

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May 2012

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Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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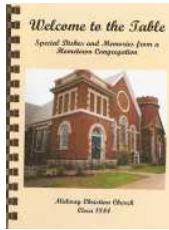
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MCC Cookbooks - A Great Gift for Mother's Day, Weddings, Birthdays,...

We started off with 500 cookbooks and now have under 100! These popular cookbooks are available in the church office for \$20 each.

Blake Adkins Baptized

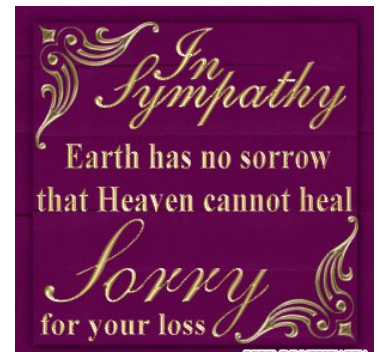
Congratulations to Blake Adkins on his baptism on Easter Sunday, April 8th, 2012!



In Christian Sympathy...

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families and friends who have recently lost loved ones:

- *Charlotte Morgan*, wife of Jack Morgan
- *Jane Sexton*, Ouita Michel's grandmother
- *Kenneth Mitchell*, brother of Myra Mitchell
- *Katie Coomer*, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson's granddaughter



Thank You, Loving Church Family:

"I want to thank everyone for their support and caring for my brother Kenneth. I am blessed to have a loving church family. God bless everyone!
Love, Myra Mitchell and Family."

Thank You, from Eagle Scout:

"Thank you for your generous donation to help support my Eagle Project. With the help of benefactors like you, the Midway Dog Park will soon become a reality. I will certainly put your contribution to good use." - Tim Hagan

The church office will be CLOSED for the Memorial Day Holiday, May 28th.

Thank you for using your Kroger gift cards to benefit MCC.



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$128,393.20

Received to date: \$126,531.08

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



May 6

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 15: 1-8

Sermon: "Branching Out"

Guest Minister - Sarah Renfro
(Heather is on Vacation)

May 13

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Scripture: I John 4: 7-21

Sermon: "Those Who Love God Must Love Their Brothers and Sisters"

May 20

Last Sunday of Easter

Scripture: 1 John 5: 9-13

Sermon: "This is Our Testimony"

May 27

Pentecost Sunday

Second Christian Church will worship with us; their minister will be preaching.



Serving This Month

Elders: Wilda Caudle & Etta Manor

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

Junior Deacons: Franklin Watson, Jordan Batts, Nate Hill

Worship Leaders:

May 6 **Margaret Easton**

May 13 **Blake Adkins**

May 20 **Jack Hill**

May 27 **Nate Hill**



For May, the adult Sunday school is learning about prayer: how to pray, what types of prayer there are, what things we can pray for, how prayer affects us and our lives, etc. We would welcome any input and discussion on this topic that anyone wants to bring.

During the summer, we will do some Bible studies by looking at the members' favorite passages. Join us and have some fun!

Dayton Harris Leaving

We ask that you please keep Dayton Harris in your thoughts and prayers. He has been accepted to go back to Senegal for six weeks this summer as one of the staff for a college-student evangelism team. Upon his return, Dayton will move to Cincinnati where he has been accepted to graduate school and offered a graduate teaching assistantship. Dayton's last Sunday at Midway Christian Church will be May 13th. We will be planning a going-away celebration in July when he returns from Senegal. We have so enjoyed his musical talents and wish him all the best!



Acolyte Schedule

May 6 Willa Michel & James Batts

May 13 Marcus Watson & Alex Woodruff

May 20 Jack Hill & Willa Michel

May 27 Luke Hill & James Batts

More Worship News

Consecration Sunday: *May 20th*

As we continue to live out our vision of becoming a more Christ Centered, welcoming community of faith, we realize that part of achieving this vision is becoming better stewards of the generous and plentiful gifts and resources that God blesses us with as people of faith. The Finance Committee is asking that you place your estimated giving cards in the offering plate on Consecration Day, May 20, as a sign of your commitment and your response to God's grace that has been shown to you as a child of God.



