our present, and vision our future together as Midway Christian Church!

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



July 5

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Patriotic Hymn Sing

July 12

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

VBS Sunday

Scripture: Mark 6: 1-13

Sermon: "Authority Given"

July 19

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 6: 3-44

Sermon: "All ate and were filled"

July 26

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Homecoming Celebration

Scripture: Revelation 22 :1-5

Sermon: "for the Healing of the Nations "

Serving This Month

Elders

Wilda Caudle

Phil Burchell

Deacons

Tom Arehart, Gloria Batts, Scott Congleton, Jim McDaniel, Carole Munson, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles

Junior Deacon

Jordan Batts, Nate Hill, Franklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

July 5—Nate Hill

July 12—Ray Clark

July 19—Marvin Glover

July 26—Carole Munson

Sunday School

During the month of July, we will be taking a look at the issues that will be discussed at General Assembly such as Christian Unity and War, renewing Disciples Support for Farmworker Ministry, and theological foundations and policies and criteria for the ordering of ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are doing this so our delegates, Pat Wilson and Shirley Eckels will know how to vote as representatives for our congregation.

2009 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wednesday, July 29—Sunday, August 2

At the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Worship ~ Mission ~ Fellowship



Youth News and Notes

Greetings!

The children and youth have been very busy this past month.

Sam Hatfield, Nate Hill, Will Schein, Betsy Schein and Jody Heil headed off with Mike McColl and the Crestwood Christian Church's youth group to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas. The group enjoyed fellowship, and learned about hunger issues and how to work as a communicating community. A good time was had by all!

On Wednesday, June 17th the youth group traveled to Champs in Lexington. The group participated in roller skating and laser tag. In all 5 and Jody attended.

A quick reminder that we are still in need of VBS volunteers please check the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Jody! Every little bit helps so please contribute your time as you are able!

Also we are continuing the ministry of Worship and Wonder for the children downstairs throughout the summer. Cindy Batts and Jody will be the story tellers for this time. However, we are still in need of greeters. The responsibilities of the greeter is accompany the children from the sanctuary to the worship and wonder room, help the children gather their work for the time, prepare a small feast and greet the children as they leave when parents arrive. This is a wonderful ministry our church provides for our families, it is also a great way to get something different out of worship. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex for more details.

The summer is far from over though, the youth and children have several more events to come!

On July 21st the youth and children will be traveling to the Lexington Ice Center for a game of Bible Mini Golf. The cost is 4.50 for children 10 and under and 5.50 for children and adults. We will be leaving the church at 11:30am and returning at 4:30pm. Please pack a sack lunch. If you would like to attend please contact Jody or the church office. All members of the church are invited to join us!

On July 19th at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall there will be a planning meeting for the children, youth and parents of the church. Please come with your calendars and we will map out the year. I understand that the children and youth have very busy schedules so my hope is to get everything laid out tentatively so church life is a scheduled part of the youth and children's regular life.

On August 15th the youth will be gathering for a trip to King's Island. We will be leaving around 8:00am and returning around 8:00pm. The ticket cost will depend on how many people we get to RSVP. I would like to have all RSVP's by July 15th. Also, we will need adult chaperones as Kings Island is a big park.

That's it for now! Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe!

Acolyte Schedule

July 5—Faith & Noelle Gruzesky

July 12—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter

July 19—Clay Rouse & Sam Hatfield

July 26—Jack & Luke Hill

August 2—Will Schein & Marcus Watson

August 9—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts

August 16—Faith & Noelle Gruzesky

August 23—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter

Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

There will be NO Board meeting in July! The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, July 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Elders will meet Sunday, July 26 at 6p.m.

Keenagers

The Keenagers will stay right here in Midway and eat at Heirloom Restaurant on Thursday, July 16th at 11:30 a.m. Please call the church office to RSVP by Monday, July 13th.

If you would like to see a copy of Heirloom's lunch menu, please go to www.heirloommidway.com

If you have any suggestions for restaurants for the Keenagers, please let Heather know. We are trying to eat our way across KY!

Thank You...

Dear Friends at Midway Christian Church,

I can't thank you enough for the heart felt prayers raised to God on my behalf. Also, thank you for the visits, the cards and the concern invested in me and my family during this time. I observed many things during this difficult time that I would not have had an opportunity to fully see otherwise. One of those things is what a wonderful, caring community MCC truly is. Please know that your expressions of God's love mean so much to me.

