



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August 2014

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Joni Angus**

*Secretary*

**Melissa Askew**

*Music Director*

**Holly Coffey**

*Accompanist*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

**Church Work Day - On Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. until noon,** we will have a church work day, cleaning up the church playground. We will be doing some weeding and spreading new mulch in the area as well.

## Rummage Sale - September 19-21

The BEST RUMMAGE SALE IN TOWN will be held:

**Friday, September 19 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 20 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 21` 12 noon to 6 p.m.**



Donate your clean, gently used items by Monday, September 15th so the Disciples Women can get it super-organized (they are amazing)! *(Be careful if you store things in the basement - do not block the water heater or furnace!)*

## Community Worship Service of Peace and Hope

**Sunday, September 14th, 11:00 a.m. @ Walter Bradley Park**

## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

The Midway Ministerial Association will be hosting a special community worship service on Sunday, September 14th at 11 a.m. at Walter Bradley Park to remember the 9/11 tragedies - a service centered around our calling as people of faith to be people of peace and hope and to stress our connection and unity as a community. ***This will be the Midway Christian Church worship service for the morning. We will not have a regularly-scheduled worship at our building that day.***

Following the service, everyone is invited to stay and celebrate a meal together as the Midway Community, reminding us that we are all welcomed at God's table as God's beloved children. The Ministerial Association will provide the meat, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group gathered there that morning.

Each church will have a separate basket for its Sunday offering, and there will also be a basket for a MMA offering, which helps local people who are struggling.



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The office will be  
**CLOSED**  
on Monday, September  
1st for Labor Day

## Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$12,843.65

Received to date: \$12,576.20

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### August 3

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Guest Preacher: Eddie Parker

Scripture: Matthew 14: 13-21

Title: "To You I Lift Up My Eyes"

#### August 10

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Job 42: 7-17

Title: "Courage to Risk Living and Loving Again"

#### August 17

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Camp Sunday - in Fellowship Hall

#### August 24

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Romans 12: 1-8

Title: "One Body, Many Members"

#### August 31

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Romans 12: 9-28

Title: "Overcome Evil with Good"



### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Sandy Gruzesky & Buddy Johnson

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

#### Worship Leaders:

**August 3**

**Bobbie Dare**

**August 10**

**Carole Munson**

**August 17**

**Jeanne Clark**

**August 24**

**Ray Clark**

**August 31**

**Lee Collings**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME!

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

On Sundays through August, Dr. Jim Roach will continue the series: "**Near Death Experiences – a Window to God,**" exploring near-death experiences and spiritual experiences as a gateway to understanding heaven and the afterlife.

### Taylor Manor Worship Service

**Sunday, August 10th @ 2:00 p.m.**

MCC will host the Taylor Manor Nursing Home service on Sunday, August 10th at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist the residents and join in singing. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church by 1:30 p.m.



### Acolyte Schedule

**August 3**

Bailey Spicer & Willa Michel

**August 10**

Alex Woodruff & Joe Campbell

**August 17**

Jack Hill & Luke Hill

**August 24**

Willa Michel & Alex Adkins

**August 31**

Alex Woodruff & Bailey Spicer

## Pastoral Word

### From the Cabinet Retreat:

A group of ten leaders of Midway Christian Church gathered in the church's fellowship hall on Saturday July 12th for our annual Cabinet Retreat. I invited the group to think about what our church does well and what areas of ministry need strengthening at our church. This conversation was followed up by an invitation to the group from me to complete a "walk-around" exercise. The purpose of this exercise was to view the Midway community and our congregation from the perspective of a visitor in hopes that we might discover things that are new to us but also to recognize things that have become so familiar that they are not noticed.

- One of our learnings is that our church may not be as welcoming as we all assumed we were! The group noticed that there were no signs directing people to where the fellowship hall, sanctuary or office are on our church campus and that our church sign didn't even have the word, "Welcome" on it, which is a huge part of our mission as Midway Christian Church.
- We also discussed reports from the Percept Group, a company that supplies churches with demographics of the area that surrounds the church and offers analytic tools to help the church use the information such as sharing information about religious attitudes, preferences and behavior of the people in that area. I had ordered a report for the zip code 40347 in which Midway Christian Church resides. It was eye-opening for the group as well.
- It indicated that within our area, the overall faith receptivity of the people in our area is high and that the church style preferences were for traditional worship, music, and architecture. It also stated that 90% of the households have a preference for historic Christian religious affiliations and that their preference for church programs was for programs designed to help people grow spiritually.

