



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July, 2010

Church Staff:

Rev. Heather McColl

Minister

Stephanie Brown

Music Director

Jessica Hartman

Accompanist

Rhonda Rankin

Secretary

Jestine Johnson

Custodian

Deacon & Elder Training

Sunday, July 18

All Deacon's & Elders' are asked to attend a training session on Sunday, July 18 at 12:30 pm. This is for all current and new deacons and elders. Lunch will be provided.

Elders' Retreat

Saturday, July 17

We will have an Elders' Retreat on Saturday, July 17, from Noon to 5 pm at the home of Karen Murphy. Please bring your study books and please complete your spiritual gift survey for the retreat.

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. There will dinner at 6:00 p.m. for those who would like to partake and the evening activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. The kids are invited to come at 4:00 p.m. to help prepare dinner.

Monday, July 12th: Susie Quick and Wilda Caudle will be talking to us about canning and will be teaching us how to make freezer jam. We will also be using other fruit but strawberry freezer jam is a favorite! You will also need to bring sugar and containers for freezing.



Monday, July 19th: We will go to God's Garden, the community garden of the Catholic Action Center. God's Garden is two acres of organic vegetables that will become food for those in need in our community. Volunteers from the community, the guests of the Catholic Action Center work in the garden together. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives and health of men, women, and children.



(www.godsnet.info/godsgardenworms.htm)



Monday, July 26th: Janet Mullins is going to do a nutritional/cooking class on "What to do with our summer veggies?"

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$167,189.24
Received to date: \$157,317.58

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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A Pastoral Word

We have started a new church year and we find ourselves at an interesting crossroads. There have been many questions about what we are going to do for our next Student Associate and who we are going to get to come in. And the answer is I don't know. I don't know because the way we used to do things is changing. As of Fall 2010, LTS will be a strictly on-line seminary and this will change the availability of student associate ministers.

And we find ourselves in strange new territory, very much like the first believers who experienced the empty tomb on that first Easter morning. Things are different. And now we are faced with a challenge: Will we have the courage to adapt to these changes? Will we have the willingness to step out of our comfort zones? Will we listen to where the voice of God is calling us?

So what does this mean for Midway Christian Church? It means that we can't function like we've always functioned in the past. It means that I can't do everything. It means that we as a church need to really figure out where God is calling us and how we can/will live out our mission of WELCOME as part of the Body of Christ here on earth

One of our basic beliefs and practices is that we are all called to ministers. We embraced this call when we emerged from our baptismal waters. We embraced this call the first time we experienced God's changing and life-giving love. We embraced this call the first time we proudly proclaimed that we were members of Midway Christian Church and we continue to embrace this call every time we say that we ARE members of Midway Christian Church.

I see that God has laid before us an opportunity, an opportunity to think outside of the box. How are we going to actively work to share the Good News? How are we going to actively, all of MCC to be a part of the wider community? These are the questions that God has laid before us and now we have to discern how we are going to answer them.

Heather

Green Chalice Ministry Team

Our Rain Garden is coming right along and we need your help. We are in need of native plants for our rain garden. Why native plants? "Native Plants are ideal for landscaping for many reasons. Because they have adapted Kentucky's climate over millions of years, , they don't need chemicals to help them grow, they can tolerate our cold winters and hot summers winter, they have very deep roots which allow them to be more drought resistant, they have developed defenses against harmful native insects, and can serve as habitats for native wildlife (consider planting for butterflies, hummingbirds, or songbirds!). The deep roots of native plants also makes them ideal for rain gardens because they create channels in the soil which allow water to soak in quickly." (www.bluegrassraingardenalliance.org). We are in need of : Purple Coneflower, Black Eyed Susan, Blue Indigo, Bee Balm, Spiked Blazing Star, Silky Aster, and Wild Bergamot.



The other exciting news that is happening with our Green Chalice Team is that the Board approved a motion at its June 6th meeting to adopt the practices set forth by the Alverna Covenant to become a "green" congregation and made a motion that was approved by the congregation at our congregational meeting on June 20th that affirms that Midway Christian Church will live out the Alverna Covenant in our practices. We are already doing many of the things needed to be a green congregation such as recycling, using programmable thermostats in our church buildings as well as the church parsonage, our new rain garden, and providing educational opportunities like our Summer Series.

