



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May 2013

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Sunday Worship

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10:55 AM: Worship

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Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12th

All ladies of the church are "mothers" and will receive a small token of appreciation during Sunday's service.



Mother's Day Gift Ideas:

- Chocolate-Covered Strawberries (see page 6)
- Welcome to the Table Cookbooks (\$20 in church office)
- Donations to Heifer Ark



Memorial Day

Monday, May 27th

Join the community on Monday, May 27th as we say "thank you" to our Veterans for their service at the annual Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m. at the Midway Cemetery.

Troop 40 will serve in this ceremony, and the Midway Children's Choir will perform.



Welcome, New Member!

Everyone please welcome our newest member,
JAN BLACKWOOD.

Jan is a new resident of Midway, residing at 346 Northridge.

We are so happy to have Jan join our church family!



The Office will be
CLOSED
on Memorial Day.



Updating Our Pictorial Directory

We are working on compiling information - and pictures (thank you, Beth Thompson!) - for an updated MCC Directory. Please make an effort to get your picture taken (more details on this coming soon) and send any changes in your contact information to the church office.



- Thank you!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$133,250.90

Received to date: \$124,005.40

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher: Julie Richardson Brown

Scripture: John 5: 1-9

Sermon: "Healing"

May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Scripture: John 17: 20-26

Sermon: "Praying on Behalf"

May 19

Pentecost

Worship at Second Christian Church

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon: "The Coming of the Holy Spirit"

May 26

First Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 5: 1-5

Title: "God's Love Poured Out"



Serving This Month

Elders: Phil Burchell & Jan Nance

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

Junior Deacons: Franklin Watson, Jordan Batts, Nate Hill

Worship Leaders:

May 5 Gloria Batts

May 12 Bobbie Dare

May 19 John Askew

May 26 Jan Nance



Sunday School

For the months of May and June, Heather will be teaching a course on "The Lost Gospels of the Bible." We will be taking a look at how the early church decided what books should be in the bible and which ones they should leave out of it, such as the Gospel of Thomas and the Gospel of Judas. We will also be taking a look at the "books between the Testaments," - the Apocrypha. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship with the sharing of Joys and Concerns. Come join us!

Earth Sunday Celebration

was on April 21st

"Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?"

- Job 12: 9



Acolyte Schedule

May 5 Hannah Campbell & Alex Adkins

May 12 Joe Campbell & Blake Adkins

May 19 Willa Michel & Bailey Spicer

May 26 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

More Worship News

Consecration Sunday: *May 12th*

As we continue to live out our vision of becoming a more Christ Centered, welcoming community of faith, we realize that part of achieving this vision is becoming better stewards of the generous and plentiful gifts and resources that God blesses us with as people of faith. The Finance Committee is asking that you place your estimated giving cards in the offering plate on Consecration Day, May 12, as a sign of your commitment and your response to God's grace that has been shown to you as a child of God.



Pentecost: *May 19th*

On Sunday, May 19th, Midway Christian Church will worship at **Second Christian Church** for our annual Pentecost celebration. Each year we worship together on Pentecost to celebrate our beginnings as brothers and sisters in faith. Heather McColl will be preaching, and we will have a potluck lunch following the service. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Mission Action Teams (M.A.T.)

Leadership Team : The Leadership Team has been working on updating and revising the Midway Christian Church Constitution and By-laws, and will be presenting the new document to the Board at its next meeting.



Community Outreach Team: This Team is working on creating "welcome" bags for new residents of Midway. The bags will include helpful tips to make the move easier, such as contact info for utilities, schools, churches, etc., brochures from the library, and "freebies" like pens from the bank. A full list will be forthcoming upon completion. The next meeting of this Team is Thursday, May 16th, @ 5:30 p.m.