Pentecost: *May 27th*

On Sunday, May 27th, Midway Christian Church will worship with Second Christian Church at MCC for our annual Pentecost celebration. Each year we worship together on Pentecost to celebrate our beginnings as brothers and sisters in faith. The minister of Second Christian will be preaching, and we will have a potluck lunch following the service. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.



Green Chalice

Cool Quote: "We didn't inherit the earth from our parents. We're borrowing it from our children." Chief Seattle (1788-1866) Suquamish/Duwamish Chief



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A Pastoral Word

I wanted to share an article with you. It reminded me of how Midway Christian is connecting with our community through food. I would love to hear your thoughts!

"Biblical Verse Becomes Reality as Small Church Feeds Thousands"

Allen Watts could hear tiny feet running toward the front door, and a child calling to her mother, "The snack man is here! The snack man is here!" It brings a smile. The door opens and Watts is met with a group of grins as he hands each person packages of food. Watts is one of the volunteers with the Feed 5,000 program at Merriam Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Johnson Drive and Interstate 35. "When I first started delivering, the kids and parents didn't say much," said the church's former board chairman. "Now the kids who had been shy are the first ones at the door."

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A Pastoral Word continued...

Harvesters, a community food bank, supplies backpacks for needy children that they take home on Fridays during the school year to make sure they have food over the weekend. Then, two years ago, the Merriam Church started buying food and putting together packets throughout the summer, said the Rev. Mark Willis, pastor. Since most of the people served don't have transportation, church volunteers deliver the food. And they do a lot more. Other area churches are deeply involved in community service, but Merriam Christian has quite a story. By most standards it would be considered a small, aging congregation. The average age is 70, and the average Sunday worship attendance is from 80 to 100. The congregation decided last year they wanted to feed 5,000 people. Instead, to the amazement of Willis, they fed 16,944. "I was definitely inspired by how much all of our folks found a way to participate, regardless of physical limitations," Willis said. Members came up with all kinds of ways to get it done, he said. Computer-savvy members found websites where they could donate to feed the needy in this country and overseas. One homebound member had her in-home helper buy extra food, and someone from the church would swing by and pick it up. Willis said members needed to focus on how they could be what Christ called them to do. That's when the congregation last year made the pledge to feed 5,000. It was linked to Matthew 14 and the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. "We feel this is what God intends us to do," said Carole Prentice, leader of the church's outreach ministries. The one rule is that it had to be outreach ministries; pot-luck dinners and meals for church members didn't count.

The church already had developed a partnership with Merriam Park Elementary School, and in 2010 had helped with the backpack program. "We are extremely blessed to have this partnership," said Barbara Gramlich, the school's social worker. "We are amazed by what they do." The church also is involved with Meals on Wheels, collecting food for local pantries and cooking and serving meals quarterly for the Johnson County Food Ministry. And they pack the backpacks with food from Harvesters and take them to the school. The first year, a 90-year-old woman from the church made it her personal project to put the packs together each week, Prentice said. She'd sit down, go at her own speed and the job got done. "I have no problem getting volunteers," Prentice said. Last year was the second time they took on supplying the packs for the school's needy students during the summer, and they expanded the program to include food for the whole family. They also put together Thanksgiving baskets, and adopted 17 families for Christmas, supplying them with gifts, clothing and food for their Christmas dinner, Prentice said. Watts said that despite his being an older congregation, "there is always something for someone to do. Everyone can be part of this." "It makes everybody feel that they can contribute in their own way." And he said it gives hope to the people they help. "It makes them feel that they are not alone," he said. Well after the 5,000 goal was passed, members kept coming up with ideas. One was the Kindness Bus. Volunteers rode around town and passed out grocery cards. They gave out pizzas, bought lunches for volunteers at an animal shelter, passed out gift cards for free lunches, bought food for families and paid delinquent hot lunch accounts at an elementary school. This year the church is still at it, but Willis said he is putting the focus on individual members of the congregation, asking them whom they have fed today. And the goal is not just to feed people physically but spiritually as well. "We are becoming aware that almost every day we come into contact with people who are hungry — physically, spiritually, emotionally hungry." Willis said the lesson is: "Regardless of the size of the congregation or the age of the members, we can all do what we're gifted at. God has given everyone gifts. "People love to do what they're good at. We're good at feeding people."

Other Business...

