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THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August, 2011

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Welcome Joni Angus, Our New Church Secretary...

Joni grew up in Owensboro, is a graduate of WKU, and worked in the horse industry for several years. She has also worked at the Florence Crittenton Home, the Paris-Bourbon County Chamber of Commerce, and the Jessamine Chamber of Commerce, where she still helps out some afternoons. Joni's volunteer experiences have included the Jessamine Early Learning Village, Wolf Run Wildlife Refuge, and Twin Pines Christian Church. Her husband, Stuart, works at Taylor Made Farm, and her son, Drew, will be a junior at Lexington Catholic this fall. Joni's family attends Southland Christian Church, but Joni likes to visit MCC when her "boys" are out golfing on Sundays. She spends her free time doing pottery and stained glass, and working on her "novel." Please help us make Joni feel welcome!



Welcome back Melissa Askew, our Interim Music Director...

Melissa just recently graduated from Campbellsville University with her Masters in Church Music and has moved back to the area. She will be filling in as our Interim Music Director and helping us out while Midway Christian looks for someone to take over the position on a regular basis. Her first day will be August 1st. Although we know that Melissa will only be with us for a little while, we are so grateful that she is willing and able to come back and be with us! Please help us make Melissa, her husband John, and their newest addition, Kaylee, feel welcome!



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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MIDWAY COLLEGE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 21st at 10:55 a.m.

Anne Hart Raymond Center

Each year, at the beginning of the school year, Midway Christian Church and Midway College worship together to celebrate our shared stories through L. L. Pinkerton.



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$ 12,839.32
Received to date: \$ 12,184.33

A Pastoral Word

“The land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and fortified.’ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it...The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’ ” (Ezekiel 36: 34-36; 37:1-14)

For some reason, this particular part of Scripture has been swirling around in my mind for a few weeks. Maybe it's because I feel like it reflects my spiritual journey lately, dry, brittle and empty and then swoosh, the breath of God comes blowing into my prayer life, blowing away the dryness, blowing away the obstacles that have prevented me as a person of faith from really experiencing the new life of God, filling me with God's spirit. I realize it is not something that I did to bring on this feeling of new life. It was there all along. I just wasn't able to recognize it because all I have been focusing on was the dryness, the brittleness, the tired feeling deep in my soul. It is funny what happens when one is intentional about stepping back and taking a look at the whole picture. In my spiritual tiredness, I was only seeing part of the picture. I had put my blinders on, focused on the dry empty feelings and that truly prevented me from seeing that God was moving, working, bringing forth new life all around me. I just had to open myself up to God's word and will.

Or maybe this Scripture has been rattling around in my mind, excuse the pun, for a while because it reflects the transformative journey that Midway Christian finds itself on now. From the outside, we look like a small congregation with not a whole lot going on, but the good news is that this is not completely true! We have a lot going on and it's not just programs that are filling our calendars and to do lists! God is doing some amazing things around Midway Christian Church, like pushing us to get our kitchen certified through the health department for one thing! This will open up so many possibilities for how we can connect to the ministry that God is already doing in our Midway Community! For one thing, there is a vision for Midway Christian Church hosting a FREE community meal one night a month for the Midway community, open for all to come and enjoy food, fellowship, and community. First Christian Church in Versailles has a program similar to this and has contacted us in hopes of working with them to get it started in Midway. Think about it! This is an amazing gift that we can offer to our community! It is perfect for senior citizens on a fixed income. They can come in, have a nice meal for free and stretch their dollars just a little bit farther. It is perfect for the frazzled parents who are constantly driving their kids back and forth to Versailles. They can know that on a certain night, dinner is ready, no prep, no dirty dishes, and no French fries stuck in the van seats, just waiting to be found months later. It is perfect for the newcomers to our community who just want to meet their neighbors. It is perfect for just about everyone, you and me included!

A Pastoral Word (continued...)

With this certified kitchen the possibilities for ministry are endless! There are also conversations about how we can work with our local farmers' market to offer canning classes. This way, our fresh summer vegetables that we buy on Monday at our farmers' market can be enjoyed even in the winter months when we are all wanting reminders that summer is not far away. These classes could also become a way that people in our community on a fixed income can stretch their dollars a little more and offer them healthy alternatives to cheaper food that is not as healthy.

