



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

March 2014

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*In Loving Memory of
Betty Ann Voigt*

8/7/1923 - 2/4/2014

Cards may be sent to the family:

*Bob & Donna Hughes
3505 Willow Spring
Lexington, KY 40509*

Empty Bowls Luncheon - to Benefit the Woodford Food Pantry

Sunday, March 16th, 12-2:00

First Christian Church

160 Lexington Street
Versailles



For a \$12 donation, you can come have a bowl of yummy soup - and keep the hand-painted bowl! Drinks and dessert are also provided. Proceeds go toward the new Woodford County Food Pantry building.

*"Dear Rev. McColl and
Congregation: On behalf of
the family of Betty Ann
Voigt, please know how
grateful we are for the
kindness you have shown.
The day of her service was
filled with love and friend-
ship for our special lady,
Betty Ann. Thank you
again for all you did to
honor her. Sincerely,
Donna and Bob Hughes."*

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday
School

10:55 AM: Worship

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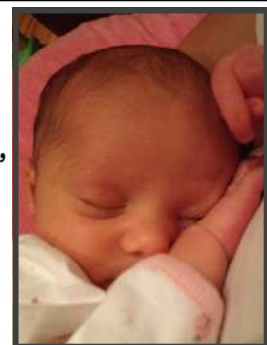
www.midwaychristian.org

WELCOME!

**Maggie Spencer
DeFavero**

**Born
January 31, 2014**

*A baby is a blessing.
A gift from Heaven above,
A precious little angel
To cherish and to love.*



Remember to set your
clocks forward on
Sunday - March 9th

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$103,273.20
Received to date: \$91,071.76



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



March 2

Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 5: 1-13

Title: "Cleaning House"

March 9

First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 63

Title: "We Have a Hunger to Know God"

March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20

Title: "Satisfying Our Hunger to Know God by Becoming Friends with God"

March 23

Third Sunday in Lent

Guest Preacher: Bill McDonald

March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Romans 14: 10-14, 19-23

Title: "Satisfying Our Hunger to Know God by Cultivating Our Relationship with God"



Serving This Month

Elders: Jan Nance & John Batts

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:

March 2 Carole Munson

March 9 Dick Murphy

March 16 TBA

March 23 TBA

March 30 TBA



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

Text: The Gospel According to Sherlock Holmes

Overview: If God is the greatest mystery of them all, then why not, in pursuit of God, consult the greatest detective of them all? In this imaginative and surprisingly profound book, Stephen Kendrick reveals Sherlock Holmes as spiritual guide. Drawing on the teachings of Christianity, Buddhism, and Judaism--as well as a host of thinkers as varied as Albert Einstein, Gandhi, and Vincent van Gogh--Kendrick explores the stories of Sherlock Holmes and finds remarkably prescient religious insights. Kendrick finds a model for uniting the principles of science with a sincere spiritual quest. The result is a book of inspiration for the modern, skeptical searcher--and an entertaining work that sheds new light on the methods of the world's greatest detective. (*Barnes & Noble website*)



Acolyte Schedule

March 2 Willa Michel & Alex Adkins

March 9 Joe Campbell & Bailey Spicer

March 16 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

March 23 Alex Woodruff & Willa Michel

March 30 Alex Adkins & Bailey Spicer

Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

Lexington Theological Seminary Webinar Workshops for Church Leaders:



"Practical Help for Laity and Clergy"

Cost: \$15 for in-person class, \$10 for on-line

LTS, 230 Lexington Green Circle, Suite 300, Lexington, KY 40503

www.lextheo.edu or call 859-280-1253

Reaching and Keeping

Saturday, March 1, 1:30 - 3:30

Rev. David Emery on leadership strategies for reaching young adults without alienating the older adult members of your congregation.

Renewed Worship, Relevant Worship

Saturday, April 26, 1:30 - 3:30

O. Wesley Allen, Jr. on revitalizing worship, regardless of style. Worship teams, musicians, and all who love Christian worship are welcome!

Getting the Most Out of Reading Your Bible

Saturday, May 17, 1:30 - 3:30

Professor Jerry Sumney on ways to bring the text to speak to our world in credible and meaningful ways.

