



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

December 2012

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Joni Angus**

*Secretary*

**Melissa Askew**

*Music Director*

**Holly Coffey**

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*Custodian*

## 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.*



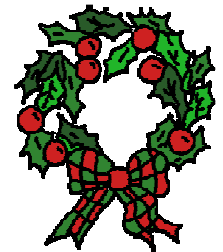

**Poinsettia Orders Due December 9th**

See the back cover for your Poinsettia Order Form.

## Jazz Christmas Music Gathering and Potluck

**Sunday, December 23rd @ 12:30**

On Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://www.disciples.org)



### Christmount Events (Black Mountain, NC)

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

For more info call 828-669-8977  
or visit [www.christmount.org](http://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](http://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

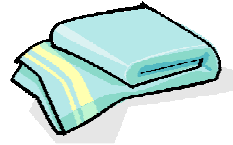
**Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.**

**\$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 Settlemyre. 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*

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**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**