



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July 2012

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Joni Angus**

*Secretary*

**Melissa Askew**

*Music Director*

**My linda Dockery**

*Interim Accompanist*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*



## 60th Anniversary Celebration

**Friday, July 6th, 4:00 p.m. at Holly Hill Inn**

Buddy and Gertrude Johnson will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 6th of this year!!! Their Midway Christian Church family is invited to a get-together at Holly Hill Inn at 4:00 on Friday, July 6th. They are requesting NO GIFTS, just your company!

**Please RSVP** to Mary Beth Kiger at 873-6868 if you can make it.

## S3: Summer Service Series

**Monday, July 9th - Wednesday, July 11th**

Back by popular demand, we are having our Summer Series and once again, it is not just for kids! Adults and children are invited.



## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

This year, our series will be a little different. Each night there will be an opportunity for church members to participate in three different service projects in and for our local community: making casseroles for local shut-ins, creating a cutting garden at Midway Cemetery, and, depending on when we get the playground cleaned, helping reclaim the playground.

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There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. for those who would like to partake and the evening activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. The kids are invited to come at 4:00 p.m. to help prepare dinner. If you have any questions, please give Heather a call or send her an email.

**Buy Local - Buy Fresh**  
**Midway Farmers' Market**  
**Open Mondays 3-6 p.m.**  
**by Darlin Jean's**



The Office will be **CLOSED** for Independence Day

Joni will be **OUT OF THE OFFICE** on Friday, July 6th

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



## Budget Update

**Budgeted to date: \$154,071.84**

**Received to date: \$150,646.92**



## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### July 1

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Guest Preacher: Greg Alexander

#### July 8

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

No Sermon: Patriotic Hymn Sing

#### July 15

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Acts 8: 4-8, 14-40

Sermon: "The Holy Spirit and the Life of the Church"

#### July 22

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Acts 10: 1-36

Sermon: "The Gospel in a Multi-cultural World"

#### July 29

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Acts 15: 1-19

Sermon: "The Challenge of Change in the Church"



### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Phil Burchell & Anne Burford

**Deacons:** Dottie Pollard, Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Carole Munson, Jim Nance, Ouita Michel, Beth Thompson, & Sandy Gruzesky

**Junior Deacons:** Franklin Watson, Jordan Batts, Nate Hill

#### Worship Leaders:

**July 1** Willa Michel

**July 8** Ouita Michel

**July 15** Adele Dickerson

**July 22** Jordan Batts

**July 29** Tom Arehart



### Sunday School

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

**July 1** Alex Adkins & Jack Hill

**July 8** Luke Hill & Willa Michel

**July 15** Blake Adkins & Alex Woodruff

**July 22** Jack Hill & Willa Michel

**July 29** Alex Adkins & Luke Hill

## More Worship News

### 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 continuing through July, MCC's Surfing the Edge conversation will focus on 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 the Kingdom of God is near, and truly becoming disciples of Christ.

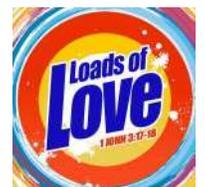
## Loads of Love Project

Linda Tilghman, Family Resource Officer for Northside and Simmons Elementary Schools, has brought to our attention that she is often the only one who does laundry for some of the underprivileged children in those schools.

Members of Midway Christian Church are invited to contribute to a "Loads of Love" project in which we collect money to purchase 25-pound tubs of detergent (at \$17 each) as well as fabric-softener dryer sheets. Linda also sends some detergent home with these kids, in zip-lock baggies, for families who can't afford it themselves. (We may be adding detergent to the list of items in the Christmas Food Boxes, with a collection for that in November).

### To recap how you can help:

- **Contribute money towards purchasing detergent (our goal is 12 of the 25-lb. buckets to go to Linda when school starts in August)**
- **Donate quart-sized zip-lock baggies**
- **Donate boxes of fabric-softener dryer sheets (20-sheet size)**
- **Donate coupons to help purchase discounted baggies and dryer sheets**



Please make your check out to MCC with "Loads of Love" in the memo line.

We will begin purchasing the detergent in August, but our hope is for this to become an annual mission outreach for the community. If you have any questions, please contact Wilda Caudle.

## Other Business

### Board Retreat

***Saturday, July 21st from 9:00 a.m. to noon @ MCC***

We are moving along in our Surfing the Edge Process, and our next step is a Board Retreat. This will be held on Saturday, July 21st from 9 a.m. until noon in our fellowship hall. All elders, deacons and committee team leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. This is a critical point in the Surfing the Edge process. It is time for the Guiding Team to hand over the leadership of this process to the Board. Greg Alexander, our Regional Minister, will be leading this retreat. At our retreat, we will be taking a look at the "gleanings" that the Guiding Team have come up with after combining the information from the congregational 360 and all the listening group conversations. The purpose of the retreat is to come up with 3 or 4 areas that the church feels like it needs to work on that may be preventing us from truly being the congregation that God calls us to be. If you have any questions about the retreat, please see one of the Guiding Team members: Sheri Adkins, Pat Wilson, Anne Burford, Jim Leer, Etta Manor, and Shirley Eckels.