The kitchen has the potential to add our gifts to the Northside Backpack Project that supports at least 20 families in our Midway Community. Through the school year, these backpacks are taken home by children on Friday afternoon. These backpacks are filled with enough food for meals throughout the weekend until the backpacks are returned on Monday morning so that no one goes hungry. This program, sponsored by Midway Presbyterian Church, has become a lifeline for many children in our community who may wonder where their next meal is coming from while at home on the weekends. There is an idea for making homemade treats that will be added to these backpacks as a special way of showing that people care. Remember when we were in college and we got the care packages from our home churches, filled with homemade treats? Those treats reminded us that we were loved, that someone thought we were special, that someone cared enough for us to send us some homemade goodies! With the kitchen being certified, our members and members from our community can share their love through homemade goodies with the children in our community and let them know that someone thinks they are special, too.

There are even conversations about Fall Festival and the kitchen. As you may remember, we usually have items from Ten Thousand Villages which are fair trade items, crafts made from people around the world who sell their products to receive a fair wage to support their families. So why not take it one step further? Why not set up a fair trade café, selling fair trade coffee and baked goods made with other fair trade products as a fund-raiser for our church? And maybe while we are thinking outside of the box, we could set up our fair trade café once a month as an opportunity for our community to gather and to get to know one another, offering our wi-fi for people's use.

At this point, all these ideas and visions are just that - dreams and visions- but isn't it exciting to think about where God is working in our community, and just like the bones that God revived, there is life in these "dry and brittle" bones once more!

But the Spirit of God is not stopping there! Have you been around the church on Wednesday nights? If you haven't, stop by one night and you'll find that a large number of bike riders are using Midway Christian as their beginning place for their Wednesday night ride. The group is part of the Bluegrass Bicycling Club and this opportunity of welcome came about through some conversations between members of our church and members of the Bicycling Club! On Wednesday nights, we open our doors, offer some water and the restrooms, all with a little bit of Midway WELCOME. And the response has been amazing! In fact, the riders are thinking about adding another night because the group has "outgrown" the Wednesday night space!

God is doing some amazing things around our community of Midway. And now God is calling us to tell the story. God is calling us to tell the dry and brittle bones, those people who say the church is irrelevant, who say that the church has no function, who say that God is not speaking to God's people any more, that God is still moving in this world, that God is still working in this world, and that God has the last word and that word is a word of peace and hope! We are on a journey together. We are surfing the edge together. We are discovering where God is calling us and how to become the people that God called us to be. And we are doing this together. I realized that I'm coming up to my five year mark of ministry with Midway Christian. This is big for Midway Christian and to be honest, it is a huge milestone for me as well. When I served in previous positions, I realized that I usually transitioned to a new venture around the two year mark so I'm excited to see year 5! And as for Midway Christian, for the last couple of decades, most of your ministers have usually transitioned around the 5 year mark so I'm sure maybe at some level, there is some question about when am I transitioning. Let me reassure the church. I have no plans to transition. We are journeying together wherever God leads us! The only question is are we ready for the ride!?! I know that I am!

Thankful to be your Pastor! Heather



2011 Fall Retreats for KY Women

Retreat #1 will be held October 29-30 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, PO Box 69, Gilbertsville, KY 42044. Your registration fee of \$25.00 should be sent to CCK by October 14, 2011. Registrants need to make their own lodging arrangements no later than one month prior to the event by calling the park at 270-362-4276. Kathy Jeffries, retreat leader and former IDWM Vice President, from Nashville will keynote.

Retreat #2 will be held November 5-6, 2011 at General Butler State Resort Park, 1608 Highway 227, Carrollton, KY 41008. Your registration fee of \$25.00 should be sent to CCK by October 21, 2011. Registrants need to make their own lodging arrangements no later than one month prior to the event by calling the park at 502-732-4384. Lisa Caldwell-Reiss, Co Pastor at First Christian in Fort Thomas will keynote with Kelly Burns, vocalist and also of FCC in Fort Thomas, will provide spiritual praise in song throughout the retreat.



