



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

January 2014

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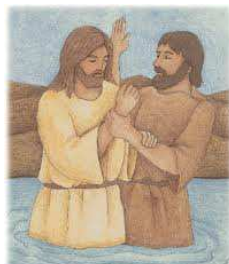
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Epiphany Feast 2014

Monday, January 6th, 2014, @ 6:30 p.m.

See the Insert for all the details!



Baptism Sunday - January 12th

On Sunday, January 12th, we will be celebrating Baptism Sunday. During the service, there will be a chance for all of us to renew our baptisms by dipping our hands in the water and hearing God's promise to us once more.

Everyone is invited to come forward whether you have been baptized or not, because it is also an opportunity for us as people of faith to re-commit ourselves to Christ as we begin the new year. Come and join us for this very special Sunday, and remember the moment you were washed clean and renewed as a person of faith.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Laity Sunday - January 26th

On Sunday, January 26th, we will celebrate Laity Sunday, which is a "great opportunity to help everyone explore and recognize the many types of ministry that members of the congregation have been uniquely gifted to accomplish." During the service, some of our members will be giving testimonies about their faith. They will share with us their faith journeys and who God is for them as people of faith. We are celebrating Laity Sunday because "The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are a people built upon laity and clergy working together in service to Christ. Laity Sunday is a special time to reflect upon, promote, and celebrate the many roles served by [our] congregation's lay ministers, both inside and outside [our] church walls." As we continue to live out our mission of WELCOME, this Sunday gives us an opportunity for all of the ministers of Midway Christian Church to engage in their role as leaders of this church. (www.disciples.org)



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The office will be CLOSED
December 31, January 1,
& January 20

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$77,454.90
Received to date: \$65,666.74

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



January 5

Second Sunday After Christmas

Epiphany Sunday

Special Epiphany Service (no sermon)

January 12

Baptism of Our Lord

Remembering Our Baptism

Scripture: Matthew 3: 13-17

Title: "God's Work is Coming

Together Right Now in This Baptism"

January 19

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Scripture: I Corinthians 1: 1-9

Sermon: "Christians Cleaned Up by Jesus"

January 26

Laity Sunday

Scripture: I Corinthians 1: 8

Sermon: "The God Who Got Us

Started in this Spiritual Adventure: A Time for Sharing Our Stories"



Serving This Month

Elders: Phil Burchell & Etta Manor

Deacons: Sheri Adkins, Tom Arehart, Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Sandy Gruzesky, Ouita Michel, Jim Nance, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Beth Thompson, Blake Adkins, Jordan Batts, Jack Hill, Nate Hill, Franklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

January 5 Ray or Jeanne Clark

January 12 Sue Roberts

January 19 Dan Roller

January 26 Willa Michel



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

Topic to be announced...

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 5th

On Sunday, January 5th, we will be celebrating Epiphany Sunday by telling the story again through Scripture, Drama, Reflection and Song. During the service, there will be a time for everyone to share his or her vision for our world and for our lives in the coming year. This service is an opportunity for our insights and understanding that we gain as people of faith to lead us down new roads to help proclaim the Kingdom of God is near.



Acolyte Schedule

January 5 Joe Campbell & Bailey Spicer

January 12 Willa Michel & Alex Adkins

January 19 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

January 26 Alex Woodruff & Bailey Spicer

Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

Elders & Deacons Workshop - March 7-8, 2014 - Christmount - Black Mountain, NC



Christmount and the Lexington Theological Seminary collaborate for the Elders and Deacons Workshop to give lay leaders an opportunity to hear Disciples scholars and learn more about their particular ministry. See the brochure on the office bulletin board or visit www.christmount.org.

Week of Wonder - (6th Annual Adult Work Camp)



May 25 - 30, 2014 @ Christmount Christian Assembly

See the brochure on the church office bulletin board (or call Joni and she can mail one to you), or visit www.christmount.org.

Disciples Women of the Christian Church Quadrennial Assembly

Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel

June 25-29, 2014

Atlanta Marriott Marquis room rates:
\$109/night plus tax...

