



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February 2014

## Church Staff:

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*Music Director*

**Holly Coffey**

*Accompanist*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

## Chili Cook-Off Winners

These talented chili cooks took the top three prizes at our annual Chili Cook-Off:

1st - Gloria Batts

2nd - Teresa Hoppin

3rd - Wilda Caudle



## Community Dinners Changing Days

Remember that the monthly Free Community Dinners are switching to the **last TUESDAY of the month** in 2014.

## Woodford County Relay for Life Kick-Off

**Thursday, February 6th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**@ Equus Run Vineyards**

Check-in, appetizers, on-site team registration from 6 to 6:20, then an awards presentation for 2013 teams and sponsors, with motivational speakers to get you ready for Relay 2014!

**Sponsored by Equus Run Vineyards**



## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship



## Gratitude from Heifer International

"Thank you for making such a generous gift! ... Your gift provides the tools, animals, and training that hard-working families need to rise out of poverty and combat hunger. Your gifts are the catalyst for change... It is your kindness, generosity and compassion that makes the Heifer gift catalog and our programs worldwide such a success. We truly value and appreciate your support..."

A plaque recognizing our \$5,000 Heifer Ark purchase is on its way!

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## Epiphany Feast Results

In spite of the bitterly cold temperature, we had a very decent turnout for the dinner - raising \$1,855 for the MCC General Fund. **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in this event!



February is  
**African American History Month.**

## Budget Update

**Budgeted to date: \$90,364.05**  
**Received to date: \$79,838.61**

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

*You are encouraged  
to read and contemplate  
the text for the day in advance*



#### February 2

*Fourth Sunday After Epiphany*

Boy Scout Sunday

(No sermon)

#### February 9

*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-13

Title: "We Learned It from God"

#### February 16

*Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany*

Scripture: I Corinthians 3: 1-13

Sermon: "We Are God's House"

#### February 23

*Seventh Sunday After Epiphany*

Scripture: I Corinthians 4: 1-8

Sermon: "Don't Imagine Us Leaders  
to be Something We Aren't"



### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Anne Burford & Shirley Eckels

**Deacons:** John Askew, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Jim Hoppin, Teresa Hoppin, Sue Roberts, Mary Sayre, Bob Settlemire, Pat Wilson, James Batts, Hannah Campbell, Mary Jo Campbell, Betsy Schein & Will Schein

#### Worship Leaders:

**February 2** Scouts of Troop 40

**February 9** Blake Adkins

**February 16** James Batts

**February 23** Alex Adkins



ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME!

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

The first Sunday in February will finish up the series on Jesus, Bombs, and Ice Cream.

Then the study of The Gospel According to Sherlock Holmes will begin.

### Boy Scout Sunday - February 2nd

We will be celebrating Boy Scout Sunday on February 2nd. Members of Troop 40 will help lead worship and share what they've been doing for the past year.



*(MCC became the charter institution for Troop 40 in 1994).*



### Acolyte Schedule

**February 2** Willa Michel & Bailey Spicer

**February 9** Joe Campbell & Alex Adkins

**February 16** Jack Hill & Alex Woodruff

**February 23** Luke Hill & 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 & 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](http://www.christmount.org).



### Week of Wonder - (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](http://www.christmount.org).



### Personal Spiritual Retreats

are also available at Christmount.

Call 828-669-8977 for more information.

### Disciples Women of the Christian Church Quadrennial Assembly

Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel

June 25-29, 2014

Visit [www.discipleshomemissions.org](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org)

(click on DHM Ministries, then Quadrennial Assembly)

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

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

2013 Theme:  
"I See You"



## Pisgah Academy Day

### Hunger in Woodford County: "Help that Doesn't Hurt"

Saturday, February 15th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please Join Pisgah Presbyterian on Saturday, February 15, for the 2014 Pisgah Academy. They have invited Rev. Gaston Warner, Executive Director of ZOE International, to return to Kentucky to be the keynote speaker.

