

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June 2013

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Midway Children's Choir

Community Showcase & Fundraiser

Sunday, June 2nd, 3 p.m.

Midway College Anne Hart Raymond Bldg

Tickets \$5 (12 & under are free)

Reception following provided by Holly Hill Inn



Congratulations, Graduates!

Midway Christian Church would like to say congratulations to all the graduates of 2013, especially Franklin Watson. Franklin graduated from Woodford County High School on Saturday, May 25th. He plans to go to Transylvania University in Lexington in the fall. We will celebrate this wonderful achievement on Sunday, June 9th as part of our worship service. There is a basket in the narthex if you wish to bring cards to share with Franklin to say congratulations as well.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Possible Fall Break Mission Trip - Tornado Recovery



Disciples Volunteering, Week of Compassion, and the Disaster Ministry of the United Church of Christ invite you to spend a week this autumn at the mission station at South Joplin Christian Church and contribute to the ongoing post-tornado recovery of Joplin, MO. Our partners on the ground have reported that there is a critical need for volunteers from August through November. This is a great time to take a mission trip, whether it's your church's first or fortieth. Midway Christian Church is looking at planning a mission trip over Fall Break (October 6-October 12). The maximum group size is 20 and the minimum age allowed to go is 16. Please let Heather know if you are interested as soon as possible.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16th

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$146,575.99

Received to date: \$135,393.40



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



June 2

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 1

Sermon: "Prayer Comes from Chewing on Scripture Day and Night"

June 9

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 4

Sermon: "I'm in Trouble Again!"

June 16

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

Scripture: Psalm 13

Sermon: "God, You've Ignored Me Long Enough!"

June 23

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 42

Sermon: "Where Is This God of Yours?"

June 30

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 137

Sermon: "Alongside Babylon's River, We Cried and Cried"

Serving This Month

Elders: Shirley Eckels & Anne Burford

Deacons: Mary Sayre, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Jim Hoppin, Teresa Hoppin, Bob Settlemire, Pat Wilson, Sheri Adkins, John Askew, James Batts, (Betsy Schein, Will Schein)

Worship Leaders:

June 2 John Askew

June 9 Jack Morgan

June 16 TBA

June 23 Phil Burchell

June 30 Jim Leer



Sunday School

At the beginning of June, we will finish up our discussion about the Apocrypha.

Starting on Sunday, June 9th, and for part of July, we will be taking a look at all the resolutions coming forward to General Assembly. If you would like to see what is coming forward to the General Assembly, a listing of the resolutions can be found on <http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/Business/tabid/511/Default.aspx#Resolutions>.

We try to do this every time there is a General Assembly so our convention delegate has a better idea of how to vote as our church representative.

Cane Ridge Day is Saturday, June 22

For more info see www.caneridge.org or call 859-987-5350



Acolyte Schedule

June 2 Hannah Campbell & Alex Adkins

June 9 Joe Campbell & Blake Adkins

June 16 Willa Michel & Bailey Spicer

June 23 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

June 30 Hannah Campbell & Alex Adkins

Summer Sermon Series

“Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers Found in the Psalms”

Recently I just finished a book by Anne Lamont, titled, “Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers.” I was struck by her statement: “I don’t know much about God and prayer, but I have come to believe, over the last 25 years, that there is something to be said about keeping prayer simple. Help. Thanks. Wow. She goes on to describe how all the prayers we say can be boiled down to these three words. As I read her statement about prayer, I couldn’t help but think about the Psalms! For me, as a person of faith, the Psalms are where I go to discover and to hear again a word of peace, a word of joy and yes, a word of honesty, written by people just like me, people who were called to be in a real, open and honest relationship with God, a relationship where nothing remains unsaid, and where everything is truly shared. As I continue on my spiritual journey, I have come to realize that I turn to the Psalms when I need to be reminded of what it means to be a child of God in our world, experiencing a wide range of human emotions in reaction to what is going on around me. When I read the Psalms, I experience the good, the bad and yes even the ugly.

