

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Welcome Our New Choir Director

Hello, Midway Christian Church, My name is Stephanie Brown and I am delighted to begin working in this congregation as the choir director. My first practice will be Wednesday, July 29 and my first Sunday August 2nd. I visited Midway a couple of weeks ago and felt very welcomed, even though only a few of you knew who I was. What a friendly and welcoming congregation you are!

A bit about myself.....I am a graduate of Midway College (awhile ago). My wonderful, supportive husband Jeff and I are richly blessed with 5 terrific and very active children. Our oldest daughters will both be in college this fall- Abby at Berea and Erin beginning her freshman year at Capital University in Columbus. My "other" job is as a nutrition educator with the Fayette County Extension Office where I work with youth and adult programs. There is so much diversity in the extension office that it is never dull and I love to teach. In my free time, I like to read- mostly historical fiction and biographies- do needlework and garden. Despite what my family might think, laundry is not really a hobby! I also love to cook- especially bake- and have become know in some circles for occasionally incredible desserts. Music is a huge part of my life and I have varied tastes- today it may be show tunes and tomorrow a mass. I am usually humming my way through the day and occasionally burst forth in song "just because". I love the hymns of the church but am hard pressed to choose a favorite- I have many favorites! My favorite scripture, or at least the one I come back to again and again, is Psalm 121- God is in control and he will take care of me if I'll just let him.

I look forward to meeting everyone. Please consider joining the choir if you'd like to give singing a try, or if you've sung before and been on sabbatical, maybe it's time for you to come back. What better past time can we have than to be praising God?

Stephanie Brown



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Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$ 9,645.53
Received to date: \$ 12,163.22

Church News and Notes

A Pastoral Word...

As the elders sat around the table last Sunday, I realized that our "typical" meeting turned into a time to commune with the Holy Spirit. I realized that the Holy Spirit had been invited into the conversation when one of our elders said, "You know, I'm not sure when the appropriate time to bring this up is but I have just got to say it. I was thinking about our Homecoming Celebration and I was thinking about the faces there in the church and I was thinking about how I came to Midway Christian. You see, I did my research before coming to church. I talked to people and I kept hearing great things about Midway Christian and how involved this church is in the Midway community. So I thought I would try it out and as soon as I walked into the doors, I felt like I was at home. And if the people out there really knew what it was like at Midway Christian, then they would want to be a part of it too."

Enter in the Holy Spirit. The elders started brainstorm ways that we as a church could live out an authentic faith and compassion of Christ in our ministries. Our mission and our ministry has to be centered and grounded in the compassion of Christ. When Jesus called his disciples to follow him, he didn't try to get as many disciples as possible, just so he would have a huge gathering following him around. He didn't ask how many people came to hear him teach. He didn't keep a scoresheet of the number of people that he healed. He didn't get signing bonuses if he signed up a thousand people per week as his disciples. No, when Jesus called the disciples, he invited them into a relationship with him so that he could get to know them and show them how to live out the principles of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

And that is what we are called to do as his disciples. We are called to be in relationship with all our brothers and sisters in faith.

God is not done with Midway Christian Church yet. God is there, pushing us out of our comfort zones, pushing us beyond our doors, pushing us to really question and ask what does it mean for us to be people of Welcome. The Spirit of God is moving among us. The Spirit of God is challenging us to ask some hard questions for us as a church. The Spirit of God is with us on this journey.

So as an invitation to join the conversation and to experience God's Spirit among us, the elders will be hosting flock gatherings over the next couple of months. The hope of these gatherings is that we as a church ask the hard questions about where we are going as a church, open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit that is moving among us, and to renew our commitment to become people of WELCOME. So come and join the conversation as we embrace our call to share the compassion of Christ with our brothers and sisters in faith.



John Batts as "James Ware Parrish" & Dick Murphy as "Dr. L.L. Pinkerton" perform a skit on the history of MCC.



Everyone enjoyed lunch at the 165th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, July 26, 2009.

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



August 2

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 18: 18-30

Sermon: "One Think You Still Lack"

August 9

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: John 6: 35-51

Sermon: "The Bread of Life"

August 16

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: John 6: 51-58

Sermon: "True Food and True Drink"

August 23

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Sermon: "Living Wisely"

August 30

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: "What's in Your Heart?"

