



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

October, 2011

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Tips for Frugal Living

Saturday, October 1st

With today's tough economy, let Debbi Morris, Lexington Herald-Leader's Fru-Gal, or KYForward contributor, show you how to save money. She will help you live a savings lifestyle, making the stress of budgeting, saving, and just living week-to-week easier! Debbi will be in the MCC Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m. She will speak for about an hour, with your questions to follow.



District Assembly At Midway College

Sunday, October 2nd

Everyone is invited to attend District Assembly at Midway College on Sunday, October 2nd from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and dinner is included. There will be activities for both adults, children and youth. We will be putting together health kits and back packs for Church World Service and we will be worshipping together as part of the Body of Christ, celebrating our gifts and our churches as part of the Christian Church in Kentucky.



Midway Foundation Fall Conference—October 1st

The conference is from 9am-4:30pm at Anne Hart Raymond auditorium at Midway College. The cost is \$35, (except for health care providers—\$150). Lunch is \$10. Notify us in advance if you can (859) 846-4445.



Note from Sharon Burchell:

"I want to thank everyone for their calls, cards, visits, food, and prayers. I continue to heal and recover from my surgery for broken bones in my lower left leg. As always, the Midway Christian Church family continues to share their care, concern, and love. Thanks again!"



Kroger Fundraiser Gift Cards are available in the office

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$ 38,517.96
Received to date: \$ 35,552.15

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



October 2

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Scripture: James 3: 13-18

Sermon: "The Good Life"

October 9

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 22: 1-14

Sermon: "Many Are Called, but Few Are Chosen"

October 16

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Children's Sabbath

Scripture: Exodus 33: 12-23

Sermon: "Justice, Justice, Shall You Pursue: Answering God's Call to Protect Children"

October 23

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Heritage Sunday

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32: 7

Jeremiah 6: 16

Sermon: "Remember When"

October 30

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 23: 1-12

Sermon: "The Greatest Among You Will Be Your Servant"

Serving This Month

Elders: Etta Manor and Jim Leer

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

Junior Deacons: Steele Rouse, Betsy Schein, Will Schein

Worship Leaders:

October 2 - Gretchen Portwood

October 9 - Carl Rollins

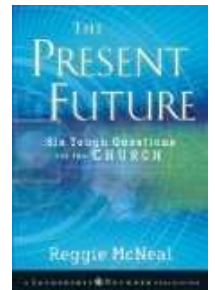
October 16 - Jeanne Clark

October 23 - Nancy Dare

October 30 - Carole Munson

Sunday School

During the month of October and November, we will be taking a look at the book by Reggie McNeal, The Present Future. "In this provocative book, author, consultant, and church leadership developer Reggie McNeal debunks old assumptions and provides an overall strategy to help church leaders move forward in an entirely different and much more effective way. In The Present Future, McNeal identifies the six most important realities that church leaders must address including: recapturing the spirit of Christianity and replacing "church growth" with a wider vision of kingdom growth; developing disciples instead of church members; fostering the rise of a new apostolic leadership; focusing on spiritual formation rather than church programs; and shifting from prediction and planning to preparation for the challenges of an uncertain world. McNeal contends that by changing the questions church leaders ask themselves about their congregations and their plans, they can frame the core issues and approach the future with new eyes, new purpose, and new ideas." This book will continue the conversation we started as part of the Surfing the Edge process and will help give us some more language to use when we are discussing the Missional Church.



More Worship News and Notes

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2nd

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will gather with millions of Christians around the world during our Sunday worship time, remembering that we are united in the Body of Christ, and to remember that we are called to share the grace of God's table with all of God's children. Our children will share with us the gift of breads from around the world that we will use for our communion bread that day. Come join us for this special service.



Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 16th



On Sunday, October 16, we will be celebrating Children's Sabbath in worship. Our children and youth will give leadership to our worship that day as we explore ways the church can become advocates for children.

The theme for Children's Sabbath this year is "Justice, Justice, Shall You Pursue: Answering God's Call to Protect Children"

***Kids are invited to come practice singing during Sunday School (9:30) on October 2nd & 9th.**

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 23rd

On Sunday, October, 23rd, we are inviting all members of Midway Christian Church, both past and present, to "**Remember When...**" with a special worship service where we will claim our history and tradition of service in our community, and be inspired by these stories of compassion and mission, both past and present, as we will truly live out our mission of welcome now and in the future as the community of faith that God is calling us to be. As part of this special service, we will dedicate Parrish Benjamin Lewis, Hallie Roach Lewis and Drew Lewis' son, and unveil the new name for our capital fund, honoring a tradition of stewardship over the generations. Following the service, there will be a lunch where all are invited to partake in Chicken Salad and Oyster Stew.