That’s why I really do love the Psalms and include them in my daily prayer life. They show us that God can really handle anything that we can throw at God. God has heard it all before! To be honest, growing up in church, I never heard this before. No one ever explained it to me, never really said that God really is a part of all aspects of our lives. That is until I got to seminary. I took a summer course on the Psalms and I have never been the same since. My professor shared with me this life giving experience through the Psalms and I hope to share this same experience with you. This summer, each week, we will be taking a look at various Psalms during our worship. And it is my hope that we all discover the blessing of what it truly means to be in an honest, open, and deep relationship with God, where we hold nothing back, where we can simply say, help, thanks, and wow!

PS - If anyone is interested in having a bible study on the Psalms this summer, please let Heather know. We will work out what is the best time to do this.



Update from Trustee Grant Proposals

The trustees meet on Tuesday, May 21st to review the grant proposals that had been turned in from the congregation. They approved:

\$2500 for “Loads of Love”

This will allow us to put in a washer and dryer in the room where the clothing closet is located. The washer and dryer would be available if we have donations that need to be washed before being put out. It would also be available for use by Northside’s School Resource Office if they have need of it. There was also discussion of making it available to people in our community who might need things washed, especially after a disaster.

The trustees decided that the other grants up to \$2500 are still pending and wanted to have more conversation surrounding a few of the ideas.

Thank you to all who shared your ideas for grant proposals! There were so many amazing opportunities for mission. We are sure Dorothy Gordon is excited to see her legacy of love continue in life giving ways.

Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

Christmount Events (Black Mountain, NC)

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



General Assembly 2013

July 13 through July 17, 2013

Orange County
Convention Center,
Orlando, Florida

Visit: www.disciples.org

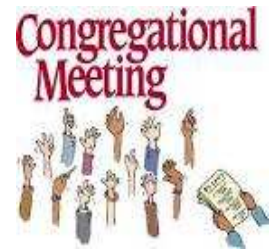


Fellowship News and Notes

Called Board Meeting and Congregational Meeting with Potluck Breakfast

Sunday, June 16th @ 9:00 a.m.

On Sunday, June 16th, we will be having two special meetings. First, there is a called Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and vote on the possibility of using extra funds from our endowment to begin a small capital campaign for repairs around the church such as replacing the roof on the fellowship hall and finishing up the tuck pointing around the front of the church. We are asking all elders, deacons, and team leaders to be at this very important meeting.



Then following this meeting, there will be a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the 2013/2014 budget and slate of officers. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very important meeting. We will start with a breakfast followed by the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast item to share.



Disciples Women

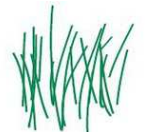
The next Disciples Women meeting is in August.



May 2013 at Nancy Dare's home

Keenagers Luncheon

**Thursday, June 27th,
11:30 a.m.**



MARKSBURY
FARM MARKET

On Thursday, June 27th, the Keenagers will travel to Marksbury Farm in Lancaster, KY. We will be leaving around 10 a.m. if you wish to carpool.

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, June 24th if you wish to go.

Board Meeting

Sunday, June 2nd @ 12:30 p.m.

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



Elders Meeting

Tuesday, June 25th @ 6:30 p.m.



Elders

Community News and Notes

Free Community Dinner

Monday, June 24th, 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. *(Donations are welcome for this on-going mission)*

Free Community Dinner



Francisco's Farm Art Festival

Equus Run Vineyards

1280 Moores Mill Road

Saturday, June 22nd, 10 to 6

Sunday, June 23rd, 10 to 5

Cost: \$10 per Carload

Mingle with the artists, shop for those wonderful keepsake art treasures, and enjoy live music all day long. Francisco's Farm is family-friendly, complete with fun kids' activities and interactive art events. The Festival is produced by the Lexington Art League, Midway Renaissance Inc., and Equus Run Vineyards. It was named a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society and a Top 10 Art Fair & Festival by American Style Magazine.



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

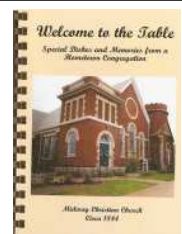
Saturday June 22



Good bye and Thanks to Megan Webb!