Visit www.discipleshomemissions.org

(click on DHM Ministries, then Quadrennial Assembly)

2013 Theme:
"I See You"



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

Green Chalice News

Trashformed

featuring the work of David Edgar, Suzanne Proulx, Michelle Stitzlein, and David Wilson

Jan. 15 – Feb. 21, 2014 - at the Transylvania Morlan Gallery - Mitchell Fine Arts Center

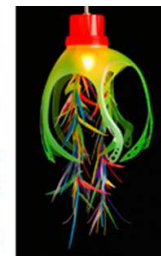
American artists intercept the waste stream of flotsam and jetsam of American culture and transform them into works rich with meaning. The gallery will host a "making station" for gallery visitors to make and display their own creations from recycled materials.

Special Events

- Art Talk with Suzanne Proulx: Wed., Jan. 15, 12:30 p.m.
- Opening reception: Wed., Jan. 15, 4-6 p.m.
- Lexington Gallery Hop: Fri., Feb. 21, 5-8 p.m.

Selected Evening & Weekend Hours

- Tues., Feb 4, 5-7 p.m.
- Thur., Feb. 13, 5-7 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 15, 7-8:15 p.m.



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



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REJOICE!



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Fellowship News and Notes

Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, January 5th, 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday, January 5th, we will have a quarterly congregational meeting. At this meeting, we will be voting on our Board-approved, revised constitution and by-laws. The Leadership MAT has worked really hard on this document and has developed a new structure that allows us to have organization but still have flexibility. A copy of this document has been emailed out to the congregation and is also available in the narthex. We will update the congregation on the progress of our Cornerstone Campaign as well as other various projects that are happening around the church.

Everyone is asked to **bring a dish to share** with the congregation.



Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, January 19th, 12:30

All women of MCC are invited to share food and fellowship on Sunday, January 19th in the Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



Keenagers Luncheon

**11:30 a.m., Thursday,
January 23rd**

501 W 6th St, Lexington



We will travel to Smithtown Seafood on Thursday, January 23rd at 11:30 a.m. We will leave around 11 a.m. from church if you wish to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, January 21st.

See menu at www.smithtownseafood.com

Cabinet Retreat

Sunday, January 26th, 12:30

The Cabinet will meet following the church service on Sunday, January 26th to have a planning session for the rest of our church year. We will be taking a look at special events and projects while we coordinate the church calendar. Lunch will be provided. Ideas are encouraged and welcomed! If you would like to share your ideas for the church, please contact Heather.



Elders Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
The Elders' Meeting has moved to the last Monday of the month - beginning January 27th!



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

Cornerstone Campaign



At the end of December, we had raised over \$31,000 toward our goal of \$35,000!!!

Thank you for caring for our building!

Community News and Notes

Free Community Dinner - (Now on Tuesdays!)

Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30 p.m., MCC Fellowship Hall



CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS! Midway residents, MCC members, and friends are invited to enter your best chili in MCC's **ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF** to win a prize! If you're not bringing a batch of chili, please come and help eat it! You can sample lots of different recipes, or just eat a big bowl of your favorite. **Please let the office know by Tuesday, January 21st if you plan to enter a pot of chili.**

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

Various churches have been assigned certain items to keep "stocked" in the food pantry. MCC is asked to provide:

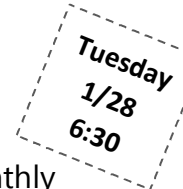
- **dried spaghetti**
- **crackers**
- **pork-n-beans**



There is a collection box in the narthex.

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.

Thank You from Bluegrass Cycling Club

"Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$500, payable to the Midway Christian Church... as a token of appreciation for allowing us to start our Wednesday night ride from your church.... The popularity of this ride is in part due to convenient parking, the availability of restrooms, and having a place where people coming directly from work can change. We truly appreciate you, your congregation, and especially John and Cindy Batts for being so welcoming to our members!"



Midway Community Martin Luther King Service

Monday, January 20th, 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's AME Church

112 S Winter Street

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Midway College - All Churches Day

Wednesday, January 15th, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Heather will be attending this event to provide information and representation to help college students find a "church home" while they study here.

