



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April 2013

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10:55 AM: Worship

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Midway Homeplace Groundbreaking

Tuesday, April 9, 2 p.m.
at 671 East Stephens Street



Christian Care Communities and the Midway Nursing Home Task Force cordially invite you to the groundbreaking for The Homeplace At Midway - Kentucky's first Green House senior living community. Shuttle service is available from the Midway College Parking lot across the street, and a reception with refreshments will follow (**please RSVP for the reception - 800-662-1738**).

NOTE: ↓

Spring Cleaning Time!

Saturday, April 6th will be a SPRING CLEANING DAY at MCC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wear your grungy clothes and a smile!



Thank you,
Bobbie Dare

Because the Easter Special Offering fell on March 31st, the **5th Sunday Offering** (for Christian Care Communities) has been moved to **April 7th** (just in time for the groundbreaking celebration!)

In Christian Sympathy

*Adelaine Osborne
McDaniel*

8/2/22 - 3/10/13



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.



**Joni will be ON VACATION Friday,
April 12 & Monday, April 15.**
Volunteers are needed in the office!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$119,925.81
Received to date: \$110,058.16

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Sermon: "Wounded Hands"

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 21: 1-19

Sermon: "Breakfast by the Sea Shore"

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Earth Sunday Celebration

Scripture: Job 12: 7-10

Sermon: "Caring for God's Creation"

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

No Sermon - Musical Sunday

Special Guests: The Midway

Community Children's Choir!



Serving This Month

Elders: Anne Burford & John Batts

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

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

Worship Leaders:

April 7 Phil Burchell

April 14 Dan Roller

April 21 James Batts

April 28 Blake Adkins

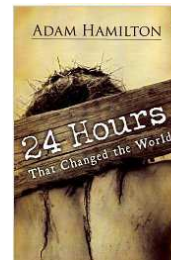


Sunday School

The 24 Hours That Changed the World

By Adam Hamilton

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, author and pastor Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life.



Cane Ridge Meeting House Opening Day

Monday, April 1st @ 10 a.m.

1655 Cane Ridge Road, Paris, KY



You are invited to visit the birthplace of the Disciples of Christ - the historic Cane Ridge Meeting House (1791) for its Opening Day Worship Service, with light refreshments to follow in the museum. The original log structure is encased inside a beautiful stone building.



Acolyte Schedule

April 7 Hannah Campbell & Alex Adkins

April 14 Joe Campbell & Blake Adkins

April 21 Willa Michel & Bailey Spicer

April 28 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

A Pastoral Word

There is a saying that says things slow down after Easter but I don't think that is holding true for us this year! We have some exciting worship opportunities coming up in April and May! Our first special service will be on Sunday, April 21st. We will be celebrating Earth Day and reminding ourselves that when God gave us dominion over the earth, God didn't say we could do whatever we wanted to God's creation. God called us to take care of creation and respect the delicate balance of the web of life. We will retell the story of God's creation and rediscover our place as caretakers of this beautiful place we call Earth.

Another special service that we will be having in the month of April is on Sunday, April 28th. We will have a service of music with our special guests, the Midway Community Children's Choir! We decided to have this special worship service so that the congregation of Midway Christian could experience the amazing blessings that can happen when we open ourselves to the many ways that God's Spirit moves among us. It is amazing to think that just a year ago, this choir was a dream, was just a wish on a piece of paper. And now--there are 20 kids singing in this community choir! And there are adults just waiting for the adult community choir to begin!

Looking back, it seems like such an obvious connection. Music has always been an essential part of our life together as Midway Christian Church. It is in our very DNA! We as people of faith understand how music can lift us up to the highest heights of praise and how it can also wrap us in the sweet arms of comfort and peace. Music adds so much to our worship each Sunday. And because of all this, we as a church know that it was a God given vision that inspired us as a church to reach out in a new and life-affirming way, to reach out through music. It is amazing to see the vision come to life, thanks to all of this church's prayers, hard work and dedication. Together, we took a leap of faith and now-we can't keep from singing the good news!

Are You Interested in Baptism?

If so, please let Heather know. She is working on setting up a time for Pastor's Class.

Disciples of Christ practice believer's baptism and offer it for all those who feel that they are ready to make that covenant of faith.

