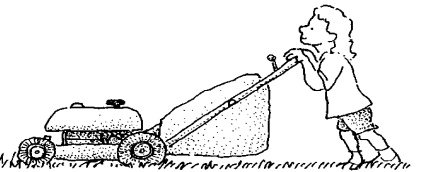


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THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May, 2011

Church Staff:

Rev. Heather McColl

Minister

Stephanie Brown

Music Director

Jessica Hartman

Accompanist

Rhonda Rankin

Secretary

Jestine Johnson

Custodian

We say Good-bye to Rhonda...

It is with heavy hearts that we say good-bye to Rhonda Rankin, our church secretary. She has decided to take a full-time position in Lexington to help support her family as they prepare for their oldest to make the transition to college with another one following a few years behind. Rhonda's last day in the office is Friday, May 13th.

Please help me express all of our deepest appreciation for the care that Rhonda has shown to all of us. We thank her for her ministry with us and we celebrate her six years of service to Midway Christian Church.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Green Fund-raising

Midway Christian Church is beginning a green fund-raising project that will grow funds for our general fund while supporting our Green Chalice initiative by helping the environment through a fund-raising program from Botanical Paperworks by selling cards on plantable paper! The "special handmade paper is manufactured in the heart of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Botanical Paperworks turn this seed paper into stationery items such as calendars, notebooks and greeting cards—that make a great gift that keeps on giving! That's because after a recipient is done reading the card or using the notebook or calendar, the item can be planted to grow beautiful wildflowers."



We have brochures in the church office if you wish to purchase some of these products starting on May 8th. We will take orders for two weeks and the church receives 40% commission on all the products we sell. If you would like more information, please go to the website: www.botanicalpaperworks.com.

The church office will be closed

Monday, May 30th
in observance of
Memorial Day.



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$134,160.80
Received to date: \$128,696.19

A Pastoral Word

2011 Stewardship Focus: Living Generously

We begin our 2011-2012 stewardship campaign by rejoicing and by celebrating the many blessings that fill our lives. Just take a few moments and think about the blessings that we take for granted each day. God has done so many amazing things for us as God's people and the wonderful thing is that we didn't have to do anything to earn these blessings. God wanted to share these things with us because God loves us! Sometimes it is hard to wrap our minds around this wonderful knowledge and we become overwhelmed.

The other wonderful thing about God's blessings is that God doesn't guilt us into sharing these blessings or make us share them with others. But the special thing about these blessings is that they do transform us and inspire us to be the people that God created us to be and in doing so, we want to respond generously.

That is why we are committing ourselves as God's people to live generously and to share our blessings with others.

We are asking everyone to turn in a pledge card on our Consecration Sunday, Sunday, May 22nd so that we as good stewards of the blessings that God has given us, can put together a faithful budget for our ministry opportunities for our new church year. We are also asking everyone to turn in a spiritual gift survey that matches our gifts with our talents and ministry opportunities at Midway Christian Church.

The Finance Committee knows that things change and life happens but these pledge cards are not going to be tracked throughout the year. The purpose is to help us know that we have resources for our ministries for the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me or Phil Burchell, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Heather

Prayer Hymns through the Summer...

Back in January, the church sponsored a Sunday School on how music influences our spiritually. Out of that Sunday School came the suggestion that for the prayer hymn, the church sing a simple song that repeats the words so that everyone can be centered more easily. So the worship committee is taking up this suggestion and through the summer, we will be singing the same prayer hymn for the month of May to help center us and prepare our hearts for prayer. If you have any suggestions of hymns that you would like to sing, please let Heather or Stephanie know.



Prayer Group Starting

On Monday, May 2nd, we will be starting up our prayer group again. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. and hold all those listed on our prayer list in prayer. Please feel free to be in prayer at 10 a.m. as well if you cannot join us during that time. If you have any special prayer concerns that you would like lifted up during that time, please call the church office.



