



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July, 2011

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Stephanie Brown**

*Music Director*

**Jessica Hartman**

*Accompanist*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

## We Say Good-Bye to Stephanie...

It is with heavy hearts that we say good-bye to Stephanie Brown, our choir director. She has decided to spend more time with her family on Sunday mornings. Stephanie's last day with us is Sunday, July 31st. Please help me express all of our deepest appreciation for the blessing that Stephanie has been for our church through her gift of music. We thank her for her ministry with us and we celebrate her two years of service to Midway Christian Church.



## Summer Series: Exploring our Faith through Art

*July 17-19*

Back by popular demand, we are having our Summer Series and once again, it is not just for kids! Adults and children are invited. This year, our series will be led by Kathy Werking, an artist from our local community.



## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

There will be a 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.

*Sunday, July 17th*

There will be a couple of art stations set up in the Fellowship Hall and all, adults and children, are invited to go through them. The projects will range from making your own lip gloss and making your own soap to 3D art projects.

*Monday, July 18th*

We will be making sculptures out of tobacco sticks that will become art for our rain gardens around the church. We are looking for a donation of a ceiling fan that isn't being used anymore. We will be turning this into a windmill for our rain garden as well.

*Tuesday, July 19th*

We will be setting up a worm composting station for our church gardens.

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## Budget Update

**6/22/2011**

**Budgeted to date: \$160,992.90**

**Received to date: \$151,563.19**

## A Pastoral Word

We began our Surfing the Edge Journey the beginning of June and now the work begins! The Guiding Team is hard at work on their part and I'm beginning my work. My first part of my Surfing the Edge Journey is to ask people to take a survey for me that will be compiled into a form called a Pastor 360. What is a Pastor's 360? Well, it "provides the pastor/leader with a process of identifying new skills and competencies to lead their people in the midst of transformational change. It is a tool, not a program, that gets a leader started in discovering the skills and capacities required for leading in transformation. It is based on the *Missional Change Model* (see Roxburgh & Romanuk, *The Missional Leader*). It is designed to initiate listening conversations about my skills, capacities and pass-on-able habits around missional innovation as a leader. It is not a standard survey or evaluation tool based in best practices but an introduction to doing adaptive change. It is a 'photograph' of me as a leader at one moment in time based on the composite input of people. It is a personal and confidential assessment of the areas where I will need to develop skills and capacities at this point in time. The survey measures sixteen factors or capacities categorized into four broad areas: character, cultivating people, forming a missional environment and engaging context. The last three areas are built upon the foundation of the character of the leader. (taken from [www.roxburghmissionalnet.com](http://www.roxburghmissionalnet.com))



I am asking all members of Midway Christian to take this survey that will ask you to respond to a series of questions around a set of skills and capacities in adaptive leadership based on a scale from 5 to 1. These multiple responses are collated into a comprehensive report personally designed for me.

There is a link on our website to the on-line survey with all the necessary instructions for inviting everyone to participate in the Pastor 360 or you can simply go to: <http://msurvey.org/p/2011/06/hm/>. The survey takes about 35-40 minutes to complete. If you do not have internet access and would like to participate, please let me know. We can set up some time for you to use the office computer.

Heather

### Church Officers for 2011-2012



Chair of the Board: Phil Burchell

Vice Chair of the Board: Mary Sayre

Secretary: Nancy Dare

Treasurer: Bascomb Alexander

Financial Secretary: Gretchen Portwood

Convention Delegates:

Phil Burchell

Sharon Burchell

Shirley Eckels

Historian: Phil Dare

Deacons:

Sue Roberts

Sandy Gruzesky

Beth Thompson

Elders: (One Year)

Wilda Caudle

Shirley Eckels

Karen Murphy

Etta Manor

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### July 3

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

No Sermon, Patriotic Hymn Sing

#### July 10

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34

Sermon: "That Red Stuff"

#### July 17

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6: 1-13

Title: "Tell It"

#### July 24

*Sixth Sunday after Easter*

Scripture: Matthew 13: 31-33, 42-52

Title: "The Kingdom of Heaven is Like..."

