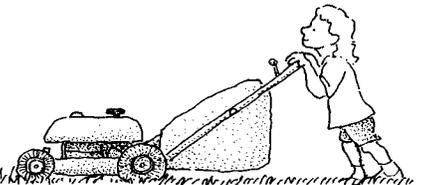


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Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April, 2010

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Holy Week Activities

Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service at Midway Christian Church



Friday, April 2—7:00 pm

7:00 pm—Good Friday Service at Midway Baptist Church



Sunday, April 4

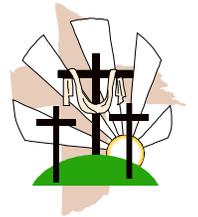
7:00 am—Sunrise Service, St. Matthew's A.M.E.

Teresa Frye, guest speaker

Breakfast to follow at Second Christian Church

No Sunday School

10:55am—Easter Sunday Service at Midway Christian Church



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Wendell Berry speaking at Midway College



PEO, Chapter F and Midway College present their Annual Book Event *Visions* featuring Kentucky writer, Wendell Berry, on Monday, April 5th at 1:30 p.m. in the Anne Hart Raymond Center. There will be a reception following the event. Tickets are \$10.00. For more information please call Roberta Owen at 859-277-9019.

The office will be **CLOSED** Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday.

Congrats to Wallace Station...

The Food Network's Guy Fieri and crew taped an episode of "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" in March 2010 at Wallace Station.



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$125,391.96

Received to date: \$118,104.58

A Pastoral Word

At the potluck on February 28th, Greg Alexander challenged us as Disciples of Christ in KY to spend some time with Luke 10: 1-11. He asked us: "Where is God speaking to you in this passage?" So beginning at our April board meeting, we will open each meeting by sharing these words and allowing God's voice to lead us. So I share with you these words now:

"After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

Midway CC-What is God saying to you in this passage?

2010 Easter Offering: Do You Believe in Me?

A teachers' pep rally for the Dallas Public School system was recently featured on Oprah Winfrey. Twelve year-old student Dalton Sherman asked the teachers "Do You Believe in Me?" He was challenging the teachers to believe in him. If the teachers believed in him then, he told them, he could "do anything."



Jesus also asks "do you believe in me?" In John 11:25- 26, Jesus says to Martha, "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. Do you believe this?"

Your support of the 2010 Easter Offering witnesses to our belief that we can do all things through Christ Jesus who believes in us. Your gift to the Easter Offering shares the message of resurrection through... Missionaries touching lives around the globe... Ministerial relief and assistance ... Stewardship education... Disciples Men and Women's Ministries... A fully inclusive table where we learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ... Proclaiming our identity and history as a people of Christian unity... Our shared mission as a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world... Education for and learning from children and youth... Leadership development... Evangelism Training... Hands on mission work... Global and domestic partnerships...

Your gift says "You believe in the power of the resurrection!"

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



April 4

Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

Sermon: "He is Risen!"

April 11

Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Sermon: "Seeing is Believing"

April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 21: 1-19

Sermon: "Feed My Lambs"

April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Earth Sunday

Scripture: Romans 8: 18-28

Sermon: "The Creation Waits"

Acolyte Schedule

April 4—J.T. Batts & Will Schein

April 11—Faith Gruzsky & Jordan Batts

April 18—Preston Lutter & Jack Hill

April 25—Sam Hatfield & Luke Hill

Serving This Month

Elders: Karen Murphy Jim Leer

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:

April 4—Jim Roach

April 11—Ouita Michel

April 18—Margaret Easton

April 25—Dick Murphy

Sunday School

Beginning on **Sunday, April 11th**, Adele Dickerson will be leading a Sunday School series, using the *Alverna Covenant* as our guide.

The Alverna Covenant:

Whereas:

- God has created the world with finite resources
- God has given to us the stewardship of the earth
- God has established order through many natural cycles

And it is evident that:

- We are consuming resources at a rate that cannot be maintained
- We are interrupting many natural cycles.
- We are populating the earth at a rate that cannot be maintained.

