

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February, 2011

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Epiphany Feast 2011

More than 200 people from Woodford County and surrounding counties gathered at Midway College for the fourth annual Epiphany Christmastide Feast. The Epiphany feast is the oldest Christian celebration of the Christ Child. It's also the last day of the twelve days of Christmas. This year, St. Leo's choir joined the fun and shared with the gathering their gift of music! And we are so glad that they did!

Thank you also to our magi: Nate Hill, Dick Murphy, and Jim McDaniel for leading the parade of the Boar's Head. And we would like to give another big thank you to Musick's Company from the Center for Old Music in the New World in Lexington who performed with its medieval-style instruments. This is always a hit every year!

A Note From Ouita Michel

Friday, January 7th, I gave thanks to God for our Epiphany Feast. The whole process filled me with enormous thanksgiving for our fellowship at Midway Christian Church. Cooking for the church puts me in that place, even when we're at crunch time. It is such joy to be able to work together—and I am deeply grateful for the hard work of so many. Standing in that cafeteria dining room, watching our team get that room ready filled my heart. Watching the dishwashing effort, the scraping, bussing and serving, it was overwhelming to witness the work and support of all who helped. God's gift to me from all of you is a life lesson about how we support each other and help each other, how we can trust and rely upon each other. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Countless members helped this effort in large and small ways—every part counts, especially those who came and opened their hearts and arms in Welcome to all that attended that night, especially Liz Perry.

Our Team:

Dottie Pollard—without you Dottie—and your tireless work this would not have been possible.

Jim Nance—Your bread that night is a special communion for me and I know for every one who breaks it together

The Youth of MCC—Thank you so much for greeting and welcoming our guests!

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Budget Update as of 1/23/22

Budgeted to date: \$93,912.56

Received to date: \$90,635.19

A Pastoral Word

First, I want to say THANK YOU to an amazing church family that has loved Mike and me along this journey which lead us to Hannah. Thank you for your love, support and prayers. We have definitely felt them surrounding us through it all. Thank you for the diapers that have been dropped off outside of my office. Thank you for the beautiful clothes. Thank you for all that you have done. Words cannot express nor capture the overwhelming blessing that all of you are to us. I am so lucky to be a part of a loving family.

Second, I want to say THANK YOU to our amazing church leadership! They didn't blink an eye when I mentioned that I was in Florida, picking up Hannah, and they were in charge. What a gift! What a blessing! I know that I am fortunate to be surrounded and in ministry with so many capable servants of God.

Third, I want to say THANK YOU to our wonderful elders. Thank your for your leadership during this time and for filling in as ministers on Sunday mornings. I know when we first discussed this plan, all of you graciously said yes even though I know that many of your were worried and wondered if you could do it. The Spirit moves in mysterious ways and I honestly believe the Spirit was leading us and guiding us as elders to reclaim the spiritual leadership of the church, and for all of us, me included, to step out of our comfort zones.

Fourth, I want to say THANK YOU to our great staff! Thank you to Rhonda, Jestine, Stephanie, and Jessica for picking up the reigns and doing what you do! I am so lucky to be in ministry with all of you and I am so grateful for your gifts that you share with Midway each week.

Lastly, I want to say that I am glad to be back! I have missed all of you and being involved at Midway Christian. It is amazing what can happen in a few short weeks! Life for all of us has brought many changes in the new year and I am thankful to be on this journey with you as your minister.

And as we enter into a new year, filled with many ministry opportunities, I leave you with these words from Jeremiah. May they bring us comfort, hope, and renewing energy to continue to share our word of WELCOME with all of God's children.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me. I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord."

Welcome our New Nursery Worker!

Megan Webb is our new nursery worker. She will begin on Sunday, February 6th. Megan is a Midway College Student from Lewisburg, OH. She is studying Equine Science with a minor in Equine Massage Therapy. She will graduate from Midway College in 2012. Please help her feel welcome!



Kroger Cards

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.



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



February 6

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Boy Scout Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon: "Give Light to All"

February 13

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon: "We are God's Servants, working together"

February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon: "Be Perfect"

February 27

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon: "Today's trouble is enough for today"

Serving This Month

Elders: Shirley Eckels

Wilda Caudle

Deacons: Bobbie Dare, Phil Dare, Ella Drake, Jim Hoppin, Teresa Hoppin, Virginia Glass, Mary Beth Rouse, Mary Sayre, Bob Settlemire, Kit Walden

Junior Deacon: Steele Rouse, Betsy Schein, Will Schein

Worship Leaders:

February 6—Members of Troop 40

February 13—Phil Burchell

February 20—Dan Roller

February 27—Phil Dare

Sunday School

During the month of February, we will be talking about the "Surfing the Edge" process that the Region of KY is going through and has been going through during the past year. We will take a look at our past, seeing how the regional structure of our denomination got started and why. We will be taking a look at our present, seeing what is going on now and we will hear from Adele Dickerson, a representative to the Regional Board, about what the future holds for the Region of KY. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. with the sharing of joys and concerns in the fellowship hall.