Serving This Month

Elders

Anne Burford

Buddy Johnson

Deacons

Virginia Ballenger, Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Bobbie Dare, Phil Dare, Mary Beth Rouse, Mary Sayre, Kit Walden

Junior Deacon

Steele Rouse, Betsy Schein, Will Schein

Worship Leaders:

August 2—Nate Hill

August 9—Jordan Batts

August 16—Jack Hill

August 23—Khristina Locker

August 30—Nancy Dare

Sunday School

There will not be Sunday School on August 2.

Beginning Sunday, August 9 through the end of the month, we will be studying the book of Revelation.

Jeannie Hill will be teaching Sunday School the month of September.



Pictorial Directory

We will be publishing an updated Pictorial Directory in September and we need your updated info. If you have a new address, phone, email, etc., please send in ASAP! We will also be taking photos of our newest members.

Taylor Manor Worship Service

Sunday, August 9 @ 2 pm

Midway Christian Church will host the Taylor Manor Worship Service on Sunday, August 9 at 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist the residents and join in singing.

Youth News and Notes

Greetings Youth, Children and Parents!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! As the summer comes to a close we begin to look forward to another school year! We will be starting a new curriculum on Sunday, August 9th. This new curriculum consists of the group listening to a dramatization of the New Testament, journaling and a discussion to follow. The dramatization that will be used is a star studded piece called *The Bible Experience*. We will begin with the Gospel of Matthew and work our way through the New Testament!

With a new school year comes a lot of new experiences for our children and youth. The Youth, children and parents met on Sunday, August 19th to plan out our activities through January. A letter containing those activities will be in your mailboxes soon!

As for the month of August here is what is on our calendar:

On **August 16th** we will be playing the ever popular **Romans and Christians** from **6:00-8:00pm**. Feel free to bring a friend and enjoy hunting for Christians and avoiding Romans in this favorite game.

On **August 22nd** the youth group will be traveling to **King's Island** in Cincinnati, Ohio. We will meet at the church at **8:30am** and will be **spending the night at the church**. The cost is **\$32.99** in addition to lunch and dinner at the park. We will need chaperones and drivers for this event.



On **August 30th** we will be watching **Happy Feet** a film about a misfit penguin and addresses Global warming issues.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office or Jody either by phone or email!

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe Out Peace,

Jody

Acolyte Schedule

August 2—Will Schein & Marcus Watson

August 9—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts

August 16—Faith & Noelle Gruzsky

August 23—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter

August 30—Sam Hatfield & Clay Rouse

September 6—Nate & Jack Hill

September 13—Gregory & Marcus Watson

September 20—Betsy & Will Schein

September 27—Jordan & J.T. Batts

Thank You

A Big Thank You to *Everyone* who helped with making Vacation Bible School a success!



Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

There will be a Board meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, August 30 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Elders will meet Sunday, August 30 at 6p.m at Etta Manor's home.

Disciples Women

Sunday, August 16 @ 12:15 pm

Please join us in preparation for a new year of interesting programs, mission projects, and sharing.



We will meet on Sunday, August 16 at 12:16 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a food items for a "picnic" type lunch to share. Drinks and paper items will be furnished.

Hope to see you on the 16th!

Thank You...

To My MCC Family,

As most of you know, in July I had knee replacement surgery. I want to thank all of those who called, visited, sent cards, food, or stayed with me those first two weeks of being back home.

I am very blessed to have a large extended family and such a caring family at MCC.

Peace,

Sharon Burchell

Keenagers

Thursday, August 27 @ 11:30 am

The Keenagers will be traveling to Labrot and Graham for a Picnic on the Porch on Thursday, August 27th at 11:30 a.m. We will leave the church by 11:00 if you would like to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, August 24th, 2009.



New Accompanist

Midway Christian Church has hired Jessica Hartman as our new accompanist. She will begin on Sunday, August 16.

She was accompanist at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Harrodsburg. She plays the piano and organ.

She currently works at Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate giving guided tours. Jessica resides in Midway.

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who came out for our night of missions and fellowship this last Wednesday! I know I had a wonderful time enjoying delicious Midway food and lots of laughter, and it was great to get to share what God has laid on my heart with working in Senegal over this next year. Also, the church gave me some neat practical gifts for my journey (an alarm clock, luggage tags, travel pillow, and passport carrier) that were particularly thoughtful.