From the Trustees: Use of Endowment Fund - Proposals

The Trustees have received several proposals for the outreach money. They will review them and will get back with the congregation on which proposals they decided to fund. If you have any questions, please see Adele Dickerson, Phil Burchell or Bob Rouse.

Open Budget Meeting

A group met to come up with a missions list supported by Midway Christian Church in 2012. The listing reflects our Surfing the Edge ideas as well as missions supported in years past.

Playground Update

The Board has approved working with Thommie Wilson on redoing the playground as his Eagle Scout Project for the upcoming year. If you are interested in being a part of the discussion, please let Heather know.



Surfing the Edge

Our guiding team is wrapping up compiling all the groups' responses to the factors. Our next step will be a board retreat as the leadership of Midway Christian seeks to identify several specific challenges that have emerged from our listening process.

Our guiding team will meet with the other guiding teams in Louisville on Saturday, May 12 where they will learn more about how to lead our next step in the process.



Nominating Time Again!

It is that time again to nominate elders, deacons, and church leaders for Midway Christian Church. The positions of elders, deacons, and church officers are very important roles of leadership in our church, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for who would be good in these positions, please see Shirley Eckels or Heather McColl. Ballots will be distributed in June.



Board Meeting - Sunday, May 6th @ noon

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

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers Lunch Trip

Thursday, May 17th @ 11:30 a.m.



The Keenagers and friends will travel to **Melissa's Cottage Café**, 167 S Main Street in downtown Versailles on Thursday, May 17th. Please RSVP to the office by Tuesday, May 15th, and meet at the church by 11:00 if you wish to carpool.

Disciples Women

***Sunday, May 20th @ 6:00 p.m.**

Disciples Women will meet for dinner and fellowship at Sharon Burchell's house, 105 Richardson Street, at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20th. Barbeque, slaw, and drinks will be provided. You may bring desserts or other salads to share. Please RSVP to Sharon at 846-4153 by Thursday, May 17th.

*In case of rain, the date will be moved.



Community News and Notes

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Community Dinner

Monday, May 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

Walter Bradley Park

On Monday, May 28th, our Community Dinner is moving! We will be hosting a Community Memorial Day Picnic at Walter Bradley Park. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The Midway Area Ministerial Association will be providing the meat and everyone is asked to bring a dish or dessert to share with the larger community. Midway Christian Church will be responsible for plates, napkins, and silverware.

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 28th @ 10 a.m.

Join the community on Monday, May 28th as we say "thank you" to our Veterans for their service at the annual Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m. at the Midway Cemetery.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Midway Presbyterian Church, 103 N. Turner Street

To find out more about the Midway Community Garden, call 846-4751. Volunteers are welcome!



Volunteers Needed for the Horsey Hundred



Midway Presbyterian Church will once again host the largest rest stop for the Horsey Hundred bicycle ride on **Saturday, May 26th**. Please consider volunteering if you will be in town. Hours are from 8 - 1 (the stop is open from 8:30 - 12:30). All volunteers will receive a tee shirt, are invited to enjoy lunch on Saturday afternoon at Georgetown College, and may ride for free on Sunday, when the routes head toward Paris. Please let Dan Roller know if you can help out, and let Heather know if you can supply some homemade baked goods. **MCC Youth are encouraged to help out!**

Versailles Citizens' Police Academy

If you live or work in Woodford County, the Versailles Police Department invites you to participate in the Citizens' Police Academy (CPA). CPA is an 8-week course designed to help citizens better understand the role of law enforcement in the community and to provide interaction between citizens and officers. A different topic is covered each week, including:

- How to become a "good witness"
- Protect yourself from Identity theft
- Emergency Preparedness
- How and when to call 9-1-1
- How to watch for suspicious activity in your neighborhood
- How to use programs of the Versailles Police Department such as Extra Patrol and House Checks
- How to report child abuse or neglect
- How to recognize and report domestic violence
- Safe Driving
- Crime Prevention

If you would like to attend CPA, there are applications in the church office. Just return the completed application to the Versailles Police Department. For more info, call 873-3126.