Boy Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 6

We will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday on Sunday, February 6. Members of Scout Troop 40 will help lead worship and serve as deacons.

Midway Christian Church became the charter institution for the troop in 1994.



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Fellowship News and Notes

Elder/Deacon Retreat

March 4-5

Dr. Jerry Sunney will be the keynote speaker for the annual Elder/Deacon Retreat at Christmount Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5.

The workshop begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes after worship on Saturday afternoon. Registration forms available in the church office.

Keenagers

Friday, February 18

We will travel to Holly Hill Inn on Friday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 14th.



Souper Bowl Party/Kids in the Kitchen

Sunday, February 6

This month, Kids in the Kitchen will once again be a little different. For this Kids in the Kitchen we will be making "game day" food for the our Super Bowl Party at 6 p.m. Kids are invited to come at 4 p.m. as we make hot wings, seven layer dip, pork BBQ eggrolls, and Texas caviar.



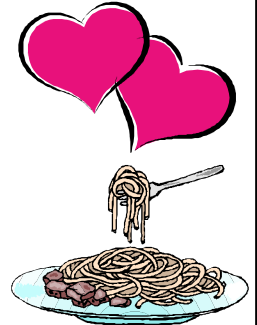
The everyone is invited to come and watch the Super Bowl with us but we are asking that everyone bring a can of soup as "admission price" for our party. These cans will then be taken to the Midway Food Pantry.

Valentine's Lunch

Sunday, February 13

The Youth will sponsor a Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday, February 13, immediately after the service. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal and to go support our youth mission trips.

Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, February 11th.



Disciples Women

Sunday, February 20

The Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, February 20 at 12:30 pm. Following a short business meeting we will be reviewing and discussing the novel, *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett. Please pick up a copy at the library to read, if you haven't already read it. **Remember, bring your own sack lunch and drink. Come join us on February 20!**



Board Meeting

Sunday, February 6

The Board will meet Sunday, February 6 after the worship service. Deacons, Elders, and committee chairs are encouraged to attend.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, February 27

Elders will meet Sunday, February 27, following the worship service. We will continue with our study: Faith Leader series.



Youth News and Notes

Snow Tubing:

All children and youth are invited to go snow tubing on **Saturday, February 5th** at Perfect North. Cost is \$20 plus \$10 for lunch. We will leave Midway Christian at 8 a.m. Please let Heather know if you are interested in going.

Kids in the Kitchen:

On **Sunday, February 6th**, all children, youth and parents are invited to a special Kids in the Kitchen. We will be preparing to host a Super Bowl Party for the church. We will make items such as hot wings, seven layer dip, pork BBQ eggrolls, and Texas caviar. The youth and children will meet at 4 p.m. and everyone is invited to the party at 6 p.m.



Fun Day at Church:

On **Monday, Feb. 7th**, all the children and youth are invited to the church for a day of games, food and fellowship, starting at 8 a.m. and end around 5 or 6.! We will go to Darlin Jean's for lunch and then that afternoon, make our way to a fun activity in Lexington. The kids will need money for lunch and fun activity this day. We will need parents'/adult's help transporting everyone to the fun activity later that afternoon.

Valentine's Lunch:

The youth and children will be hosting a Valentine's Lunch for the church immediately after service on **Sunday, February 13th**. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP WITH THIS EVENT.

Weekly Youth Groups:

Our JYF (1st-5th grade) continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. There is a snack served as part of our group time together.

Our Chi Rho (6th grade through 12th grade) continues to meet on Sunday night in the youth room upstairs in the sanctuary building. It is a time of fellowship, games, conversations about faith. However, we are changing the time. **We will now be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings!**

Acolyte Schedule

February 6—Sam Hatfield & Marcus Watson

February 13—Luke Hill & Betsy Schein

February 20—J.T. Batts & Will Schein

February 27—Jack Hill & Willa Michel

Summer Camp Dates!

Camp Dates for our 2011 Regional Summer Camps are available for both Camp Wakon Da Ho and Camp Kum Ba Ya.

