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Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June 2012

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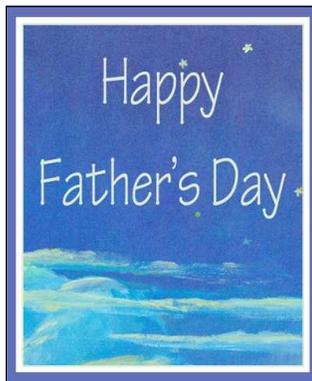
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Father's Day History

Did you know, that while Father's Day has been celebrated in this country as early as 1908, and "observed" by US Presidents such as Woodrow Wilson and Calvin Coolidge, and "proclaimed" as a holiday on the third Sunday of June by Lyndon B. Johnson, it was not actually signed into law as a national holiday until Richard M. Nixon in 1972?

Baby Dedication and Shower

Sunday, June 10th



A baby dedication and shower for Benjamin Connor Glass (born March 22, 2012) will be held on Sunday, June 10th. Please bring a dish to share with the larger group. We'll be finding out what items are needed (for shower gifts). Benjamin is currently growing into newborn sizes.

Nominating Time!

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 or Heather.

Voting will be June 17th.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Congregational Meeting & Potluck Breakfast

Sunday, June 17th @ 9:00 a.m.

Our next Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, June 17th. We will have a potluck breakfast at 9 a.m., following at 9:30 with our Congregational Meeting where we will be voting on the slate of officers and the proposed budget for 2011/2012.

Everyone is asked to attend and bring a breakfast item, such as casserole, fruit, donuts, etc.



We collect



for Northside Elementary

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



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$141,232.52

Received to date: \$139,098.42

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



June 3

First Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 1: 1-14

Sermon: "Called to Be Church"

June 10

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2: 22-42

Sermon: "Bold Witness"

June 17

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Scripture: Acts 4: 32-37, 5: 1-11

Sermon: "Christian Community: Living and Dying Together"

June 24

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 6: 1-7

Sermon: "Decision-Making within the Community of Faith"



Serving This Month

Elders: Karen Murphy & 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:

June 3 Bob Settlemire

June 10 Dick Murphy

June 17 Wanda Alford

June 24 TBA



Through most of the summer, we will be taking your favorite Bible passages and talking about why you like them and how and why they are important.

In August and September, we will be looking at pictures and spirituality, as well as some of the things that are coming up at the Regional Assembly in October.

Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. with joys and concerns.

Adult Help Needed with Youth Group

There are sign-up sheets and calendars in the Narthex for adult helpers (drivers, shepherding, etc.) for the many activities planned for the Youth Group this summer (Wednesday evenings and most Saturdays). Please consider helping out, if you can.



Acolyte Schedule

June 3 Willa Michel & Alex Woodruff

June 10 Marcus Watson & James Batts

June 17 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

June 24 Willa Michel & Alex Woodruff

More Worship News

June and July: The Book of Acts

"The consistent witness of Scripture is that God's intention is to form a people, a community, a visible body. Beginning with Abraham and Sarah in Genesis, and continuing through Paul's letters, and to the Book of Revelation, the nature and life of a community of faith is focus. God means to have a people who will be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth... This move to community, to a people, even to enduring institutions that carry and express our shared memories and hope, is a central but neglected theme in Christian faith... A good case can be made that God is less concerned with how "I" am doing than with how "we" are doing. Indeed a good part of the *raison d'être* of any congregation is the challenge to call us out of ourselves into some larger community, to some greater venture, to learning about Jesus by learning to be a part of his people in the world. And yet the church may be the most neglected aspect of contemporary Christian thought... In the face of this relative neglect of the church as a subject for theological study and spiritual reflection, the book of Acts is uniquely positioned to be helpful, provocative, evocative and compelling. It shows us the Christian faith as a life lived in community, a community that is engaged in the world. It shows us a church that is grounded in Scripture and alive to the Spirit." (Called to Be the Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day)



So through the months of June and July, MCC will be continuing our Surfing the Edge conversation by taking a look at the Book of Acts and what the early church teaches us about being the Body of Christ here on earth, living in community with one another, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is near, and truly becoming disciples of Christ.

Cane Ridge Day - Saturday, June 23rd
1655 Cane Ridge Road
(Hwy 537), Paris, KY



Gathering begins at 9:30 a.m.

Guest speaker Ellen Eslinger, member of the history faculty at DePaul University in Chicago, has studied early Kentucky history extensively, including the Cane Ridge Revival of 1801.

The morning session, beginning at 10:00, is "Early Cane Ridge and Religious Traditions."

The afternoon session, at 1:00, is "The Mode and Manner of Indian Warfare According to James Smith and Other Captives."

You may bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the grounds between sessions while listening to the live music of The Backroom Bluegrass Band. Jane Johnson, organist at Crestwood, will play the 1880 Reed Organ at both services. A CD of her music will be for sale to benefit Cane Ridge.