Since 2011, Megan Webb has served as our wonderful nursery attendant, and she has taken excellent care of our kids. But unfortunately for us, Megan's life plans are changing! She will still be in our Midway community and hopes to go back to Midway College in the fall, but she recently accepted a position of life-guard at Falling Springs Recreational Center in Versailles, where she can get more hours and earn more money. Megan will be with us through the end of June. Please help us say "thank you" to her for the many ways she has been a part of our community!

We will begin looking for a person to fill the position of Nursery Attendant. A job description has been written and sent to the various colleges in our area. In the between time, we may need some help in the church nursery. Please let Heather know if you are interested in volunteering.



**Cookbooks for \$20
in the church office**



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

A Pastoral Word

A few months ago, a check arrived at the church following the death of one of our beloved church members and attached to the check was a note that simply said, "Please use this gift to take care of the church that I loved so much." What a wonderful blessing! So the trustees gathered together, trying to figure out the best way to honor that church member's wishes. There were lots of ideas but the question remained. How can we best take care of our church? Well, as that question was posed, the needed projects kept being added to the list. Finishing the tuck-pointing, replacing the Fellowship hall roof, and painting the sanctuary building all topped the list.

As the trustees continued talking, it became very clear that our needs were outnumbering the numbers in our checking account. So the decision was made to get bids on various projects and prioritize them so that we could see the whole picture.

That was last month. The trustees met again on May 21st to figure out what our next steps as a church should be, especially when it became clear that our needs were still outnumbering the numbers in our checking account.

So the only logical step was to begin the discussion of entering into a small capital campaign depending on board vote, which will be taken at our June board meeting.

Right now, the main projects that need attention are finishing with the tuck-pointing on the front of the church, and replacing the fellowship hall roof. The total of these projects will be \$50,000.

Now, before you stop reading - there is a plan!

The trustees are proposing using some of the endowment funds (\$20,000) to help begin this process. When they looked at the balance of the endowment fund, this amount would still not touch the original gift and still leave a cushion to draw interest. However, this action requires a special board vote. This will be discussed at our June Board meeting.

The trustees are also proposing pulling another \$5000 from other various funds that are already in our checking account. So we would already start the campaign with \$25,000 if the board and church agrees. The other part would come from asking our members and other people connected with our congregation to pledge the other \$25,000 over a three year period. We could also do various fund-raisers to help us reach this goal.

Please hear me say that all of this is up for discussion. No steps have been taken to start this process. Part of my responsibility as minister of Midway Christian is to provide the congregation with all the information so that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of the conversation. All church members are invited to come to the June Board meeting to ask questions and to be a part of the conversation. And we hope you do just that. The trustees are not entering this conversation lightly. The church is not entering this conversation lightly. We are entering into it through prayer, through questions, and most importantly, we are entering into this conversation by realizing that we are a community of faith that has embraced a vision of welcome. We are just trying to figure out how to do that best with the gifts and talents that God has given to us.

I will share a side note, a very good side note - the gift that helped us to start thinking about how to best take care of our church does cover one of the projects that made it on the project list: painting of the sanctuary building. Hopefully work will begin as soon as possible on this project so that the color of trim on our sanctuary building will match the color of trim on our fellowship hall building. I think Adelaine would have approved!

Green Chalice

What is Fair Trade?



Fair World Project (FWP), a project of the Organic Consumers Association, the nation's largest network of green and ethical consumers, opposes Fair Trade USA's recent changes to its labeling policy, which undermine fair trade farmers, consumers and committed fair trade brands.

The policy change closely follows an announcement that Hershey would tap Fair Trade USA (FTUSA) as one of three certifiers to help implement the chocolate empire's new "sustainability" plan. FTUSA will permit the use of their fair trade seal on products such as chocolate that identifies the specific fair trade ingredient in small text under the seal, without requiring that any other ingredients be used in fair trade form, such as sugar which is often the major ingredient in chocolate bars, bottled teas and ice cream.