So what do we do with all this information?

I challenged the Cabinet leaders and the congregation of Midway Christian Church to grow by 10 families or members in our upcoming church year which runs July 2014 to June 2015. We have taken care of our foundations: new by-laws and constitution, new church structure, tuck-pointing and now it is time for us to take care of sharing the Word. Invite your friends. Invite your family. Invite people who you know need to hear that they are God's Beloved Children.

Also as part of this challenge, Midway Christian Church will begin a new worship service on Sunday, October 19th, called "Dinner Church." We are still working on a name but the general concept is based on a service from St. Lydia's in New York:

"We gather every Sunday and Monday night to cook and share a sacred meal. Our congregation is looking for an experience of the Holy Spirit that is strong enough to lean on, deep enough to question, and challenging enough to change us.

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## Fellowship News and Notes

### Board Meeting

**Sunday, August 3rd**

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



### Elders Meeting

**Monday, August 18th**

**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, August 28th @ 11:30 a.m.**

The Keenagers will travel to Woodford Reserve for their "Picnic on the Porch" on Thursday, August 28th at 11:30 a.m. We will be leaving the church around 11:00 a.m. if you wish to carpool. Please call the church office by Monday, August 25th to RSVP.



## Quadrennial Assembly Reports

**Sharon Burchell:** "The Quadrennial Assembly (a gathering of Disciple Women) takes place every four years. This year, it was in Atlanta from June 25 to 29. The theme was "I See You." This was my first time to attend. I was very impressed by the evening worship services and two of the workshops I attended. One was the personal testimony of a young woman who had worked through drug and alcohol addiction. The other had two women from South Africa who shared stories of the trafficking of young boys. Assembly is also a great time to see and visit with friends that you see only occasionally."



**Shirley Eckels:** "The excitement surrounding Quadrennial was felt the moment we entered the conference area. The theme was I See You. Each worship service spoke to this theme. The first night was I see you through the eyes of grace; the second night was I see you through the eyes of compassion; third night was I see you through the eyes of justice; fourth night was I see you through the eyes of joy; and the closing worship service was I see you whole. All of the speakers were great and the worship services were inspiring. Workshops I attended were informative. I was able to participate in the Quadrennial Assembly choir, and it was an awesome experience. This was my second Quadrennial, and it was just as great as the first one I attended. I hope to go to the next one, and would recommend others go if they have the opportunity."

**Etta Manor:** "The Quadrennial is a wonderful experience that leaves you feeling renewed and inspired to do more with your life. All worship services and classes were great. One class I especially got a lot out of was called "Fatal Distractions - Goal to Uncover Roadblocks that Keep You from Fulfilling Your Destiny." God sets your destiny, but whether or not you get there is up to you. Fatal distractions are envy, jealousy, loneliness, anger, bitterness, hurt, brokenness, fear, rejection, etc. But the greatest fatal distraction of all is You. You determine your destiny - not the end, but the journey along the way. I am so thankful for the Disciples Women sponsoring us to go."

## Community News & Notes

### Food Handler Certificates

If you wish to help out in the MCC kitchen during community dinners and other special events, you should have a Food Handler's card. If you already have a card - check the date - it may be time to renew!



If you've never had a card, it's easy! Just go to this website: [ky.train.org](http://ky.train.org) and register for the class. The class takes about 45 minutes to complete, and then you print out the certificate and take it to the Woodford County Health Department to get your card. The fee is \$5.

If you need help registering for, or maneuvering through, the class, Heather can help you. You may use the office computer in the afternoon or evening, or the Midway Branch Library has public computers anyone can use, as well as people to help you.

### Community Dinner

**Monday, August 25th @ 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 (except October).

*Helpers are needed before and after!*

**The Clothes Closet is also OPEN during the dinner**

### Community Clothes Closet Saturday Hours



The Clothes Closet is **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.*

### Kroger Fundraiser Changes

As of August 30th, your Kroger gift card usage will no longer be applied to the Midway Christian fundraiser account. *Be assured that your gift cards are still good - they do not expire - they just won't be applied to MCC.*



In place of the gift card fundraiser, Kroger is establishing a new program in which you can go online (beginning August 1st) and **register your Kroger Plus card** to Midway Christian's Community Rewards account. We should be getting our Charitable Organization Number to enter on [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) very soon. I will e-mail it out and put it in the Sunday Messenger.