### Playground Update:

On Tuesday, June 12th, Heather, Cindy Batts, Dan Roller and Adele Dickerson met with Tommie Wilson to discuss proceeding with his Eagle Project of re-doing our church playground. One of the main concerns is the clean-up of the bird feces.

Evergreen AES Environmental Services have been contracted to disinfect and pressure wash the items on our playground. After this happens, work on the playground can begin.



At the meeting, several ideas were thrown around about how we can reclaim that spot. For years, our church playground has been a space of fun and games not only for our church kids but for the larger community of Midway as well. Some of the ideas that were presented: create a spot for community games like corn hole or horse shoes, place benches under the trees, and purchase new baby swings. The hope is that work on our playground will be completed sometime this fall. Watch for more information on how we as Midway Christian Church can help Tommie with his Eagle Project!

### Pianist Search Update:



The search for a church pianist continues. We have been blessed to have Mylinda Dockery and Lisa Sherwood filling in for us while we search. For the month of July, Mylinda Dockery will be back with us filling in as our accompanist.

A plan has been developed to help us in our search. An ad was taken out in our local paper, requesting resumes and we also contacted the local colleges' music departments, (Georgetown, Transy, UK, Asbury, Kentucky State), passing along a job description with a request that they share it with their students. There is also a copy of the job description on our website as well. We will be taking resumes for the accompanist position until Sunday, July 15th. Our hope is to hold interviews the week of July 16th and if needed, the week of July 23rd. It is our hope and our plan to have our accompanist position filled by the first of August. If you have any questions, please contact Heather.



**See Inserts for the Trustees' Report on Endowment Fund Proposals, and the New Budget**



## Week of Compassion Supports Small Farmers and Sustainable Development the World Over

The Week of Compassion Advisory Committee met for their annual spring meeting from May 22-24. The Committee had the privilege of gathering in West Bridgewater, MA, at the site of our partner organization, Equal Exchange. For the past five years, Week of Compassion and Disciples Home Mission have together partnered with Equal Exchange to help support fair trade efforts with small stakeholder farmers around the world. For decades, one of WoC's priorities has been to "directly benefit small-scale farmers and the urban poor." Through our Disciples Coffee Project, Disciples purchasing coffee or other fairly traded products through Equal Exchange (such as tea, chocolate, almonds, etc.) have been able to support small farmers directly, have enjoyed delicious and robust coffee, and have supported Week of Compassion's Food Security Fund. With every pound of coffee Disciples of Christ purchase, 15 cents comes right back to WoC's Food Security Fund so that we can support more agricultural assistance projects. The Committee was able to meet with the Equal Exchange staff, tour the facilities (including the amazing coffee roasters!), and experience an authentic "cupping" (a coffee tasting) in the Quality Control Lab.



In addition to deepening their knowledge of fair trade and WoC's support of small farmers, the Committee also reviewed many proposals for sustainable development projects around the globe. The annual budget for Sustainable Development projects for the 2012 fiscal year is \$305,000. The Committee approved a total of \$157,000 in projects at their May meeting. We were pleased to approve the following development programs through Global Ministries, Church World Service, and IMA World Health:

Tanzania - Cervical Cancer Prevention & Control - \$10,000

Tanzania - Combating Burkitt's Lymphoma in Children - \$20,000

Kenya - Biamiti School Improvement Project - \$10,000

Republic of Georgia - Empowering Youth at the Tbilisi Youth House Foundation - \$18,000

Chaco Region, South America - Food Security for Indigenous Weenhayek Communities - \$18,000

Paraguay - Teko Joja Ha Pora Project (Community Development and Human Rights)- \$20,000

Israel/Palestine - Interfaith Program for Educators and Principals - \$5,000

Philippines - Organic Farming and Poultry Project - \$10,000

Afghanistan - Orthopedic Workshop and Physical Therapy Center - \$20,000

Sri Lanka - Strengthening Interfaith Relations - \$10,000

India - Emmanuel Boys Hostel - \$10,000

South Africa - Ons Plek Girls Shelter - \$6,000

Week of Compassion understands sustainable development as Church World Service defines it, which is to "promote durable institutions of civil society that empower communities to ultimately become self-reliant and free from dependence on external aid." In addition to the extensive responses WoC makes to relief and emergency situations as they arise, we are equally called to respond to requests for self-help and to promote the development of people victimized by economic, sociological, educational, or spiritual privation. We also aim to fund programs which get to the heart of the root causes of poverty, hunger and injustice.

