



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

November 2013

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Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

We will have our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm in the MCC Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity for our church to give back by inviting our community to come and join us for a meal and entertainment.

We are asking everyone to help out by bringing a dish to share that would serve your family plus four others.

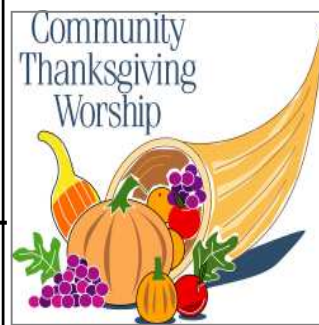
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Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Community Thanksgiving Service (MMA)

Monday, November 25th, 7 p.m. @ MCC



Everyone is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 25th at 7:00 pm at Midway Christian Church. Dr. Sheila Harris from St. Matthews AME will be preaching. A special offering will be collected to benefit the Benevolence Fund of the Midway Ministerial Association. Come and join us as we say "Thanks be to God for all of our blessings" as the community of Midway.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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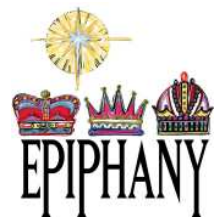
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Visit us on the web:

www.midwaychristian.org

Epiphany Dinner Date: Monday, January 6th, 2014

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Epiphany Dinner. Tickets will be available soon. Don't wait too long to get yours - this popular event sells out!



Daylight Savings Time ends November 3rd

Office Closed 11/28 & 11/29

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$51,636.60

Received to date: \$42,554.49

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



November 3

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost



All Saints' Sunday

Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-3

Sermon: "This is Only the Beginning!"

November 10

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 20: 27-38

Title: "We Have Better Things to Think About?"

November 17

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 21: 5-19

Sermon: "Staying With It"

November 24

Twenty-seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Sermon: "Confirming Our Covenant With God"



Serving This Month

Elders: Shirley Eckels and Jack Morgan

Deacons: Sheri Adkins, Tom Arehart, Dottie Pollard, Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Jim Nance, Ouita Michel, Gretchen Portwood, Beth Thompson, & Sandy Gruzesky

Worship Leaders:

November 3 Phil Dare

November 10 John Askew

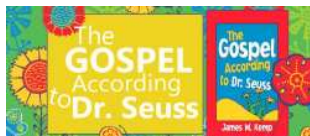
November 17 Gloria Batts

November 24 Carole Munson



Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with Joys & Concerns, and light refreshments.

Our series on the book, "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss," will continue to just before Advent.



(The sections are independent of each other, so if you miss one, come to the next!)

Children's Sabbath

was Sunday, October 20th.

The kids did a phenomenal job!



Acolyte Schedule

November 3 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

November 10 Hannah Campbell & Bailey Spicer

November 17 Willa Michel & Alex Adkins

November 24 Blake Adkins & Joe Campbell



Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...



An Appalachian Advent - December 3 - 6

Christmount Christian Assembly, Black Mountain, NC

Worship, learn, tour the Biltmore Estate and other historic sites, shop in Black Mountain, and enjoy good company and food. For more information see the MCC office bulletin board or visit: www.christmount.org



Acts of Renewal
Acting Troupe

Disciples Women's Fall Retreats

#2 November 2-3

Pine Mountain Sate Resort Park

(Registration Deadline October 18)

Keynotes: Jan Ehrmentraut, former CCK General Minister, Coordinator of Mentoring at LTS, and Lisa Gammel Mass, Spiritual Director and lay leader at Central Christian Church in Lexington.

#3 November 8-10

Knobs Haven Retreat House in Loretto

(Registration Deadline October 30)

Facilitator: Shannon Cook, women's ministries cabinet member and Associate Minister of First Christian Church in Mt. Sterling.

For Retreats #1 and #2, sign in and turn in your theme basket at 9 a.m. Saturday. Retreat concludes around noon Sunday. You are responsible for your own lodging arrangements (make 1 month prior).



Disciples Women of the Christian Church - Quadrennial Assembly

Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel

June 25-29, 2014

QA Mission Statement:
Awakened by Christ's compassion and love, Disciples Women extend the hospitality of the table to all sisters, to invite them to join us in celebration and mission. We stand together in solidarity of mind, heart and spirit, proclaiming, "I see you" to one another and to sisters and brothers in domestic and global communities who often are unseen.

Visit www.discipleshomemissions.org (click on DHM Ministries, then Quadrennial Assembly)

Or call (317) 635-3100 for more information. Scholarships may be available.



MCC CHOIR RETREAT



Saturday, November

16th

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at MCC

New singers welcome!!!