Fifth Sunday Offering

Sunday, October 30th

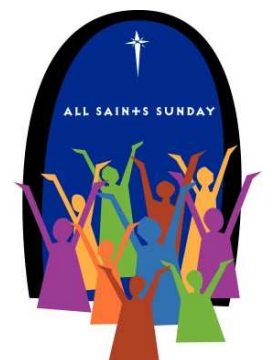
On Sunday, October 30th, we will receive our Fifth Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities. Your gift will help care for over 2,200 older adults and their families in eight different Kentucky communities.

October 2011							printablecalendars.resources2u.com
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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All Saint's Day is November 6th

Please turn in the names of your departed loved ones to honor on All Saint's Day by **Wednesday, November 2nd.**



Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meets

Sunday, October 2nd

All elders, deacons, and committee chairs are encouraged to attend this meeting following the Sunday service ~ 12:30.

Elders Meet

Tuesday, October 25th

The Elders will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Keenagers

Thursday, October 20th

The Keenagers will travel to Boyd's Orchard. Meet at church at 11:00 to carpool.

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, October 17th.



Disciples Women's Lunch Features Fair Trade Speaker

Sunday, October 16th at MCC Fellowship Hall



Kim Browning, a member of the Board at the Good Foods Co-op in Lexington, will be the featured speaker at the Disciples Women's meeting on October 16th. Kim has been very active in the Fair Trade movement, actually traveling to spots in the world from which we get the Fair Trade items. (The Ten Thousand Villages products and Fair Trade Coffee we served in the Mustard Seed Café during Fall Festival came from countries that espouse Fair Trade practices). This will be a

Disciples Women-sponsored event, following a potluck meal right after church.

All members of the church are invited to attend and be informed.

Please bring a dish to share. Disciples Women will provide the meat and beverages.

Board Retreat - November 5th

We will be having a Board Retreat at Midway College on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. until noon. All Board officers, deacons, elders, and committee team leaders are encouraged to attend. 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 are available in the office for \$10 each.

Christmount Retreat

Blue Ridge Mountains of NC - October 24—28

Christmount's longest running event combines Bible study, singing and worship with fellowship, talent-sharing and free time to enjoy the mountains.

Begins: Monday with 6:00 supper

Worship: Mon., Tues., and Wed. evenings

Lectures: Tues., Wed., & Thurs.(a.m. & p.m.)

Talent sharing: Wednesday night

Cost: \$75 per adult plus lodging and meals

Fall Retreats for KY Women

#1—October 29-30 at KY Dam Village State Resort Park (deadline to register is October 14).

#2—November 5-6 at General Butler State Resort Park (deadline to register is October 21).

#3—November 11-13 at Knobs Haven Retreat House (silent retreat; deadline to register is October 28).

More information, and a registration form, is available on the church office bulletin board or at www.ccinky.net/women



Midway Commemorates 9/11



Story and photographs by Dick Yarmy—University of Kentucky School of Journalism & Telecommunications

"It just felt right," said Rev. Heather McColl of Midway Christian Church.

Sunday, nearly 200 Midway citizens gathered for the first annual Service of Peace and Hope. The event commemorated the toll of Sept. 11, 2001, was sponsored by eight local churches, and was initiated by McColl.

Seated in the Bradley Park pavilion, the worshipers were surrounded by a panorama typical of Woodford County and the Bluegrass. The view included fenced pastures, grazing horses and a steeple of Midway College.

Community members came in all ages, shapes and sizes, sporting fashions that announced membership in one of the many generations in attendance. The overall scene could be described as a collage of virtual snapshots, any one capable of inspiring a Norman Rockwell magazine cover.



There were seniors arriving with the help of walkers and golf carts; families struggling to carry toddlers; pre-schoolers clutching American flags; a father, son and grandfather attending together; (*Photo: Alton, Joshua and A.D. Reed*) and a city council member arriving in a pick-up truck carrying additional folding chairs for the overflow.