But for now, **go ahead and reload your gift cards before August 30th** - Midway Christian will receive 4% of that amount in the "final payout" of the Kroger Cares program.

### Midway Children's Choir Update - by Melissa Askew



The summer has flown by, and in just a few weeks school will start back! Right now, the board of directors and myself are busy getting things ready for the Midway Children's Choir to begin its 5th season! There are a few changes to the structure of the choir that I would love to share with you. It will now be open to 3rd-8th graders, and we are reaching out to all the elementary schools, as well as the middle schools and home-school base in Woodford County, to get new members this fall. We will be meeting Tuesday evenings at 6:00 at the Midway Woman's Club. There will be a \$20 enrollment fee to help cover the cost of t-shirts, music, and other choir expenses. There will be an Open House on September 2nd, and practice will begin September 9th. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

# Green Chalice News

## Midway Green Chalice Meeting



**Tuesday, August 19th @ 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.

*All are welcome at these meetings!*

## 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.

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

## Woodford County Extension Classes

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

"Grow a Garden... Prepare the Produce"

**August 26** - Bountiful Berries



Register by contacting:  
 873-4601 or [elizabeth.creed@uky.edu](mailto:elizabeth.creed@uky.edu)

## 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 Presents: A Rain Garden Workshop

**Saturday, September 6th, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Midway Christian Church (Lunch is provided)**

A rain garden is a garden with a shallow depression which is strategically located on a property to capture stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, such as rooftops, patios and driveways, before it enters the storm water system. The soil and plant roots use natural processes to improve water quality by filtering pollutants. The overall amount of stormwater runoff is reduced, and the groundwater supply is recharged.

The workshops are designed to educate homeowners about the benefits of installing a rain garden and improving water quality, and the best management practices for stormwater. Participants will learn how to determine the right location, how to build and maintain a rain garden, and what types of plants are most successful and environmentally beneficial. Additionally, the participants will have the opportunity to take part in planting native plants in a rain garden near the workshop.

**Residents of Woodford County may be eligible to apply for a \$250 grant toward a rain garden at their home!**



Space is limited.  
 Register now at: [www.bgGreen source.org/rain-gardens](http://www.bgGreen source.org/rain-gardens)

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## Pastoral Word, Continued...

Our life together is founded on three pillars:

- **Sharing the Meal:** Our worship takes place at the table around a big, delicious meal that we cook together. Communion is made as we share food and ourselves by exploring scripture, singing, and praying together.
- **Telling Our Story:** Jesus told a lot of stories, and so do we. We tell the story of Christ's dying and rising, and through it, uncover the daily dyings and risings that comprise our lives.
- **Working Together:** When you arrive at [the dinner church] you'll be put straight to work preparing dinner or setting the table. Working together unites us as a community and brings us closer to God." *(taken from St. Lydia's website)*

No we will not copy St. Lydia's. We will create something that is based on Midway Christian Church's unique identity. This just seemed like an obvious connection with who we are as a church since our experience at the Lord's Table has truly become a practice for us and is a part of everything we do. We can trace our Green Chalice Movement back to the Table where we see it as a justice issue, calling us to take care of God's creation. We can trace our Free Monthly Community Dinners back to the Table because we are reminded that every time we gather at the Lord's Table, we are called to take care of one another.

At this time, we are still working out the details on how to make the concept of "Dinner Church" our own, but I would ask that you keep this small seed of faith in your prayers, asking that the Holy Spirit nurture and nourish it into growth.

The Elders of Midway Christian Church are also doing their part as well as the spiritual leaders of our church. We are taking up a study, "Unbinding the Gospel," a study designed to help us talk about our faith and to open our minds up to new understandings of evangelism.

I was asked why this idea for Dinner Church hadn't come sooner, why hadn't our learnings from the walk-around exercise come sooner, why hadn't we picked up the challenge of 10 new members sooner and I replied by saying, we weren't ready. Over the last eight years, we as a congregation have been working on figuring out who we are. We have had some conversations that have needed to happen for over twenty years, but because of minister turn over, the church has not been able to have them.