Thank You from the Burnie Wall Family

Dear Midway Christian Church Family,

I want to thank each of you for the kindness that you showed my grandfather over the years. From being there to support him in his times of loss, in times of celebration, bringing him food and giving him rides to church. And for visiting him, praying and offering hope to him daily. He always knew he had the care and support of his church family.

Also, we want to say thank you for the nice lunch. It was a wonderful gesture and a nice way to celebrate Granddaddy with friends and family.

We know Granddaddy's spirit is there and always will be. I'm very thankful he was able to see and celebrate the new building additions each time you use one of these. I hope that you will be inspired to continue God's work just as he would have.

Sincerely - Ashley Wall DeFavero, on behalf of the Burnie Wall Family

Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

Disciples Women's Ministries Spring Conferences

Hospitality...



It's not a spectator sport

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.



Clarion Hotel, Lexington
 Shayrn Dowd, preaching
 Worship Music and Special Performance by
 Disciples Recording Artist, Andra Moran



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



Sinking Fork Christian Church, Hopkinsville
 Kathy Jeffries, preaching

For information contact: Rev. Linda Jones, Christian Church In Kentucky
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General Assembly 2013

July 13 through July 17, 2013

Orange County Convention Center,
 Orlando, Florida

Visit: www.disciples.org



Christmount Events (Black Mountain, NC)

May 26 - 31 Week of Wonder Adult Work Camp

May 31 - 6/2 Discovery Weekend for Women

June 13 - 16 Music Workshop

For more info call
 828-669-8977

or visit

www.christmount.org



Fellowship News and Notes

Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, April 21st, 12:30 p.m.

The Disciples Women will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21st in Fellowship Hall. Our program will be presented by Tonya Cox with the "Best Friends" and Christian Care programs.

Please bring a salad, sandwiches, or dessert to share.



On April 22nd, Disciples Women will sponsor a Pizza Party for the Girls on the Run from Northside Elementary School. Members

are asked to bring a veggie tray or desserts to the Fellowship Hall.



Budget Talks *Sunday, April 7th, 12 p.m.*



There will be NO BOARD MEETING on Sunday, April 7th. Instead, there will be a congregation-wide conversation with the Finance Committee including "brainstorming" for the budget, MAT team requests for funding, etc.

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, April 25th @ 11:30 a.m.



The Keenagers will meet at 11:30 at Holly Hill Inn in Midway to have lunch with the new President of Midway College, Dr. John P. Marsden. The date has been moved from our usual 3rd Thursday to the 25th so that Dr. Marsden could join us.

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 22nd if you wish to go.

Community News and Notes

Free Community Dinner

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Monday, April 29th, 6:30 p.m., MCC Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to the free Community Dinner held at Midway Christian Church's Fellowship Hall on the last Monday of the month. Helpers are needed before (around 4 p.m.), to help cook and set up, and helpers are needed after, for clean-up and dish washing. *** See the menu below***

This dinner will also be a surprise "early graduation" party for Ksenija (international student at Midway College). She has to fly home early for her mother's surgery.

April Dinner Menu:

Meatloaf
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Bean Casserole
Fruit Cocktail Salad
Weisenberger Mill Spoon Bread
St. Patty's Sheet Cake



The **Clothes Closet** in the basement opens at 7:30 on the night of the Community Dinner, after the Boy Scout meeting is finished.

Most items are 25 cents each.



Troop 40 Plant Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28

Scout Troop 40 will have their annual plant sale at MCC from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th. If anything is left, it will be offered for sale at the Community Dinner on Monday, April 29th.



(Cash or checks only, please)



Zumba Classes- Saturdays @ 3 pm

\$5 per class (Enter at Gratz Street door)

Midway Community Children's Choir Update

The Midway Children's Choir has been very busy preparing for several performances this spring! Even with a few snow days causing us to miss practice, the children are working hard and are excited about the music they are learning.

They will be singing several upbeat selections, including "Be Our Guest" from *Beauty and the Beast* and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," as well as several reflective pieces including "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and a song remembering the children of the Nazi Concentration Camps called "When I am Silent." Please make an attempt to come to one or more of their upcoming performances to support their hard work and to hear how great they sound!



