



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

March, 2010

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Lenten Breakfast Series: "Healing our Wounds"

Saturday, March 6th: "Healing our Wounds from Racism"

Speaker: Dr. Reed, St. Matthew's AME Church

Flock 1 provides the meal

Saturday, March 13th: "Healing our Wounds from Pollution"

Speaker: Greg Alexander, Regional Minister

Flock 2 provides the meal

Saturday, March 20th: "Healing our Wounds from Poverty"

Speaker: Ginny Ramsey, Catholic Action Center

Flock 3 provides the meal

Saturday, March 27th: "Healing our Wounds from War"

Speaker: Steve Wilson, Ensign, Naval Reserves

Flock 4 provides the meal

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Flock Leaders, please call your flocks in advance to remind them and let them know what to bring!

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Midway Community, Need a Ride?

On Saturday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m., at Midway Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, there will be a meeting about a new transportation service for seniors and visually-impaired adults that is coming to Midway! This event will give Midway residents a chance to see what they can do to get ITNBluegrass (Independent Transportation Network) off the ground in Midway. Once it is up and running, the service will transport people in Woodford County and to and from Fayette County. ITNBluegrass is a local affiliate of a national non-profit, ITNAmerica, whose mission is to provide 24/7 automobile transportation to people 60+ and visually-impaired adults anywhere in its service area for any reason. ITNBluegrass uses trained volunteer drivers to deliver most of its rides.

If you have an interest in elder transportation – as a potential rider, as an adult, child or friend of a potential rider or as a volunteer driver – please join us on March 27.

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$111,459.52

Received to date: \$106,530.78

A Pastoral Word

The Season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 17th with Ash Wednesday and we began our journey to the cross. Each week during our worship service through the Season of Lent, we will take a moment and extinguish a Lenten candle. After extinguishing the candle, we will name a broken relationship in the world: violence, not taking care of God's creation, basic needs not being met, war and oppression. And then, we sing a song, "Our Darkness". As we make our way through Lent and as I watch the light of the candles be extinguished each week, the darkness creeps in just a little more and I find that the words to the song resonate with me more and more.

"Our darkness is never darkness in your sight; the deepest night is clear as the daylight." The closer and closer that we get to the cross, the more and more afraid we become, the more and more unsure we become, the more and more lonely we become and we begin to wonder when will the Darkness overtake the Light. Even on the Darkest Night, Maundy Thursday, one candle will be left burning and that candle is the Christ Candle. At the end of the service we will watch the light of Christ being led out of the sanctuary to the cross. We will hear the three hammer blows and we will wonder has the Darkness overtaken the Light. But we remember that we are people of the resurrection. We are people of the Good News. We hold firm to the hope, to the promise that even on the Darkest Night, even on our Darkest Night, God is there, holding us in the palm of God's hand. God is there, shining the Light of Peace, the Light of Hope, the Light of Love, the Light of Joy, and leading us home.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us always remember that the Darkness will not overcome the Light and that the Light brings us healing, wholeness and hope. In the Light, our wounds are revealed. And as we examine our wounds, we begin to understand that our wounds are not as deep as we first thought, are not as terminal as we first thought, are not as incurable as we first thought because we realize that in the Light of Christ, we see clearly. We begin to understand that our wounds are signs of hope. Our wounds are signs of faith, are signs of new life, are signs that God is still working in our world.

Heather



New Wooden Cross and Candle holders for Lent

During the Season of Lent, Midway Christian has put away the silver altar ware and communion ware and will be using a new wooden cross and candlesticks. These pieces were done by local artist Spring Masterson from Nicholasville.



Note Cards For Sale

Beth Thompson has taken pictures of the church and the stained glass windows and made beautiful note cards. These are for sale in packages of five cards for \$15. Please contact the church office if you would like to make a purchase.

Kroger Cards

Don't forget to keep using those Kroger cards every time you make a purchase! If you need a new card, please see Amy Perry.



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon: "Self-Transformation"

March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: "Seek Your True Home"

March 21

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 12: 1-8

Sermon: "Preoccupations"

March 28

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Sermon: "In the Midst of Our Darkness is the Light of God"

Acolyte Schedule

March 7—Marcus Watson & Sam Hatfield

March 14—Faith Gruzesky & Willa Michel

March 21—Betsy Schein & Jack Hill

March 28—Jordan Batts & Luke Hill

Serving This Month

Elders

Jim Wombles

Jan Nance

Deacons

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

Junior Deacon

Jordan Batts, Nate Hill, Fanklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

March 7—TBA

March 14—TBA

March 21—TBA

March 28—TBA

Sunday School

Through the month of March, John Batts will continue leading our lesson based on the book, "Disciples: Reclaiming our Identity Reforming our Practices".