#### July 31

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Matthew 14: 13-21

Title: "Expanding the Table"

### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Jim Leer                      Etta Manor

**Deacons:** Tom Arehart, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles, Carole Munson, Jim Nance, Margaret Easton, Ouita Michel, Beth Thompson, Sandy Gruzesky

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

#### Worship Leaders:

**July 3—TBA**

**July 10—TBA**

**July 17—TBA**

**July 24—TBA**

**July 31—TBA**

### Sunday School

On Sunday, July 3rd, we will be taking a look at the resolutions that are coming forward at our denomination's General Assembly during this month. If you would like to take a look at these before Sunday School, please go to <http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/Business>.

And then for the rest of the month of July and part of August, Janet Mullins will be leading us through a guide called "Just Eating: Practicing our Faith at the Table". The *Just Eating?* Curriculum will help us "better understand the relationship between our Christian heritage and our food. Drawing on Jesus' story and the rituals of the Christian faith, this curriculum examines four aspects of our lives with food:

- the health of our bodies
- the access others have to food
- the health of the earth, which our food choices influence, and
- the ways we use food to extend hospitality and enrich relationships."



## Fellowship News and Notes

### Board Meeting

There will not be a board meeting for the month of July. If you have any questions, please see Phil Burchell, Chair of the Board.

### Elders' Meeting

*Sunday, July 31*

Elders will meet Sunday, July 31st at 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

### Keenagers

*Thursday, July 21st*

The Keenagers will travel to Windy Corner Market on Thursday July 21st at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, July 18th. We will carpool that day so if you are interested in carpooling to the restaurant, please meet at 11:00 a.m.



### Deacon & Elder Training

*Sunday, July 17*

All Deacon's & Elders' are asked to attend a training session on Sunday, July 17 at 12:30 pm. This is for all current and new deacons and elders. Lunch will be provided.



## Green Chalice

We continue with the process of achieving a certified kitchen so that our kitchen will truly become a community kitchen with the hopes and mission to improve the spiritual and physical health of our community through healthy, well prepared foods and cooking instruction that will feed the body and the soul.

A few members of the church meet with J Smith from the Woodford County Health Department on what exactly do we need to do to certify our kitchen. The good news is not much! We have added a new sink in the kitchen that will be our prep sink and we have added covered lights in our pantry as part of the requirements as well. The next step is to CLEAN and paint the kitchen! **Our Clean up Day is Saturday, July 2 from 9 a.m. until noon.**

In the meantime, our kitchen is in need of some good quality kitchen equipment. Here is what we need:

3—10" great sauté pans, non stick, 2 large 3-5 gallon heavy bottomed soup pots, 2—5 quart heavy bottomed sauce pots, 6 8" chef knives, 12 pairing knives, 6 vegetable peelers, 4 rolling ins, 2 pastry brushes, 4 full sized hotel pans/roasting pans, 4 1/2 sheet pans/cookie sheets, 2 woks, 1 food processor, and 1 blender. We are asking our members to donate these items so that we are ready to go for some cooking from our hearts!

**BUY LOCAL BUY FRESH**

Midway Farmer's Market

Every Monday 3p.m.-6 p.m.; Downtown Midway



## Youth News and Notes

### Kids in the Kitchen:

Kids in the Kitchen will meet on Sunday August 14th at 4:00 p.m. to prepare the meal at 6:00 p.m. that same day. In the meantime, during the Summer Series, July 17-19, the Kids in the Kitchen will meet at 4:00 p.m. to prepare the dinner which will be served at 6:00 p.m. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.



### Weekly Youth Groups:

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

Our Chi Rho will meet on Wednesday, July 27th for lunch! We walk down to Darlin Jean's at 11:30 a.m.

### **Acolyte Schedule**

**July 3**—Jordan Batts & Alex Woodruff

**July 10**—Luke Hill & Marcus Watson

**July 17**—Willa Michel & James Batts

**July 24**—Jack Hill & Preston Lutter

**July 31**—Alex Woodruff & Luke Hill

### **Pool Day**

*Sunday, July 24th*

The youth and children of Midway Christian will travel to Falling Springs on Sunday, July 24th 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 June 20: Pat Settlemire, Pat Wilson, Buddy & Gertrude, Phil & Sharon Burchell, and Phil & Nancy Dare

The next delivery will be the week of July 18-22.

