



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

December 2012

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Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Join us for a **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
Monday, December 24th at 10:00 p.m.



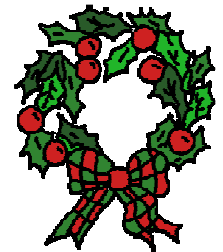

Poinsettia Orders Due December 9th

See the back cover for your Poinsettia Order Form.

Jazz Christmas Music Gathering and Potluck

Sunday, December 23rd @ 12:30

On Sunday, December 23rd, there will be an informal jazz Christmas music gathering and potluck lunch following the service. Dayton Harris has put together some jazz arrangements of some standard Christmas hymns and wanted to share them with Midway Christian Church! Everyone is invited to attend. Please **bring a dish to share** with everyone, as well as your Christmas spirit!



Midway Community Children's Choir

December Concerts:

Tuesday, December 4th, 7 p.m. - Midway College Vespers Service

Friday, December 7th, 6:30 p.m. - Midway Community Tree Lighting Service

Tuesday, December 11th, 7 p.m. - Northside Elementary Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 15th, 2:00 p.m. - Midway Library

Christmas Gift Ideas:

- Cookbooks
- Fair Trade Products
- Kroger Gift Cards
- Heifer Ark

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$66,625.45

Received to date: \$54,268.09

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

No Sermon

December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Luke 1: 5-25

Sermon: "Covenant: Zechariah and Elizabeth

December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-56

Sermon: "Grace: Mary"

December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Sunday

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-17

Sermon: "Empowerment: Shepherds"

December 30

First Sunday after Christmas

Lessons & Carols

No Sermon



Dedication of Jonathan D. McColl

Serving This Month

Elders: Etta Manor & John Batts

Deacons: Mary Sayre, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Jim & Teresa Hoppin, Bob Settlemire, Pat Wilson, Sheri Adkins, John Askew

Junior Deacons: James Batts, (Betsy Schein, Will Schein)

Worship Leaders:

December 2 TBA

December 9 TBA

December 16 Jack Hill

December 23 TBA

December 30 TBA



Sunday School - An Advent Study

The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

"Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in 24 Hours That Changed the World, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road."



Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, December 2nd

On Sunday, December 2nd, we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with our Hanging of the Greens during our morning worship service. This is our opportunity to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season and to hear the story of why we use the decorations we do.



Acolyte Schedule

December 2 Alex Woodruff & Willa Michel

December 9 Blake Adkins & Alex Adkins

December 16 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

December 23 Alex Woodruff & Willa Michel

December 30 Blake Adkins & Alex Adkins

Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

An Appalachian Advent

December 4 - 7 at Christmount



Come to Christmount for a special Advent experience. Worship together, sightsee (including the Biltmore Estate, Basilica of St. Lawrence, and the National Gingerbread Competition at the historic Grove Park Inn), shop, relax, share fellowship, and experience an approach to the Advent/Christmas story that is creative, informative, amusing and inspiring.

General Assembly 2013

July 13 through July 17, 2013

Orange County Convention Center,
Orlando, Florida

*Early rates apply
until April 1st*

www.disciples.org



Christmount Events (Black Mountain, NC)

December 4 - 7	Appalachian Advent (see below)
February 1 - 3	Winterfest 1 Ski Weekend
February 15 - 18	Winterfest 2 Ski Weekend
March 1 - 2	Elders & Deacons Workshop
May 26 - 31	Week of Wonder Adult Work Camp
May 31 - June 2	Discovery Weekend for Women
June 13 - 16	Music Workshop

For more info call 828-669-8977
or visit www.christmount.org



Seminary Saturdays @ Lexington Theological Seminary:

December 1 - The (in)Famous Apostle Paul
Dr. Jerry Sumney, LTS Professor

December 15 - Origin & Making of the Bible
Dr. Jerry Sumney

January 5 - The Psalms

Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, Crestwood Christian

See the church office bulletin board or call Joni

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 20th @ 11:30 a.m.