God's Peace,

Sandy Gruzsky

A Note from Melissa Askew

As most of you know by now, my time at Midway Christian Church is quickly coming to an end. This fall I will start my graduate studies at Campbellsville University where I will pursue my Masters of Music in Church Music. My last Sunday will be July 12th, then John and I take a small detour to the Philippines for a friends wedding, and then we plan to move to Campbellsville on August 1st.



While we are both extremely sad to be leaving such a wonderful church family, we have three and a half fantastic years of memories and experiences. I have grown so much as a musician and as a woman of faith in the time that I have served as your music director. There have been so many opportunities for me to stretch my knowledge and get to experience things that I had not before. It has been so wonderful to hear the handbell choir during the Christmas and Easter seasons, as well as work with the community choir on occasion. What a blessing is has been to have served and be a member of a church that is open minded to the direction God is leading it.

It has been such a joy to work with Heather, Rhonda, Jodi, and the other previous student ministers, as well as both choirs and the children. It has also been wonderful getting to know all the members and their life stories and getting to see what each one of you has to offer as a ministry to the church. John and I have always been so amazed at the talent and experience that each of you has. We will never find another group that is as unique, and for that I am glad. Please continue to keep us in your hearts and prayers, and we will make sure to keep you updated on our new life journey!

In Christ's Love,
Melissa Askew

Midway Christian Church (DOC) Budget for 2009-2010

Personnel	
Minister:	
Salary	\$23,152.50
Pension	\$4,585.35
Insurance	\$3,994.92
Social Security and Medicare	\$2,505.57
Expenses	\$6,133.24
Youth Minister:	
Salary	\$8,190.00
Pension	\$900.90
Insurance	\$1,200.00
Secretary:	
Salary	\$14,880.58
Pension	\$2,083.28
Organist:	
Salary	\$6,500.00
Pension	\$910.00
Music Director:	
Salary	\$8,500.00
Pension	\$1,190.00
Janitor	\$6,652.50
Nursery Care	\$2,500.00
Staff Social Security and Medicare	\$2,912.40
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$860.00
Total:	\$97,651.24

Administration	
Advertising	\$500.00
PO Box Rental	\$62.00
Bank charges	\$30.00
Bank Vault Rental	\$115.00
Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$1,400.00
Printing (letterhead, envelopes, etc)	\$200.00
Professional Services	\$200.00
Petty Cash	\$300.00
Computer Expenses	\$300.00
Staff Training	\$100.00
Copier Lease	\$2,500.00
Copier Routine Maintenance	\$1,100.00
Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$500.00
Total:	\$8,807.00

Missions	
Camp Wakon' Da-Ho	\$400.00
Cane Ridge	\$250.00
Christian Care Communities	\$1,000.00
Disciple Mission Fund	\$3,700.00
Hope Ministries Food Pantry	\$1,100.00
Lexington Theological Seminary	\$500.00
Midway College	\$1,000.00
Midway Food Pantry	\$400.00
Woodford Co. Library, Midway Br.	\$200.00
Midway Ministerial Association	\$1,500.00
Midway Nursing Home	\$800.00
Scout Troop 40	\$400.00
Second Christian Church	\$500.00
Senior Citizens	\$600.00
Transylvania University	\$300.00
Christian Church of KY	\$500.00
National Council of Churches	\$500.00
Woodford Co. Backpack Project	\$200.00
Missions Committee (discretionary)	\$1,700.00
Total:	\$15,550.00

Buildings and Grounds	
Utilities:	
Electricity (KU)	\$4,200.00
Website (Earthlink)	\$285.00
Church Phones (Windstream)	\$2,460.00
Water and Sewer (MWSG)	\$1,800.00
Gas (Columbia Gas)	\$5,300.00
Subscription Woodford Sun	\$22.00
Pest Control	\$100.00
Fire Ext. Service	\$370.00
Buildings Repair/Maintenance	\$5,000.00
Church Insurance	\$7,344.00
Grounds	\$1,500.00
Total:	\$28,381.00

Other Expenses	
Christian Education	\$1,000.00
Music	\$1,300.00
Worship	\$2,000.00
Small Group Ministries	\$1,000.00
Fellowship Events	\$2,500.00
Church Supplies	\$3,000.00
Conventions & Seminars	\$3,000.00
Loan Principal	\$2,400.00
Loan Interest	\$600.00
Total:	\$16,800.00

Total Budget for 2009-2010
\$167,189.24

Board News and Notes

Board Officers for 2009-2010

Chair of the Board: Jack Morgan

Vice Chair of the Board: Amy Perry

Secretary: Pat Wilson

Treasurer: Jeanne Clark

Financial Secretary: Rhonda Rankin

Historian: Phil Dare

Convention Delegates: Shirley Eckels and Pat Wilson

Deacons: (three year term)

Carole Munson

Phil Dare

Bobbie Dare

Ray Clark (one year term only)

Mary Sayre

Elders: (two year term)

Jan Nance

Shirley Eckles

Anne Burford

Karen Murphy

Jim Wombles

Junior Deacons

Jordan Batts

Nate Hill

Betsy Schein

Will Schein

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of June 22: Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Charlann Wombles, Priscilla Crutcher, Phil Burchell, & Pat Settlemire

Food Pantry

The *Midway Food Pantry* is in need of cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, cereal, and canned vegetables. You may drop off any items in the tub located in the narthex.