Lifting Your Congregation from "Good to Great"

Saturday, June 7, 1:30 - 3:30

Rev. Matt Rosine on new measures for congregational effectiveness, and following Christ's call to church vitality and community transformation.

and... **"Help! I'm a Sunday School Teacher?"** *Saturday, October 11, 1:30 - 3:30*

Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries Spring Conferences

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY
Dr. Charisse Gillett, President of Lexington Theological Seminary, Preaching



Saturday, April 26, 2014

First Christian Church, Henderson, KY
Rev. Lisa Caldwell-Reiss, Co-Pastor of First Christian Fort Thomas, Preaching

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.



Personal Spiritual Retreats

are also available at Christmount.

Call 828-669-8977 for more information.



PASTOR'S CLASS AT MCC

First class: Sunday, March 9th, 12:30 p.m.

We will begin Pastor's Class on Sunday, March 9th at 12:30 p.m. and continue for about 5 weeks. All children and youth who are currently in the 4th grade or higher are invited to be a part of the class. We will be taking a look at Disciples history, baptism, communion, and the Bible. Please call Heather if you have any questions or would like more information.



Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

Sunday, March 2nd

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



Handbell Practice

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. - starting March 5th



See Melissa Askew if you are interested in being a Bell Ringer! (no experience necessary)



Elders Meeting
Monday, March 31st
6:30 p.m.

In lieu of presents, please donate to Heifer Ark



Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, March 20th @ 11:30 a.m.



The Keeangers will travel to Lexington to the "new" Ramsey's Diner for lunch on Thursday, March 20th at 11:30. The new address is 151 W. Zandale. We will leave the church at 11 a.m. that morning if you wish to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, March 17th.

Disciples Women Luncheon - Sunday, March 16th, 12:30

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

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



Community News and Notes

*****See Page 5 for Information on the Lenten Breakfast Series*****

Community Dinner



Tuesday, March 25th @ 6:30
The community is invited to this FREE monthly dinner. Helpers are needed before and after.

Community Clothes Closet

Tuesday, March 25th
during the Community Dinner



Wide assortment of clothing and accessories; most items are 25 cents each.

Newport Aquarium Faith Weekend

March 8-9



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

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!



Lenten Breakfast Series

Saturday, March 22nd @ 9:00 a.m.

"Satisfying Our Hunger for God: What does the Bible say about it?"

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Sumner, Professor of Biblical Studies at LTS

Music: Aaron Hamilton, singer

Flock # 2 is responsible for Breakfast



Saturday, March 29th @ 9:00 a.m.

"Satisfying Hunger with God's Pantry"

Speaker: Danielle Pierce-Tussey

Music: To Be Announced

Flock #3 is responsible for Breakfast



Saturday, April 5th @ 9:00 a.m.

"Satisfying Hunger with FaithFeeds"

Speaker: Jennifer Erena

Music: To Be Announced

Flock #4 is responsible for Breakfast



Saturday, April 12th @ 9:00 a.m.

"Satisfying Hunger with Hope Ministries Food Pantry"

Speaker: Sharon Hardin

Music: To Be Announced

Flock #1 is responsible for Breakfast



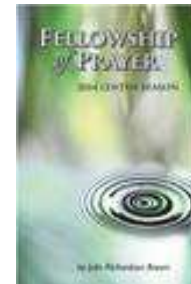
Lenten Devotional

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This year we will be using the Lenten Devotional from Chalice Press written by Julie Richardson Brown. Julie is the wife of former minister of Midway Christian Church, David Brown. They will be available for pick up in the narthex starting Sunday March 2nd.

Here is a description from Chalice Press: "Clean. Fresh. Renewal.

Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Isn't that what Lent does for us? In Fellowship of Prayer 2014 Julie Richardson Brown shows us how all days, not just those during Lent, are sacred opportunities for introspection and renewal."



See more Lenten News in the Insert...

Lenten Theme

“Satisfying Our Hunger for God”

Hunger motivates us. In both the physical and spiritual realms, our energies are often focused on satisfying our hungers, trying to satisfy the deep longing of our souls. And as we search for God, we certainly do experience moments of deep and profound happiness, but we quickly realize that these moments are temporary. We move on to the next dream, always hoping that the next dream, the next vision, will be the thing that makes us happy. So we hunger for love in our lives. We hunger for belonging. We hunger for accomplishment. We hunger for peace. We hunger for justice. We hunger for security. While each of these may offer us temporary happiness, the satisfaction is always short-lived. We still hunger for something more. We hunger for our God.

