

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

March, 2011

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Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Lenten Breakfast Series

“Seeking the Messiah...”

Saturday, March 19th:

Seeking the Messiah through Restoration

Speaker: Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper

Flock 4 provides the meal



Saturday, March 26th:

Seeking the Messiah through Peace

Speakers: Phil and Nancy Dare

Flock 2 provides the meal

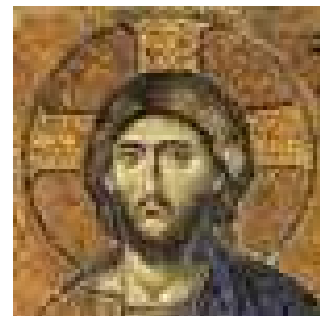


Saturday, April 2nd:

Seeking the Messiah through Justice

Speakers: Doug and Janet Mullins

Flock 3 provides the meal



Saturday, April 9:

Seeking the Messiah through Hope

Speaker: Brandon Gilvin

Flock 1 provides the meal

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks *forward* one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 13th.**

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$107,328.64
Received to date: \$105,289.45

A Pastoral Word

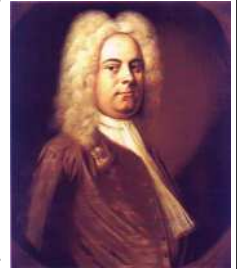
Seeking the Messiah...

“G.F. Handel wrote his famous oratorio, *Messiah*, in 1741 in only 24 days. During the Lenten season, we will be spending nearly twice that amount of time (47) contemplating the wonderful music and the marvelous messages from Scripture that come from this classic work.” (Messiah: Daily Devotionals for Lent)

On our journey through Lent, our theme will be: Seeking the Messiah. We will do this by taking a look at various Scriptures and singing music during our worship services and Sunday School time, all which recall the promises of God’s Messiah for God’s people. We are doing this because each one of us has our own images, beliefs, concepts of who the Messiah is for us as people of faith and hopefully through our seeking, we will gain a better understanding of how these concepts and images can be found in the person we call Jesus that we proclaim as our Lord and Savior. The term Messiah means “Anointed One” and refers to the one that was to come that would fulfill the promises of God, that would redeem the people of God and bring wholeness to them once more. The concept of the Messiah occurs both in the Old Testament and the New Testament and is part of our tradition as people of faith. As Christians, we see through the lens of the resurrection that Jesus is God’s Anointed One, the one we call Christ, the one who died on a cross and gave his life so that we might live eternally. This is why we proclaim him to be our Messiah, the one who redeems us, the one who nourishes us, the one who makes us whole through the gifts of grace and love.

We begin our Lenten journey on Sunday, March 13th. So here is some background on the *Messiah* to help prepare us for the journey:

“George Frederick Handel was born into a music-loving family in 1685 in Halle, Germany. In 1710, he settled in England, where he composed music for the king while also writing and producing Italian operas. He lost large sums of money on the lavish productions he mounted. Penniless, he decided to return to his native Germany, but first he fulfilled an obligation to write an oratorio in English to raise funds for Irish orphanages.



His close friend, Charles Jennens, gave Handel a libretto for a new oratorio. Now, an oratorio differs from an opera in that it is performed as a concert without stage, sets, costumes, or dramatic action. It is usually based on Scriptural texts. The oratorio proposed by Jennens had three parts-Jesus’ birth, His death, and His resurrection.

During the 24 days in which Handel composed the work, he wrote feverishly, barely touching any food or drink. Each of its three parts includes a series of solos and choruses, each based on a Bible passage. The first performance of his *Messiah* on April 13, 1742, in Dublin, Ireland, conducted by Handel himself, was a huge success.” (Messiah: Daily Devotionals for Lent)

Switching Day Off

Since the arrival of Hannah, Mike and Heather are figuring out a schedule that best works out for their family. And what they have discovered is that it works best if Heather takes Friday as her day off, so Heather’s day off is switching from Tuesday to Friday.

