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# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

September, 2010

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Stephanie Brown**

*Music Director*

**Jessica Hartman**

*Accompanist*

**Rhonda Rankin**

*Secretary*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

## Disciples Women Rummage Sale

Friday, September 17 & Saturday, September 18: 8 am—6 pm

Sunday, Sept. 19: Noon—6 pm

Now is the time to clean out those closets, attics, garages, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off in the basement of Fellowship Hall after Labor Day. If you have items to donate but are unable to bring them, contact the church office and we will arrange to get them picked up.

We also need people to sign up to help out with the Rummage Sale this year. We will begin setting up for the sale on Monday, September 13th and work through the week. If you can help out, please call Etta Manor or Bobbie Dare.

This ministry opportunity has become a great way for Midway Christian to live out our mission of WELCOME for our community. Following the sale, we donate items to the Hope Center, Salvation Army, and Goodwill.



## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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## Ten Thousand Villages

We will once again be hosting items from Ten Thousand Villages during Fall Festival, September 18 & 19. We will be set-up in Fellowship Hall. If you are able to help with this project, please see Phill Burchell.



**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES®**

## Welcome New Members

Susan Mooney and Beth Thompson joined MCC on Sunday, August 15 by transfer of membership. Their address is 200 Dove Park, Versailles, KY 40383.



## Budget Update

**Budgeted to date: \$26,832.16**

**Received to date: \$22,794.00**

## A Pastoral Word

Wow! A lot can happen in a month! Just to let you know, I did finish the race and ran most of it! I was pretty happy with my time (43:05). My goal was to finish in under 45 minutes or at least before they had to send out a search party! Thank you for all your prayers, love and support during this process. I am overwhelmed with God's blessings...

Which leads me to the wonderful news that Mike and I have officially been matched with a birthmother. We received the call on Wednesday, August 4 and have been celebrating ever since. The baby is due December 21st and it's a boy! As of right now, Mike and I will plan to travel to Florida for the baby's birth and will probably have to stay two weeks in Florida until we have received permission to travel across state lines. We have been told by our adoption agency that the baby could come early or the baby could come late. So as of now, we are cautiously optimistic and know that God is in the process...

Which leads me to church news. It seems as if every month, Rhonda and I wonder what we are going to put into the newsletter and then amazingly enough, when the time comes, we are trying to fit everything in! What a wonderful problem to have. We are gearing up for a new church year and things are really moving. Cookbook sales are going well. Rummage Sale prep has begun. Conversations about what are we doing for Sunday School are happening. Our first Girls'/Guys' Night out was a success! We had about 10 women and girls gather for pizza and chick flicks which turned into a night of pizza and Pic-tionary while about 8 men and guys traveled to the Perry's farm for fishing, campfire, and s'mores. There are rumors that fish were even caught! And that's not all!

Disciples Women have planned out their year and are looking forward to wonderful educational and fellowship opportunities. Kids in the Kitchen will begin in October and have been planned out for the year. The Green Chalice Team continues to challenge us to be good stewards of God's creation. They have finished up the Rain Garden and are working on the sign, something similar to this. (see side) Now, their next project on the list in conjunction with Buildings and Grounds is working to get our kitchen certified through the Health Department so that we can offer classes for the public and to extend our WELCOME to those in our community who work with local foods. And we continue to try to be

good stewards of our building by taking care of it through capital projects. The next project on the list is to finish the tuck-pointing around the church.

As I have said on more than one occasion, for a small country church, we have a lot going on around here and opportunities for service for everyone! Which leads me to conversations that have been circulating among the leadership of the church.

As you know, Midway Christian is still looking for a Youth Minister. So in the between time, I will be filling in as youth minister and we will continue to search for the right person to fill our position. But also in the between time, we need our members to support our youth. If you can help out with youth groups, children's Sunday School, Kids in the Kitchen, please see either Cindy Batts or me.

God is doing some amazing things around here! Thanks be to God!

Heather



MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### September 5

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: "Cost of Discipleship"

#### September 12

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: "What's missing?"

#### September 19

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: "Who can you trust?"