Free Event at Midway College:



Comedy Game Show

We Can Make You Laugh

Monday, November 11

7:00 p.m.

Duthie Auditorium

Reservations not required.

Sandi Patty (Christian Music Superstar) Live in Lexington!

Thursday, November 7th @ 7 p.m., Immanuel Baptist Church, 3100 Tates Creek Rd

Tickets start at \$15 - call 855-223-1008 or visit www.attendstar.com - sandi patty



Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers Luncheon

**11:30 a.m., Thursday,
November 14th**



Due to Thanksgiving-related activities, Keenagers has been moved to an earlier Thursday. We will have lunch at **The Georgetown Cheese Store and More** at 11:30 a.m. on November 14th. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 11th if you plan to join us. Meet at the church by 11:00 a.m. to carpool.

No Board Meeting

Sunday, November 3rd



Brainstorming

Instead, we will have a CONGREGATIONAL BRAINSTORMING session!



Elders

Elders Meeting

**Tuesday, November 26th,
6:30 p.m.**

Disciples Women

Sunday, November 24th @ 12:30



The speaker for the November Disciples Women luncheon will be Dabney Parker, Volunteer Coordinator for Kentucky Refugee Ministries.



**ALL WOMEN
OF MCC ARE
INVITED!!!**

Please bring a dish to share!

Disciples Women Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 7th @ Holly Hill Inn

Disciples Women will meet for their very special annual Christmas Luncheon at Holly Hill Inn on Saturday, December 7th at 12:00 noon.

All women of MCC are invited. (Cost of this gourmet meal is around \$25).

**Please make your reservation by
calling Sharon Burchell at 846-
4153 no later than Wednesday,
December 4th!**



Congratulations!

on the October 25th
wedding of

Susan Mooney & Beth Thompson
in Glen Burnie, Maryland.



Wishing you much continued happiness together!

Thank You! from a new bride:



"Thanks so much for letting me have a wedding here. I have lots of good memories from this church. And now one more!!!
Love, Kenix"

Hanging of the Greens

Advent Sunday, December 1st

On Sunday, December 1st, 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.



Thank you! From Heather...

I wanted to say "Thank you!" to everyone for the beautiful flowers and gift certificate to Holly Hill Inn for Ministerial Appreciation Month. As I shared, it is hard to believe that seven years have come and gone since I accepted the call as minister at Midway Christian Church. I am so grateful for all that you do for me and my family, as well as your love and support and prayers. I am anxious and excited to see what God has in store for us over the next coming years. And I am so thankful that we are on this journey together. Glad to be your pastor, - Heather

Pastoral Word

Wow! God is good all the time! All the time God is good! Who knew twelve weeks ago when Finance threw out the giving challenge to the church, how wonderfully everyone would respond! As of Sunday, October 27th, the end of our challenge, the church has raised: \$25, 863.60 for our Cornerstone Campaign! How amazing is that? Sure we didn't meet our goal, but just look at what we did raise! As our fearless leader of the Board says, "You gotta have faith!" For me, I think the priceless moment was when Ray Clark, our trusty Treasurer, said, after seeing the final count, "We can do this!" So a Big THANK YOU CHURCH! A Big Thank You to all who donated, to all who shared their time and talents to help us get to this point!

But as I have said from the beginning, it is not about the money. It really has never been about the money. It has always been about celebrating the wonderfully amazing life-giving things that God is doing for and through this community of faith! Just think about all the amazing ministries of this church and how we are truly experiencing the Kingdom of God in our midst. Each Sunday, we have visitors come into church. And when I visit with them, one of the first things they tell me is, "We just got a warm good feeling when we stepped through the door. It just felt right to be there." That's an example of God at work! And that's just the beginning! Our Community Dinner each month continues to grow and help people in our community. That's God at work! Our Clothing Closet continues to serve people in our community! That's God at work! We are blessed to be called as partners in Christ's service during such an amazing and transforming time in the history of Midway Christian Church!

Now I know that many of you are wondering and are asking, "What's the next step in this process?" Well as I said, we didn't quite reach our goal during these past twelve weeks. We still have a ways to go towards reaching that goal. So if you didn't give during that time, it is not too late. We are still taking donations towards our Cornerstone Campaign. But here is what I do know: We have contacted Gilpin Masonry and we are on his calendar to begin the tuck-pointing work next March.

So the good news is - We still have time to reach our goal, even surpass it! And there have been and there continues to be creative ways to help raise these funds for our church:

Ghost Walk Tours: When John Batts approached me with this idea, we decided to throw it out there to everyone and see what happened. Boy, were we surprised! Both tours sold out and there were even requests for more!