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



March 6

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: "Up a High Mountain"

March 13

First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19

Sermon: "Seeking Restoration"

March 20

Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 122

Sermon: "Seeking Peace"

March 27

Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 72:1-7; 18-19

Sermon: "Seeking Justice"



Serving This Month

Elders: Jim Wombles

Jan Nance

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:

March 6—

March 13—

March 20—

March 27—

Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday, March 13th, and through the Sundays in Lent, Karen Murphy will lead a Sunday School on the texts and music of the Messiah. The good news is that you do not need to be an expert on the music or the text to



benefit from the class. All you have to do is want to seek the Messiah on your Lenten journey and want to gain a better appreciation of one of the best loved pieces of music of our time.

Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. with the sharing of joys and concerns.

There is children and youth Sunday School as well. Ouita Michel leads this class for our children.

We are also looking for people who will help Ouita give leadership to this important ministry for our children and youth.

Fellowship News and Notes

Disciples Women

Sunday, March 20

The Disciples Women **will not** meet this month.

We will have a very special program in April. Janet Mullins will share her trip to Africa, which she and her husband, Doug, took in January.

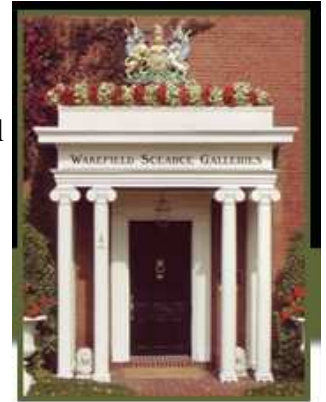
April's meeting will be Sunday, April 10th, instead of the 17th, which is Palm Sunday. Please bring a salad, sandwiches, or dessert. Drinks will be furnished.



Keenagers

Friday, March 18

Since we weren't able to travel to Science Hill due to weather in December, we will travel there on Friday, March 18th for lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will leave the church that day at 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP to the church by Monday, March 13th.



Elders' Meeting

Sunday, March 27

Elders will meet Sunday, March 27, following the worship service.

Board Meeting

There will **not** be a Board meeting for the month of March. Our next board meeting will be Sunday, April 3rd immediately after church.

Thank You Lunch/ Baby Dedication

Sunday, March 20th

On Sunday, March 20th, following the worship service, the Woodruff/McColl family would like to invite everyone to a lunch following Hannah's dedication in the fellowship hall as a thank you for everyone's love, support and prayers.



Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, March 8

6:30 pm

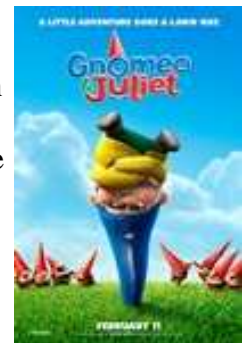
Fellowship Hall



Guy's/Girl's Night Out

Saturday, March 12

We will travel to Regal Cinemas in Lexington to see a matinee movie showing of Gnomeo and Juliet. We will announce the time at a closer date. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, March 11th. This is for both adults and youth of our church. This is a great way to get to know each other.



Youth News and Notes

Kids in the Kitchen:

On **Sunday, March 6th**, all children, youth and parents are invited to a special Kids in the Kitchen. We will be preparing a Creole feast, getting ready for our Mardi Gras celebration! The youth and children will meet at 4 p.m. and everyone is invited to the party at 6 p.m.

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!**



Lumber Jack and Jane Weekend

March 25th-March 27th

All middle school and high school youth are invited to a weekend at Camp Wakon Da Ho for a work weekend to help get the camp ready for the season. The cost is \$20.

Please let Heather know if your youth is interested in attending by **Sunday, March 13th**.



Mission Trip Dates

Chi Rho Mission Trip (completed 6th grade through completed 8th grade): June 12th-June 16th

We will travel to Bethany, WVA.

Cost: \$250



CYF Mission Trip (completed 9th grade through completed 12th grade: June 19-June 25

We will travel to Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, TX.

Cost: \$ 500

There are scholarships available for both Chi Rho and CYF mission trips!