As a member of the human family and a follower of Jesus Christ, I hereby covenant that:

- I will change my lifestyle to reduce my contribution to pollution.
- I will support recycling efforts
- I will search for sustainable lifestyle
- I will work for public policies which lead to a just and sustainable society
- I will share these concerns with others and urge them to make this Covenant

Youth News and Notes

Greetings Parents, Children and Youth!

Wow! What a busy month March was! We showed off our artistic flair by painting the side of Wallace Station in a way that only MCC youth and children could! We attend a theatrical show at the Lexington Children's Theatre and learned about the Civil War by watching the Red Badge of Courage! And we learned about creative ways to depict the Christian message by watching The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. I'd like to thank those of you who make activities and learning opportunities such as these possible for our youth and children, we couldn't do it without you.

Here's a look at what's coming up:

There will be no youth group on April 4th as it is Easter Sunday and I'm sure many of you have plans with your family.

On **April 11th** We will have Kids in the Kitchen. Children and youth meet up at 3:30 to prepare the meal. The congregation and community are invited to join us for a feast at 6:00pm.

On **April 18th** we will be meeting to play Romans and Christians at 6:00pm.

On **April 24th** The youth and children are going on a road trip ... to Louisville! We will be visiting the Louisville Zoo. The cost for the zoo is \$11.95 Adults (12-59yrs) \$8.95 (3-11yrs), \$8.95 (Seniors). We will also be stopping by the Louisville Slugger Museum. The cost for the museum is \$10 adults, \$9 Seniors, \$5 Kids (6-12 yrs old) and kids under 3 get in free. Please make sure to bring money for Lunch and Dinner. We will be leaving at 9am and will not get back until 9pm. Also, there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for those who wish to go and for those who wish to drive!

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Jody

Green Ministry

The MCC Green Chalice group discussed several topics March 10.

The **Alverna Covenant** recognizes God's Creation and our responsibility and stewardship in caring for it. If you attended the Lenten Breakfast "Healing Our Wounds from Pollution" with Rev. Greg Alexandar, you received a bookmark with Alverna Covenant printed on it. This covenant was adopted by the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1981 and is the basis for Sunday School discussion in April. The Christian Church in Kentucky developed a "Green Chalice Church" recognition with the Alverna Covenant as the guiding principle. MCC will be working toward that honor.



One of the projects the group discussed was **building a rain garden**, which

makes use of run-off water from the roof. By channeling the water from the gutters to the garden, the water is used for the benefit of the plants and diminishes erosion and flooding. We are happy to partner with the Midway Renaissance Greenspace Committee, chaired by Bob Rathbone. Workdays will be announced as soon as plans are finalized. All volunteers are welcome!

If you would like more info, visit www.ccinky.net and click on The Green Chalice at the bottom.

Earth Day is April 22. Be sure to join MCC as we celebrate Earth Sunday on April 25!

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of March 1 : Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil Burchell, Charlann Wombles, Phil & Nancy Dare, Pat Settlemire. The next delivery is March 29.

March Mission Payments

Midway Nursing Home: The Midway Nursing Home Task Force was created over ten years ago. This group of people has worked diligently and have teamed up with Christian Care Communities and are in the process of making this dream a reality.

Woodford Co. Senior Citizens Center: 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 housekeeping and personal care. Transportation is also provided to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, etc. This service is available for all residents of Woodford Co. Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

Midway Food Pantry

The Midway Food Pantry is in need of the following items: personal care items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, cleaning supplies, paper products and side dishes. You may drop off these items to the church office.

Member Spotlight

John, Cindy, Jordan & J.T. Batts

We have been married for 15 ½ years. We met at Transylvania University. We have two beautiful and intelligent kids (Jordan and JT) and two great dogs. John has been a part of this church and community for a long time, and I came in shortly before we were married (in this church). John introduced me to Midway Christian Church and I have enjoyed being a part of it ever since.

John grew up in Versailles, KY. He enjoys (I'm not sure that is a strong enough word) ancient Egypt, origami, history, and cooking (but not baking). He is a computer programmer and manages several projects as well.

Cindy grew up in Columbus, OH. I work with people with mental illness. I love reading and writing. I also enjoy listening to music and spending time with the kids. I have been the storyteller for the Worship & Wonder program for about four years now.

Jordan is 12, and loves books. It's hard to get her nose out of one once she has started it. She also loves math (not sure where that one came from).