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



July 4

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Patriotic Hymn Sing

July 11

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon: "The Good Samaritan"

July 18

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42

Sermon: "Distracted by many tasks"

July 25

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Camp Sunday

Youth sharing Mission Trip Experience

Acolyte Schedule

July 4—Faith Gruzesky & Preston Lutter

July 11—Marcus Watson & Luke Hill

July 18—Willa Michel & Betsy Schein

July 25—Jordan Batts & Jack Hill

Serving This Month

Elders: Etta Manor

Jim Wombles

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 4—Carole Munson

July 11—Ray Clark

July 18—Margaret Easton

July 25—Nate Hill

Camp Sunday

Sunday, July 25th

On Sunday, July 25th, we will be having a casual, camp-style worship service. The worship committee invites you to wear your shorts and flip flops and come sing some camp songs for our worship service.

The sermon that morning will be brought to us by our middle school youth (Greg Watson, Jordan Batts, Nate Hill) who went to Chicago, our high school youth who went to Eastern Kentucky (Franklin Watson), and our youth who went to camp (Noelle Gruzesky and Greg Watson).

If you have any favorite camp songs that you would like to sing, please let Heather or Stephanie know.



Youth News and Notes

SUMMER

It is summer time and it is time for fun! All children and youth are invited to our Summer Series in July on Mondays, July 12, 19, and 26.

We will meet at **4:00 p.m.** for “Kids in the Kitchen” on these nights to prepare dinner for the church and to practice our skills. Dinner will be at 6 and the program starts at 6:30 p.m. We should be done with everything by 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Brown and Heather will be leading us in songs, games, and activities during these nights as well as:

On Monday, July 12th: We will be making freezer jam.

On Monday, July 19th: We will be going to God’s Garden

On Monday, July 26th: We will be playing with our food!

Other Dates to Remember:

For 1st-5th Graders:

We have been invited to Crestwood Christian Church on **Thursday, July 15th** for Water Games from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel as well as a change of clothes. Please let Heather know if you are interested in going.

And...we have been invited on **Sunday, August 8th** for Game Day at Crestwood Christian Church from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner is included.

For 6th-12th Graders:

We have been invited by Crestwood Christian Church on **Sunday, July 18th** to go out to lunch and a movie after church. Please let Heather know if you are interested in going.

Also we are planning some activities for August. Girls, keep **Monday, August 2nd** open because we are having a “Girls’ Night” at the Church. We are inviting girls of all ages to come to the church for food, fellowship, and fun. And Guys, keep **Monday, August 9th** open because we are planning a Guy’s Night. We will probably gather for food, fishing, and fellowship. More details about both to come later.

We have also been invited to go to King’s Island by Crestwood Christian Church on **Tuesday, August 3rd**. The cost is \$30. You will need your own spending money for lunch and dinner that day. Please let Heather know if you are interested in going.

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of June 21: Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Helen Rentch, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles and grandchildren Robert & Mary Bennett, Phil & Nancy Dare. The next delivery will be the week of July 19.

July Mission Payment

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.

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 in at least \$60.

Christian Church in Ky: 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.

Thank You

Dear Members of Midway Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Weekend Food Backpack Project. This effort will support kids in our community who are at risk of going hungry by providing them with reliable nourishment. Your support of this project will go a long way to helping the kids of our community live free of malnutrition and let them know that we care about them.

Thank you and God bless you!

Rev. Mary Seeger Weese, pastor
Midway Presbyterian Church

Thank You

To the Members of MCC,

Thank you for your generous contribution to our Boy Scout Troop Treasury! It will help us as we share the scouting programs with boys who have challenges with their portion of the funding, for the outings and travels of the troop.

Your kind generosity helps us continue to include boys regardless of their personal family financial situation.

As we offer our prayers around our campfires, we continue to ask God's blessings on your congregation as we all work our way to heaven.

Thank you very much!

Yours in Scouting, Troop 40

District 5 Meeting

There will be a District 5 meeting on Thursday, July 22 at 5:30pm at First Christian Church in Lawrenceburg, Ky. We will be discussing District Assembly which is Sunday, October 3rd at Midway College.

Finance Meeting

Sunday, July 11

There will be a Finance meeting on Sunday, July 11 immediately following worship.

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Thursday, July 22nd

On Thursday, July 22nd, the Keenagers will travel to Hall's on the River at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, July 19th.

Equus Run Car Park

We need volunteers to help park cars at Equus Run on Thursday, July 15 & Saturday, July 17. Please contact Adele Dickerson if you are able to help. Volunteers are invited to stay for dinner and the concert as a part of helping out. The dinner is \$10 per person. The concert is FREE! Make sure to bring your folding chairs so that you can watch the concert and to wear your MCC t-shirt as well. If you need a shirt, please let the church office know. The concert for July 15th is Mary Chapin Carpenter and the concert for July 17th is Swing Street. Volunteers need to arrive at 3:30 pm on both days.