The Keenagers are invited to lunch at Gloria Batts' home, 120 Laurel Way, Versailles, for a special Christmas lunch! Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, December 17th so Gloria knows how many to prepare for.



Board Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 2

The next Board Meeting will be on Sunday, December 2nd after worship.

Disciples Women Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 8th, 12:00 at Holly Hill Inn

Please RSVP to Sharon Burchell at 846-4153 by Thursday, December 6th, if you can join the fun and fellowship at Holly Hill Inn. ALL Disciples Women are invited! (Dutch treat)



**You're invited to the
McColls' Open House
December 15th, 3-5 p.m.
109 S. Gratz Street**



Epiphany Feast 2013

Sunday, January 6th, 2013, @ 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Midway Christian Church's annual Epiphany Feast, which will be held on Sunday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Midway College Piper Dining Hall. A feast of medieval fare will be served, along with special entertainment, for \$30 per adult and \$15 per youth ages 11 to 18. Children 10 and under eat free.

Reservations must be made no later than Friday, December 28th, but don't wait that long—the spots fill up fast! You can call the office or buy tickets online through www.midwaychristian.org. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received by the church office. Due to the popularity of the event, we have had to adopt a **"no refund" policy**. We are asking that at the time our guests make their reservations, to please let us know of any special table requests such as other guests that they would like to be seated with for the dinner. We will try our best to accommodate all of these table requests.

How can Midway Christian Church members help out?

This feast is a way for us to showcase our Midway hospitality, so **we need everyone's support** by signing up for various jobs to help everything go smoothly that night.

Please be thinking about which of the following job(s) you can help with:

DECORATING CREW:

- Put linens on table
- Fold napkins
- Set table with napkins
- Set table with silverware
- Put candles on table
- Set table with glasses
- Put greenery on table
- Set table with programs

Decorating Crew needs to be at Midway College by 2:30 p.m.

SERVING CREW:

- Serve drinks
- Serve dessert
- Play host/hostess to the tables

KITCHEN CREW:

- Scrape Plates
- Wash Dishes

BREAK DOWN CREW:

- Vacuum
- Sweep
- Pack up decorations

Sign up in the Narthex, or call or e-mail the office to sign up to help!



Community News and Notes

The Homeplace at Midway QUILT SHOW

**Saturday, December 1st,
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
128 E. Main, Midway**



The \$10 admission fee includes a chance to win an OHIO ROSE QUILT.

For more info call 502-542-5279.

Cookbooks for Sale - \$20

Our supply of cookbooks is re-stocked! Keep this popular collection of recipes in mind for Christmas gifts!



Zumba Classes

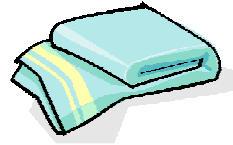
Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

\$5 per class

Enter at the Gratz Street door

Blankets Needed

Please bring clean, gently-used blankets to the box on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. These blankets will be taken to the Catholic Action Center to help warm the homeless and needy.



Christmas Shoeboxes for Northside

We will be collecting items for the Christmas Shoe Boxes for Northside Elementary School again this year, as well as "adopting" a family - more details to come!



Lifeline Screenings at Midway Christian

Mark your calendar for Friday, January 25th for this life-saving test - more details later!

Christmas Vespers at Midway College

Tuesday, December 4th at 7 p.m., Anne Hart Raymond Bldg.

Several choirs, including the Midway Community Children's Choir, will be performing at this special celebration of carols, hymns, and readings!
Free and open to the public.



Next Community Dinner

Free Community Dinner



**Monday, January 28th, 2013
at 6:30 p.m.**

Because the last Monday of December falls on New Year's Eve, and because this is such a busy time for us all, there will not be a Community Dinner in December. We will, however, be collecting Food Pantry items and distributing Christmas Family Baskets in December.

Thank You from Christian Care Communities

Christian Care Communities thanks you for your ongoing prayers and support, and wishes you:

The gift of faith

The blessing of hope

And the peace of God's love

At Christmas and always!