JT (or James as his friends call him) is 9 and enjoys football and playing with his friends. He also enjoys TV and computer and Wii.



Cindy, John, Jordan, & J.T

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Thursday, April 15

On Thursday, April 15, Keenagers will travel to Historic Boone Tavern in Berea, KY. Please call the church office to RSVP by Monday, April 12.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, April 25

The Elders will meet Sunday, April 25 at 6 pm.

Board Meeting

Sunday, April 11

The Board Meeting will be held Sunday, April 11, 2010, immediately following the service.

Car Window Decals for Sale



We have car window decals for sale. They have the red chalice on them and are 3"x4". If you would like to purchase one for \$2, please contact the church office.

Stewardship 2010: Let God Lead

As part of the stewardship process, we are seeking God's blessing and God's guidance for our ministries and seeking God's help in preparing our budget. This year, we are asking each person or family to prayerfully seek God's blessings and guidance for their own financial giving as they make a pledge for the coming fiscal year (July 2010-June 2011). Our hope in doing this process is that we can have a budget that reflects a faithful and accurate picture of the ministries of Midway Christian Church. When the time comes, the Finance Committee is asking that you please make an estimate for your yearly giving so that we can faithfully celebrate God's blessings upon our church. The Finance Committee is asking that you place your pledge and your talent card in the offering plate on Consecration Day, **May 16th**, as a sign of your commitment and your response to God's grace that has been shown to you as a child of God.

Conversations of Peace: Meeting around the Table with "Three Cups of Tea"

As Disciples Women continued their study of the book "Three Cups of Tea", the question came up: "Well, what do we do now? How can we spread a word of peace and understanding in our community?"

So in response to this question, the Disciples Women would like to invite everyone to attend Conversations of Peace on **Sunday, April 18** to hear our guest speaker, Nadia Rasheed, talk about women in Islam.

This will be a **congregational potluck lunch** immediately after church and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

"Here (in Pakistan and Afghanistan), we drink three cups of tea to do business: the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family..."

Nominating Time Again!

It's that time again to nominate elders, deacons, and church leaders for Midway Christian Church. The position of elders, deacons, and church officers are very important roles of leadership in our church. If you have any suggestions for these leadership roles, please see Shirley Eckels or Heather McColl.

Finance Meeting Kroger Cards

The Finance Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25, immediately following the service.

Don't forget to keep using those Kroger cards every time you make a purchase! If you need a new card, contact the church office.



Community News and Notes

SAVE THE DATE!!



QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 23-27, 2010

GREENSBORO, NC

*THOUSANDS OF WOMEN WORSHIPPING AND
LEARNING TOGETHER!!
YOU WANT TO BE THERE!!*

Check out www.quadrennial.org for more information

Week of Wonder

May 31—June 4

Join adults from all over to help Christmout get ready for the summer! Raking, weeding, painting, light construction, trail work, and other things need to get done to get Christmout 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 Christmout 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. Cost is \$135 per person.

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

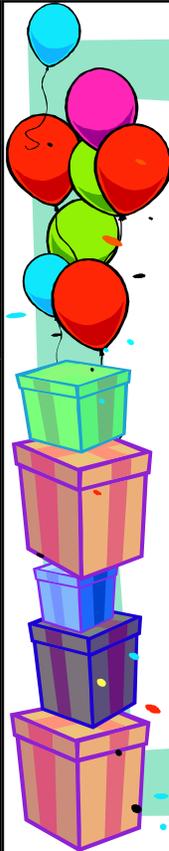
Taylor Manor Worship Service

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Midway Christian Church will be providing the worship service for the residents of Taylor Manor Nursing Home on Sunday, April 11 at 2:00 pm.



Don't forget to drop off recycling items to the church. Items that Midway does not collect are: Cardboard (packing boxes, pizza boxes, and any box that does not have a plastic coating), Plastic (jugs, water, soda, detergent, and condiment bottles). Phil Burchell takes these items two Lexington once a month.



*Everyone is invited to attend a
"Surprise" birthday celebration*

*In honor of
Anita Wilson's
80th Birthday*

Saturday, April 3, 2010

1-4 pm

*Midway Christian Church
Fellowship Hall*



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Return Service Requested