Aprons: Melinda Whitehead has made 18 aprons with the phrase, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" embroidered on them. And she has already sold 5 of them!

Iron Horse Marathon Breakfast: We have been talking with our youth and children about stewardship and we shared that just because they may not have thousands of dollars in their piggy banks, doesn't mean that they can't give to the campaign. For the past three years, Ouita has been working on cooking skills with them and so they put their skills to use. On the morning of the Iron Horse Marathon, our youth and children served anywhere from 300 to 350 people and raised money for the campaign by asking for donations!

Disciples Women: These lovely bunch of ladies donated \$500!

Cookbooks: The sales from our Cookbooks will go towards the Campaign as well.

As I have said before, it's never been about the money. Really what this challenge became for us was a lesson in using our gifts and talents to help build up the Kingdom of God for the people of God. It reminded us that all of us have special God-given talents that when we use them we build up the Body of Christ and become more than we could ever imagine!

So as we move forward in this venture, Finance will have some more conversations about how to raise the rest of the money needed for this project and we as a church, as part of the Body of Christ, will keep striving to become the people that God created us to be, the community of faith that God created us to be, as we continue to celebrate the many things God is doing for and through us as Midway Christian Church.

Thank You!!

- Rev. Heather McColl

Community News and Notes

Free Community Dinner

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Monday, November 25th, 6:00 p.m., MCC Fellowship Hall



All are welcome to the free Community Dinner held in Midway Christian Church's Fellowship Hall. Helpers are needed before the dinner (around 4 p.m.), to help cook and set up, and helpers are needed after, for clean-up and dishwashing.

You are invited to stay for the **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at 7 p.m.**, following the meal. (See *The Contact*, Page 1)



The **CLOTHES CLOSET** in the MCC basement (Gratz Street entrance) is open during the monthly **Community Dinners**.

Most items are sold for 25 cents.

Donations of clean, gently-used clothing are taken year-round.

Gleaning for Faith Feeds

Monday, November 4th, 10 to noon

Reed Valley Orchard, Paris, KY

Followed by lunch at Windy Corner

Meet at church at 9:30 if you would like to car-pool to Reed Valley Orchard to glean for Faith Feeds. Produce collected will be distributed to shelters around Lexington. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a bottle of water and a few boxes. We will be stopping at Windy Corner - another fabulous Ouita Michel restaurant!



Christmas Stockings for Inmates' Children

Are you up for some early Christmas shopping???

MCC will be collecting items to fill stockings for children of prison inmates. These stockings will be given to the children as they leave the jail after visiting their family member on the week before Christmas.



The Prison Ministry hopes to fill 250 stockings with **non-gender items** (because the officers cannot know how many boys or girls will come on any night). Items needed are: stretch gloves, handheld toys, small toothbrushes & toothpaste, individually wrapped candy & snacks.

All items must be in to the church by November 25th.

Please Add the Hope Ministries Food Pantry to Your Shopping List!

Anne Burford attended a meeting of the Hope Ministry Board, and reported that the Food Pantry has been hit especially hard lately, and is in need of all these items:

Canned/Jarred Goods:

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| Potatoes | Fruits | Peanut Butter |
| Carrots | Vegetables | Tomato Soup |
| Corn | Tomato Sauce | Chicken Noodle |
| Peas | Pasta Sauce | Other Soups |
| Beans | Ravioli | Fruit Juices |
| Tomatoes | Spaghettios | |
| Tuna | Pork N Beans | |

Boxed/Bagged Goods:

- Potato Flakes
- Pastas
- Rice
- Macc N Cheese
- Dried Beans
- Crackers
- Cereal



FEED THE HUNGRY



More Community News and Notes

Midway Branch Library

The Midway Branch Library has a lot going on, and you are invited:



Wednesday night Yoga (every other month), easy arthritis exercise classes, book club, preschool story hour, art classes for kids and adults, make-and-take crafts for adults, family movie nights, community computers, special guest speakers, and on and on. And it's all FREE!

(And you may now check out DVDs for 2 weeks!)

Heather @ Girl Scout Ceremony

"Dear Reverend McColl, Thank you so much for coming and participating in my ceremony. I also want to thank you for allowing us to hold my ceremony at the Midway Christian Church. I really appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,
Anne Hagan"



Christmas Gift Ideas...

Why Purchase Fair Trade Products???

Since 2008, Week of Compassion has partnered with Disciples Home Missions and Equal Exchange to involve more Disciples in supporting small farmers around the world through the Disciples Coffee Project. For each pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Disciples purchase through the Coffee Project, 15 cents per pound goes to the Project's Small Farmer Fund, supporting food security projects through the Disciples' local partners, including small scale agricultural and anti-hunger projects.



