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Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May, 2010

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Pentecost Celebration



Sunday, May 23rd at 11 am

On Sunday, May 23rd, Midway Christian Church will worship with Second Christian Church at Midway Christian for our annual Pentecost celebration. Each year we worship together on Pentecost to celebrate our beginnings as brothers and sisters in faith. Dr. Edgar Wallace will be preaching. We will have a potluck lunch following the service. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with everyone. The church will provide the meat and drinks.

Update on Cookbook



The recipes have all been collected and everything has been mailed to the publisher. It will take about 45-55 days from the time the publishers receive it for us to have the completed product. Thank you to everyone who submitted recipes, title suggestions, and helped organize, proof the cookbook.

The good news is that we have over 230 recipes submitted for the cookbook! Thank you to Mary Sayre and Sharon Burchell for their time and effort with this project.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

There is a pre-order special: You can pre-order your cookbook now for the cost of **\$20**. Checks can be made out to Midway Christian Church, memo line: cookbook. Sale is good through June 30th. Cost may go up as of July 1st.

Summer Series: Think Globally, Act Locally

We are looking at doing VBS a little differently this year. It will be intergenerational and we will meet one night each week for three weeks during the month of July. One week, June Mitchell and Wilda Caudle will be talking to us about canning and will be teaching us how to make freezer jam. Another week, we will go to God's Garden, the community garden of the Catholic Action Center. And the last week, Janet Mullins is going to do a nutritional/cooking class on "What to do with our summer veggies? Look for more information to come. However, to get ready for the series, please start freezing strawberries if you want to make strawberry freezer jam. They will not be in season in July. We will also be using other fruit but strawberry freezer jam is a favorite!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$139,324.40
Received to date: \$133,423.58

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A Pastoral Word

Midway Christian Church, I am taking a moment of privilege for my Pastoral Word this month and inviting all of you to Max & Erma's in Lexington at Hamburg on **Tuesday, May 18th** to come out and support Families of SMA because we are hosting a fund-raiser that day. Max & Erma's has agreed to donate 20% of the sales that day to Families of SMA. All you have to do is eat!! They will be doing this all day so if you can't make it to dinner, go there for lunch or if you want, do both! Please just present your server with the coupon (see below) when you are ready to pay your bill and Max & Erma's will donate 20%! We all know how much Midway Christian likes to eat! So invite your friends, neighbors, strangers off the street to come join us Tuesday, May 18th in supporting Families of SMA!

Max & Erma's Presents

Families of
Spinal Muscular Atrophy
Fundraiser!

Tuesday, May 18th

20% of your sales will benefit
Families of
Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Risky distribution on Max & Erma's property is prohibited and will result in the forfeiture of your organization's entire donation.

Families of
SMA
Fundraiser!

Present this ticket to your server and
20% of your sales will benefit
Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Max & Erma's

Lexington
1848 Alysheba Way, 859-543-8111

Visit maxandermas.com
to view our menu & learn about our
Good Neighbor Rewards program.
Proceed donation does not include
gift certificate sales.

Okay, now that is done... time for updates and conversations. Many of you want to know how the adoption process is going. Well, it's going. Everything is turned in and now we are waiting. Mike and I wanted to wait until after the holidays, wanted to wait, knowing that this past February, Sarah has been gone six months, to have our profiles shown to potential birthmothers. Both Mike and I feel like we are in a good place now and have agreed to have our profiles shown to a few birth moms but we were not chosen for some reason or another. And we are okay with that. We know that Sarah is picking out her brother or sister (or both!) for us and when she is ready, she will send him or her or them our way. And we are okay with that.

The other news that I wanted to share with you is that I have agreed to serve as interim President, then President for District 5. I began the interim period in late April and will officially be installed at our District Assembly in October. I ask for your prayers and blessings as I take up this mantle of leadership.

I just wanted to say thank you for your continued prayers and all of your love as Mike and I take this journey with you.

Heather

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 13: 31-35

Sermon: "Have Love for One Another"

May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Scripture: Acts 16: 9-15

Sermon: "The Lydia's of the World"

May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Consecration Sunday

Scripture: John 17: 20-26

Sermon: "God's New Age"

May 23

Pentecost Sunday at MCC

Scripture:

Sermon:

May 30

First Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 7: 1-10

Sermon: "In Good Health"

Serving This Month

Elders: Anne Burford

Etta Manor

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:

May 2 —Nancy Dare

May 9 — Carole Munson

May 16 —TBA

May 23 —TBA

May 30—TBA

Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday, May 16th, and for the summer, we will be taking a look at the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. As Christians, there are many passages from Isaiah that we interpret through the lens of Jesus Christ: *"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore"* and *"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed."*

The book of Isaiah appears to be one single unit by one single author but in reality the book of Isaiah has at least two, maybe three authors. The book of Isaiah is one of the books that most of us turn to in times when we need to find hope once more as God's people. The imagery, the language, the inspiration that can be found in the words of the prophet Isaiah are what makes this one of the most beloved books of the Bible.