Midway Christian Church is in a good place right now. I can feel the Holy Spirit moving and calling us to something great. We are at a point in history where we have a choice, just like the Israelites did when they saw the promise land. We have a choice just like the disciples did on that Pentecost morning when the Holy Spirit came to them. We can either follow the Spirit of God, trusting where God will lead us or we can turn back to what we used to know. Either direction will allow us to continue to be Midway Christian Church but only one way will continue to show us God's Kingdom in our midst.

I'll be honest, I'm not sure what the future holds for Midway Christian Church. I'm not sure if this "Dinner Church" will work out. I'm not sure if we will reach our goal of 10 new members but there is one thing I do know for sure, I am excited for whatever is in our future because I know that God has been preparing us all along for this journey and that God will be right there with us, leading us and guiding us.

## Youth News and Notes

### Children/Youth Calendar:

#### Youth Group:



**Saturday, 8/9 10 a.m.** Trip to Abbey of Gethsemani

**Sunday, 8/10 3 p.m.** Youth Planning Meeting

**Sunday, 8/17 Worship** Camp Sunday

Regular Youth Group days/times will be decided on August 10th - we'll keep you posted!

#### 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



### 2014 Camp Wakon-Da'Ho Summer Calendar:

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

### Youth Trip to Abbey of Gethsemani

**Saturday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m.**

The MCC Youth, along with anyone who would like to accompany them (and/or drive them), will travel to the Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown on Saturday, August 9th. This Trappist monastery was founded in 1848 and includes hiking trails, a farm, and a gift shop, in addition to the monastery itself. **\*\*\*Please sign up in the narthex.\*\*\***



### Midway College Host Family Program

The Midway College Host Family Program is designed to connect students whose homes and families are far away, with local families.. Host families are expected to:

- Build a relationship with your student for an entire academic school year.
- You should **meet with your student at least once a month**, and communicate on a regular basis.
- Take the opportunity to learn about your student's state or country of origin.
- Attend campus-wide events and support your student in any activity they may be involved in.
- Open your home during weekends, holidays, and school breaks.
- Set clearly defined rules for your student to follow while staying in your home.
- Notify the college's Office of Multicultural & International Affairs (OMIA) of any problems or changes in your situation.



For more information or to sign up as a host family, please contact OMIA Director Rosi Ponce at 846-6026 or rponce@midway.edu.



## Mission News and Notes



Meals on Wheels delivery in Midway had a brief hiatus in July, but with new recipients recently signed up, deliveries will resume in August.

**The next delivery is the week of August 11th**

### August Mission Payment - Midway Ministerial Association



The Midway Ministerial Association is a local organization supported by the area churches and offers the opportunity for our local congregations to give back to our community. The MMA supports a fund that is made available to those in our community who are in need of rent assistance, help with utilities, and other types of assistance. The MMA also supports the local food pantry that is housed at Midway Baptist Church.

### Shopping for Good Causes at the Fall Festival: (September 19-21 in Fellowship Hall)

**Disciples Women** - Of course you'll want to shop at the best rummage sale in town! The Disciples Women use the proceeds for many good causes.

**Mustard Seed Café** - Homemade scones, drinks, proceeds go to the MCC General Fund.

**Mira Fair Trade** - The Mira Fair Trade team works with over 200 artisans in India to design amazing handmade products for the Western market, paying them fair wages to help support their families.

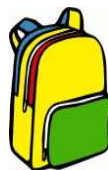
**Eternal Threads** - Dedicated to improving the lives of women and children most at risk of extreme poverty, trafficking and other forms of exploitation by providing sustainable livelihoods....

**Equal Exchange** - Mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers...



**5th Sunday Offering - August 31st** Another 5th Sunday is here already! Please consider giving to Christian Care Communities. Every little bit helps!

### 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. Cash donations are always welcome, or you can purchase ready-to-eat or microwavable healthy, individual-serving foods and leave them in the box in the MCC narthex.

### Fair Trade Products

#### Available in Fellowship Hall:

Equal Exchange coffees, teas, assorted chocolates, olive oil, etc. are always available in the fellowship hall.

*Make checks to MCC with Fair Trade in memo line*



### Food Pantry Items Needed

- Dried spaghetti
- Crackers
- Pork-n-beans

Drop box  
in the  
narthex

# Thank You!!!

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