Thank You from the Fayette County Detention Center

Thank you for your contribution of toys, books, gloves, toothbrushes, and snacks for the stockings for children of inmates this Christmas. So many children will feel uplifted and loved by your kind thoughtfulness!

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Wednesday, December 5: Youth meets at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12: Youth meets at 6 p.m.
Making presents

Wednesday, December 19: Youth meets at 6 p.m.
Making presents



We collect Box Tops for Education
for Northside Elementary School.

Youth Ski Trip

Saturday, January 26th
Perfect North Ski Slopes



More details to come
Please let Heather know if you are interested!

Midway Community Children's Choir (MCCC)



Practice Fridays at 2:45
@ Northside Elementary

See Page 1 for their Concert Schedule!

Green Chalice News - the "Sabbath Effect"

Jonathan Ormes, retired NASA scientist, said. "In fact, we can tell from space where and when people are observing the Sabbath all around the world. We can see that levels of nitrous oxides - byproducts of fossil-fuel combustion, among other things - fluctuate during the week. They go down on Friday in Islamic countries; down on Saturday in Israel; and down on Sunday in the United States, Europe, and Japan. Those levels don't go down at all in China; the numbers stay pretty steady throughout the week. This lowering of nitrous oxide levels is called the Sabbath effect or the weekend effect." In other words, the less people drive and the less industry produces, the cleaner the air.

A Pastoral Word

Advent Theme: Angels We Have Heard on High



Angels? What do they have to do with Advent? They usually don't show up until Christmas Eve. So why are we talking about angels during Advent?

Well, angels are not just part of the Christmas story. They play important parts throughout the whole Biblical story which, as people of faith, is our story as well. From the promise of Abraham, to the prophet Isaiah, from the visit to Zechariah in the Temple, to the inspiration for Mary's song, angels have always proclaimed the good news. Their songs and words have, from the beginning of time, proclaimed God's gift of love and hope and have called God's people to move forward in faith, always trusting in God.

And now, this Advent, we will take a look at how the angels are essential to the story, to our story. We will let these messengers of God guide us as we journey to Bethlehem, where we will once again hear promises of peace and hope, knowing that God's glory is still being sent to earth even as we await the birth of the Christ child.

So come join us on our Advent journey and who knows, maybe an angel or two will show up along the way!

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of November 5th: Pat Wilson, Phil Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, and Pat Settlemire. The next deliveries are the weeks of **December 3rd & 31st**.

December Mission Payment



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.

Soup Fundraiser for MCC

Sunday, December 9th @ 12:30

Instead of eating out after the service on Sunday, December 9th, the Finance Committee invites you to enjoy some great food in the Fellowship Hall while making a tax-deductible donation to the church's General Fund. (As of November 20th, our general fund held a negative balance of -\$5,068).



Please let Mary Sayre know if you would like to help with the meal or have any questions.

Special Offering

2012 Christmas Offering
100 % of the Christmas Offering
goes to support the ministries
of the
Christian Church In Kentucky

Collected on December 9th & 16th

Heifer Ark Project



Last year, Midway Christian raised enough money to purchase an "ark" of livestock to send to poor villages worldwide. This ark helps families start on a journey to fulfill a seemingly impossible dream - to secure food and a source of dependable income.

Each family who receives livestock will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families who are in need in their community. Every gift will multiply for years to come. One ark provides 15 pairs of animals to change lives. What a wonderful way to bring joy to the world!

Consider giving to Heifer Ark in someone's name as a gift alternative. Special Heifer cards are available in the MCC office. Simply make your check payable to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line.

Good News of
Great Joy!



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Return Service Requested



Poinsettia Order Form

NAME: _____

I wish to purchase _____ **Poinsettia(s) @ \$10 each, for a total of \$** _____

In HONOR of: _____

In MEMORY of: _____

Order deadline: Sunday, December 9, 2011