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



May 1

Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Mark of the Nails"

May 8

Third Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: "Emmaus"

May 15

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: "Here's the Awesome Part"

May 22

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Sermon: "In My Father's House"

May 29

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 14:15-21

Sermon: "The Promise of the Holy Spirit"

Serving This Month

Elders: Anne Burford

Etta Manor

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:

May 1—TBA

May 8—TBA

May 15—TBA

May 22—TBA

May 29—TBA

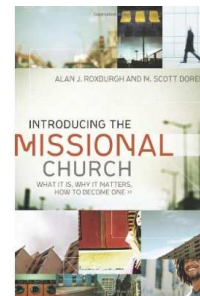
Sunday School

"Congregations in both the Christian Church in KY and the Christian Church in Indiana are experiencing new life and new imagination for ministry as they explore what it means to be a missional congregation. Although the word "missional" is now widely in use, we are using it out of a particular definition and context." (study guide)

During the month of May, we will be taking a look at a study guide written by Greg Alexander and Carolyn Reed to accompany the book "Introducing the Missional Church".

This study will be a part of MCC's discernment process as we talk more about the "Surfing the Edge" initiative that the region of KY has invited us to be a part of as a local congregation engaging where God is working in our communities.

To get the most benefit from this study, it would be beneficial for all participants to have their own copy of the book. We will be reviewing the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book for our first session on Sunday May 1st.



Fellowship News and Notes

Disciples Women

Sunday, May 15

Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, May 15 at 5:30 pm at the home of Nancy Dare, 113 North Winter Ct., Midway. This will be our last meeting as we close out the year!

Please RSVP to Nancy at 846-5569 or Sharon at 846-4153.

We will not meet again until August 21 to prepare for the Rummage Sale in September.



Keenagers

Friday, May 27th

The Keenagers will travel to the Glitz on Friday, May 27th. We will leave the church around 10:30 a.m. if you wish to carpool. Please RSVP to the church by Monday, May 16th.



Elders' Meeting

Sunday, May 29

Elders' will meet Sunday, May 29 immediately after the service.

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 1

The Board will meet Sunday, May 1st immediately after church. This is a very important board meeting so we encourage all elders, deacons, and committee team leaders to attend.

Invitation

Sharon and Phil Burchell and family invite you to come celebrate the life of their son, Patrick K. Gannon, who passed away on April 6 . Fellowship Hall will be open from 1-4 pm on Saturday, May 7th.

We wish to thank everyone for the visits, calls, cards, and food we received. We feel so blessed to be a part of a large family and especially, our Midway Christian Church family.

~Sharon & Phil Burchell

Fund-Raising Lunch

Sunday, May 22nd

The congregation of Midway Christian has been challenged! On Sunday, May 22nd, there will be a fund-raising lunch that will go to support the church's general fund. Most of the food is being donated so all money will go to support the church.

So instead of giving your money to restaurants for a good meal, how about we support our church through a good meal?!

If you would like to help out with dinner in any way, please see Etta Manor.



Men's Spiritual Life Retreat

July 15-17

"Lenses: Gaining a Clearer Vision of the Male Spiritual Journey" will be the theme of this year's Men's Spiritual Life Retreat. CCK General Minister, Greg Alexander, will be keynoting this event. The dates are July 15-17, 2011 and will be held at beautiful St. Meinrad Archabbey, For more information go to the [Men's Spiritual Life Retreat](#) on the CCK website.

Youth News and Notes

Kids in the Kitchen: There will be NO Kids in the Kitchen this month. We will meet on Sunday, June 5th for our next Kids in the Kitchen and we will make Chinese that night!

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!**

We will not have a meeting on Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day) or Sunday, May 15th (Heather will be out of town)

On Sunday, May 22nd, we will be doing dinner and a movie. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Congratulations...

Midway Christian Church would like to say congratulations to James Batts, Jack Hill, and Marcus Watson on their baptisms.