Communication Team: The first and most urgent project is to update the Church Directory. We are asking everyone to review the previous directory and make corrections and changes as needed. We would like this completed and printed out as soon as possible. This will enable our church family and friends to better communicate - and keep everyone informed and involved. In our future meetings, we plan to research ideas for community projects where we can be involved with and communicate better with those outside our church buildings. Our regular meetings will be held after church on the second Sunday of each month; however, due to Mother's Day, our May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

Imani "Women of Character" Conference

May 17-18

Imani Baptist Church
1555 Georgetown Road
Lexington



You are invited to attend this Annual Women's Conference. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17, with the keynote speaker beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 18th, the program begins at 10:00 a.m. following a 9:00 a.m. complimentary breakfast. The \$50 registration fee includes conference materials, workshops, keynote speakers, drama, dance, special music, reception, continental breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt (pre-register by May 5th to receive the t-shirt).

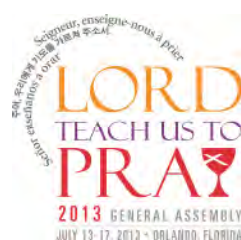
"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." - Proverbs 31: 26

General Assembly 2013

July 13 through July 17, 2013

Orange County Convention
Center,
Orlando, Florida

Visit: www.disciples.org



Christmout 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.christmout.org



Fellowship News and Notes

Pentecost Luncheon at Second Christian

Sunday, May 19th - following worship

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share at Second Christian Church, following the joint worship service.



Board Meeting

Sunday, May 5th
@ 12:30 p.m.

All elders, deacons and committee team leaders are encouraged to attend!



Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, May 19th, 5:00 p.m.

Because of the Pentecost Luncheon at Second Christian Church, the Disciples Women will meet at **5:00 p.m.** on Sunday, May 19th **at the home of Nancy Dare**, 113 North Winter Court in Midway.

Watch the Messenger (in the Sunday bulletin or your e-mails) for additional information to follow before May 19th.

Elders Meeting

Tuesday, May 28th @ 6:30 p.m.



Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, May 23rd @ 11:30 a.m.

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Keenagers will travel to Stanford, KY to eat at The Bluebird Café. We will leave the church around 10 a.m., if you wish to carpool.

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, May 20th.



Community News and Notes

Free Community Dinner

Monday, May 27th, 6:30 p.m., MCC Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to the free Community Dinner held in 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.

Free Community Dinner



Horsey Hundred

Saturday, May 25th



The Midway rest stop will be at the United Methodist church on West Bruen Street this year. Dan Roller is the Midway Rest Stop Captain, and he will need volunteers from the church and the Midway community. Volunteers are needed in Midway on Saturday only, but can volunteer at Georgetown College on Friday night or afternoon to help spread the word about what to expect in Midway or on the ride in the Midway area.

Contact Dan Roller for more information or to volunteer.

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.



Woodford County Fair

"An Award-Winning County Fair"

Mark your calendars:

Saturday June 15

through

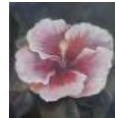
Saturday June 22



Zumba Classes- Saturdays @ 3 pm

\$5 per class (Enter at Gratz Street door)
(Sorry, no class on 5/18 or 5/25)

Midway Community Children's Choir



Painting by
Charlotte Mor-

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:

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

Tuesday, May 21st, TBA - In-School Concert @ Northside

Monday, May 27th, 10 a.m. - Memorial Day Service @ the
Midway Cemetery



Red Cross Shelter Classes



Disaster Services Overview

Thursday, May 9th, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
@ Woodford Co. Health Department

Shelter Operations

Thursday, May 16th, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
@ Woodford Co. Health Department

Mock Shelter:

Saturday, May 18th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
@ Midway Christian Church

To sign up, call Lauren @ 502-223-1795

A Pastoral Word

A resolution is coming forward to the General Assembly in July that will define our denomination. The resolution is that "The General Assembly calls upon the Church to recognize itself as striving to become a people of grace and welcome to all God's children though differing in sexual orientation or gender identity, affirming that neither are grounds for exclusion from fellowship or service within the church, and calling upon all expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as a people of grace and welcome, to acknowledge their support for the welcome of and hospitality to all."

