



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April 2014

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Observing Holy Week:



Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 13th, 10:55 a.m. at Midway Christian Church

Traditional Seder Meal

Sunday, April 13th, 6:00 p.m. at MCC

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17th, 7:00 p.m. at MCC

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 20th, 7:00 a.m. at Walter Bradley Park

(Breakfast to follow at 8:30 a.m. at 2nd Christian Church)



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 20th 10:55 a.m. at MCC



Congregational Meeting/Potluck Lunch

Sunday, April 6th, 12:30 p.m.

Please stay for this important meeting and bring a side dish or salad to share!

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Nominating Time Again!

It is that time again to nominate elders, deacons, and church leaders for Midway Christian Church. The positions of elders, deacons, and church officers are very important roles of leadership in our church, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for who would be good in these positions, please see Shirley Eckels or Heather McColl.



The office will be
CLOSED Good Friday,
April 18th

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$116,182.35
Received to date: \$105,208.76

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 6: 27-59

Title: "Satisfying Our Hunger to Know
God by Eating the Bread of Life"

April 13

Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11

Title: "Satisfying Our Hunger to Know
God by Praising the Messiah"

April 20

Easter Sunday

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-17a

Title: "Our Hunger is Satisfied: We
Know We Live in God and God Lives in
Us!"

April 27

Second Sunday of Easter

Earth Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 33: 1-9

Title: "Earth is Drenched in God's
Affectionate Satisfaction"



Serving This Month

Elders: Etta Manor & Anne Burford

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

Worship Leaders:

April 6 Bobbie Dare

April 13 Wilda Caudle

April 20 Jack Hill

April 27 Nancy Dare



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

Text: The Gospel According to Harry Potter

"In a book that is sure to delight Harry Potter fans and spiritual seekers alike, Connie Neal embarks on an exploration into J.K. Rowling's created world of magic and mystery and enumerates more than fifty "Potteran" themes that can be seen as glimmers of the Christian gospel. With an arsenal of charming allusions and parallels, Neal persuasively demonstrates that Harry Potter need not be rejected as a threat to the Christian faith, as some have claimed. Written accessibly in short three- to four-page chapters, Neal's The Gospel According to Harry Potter is both a much-needed stroke of interpretive genius and a fascinating reflection on our time's most popular literary series. This is a must-read for everyone intrigued by the Harry Potter phenomenon."

- from *Christianbook.com* website



Acolyte Schedule

April 6 Willa Michel & Bailey Spicer

April 13 Joe Campbell & Jack Hill

April 20 Luke Hill & Alex Woodruff

April 27 Alex Adkins & Willa Michel

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

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 Conference

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington
Dr. Charisse Gillett, President of Lexington Theological Seminary, 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 for more info.



Disciples Women of the Christian Church Quadrennial Assembly

Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel

June 25-29, 2014

Visit 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...



Cane Ridge Opening Day

Cane Ridge Shrine - Opening Day Worship

Tuesday, April 1st, 10:00 a.m. - 1655 Cane Ridge Rd (Hwy 537), Paris, KY

Come worship at historic Cane Ridge Meeting House (birthplace of Disciples of Christ) on opening day - April 1st - at 10:00 a.m. Light refreshments will follow in the Museum.



Fellowship News and Notes

Lenten Breakfast Series Continues:

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

"Satisfying Hunger with FaithFeeds"

Speaker: Jennifer Erena

Music: To Be Announced

Flock #4 bringing Breakfast



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

"Satisfying Hunger -Hope Ministries Food Pantry"

Speaker: Sharon Hardin

Music: To Be Announced

Flock #1 bringing Breakfast



Elders Meeting

Monday, April 21st***

6:30 p.m.



Elders

*** Moved to the 3rd Monday each month

Congregational Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, April 6th, 12:30 - See Page 1

Keenagers Luncheon

**Thursday, April 24th
@ 11:30 a.m.**



The Keenagers will travel to Billy's BBQ, 101 Cochran Road in Lexington on Thursday, April 24th. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 21st if you can go. Meet at church by 11:00 a.m. if you wish to carpool.

Earth Day Clean-Up

Saturday, April 26th, 9 a.m. to noon



In honor of Earth Day, MCC Youth is hosting a Clean-Up Day at MCC. Bring rakes and outdoor tools. Lunch will be provided.