Acolyte Schedule

May 1—Jordan Batts & Sam Hatfield

May 8—Luke Hill & Willa Michel

May 15—J.T. Batts & Marcus Watson

May 22—Jack Hill & Betsy Schein

May 29—Preston Lutter & Jordan Batts

Youth Pool Day

Sunday, May 29th

The youth and children of Midway Christian will travel to Falling Springs on Sunday, May 29th for a pool day from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Cost is \$3 for the pool. Also bring money for Dairy Queen following the pool day. We will be back at the church by 6:00 p.m.



Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of April 25: Pat Settlemyre, Charlann Womble, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Pat Wilson, Phil & Nancy Dare. The next delivery will be the week of May 23, 2011

May Mission Payment

Transylvania University: Transylvania University is a liberal arts college, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Transylvania became the 16th college in America when it was founded in 1780, so as you can imagine, it is deeply rooted in history and has produced a long line of graduates who have impacted the world. Transylvania, a fun place to live, learn, and work, has an enrollment of approximately 1,100 students and is consistently ranked and praised by the leading national college guides.

Fifth Sunday Offering

On Sunday, May 30, we will collect a special 5th Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities. Look for the Special Envelope in the bulletin on Sunday, May 30.

Green Chalice

The DOC Green Chalice Program has been chosen to receive a KIPPIE Award for outstanding care for God's creation. Your organization's commitment to caring for God's creation by all that you have done with your program is exemplary and we feel worthy of recognition as witness to others in the state. ~From, Carol Devine



The Midway Green Chalice met April 19 and discuss several projects which continue to be in process. The group will meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be May 17 at 7pm. At the next meeting we will hear from Sara Ward from Bluegrass Pride. She will discuss programs and services provided by Blue grass Pride. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

Rain Barrels: Last year, the youth and adults enjoyed working together to make rain barrels using 55 gallon drums from Pepsi in Lexington. The youth sold them as a fundraising project for camps and mission trips. It was a successful project, so we plan on making more rain barrels to sell again this year.

Rain Gardens: The Midway Green Chalice hopes to partner again with the Midway Renaissance Greenspace committee to create two more rain gardens in the church yard.

Certified Kitchen: The group continues to work toward getting the kitchen certified as time and money become available. Work which needs to be completed includes painting and adding faucet, light covers or approved light bulbs and utility sink. Policies for use of the certified kitchen will need to be developed.

Bike Racks: This is another partnership project with the Midway Renaissance Greenspace committee. We are working together to get bike racks around town, including one for our church property.

Recycling: The group, along with the youth, plans to tour the recycling plant in Lexington to learn about the process and machinery used to sort the recyclables.



Community News and Notes

Thank You...

Midway Christian Church Family,

We are so grateful for the bottle set you sent us as a gift for Kaylee. They have already been proven invaluable in the two weeks we have had her. We are truly thankful for your generosity.

We also thank you for all the cards and prayers that have come our way. God has given us a most wonderful blessing and we find ourselves falling in love with her more every day. We promise as soon as we can visit we will bring her to church for everyone to meet!

Love,

Melissa, John, and Kaylee Askew



Thank You...

Dear Midway Christian Church,

We want to thank you for your generous donation to the Woodford County Senior Citizens Center. This will be a great help to our budget since we are overspent on meals.

Blessings,

The Staff of WCSCC

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.

STEP | WALK OUT | TO STOP DIABETES™

Date: June 4, 2011

Location: Keeneland Race Course

Registration Opens: 7:30 a.m.

Event Start Time: 8:45 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.

When you walk, you help us stop diabetes. Walking is one of the easiest, most relaxing forms of exercise for many people, but especially for those living with diabetes. By participating in Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes, you can get fit, reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes and support the American Diabetes Association!

Memorial Day Service

Join the Midway community on Monday, May 31 as we say "thank you" to our Veterans for their service to our country. The annual Memorial Day Service will be at 10:00 am at the Midway Cemetery.



Now Accepting Donations for the Midway Presbyterian Church Yard Sale

May 14, 2011



(no clothing or books, please)

**In support of the
Weekend Food Backpack Project**

Midway Christian Church

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Return Service Requested