In response to the release of the business docket for the General Assembly, I have asked our elders to once again claim their role as the spiritual leaders of our church and be prayerfully proactive in our response to this resolution by spending time in prayer, in study, and in conversation with each other and with the congregation.

This is not just a conversation that is happening within our church. This is not just a conversation that is happening within our denomination. This conversation is happening across our nation at kitchen tables and communion tables. It is happening in our Supreme Court. It is happening in organizations like the Boy Scouts of America. This conversation is happening and we can no longer pretend that it doesn't concern us. Depending on what the Supreme Court decides, and depending what the Boy Scouts of America decide, we as a congregation will be asked to enter into the conversation as we continue to live out our mission of WELCOME in our community and my hope is that our elders will provide us with some guidance in that conversation.

Another reason I asked the elders to create an atmosphere of conversation surrounding this resolution is that I know a vote within our denomination is coming, a vote that has the potential to divide us as the Body of Christ. As a Disciple, the very thought of this makes my heart hurt. We are people of the table first and foremost. We say that it is not our table, but that it is God's table where all are welcome. And whether we agree with each other or not is not essential for us to break bread with one another. We know and we celebrate that it was God who first welcomed us. It was God who first loved us. We know and celebrate that it was God who first showed us grace. For me as a Disciple, it has never been important for me that people agree with me on everything in the church. What has been important, what has been life giving and life shaping for me as a follower of Jesus Christ is that I know we can all come to the table as brothers and sisters and love one another because God first claimed us as God's very own. And because of this, my deeply felt belief is that after the vote in July, it will be too late for an atmosphere of conversation. My fear is that people will just walk away from each other because we disagree. My fear is that we will bring more division to a hurting world when what we are really called to do is bring healing and wholeness for all of God's children. My fear is that after the vote, we as a church, may be forced into a reactive state with lots of questions and not a lot of answers, and be just as broken as the world to which we are called by the good news.

I know that this process of prayer, study, and conversation will not be an easy one nor will it be a short one but I also know deep in my heart that it is an important one for us as Midway Christian to enter into as followers of Jesus Christ. So as our elders begin this process, I ask of all of you to please keep Midway Christian, to please keep the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to please keep the Body of Christ in your prayers as we seek to hear God's voice. May we always be people of the Table first and foremost, and may we always break bread with one another as brothers and sisters in faith, whether we agree with each other or not.

Green Chalice News

Support Your Local Farmer's Markets

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8

Monday, May 6 is opening day of Midway's Farmer's Market, located in downtown Midway. The market will be in Midway each Monday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m. until the late fall. If you miss Midway's Monday market, the Versailles Farmer's Market will be open each Wednesday 3 to 6 p.m. in the Versailles Presbyterian parking lot and each Saturday 9-noon around the courthouse. In Georgetown, the Wednesday market is behind Whitaker Bank 2:30 to 6 p.m. and on Friday's at the courthouse square 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Among the benefits of supporting local Farmer's Markets are: freshness of produce picked the day you buy it; increased nutritional value due to its freshness; knowing the farmer or producer who raised the food you are buying; providing income to that farmer or local producer; low transportation cost and therefore lower fuel costs and pollution. As you shop at the market, you also meet your friends and neighbors and participate in the community.

Spring in the Rain Gardens

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout...." Isaiah 55:10

We encourage you to enjoy the beauty of nature by watching the different flowers which are appearing in the two rain gardens on our church grounds. The oldest garden is on the northeast corner of the church and hosts many native and wild plants. Blooming now are Virginia bluebells, wild ginger, columbine, larkspur, crested iris and wild violets. The newest rain garden is on the west side of the church and has a variety of flowers donated from members' own gardens.