So come, join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday School which begins at **9:30 a.m.** with sharing of joys and concerns.

Youth News and Notes

Greetings Parents, Youth and Children!

I hope you are out and enjoying the sunshine! As I look around God's beautiful creation I realize how blessed we all are to live in it. And as I look around Midway Christian Church I am reminded of how incredibly blessed I am to have journeyed with you for a time. April was an exciting month for us and May proves to be as well!

On **May 2nd** the children and youth will gather at 6:00pm to play board and card games! So bring your favorite game and we will have some great fellowship. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

On **May 9th** the children and youth will travel to the Lexington Children's theatre immediately after church to see "Go Dog Go" Please remember to bring a sack lunch and the cost of tickets \$13 for children and \$16 for adults.

On **May 16th** We will be having Kids in the Kitchen. Children and youth meet in fellowship hall at 3:30pm to begin cooking and the congregation and community are welcome to join us for a Chinese feast at 6:00pm.

On **May 23rd** The children and youth will gather at 6:00pm for Romans and Christians.

Also, Please do not forget about the youth group's mission trip to Chicago this summer with Crestwood Christian church. If you need more information please see Heather or myself.

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Jody

Acolyte Schedule

May 2—Willa Michel & Betsy Schein **May 16**—Faith Gruzesky & Betsy Schein **May 30**—Jordan Batts
May 9—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter **May 23**—Jack & Luke Hill & Marcus Watson

Green Chalice Ministry Team

The Green Chalice Team is working on organizing a Rain Garden for Midway Christian Church. They are working with the GreenSpace of Midway Renaissance to get their expertise and advice. Bob Rathbone, head of the GreenSpace committee, came to look at our site and said that it was a great space. The Green Chalice Team is looking at putting the Rain Garden on the side beside the Fellowship Hall as an extension of the existing flower garden.

What is a Rain Garden? A rain garden is a garden with a shallow depression which is strategically located on a property to capture stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, such as rooftops, patios, driveways, and parking lots, before it enters the storm water system. The water is held by the garden and allowed to slowly infiltrate the soil. The soil and plant roots use natural processes to improve water quality by filtering pollutants, the overall amount of stormwater runoff is reduced, and the groundwater supply is recharged.

Why is stormwater a problem?

Most modern American cities are built in such a way that when it rains, all of the water is directed immediately into storm sewers via gutters, curbs, and ditches and then out into nearby creeks and streams. On its way to the stormwater system, the rain water picks up pollutants such as motor oil, grease, pet waste, fertilizers from lawns, and other toxic substances. The water then rushes out all at once from storm sewers, severely eroding the banks of the creeks it is directed into and bringing all of the pollutants from the city into the water. This is called non-point source pollution.

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of April 26: Phil Burchell, Pat Wilson, Priscilla Crutcher, Phil & Nancy Dare, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson. The next delivery is May 24.

May Mission Payments

The Midway Nursing Home Task Force was formed ten years ago when the need for a nursing home for Midway arose. This group has been working diligently to achieve this mission. Now the Task Force has teamed up with Christian Care Communities and are in the process of making that mission a reality.

Boy Scout Troop 40 was started at MCC in the 90's and has become a wonderful mission of the church. The Boy Scout Troop has helped the church on many occasions with mission projects, yard work, and out-reach in our community.

5th Sunday Offering

The month of May will be a month with a fifth Sunday, and that will be a time when we will take up a special offering for the Homeplace project under the Christian Care Communities of Kentucky. We decided to take up this "above and beyond" mission because the Homeplace is so important to our community. So throughout 2010, in months that have 5 Sundays, on that fifth Sunday, there will be special offering envelopes in the bulletin. This month, we will be doing this on **Sunday, May 30th**.

Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes

Saturday, May 22nd

On Saturday, May 22nd, the American Diabetes Association is sponsoring a Walk at Keeneland Race Course. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Did you know that 1 in 3 children in the United States faces a future with diabetes?

The American Diabetes Association works everyday to change the frightening future that diabetes has in store, but we need your help. Together we can stop diabetes. Take the first step today by registering to walk in our local Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes event.

For more information, please see John or Cindy Batts.



Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

We will be collecting new and gently used shoes of all sizes for the shoe charity, Soles4Souls, for the month of May. The shoes will be distributed to people in need around the world. Please take time to go through your closets and gather up some shoes to donate! Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, flip flops, just as long as they are new or gently worn. There will be a designated box in the Narthex for you to place your shoes. *Together we can make a difference, one pair at a time!*

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Thursday, May 20th

On Thursday, May 20th, the Keenagers will travel to Beaumont Inn for lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will leave by 10:30 a.m. if you wish to carpool. Please call the church office to RSVP.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, May 30

The Elders will meet Sunday, May 30 at 6 pm.

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 2

The Board Meeting will be held Sunday, May 2, 2010, immediately following the service.

Mark Your Calendars:

Equus Run Fundraiser: June 12 and July 17

We've been asked to help park cars again this year at Equus Run. We do this as a church fund-raiser but from the comments that have been shared, MCC has a great time at the event as well. For more information, please see Adele Dickerson.

Consecration Sunday

Sunday, May 16

As we continue to live out our vision of becoming a more Christ Centered, welcoming community of faith, we realized that part of achieving this vision is becoming better stewards of the generous and plentiful gifts and resources that God bless us with as people of faith.

The Finance Committee is asking that you place your pledge and talent cards in the offering plate on Consecration Day, May 16, as a sign of your commitment and your response to God's grace that has been shown to you as a child of God.

Disciples Women

Sunday, May 16

Disciples Women will meet Sunday, May 16 at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. This is an important meeting to close out our year and make future plans. Lunch will be provided.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our program on April 18 with our speaker Dr. Nadia Rasheed.

Special Pentecost Offering:

This offering, divided evenly between your region and New Church Ministry, helps to fund recruitment, coaching and training of new church ministers. By *Expanding the Table*, you and New Church Ministry are reaching out to serve multitudes and to share God's message in new ways. We will take up this special offering on Sunday, May 23rd.



Thank You...

On behalf of the family of James William Redden, who died April 14, 2010 at his home, I wish to express our appreciation to our church family for all the ways you expressed your love and concern for us. We thank you for your prayers, telephone calls, beautiful cards, visits, flowers, your presence at the funeral, and the lovely lunch after the funeral. We were so blessed to have your support during this "tender time of parting."

Continue to keep us in your prayers.

~Lois Redden

Community News and Notes

Graduation Celebration

"It takes a church family to raise a child"

Well, maybe that's a little over the top, but the congregation does add to the finished products. With that in mind...

The congregation of Midway Christian Church is invited to Lauren and Liz Perry's graduation party on Sunday May 23rd beginning at 4 p.m.

Hosted by Chris, Ouita, and Willa Michel

Holly Hill Inn, North Winter Street Midway

Drop in for a Casual Dinner Buffet



The Christian Church in North Carolina & St. Paul's Christian Church (DOC)

Cordially invite your presence & prayers

For the Ordination to Christian Ministry of

Amanda Cooke Hatfield

Sunday, May 16

2:300 pm

St. Paul's Christian Church

Raleigh, NC

Church Yard FĒST

At Midway Presbyterian Church

Saturday, May 15, 2010

10am—3pm

Includes yard sale, bake sale, food, & music

Proceeds will support the Weekend Food Backpack Program at Northside Elem.

Donations now being taken at MPC.

(no clothing)

Collecting Books and Purses for Quadrennial

One of the projects for Quadrennial is that Disciples Women will be collecting gently used books (adult and children) and gently used purses to donate to a local women's shelter in Greensboro. Please bring these items in through the month of May. The women (Pat Wilson, Shirley Eckels, Etta Manor, and Adele Dickerson) will take these items to Quadrennial in June.

Message from the Finance Committee:

As of the first of May, the income needed from donations to satisfy our present budget is \$139,324.40 - we have received: \$ 133,423.58, \$ 5,900.82 below that amount in donations. In addition, our spending for the year is \$ 141,362.70, \$ 2038.30 more than we expected to spend. Be assured that the Finance Committee continues to examine all church expenditures in hopes of cutting costs where possible. Midway Christian has been able to do some amazing ministries with our local community because of the time and talents that our members have already generously given and we want to continue being able to do so. We are asking that everyone prayerfully consider continue giving to the church as a way of being good stewards with the gifts that God has given us. If you have any questions, please see Amy Perry or anyone from the Finance Committee: Dan Roller, Ray Clark, Nancy Dare, Mary Sayre, and Jeanne Clark.

Local Blood Drive

There will be a Mission Midway Community Blood Drive on Saturday, May 15



from 8am to 1pm. The KY Blood Center Mobile will be parked at Midway Baptist Cross Street parking lot. A photo ID is required. Walk-ins are welcome, however, to insure no waiting, appointments can be made by calling the church office.

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Return Service Requested

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day Holiday.

Join the community on Monday, May 31st as we say thank you to our Veterans for their service at the annual Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m. at the Midway Cemetery.