You can support this project by buying Fairly Traded and Equal Exchange items in Fellowship Hall. They make great gifts for birthdays, holidays or as hostess gifts.

See the price list below...



A great alternative gift idea for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list is a contribution in their name to Heifer International.

Heifer's "teach a man to fish" philosophy provides animals to impoverished families around the world, giving them an ongoing way to provide for themselves.

MCC is just \$440 away from the \$5000 needed to purchase an entire "ark" of animals!



Cookbooks for \$20 in the church office

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

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Sunday, 11/3 4:00 p.m. Youth
Sunday, 11/10 4:00 p.m. Youth
Sunday, 11/17 4:00 p.m. Youth
Sunday, 11/24 4:00 p.m. Youth

Coming up...

12/15 - Christmas Dinner & Play



Midway Children's Choir



2013 December Performances:

12/3 7:00 pm Midway College Vespers Service
(Anne Hart Raymond Auditorium)
12/5 7:00 pm Midway Women's Club
12/6 City of Midway Tree Lighting Service
12/7 2:00 pm Christmas Open House
@ Midway Library
12/10 6:30 pm Midway Children's Choir Christmas
Concert (Northside Elementary Gym)

Green Chalice News



MCC is a Certified Green Chalice
Congregation - since January, 2012



Faith Feeds: Caring by Gleaning

A couple of months ago, one beautiful morning at Reed Valley Orchard in Bourbon County, Phil, Nancy, and Braxton Dare, Dan Roller and Adele

Dickerson gleaned produce that was then delivered to God's Pantry for distribution to organizations which feed people who are homeless or otherwise needy. This gleaning, through the non-profit organization "Faith Feeds," provides fresh produce to people who may not otherwise have it in their diets. Produce which is slightly damaged, but still useful, is delivered to the Primate Rescue Center near Nicholasville where approximately 50 apes and monkeys live.

Again on Monday, October 21, Dan and Adele, along with Teresa Hoppin, joined five other volunteers with Faith Feeds to glean apples and pears that had fallen on the ground. In a couple of hours, the group had collected 1,428 pounds of fruit!

MCC is planning another gleaning trip to Reed Valley on Monday, November 4th (kids are out of school that day and are encouraged to join in)! Meet at church at 9:30 to carpool, wear comfortable clothing, bring a bottle of water and a few boxes, and plan to stop for lunch on the way back - at Windy Corner!

Gleaning is another way of caring for God's Creation by fully sharing the harvest!



Other possible gleaning dates (10 a.m. to noon) are:

Mondays: November 11, and 18

Fridays: November 1, 15, and 22

For more information visit: www.faithfeedslex.org



Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of October 7th: Phil Burchell, Phil & Nancy Dare, Joe Campbell, Jim & Charlann Wombles, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson. The next delivery is the week of **November 4th**.

November Mission Payments -



Luther Lockett Christian Church (DOC) LLCC provides a spiritual home for those who are in prison, but they also offer them tools for living healthy, productive and faithful lives once released from prison. They offer worship services three Friday nights a month. On the first Friday of each month, the men gather for a congregational meeting where they sing, pray, share joys and concerns, meet with members of the outside board and celebrate the Lord's Supper.



Christmount Christian Assembly Christmount is a retreat, camp and conference center whose mission is to provide opportunities in the heart of the mountains for Christian hospitality, rest for the soul and renewal for the journey.

Weekend Backpacks Need Ongoing Support



Midway Presbyterian Church needs ongoing support of its Weekend Backpack Project to help feed Northside Elementary kids who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend. Monetary donations are always welcome, and there is a shopping list and collection box in the narthex, for foods you can donate. Thank you!

Midway Homeplace: See the Progress!



Thank You from Midway College



"Thank you for your generous gift on behalf of Midway Christian Church to Midway College of \$200 for the Annual Fund... I have seen much evidence that this tradition is alive and well. Whether a student enters Midway College through the Women's College, the School for Career Development, or online, our consistent focus is on preparing students for a better future." Scott Fitzpatrick, Vice President for Advancement

Thanksgiving Offering

Midway Christian Church will be collecting a Thanksgiving offering on November 17th for the Disciples Mission Fund, to benefit colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your support of this offering will help raise up "servant leaders!" For more information, visit www.disciplesmissionfund.org and click on the link for Thanksgiving Special Offering.

Mission Midway (9/28/13) - Thank You!

"Midway Christian Folks: Thanks for your help and participation in Mission Midway. You were a blessing and shining light in our community. - Midway Baptist"



Our Heifer Ark Goal:

**We are now \$440
from our \$5,000 goal!**

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Return Service Requested