Members of the Green Chalice recently relocated a couple of dogwood trees which grew voluntarily in the rain garden. We hope they like their new locations and provide many years of beauty, oxygen, shade and habitat for birds.

UK's First Friday Series: "No Food Goes to Waste"

Friday, May 3rd, 7:30 Breakfast, 8:15 Presentation - No RSVP required

Gorham Hall in E.S. Good Barn on the UK campus

(Free parking available by main door for those w/o a UK parking permit)

What does it take to keep a community well fed? This month is a discussion with Faith Feeds board president Erica Horn and Seedleaf Executive Director Ryan Koch. (This program was rescheduled from the February breakfast that had to be cancelled due to a winter storm).

The Art of Sustainable Living

Tuesday, May 28th @ 6:30 p.m. - Paul Sawyer Library in Frankfort

Lexington artist Sarah Heller will be giving a talk on Tuesday evening, May 28, about sustainable living and re-use of materials, both in art and in everyday life. It will be held in the Paul Sawyer Public Library Community Room at 6:30p.m.

Check out Sarah's website: www.seheller.com



Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

5/1/13	6:00 p.m. May Day Celebration
5/8/13	6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Presents
5/15/13	6:00 p.m. Pentecost Story
5/22/13	6:00 p.m. Outside Play
5/29/13	No Youth Meeting
6/5/13	No Youth Meeting

FCC Frankfort Music Camp & VBS

VBS is scheduled for June 20-22
Music Camp will be July 8-12

More details
later!

SUMMER CAMPS at Midway College



"BETWEEN THE EARS" Co-Ed Equine Camp

June 10-14	Ages 7-10
June 17-21	Ages 11-13
June 24-28	Ages 14-16

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost \$450

(No horse experience necessary)

GIRL POWER! Camp

June 3 - 7	
Group I:	7 - 9 Years
Group II:	10 - 12 Years

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost \$200

Become Techno-savvy,
Learn Leadership through Horsemanship,
Find Your Voice, and Much More!

(Drop-off at 7 a.m. and pick-up at 6 p.m. are
available at no extra cost)

Limited space - register today!

www.midway.edu/camps or 859-846-5775

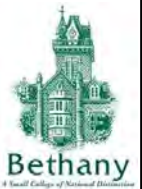
Camp Wakon'Da-Ho 2013 Camp Dates

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 experi- ence 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 en-
couraged to sign up a friend, as well!

Registration is due by April 28th.

See Mike McColl for questions or to register.

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of April 22nd: Phil Burchell, Phil & Nancy Dare, Jim & Charlann Wombles, and Pat Settlemyre. The next delivery is the week of **May 20th**.

May Mission Payments

Transylvania University is a distinguished liberal arts college, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), of approximately 1,100 students that is consistently ranked and praised in the leading national college guides. Transylvania offers 34 majors plus the option of designing an individual major. Students gain a strong grounding in liberal education, however the University also emphasizes career planning. *(from Transylvania University website)*



Chocolate Dipped Strawberries for Mother's Day

The CYF Youth of FCC, Lawrenceburg, are selling hand dipped strawberries for Mother's Day. You can get a box of 6 berries or 12 berries. All money raised will help us reach our goal for our CYF youth headed to Costa Rica this summer!

Please pay with your order.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



_____ A box of Six for \$12

_____ A box of Twelve for \$20

Please make checks payable to:
First Christian Church
Memo Line: Youth

All Orders will be delivered to the Church on **Saturday, May 11**, and placed in the Fellowship Hall to be picked up.

Fair Trade Products

Available in Fellowship Hall:



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

(Studies show that dark chocolate has chemical compounds that are good for blood flow, blood sugar, brain function, and even tooth enamel!)



Close to Our Heifer Ark Goal!

We are approximately **\$600** 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.)



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Midway Christian Church

123 East Bruen Street

PO Box 4548

Midway, KY 40347

Return Service Requested