#### September 26

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: "Who is going to listen to me?"

### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Jan Nance

Jim Wombles

**Deacons:** Tom Arehart, Scott Congleton, Margaret Easton, Jim McDaniel, Ouita Michel, Carole Munson, Jim Nance, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles

**Junior Deacon:** Jordan Batts, Nate Hill, Franklin Watson

#### Worship Leaders:

**September 5** —Phil Dare

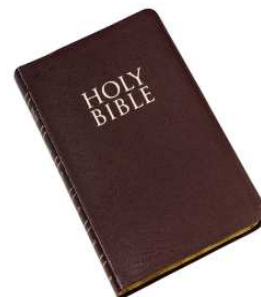
**September 12**— Ray Clark

**September 19**—Dan Roller

**September 26**—TBA

### Sunday School

Jim Wombles will be leading Sunday School from August 29 through September 26, 2010. The title of the series is "Jesus, the Miracles." Everyone is invited to attend at 9:30 am. when we gather to share joys and concerns.



There is also children's Sunday School on Sunday mornings. The youth meet with Liz Perry in the library at 9:30 a.m.

### Regional Assembly

*September 9-11, 2010 @ Central Christian Church, Lexington*

Everyone is invited to attend Regional Assembly at Central Christian Church in September. The assembly will involve conversation sessions with Alan Roxburgh. Alan has been working with our region through the process of transformation over the last year. He is a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant with more than 30 years of experience in church leadership, consulting and seminary education.

Everyone is also invited to come to worship on Thursday and Friday nights which starts 7:30 p.m. each night.



## Youth News and Notes

### All Children and Youth:

*Sunday, September 12th at 6 p.m.*

We will be meeting with the Green Chalice Team to paint and assemble rain barrels. Wear old clothes that you can get dirty. Dinner will be provided.

We will sell these rain barrels as a fund-raiser at Fall Festival.



### JYF (1st-5th Graders):

Starting on Wednesday, September 8th, JYF will meet on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. and then have children's choir at 7 p.m. Please see Cindy Batts for more information.

### Chi-Rho (6th-12th Graders):

All Middle and High School youth are invited to youth groups on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. with Heather. Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 26th. We will talk about ideas, projects, trips for the year. Invite your friends! We will also be planning out menus for Kids in the Kitchen so bring your ideas!



### Youth Bake Sale

*Saturday, September 18th*

The youth of Midway Christian Church will be hosting a bake sale as a way to raise funds for mission trips. We are asking members to help out by donating bake goods. If you would like to help out, please see Cindy Batts or Heather.



### Acolyte Schedule

**September 5**—J.T. Batts & Will Schein

**September 12**—Faith Gruzesky & Willa Michel

**September 19**—Jordan Batts & Jack Hill

**September 26**—Sam Hatfield & Marcus Watson

### Heifer Ark Project

Last year, Midway Christian, as part of our Advent celebration, raised money for a gift ark through the Heifer Project and now we have been challenged to do it again! This time, we will be collecting money throughout our church year for our ark. This way if you want to give the ark as part of birthday presents, anniversary presents, or simply just because, you can do so by making your checks out to Midway Christian Church with Heifer Ark in the memo line.



## Mission News and Notes

### Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of August 16: Phil & Sharon Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Charlann Wombles, Phil & Nancy Dare. The next delivery will be the week of September 13.

### September Mission Payment

**Disciples Mission Fund:** The 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. One congregation could not achieve this alone. Disciples Mission Fund allows a process for whole church stewardship supporting God-given missions at home and world-wide. They live their theological understanding of Christ's prayer "that they all may be one." As a faithful growing church, Disciples demonstrate true sense of community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

### District Assembly

The District 5 Assembly will be held Sunday, October 3 at 6 pm at Midway College. Dinner will be provided. The District will be collecting items to make health kits, backpack kits and/or making blankets for Linus' project.

Here is a list of things needed for Health Kits and Backpack Kits.