### **July Mission Payment**

**Christian Care Communities** is Kentucky's largest faith-based not-for-profit provider of affordable housing and long-term care for Older Adults. Founded in Louisville in 1884 to care for widows and orphans, Christian Care primarily serves Older Adults through an extensive network of retirement communities, including independent living apartments and patio homes, assisted living, and skilled nursing care." (from Christian Care Communities website)



"The Homeplace at Midway" will become a reality with the support and management of the Christian Care Communities.



## Surfing the Edge Update from the Guiding Team

Midway Christian Church invites you to join in giving your voice to the Missional Process that we are embarking on as a congregation!

In order to better evaluate our strengths as individuals and as a congregation, to better determine the needs within the Midway Community, and to discover the path that God wishes us to take as a church, we ask that you contribute a few minutes of your time. By sharing your faith story with one of the five guiding team members, your witness of God's work in your life and your observations within the community will enable Midway Christian to continue to do God's work in our community to the best of our ability. All conversations will take only a few minutes and be completely confidential, as we realize that faith and experiences can be personal.

Your generosity in helping Midway Christian in our effort to better serve our community and God is greatly appreciated.

Please contact any of the guiding team to sign up for an interview. The guiding team is: Sheri Adkins, Etta Manor, Jim Leer, Shirley Eckels, Anne Burford and Pat Wilson.

Just to help everyone prepare for the interviews, here are the questions the guiding team will be asking:

- 1) Reflecting back on your experience at our church: when did you feel most engaged, alive, and motivated? What happened to contribute to that experience? What did you do, and how did that feel?
- 2) What do you think are the most important, live-giving, characteristics of our church?
- 3) When are we at our best?
- 4) Describe a time in our church when God was most real and alive for you. What was it about this experience that was so important to you? What did it say about God's activities in our church?
- 5) What have been the most significant worship experiences in our church for you?
- 6) If you could make three wishes for our church, what would they be?



If you would like more information about what is the missional church, here are some great links:

Missional Church Simple: [http://youtu.be/arxfLK\\_sd68](http://youtu.be/arxfLK_sd68)

Missional Community Simple: <http://youtu.be/KJP35eEKGIs>

Dwelling in the Word: <http://vimeo.com/8607158>

Why do we use Luke 10: <http://vimeo.com/8611527>

Questions and Reflections on being the Missional Church: <http://vimeo.com/7297958>

## Community News and Notes

### In Christian Sympathy....

We would like to extend our prayers to the family of Mary Lee Curtis. Mary Lee passed away on Sunday, May 22nd, 2011. Mary Lee was a Sunday School teacher at Midway Christian Church for many years and served this church in many ways.

Cards can be sent to: Toni Curtis, 267 Montgomery Avenue, Versailles, KY 40386 and Judy Curtis 4149 Old Frankfort Pike, Midway, KY 40347.



Memorial gifts may be made in memory of Mary Lee to Taylor Manor or Midway Christian Church.

### Thank You

Dear Midway Christian Church Family,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generous love offering but most of all I want to thank you for all of the love and support you gave to me and my family over the past six years. We've laughed and cried together and you truly made me feel like a part of the MCC family! I am so blessed to know each of you!!

Love and Peace,

Rhonda Rankin and family

Melissa Scales and Bobbie Wilson happily announce the birth of their daughter, Lacie Grace Wilson, born on May 10th, 2011. Lacie weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Lacie is the granddaughter of Chuck and Pattie Wilson and the great-granddaughter of Pat Wilson.

Cards can be sent to Melissa Scales and Bobbie Wilson, 3464 W 300 J, Marion, Indiana, 46953.



Hallie Roach Lewis and Drew Lewis happily announce the birth of their son, Parrish Benjamin Lewis, born on May 25th, 2011. Parrish weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Parrish is the grandson of Tom and Robyn Roach. Cards can be sent to Hallie and Drew Lewis, 2525 Harrodsburg Road #500, Lexington, KY 40504



### 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, an hour west of Louisville off of I-64.

For more information go to the [Men's Spiritual Life Retreat](#) on the CCK website.

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