Retreat #3 is a silent retreat and will be held November 11-13, 2011 at the Knobs Haven Retreat House, Loretto, KY. This retreat is limited to 15 women. Lodging, meals, and registration are included in the \$85.00 registration fee. Registration deadline is October 28, 2011

For a registration form, please go to www.ccinky.net/women

Christmount Week

October 24-28, 2011

Amy Gopp, Executive Director for Week of Compassion, will be the Bible Lecturer for Christmount's longest running event. The event combines Bible study, singing and worship with fellowship, talent-sharing and free time to enjoy the mountains during the peak autumn colors.

Worship: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings

Lectures: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (morning & night)

Talent sharing: Wednesday night

Begins: Monday with 6:00 supper

Cost: \$75 per adult plus lodging and meals

Board Retreat

November 5th, 2011

We will be having a Board Retreat on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. until noon. All Board officers, deacons, elders, and committee team leaders are encouraged to attend. More details to come!

As part of the retreat we will be discussing the book, "In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership" by

Henri Nouwen. Copies of the book have been ordered and will be available in the office.



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



August 7

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 14: 22-33

Sermon: "Walking on Water"

August 14

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Camp Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 96

Sermon: "Got Spirit?: Finding God in the
Everyday"

August 21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Midway College Sunday

Scripture: James 1: 2-8

Title: "Joy Through the Trials"

August 28

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 16: 21-28

Title: "Take Up the Cross"

Serving This Month

Elders: Wilda Caudle and Buddy Johnson

Deacons: Mary Sayre, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Jim Hoppin, Teresa Hoppin, Bob Settlemire, Ella Drake, Sue Roberts, and Pat Wilson

Junior Deacons: Steele Rouse, Betsy Schein, Will Schein

Worship Leaders:

August 7—Ouita Michel

August 14—Jeannie Hill

August 21—@ Midway College

August 28—Jim McDaniel

Sunday School

For the month 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

Sunday, August 7th

There will be a board meeting at noon on Sunday, August 7th. If you have any questions, please see Phil Burchell, Chair of the Board.

Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, August 30th

The Elders will meet on Tuesday, August 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Keenagers

Thursday, August 18th

The Keenagers will travel to Joe Bologna's on Thursday, August 18th for lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will leave the church by 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, August 15th.



Choir Practice

Wednesday, August 3rd

The choir will resume weekly practices again beginning Wednesday, August 3rd at 7:30 p.m.



Lunch at the College

Sunday, August 21st

Following the church service at Midway College, our members have been invited to stay for lunch with the young women in the college's dining hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Disciples Women

Sunday, August 14th

All women of Midway Christian Church are members of Disciples Women. So, come join us to help make plans for the coming year! We need your ideas! **Please bring your own sack lunch and drink.** See you on Sunday, August 14th at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Be thinking about the Rummage Sale in September!

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. 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!

THE FLIP FLOP DROP



UniquEco in Nairobi, Kenya collects old flip flops and turns them into beautiful hand crafted pieces of art. Those pieces are then sold to support over 150 people. So mail your old flip flops to: P.O. Box 15565-00503 Nairobi Kenya, or drop them in the basket on the church porch by August 26th.

BUY LOCAL, BUY FRESH
Midway Farmer's Market
Every Monday 3p.m.-6 p.m.



Youth News and Notes

Kids in the Kitchen:

Kids in the Kitchen will meet on Sunday August 7th at 3:30 p.m. with Knife Skills and Basic Kitchen Sanitation Class. Dinner will be pizza.



Weekly Youth Groups:

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

Our Chi Rho and CYF group will begin again after Labor Day on Sunday the 25th for regular meetings.

Special Events for Chi Rho and CYF

All Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited to King's Island on Tuesday, August 2nd. Tickets are \$26. Please bring money for lunch and for dinner. Please let Heather know if you are interested in going.



CYF-X (High School Regional Youth Event)

Mark your calendars! All high school youth are invited the weekend of November 11-13 to CYF-X. This event will be held in Bowling Green KY and is a great opportunity to meet youth from all over KY! More information to come later!

Camp Sunday

Sunday, August 14th

On Sunday, August 14th, we will be having a casual, camp-style worship service in the fellowship hall. The worship committee invites you to wear your shorts and flip flops and come sing some camp songs for our worship service.

