

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July 2014

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Church Picnic

Sunday, July 27th, 5:00 p.m.

Laura & Bobby Riddle's Farm

603 Fisher's Mill Road, Midway



Plans are in the works for a church-wide picnic "down by the creek" at the Riddle Farm on Sunday, July 27th. Chicken, burgers, and hot dogs will be provided, as well as drinks, but please **bring a side dish or dessert** to share! There will be a hay ride, corn hole and other games, and we're hoping to arrange for some live music! Don't miss out on the fun!!!



Rummage Sale - September 19-21

Disciples Women will hold their annual Rummage Sale on Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21. Storage space is limited, so if you can possibly hold onto your donations (clean, gently-used items) until September, please do so!

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Burgers & Beats

Sunday, July 20th · 5 – 8 pm

@ Wallace Station



Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of great food, live music and games for the whole family. Chef Ouita Michel's first-rate cooks serve up burgers and summer's best picnic fare, while Lexington's *Silverback* cranks out tunes that will have everyone dancing. *Crank and Boom* will join us to scoop Premium Craft Ice Cream to help thank our supporters! We will have a silent auction, games, and a gleaning garden for kids to harvest for the hungry. *All proceeds benefit GleanKY/Faith Feeds, easing hunger in Kentucky through gleaning and distributing excess fruits and vegetables.*

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The church office will be
CLOSED
on Friday, July 4th

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$154,909.78
Received to date: \$137,301.00

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



July 6

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Patriotic Hymn Sing

No Sermon

July 13

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Job 14: 7-15; 19: 23-27

Title: "For There is Hope"

July 20

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Job 31: 35-37; 38: 1-11

Title: "Who Are We to Question God?"

July 27

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Job 38: 25-27; 41: 1-8;
42: 1-6

Title: "Humanity is Not the Center of God's Creation"



Serving This Month

Elders: Jim Leer & Phil Burchell

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

Worship Leaders:

July 6 Carole Munson

July 13 James Batts

July 20 Bob Settlemire

July 27 TBA



SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

July theme: "**Bible Stories: What do we like, and why?**"

We will look at the group's favorite stories, find out why they are favorites, and talk about what they can teach us today.

On July 27th Dr. Jim Roach will be starting a series on
"**Near Death Experiences – a Window to God**"

Update on Re-Silvering the Cross and Candlesticks

The Bron-shoe Company that is restoring our altar cross and candlesticks should be shipping them back to us soon.

"Restoration is a long, 10-12 week process," they say. As soon as we get them, we will dedicate them once more to the service of the Lord.



Acolyte Schedule

July 6 Alex Adkins & Bailey Spicer

July 13 Alex Woodruff & Willa Michel

July 20 Jack Hill & Joe Campbell

July 27 Luke Hill & Alex Adkins

Green Chalice News

Woodford County Farmer's Markets

MIDWAY:
Mondays 3 to 6 p.m.
Downtown Midway



VERSAILLES:
Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon
Courthouse
also Wednesdays 3 to 6 p.m.
Versailles Presbyterian



Bluegrass Green Source

(formerly Bluegrass Pride)

Presentation on Rain Gardens

Wednesday, July 2nd, 2:00 p.m.
@ Midway Christian Church

Kara Sayles of Bluegrass Green Source will explain the benefits of, and how to install, a rain garden on your property. The current rain garden at Midway Christian will be used as an example, and a rain garden workshop for Woodford County is being planned for the fall. Faye Tewksbury, Horticulture Specialist with the Woodford County Extension Service, will also be on hand. All are welcome, and funding for future rain gardens may be available.



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College of Agriculture,
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Woodford County Extension Classes

4:00-5:30 p.m., 184 Beasley Road, Versailles

"Grow a Garden... Prepare the Produce"

July 22 - Fall Gardening/Produce

August 26 - Bountiful Berries

Register by contacting:

873-4601 or elizabeth.creed@uky.edu

Midway Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, July 15th @ 7 p.m.