Cookbook Unveiling Potluck

Sunday, July 25th

We got the word from our publisher that the expected shipping date for our cookbook is July 14th. If everything goes well, we will have a potluck on Sunday, July 25th immediately after church. Everyone is invited to make a dish that he or she submitted to the cookbook so that we can sample some of the wonderful recipes that fill our cookbook. And yes, we will reveal the name on that Sunday!

We are taking orders for the cookbooks now. The cost is \$20. You can pre-order the cookbooks by calling the church office. Checks can be made out to Midway Christian Church with "Cookbook" in the memo line.



Float in the Parade on Saturday, July 3rd

Midway Christian has been invited to put a float or walk in the parade as part of our community "Sparks in the Park" Celebration on Saturday, July 3rd. The parade will be at 3:30 p.m. and then continue up to Walter Bradley Park. If you have any ideas for a float or would like to walk in the parade, please see Heather.



Board News and Notes

2010/2011 Board Officers

Chair of the Board: Jack Morgan

Deacons: (three year term)

Vice Chair of the Board: Phil Burchell

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Secretary: Pat Wilson

Bob Settlemire Teresa Hoppin

Treasurer: Jeanne Clark

Jim Hoppin Ella Drake

Financial Secretary: Rhonda Rankin

Margaret Easton

Historian: Phil Dare

Convention Delegates: Shirley Eckels and Sharon Burchell

Board News and Notes

Midway Christian Church (DOC) Proposed Budget for 2010-2011

Personnel	
Minister:	
Salary	\$23,815.55
Pension	\$4,850.18
Insurance	\$2,953.80
Social Security and Medicare	\$2,540.99
Expenses	\$6,133.24
Youth Minister:	
Salary	\$7,800.00
Pension	\$958.00
Insurance	\$1,200.00
Secretary:	
Salary	\$15,178.19
Pension	\$2,124.95
Organist:	
Salary	\$6,830.00
Pension	\$928.20
Music Director:	
Salary	\$7,850.00
Pension	\$1,071.00
Janitor	\$6,785.55
Nursery Care	\$1,580.00
Staff Social Security and Medicare	\$2,850.25
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$860.00
Total:	\$95,389.90

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	\$800.00
Lexington Theological Seminary	\$500.00
Midway College	\$1,000.00
Midway Ministerial Association	\$1,500.00
Midway Nursing Home	\$800.00
Boy Scout Troop 40	\$200.00
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 County Backpack Project	\$200.00
Luther Lockett	\$200.00
Ky Refugees Ministries	\$100.00
District 5	\$200.00
Girl Scout Troop 1038	\$100.00
Northside Backpack Project	\$400.00
Missions Committee (discretionary)	\$850.00
Total:	\$14,600.00

Administration	
Advertising	\$500.00
PO Box Rental	\$130.00
Bank charges	\$30.00
Bank Vault Rental	\$115.00
Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$1,000.00
Printing (letterhead, envelopes, etc)	\$50.00
Professional Services	\$200.00
Computer Expenses	\$1,550.00
Copier Lease	\$2,180.00
Copier Routine Maintenance	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$850.00
Total:	\$10,085.00

Buildings and Grounds	
Utilities:	
Electricity (KU)	\$4,334.00
Website (Earthlink)	\$285.00
Church Phones (Windstream)	\$2,400.00
Water and Sewer (MWSG)	\$2,000.00
Gas (Columbia Gas)	\$3,038.00
Phone Messaging (One Call Now)	\$528.00
Subscription Woodford Sun	\$22.00
Pest Control	\$100.00
Fire Ext. Service	\$75.00
Buildings Repair/Maintenance	\$7,000.00
Church Insurance	\$7,488.00
Grounds	\$1,500.00
Total:	\$28,768.00

Other Expenses	
Christian Education	\$900.00
Music	\$1,000.00
Worship	\$2,000.00
Small Group Ministries	\$600.00
Care and Concerns	\$700.00
Fellowship Events	\$2,000.00
Church Supplies	\$2,000.00
Conventions & Seminars	\$1,000.00
Loan Principal	\$1,500.00
Loan Interest	\$450.00
Total:	\$12,150.00

Total Budget:
\$160,992.90

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Return Service Requested