Disciples Women Luncheon - Sunday, April 13th, 12:30

All women of MCC are invited to share food and fellowship on Sunday, April 13th in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss plans for the annual Girls on the Run Pizza Party.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



Community News and Notes



We need homemade snacks to take to Northside Teachers on April 28th!!!

Community Dinner - Changing Days

Monday, April 28th @ 6:30

Our FREE monthly community dinners are moving back to the LAST MONDAY of the month, starting in April. The key organizers of this event find that it fits into their schedules much better than Tuesdays. So, every month, on the last Monday of the month, (except for October, when we combine it with Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween), mark your calendars for the Free Community Dinner. *Helpers are needed before and after!*

The Community CLOTHES CLOSET (in the MCC basement) is open during the dinners!



Francisco's Farm NEEDS Volunteers

**Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18
Midway College Campus**

A variety of jobs are available for Francisco's Farm volunteers. Find out more - & sign up to help - at www.franciscosfarm.org.



Woodford Senior Center Fundraiser

Thursday, April 17th, 11:00 - 1:00

Bean soup, corn bread, dessert, and a drink will be served for \$5, to raise funds to support the Woodford County Senior Center and Woodford Adult Day programs. Call 873-6871 to place your order.

Pastoral Word - Concerning Troop 40

In November 2013, the Bluegrass Council of the Boy Scouts of America contacted the church about some issues with our charter document for Troop 40. These issues surrounding the Charter document would have caused our church to be the sole party responsible and liable for any accidents or incidents should they have occurred. It was also brought to the church's attention that a letter had been filed officially with the Bluegrass Council that alleged comments were made that membership would not be given to Scouts who were gay nor would they be able to advance in rank. These alleged comments go against our church policy of welcome that was decided upon by our Elders. At their April 2013 meeting, our Elders decided that Midway Christian Church (MCC) welcomes all to be a part of our community of faith regardless of race, gender, creed, ethnicity or sexual orientation and that we agree to live in the tension that comes with the statement All means All because ultimately, it is God's Table and we come as guests invited.

The Bluegrass Council realized that because of the severity of the situation, the best course of action would also be to involve the National Association of the Boy Scouts of America.

In March 2014, the National Association decided to initiate a change in leadership of Troop 40 and put into place actions that went farther than the leadership of the church expected or anticipated. On Monday, March 3rd, the Executives of the Elkhorn District of the Boy Scouts met with the parents and families of Troop 40 as well as the elders of MCC to discuss National's decision and the effects of that decision for Troop 40. This meeting did not go very well. There was lots of confusion and hurt feelings by all who attended this meeting.

In the weeks following, the leadership of MCC has tried to mend fences and find ways to reconcile with Troop 40 so that we could all move forward in a partnership that was beneficial to each group. But it soon became apparent that that would not be possible. On Monday, March 24th, once again, the Executives of the Elkhorn District met with the leadership of Troop 40 and the elders of MCC to try to figure out ways to move forward and once again come together to help the boys achieve their potential through Scouting. At this meeting, the church discovered that the group of men and boys connected with Troop 40 no longer wanted to be partners in Scouting with Midway Christian Church and have found a new charter organization.

So what does this mean for us and for Troop 40? The leadership of MCC realizes that Troop 40 has been a vital and essential part of our Midway Community and we don't want to lose that. It would leave a huge hole for our community if that happened. So we are working with the Elkhorn District to explore options.

Option 1: As a charter organization, we still hold the charter for Troop 40. We can write a letter of release, releasing this group from the charter but can still retain the Troop number as well as any or all of the Troop equipment. This would be beneficial to the church if and when we decide to rebuild Troop 40 in the future.

Option 2: The District Executives pointed out that at this time, the only Cub Scout packs are in Versailles and that Midway would benefit from having its own Cub Scout Pack. This would and could eventually lead to a foundation for rebuilding Troop 40 in the future.

Option 3: The District Executives also told the church about another Scouting Program called Venturing which is for young men and women who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

The elders are continuing to meet to discuss where God is leading us and guiding us in this particular situation. And I find it no surprise that we are having these types of conversations during this season of Lent which draws to a close on Easter Sunday this month. On Easter, we celebrate that the darkness didn't overcome the light. On Easter, we celebrate that love wins. On Easter, we celebrate that our God is still constantly working to bring forth new life in transforming ways.