Epiphany Feast 2014



Monday, January 6th, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.

Midway College Piper Dining Hall

Mark your calendars for Midway Christian Church's annual Epiphany Feast, which will be held on Monday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Midway College Piper Dining Hall. A feast of medieval fare (a Ouita Michel's menu) 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 by calling the office or buying tickets online through www.midwaychristian.org. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received by the church office. Due to the popularity of this event, we have adopted a **"no refund" policy**. We are asking that when you call to make your reservations, please let us know of any special table requests, i.e., other guests with whom you would like to be seated. We will try our best to accommodate all of these requests.

HOW CAN MCC 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) are for you:

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!

Pastoral Word

I shared with the Board this summer that I was applying to go back to school for my Doctorate of Ministry. At that time, it seemed like I had a while until that moment became reality, but all of a sudden, here it is. On Monday, January 6th, I will be going back to school! Don't worry! I am not leaving Midway Christian Church! I have applied and been accepted at Lexington Theological Seminary as part of their new Doctorate of Ministry program. Thankfully, most of the classes will be on-line. However, I do know that I will have some intensives that will require me to miss a Sunday every now and then.

I could tell you that I know how all this is going to work out, but I would be lying to you. My plan is to take it one day at a time, one class at a time, and see where I end up. Hopefully, that will be at graduation four years from now.

One thing that I do know is that I am thankful for Midway Christian, for its people, for its leaders, for its ministry, for its willingness to experiment with me on where God leads us and more importantly, for being partners in this crazy wonderfully life-giving, life-transforming experience we call the Kingdom of God in our midst. It has been wonderful, and I can't wait to see where God continues to lead us.

Which is, once again, the beauty of every new year. We aren't sure where we will end up. We just know that wherever we are, God is there with us, walking beside, leading us, guiding us, and calling our attention to the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Sermon Series

Starting on Sunday, January 19th, we will begin a sermon series based on 1 Corinthians, titled: "When people become Christians, they don't at the same moment become nice." Sounds like it could be written about this day and time. We assume that since people decide to proclaim that they are Christian, then that means something to them. But still, we are always surprised that when we are in traffic, sometimes the first person to blast his or her horn at us, is someone with a "Honk if you love Jesus" sticker on their car. "Conversion to Christ and his ways doesn't automatically furnish a person with impeccable manners and suitable manners" (Eugene Peterson). So if the conversion to Christ is not enough, what is? How do we truly become Christians? We will be taking a look at what Paul has to say on this matter over the next month. And to give us a little background on 1st Corinthians:

"The people of Corinth had a reputation in the ancient world as an unruly, hard-drinking, sexually promiscuous bunch of people. When Paul arrived with the Message and many of them became believers in Jesus, they brought their reputations with them right into the church.

Paul spent a year and a half with them as their pastor, going over the Message of the 'good news' in detail, showing them how to live out this new life of salvation and holiness as a community of believers. Then he went on his way to other towns and churches.

Sometime later, Paul received a report from one of the Corinthian families that in his absence things had more or less fallen apart. He also received a letter from Corinth asking for help. Factions had developed, morals were in disrepair, worship had denigrated into a selfish grabbing for the super-natural. It was the kind of thing that might have been expected from Corinthians!

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is a classic of pastoral response: affectionate, firm, clear, and unswerving in the conviction that God among them, revealed in Jesus, and present in his Holy Spirit, continued to be the central issue in their lives, regardless of how much of a mess they had made of things. Paul takes them by the hand and goes over all the old grounds again, directing them in how to work all the glorious details of God's saving love into their love for one another." (The Message)

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Sunday,	1/5	4:00 p.m.	Youth
Sunday,	1/12	4:00 p.m.	Youth
Sunday,	1/19	4:00 p.m.	Youth
Sunday,	1/26	4:00 p.m.	Youth

Weekend Backpack Project

Midway Presbyterian Church needs ongoing support of its Weekend Backpack Project to help feed kids who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend. There is a shopping list in the narthex, for foods you can donate. Thank you!