Donations to the preservation of the historic Cane Ridge Meeting House are most appreciated.

The Cane Ridge Meeting House was built in 1791 by Scots-Irish Presbyterians. The birth of the "Christian" Church began with the signing of the "Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery" in 1804.

A Pastoral Word

In my line of work, it is easy to get caught up in "church life" and forget that there is a world outside of the church, the unfortunate hazards of the job. But as I continue to grow in my faith, I have come to discover that the local church family is more than just a job. It is exactly what helps give me life, which is a rare thing nowadays for many people to experience and understand, because so many in our community have given up on the church. The church is seen as judgmental. The church is seen as exclusive. The church is seen as not practicing what it preaches: LOVE! So when I came across this blog, it reminded me of the conversations that we have been having as part of our Surfing the Edge process. I would love to hear your thoughts on how this calls us as people of faith to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is in our midst.:

Ten Reasons Why You Should Be Going to Church:

10. Coming to church doesn't mean you have no doubts about God or faith or religion. It means you have a place you can share with people who have their own doubts.

9. Bad stuff is going to happen in your life. It just is. A church community cannot be everything to everyone in times of crisis, but when the bottom falls out of your world, it's great to have a community to lift you back up.

8. Bad stuff is going to happen in your life, part two. The time to build a relationship with God is not when life turns ugly, and you've run out of all other options. Attending worship regularly helps build a relationship with God and others that will give you a solid foundation when the winds blow and the storms come.

7. Not all churches are anti-something. Most of us are for people, for acceptance, for hospitality. Really, we're out there. We just don't get the good press.

6. Any church worth its salt has really good food on a regular basis.

5. Churches offer paint-by-number opportunities to serve. Many people would like to help the poor, the hungry and the homeless, but they don't know how to get involved, how to make the time to be involved, or what they can do to really make a difference. Churches offer you ways to plug in to help those who need it most.

4. You've got a gift. Probably two or 10 of them. Becoming involved in the ministry of a church will help you discover and use gifts you never even knew you had.

3. Not all churches are after your money. Good churches want you have a healthy relationship with money. Sure, churches need to pay the electric bill and the pastor and the youth director, but money and the church is more about you than it is about the church. It's about your own relationship with money. World events have proven that it's much better to put faith in God than in a bank account. Church can help you with that.

2. Taking a break from our hectic lives to come to church is accepting the gift of Sabbath. Wayne Mueller says "(Sabbath) dissolves the artificial urgency of our days, because it liberates us from the need to be finished." We don't take Sabbath and come to worship because we have time and have finished up everything that needs to be done. We take Sabbath because it is time to stop, and we are designed to stop, rest and reflect. Those who don't are destined to crash and burn.

1. Jesus is really cool. Even if you don't know if you can believe in the whole Son-of-God thing, even if you refer to the resurrection as the Zombie Jesus event, and even though those of us already in church often do a lousy job of following him, come to church to get to know Jesus. The more you get to know him, the more you'll understand why people call his way The Way.

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers Lunch Trip

Thursday, June 21st @ 11:30 a.m.

The Keenagers and friends will travel to Bistro La Belle Market + Cafe in Midway. They have recently just re-opened and feature Kentucky proud products.



Please RSVP to the office by Tuesday, June 19th.

See the front page for the **Congregational Meeting** and Potluck Breakfast plans...



Board Meeting

Sunday, June 3rd @ noon

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



Community News and Notes

Bluegrass Cycling Club at MCC

The bicycle group that leaves from the church on Wednesday nights has on average 60 or so riders. Not all of them come in to the church, but they all seem to be very appreciative of the opportunity, and of the water and other assistance that we have been able to give them.



Community Dinner

Monday, June 25th @ 6:30 p.m. @ MCC

Come cook, serve, and eat at the next free community dinner at MCC on Monday, June 25th. Cooking starts around 4:00, and eating starts around 6:30!



When: Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 24th

**Where: Equus Run Vineyards
1280 Moore's Mill Road**
(1.8 miles east on 421, turn left onto Moore's Mill Road, go 1.1 miles, on right)

What: Mixed Media Art, Paintings, Jewelry, Glass, Photography, Metal, Fiber, Wood, and Live Music!

For more information, visit www.franciscosfarm.org or call 846-4049.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Midway Presbyterian Church,
103 N. Turner Street**



To find out more, call 846-4751. Volunteers are welcome!

Midway Farmer's Market Opens June 4th

On Mondays from 3 to 6 p.m., the Midway Farmer's Market will be open with fresh, local produce for your table. The new location is in front of Darlin' Jean's, and the new Market Manager is Stacey Westfall. Stacey can be reached at 351-5612 or at staceywestfall@msn.com.



Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

- Saturday, June 2nd:** 8:00 a.m. meet at MCC to attend **Diabetes Walk**
- Sunday, June 3rd:** **Kids in the Kitchen**
3:30 p.m. Bread Class
- Wednesday, June 6th:** **Youth** meets at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 9th:** **Parents' Day Out**
1 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 13th:** **Youth** meets at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 16th:** **Trip to Natural Bridge**
- Sunday, June 17th:** **Father's Day!**
- Wednesday, June 20th:** **Youth** meets at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 23rd:** **Movie Night Fundraiser**
- Monday, June 25th:** **Community Dinner** 6:30
4 p.m. help prep/cook
- Wednesday, June 27th:** **Youth** meets at 6 p.m.



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

Please keep **GREG WATSON** in your prayers to have a SAFE, FUN, and MEANINGFUL camp experience the week of June 25th.



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!

Kitchen Notes

Very Important to KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN

When using the kitchen, it needs to be left **clean** upon leaving. If you don't know where something belongs, please leave it (clean) on the prep table in the center of the kitchen. Also, when planning a party or event, please check the supplies on hand before buying more. If you have questions, or if you've left a container at a previous event that you need to collect, please contact Bobbie Dare, Hospitality Chair.



**Please Leave
This Kitchen
Clean & Tidy**

READING GLASSES FOUND IN KITCHEN A pair of EdgeGlow .75 reading glasses (with a sort of rust-colored edge) was found in the kitchen and needs to be claimed by its owner! (see Joni)

Disciples Women News



Disciples Women Summer Break

There are no "official" Disciples Women meetings in June or July.
The next meeting will be in August - to be announced!
Have a great summer!



Anchal Project

Thursday, June 28th at 6:30pm
Midway Christian Church Fellowship Hall

"A girl is born in Kolkata, India. Her family is poor, so they decide to sell her into prostitution, in spite of her ranking at the top of her class and dreaming of becoming a doctor one day. At fourteen, she is now enslaved to a pimp. She spends her days serving clients who often beat her and infect her with sexually transmitted diseases. With decisions about contraceptives in the hands of her customers, she will soon become a mother."



So begins the story of The Anchal Project, a non-profit organization founded by two US students who wanted to make a difference in the lives of women and girls who dream of finding a way out. Come learn about this innovative program, and fall in love with the soft and beautiful quilts the women are now making out of recycled saris. Learn more today at www.anchalproject.org. Join us on June 28th to meet Colleen Clines, co-founder of the Anchal Project. You may decide to purchase a quilt and become part of the solution.

Thank You Note from SISHA

"My name is Alex and I am the country director of SISHA, an anti-human-trafficking NGO in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I recently received a generous donation from a Ms. Nancy Dare on behalf of the women in your church. Thank you for your kindness!"

- Alexandra Hammer,
Development Director



SISHA (SouthEastAsia Investigations into Social and Humanitarian Activities) is a registered Australian not-for-profit organization that strives to ensure justice and the protection of human rights for victims of human trafficking, bonded labor, physical and sexual assault, and other forms of exploitation and oppression in South East Asia.



September 14-16

Can you believe the Rummage Sale and Fall Festival are only three months away? It's not too soon to start setting aside those clean, gently-used items that you want to donate to Midway Christian Church's Rummage Sale. Proceeds will help fund all the good works of the MCC Disciples Women!

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of May 21st: Phil Burchell, Pat Wilson, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, and Pat Settlemire.

The next delivery will be the week of **June 18th**

Thank You from CCInKY

Greg Alexander sent us a nice letter in thanks of the \$400 mission payment we made to support Camp Wakon'Da-Ho and all the children and youth who benefit from the Camp ministries and services.

June Mission Payments

Disciples Mission Fund

The Disciples Mission Fund builds a foundation enabling Disciples to globally share the good news of Jesus Christ. This common fund allows the Disciples to pool their resources, accomplishing a greater ministry. One congregation could not achieve this alone. Disciples Mission Fund allows a process of whole church stewardship supporting God-given missions at home and world-wide. They live their theological understanding of Christ's prayer "that they all may be one." As a faithful growing church, Disciples demonstrate true sense of community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. (from Disciples Mission Fund website)

Luther Luckett Christian Church (DOC)

LLCC provides a spiritual home for those who are in prison, but also to offer them tools for living healthy, productive and faithful lives once released from prison. They offer worship services three Friday nights a month. On the first Friday of each month, the men gather for a congregational meeting where they sing, pray, share joys and concerns, meet with members of the outside board and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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 per box
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

Thank You from Transylvania University

"Thank You! Since our founding in 1780, Transylvania has been dedicated to providing students with the finest in higher education, both within and outside the classroom. We remain steadfastly committed to this ideal, offering learning and enrichment opportunities that give Transy students an advantage in today's competitive world. Your gift helps Transylvania University continue this tradition.

Thank You from Lexington Theological Seminary

"We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary... in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church."

Thank You from AA/AI-Anon Group

We have received another thank-you letter and a \$50 donation from the AA/AI-Anon group that meets at MCC on Friday nights, in appreciation for the use of our facility.

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Return Service Requested