Acolyte Schedule

March 6—Sam Hatfield & Marcus Watson

March 13—Luke Hill & Betsy Schein

March 20—J.T. Batts & Will Schein

March 27—Jack Hill & Willa Michel



Pictures from the Knife Skills Class



Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of January 31-February 4 : Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Pat Wilson, Phil & Sharon Burchell, Phil & Nancy Dare, Pat Settlemire. Our next delivery week will be March 28.

March 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.

Week of Wonder: Adult Work Camp

May 29—June 3, 2011

Week of Wonder is a mission opportunity for adults to come to Christmount, help prepare for the summer, and watch the wondrous transformation of the grounds from the ravages of winter into a place where lives are changed for Christ.



Each summer, Christmount hosts hundreds of youth and adults for camps and conferences. Christmount relies on volunteer workers, both youth and adults, to help maintain the camp and conference areas, trails, playgrounds, worship areas, and buildings. These volunteers enable us to offer lower-cost camps to children and youth as well as camper scholarships.

The cost is \$140 per person, which covers the cost of meals and housing.

All volunteers are asked to bring an offering of medical supplies or canned food.

Information from the Trustees

Midway Christian is very fortunate to have an Endowment Fund which was established in August of 2007 through the generous gift from Dorothy Gordon. As stated in the Endowment Fund Policy, the primary purpose of the Fund is "to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ, serving human needs in our community and around the world." In keeping with this purpose, the policy allows an annual withdrawal for outreach-related improvements, equipment or programs. At their January meeting, the Trustees made a decision to make available up to \$4000 for such outreach projects. Written requests from the congregation for outreach projects which are not already included in the church annual budget must be submitted by May 1, 2011. The requests will be reviewed by the Trustees who will make recommendations to the Midway Christian Church Board which will have the final approval of the projects funded.

If you have questions, contact one of the Trustees: Phil Burchell, Adele Dickerson and Bob Rouse.

Green Chalice Ministry

The Midway Green Chalice Group and the Midway Greenspace Committee of the Midway Renaissance Program held a joint meeting on January 26 and discussed plans to create a bicycle-friendly environment in Midway. The groups are exploring getting bicycle racks to be placed in several locations, including one on our church property. For regularly scheduled weekly rides of the Bluegrass Cycling Club, we will open the Gratz Street entrance of the church basement for the cyclists to use restrooms, fill their water bottles, etc.



Bicyclists enjoy riding around the Midway area and often stop for lunch at one of our great restaurants. Later, many return with their families for shopping and more eating!!

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Green Chalice Meeting

The CCKY Green Chalice will meet March 21 at Midway Christian at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to bring a sack supper and we will provide tea, water, etc. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of Green Chalice from around the state, right here in Midway!!

Come join us!!

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The Frankfort Climate Action Network is presenting a screening, for one night only, of Carbon Nation, a new climate solutions documentary created by Kentucky native Peter Byck. You can watch the film's trailer at <http://www.carbonationmovie.com/>.

"Carbon Nation"

A unique positive film about energy solutions created by Kentucky native Peter Byck

Thursday, March 3 at 7pm

Grand Theater in downtown Frankfort

Adults \$8 Children under 12 free

A portion of the proceeds from the screening will go to the Frankfort Climate Action Network (<http://www.frankfortclimateaction.net/>)

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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 (water, soda, detergent, and condiment bottles). See the poster in the kitchen for a list of more items. Phil Burchell takes these items two Lexington once a month.



Midway Christian Ministry Teams

Update from Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Sunday, February 13th to review and discuss the general and restricted funds of Midway Christian Church.

Part of the new business that was brought up at the meeting was the purpose and function of the Restricted account that is called Youth Fund. After much discussion, the Finance committee decided that the Youth Fund would be renamed Youth Mission Fund and will be used to help supplement the cost of the youth mission trips for the youth of our church. These funds are also available and can be used as scholarships for activities for various church-related youth functions like outings, Regional retreats, and fellowship opportunities and is available to all of our church families.

If you have any questions about the work of the Finance committee, please see Phill Burchell.