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Concerning Troop 40 - continued...


As a person of faith, I am constantly reminded that we worship a Savior who shows us in so many ways but especially shows us through the gift of the empty tomb, that we are people of the resurrection. We proudly proclaim that darkness and death does not have the last word, and that where the world says it is finished and over, God surprises us through the gift of new life. I cannot help but be reminded of this as we discern how we move forward with the future of Troop 40. Sure, it will be different. Sure, it will be change. But, I know that in the midst of these conversations, God is right there saying to all of us, "I am calling you to be the stewards of my creation. Let's figure out a way to bring hope, grace and love to the people of Midway in all that we do."

And if we as Midway Christian Church can do just that, then there is no limit to the amazing life-giving and life-transforming opportunities and options that God will put before us. And I, for one, am excited to see what God has in store for us!

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Sunday Youth Group:

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| 4/6 | Spring Break - No Youth |  |
| 4/13 | 3:00 p.m. Kids in the Kitchen | |
| 4/13 | 6:00 p.m. Seder Meal | |
| 4/20 | Happy Easter - No Youth | |
| 4/26 | 9-12 Outdoor Clean-Up Day | |
| 4/27 | 4:00 p.m. "Evan Almighty" movie | |

Midway College Summer Camps

Midway College is once again offering some terrific summer camps for kids in June and July, including:

- Equine "Between the Ears" Camp (co-ed)
- Science Goes Splat, Fizzle & Pop (co-ed)
- Write On!/Get Your Read On! (co-ed)
- Art Camp: Dribble, Drabble, Paste... (co-ed)
- Wild World Explorer Camp (co-ed)
- Girl Power! Camp (girls only)

For more information including ages, fees, dates, etc., and to register, call 846-5872, email camps@midway.edu, or visit the web at www.midway.edu/camps.



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

*This is a Mission Trip Experience Week for all Chi-Rho thru 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



Summencamps

Thank You to Jordan Batts!

Jordan has agreed to serve as the Junior Deacon Representative to the Board!



Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of March 24th: Phil Burchell (x2) , the Dares, Adele Dickerson & Dan Roller, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, & the Wombles. **The next delivery is the week of April 21st.**

April Mission Payments

Woodford County Senior Citizens

The Woodford County Senior Citizens Center's mission is to keep senior citizens in their homes and living independently. The agency provides in-house lunches, activities, outings and socialization. They also provide home delivered meals to individuals that are home bound. Another service they provide is home care. An aid comes to the home and provides light housekeeping and personal care. Transportation is also provided to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, beauty shops, etc. This service is available Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Northside Backpack Project



Midway Christian Church supports the efforts of Midway Presbyterian Church in providing backpacks of food for at-risk Northside Elementary kids to take home on Fridays so they have something to eat over the weekends.

Cornerstone Campaign Update



We are happy and grateful to announce that we have reached our Cornerstone Campaign goal!!! Weather permitting, the tuck-pointing work should begin around April 1st. THANK YOU to everyone who made it possible to care for our beautiful, historic building!

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

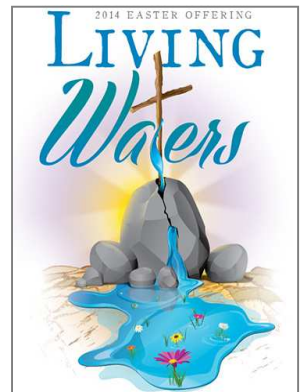
Make checks to MCC with Fair Trade in memo line



Easter Offering

Sunday, April 20th

Your donation supports the General Ministries of the Disciples of Christ in being the hands, feet, voice, and heart of Jesus through countless servants around the world.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Food Pantry Items Needed

- **Dried spaghetti**
- **Crackers**
- **Pork-n-beans**

Drop box
in the
narthex

And More News...

Altar Set to be Re-Silvered

In June of 2012, the Memorials committee at that time requested that funds be used from the Memorials fund to purchase a new cross for the communion table in our sanctuary in memory of Lily Mae Wright, Tom Roach, Charlotte Morgan and Mary Lee Curtis. At that time, \$1, 895 was set aside in Memorials for this request following the approval of the board.