#### Health Kits:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit.

#### Backpack/School Kits:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles.

## Fellowship News and Notes

### Keenagers

*Thursday, September 16th*

The Keenagers will go to Midway's new restaurant, Jimmy D's Italian Kitchen, on Thursday, September 16th. Please call the church office to RSVP.

### Board Meeting

There will **not** be a Board meeting in September!

### Elders' Meeting

Elders will meet Sunday, September 26, immediately following the worship service.

## Dayton Harris: What's God doing in Dakar, Senegal?

*Sunday, September 12th*

On Sunday, September 12th, everyone is invited to a potluck lunch immediately after church to hear and share in Dayton Harris' ministry from the past year in Dakar, Senegal. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The church will provide the meat and drinks.



## Girls & Guys Night Out

*Friday, September 24, 2010*

Our Girls/Guys' Night was such a success that we are going to be doing this once a month for the rest of the year! So on **Friday, September 24th:**

**Girls:** We will be heading to IPotter in Versailles. Please meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

**Guys:** We will be traveling to a Woodford County Varsity Football Game. The Yellow Jackets will be playing Franklin County. Game starts at 7:30 p.m. Please meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

This is not just for our youth! This is for all members of Midway Christian Church. This is a great fellowship opportunity for our church and it is also a way to be an active part of our children and youth's lives.



## Sound System

Thank you to all who donated money towards the sound system. It is officially paid off! Each Sunday, we are thankful for this new system and the ministry opportunities that it has opened for us such as recording our services for our homebound members. Thank you, Midway Christian Church!

## Community News and Notes



### Christian Care Communities Purchases Land in Midway for Future Retirement Community

Christian Care Communities, Kentucky's largest faith-based provider of senior housing and long term care services, has acquired a 31-acre tract of land in Midway, Kentucky with the intent of developing a state-of-the-art retirement community.

The project advances the efforts of the Midway Nursing Home Task Force, a local nonprofit formed ten years ago, with the goal of bringing skilled nursing care services to Midway.

Christian Care's President and CEO, Dr. Keith Knapp, described the project as "a timely response as well as an exciting opportunity to introduce two very innovative concepts in elder care that would be 'firsts' for Kentucky: *Green House*<sup>TM</sup> design and *lifelong learning retirement living*." Sometimes also referred to as "Small House" design, and person-centered care, the Green House<sup>TM</sup> movement has introduced unique concepts to both building design and care giving that result in improved clinical outcomes, higher resident satisfaction and continuity of care. Breaking away from traditional, more institutional nursing home design, the buildings are much smaller – for 10-12 people each – and more residential in appearance, feel and comfort.

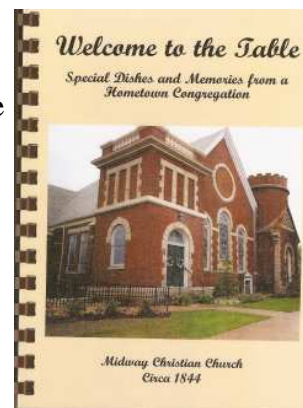
Plans for the retirement community include: 23 skilled nursing beds, restoring the services that were discontinued a decade ago by Woodford Memorial Hospital, as well as 12 licensed personal care rooms, specifically for persons with dementia or other cognitive impairments, and 12 assisted living apartments.

## Cookbooks for Sale

The Cookbooks are on sale now. And they are not just any cookbook. The committee included pictures from the past and present. The cookbook also tells our history as Midway Christian such as the story behind the Thanksgiving Market and the Epiphany Dinner as well as how Midway Christian got its start.

Recipes include Holly Hill Inn, Wallace Station, Ruth Roach's Sugar Cookies, MCC's famous Oyster Stew, Sharon Burchell's prize winning chili, most of the Epiphany Dinner recipes as well as special recipes from our members past and present.

The cost is \$20. Checks can be made out to Midway Christian Church with "Cookbook" in the memo line.



## Flu Shots Available

Friday, September 24th from 2-6 p.m.

It's that time again, Flu Season! Make sure you and your family are prepared. There will be a Flu Vaccine Clinic at Midway Christian Church on Friday, September 24th from 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$25. Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Please call 859-983-3358 for more information.

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