The audience was diverse. Yet, when members rose to "pass the peace," *right*, and began greeting neighbors, the scene looked more like a community than a collection of individuals.

The service was simple, ecumenical and moving. Ministers and lay people representing six churches took the podium to read scripture and share their thoughts.

A cascade of concise messages flowed from the pulpit.

Phrases like: "Father give us strength," from a reading by city council member Joy Arnold. From the Rev. Don Johnson: "Where there is unity there is strength." And, "Although we worship in different buildings we should worship as one." At times, the worshipers reacted to message lines with a simple "Amen."



Other messages talked of the history of 9/11 as a placeholder. "We felt a lot safer before

then," said Bud Ratliff. "It was easy to think that peace and quiet was the same thing." Ratliff ended his thoughts with topical humor: "If the wolf and the lamb can lie down together, there may even be hope for the elephant and the donkey." (*Photo: Bud with daughter Zoe*)



Between each message the audience sang well-known songs like "Down by the Riverside," and "We Shall Overcome." The crowd's voices were reinforced by the Community Choir and backed by keyboardist Angela Eaton and guitarist Blake Jones, *right*.

After sharing communion, the crowd was invited to prepare "peace flags," using their imaginations to express their own personal feelings. The flags were attached to lines and displayed around the pavilion.

"It was a perfect place and a perfect setting," McColl said afterward. "They loved getting together as a community, and we've decided to make this an annual event."



Thank You for Supporting the Disciples Women's Rummage Sale



On behalf of Etta, Bobbie, and the rest of the Disciples Women, we would like to take this time to thank everyone who had a part in our Rummage Sale during Fall Festival Weekend (September 16-18). Whether you donated items, helped set up, or worked the sale, THANK YOU. A special thank-you

to Joni Angus, our new church secretary, for helping us get information out in The Contact newsletter.

And a big THANK YOU to the men who helped in some way. Thank you!

- Etta, Bobbie, and the Disciples Women



Bike Racks Officially Opened



With a ribbon-cutting on August 31st.

Handbell Choir

Practice starts on
**Wednesday,
September 28th**
at
**6:30
p.m.**



Fall Festival Totals:

Rummage Sale: \$3,121.77

10,000 Villages: \$1,436.28

Mustard Seed

Café: \$329.17

Note: Some money is still trickling in

Thank You for Supporting the American Diabetes Association "Step Out"

Thank you for joining the American Diabetes Association for a wonderful Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes on June 4th at the Keeneland Race Course. This amazing day saw more than 1500 walkers and volunteers show their support for the continuing mission of this organization. The Central Kentucky area has raised over \$220,000 this year and we are still counting.

As you have heard me say before, every 20 seconds someone is diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. In the time you read this note, another 3 families have probably had diabetes enter their lives. But thanks to American Diabetes Association and other organizations, those families don't have to face these diseases alone. Educating others, advocating for others and innovating for all continues to change lives for those in Central Kentucky and all around the country.

Our team, with the support of our biological and spiritual families, raised \$4,465 this year. This makes our team ranked 9th overall in fundraising and 5th in the Friends and Family category. And the support from both our biological and spiritual families has been constant since our family was originally diagnosed. Together we have raised \$75,000 over the past 9 years and we have always been a top 10 fund raising team.

But this is not about our team; it is about the difference families experience thanks to you. No longer do families hear "we don't know about diabetes". They now hear "this is how you manage it." And we work for that day that we hear "this is how you cure it". It is coming. It is not a pep talk. It is not a belief. Innovations in medical treatment grow exponentially at the University of Kentucky and other research sites. It will happen... thanks to your continued support.

Thank you. The Batts family.

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

- Sunday, October 2nd:** **Sing Practice** at 9:30 a.m.; **District Assembly** 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 4th:** **JYF** meets at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 9th:** **Sing Practice** at 9:30 a.m.; **Kids in the Kitchen** at 3:30; **Pot Pie Dinner** at 6:00
- October 10 - 14:** **Woodford County Schools on Fall Break**
- Sunday, October 16th:** **Children's Sabbath**— Youth-led worship service
- Tuesday, October 18th:** **JYF** meets at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 22nd:** **Trip to Bi-Water Farm** at 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 25th:** **JYF** meets at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 31st:** **Kids in the Kitchen** at 4:00; **Community Dinner** at 5:30 (note earlier time); **Trunk or Treat** to follow dinner

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 and is a great opportunity to meet youth from all over KY!