Camp 101 (completed 1st and 2nd): June 5 and 6

Mini Camp (completed 3rd grade): June 11-13

Junior Camp (completed 4th and 5th): June 14-18 or July 19-23

Chi Rho Camp (completed 6th-8th grade): July 5-10 or July 12-17

Eighter's Camp (completed 8th grade) June 5-11

CYF Camp (completed 9th-12th grade): June 21-26 or June 28-July 3

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of January 3 : Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Pat Wilson, Phil Burchell, Phil & Nancy Dare, Pat Settlemire. Our next delivery will be January 31, 2011.

February Mission Payment

Midway College: Midway College, formerly the Kentucky Female Orphan School, was the dream of Dr. Lewis Letig Pinkerton, a young physician and minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Together with James Ware Parrish, the Midway Christian Church elder who raised the funds necessary to open the school, they joined with other progressive thinkers to launch a revolutionary educational experiment.

The few girls who received formal education were taught to read only because it was considered necessary for their role as mothers. When they reached adulthood, they would read the Bible to their children.

The college's affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) remains strong and many members of the student body are active members of Christian Church congregations.

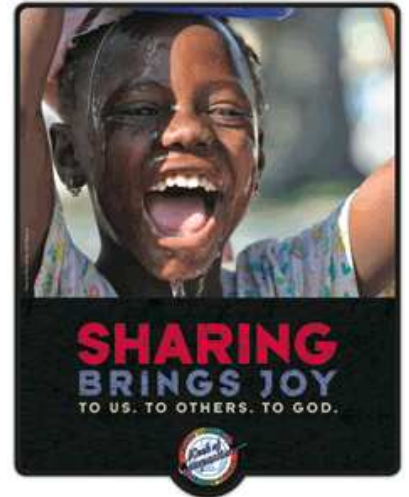
Week of Compassion Special Offering

On this vast planet of God-given resources, we honor our Creator because there is already enough for all. We live in a world brought in to being and intended by God to sustain all of creation. Yet far too many across our globe do not have all they need. Brothers and sisters near and far lack even the basic necessities of life: water, food, shelter, jobs, or peace.

Because there is enough, we must share! Sharing your resources literally changes lives. Offering our God-granted resources helps others not only survive, but perhaps even thrive as they find new ways to generate income, gain access to clean water, grow food, and live in communities where peace and justice prevail over poverty, violence, and inequity.

All that we are and have are gifts of God. Won't you join in giving back to God that which is already God's?

We will be collecting this offering February 20 & 27.



Update on Heifer Ark Project

As on January 23rd, we have raised \$ 4,102.00 towards our goal of \$ 5000 for an ark from Heifer. Thank you to all who have donated to this wonderful cause. If you have not donated, there is still time. We will be collecting money through the end of our church year in June. This is still a great gift to give as a birthday, anniversary or just because gift! Checks can be made out to Midway Christian Church with Heifer in the memo line.



Community News and Notes

In Christian Sympathy...

We would like to extend our prayers to the family of Marjorie Diamond. Marjorie passed away on January 20th, 2011, at age 87. Marjorie was a life-long member of Midway Christian Church. She served as a deacon, helped prepare communion, a member of CWF and chair of the Memorials committee for many years.

Cards may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Diamond: 1103 Meadowridge Trail, Goshen, KY 40026 and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Diamond: PO Box 1220, Smyrna, TN 37167

Memorial contributions are suggested to Marjorie Diamond Memorial Fund, Midway Christian Church, PO Box 4548, Midway, KY 40347.

2011 General Assembly

Saturday, July 9-Wednesday, July 13th

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For more information, go to www.disciples.org

Green Chalice Ministry

Caring for God's Creation

An inspiring workshop featuring Dr. Matthew Sleeth

Saturday, February 5

1:00—4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church

Asbury Hall—in the Wesley Center (adjacent to the sanctuary)

211 Washington St., Frankfort, Ky

The First United Methodist Church, The First Christian Church, The Green Chalice and Frankfort Climate Action Network are hosting this free afternoon workshop featuring Dr. Sleeth and his wife, Nancy.

In this workshop, Sleeth will talk about our responsibility to care for creation and will share his family's journey to simplicity, stronger relationships, and richer spiritual lives. Beginning by giving away half of their possessions and moving to a house half the size of their former garage, his family found that the more they subtracted, the more they gained in family unity, purpose, and joy. Within a year, they had reduced their electricity use and trash production by nine-tenths and their fossil fuel use by two-thirds the national average. By drawing on religion and science, Sleeth builds a bridge between mainstream Christians and the environmental movement. Dr. Sleeth will begin the workshop by discussing his journey and his book, *Serve God, Save the Planet: A Christian Call to Action*, followed by a presentation and small-group discussion based on "Hope for Creation" the 12-lesson DVD curriculum the Sleeths developed to help church groups explore questions of Christians' responsibilities to the natural world.

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