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Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February 2012

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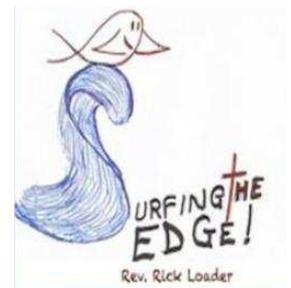
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Surfing The Edge Feedback Seminar

Saturday, February 11th, 9:00—3:00, Fellowship Hall

It has all lead up to this moment! The Guiding Team encourages **ALL** members of Midway Christian Church to attend the feedback Seminar on Saturday February 11. **It will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall with a lunch break.** The purpose of the feedback seminar is to walk everyone through the report on the Congregational 360. This report will provide our congregation with a set of information and analysis tools that represent a photograph of how various groups in the congregation view its readiness for a mission-shaped engagement. The photograph will assist us in developing awareness and give us a great starting point for dialogue about the direction we are taking together as we proclaim the Kingdom of God in our midst. Please make every effort to attend. This is a vital step in our Surfing the Edge process and we need everyone's participation.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Epiphany Feast 2012

Malcolm McGregor led the parade at the Epiphany Feast on January 6th at Midway College to a sold-out crowd. Chef Ouita Michel's *delicious* menu packed the house once again.



The Center for Old Music and the Madrigal Singers from First United Methodist Church in Frankfort (in *gorgeous* costumes) provided entertainment with a medieval flair. Father Daniel Fister from St. Francis of Assisi Church in Pikeville spoke on the meaning of Epiphany.

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Kroger Fundraiser Gift Cards are available in the office

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$89,875.24

Received to date: \$88,053.30

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



February 5

Boy Scout Sunday

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39

Sermon: "Everyone is Searching for You"

February 12

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 1: 40-45

Sermon: "I Do Choose"

February 19

Last Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 9: 2-9

Sermon: "Transfiguration"

February 26

First Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Luke 10: 1-12

Sermon: "Community"

HANDBELL PRACTICE



For Easter Music

will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Serving This Month

Elders: Etta Manor & Shirley Eckels

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

Junior Deacons: Steele Rouse, Betsy Schein & Will Schein

Worship Leaders:

February 5 Boy Scouts

February 12 Ouita Michel

February 19 Jeannie Hill

February 26 Charlann Wombles

Sunday School

Jim Wombles is continuing to lead a study on the Gospel of Luke, taking a look at who the Gospel was written for, what are the main themes in the Gospel of Luke, and taking a closer look at the Luke 10: 1-12 passage that is our "Surfing the Edge" Scripture. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall with the sharing of Joys and Concerns. Please come join us.



Boy Scout Sunday - Sunday, February 5

We will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday on February 5th. Members of Scout Troop 40 will help lead worship and serve as deacons.

Midway Christian Church became the charter institution for the troop in 1994.



Acolyte Schedule

February 5 - Luke Hill & Alex Woodruff

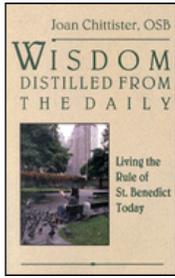
February 12 - Jordan Batts & Jack Hill

February 19 - James Batts & Willa Michel

February 26 - Will Schein & Betsy Schein

More Worship Notes

Lenten Study



Beginning on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to participate in our Lenten Study. We will be reading the book, "Wisdom Distilled from the Daily: Living the Rule of St. Benedict Today."

Why St. Benedict? Benedict lived during a time when the world was fragmented: pagan armies were on the march, the Church was torn apart by schisms, and people were suffering from war and loss. And he was fascinated by the monastic life. He left Rome to become a hermit, pulling away from everything and everyone, but something seemed missing. He

realized that religious life is social, where the community of God lives together, works together, prays together, and yes, eats together!

The gift that St. Benedict gave to the church all those years ago is his book "The Rule" and it still has relevance today. "The Rule called the class-centered Roman world to community and calls us to the same on a globe that is fragmented. The Rule called for hospitality in times of barbarian invasions and calls us to care in a world of neighborhood strangers. It called for equality in a society full of classes and castes and calls us to equality in a world that proclaims everyone equal but judges everyone differently. The Rule shows clearly that the living of the gospel life is not an individual enterprise of private whim and flights of personal fancy, but a conscious gathering of the wisdom of others who can encourage us and help us scrutinize our own choices for their value and their valor."

Books are \$11 and can be picked up in the church office. Checks can be made out to Midway Christian Church with "Lenten study" in the memo line.