Description of Book from Chalice Press: "*Respected Disciples Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn propose reclaiming Disciples movement's identity in a way that encourages reform of worship, relationships, and mission.*"

With praise for the founding leaders' willingness "to follow their vision of what it meant to be a church in their own time in history", the authors call on the denomination to do the same today, not in order to survive as an institution but in order to enhance the church's participation in God's mission of peace-making and compassionate service.

Kinnamon and Linn explore the Disciples' historic commitment to covenant and claim that heritage as a tool for addressing current issues such as money, minister licensing, homosexuality, the future of seminaries, and more."

Youth News and Notes

Greetings Parents, Children and Youth!

Wow! February has been quite the wild month. I hope that you are all staying safe and warm! There have been lots of going on here at Midway Christian Church. I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Souper Bowl for Caring! We had a wonderful time and gathered lots of canned goods and raised funds for those who are less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity, you never cease to amaze me!

Also I wanted to give another thank you too all those who participated in our outing to the UK Lady Wildcats game! We had eighteen people in all go and a great time was had by all. I think MCC's presence there just might have had something to do with the fact that UK won!

As for what's coming up ...

On **March 7th** we will having Kids in the Kitchen once again! Youth and Children (and any adults who want to lend a hand) are invited to join us at 3:30pm to prepare our Chinese Feast. The congregation and community is invited to join us at 6:00pm.

On **March 14th** we will gather after church for a sack lunch and then travel to Lexington to see the Red Badge of Courage at the Lexington Children's Theatre.

On **March 21st** we will gather at 6:00pm to watch The Chronicles of Narnia. Feel free to bring snacks to share, popcorn will be provided. Friends are welcome.

There will be no Youth Group on March 28th

If you have any questions please feel free to call me!

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Jody

Summer Camp Dates

Camp Dates for our Regional Summer Camps are available for both Camp Wakon Da Ho and Camp Kum Ba Ya. For more information, please go to <http://www.ccinky.net/outdoor/dates.htm>

Camp 101: July 24-25

Mini Camp: June 18-20

Junior Camp: June 14-18 or July 19-23

Chi Rho Camp: July 5-10 or July 12-17

CYF Camp: June 21-26 or June 28-July 3

Eighter's Camp: June 6-12

Sailing Camp: June 28-July 2

College Camp: August 5-8



Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of February 1 : Charlann Wombles, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, Priscilla Crutcher, Pat Settlemire. The next delivery is March 1.

March Mission Payments

Disciple Mission Fund: Disciples Mission Fund builds a foundation enabling Disciples to globally share the good news of Jesus Christ. This common fund allows the Disciples to pool their resources accomplishing a greater ministry. Disciple Mission Fund allows a process of whole church stewardship supporting God-given missions at home and world wide.

Midway Food Pantry: The Midway Food Pantry is now affiliated with God's Pantry and is able to provide perishable as well as non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies and toiletries. It is located in Midway Baptist Church. The food pantry is available for all citizens of Midway. It can be used one time per month per household.

Week of Wonder: May 30-June 2010

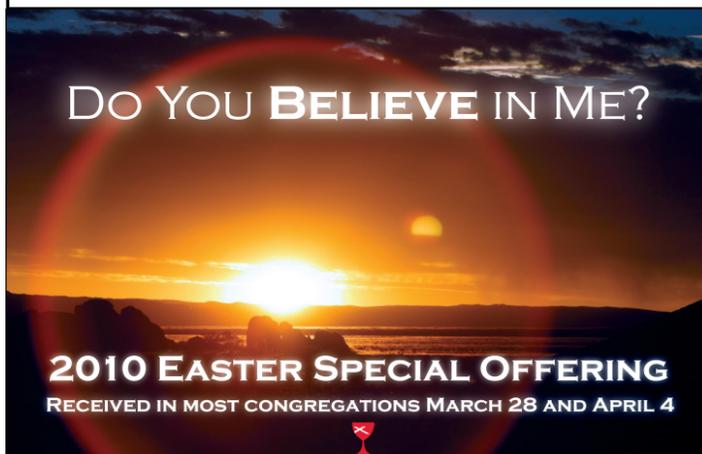
Join adults from all over to help Christmount get ready for the summer! Raking, weeding, painting, light construction, trail work, and other things need to get done to get Christmount ready for a summer of ministry to youth and adults. After a long winter, there are so many things you can do to help out maintenance crew and transform Christmount into a wondrous place for our campers and conferees!

Housing will be in the Guest Houses (hotel-style rooms). Cost covers meals from Monday breakfast through Friday breakfast.