Midway Children's Choir Update

By Melissa Askew

The Midway Children's Choir successfully finished their 3rd season on December 19th, with a total of 8 performances and just under 15 members! They had the opportunity to do a joint concert with Shelby County's Community Children's Choir in October and sing for a number of events in Midway and Versailles. They were an incredibly enthusiastic group and wonderfully rose to the occasion of quickly preparing for so many concerts. The spring season will begin towards the end of January, and it will be very exciting to see just what will be in store with the new group of children to join. Stay tuned for the upcoming events for the choir! Thank you so much for all the support you have given and continue to give to make this musical opportunity a reality.



2014 Camp Wakon-Da'Ho Summer Calendar:

Work & Mission Outreach Week*	June 1-6
Mini Camp:	June 6 – 8
Junior Camp 1:	June 9 – 13
Camp 101A:	June 13-15
Eighters Camp:	June 15-21
CYF Camp 1:	June 23-28
CYF Camp 2:	June 30-July 5
Chi Rho Camp 1:	July 7-12
Chi Rho Camp 2:	July 14-19
Junior Camp 2:	July 21-25
Camp 101B:	July 25-27
C/COW for Young Adults**	July 31 – August 3
Y'All Camp/Family Camp***	August 29-31



Summencamps

*This is a Mission Trip Experience Week for all Chi-Rho through CYF Youth with an adult from your church in attendance.

**This is for all Young Adults from the Age of 18 (Out of High School) through 30 Years old.

***This is an experience for all families of all kinds

Heifer Ark

We have reached our goal, and a \$5,000 check to provide an "Ark" of livestock for a poor village is on the way! Thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause!



Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of December 2nd: Phil Burchell , Phil & Nancy Dare, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Joe Campbell. The next delivery is the week of **December 30th**.

However, there will be **NO Meals on Wheels on December 31st or January 1st** due to the holidays. **We will deliver again the week of January 27th**, according to the four-week rotation.

January Mission Payments -

- **Regional Green Chalice**
- **District 5**
- **Lexington Theological Seminary**



Disciples Women Blanket Drive

Please bring new or clean, gently-used blankets to the box on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. These blankets will go to the Catholic Action Center in Lexington to help keep people warm during the cold winter months.



KY Refugee Ministries

Dabney Parker, of Kentucky Refugee Ministries, spoke to the Disciples Women group in November. KRM is dedicated to helping refugees become self-sufficient, contributing members of our community. A refugee, by definition, is someone who has to flee his home country in fear for his life due to persecution or violence for ethnic, political, or religious reasons. KRM needs ongoing support to be able to provide these refugees with the basics of food, clothing, and shelter, as well as transportation, translation services, and job placements. Contact Dabney Parker to find out how you can help! 859-226-5661 or dparker@krmlex.org



Thank You from MCC Staff

Thank you so much for all of your love, support and gifts that you shared with us this Christmas season. We are truly overwhelmed by your kindness. We are so blessed to serve with you at Midway Christian Church and we are excited to see what God has in store for us in 2014!



Thank You from Christmount - "Thank you for being Christmount's partner in ministry through a gift to the 2013 Patron's Association. Your contribution in these uncertain economic times is truly a blessing and is deeply appreciated by our staff and Board of Directors. Your gift is crucial in helping this ministry provide the place, programs, and the personnel that give children, youth, and adults the opportunity for life-changing experiences... Know that your partnership in this ministry that touches so many lives for Christ is cherished."

Thank You from Prison Ministries

"Thank you so much for your generous and very thoughtful gifts to the children's Christmas stocking project. Little can you imagine the excitement of the children who receive the stocking as they leave the jail after visiting their parent or relative!"

Thank You for the Dinners

"I want to thank everyone that helps with the dinners each month and the Thanksgiving dinners. I know that a lot of work goes into doing this, and I'm sure everyone appreciates it as much as I do!" - Joyce Carpenter

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Return Service Requested