Kingdom Living: Centering Our Lives on God and Serving One Another

"[Kingdom Living] is more than churchgoing. It is possible to go to church and never develop an understanding of the Kingdom of God. [Kingdom Living] is the way in which we express a living faith in a real world. [Kingdom Living] is the sum total of the attitudes and actions that define our life of faith."

- Joan Chittister



As people of faith, we are called to recognize that the Spirit of God is among the people of God, and that the Spirit of God is still working, still creating, still transforming our community and our world. And the wonderful part about it all is that we, as beloved children of God, are called to be partners in this amazing transformation.

Kingdom Living encourages all of us to open our eyes to see where God is already working in our communities. Kingdom Living inspires us to become the people that God created us to be by creating opportunities for God's grace to connect daily with our seemingly ordinary lives, by reminding us that we are responsible to and for each other, and by actively and continually growing in our relationship with God.

We will be using our Surfing the Edge text, Luke 10: 1-12, as one of our guides as we take a look at how the principles of the Kingdom of God (community, relationships, listening, praying, awareness, and stability) move us out of the darkness and into a transformed life filled with joy, which is the whole purpose of the season of Lent!

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers Lunch Trip

Thursday, February 16th @ 11:30 a.m.

The Keenagers will travel to Holly Hill Inn on Thursday, February 16th for lunch. Please call the church office by Monday, February 13th to RSVP.



Disciples Women

Sunday, February 19th @ 12:30 p.m.

The Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, February 19th at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Heather Moffett, the coordinator of the "Girls on the Run" program at Northside Elementary. We will follow with a discussion about "human trafficking" in the U.S. and other countries. **Please bring soup or sandwiches to share.**



Please join us on Sunday the 19th!

Board Meeting - Sunday, February 5th @ noon

All elders, deacons, and committee chairs are encouraged to attend Board Meetings.



Fat Tuesday Celebration - Tuesday, February 21st



Please join us for PANCAKES on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Fat Tuesday celebration. Fat Tuesday is also known as Mardi Gras. Mardi is the French word for fat while Gras is the French word for Tuesday. Fat Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. So why pancakes?

Tradition has it that if a family had a store of these foods they would certainly spoil by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. So what to do? Use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Fat Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself: pancakes!

Community News and Notes

Free Community Dinner: Burgoo Night

Monday, February 27th @ 6:30 p.m.

Rick Caudle has offered to make us his world famous burgoo for our next Community Dinner. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. So come join us! We will still need help getting everything set up for the dinner. We will gather in the kitchen at 5 p.m. that day to set up tables, make drinks, and put together the to-go containers for our local take outs.

If you would like to support this ministry, checks can be made out to Midway Christian Church with "Community Dinner" in the memo line.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

There will be a community Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m. at Midway Christian Church. Rev. Mary Weese, the minister at Midway Presbyterian, will be our preacher that night. An offering will be collected to benefit the Midway Area Ministerial Association. This fund goes to help people in our community with rent and utility bills.



**Ash
Wednesday**

Woodford FOOD PANTRY Needs

Please continue bringing items to the box in the Narthex for the Food Pantry. Any non-perishable foods are appreciated, but they especially need peanut butter, crackers, pasta, and spaghetti sauce. Thank you!

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Saturday, February 4th:	Ski Trip (see below)
Monday, February 6th:	No-School Party From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, February 7th	JYF meets at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, February 8th	ChiRho & Youth help assemble backpacks for Northside, at 4 p.m.
Sunday, February 12th:	Kids in the Kitchen "Love Feast" at 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14th:	JYF meets at 6 p.m.
Tuesday, February 21st:	JYF meets at 6 p.m.
Monday, February 27th:	Kids in the Kitchen Community Dinner Set up at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28th:	JYF meets at 6 p.m.

July 15-20: Camp Wakon-Da'Ho Work & Mission Outreach Week

(Completed grades 6-12th)

This will be MCC's High School Mission Trip!!



Dates for Camp Wakon-Da'Ho 2012

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Grade Completed</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Eighters Camp	8th	June 3-9
Junior Camp 1	4th-5 th	June 11-15
Camp 101*	1st-2 nd	June 16-17
CYF Camp 1	9th-12 th	June 18-23
CYF Camp 2	9th-12 th	June 25-30
Chi-Rho Camp 1	6th-8 th	July 2-7
Chi-Rho Camp 2	6th-8 th	July 9-14
Mini Camp	3 rd	July 20-22
Junior Camp 2	4th-5 th	July 23-28
C/COW ***	Ages 18-29	August 2-5
Yawl Family Camp Weekend**		Aug 31-Sept 2

*A Parent or Guardian must accompany the camper to this week of camp.