Burnie Wall cuts the ribbon on the new ramp at the dedication ceremony on June 7.

Thank You...

To all my friends at MCC,

With good intentions I sat down to write my "thank you" notes but when I looked at my list I became so overwhelmed by the amazing amount of food, flowers, visits, cards and calls, I could go no further. It was unbelievable what all of you have done so I decided to write one BIG thank you. Although this is an informal way to express my deepest thanks, it does not lessen my appreciation and gratitude for your thoughtfulness. It has been a frustrating time but you have made it easier. I will never forget your prayers, kindness and concern.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. With love and appreciation,

Adelaine McDaniel

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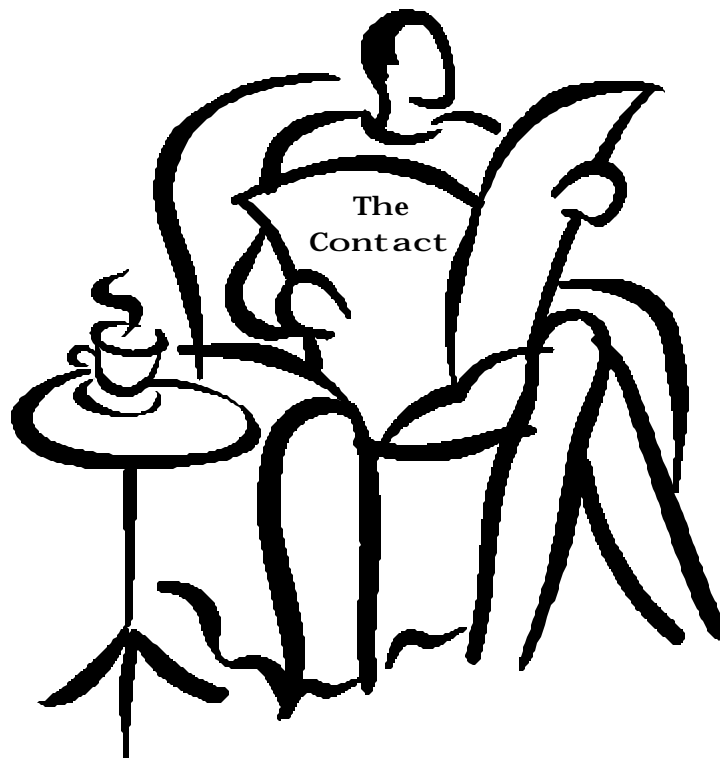
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JULY 2009



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			1	2	3 <i>Jim & DeeDee Roach Chuck & Patti Wilson</i>	4—Independence Day
5	6 <i>Adele Dickerson Buddy & Gertrude Johnson</i>	7 VBS 5:30p—Dinner 6p—Program <i>Chris Michel</i>	8 VBS 5:30p—Dinner 6p—Program <i>Jeannie Hill</i>	9 VBS 5:30p—Dinner 6p—Program <i>Pat Settlemyre</i>	10 6p—Rehearsal	11 7:30p—Roach/Lewis wedding <i>Kassandra Lutter</i>
12	13 <i>Jim Hoppin Mary Beth Rouse</i>	14	15	16 11:30a—Keenagers	17	18 10a-3p—FH reserved <i>Alex Woodruff Carl & Brenda Rollins</i>
19 2p—Youth Planning Mtg. <i>Allen Kirkwood</i>	20 Meals on Wheels <i>James Redden</i>	21 Meals on Wheels 11:30a—Youth Mini Golf <i>Rick Caudle Jim Nance</i>	22 Meals on Wheels 6p—Dayton's Mission Program & potluck	23 Meals on Wheels	24 Meals on Wheels	25
26 Noon—Homecoming celebration 6p—Elders <i>Ray & Jeanne Clark</i>	27	28	29 <i>Steele Rouse Bob & Mary Beth Rouse</i>	30 <i>Sherman Columbia</i>	31 <i>William Drake</i>	

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