Woodford Co. Woman's Club SPRING GARDEN TOUR - Saturday, May 12, 10-4

Tickets may be purchased in advance (by May 5th) for \$15 at May & Co. in Midway, (or see the office bulletin board for more locations), or \$20 at the door (at The Little House in downtown Versailles) on the day of the tour.



BUY LOCAL, BUY FRESH - Midway Farmer's Market - by Darlin' Jean's
Every Monday 3-6 p.m. - Beginning June 4th

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Monday, April 30th:	Free Community Dinner 4:00 p.m. Prep 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Tuesday, May 1st	Camp Fees Due (for discount)
Wednesday, May 2nd	Youth meets at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9th:	Youth meets at 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 12th:	Cancelled garden work
Sunday, May 13th:	Remember your Mother!
Wednesday, May 16th:	Youth meets at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23rd:	Youth meets at 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 26th:	Horsey Hundred
Monday, May 28th:	Free Community Dinner Picnic @ Walter Bradley Park @ 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 3rd:	Kids in the Kitchen 3:30 p.m. Grilling Class



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-Sep 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

*** This is a camp experience for any Young Adult from 18 to 29.

Fees are discounted if paid by May 1st.
(The church has funds to pay half the fee)

CONGRATULATIONS , STEELE ROUSE!

There will be a basket in the Narthex for notes and cards of congratulations to Steele for graduating High School!



MISSION TRIP

For Middle & High Schoolers

July 15-20: Camp Wakon-Da'Ho

Work & Mission Outreach Week

(Completed grades 6-12th)

We will stay at Camp Wakon-Da'Ho and go out for 3 1/2 days of work in Casey, Lincoln, and surrounding counties. We will also spend an afternoon floating on a river and dinner out! \$95 includes all meals, t-shirt, river tubing, and work!



Midway College Student - "Living Link"

Deborah Hahn, Midway College student and the Living Link for the past two years with Midway Christian Church, will graduate May 12, 2012. She is a business major.

It has been an honor to have had this contact with her through the Disciples Women ministry.

Deborah is wished congratulations for her achievements during her time at Midway College, for her contributions to the activities in the Midway community, and for the character and attitude she has shown in carrying out her responsibilities. It is wished that she will be able to accomplish whatever she desires in the future along with having good health and much happiness.

Her address is: Midway College, Box 7702, 412 E. Stephens St., Midway 40347 where she will receive graduation congratulations.

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of April 23rd: Phil Burchell, Pat Wilson, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil &

Nancy Dare, and Pat Settlemire,

The next delivery will be the week of **May 21st**

We collect Box Tops for Northside Elementary



A box is provided in the Narthex

May Mission Payments

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho is located in Casey County, KY. Each summer, children and youth gather from across the state of Kentucky to experience church camp and to grow in their relationship with God. For many years, Midway Christian has supported Camp Wakon' Da-Ho by making a financial donation and by sending youth and children to camp.

Lexington Theological Seminary

Lexington Theological Seminary is an accredited graduate theological institution related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The purpose of Lexington Theological Seminary is to prepare faithful leaders for the church of Jesus Christ, and thus, to strengthen the church's participation in God's mission for the world. (from LTS website)

Transylvania University

Transylvania University is a distinguished liberal arts college, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), of approximately 1,100 students that is consistently ranked and praised in the leading national college guides. Transylvania offers thirty-four majors plus the option of designing an individual major. Students gain a strong grounding in liberal education, however the University also emphasizes career planning. (from Transylvania University website)

Tornado Relief Ongoing - Donations of new household items or money to purchase small appliances can be mailed or delivered to the Christian Church In Kentucky at 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, 40504.

"Thank You" from the National Council of Churches (November Mission Payment)

"On behalf of the community of thirty-seven member communions which come together as the National Council of Churches, thank you for your generous contribution of \$500, received on 11/23/11. Your gift allows the NCC to continue to nurture a community of diverse Christians who are unified in their commitment to wholeness and justice - in the church and in the world - all in the name of Jesus Christ. Your strong support and partnership in the ministries of the NCC are deeply appreciated!" Rev. Deborah DeWinter, Director of Development

(This letter can be viewed in its entirety on the office bulletin board through May, 2012)

Pentecost Offering - May 27th

This offering goes to the Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to support the planting of new churches, "Setting the Table in New Places."

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Return Service Requested