Thursday, April 11th, 7:00 p.m. - Midway Women's Club

Sunday, April 28th, 10:55 a.m. - Midway Christian Church (service of music)

Tuesday, April 30th, 7:00 p.m. - Midway College Pops Concert

Thursday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m. - Midway Children's Choir Spring Concert (Northside Elementary)



Painting by Charlotte Morgan

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

4/3/13	6:00 p.m.	Charades
4/10/13	6:00 p.m.	Thank-You Letters
4/17/13	6:00 p.m.	Knowledge Quest
4/21/13	3:00 p.m.	Kids in the Kitchen
4/24/13	6:00 p.m.	Outside Fun
5/1/13	6:00 p.m.	May Day Celebration



Camp Wakon'Da-Ho 2013 Camp Dates

June 2-8	Eighters Camp (8th graders only)
June 10-14	Junior Camp 1(4th & 5th graders)
June 15-16	Camp 101A (1st & 2nd graders with a parent)
June 17-22	CYF Camp 1 (9th-12th graders)
June 24-29	CYF Camp 2 (9th-12th graders)
July 1-6	Chi-Rho Camp 1(6th-8th graders)
July 8-12	Junior Camp 2(4th & 5th graders)
July 12-14	Mini Camp (3rd graders)
July 14-19	WAMO Week (Mission experience for 6th-12th graders)
July 20-21	Camp 101B (1st & 2nd graders with a parent)
July 22-27	Chi-Rho Camp 2(6th-8th graders)
8/30-9/1	Y'ALL Family Camp (whole family)

Registration forms are available at www.ccinky.net

Chi Rho Learning and Serving Trip: "Bethany Caravan"

June 10-14 - Bethany College, Bethany, WV

"An interactive week of mission, and experiencing the history of the Stone-Campbell movement."



Work: on the grounds of historic Bethany, and the grounds of the Campbell Mansion.

Play: at the Bethany College Athletic Center (yes, there's a pool!), and in the Bethany community.

Stay: at the Bethany Memorial Christian Church

Bring a sack lunch on Monday. Everything else is covered by the \$125 registration fee (there are scholarships available if needed). You are encouraged to sign up a friend, as well.

Registration is due by April 28th. See Mike McColl for questions or to register.

Lumber Jack & Jane Weekend

April 26-28 @ Camp Wakon'Da Ho

All Chi Rho and CYF Youth can come for a weekend of working, playing games, and worshipping with other youth from all over Kentucky. Cost is \$20 per person, and friends are invited to attend. Registration is due by April 11th. See Heather or for details.



Green Chalice News

The Alverna Covenant

As part of the recognition and celebration of Earth Day, Midway Christian Church will be re-affirming our commitment as a Green Chalice Congregation. This designation was given to our congregation on January 31, 2012, after we met several criteria for green practices and pledged to continue supporting the health of God's Creation.

The Alverna Covenant is a foundation of Green Chalice which was first introduced to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the 1981 General Assembly. The Covenant was written by members of the Task Force on Christian Lifestyle and Ecology of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) while meeting at the Alverna Retreat Center, a Franciscan retreat in Indianapolis, IN. Alverna is named for Mt. Alverna in Italy, the mountain retreat given to Francis of Assisi who is honored for his concern for the care of and relatedness to all Creation.

The Alverna Covenant

Whereas:

God has created the world with finite resources;

God has given to us the stewardship of the earth;

God has established order through many natural cycles;

And it is evident that:

We are consuming resources at a rate that cannot be maintained;

We are interrupting many natural cycles;

We are irresponsibly modifying the environment through consumption and pollution;

We are populating the earth at a rate that cannot be maintained;

As a member of the human family and a follower of Jesus Christ, I hereby covenant that:

I will change my lifestyle to reduce my contribution to pollution;

I will support recycling efforts

I will search for sustainable lifestyles;

I will work for public policies which lead to a just and sustainable society;

I will share these concerns with others and urge them to make this covenant.



Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach.

- Clarissa Pinkola Estes

Green Chalice News, Continued...