We will work in the mornings and afternoons; evenings will include vespers services and time for relaxing on the deck or in your room.

Come as individuals or as a church group.

The cost is \$125 per person. For more information, please go to www.christmount.org/Weekofwonder.htm



2010 Easter Offering

Jesus asks "do you believe in me?". In John 11:25-26, Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Your support of the 2010 Easter Offering witnesses to our belief that we can do all things through Christ Jesus who believes in us. We will collect this special Easter Offering on March 28 and April 4.

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Thursday, March 18th

The Keenagers will travel to The Georgetown Cheese Store and More on Thursday, March 18th for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please call the church office to RSVP by Monday, March 15th.

KY Disciples Women's Spring Conference

April 10, 2010

The Kentucky Disciples Women's Spring Conference, "Tis the Gift", will be held April 10 at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington, Ky. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Marti Steussy, Petticrew Professor of Biblical Interpretation, CTS.

Registrations and \$25 fee is due by March 26. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Board Meeting

Sunday, March 7

The Board will meet Sunday, March 7 at 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, March 28

Elders will meet Sunday, March 28 at 6 pm.

Disciple Women

Sunday, March 21 at 12:30 pm

Disciples Women will meet Sunday, March 21 at 12:30 pm. We will continue or discussion of the book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson.

Each person is asked to bring a salad or sandwiches to share for lunch.

Please bring a guest to join with us this month!

New Sound System for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

The Church has decided to purchase a new sound system for the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. We have talked to four different companies and have asked Dick Murphy and Bill Johnson to review their proposals. This is an exciting time for Midway Christian! With the new sound system, we will be able to record the worship service and share it with our shut-ins and members who live out of state by uploading files to our website. But most importantly, this new system will allow our members to hear the service!

Funds from the memorials account will go towards the purchase of the new systems. If you would like to donate to these purchases as well, please make the checks out to Midway Christian Church with Sound System marked in the memo line.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 13th.**

New Automated Call System

We are using a new automated call system through OneCallNow to help the church get the word out about events, changes in plans, and important information. When you receive a call through this system, you will see the church number on Caller ID and then you will hear: "This is a recording concerning an important message about Midway Christian Church." There will be a slight pause and a message will follow.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner has been rescheduled for Tuesday, **March 2 at 6:30 pm.** If you would like to help, please be at church by 5:30 pm.

Community News and Notes

Elders and Diaconate Workshop

March 5-6, 2010

Co-sponsored by Lexington Theological Seminary and Christmount Christian Assembly

KEYNOTER: Dr. Margaret N. Ralph
Director of M.A. Program for Roman Catholic Students
Lexington Theological Seminary

Theme: "And God Said *What?*"

When you read Scripture do you sometimes find yourself asking, "Why would God say that?" Why would God tell the Israelites to kill the women and children in the towns they conquer? Why would Jesus tell people not to tell anyone about his healings? Answers to such questions can be found by considering context, especially the contexts of literary form, the beliefs of the time, and a process of revelation. Margaret Nutting Ralph will be giving two presentations based on her best-selling book *And God Said What?* You will learn the contextualist approach to Scripture and will be able to understand more clearly what biblical authors intended to teach.

Baby Shower!

For

Ashley Wall DeFavero

Sunday, March 28 @ 3 pm

MCC Fellowship Hall

Registered at Babies R Us



Weekend Food Backpack Program

Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm

Midway Presbyterian Church is heading up a new outreach program for Northside Elementary students. There will be an important informational meeting on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm.



Green Ministry

As Spring nears, we think of gardening and locally grown produce in terms of nutritional, economical and ecological values. The first planning meeting for the 2010 **Midway Community Garden** will be held **Wednesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at the Midway Presbyterian Church**. Last year's garden, located behind



the Midway Presbyterian Church, was very successful; providing a wide variety of vegetables, fruits and flowers for many Midway residents. An added benefit of the garden was the pleasure of meeting and working with Midway neighbors while learning about gardening together.

Flowers may beckon toward us, but they speak toward heaven and God.

Henry Ward Beecher (1813-87)
Proverbs from Plymouth Pulpit

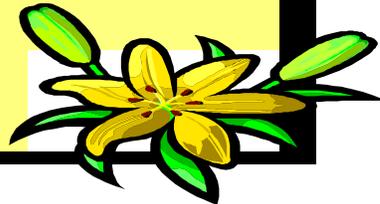
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Return Service Requested

Easter Lily
Order Form



Name: _____

I would like to order _____ lily(ies) at \$ 11 each for a total of \$ _____

**In HONOR
of:** _____

**In MEMORY
of:** _____

Please make checks payable to Midway Christian Church and note in memo for Lily.

Deadline: Sunday, March 21st, 2010