FTUSA will not require a minority percentage disclosure. Hershey has made no commitment for ingredients other than chocolate even though sugar is the main ingredient in many of their products. Therefore a milk chocolate bar with as little as 30% fair trade content, and which contains more sugar than cocoa, will compete in the market with chocolate bars that are mostly or entirely fair trade-including important fair trade ingredients like fair trade sugar.

Because Hershey spends less on cheap sugar produced under exploitive labor conditions, the Hershey's 30% fair trade chocolate bar will be less expensive than a chocolate bar made with fair trade vanilla, sugar, and other fair trade ingredients in addition to fair trade cocoa.

This fair trade hoax takes advantage of consumers' intentions to buy fair trade products, creates unfair competition for the fully committed fair trade brands who use a maximum of fair trade ingredients in order to have a fair trade seal, and most importantly harms the farmers and farmer co-ops that supply truly fair trade brands with fair trade ingredients.



Collecting Money for Clean-Up Buckets

As the 2,500th CWS Emergency Cleanup Bucket arrives on May 7 in flood-ravaged Illinois, Week of Compassion joins our partner CWS in appealing urgently for people to replenish its rapidly dwindling supply. Heavy precipitation from early 2013 storms and floods has resulted in widespread and severe flooding.

"The CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets are giving hope and help to survivors," said Barry Shade, CWS associate director for U.S. disaster response. "With needs assessment ongoing, CWS expects to respond to additional requests from Illinois and other states for buckets. When we do, we hope to be able to respond without delay." Only about 2,600 CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets remain in the agency's warehouse in Maryland.

Church World Service, a global humanitarian agency and sponsor of CROP Hunger Walks, emphasizes the importance of faith community involvement in long-term recovery from disaster. Week of Compassion's partnership helps supply thousands of CWS Blankets, CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets and other CWS Kits for shipment to disaster survivors every year.

In addition, we work together to help flood survivors access the material, emotional, spiritual and human resources they need to get back on their feet and go on with their lives by helping communities to start their own long-term recovery groups.

Midway Christian will be collecting money for clean up buckets. The cost is \$58 per bucket. Please make checks out to MCC with "Clean up bucket" in the memo line.



Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

6/12/13 6:00 p.m. Youth Making Father's Day Presents

(For the rest of June, Youth is taking a break from Wednesday evening meetings!)



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**

See Mike McColl.



Week of Outreach & Mission

July 14-19 @ Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

Any middle or high school youth is invited to this mission experience. Go out for 3 1/2 days of work in Casey, Lincoln, and surrounding counties, and spend an afternoon floating on a river and dinner out!

\$125 includes all meals, t-shirt, river tubing...

**Registration deadline:
Monday, June 3rd.**



FCC Frankfort VBS & Music Camp

VBS is Thursday, June 20, 4:30 - 8 p.m.
Friday, June 21, 5 - 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Music Camp will be July 8-12

For more info call 502-223-2346



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

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of May 20th: Phil Burchell, Phil & Nancy Dare, Jim & Charlann Wombles, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, and Pat Settlemire. The next delivery is the week of **June 17th**.

June Mission Payments

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. (from Disciples Mission Fund website)

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho is located in Casey County, KY. Each summer, children and youth gather from across the state of Kentucky to experience church camp and to grown in their relationship with God. For many years, Midway Christian has supported Camp Wakon' Da-Ho by making a financial donation and by sending youth and children to camp.

Disciples for Habitat Needs Your Help!

Disciples for Habitat will be building its 31st Lexington home in the coming year. Due to our nation's recent economic difficulties, Disciples for Habitat also finds itself in a difficult situation. The reserve funds which have been relied upon in the past are virtually exhausted. If Disciples for Habitat is to continue in its efforts to assist our brothers and sisters, we need your help with a donation. You may leave a check at the church or in the collection plate with Disciples for Habitat on the memo line. Thank you for your help in building the walls and roof and helping to provide a home for those who need our help, either through your volunteer labor or donations.

We couldn't do this without you!



LaVece Hughes,
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Disciples for Habitat Volunteer Coordinator,

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!)

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Return Service Requested