Now, let's jump forward to 2014. As the church is transitioning to the new structure, we are trying to finish up some "old" business, one item being the recommendation from Memorials committee for a new cross. The Memorials Fund has grown over the last couple of years so the Worship committee met on Wednesday March 19th to discuss this item of business and to give their recommendation. After much research and conversation, it was decided to have our altar set re-silvered instead of purchasing a new set, saving the church more than a thousand dollars. Gloria Batts and Pat Wilson went to Batmark Jewelry in Lexington to meet with Silver Restoration Events by Bron-Shoe (www.silverrestorationevents.com) to begin the process of restoring our altar set. The process will take about 6-8 weeks. So unfortunately we may not have it in time for Easter, but we are so thankful that once again, in all that we do, we will be bringing our best to God in worship.

THANK YOU, FROM HISTORIC 2ND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Thank you so much for letting us use your baptistery last Sunday (March 23). The family truly enjoyed the intimate feel and great view of the baptism. Let Richard (Caudle) know we at Historic 2nd appreciate all he did. Blessings on you,"

- Pastor Rick Smith, Historic 2nd Christian Church

THANK YOU, FROM PAT WILSON

"Recently, after Sunday worship, I was walking to the car when I heard one of the church members say, "Prayers are answered." When I think about the expressions of love I received after my fall during the time of hospitalization and recovery, I find it hard to say exactly how I feel. There is gratitude, humbleness, happiness, and thankfulness, and my cup runneth over! Prayers were answered and I thank God for listening and for all those people who lifted prayers in my behalf. The healing has progressed remarkably well. Thank you, everyone, for your thoughts and prayers, for visits from Pinky and young people and those who braved the cold and snow, and for the beautiful handmade cards and for all the other beautiful cards. I am blessed to have a caring church family,, as well as my children. Thank you, thank you, and **thank you!**"

- Pat Wilson



Green Chalice News

Ecopalms (Midway Christian uses these!)

At least half of the farmers in the Central Peten of Guatemala earn an additional income from harvesting fronds, and more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds. Each palm plant produces 2 to 5 harvestable leaves over a 2 to 4 month period. Palm purchases for Palm Sunday may be worth up to 4.5 million dollars/year.

Tips from GreenFaith.org:

Top 10 Tips for Water Conservation in the Home

1. Calculate your water footprint.
2. Replace showerheads. Install low-flow showerheads, rated 1.5 gallons per minute (gpm) or less.
3. Install aerators. Screw aerators rated at 1.5 gpm onto your faucets.
4. Use toilet tank banks. Reduce water used per flush with these flexible inserts placed in the tank.
5. Go WaterSense. This certification ensures your appliances are the most water efficient in their class.
6. Turn it off! Shut off water when soaping up, shaving, washing dishes or brushing teeth. If you let it run to warm up/cool down, collect it for other uses.
7. Wash dishes wisely. Scrape, don't rinse, dishes before using the dishwasher. Plug up the sink/basin if washing dishes by hand.
8. Wash clothes with less. Do only full loads of laundry, or lower the water setting to match the size of the load.
9. Check for leaks. Each month check all appliances for leaks.
10. Avoid the garbage disposal! Collect food waste in a drain trap.



Woodford County Extension Service - 2014 Gardening Series: "Grow a Garden... Prepare the Produce"

To be held at the Woodford County Extension Office,
184 Beasley Road, Versailles



- **April 24** **All About Asparagus**
- **May 8** **Tomatoes and Peppers**
- **June 23** **Herbs**
- **July 22** **Fall Gardening/Produce**
- **August 26** **Bountiful Berries**

To register, call the Extension Office at
873-4601 or email
elizabeth.creed@uky.edu or
faye.tewksbury@uky.edu



Kentucky River Watershed Watch Training in Midway

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

Please e-mail joann.palmer@ky.gov for more information or to register for this Grab Sample and Field Chemistry workshop.

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



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Return Service Requested

Easter Flowers Order Form

OFFERING A CHOICE OF THREE FLOWERS THIS YEAR!

Name: _____

I would like to order Lily(s)
 Tulip(s)
 Azalea(s)

*Cost is
\$10 each*



In HONOR of: _____

In MEMORY of: _____

*Please make checks payable to Midway Christian Church,
with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.*

Deadline to order: Monday, April 7th, 2014