MCC Library

The Midway Green Chalice continues working on ways to be more responsible in the use of the earth's resources, and educating others about this responsibility as Christians. At Midway Christian's Fellowship Hall, we will be increasing energy efficiency by replacing windows and lighting systems.

All are welcome at these meetings!



New Woodford County Chapter of GleanKY

Monday, July 14th, 9:00 a.m. @ Midway School Bakery

Glean KY (formerly Faith Feeds) is establishing a chapter in Woodford County, and members from MCC are involved in this organization to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables to people in need of food.



The next meeting of this group is July 14 at 9:00a.m. at the Midway School Bakery.

Everyone is invited to join us.

MCC Rain Garden Update

Our Rain Gardens have several interesting plants including Bee Balm, Purple Coneflower, New England Aster and Butterfly Weed.

This year, we added Milkweed, which is the host plant for Monarch butterflies. Monarchs are losing these host plants due to herbicides and mowing. Consider adding milkweed plants to your garden!

Green Chalice Retreat

November 7-8, 2014

Barren River State Resort Park

Call 800-325-0057 or 270-646-2151 for reservations. A block of rooms will be held until October 8.



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Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

Sunday, July 6th

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



Elders Meeting

Monday, July 21st

6:30 p.m.



Disciples Women

Sunday, September 7th, 12:30 p.m.

The next Disciples Women's meeting will be a pre-rummage sale meeting on Sunday, September 7th in the fellowship hall.

Please bring a dish to share.



Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, July 24th @ 11:30 a.m.

Windy Corner, Bryan Station Road, Lexington

The Keenagers will travel to Windy Corner for lunch on Thursday, July 24th. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, July 21st if you can go. Meet at church by 10:45 a.m. to carpool.



Cabinet Retreat

Saturday, July 12th,

9 a.m. to noon

MCC Fellowship Hall

Bring your ideas for special events and projects as the cabinet plans for the upcoming church year.



Jack Morgan has a new grandson!

Jordan David Morgan, born May 29, 2014 @ 6:35 am to David John & Jeannie Kim Morgan at Ft. Irwin, CA; wt. 9lb 9oz, 21 inches

Community News and Notes

Habitat Blitz Build in Midway

Volunteers are working at the new Habitat for Humanity home site at 218 N. Winter Street in Midway. The "Blitz Build" began on Saturday, June 21st.

Many thanks to these churches who provided lunches and snacks for the workers: Midway Baptist Church, Midway Christian Church, Midway Presbyterian Church, and Midway United Methodist Church.



Community Dinner

Monday, July 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



All are welcome at the FREE monthly Community Dinners at MCC held on the last Monday of each month.

Helpers are needed before and after!

The Clothes Closet is OPEN during the dinner!

Community Clothes Closet Saturday Hours

The Clothes Closet is now **OPEN on Saturday mornings from 9 to 11.** Volunteers are needed - sign up in the narthex!!!

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



Pastoral Word

Summer Sermon Series

We began our summer sermon series on June 15th and this year, we are focusing on the Book of Job. I'm sure everyone is thinking, Why Job? It is an odd sort of book, a book that goes into lengthy descriptions about a man sitting on an ash heap, scratching his festering boils with broken pottery. The Book of Job contains forty-some of the most depressing chapters in the Bible, and so it is no surprise that we find ourselves asking, Really? This is what the preacher picks for our summer series? The Book of Job?

Yes! Yes, I did pick the Book of Job for our summer series. And here's why: because behind those forty-some depressing chapters is a great faith story. Behind the descriptions of suffering and ash heaps, the Book of Job shows us that no subject is off-limits when it comes to talking about our faith. It shows us that no subject is too taboo that we can't bring up with our God and with one another.