On our Lenten journey, we will be exploring the many ways that the Word of God tells us we can satisfy our hunger for God. The two Scriptures that will be our focus are Psalm 63 and John 6: 29-57, and as we continue our journey to satisfy our hunger, we will also learn that by getting in touch with our deepest desires and longings, getting in touch with our hunger for God, we will find the many places where God is already working in our lives.

To start our journey, I want to share two quotes with you:

“The soul must long for God in order to be set aflame by God’s love; but if the soul cannot yet feel this longing, then it must long for the longing. To long for the longing is also from God.” Meister Eckhart

“Man has an inborn hunger for God. He cannot be satisfied with anything less than God. God alone can supply the bread which satisfies the inner longing of your soul and the hunger of your heart.” Billy Graham

Lenten Mission Action

Many of the stories about Jesus involve gathering around food. Jesus lifted up bread and wine during the Passover feast as a remembrance of him and a blessing for us all. Jesus even tells us he is the Bread of Life. Food and gathering around the table are such a huge part of our identity as Disciples of Christ.

Realize that our spiritual hungers will never be satisfied as long as there is physical hunger in our world. As disciples of Christ who understand the importance of the table, we believe that a huge part of our hunger for God is also a hunger for justice and wholeness for all of God’s creation. So this Lenten season, we are taking up the challenge to address hunger issues in our community. We are doing this by learning more about organizations that help hungry families in our community and by inviting everyone to bring items for the Northside Backpack Project.

These backpacks are filled with items for meals and snacks that will last through the weekend. They are given to children on Friday afternoons as they leave school and then returned on Monday morning so that they can be refilled for the following week. Right now, the Northside Backpack Project feeds 50 children each week. And we are hearing more and more of how these backpacks are no longer just for the children. Many families are now relying on them to feed their family over the weekend as well.

So we are asking everyone during our Lenten journey to bring items for the Northside Backpack Project.

Shopping List: Oatmeal packets, cereal, granola bars, pudding cups, fruit cups, sandwich crackers, juice boxes, mac-n-cheese cups, beans-n-franks, chicken-n-dumplings, Hormel Compleats (less spicy ones), Chef-boy-ar-dee pasta, chili, ready to eat soups (chicken noodle or tomato), applesauce, and microwave popcorn.



Update on Cornerstone Campaign:

Back in the fall, it was decided to finish the tuck-pointing on the sanctuary building, which would be about \$60,000 for the total project. The trustees believed in the congregation so much that they decided to put forth the first \$25,000 for the project. So that left \$35,000. The Finance Committee approached the congregation of Midway Christian Church with a challenge: raise \$35,000 over twelve weeks for this project. At a luncheon on Sunday, October 27th, we celebrated that \$25,863.60 had been raised at that point! Wonderful News and it only gets better from there!



As of today, we have raised... \$56,364.60 for our Cornerstone Campaign! We are only \$3,635.40 from our goal! That is amazing!

And we are asking for one more final push! We are so close to our goal. The work is on schedule to start sometime in March, depending on weather, and we would like to have the full \$60,000 before the work gets started. So we are asking everyone to prayerfully consider making a gift to our Cornerstone campaign. Whether it is your first gift or second or third gift, all of it will be used to help ensure that our sanctuary building will continue for many more years to come to be a place of worship, a place where people can experience the love and grace of God, and more importantly, where we as part of the Body of Christ with Jesus as our Cornerstone can continue to carry out our mission of welcome.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Mary Sayre, our chairperson of the Board, or Heather.

Shrink Beaten Biscuit Flyer to Fit Here



Old-Fashioned **BEATEN BISCUIT WORKSHOP**

**Featuring Midway's master beaten biscuit maker:
Charles Logan**

Saturday, April 5, 2014

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Midway Christian Church

Fellowship Hall

123 E Bruen Street

Registrations suggested: call 846-4102

(or e-mail office@midwaychristian.org)

Donations appreciated for The Homeplace at Midway

THANK YOU, SPONSORS:



**MIDWAY NURSING
HOME TASK FORCE**



Ground for Hope: A GreenFaith Event



Environmental Events in Kentucky

*Richard Cizik, Sister Claire McGowan, and Dr. Trisha Tull
headline March 8-9 events in Lexington and Louisville*

GreenFaith's *Ground for Hope* events have energized and equipped over 1,000 clergy and lay members of faith communities nationwide. National, regional and local presenters will help people of diverse faiths deepen their spirituality, enrich their preaching and teaching, and gain resources to use in their congregations and communities. Participants will receive free resources to support environmental programming in faith communities in the areas of religious education, worship and spiritual practice, advocacy, and sustainable consumption.