Greg Watson Selected for X-Committee



Congratulations to Greg Watson for being selected to represent District 5 for the Regional Kentucky Youth Leadership Team known as X Committee. Greg will serve a two-year term. We know he will do MCC proud!



Summer Series Projects



Mustard Seed Café



Acolyte Schedule

- October 2** - Alex Woodruff & James Batts
- October 9** - Luke Hill & Jordan Batts
- October 16** - Jack Hill & Betsy Schein
- October 23** - Willa Michel & Will Schein
- October 30** - Marcus Watson & Alex Woodruff

Green Chalice

Kentucky Disciples Green Retreat

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park

November 18-19

Green Chalice is hosting a 24-hour worship and education retreat.

Connect with God's creation through worship and meditation and learn how our congregations can walk more gently on the Earth through presentations and discussion. More information is available on the church office bulletin board and the deadline to register is Monday, October 17th.



Did you know you can recycle your toothbrush?

"Like you, I try to reduce, reuse and recycle. But in order to have good hygiene, we are supposed to switch to a new toothbrush regularly. A few months ago, I discovered the Preserve Toothbrush. The toothbrushes are not only made from yogurt cups, they come in a pouch which includes prepaid postage so that you can return your old toothbrush to be recycled. They also make razors as well as items for the kitchen. Buy one for yourself and one for a friend so that we can all brush our teeth while walking more gently on God's earth." - Carol Devine, Minister for Green Chalice



Visit www.preserveproducts.com for more information.

Farm to School Program

Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Lori Rice, from the Woodford County Extension office, will speak about the partnership between local growers and local schools which brings fresh, healthy produce to our school children while providing income for local growers. All are welcome to attend this informative presentation in the MCC Fellowship Hall.



Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of September 12: Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles, Phil & Nancy Dare, Pat Wilson, and Adele Dickerson. The next delivery will be the week of October 10—14.

October Mission Payments

District 5—\$200

Midway Christian Church is within District 5 of the Christian Church in Kentucky. Mission payments to District 5 go to support any church in need (such as disaster relief) within this district.

Midway Nursing Home—\$800

The Midway Nursing Home Task Force was formed in 1999 when the need for a nursing home for Midway arose. This group has been working diligently to achieve this mission. In 2009, the Task Force teamed up with Christian Care Communities and together began the process of making the mission a reality.

Community News and Notes

Community Dinner & Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 31st

On Monday, October 31st, Midway Christian will host our monthly FREE community dinner at **5:30 p.m.** We are eating a little earlier this time so that following our festivities, there will still be plenty of time for kids to go trick or treating. We need everyone's help with dinner, so please let the church office know if you can help with the set up, cooking, and clean up. Kids are asked to be at the church at 4:00 p.m. to help cook and prepare for the dinner.

Following dinner, we will have our annual Trunk or Treat as a way to support our local community. And we need people to decorate trunks as part of our celebration. Please let the church office know if you are planning on setting up a trunk.



First Free Community Dinner Very WELL Attended!

One hundred and fifteen meals were served at the first free Community Dinner at MCC on August 29th. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve!



Thank You From Midway College

"Dear Rev. McColl & the Midway Church Family,

On behalf of Student Affairs, we would like to thank you all for your help during our Orientation Weekend. I found your message to be right-on-point for all of us! It was encouraging, and one of my favorite scriptures. The love and devotion you and the Midway Church Family has shown is greatly appreciated by all! Again, thank you all for the kindness and support to Midway College.

Sincerely, Michelle Patrick & Student Affairs"

MMA Collection on 9/11

\$437 was collected for the Midway Ministerial Association at the 9/11 Service!

Admission Kits for the Men's Hope Center:

There will be a box in the MCC Narthex to collect these items for the Hope Center:

Towels **Razors**
Washcloths **Shampoo**
Lotion
Deodorant (they prefer women's)

Cash donations are accepted to purchase these items, as well.

For questions, contact Laura Riddle at 846-4869

Keep Bringing those Food Pantry Items! Clothing Bank

Until further notice, please keep bringing cans of tomatoes and spaghetti sauce, as well as boxes of crackers and dried pasta, to the narthex at MCC.

The Woodford Co. 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.

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Return Service Requested