If you wanted to be there last Wednesday but were unable to come, feel free to catch me when you see me and ask me about Senegal—God is certainly doing amazing things in this country!

Again, thanks so much for this wonderful send-off.

Yours most earnestly,

Dayton

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of July 20:

The next Meals on Wheels delivery is the week of August 17.



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.



July Missions

Second Christian Church: Midway Christian Church has a long history of partnership in ministry and financial support with our brothers and sisters of Second Christian Church. Each time, Midway Christian and Second Christian come together as the Body of Christ, we renew Pinkerton's vision of justice and peace for all of God's children.

Christian Church in Kentucky: There are 242 Disciples congregations in Kentucky. They work together through a partnership called the Region to offer vision for what we (congregations and Region) can do together as we reach for our full kingdom potential. The Region of KY offers services for local congregations such as program ministries for women, men, children and youth, outdoor Ministry (church camp) for people of all ages, crisis care for Pastors and Congregations, relocation assistance to congregations seeking a minister, relocation assistance to ministers seeking a new call, and nurture and oversight for those answering a call to ministry through seminary training for ordination or licensed ministry for a specific congregation.

Woodford Co. Backpack Project: The Woodford County Extension Homemakers and the Woodford County 4-H program collect donations for a community backpack project each year. An estimated 300 students in pre-school through 12th grade will not have the required items to start school. The estimated cost for supplies and backpacks is at least \$60.

August Missions

Midway Ministerial Association: During the month of August, Midway Christian Church supports the Midway Ministerial Association as our missions of the month. The MMA is a local organization supported by the area churches and offers the opportunity for our local congregations to give back to our community. The MMA supports a fund that is made available to those in our community who are in need of rent assistance, help with utilities, and other types of assistance. The MMA also supports the local food pantry that is housed at Midway Baptist Church.

August Mission Project: Collecting Towels and Twin Sheets for Salvation Army in Lexington

Our local Salvation Army has sent out a plea for help from local congregations. They are becoming overwhelmed with the number of people within our Lexington community who are in need of their support due to job losses, foreclosures, and other events due to this downturn in the economy. They are asking local organizations to collect new or gently used bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths. They are also requesting new or gently used twin sheets. These items will be used and given to families who are staying at the Salvation Army as a shelter. You can drop off these items to the church office or if you would like to donate money instead, please mark your checks: For August Mission Project.

Community News and Notes

Midway College Move-In Day

Saturday, August 22, 2009

On Saturday, August 22 from 9am to noon, Midway Christian Church will be helping move in freshmen to Midway College. This is a yearly tradition for our church and a way to support our connection with the college. Even if you are not able to lift items, you can come and be a welcoming face to new students.

Midway College Sunday

Sunday, August 23, 2009 @ 10:55 am

On Sunday, August 23, we will be worshipping at the Anne Hart Raymond Center at Midway College. Each year, at the beginning of the school year, Midway Christian Church and Midway College worship together to celebrate our shared stories through L.L. Pinkerton.

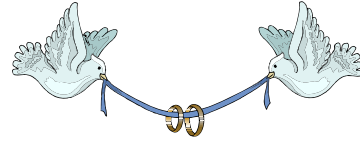
Disciples Women Prepare for Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale, sponsored by Disciples Women, will take place during this year's Fall Festival, September 18-20.

Now is the time to clean out those closets, attics, basements, and garages. All donations are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off in the closets in the basement of fellowship hall.

Stewardship of Creation

The Stewardship of Creation Task Group met July 27 in Fellowship Hall with some people coming all the way from Owensboro in Western Kentucky, and Red Bird in Eastern Kentucky. Others attending were from several churches in this Central area. The group formed the mission statement as: *"Kentucky Disciples connecting Christian faith, spiritual practice and environmental consciousness in order to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom"*. The group is planning a Stewardship of Creation Retreat for November 20-21 with sessions about the theology of stewardship of creation, "Faith and Food", "Just Eating", community gardens and mountaintop removal.



You are invited to attend the wedding of

Janet Tietjen

and

Doug Mullins

on Saturday, September 5, 2009

at 3:00 pm

Midway Christian Church

Reception to follow at their home

118 Elkhorn Bend Dr., Midway, Ky



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