The sermon that morning will be brought to us by our youth who went to Bethany WVA (Jordan Batts, Will Schein, Betsy Schein), our high school youth who went to New Orleans (Franklin Watson and Greg Watson), and our youth and young adult who went to camp (Jordan Batts, Will Schein, Betsy Schein, Greg Watson, Franklin Watson, Marcus Watson, Alex Woodruff, Liz Perry and Nancy Dare).

The worship committee is also inviting our members to bring pictures to share from their camp days whether it be at Camp Wakon Da Ho or another place where God touched their lives.



Acolyte Schedule

- August 7** -Jordan Batts & Jack Hill
- August 14** -Willa Michel & Luke Hill
- August 21** -James Batts & Betsy Schein
- August 28** -Will Schein & Alex Woodruff

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Coffee House,
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in Lexington.



Surfing the Edge Update from the Guiding Team

Your friendly local Guiding Team wants to extend a very appreciative THANK YOU for the enthusiasm, graciousness, and generosity with which you've responded to our requests for Faith Story conversations. The team, Etta, Jim, Anne, Pat, Shirley and Sheri are all very enthusiastic and spiritually energized over the results of these conversations; not just the confirmation of good works in our church and by our members, but also the opportunity we see for improvement and expansion.

In the following weeks, we'll be finishing up conversations, then compiling our stories and discerning the common threads that knit our congregation together, as well as the tendrils of need that also tie us into the rest of the community.

Thank you again for sharing a part of your life and your faith to be the foundation of this missional process. There is a pervading sense within all that by going out into our community as people of faith and in the spirit of God, even though we may not change the world, we can make a difference in the lives our neighbors to the good of all.



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

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>

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of July 18: Pat Settlemire, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, and Gloria Batts. The next delivery will be the week of August 15-19.

August Mission Payment

Midway Ministerial Association

The Midway Ministerial Association is a local organization supported by the area churches and offers the opportunity for our local congregations to give back to our community. The MMA supports a fund that is made available to those in our community who are in need of rent assistance, help with utilities, and other types of assistance. The MMA also supports the local food pantry that is housed at Midway Baptist Church.



Community News and Notes

Food Pantry Needs Help

Please bring cans of tomatoes and spaghetti sauce, as well as boxes of crackers and spaghetti, or any dried pasta, to the narthex at MCC for the Woodford County Food Pantry. The Food Pantry, located at 299 S. Main Street in Versailles, is in jeopardy of losing its building within the year. If you have an idea for an approximately 1500 sq. ft. site (for freezers and storage), contact Anne Burford, our MCC Food Pantry representative.



Clothing Bank

The Woodford County Clothing Bank takes clean, seasonal clothes on Mondays, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. They are located on Hope Lane, off Versailles Road (near the BG Pkwy ramp) behind the Woodford Community Christian Church.



Taylor Manor Worship Service

Sunday, August 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Midway Christian Church will host the Taylor Manor Nursing Home service on Sunday, August 14th at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist the residents and join in singing. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church by 1:30 p.m.

Special Community Worship Service of Peace and Hope

Sunday, September 11th

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The Midway Area Ministerial Association will be hosting a special community worship service on Sunday September 11th at 11 a.m. at Walter Bradley Park to remember this solemn occasion and to call each of us as people of faith to come together as one Body of Christ, working towards peace, hope and unity. *This will be Midway Christian Church worship service for the morning. We will not have regularly scheduled worship at our building that day.*

Following the service, everyone is invited to stay and celebrate a meal together as the Midway Community, reminding us that we are all welcomed at God's table as God's beloved children. Just think about it! Everyone sitting beside one another and really getting to know each other as neighbors and friends we just haven't met yet, all the while, strengthening the bonds of community. As part of this celebration meal, everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group gathered there that morning.

Also as part of the service, we will have baskets with the individual church's names on them so that their members can drop off their weekly offering into their own church's basket. We will also have a separate basket for an MMA offering.

And as a special part of the service, we will be asking individuals to make/design peace flags that will display our prayers for hope and lift them up to God on the winds of the Spirit. If your church is not able to participate but would like to make a prayer flag, please feel free to do so. Please use blue, red, yellow, green, or white fabric, torn into 9x9 squares. (The colors represent the 5 elements of nature: water, fire, earth, air, sky).



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