"Job suffered. His name is synonymous with suffering. He asked, "Why?" He asked, "Why me?" And he puts his questions to God. He asked his questions persistently, passionately, and eloquently. He refused to take silence for an answer. He refused to take clichés for an answer. He refused to let God off the hook. Job did not take his sufferings quietly or piously. He disdained going for a second opinion to outside physicians or philosophers. Job took his stance before God, and there he protested his suffering, protested mightily. It is not only because Job suffered that he is important to us. It is because he suffered in the same ways that we suffer- in the vital areas of family, personal health, and material things. Job is also important to us because he searchingly questioned and boldly protested his suffering. Indeed, he went 'to the top' with his questions... Reading Job prayerfully and meditatively leads us to face the questions that arise when our lives don't turn out the way we expect them to. First, we hear all the stock answers. Then we ask the questions again, with variations, and hear the answers again, with variations. Over and over and over. Every time we let Job give voice to our questions, our suffering gains in dignity and we are brought a step closer to the threshold of the voice and mystery of God. Every time we persist with Job in rejecting the quick-fix counsel of people who see us and hear us but do not understand us, we deepen our availability and openness to the revelation that comes only out of the tempest. The mystery of God eclipses the darkness and the struggle. We realize that suffering calls *our* lives into question, not God's. The tables are turned: God-Alive is present to us. God is speaking to us. And so Job's experience is confirmed and repeated once again in our suffering and our vulnerable humanity." (*The Message*)

So I hope everyone comes and joins us as we travel into the tempest, as we come face to face with the mystery of God. I cannot promise you by the end of this sermon series we will have more faith or that we will be able to confidently say yes to God in times of hardship and suffering. Instead, what I can do is extend an invitation to see that Job's story is our story and that the character of Job, the character we hold as people of faith is what this whole story, what our story as people of faith, actually hinges upon.



As people of faith, we need to realize that when we come face to face with the greyness of life, we have a lot at stake in the conversation, but God has a whole lot more at stake than we do.

- Rev. Heather McColl

More Church Business

Update from Trustees Concerning the Endowment Funds:

Midway Christian Church started our first Endowment Fund in 2007 through a gift from Dorothy Gordon. This Endowment Fund was set up to fund mission projects that are not originally included in our annual budget. We have been able to do some amazing projects through withdrawals from this Endowment. The Trustees wanted to continue this tradition and to also build upon the initial principle amount for this Endowment. So the congregation approved changing the name of this fund from the Dorothy Gordon Endowment Fund to the Mission Outreach Endowment Fund of Midway Christian Church. The congregation also approved adding the language authorizing every two years the trustees to review the fund performance and, based on market trends, consider an increase to the principle.

Midway Christian was also able to start another Endowment Fund, simply known as The Endowment Fund of Midway Christian Church, this year through a gift from Betty Ann Voigt. The policy for this Endowment is set up to help insure the sustainability of our congregation and to provide income if needed. Once a quarter, the Trustees and the Admin Team will meet to review the fund's performance and, if needed, withdraw income from the dividends. This policy also includes the language of increasing the principle of the fund as well. At the June 22 meeting, the congregation reviewed the policy for this fund and approved it.

Tuck Pointing Project

The work is almost complete and should be wrapped up soon. The front of the church looks amazing! It looks like 100 years was taken off our building. Dan Roller and Heather met with Gilpin to do a "final" walk-through and Gilpin had some concerns about the sides and back of the sanctuary building. Gilpin shared the good news that our building is in great shape structurally. He didn't see any sagging or crumbling walls. His main concern was that he would be unable to do the restoration cleaning on the sides and the back like he had been able to do on the front due to the shape of the mortar on these parts of building. All he could do was a gentle cleaning on the sides and the back and wanted to make sure that the church would be okay



with this. Dan and Heather talked and realized that this would save the church about \$2800 out of the original bid for the project. They gave Gilpin the okay to remove this part from the original bid.

We should hear something about the Grant we applied for to help pay ourselves back for this project by or after June 29th. If we do receive any money from the grant, the Board has voted to take the first \$10,000 and apply it to the General Fund.