***Thank you for sharing your resources and helping to change lives!***

### 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
Teas	\$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
Chocolate w/ Caramel	\$3 per bar
Dk Chocolate w/ Almonds	\$3 per bar



## **Update on Endowment Proposals: Trustees' Report**

The Trustees met June 13, 2012 to review the four (4) proposals received for use of the \$4000 allocated from the Endowment Fund. According to the Endowment policy, the amount of money designated must be for outreach-related improvements, equipment or mission programs not already included in the church annual budget.

The Trustees recommend the following grants for the \$4000 withdrawal from the Endowment Fund: (These recommendations were approved by the board and the congregation at the congregational meeting held Sunday, June 17th, 2012).

### **Playground \$2500**

We received two (2) proposals concerning the restoration of the playground including sanitizing the grounds and addition of new equipment or refurbishing existing equipment. Heather contacted several companies to get bids for sanitizing the playground before any work could begin; however, only one (1) company, Evergreen AES, had experience with removal of bird feces. The bid was \$1575 for the clean up with a written letter of certification to present to the Scout Troop before their work would begin.

We have begun discussions with Tommie Wilson, Scout Troop 40, who will develop plans for redesigning the playground for his Eagle Scout Project. The Trustees recommend \$925 seed money for materials and equipment for the Eagle Scout Project.

A second bid was requested from Evergreen AES to remove the weeds before the sanitization could begin. This remains under consideration.

### **Homework and Study Tutoring Program \$1500**

We received a proposal to establish a tutoring program for Northside Elementary students which would involve retired teachers, Midway College and Northside Elementary School faculty and students. We encourage further discussion with Northside and Midway College faculty and Midway Christian Church to explore options for developing this program in a manner that is sustainable beyond this fiscal year of Endowment funding.

The Trustees recommend allowing \$1500 to launch this outreach program.

### **Purchase of Church Van**

We received a proposal to purchase a church van for church outings and for transporting people of the community. Rather than using money from the Endowment Fund, the Trustees recommend that money donated to the restricted Transportation Fund be used to rent or lease appropriate transportation.

## Fellowship News and Notes

### Keenagers Lunch Trip

**Thursday, July 19th @ 11:30 a.m.**

The Keenagers and friends will travel to Chef Ouita's **Windy Corner** for lunch on Thursday, July 19th. Please RSVP to the office by Tuesday, July 17th, and meet at the church by 10:50 a.m. on the 19th if you wish to carpool.



### Board Meeting

**Sunday, July 1st**

**@ noon**

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

### BOARD RETREAT



**Saturday, July 21st**

**9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**MCC Fellowship Hall**

### Ice Cream Social - Dayton Harris Farewell

**Sunday, July 29th @ 3:30 p.m.**



Everyone is invited to an Ice Cream Social and Farewell to Dayton Harris in the MCC Fellowship Hall. Dayton will be here briefly between his mission trip to Senegal and his new graduate teaching assistantship in Cincinnati. Everyone is asked to bring a quart of homemade ice cream or dessert to share with the group.

We will be collecting a **Love Offering** to help wish Dayton a successful and fulfilling future, and to thank him for sharing his wonderful musical talents with us. You may make your check to MCC and write "Dayton" in the memo line.

### Elders/Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, July 31st @ 6:30 p.m.**



There is no Disciples Women's Meeting in July.

**See you in August!**

Please keep Susan Mooney and family in your thoughts and prayers at the passing of Susan's father, Larry Mooney, on June 11th.



## Community News and Notes

### Community Dinner

**Monday, July 30th**  
**@ 6:30 p.m. @ MCC**



Elizabeth Creed, Woodford County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will be the guest speaker for the July 30th Community Dinner. *Anyone* in the community is invited to enjoy this free meal with your neighbors. Helpers are needed at around 4:00 p.m., and dinner is at 6:30 with the speaker to follow.

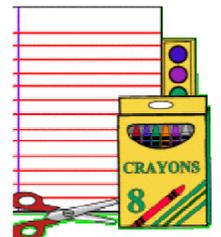
### Thank You from AA/Al-Anon Group

We have received another \$100 "thank-you" check, for the use of our facility, from the AA/Al-Anon group that meets at MCC on Friday nights.