Food and Faith: A One-Day Retreat

Saturday, April 13; 8:30a-2:30p - First Christian Church in Frankfort

We will look in depth at the connections of our daily bread to our faith life and spiritual beliefs. It's a privilege and gift to be able to stop, consider and reflect on the food we eat. Food is so integral to our well-being that it is something we take for granted. And yet, it is so integral to our well-being, that it is sacred. In this mini-retreat, we will take the time to consider our relationship with God as it relates to food. What we eat is part of God's creation and how we eat affects all of God's creation: ourselves, each other, animals, plants and the environment.

- Kim Cowherd, *Green Chalice*

Fair Trade Products - Available in Fellowship Hall:



Breakfast Blend Coffee	\$7 per bag	Mint Chocolate Bar	\$3 per bar
Organic Decaf	\$8 per bag	Ecuador Dark Chocolate	\$3 per bar
French Roast	\$7 per bag	Panama Extra Dark	\$3 per bar
Teas	\$5 per box	Chocolate w/ Caramel	\$3 per bar
Organic Baking Cocoa	\$8 per box	Dk Chocolate w/ Almonds	\$3 per bar
Extra Virgin Olive Oil	\$16/bottle	Orange Dark Chocolate	\$3 per bar
Roasted Almonds	\$5 per bag	Easter Eggs Gift Box	\$7 per box



Mission 4/1 Earth



On Easter Monday, April 1, 2013, and continuing through the great 50 days of Eastertide, the United Church of Christ invites the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) along with colleges, seminaries, outdoor ministries, and health and human service agencies to join in a shared mission campaign to:

- Collectively offer more than ONE MILLION HOURS of engaged earth care, including clean up, advocacy, education, and behavioral changes that will care for God's creation.
- Collectively plant more than 100,000 TREES locally and globally.
- Collectively write and send more than 100,000 ADVOCACY LETTERS on environmental concerns to elected officials and local and national newspapers.

Mission 4/1 Earth links four significant events - Easter (March 31), Earth Day (April 22), Arbor Day (April 26) and Pentecost (May 19) - for a sustained, aggressive and collective mission season.

Christians are encouraged to engage in creative local mission projects, service opportunities, educational programs, worship services, and media events.

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of March 25th: Phil Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, Pat Wilson, and Pat Settlemire. The next delivery is the week of **April 22nd**.

April Mission Payments

Woodford County Senior Citizens

This mission is to keep senior citizens in their homes and living independently. The agency provides in-house lunches, activities, outings and socialization. They also provide home-delivered meals to individuals that are home-bound. Another service they provide is home care, including light housekeeping and personal care. Transportation is provided to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, beauty shops, etc. This service is available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



Northside Backpack Project

This mission provides backpacks of food for needy children to take home for the weekend.

Close to Our Heifer Ark Goal!

Thanks to Kaylee Askew's recent birthday, we are now **\$603** away from meeting our goal of \$5,000 needed to purchase an "Ark" from Heifer International. A donation to the Ark in your loved one's name makes a meaningful gift for a special occasion (Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.)



Thank You for Collecting:



Food Pantry Donations Needed



Used Ink Cartridges

From the Trustees: Use of Endowment Fund - Proposal Deadline

Midway Christian is very fortunate to have an Endowment Fund which was established in August of 2007 through the generous gift from Dorothy Gordon. As stated in the Endowment Fund Policy, the primary purpose of the Fund is "to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ, serving human needs in our community and around the world." In keeping with this purpose, the policy allows an annual withdrawal for outreach-related improvements, equipment or programs. The trustees will be meeting the first of April to explore options of making such funds available again this year for such projects. If the trustees decide that funds are available, they are asking that written requests from the congregation (for outreach projects which are not already included in the church annual budget) be submitted by April 30, 2013. The requests will be reviewed by the Trustees who will make recommendations to the Midway Christian Church Board, which will have the final approval of the projects funded.

Thank You for Kayla's Bunk Beds!

Joni Angus (Kayla's mentor) and Carlola Foster (the Wilmore Elementary Family Resource Director) want to thank the Disciples Women of MCC and Ashley Wall DelFavero for their generous contributions for the acquisition of bunk beds for a little girl in Wilmore, KY and her sister, who badly needed them! Ms. Foster says, "What a wonderful blessing! I could in NO WAY meet all the needs in this school without the outside support of friends like you!"

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Return Service Requested