**This is for all families of all ages and make up

Ski Trip

Saturday, February 4th

We will gather at the church **at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, February 4** to head to Perfect North Slopes. There are two options:

Option #1: Ski or Snowboard for the day;
Free lesson for those that want or need one:
Total Cost is \$48

Option # 2: Snow Tubing; for either 2 hours (\$25) or 3 hours (\$30)

Lunch is on your own (\$15) and we will do dinner on the way home (church will pay).

Friends are invited to attend. Please let Heather know if you are interested in going.



Kids in the Kitchen: Love Feast

Sunday, February 12th

When the New Testament Church met, they shared fellowship, worship and food. They enjoyed a Common Meal together, which eventually was transformed into what the Church has come to call the Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. We are going to go back to those earliest times, to share in another part of the Common Meal, which we call the Love Feast or Agapé. The Love Feast is rich in tradition, symbolism, and Christian community. It is a service in which we share food and fellowship and come together as members of one family united in love. It is a celebration of God's love for all of us and a way to experience that love anew in our lives. Our Love Feast will be on Sunday, February 12th as our Kids in the Kitchen. Children and Youth are invited to come at 3:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



More Youth News

HELM Leadership Fellows Applications Available for 2012-2013

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) invites high school seniors interested in new kinds of Christian leadership to apply to join the 12th class of HELM Leadership Fellows. Application packets are available now at <http://helmdisciples.org/aid/fellows.htm>.

Leadership Fellows experience an ongoing relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that adds value to their education through organized opportunities for fellowship, training, and service to the church. With the help of a mentor, fellows design and conduct projects on or near their campuses, participate in an annual conference focused on shaping a Church for the future, and receive a \$2,000 annual scholarship grant.

Since 2001, over 70 fellows have passed through the program into careers as ministers, college professors, musicians, broadcasters, teachers, activists for peace and the environment and other forms of leadership. You can meet current and past HELM Leadership Fellows at <http://helmdisciples.org/helm/fellows.htm>.

Applicants must be current **high school seniors** entering college in Fall, 2012 or community college students transferring to a four-year school. Fellows may attend any accredited four-year college or university, though students attending Disciples-related schools are particularly encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is April 16, 2012. For more information contact HELM at helm@helmdisciples.org or 314-991-3000.

Lumber Jack & Jane Weekend

March 16-18 @ Camp Wakon Da'Ho

All middle school and high school youth are invited to attend Lumber Jack and Jane Weekend. It is a Work Weekend with Games and Activities Co-led by X-Comm and WKDH Advisory. Cost is \$20 per person. Please tell Heather **by Sunday, March 4th** if you are interested in going.



MCC Caps Available

Midway Christian Church caps (red with white letters) are available for purchase in the office for only \$6.



Heifer Project Global Village Experience

June 15—19, Chi Rho (Completed Grades 6 - 8) - See the Insert of this newsletter for more info!

Green Chalice

Topics discussed at the Green Chalice gathering on January 17 included:

- EcoPalms for Palm Sunday which support fair trade and sustainability;
- Farm to School program to encourage healthier eating choices in schools, using locally-grown foods
- Rain Garden for the southwest corner of the Church building to address water runoff
- Reusable bags for Midway Merchants
- Farmers Market
- Senior Meals with fresher, healthier options

Please feel free to ask any member of the Green Chalice group for more information and to give your ideas for "Green" projects around the church and community.

Dates to Remember:

- February 14 "I Love the Mountains Day" at the Capitol in Frankfort
- February 28 "Clean Energy Lobby Day" at the Capitol in Frankfort



The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to God. For God laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Psalm 24:1-2

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of January 2nd: Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, Bob & Pat Settlemire. The next deliveries will be the week of **January 30th**, and the week of **February 27th**.



Blanket Project

We will still be collecting blankets during February. Please bring NEW or GENTLY USED, CLEAN blankets to Fellowship Hall. A box for the blankets will be on the stage. We will see that one of the shelters in Lexington receives them. Let's help keep someone warm during these cold winter days and nights!