### Woodford County School Supplies

At the June 17th Congregational Meeting, it was voted to collect donated school supplies for Woodford County Schools, rather than making a monetary donation to the Backpack Project, as we have done in the past. In addition to the usual school supplies, these are the items requested, that they tend to run out of:

- 3-Prong Pocket Folders
- Dry Erase Markers
- Big "Pink Pearl" Erasers
- Post It Notes
- 1-1/2" or 2" 3-Ring Binders
- 3 x 5" Index Cards



## Youth News and Notes

### Children/Youth Calendar:

<b>Wednesday, July 4th:</b>	No Youth Meeting HAPPY 4TH!
<b>Monday, July 9th thru Wednesday, July 11th:</b>	<b>Kids in the Kitchen</b> 4:00 p.m. prepare dinner for Summer Series
<b>Saturday, July 14th:</b>	<b>Youth</b> meets at 9 a.m. for fun at a Lexington- area Park
<b>Wednesday, July 18th:</b>	<b>Youth</b> meets at 6 p.m.
<b>Saturday, July 21st:</b>	<b>Parents' Night Out</b> 4 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sunday
<b>Wednesday, July 25th:</b>	<b>Youth</b> meets at 6 p.m.
<b>Friday, July 27th thru Sunday, July 29th</b>	<b>Youth Weekend Trip</b> (Indy, Cinci, Louisville)
<b>Monday, July 30th:</b>	<b>Community Dinner</b> 6:30 4:00 p.m. help prep/cook



### Voices Beyond Sunday (VBS) @ 1st Christian, Frankfort

**July 9 - 13, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Seeking God through Music!

For grades 1 - 8.

Bring a sack lunch Monday-Thursday.

Pizza will be served on Friday.

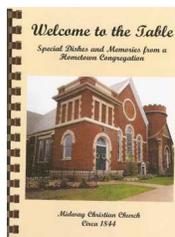
Call 502-223-2346 for more info or to sign up.

## Cookbooks

### Welcome to the Table

These cookbooks make great gifts (for yourself, or others)!

They are available in the church office for \$20 each.



### Dates for Camp Wakon-Da'Ho 2012

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Grade Completed</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Chi-Rho Camp 1	6th-8 <sup>th</sup>	July 2-7
Chi-Rho Camp 2	6th-8 <sup>th</sup>	July 9-14
Mini Camp	3 <sup>rd</sup>	July 20-22
Junior Camp 2	4th-5 <sup>th</sup>	July 23-28
C/COW	Ages 18-29	August 2-5
Yawl Family Camp Weekend		Aug 31-Sep 2

Please keep **Alex Woodruff** in your prayers to have a SAFE, FUN, and MEANINGFUL camp experience on July 20-22.



### Youth Weekend Trip

**Friday, July 27th, 10 a.m. to  
Sunday, July 29th, 5 p.m.**



The youth, K- 12th grades, are invited to a weekend of fun and entertainment. We will be visiting museums and spending one of the two nights in a hotel with a water park!

We are going to the **Louisville Science Center**, the **Indianapolis Children's Museum**, the **Cincinnati Children's Museum**, the **Cincinnati Fire Museum**, and either **Great Wolf Lodge** or **Caribbean Cove**.

Please contact Cindy Batts **by July 9th** if you intend on going. You can e-mail her at [neferwitch@aol.com](mailto:neferwitch@aol.com) or leave a message at 846-5644. Adult chaperones are needed as well (you'll have as much fun as the kids, we promise). As always, this is a free trip, so if you are able to help defray the cost of this, it will be greatly appreciated!



## Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of June 18th: Phil Burchell, Pat Wilson, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, and Pat Settlemire.

The next delivery will be the week of **July 16th**

### 5th Sunday Offering

**Sunday, July 29th**

We will collect a special offering to help Christian Care Communities on Sunday, July 29th (the 5th Sunday of the month)



## July Mission Payment

### Second Christian Church

Historic Midway Second Christian Church was established in 1852, and is believed to be the oldest black church in the nation. It was first located on what is now the campus of Midway College, and in 1906 moved across East Stephens Street to its present location on Smith Street. Second Christian was organized out of Midway Christian Church so that the slaves could have a place of their own to worship.

### Recycling Ink Cartridges

The company where we buy most office supplies for the church will give us \$2 in "Quill bucks" for every empty ink cartridge we send to them (up to \$20 per month). They provide a free box and free shipping! Please bring in your small used ink cartridges to the basket in the Narthex.



### Thank You from Luther Lockett

"It is with great gratitude that I write to thank you for your gift to Luther Lockett Christian Church (DoC). Your generosity keeps us going! As a unique expression of the Body of Christ within the prison walls, the church continues to thrive, receiving and welcoming visitors and grateful for continued love shared and shown by a gracious God."

Yours in Christ, Reverend Dean Bucalos



"We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give." - *Winston Churchill*

### Thank You from Midway's Living Link

"Church Family,

I can't express what a blessing you have made in my life. Your church has been there with me for the past two years and it has made all the difference in my life. Thank you for the wonderful cookbook and for the study Bible. The luncheon at Gray Goose was truly special and I felt so honored to be eating with you all that day. I hope to be able to come back some day soon, but I just wanted to say thanks for all that you do.

Love, Deborah"

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*Return Service Requested*