Update from Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee met on Wednesday, February 19th to discuss various projects around the church. The committee looked at various projects around the church that needed to be completed this Spring:

- 1) **Move chain link fence behind main sanctuary** to a parallel line south of the current fence to allow vehicle and lift access to the rear of the building, trees, etc. in the area. Relocate gate to the fence line nearest the parsonage, move playground access from Church Street to northwest corner of playground.
- 2) **Move tool shed** to southwest corner of playground, with door facing north.
- 3) **Rent lift to:**
 - Clean gutters**
 - Repair gutters** according to plan from last year
 - Trim dead limbs from oak tree, possible topping of pine trees** (Pines have been topped before, causing large structures at top that support vultures, these structures would be removed)
 - Repair/rebuild box gutters at rear of sanctuary** (has been needed several years, cause of leak in library)

The Church continues to do these types of projects through the help of donations to the Capital Fund. As of right now, there is a negative balance to this fund. Donations are always welcome towards this fund so that we can be good stewards of our building by ensuring that it is around for many generations to come to serve the Midway community.

Memorials Committee

We are looking for a chair for the Memorials Committee. Marjorie Diamond graciously served in this position for many years and due to her passing, the chair for the Memorials Committee is empty.

The purpose of the Memorials Committee is to help keep track of all the memorials given to Midway Christian Church and provide the church with list of suitable and useable gift memorials to fit the church needs. Also it is the responsibility of the Memorial Committee to acknowledge the gifts received by the church and to inform the family with a list of donors. If you are interested in being chair, please call Heather.

Community News and Notes

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 9

Midway United Methodist Church will host a Community Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 9 at 7pm.

Dr. Wallace Williams, Interim Pastor at Midway Baptist Church will be the guest speaker.

An offering will be collected to benefit the Midway Area Ministerial Association. Due to the overwhelming needs in the community over the past couple of months our funds are critically low.



2011 General Assembly

Saturday, July 9-Wednesday, July 13th

Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tennessee

For more information, go to www.disciples.org.

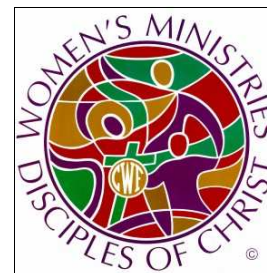
If you are interested in being the church's delegates for General Assembly, please see Shirley Eckels by Sunday, March 13th. Midway Christian Church is allowed two delegates to represent our church at General Assembly.



KY Disciples Women's 2011 Spring Conference

April 16, 2010

The Kentucky Disciples Women's Spring Conference, will be held April 16 at the Clarion Hotel, (formerly Holiday Inn) in Lexington, Ky. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of CC (DOC), Registration and \$25 fee is due by April 1. Registration forms are available in the church office.



Dear Midway Christian Church Family,

We want to thank each one of you for the many kindnesses shown to our Mother and to our Family. This great church and all of you have held a special place in our hearts for many years down through many of our family members. You were very special to Mom and she loved each one of you.

After the service, the meal you provided help us with a very hard day. After thirty years of being with families during such times this was the first time it has happened to me, especially to one so close. We all knew this day was coming but we were not prepared. She will be missed by all of us.

We cannot say enough to you or to Rev. Heather McColl for all you did for each of us. You have been blessed with a loving and caring minister, and it is evident that you are a loving and caring congregation.

Again, let me say a hearty "Thank You" to each one of you and wish you all God's speed, and may His blessings be poured out richly upon each one of you. Long may Midway Christian Church be a guiding beacon to all so that they truly know that God dwells within its walls.

For the Family,

Rev. James W. Diamond

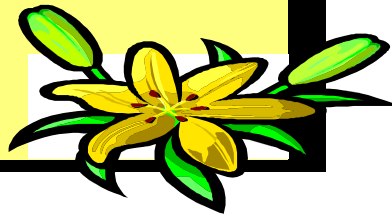
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Return Service Requested

**2011 Easter Lily
Order Form**



Name: _____

I would like to order _____ lily(ies) at \$ 11 each for a total of \$ _____

In HONOR

of: _____

In MEMORY

of: _____

Please make checks payable to Midway Christian Church and note in memo for Lily.

Deadline: Sunday, April 3rd, 2011