Once again, thank you to all who contributed to this project. All of your support is greatly appreciated. And now our building is ready for another 100 years of ministry and mission!

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

Youth Group:

Youth Group is taking the Summer off!

Looking Ahead: We will resume the Youth schedule with a kick-off trip to the Abbey of Gethsemani - a Trappist monastery, founded in 1848, located about 20 minutes southwest of Bardstown. There are hiking trails, a farm, and a gift shop, in addition to the monastery itself. Don't miss this special experience! (Date to be announced)

School Supplies Needed for Northside:

(may be dropped in the narthex)

3-prong pocket folders

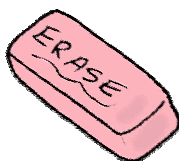
Dry erase markers

Big "Pink Pearl" erasers

Post-it notes

3x5 index cards

1-1/2 or 2" (3-ring) binders



Midway's "Sparks in the Park"

Thursday, July 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

At Walter Bradley Park

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, enjoy Lucky Dog Bar-B-Q and live music by Donny Brook.

Special guests include candidates for Midway City Council, Midway Mayor, Woodford County Judge Executive, KY House of Representatives, and U.S. House of Representatives!

Sponsored by Christian Care Communities and the City of Midway.



2014 Camp Wakon-Da'Ho Summer Calendar:

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 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



Graduation Sunday

Celebrating on July 27th!!!



There is a basket in the narthex for cards and gifts for our three high school graduates:

- Noelle Gruzesky: graduating from Scott County High School; will be going to Transylvania University.
- Sam Hatfield: graduating from Woodford County High School; will be going to University of Louisville.
- Greg Watson: graduating from Woodford County High School; will be going to Denison University (Granville OH).

Thank You from Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

"Please express our thanks to the members of Midway Christian Church for the gift to the Christian Church in Kentucky for Camp Wakon' Da-Ho. This over and above outreach gift will help strengthen and expand our service to children, youth, and adults."

- Greg Alexander, General Minister

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of June 16th: Etta Manor, Phil Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, the Wombles, and the Dares. **The next delivery is the week of July 14th.**

July Mission Payment



Historic Second Christian Church was established in 1852, and is believed to be the oldest black church in the nation. It was first located on what is now the campus of Midway College, and in 1906 moved across East Stephens Street to its present location on Smith Street. Second Christian was organized out of Midway Christian Church so that the slaves could have a place of their own to worship. *(from Midway College website)*

Thank You from the Midway Nursing Home Task Force

"Thank you so much for allowing the Midway Nursing Home Task Force to hold the Beaten Biscuit Workshop at the church on April 5th... others have told me how good it was and that our participants really enjoyed it. The location was a BIG part of our success! The drinks were an added treat. Thank you. I am unsure if you heard the final tally. - \$2074."



- Earleen S. Ginter, Treasurer

Thank You from AA/Al-Anon



"Dear friends, Our Friday night meeting welcomes new and old participants every Friday night. We see miracles worked in the lives of broken people daily. This would not be possible without your generous sharing of your meeting room. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"

Sincerely, - the Friday Night AA/Al-Anon Group

Thank You from Woodford Co. Senior Center:

Thank you for your generous donation to Woodford County Senior Center. We serve approximately 75 seniors on a weekly basis with senior activities at the center, meals on wheels, and home health programs. Donations like yours help make this possible!

- Kim Conklin, Center Director, & Staff



Thank You from Hope Ministries Food Pantry

"Thank you for your donation... We served 8,563 people in 2013 and we are on track to serve that many people (possibly more) during 2014. Because of current conditions, there are persons needing the Food Pantry who never dreamed they would be in that position.... Because of the support of people like you, the Food Pantry is a very viable Woodford County resource."

- Sharron Lake, Correspondence Secretary



To help Hope Ministries build their new facility, make your check payable to MCC with "Food Pantry" in the memo line. Thank you!



Food Pantry Items Needed

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

Drop box
in the
narthex

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Return Service Requested