Thank You from Heifer International

"Thank you so much for your generous gift to Heifer International, where it has already been put to work toward igniting transformation in families and projects all over the world. While it's winter here at home, thousands of families around the world are entering into their summer harvest, with an abundance of fruits and vegetables for the first time ever, thanks to the gift of livestock and training in their care. A new confidence in sustainable livelihoods allows project participants to grow ever more self-reliant, rather than face hopelessness and defeat. Best of all, through our cornerstone Pass on the Gift, another family will receive the animals and training they need to start a powerful and life-changing journey of their own. Thank you for making this possible." - Pierre Ferrari, President/CEO



February Mission Payment

Midway College: "Kentucky's only women's college provides a living, learning environment that enables students to assume roles of responsibility and leadership as contemporary women. The college assists each student in the development of personal integration and self-sufficiency through a strong liberal arts education and through career studies, both at the associate and baccalaureate degree levels." (MC website)

Snacks Needed for Girls on the Run

The Disciples Women are collecting items (a box is in the Narthex) for the Girls on the Run Program. Items needed are individually-wrapped snack sizes of:

Baked Lays Chex Mix Cereal Bars Cheese-Its
Granola Bars Fruit Snacks Teddy Grahams

"Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls age eight to thirteen years old. The program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the program are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development." (www.girlsontherun.org)



Fair Trade Products

Available in the MCC Fellowship Hall

Breakfast Blend Coffee	\$7 per bag
Organic Decaf	\$8 per bag
French Roast	\$7 per bag
Tea	\$4 per box
Organic Baking Cocoa	\$8
Extra Virgin Olive Oil	\$16/bottle
Mint Chocolate Bar	\$3 per bar
Ecuador Dark Chocolate	\$3 per bar
Panama Extra Dark	\$3 per bar
Dk Chocolate w/ Caramel	\$3 per bar
Dk Chocolate w/ Almonds	\$3 per bar

Heifer Project Global Village Experience



This Summer our Chi-Rho Youth (6th-8th Graders) are invited to Perryville, Arkansas, for an epic trip of learning and serving. We will be learning about Heifer Project International, spending time in a Global Village, and doing a low and high ropes course - yes this means climbing walls and a zip line. We will also spend a day at one of the ten best waterparks in the nation!

This will be an amazing trip filled with fun, learning, and serving. All youth currently in 6th to 8th grades are encouraged to attend and to bring friends.

Cost: \$250 a person, which covers all meals, lodging, transportation, and a tee shirt.

When: June 15-19, 2012

Who: All current 6th-8th graders and friends!

A NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50 is due on Sunday, February 26.

Final Payment is due on Sunday, June 3.

Questions: Please contact Heather at hmccoll@midwaychristian.org

Please fill out the form below and turn in with your check to Heather .

HEIFER PROJECT GLOBAL VILLAGE EXPERIENCE - REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Youth's Email Address: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Youth's Signature: _____

Check Number/Cash: _____ Date turned in: _____

Please make out checks to: Midway Christian Church Memo Line: Chi-Rho Mission Trip

Scarves/Shawls Needed for Women in India

We received this in an e-mail from Rev. Judy Stallons, Midway United Methodist Church:

Dear Friends,

My younger sister, Susie, is heading on a solitary medical mission trip to India. She will be volunteering in the Mother House established by Mother Teresa as well as an affiliated leprosy house. It is her hope to collect 100 scarves or shawls to give as gifts to the women of India. If you would spread the word in your congregations, I would deeply appreciate it. The scarves or shawls may be delivered to the parsonage or the church before February 14th so that I have plenty of time to ship them to her before she leaves. If you know any others who might be willing to send a scarf/shawl please forward this on to them as well. I've included Susie's letter below:



This is a call for help from the sisterhood: I leave for Calcutta, India in 40 days. I am getting very anxious for the trip and am gathering supplies. I need scarves and shawls. Can you help?

When Paul and I went to Kenya, friends had helped to donate 97 scarves/shawls. It was so much fun to walk along and hand them out to the ladies in the poverty stricken areas. They were so surprised to be receiving a gift - for no reason. One elderly lady was walking down the street towards us with a stick to steady her gait. We stopped and handed her a shawl. Shawls are wonderful because they are used to carry things as well. She looked at it in her hands then up at me with a questioning gaze. She did not understand it was a gift. When she figured it out she brought both hands to her face and screamed with glee. She said over and over, "Asanti sana" - thank you. She opened it up appreciating it even more. We walked away saying how sweet her reaction was. We stopped and turned around to see if we could still see her. She was stopped in the middle of the road turning to look at us. She was waving and yelling, "asanti sana."

Our church and sister church have posted it in the bulletin. It simply says: Susie will be taking a trip to Calcutta, India from March 2 - 16 to work in one of Mother Teresa's legacies. If anyone has scarves or shawls they are no longer using, please bring them to the church. Susie will be collecting them as she prepares for this trip.

Or....ask girlfriends if they have any scarves/shawls tucked away they are not using any more. I am hoping to get over 100 this trip.

Thanks Ladies,

Heartfelt hugs,

Susie

**Please bring scarves and shawls to the MCC Narthex by Sunday, February 12th,
and we will see that she gets them!**

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Return Service Requested