Those of you who heard him speak last October in Lexington will recall that he talked about "dead aid" – well-intentioned but misguided charity. Gaston has recommended the book, Toxic Charity, by Robert Lupton, as our text. We want to continue our focus on building compassionate communities, but we also want to insure that our compassion is effective – that our help does not hurt.

We will also have a local focus on hunger in Woodford County. Gary Jones will lead that discussion from his perspective with the Woodford Ministerial Association Soup Kitchen and his work with the Woodford County Food Pantry.

**Please sign up** for this event by going to the [pisgahchurch.org](http://pisgahchurch.org) website and clicking on Calendars, then Pisgah Academy Day 2014. You can fill in the form on the bottom of the screen and submit it online. The cost of \$15, payable at the door, includes the book and lunch. For more information, call Pisgah Presbyterian at 873-4161.



Pisgah Presbyterian Church

## Fellowship News and Notes

### Board Meeting

**Sunday, February 2nd**

All Elders, Deacons, and Team  
Leaders are encouraged to attend!



### Disciples Women Luncheon

**Sunday, February 16th, 12:30**

All women of MCC are invited to share food and fellowship on Sunday, February 16th in the Fellowship Hall.

**PLEASE BRING SOUP OR SANDWICHES TO SHARE!**



**Elders Meeting**  
**Monday, February 24th,**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### Valentine's Dinner

**Sunday, February 16th @ 5:30 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to a dinner of buffalo meatball appetizers, lasagna (meat and veggie varieties), antipasto salad, lettuce salad, trail mix popcorn, and either fruit salad or chocolate covered fruit.

**Please RSVP** to the MCC office by February 10th!



### Keenagers Luncheon

**Thursday, February 20th @ 11:30**  
**Smithtown Seafood**  
**501 W 6th St, Lexington**

We will leave around 11 a.m. from church if you wish to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 17th.



## Community News and Notes

### Community Dinner & Clothes Closet



**Tuesday, February 25th @ 6:30**

The community is invited to this FREE monthly dinner. Helpers are needed before and after.

### 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!



### Newport Aquarium Faith Weekend

**March 8-9**

If you order your tickets before March 5th, they are only \$12 each! Visit [www.newportaquarium.com](http://www.newportaquarium.com) and click on Groups & Education - Specialty Weekends - Faith Weekend. (or call 859-815-1423)



### Thank You from AA/Alanon Group

"Thank you for opening your doors to us. Because of your generosity, we see miracles - every day! With so much gratitude and joy,

The Midway Alanon/AA Group"

### Master Gardener Scholarship

Information about the \$2,000 Capital Area Extension Master Gardener Scholarship is on the office bulletin board. Applicants must be full-time college students in KY and have graduated high school from Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Mercer, or Woodford counties. The deadline is April 1st.

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Concert by the  
**100TH ARMY BRASS BAND**

Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m.

Duthie Auditorium

Midway College

## Green Chalice News

### WOODFORD COUNTY FARM-TO-FOOD BANK

Woodford County has recently approved a cost-share request to participate in the Farm-to-Food Bank program which pays farmers for produce which is not sold at the regular Farmer's Market. This program benefits: 1) those people who are served by the food bank by providing fresh fruits and vegetables not otherwise available; 2) the farmers, by giving them some payment for the surplus produce; and 3) the entire food system by reducing the amount of wasted food.



### Annual Preach-In



We are called to be good stewards of Creation, and to love God by loving others - especially those in our community most in need. Join Interfaith Power and Light in highlighting this calling on

Valentines Weekend for the National Preach-In on Climate Change. The theme of the 2014 Preach-In is "Doing our Part." Congregations all over the country are doing their part by using energy more efficiently and greening their facilities. We are responding to the urgent need to curb climate change and protect our children's future.

It's important to practice what we preach, and also sometimes to preach what we practice. Join us to preach and teach about the urgent need to protect our children's future, and all of God's Creation. You can participate from the comfort of your congregation and we will provide everything you need for the National Preach-In on Climate Change, February 14-16, 2014.