Ground for Hope-BLUEGRASS

Saturday, March 8th 9AM - 12PM
Central Christian Church
205 E Short St.
Lexington, KY

This event is free and will provide resources for Clergy, Lay Leaders and Seminarians

Register and learn more at www.greenfaith.org. Click on the *Ground for Hope* tab.

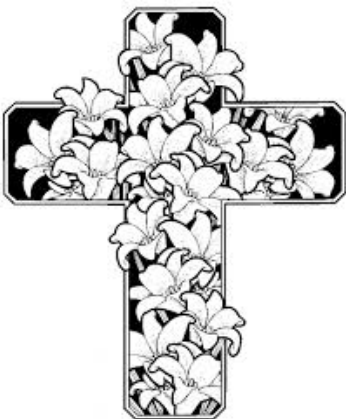
Ground for Hope- KENTUCKIANA

Sunday, March 9th 2 PM - 7PM
Highland Baptist Church
1101 Cherokee Rd.
Louisville, KY

Registration is \$15 and includes a reception following the workshops and keynote address.

Chasing Ice: If you missed the showing of the movie on global warming, "Chasing Ice," you may borrow the DVD from the church office - first come, first served!

Flowering the Cross



Based on a legend that the cross itself bloomed at the moment Jesus died, the flowering cross is found in Christian art as early as the sixth century. This year, everyone is invited to "flower the cross" by writing down the many ways we seek God in our lives because we believe that "getting in touch with our desires and longings is the key to finding where God is working in our lives".

So on the back of a paper flower (provided), please write your answers to the question, "At the depths of your soul, what do you desire and hope for along your journey of faith" and then pin the flower to the cross in the Fellowship Hall. The idea is to cover the brown cross with colorful flowers representing the many ways that God continues to surprise us by bringing new life out of our darkness.

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Sunday Youth Group:

3/2	TBA	Nagasaki
3/9	4:00 p.m.	IPotter (bring \$5 each)*
3/16	4:00 p.m.	Spirit Exercises
3/23	4:00 p.m.	"Coffee Shoppe"
3/30	N/A	Spring Break - No Youth

*need adult support/drivers



"Camp Brooke" for Middle School Girls

Christmount Christian Assembly
Black Mountain, NC

June 9-14

See christmount.org
for more information



Midway Children's Choir Update



by Melissa Askew

After a late start due to snow days, the spring season of the Midway Children's choir is underway! There are currently just over 15 members of the choir, about half returning and half are new. We are working on a variety of songs from different Disney movies, some fun songs about spring, as well as ones with messages of hope and making a difference in the world. We are scheduled to sing for the Midway College Pops concert in April and hopefully several other community services. Your continued support of this group is tremendously appreciated and your prayers are always appreciated.

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



Little Elks Kids Consignment Sale

Friday, March 7th - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 8th - 8 a.m. to noon

South Elkhorn Christian Church

4343 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington



Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of February 24th: Phil Burchell , Phil & Nancy Dare (x 2), Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, and Joe Campbell. **The next delivery is the week of March 24th.**

March Mission Payment

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)

Thank You from Midway College



"Thank you for your generous gift... to Midway College of \$500 for the Annual Fund. As we face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, we are encouraged in knowing that friends like you stand with us. We are so grateful for our relationship with Midway Christian - Blessings to you all!"

Thank You from Christian Church in Kentucky (February Mission Payment)



"Please express our thanks to the congregation for the gift of \$500 to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky. This over and above outreach gift will help strengthen and expand our service to congregations. We appreciate the many ways that the church is involved in witness and serves through the Christian Church in Kentucky. We claim your ministry as our ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ."

- J. Gregory Alexander, General Minister

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
Assorted Chocolate Bars	\$3 per bar
Easter Eggs Gift Box	\$7 per box

Make checks to MCC with Fair Trade in memo line

Thank You from LTS (January Mission Payment)



"The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church."

- Mark Blankenship, VP for Advancement



Food Pantry Items Needed

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

Midway Christian Church

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Return Service Requested



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