You can order Love Creation Valentine's postcards for your U.S. senators that your members can sign, educational bulletin inserts, and free access to the award-winning film about climate change: "Chasing Ice." More than 1,000 congregations in all 50 states will take part in the 2014 National Preach-In on Climate Change, and with your help we aim to send 40,000 Valentine postcards to U.S. Senators urging them to support the EPA's action to curb carbon pollution from power plants.

We are doing our part at home and in our congregations, now we need our representatives in Washington to do their part. Be sure to add activities that you host to our map to inspire others to participate as well.

**"Chasing Ice"** will be shown at MCC on **Sunday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** to Midway's Green Space and Green Chalice groups. ***The public is invited.***

### Be Careful Where Your Chocolate Comes From!

At this time, Food Empowerment Project recommends that people do not buy any chocolate sourced from areas in West Africa where child slavery is the most pervasive. Equal Exchange sources all of their chocolate from Central and South America. For Valentines Day and for all your chocolate needs, Disciples are encouraged to buy from Equal Exchange.



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

## Youth News and Notes

### Children/Youth Calendar:

#### Sunday Youth Group:

- 2/2 No Meeting**
- 2/9 4:00 p.m.** Planning Valentine Dinner
- 2/16 3:00 p.m.** Preparing Valentine Dinner
- 2/23 4:00 p.m.** "The Coffee Shoppe"



#### Jan 31/Feb 1 District Youth Ski Trip:

If you signed up for this (due Jan 12), see Mike McColl for details.



#### Valentine's Dinner

**Sunday, February 16th @ 5:30 p.m.**

The MCC Youth will be preparing a Valentine's Dinner (see details on Page 4) for anyone who would like to attend (please RSVP), to raise money for the MCC Youth Activities Fund.

#### "Camp Brooke" for Middle School Girls

**Christmount Christian Assembly**

**Black Mountain, NC**

**June 9-14**

See christmount.org for more information



#### Epiphany Sunday - January 5th

Several youth participated in this special service!



### 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

#### Lumber Jack & Jane Weekend

**April 26-28 @ Camp WaKon'Da-Ho**

Grades 6 - 12

\$20 per person

Register by April 18th by contacting Mike McColl @ 233-1391 or mike@ccinky.net



Happy  
Valentines Day

## Mission News and Notes



**Many thanks** to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the weeks of December 30th and January 27th: Phil Burchell , Phil & Nancy Dare, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Jim & Charlann Wombles, and Joe Campbell.

**The next delivery is the week of February 24th.**

### February Mission Payments -



**Midway College:** "Midway College, Kentucky's only women's college, provides a living, learning environment that enables students to assume roles of responsibility and leadership as contemporary women. The college assists each student in the development of personal integration and self sufficiency through a strong liberal arts education and through career studies, both at the associate and baccalaureate degree levels." *(from the Midway College website)*

**Christian Church in KY:** We are 30,000 committed followers of Jesus who worship and witness in 240 local congregations. We are outdoor ministries in two locations, retreats, conferences, workshops and mission trips for women, men, young adults, youth and children. We are the hands that bless, serve, break bread, and offer welcome and hospitality. We are nearly 500 ordained, commissioned and licensed ministers serving in a variety of vital ministries. We are the Christian Church



(Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky, "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." *(from the CCinKY website)*

### Week of Compassion: February 16 - 23

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.



### PAINT A BOWL for the Food Pantry

IPotter (just across from the Woodford County Library on Main Street in Versailles) has teamed up with First Christian Church to raise money for the new Food Pantry. Drop by IPotter to paint (and donate) a bowl to be used at the Empty Bowls Luncheon on March 16th. No appointment is needed. Studio hours are Sundays 1-7 pm, Tues-Wed-Thurs 5:30-9 pm, Friday 5:30-10 pm, and Saturdays 10 am-10 pm. Cost is \$5 per bowl. Invite a friend - or two - or three!!! **What a FUN way to help the Food Pantry!**



### 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.

### Food Pantry Items Needed

Please bring **dried spaghetti**, **crackers**, and **pork-n-beans** to the box in the narthex.



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*Return Service Requested*



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