



Fall Festival

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

September 2014

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Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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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)!

Volunteer workers are needed - setting up during the week of September 15th, as well as during the sale. Please sign up in the narthex.

See the insert for "Shopping for a Good Cause" during Fall Festival!

Dinners of Eight (more or less)

Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex for "Dinners of Eight," to have good food and fellowship - on a small scale - at a member's home.

If you would like to host a "Dinner of Eight" (or however many guests you can accommodate), please let the office know a date, time, and number of guests, so Joni can make a sign-up sheet for your dinner!



Dinner at the Burchell's is Friday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m.



Thank you, Jack Morgan, for sharing this picture of your adorable grandson, **Jordan David Morgan**, born May 29, 2014.

Community Service of Peace & Hope

Sunday, Sept. 14th, 11 a.m.
Walter Bradley Park
Potluck Lunch to Follow
(bring a dish!) ...see page 5



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

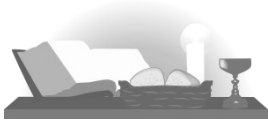
Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$25,687.30
 Received to date: \$21,577.20

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



September 7

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 13: 8-14

Title: "Be Awake to What God is Doing!"

September 14

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Peace and Hope in the Park

September 21

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Casual Sunday - in Fellowship Hall
Pictures of Where We Saw God this Summer

September 28

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-13

Title: "Be Energetic in Your Life of Salvation"



Serving This Month

Elders: John Batts and Adele Dickerson

Deacons: Sheri Adkins, Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Ouita Michel, Susan Mooney, Carole Munson, Dottie Pollard, Beth Thompson, Blake Adkins, Jordan Batts, Jack Hill, Nate Hill, Franklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

September 7 Jim Leer

September 14 Service in the Park

September 21 Jack Morgan

September 28 Susan Shelton



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

On Sunday, September 7th, Rosi Ponce and Staci Chappell will be our guests for Sunday School. Rosi, the Director of Multicultural and International Affairs at Midway College, will be coming to talk to us about Midway's Host Family Program. This program is designed to connect students, whose homes and families are far away, with local families. Each student will have the opportunity to be introduced to a family in the community that has shown interest in helping out-of-state and international students adjust to American and/or Kentuckian culture. This program is also a great way for students to build a support system in the local community, as well as a great way for local families to expand their horizons.

Plans for the rest of September are in the works!



Acolyte Schedule

September 7 Joe Campbell & Luke Hill

September 14 Service in the Park

September 21 Willa Michel & Bailey Spicer

September 28 Alex Woodruff & Jack Hill

Pastoral Word

“Food for the Soul” - What Is It?

Last month, Heather mentioned an idea for “Dinner Church” as alternative worship experience for Midway Christian Church. A group of interested people have continued to meet and dream up this new beginning for our church. Our plan is to start this venture on Sunday October 19th at 6:30 p.m. We have also decided to call it “Food for the Soul” and it will meet twice a month on Sunday nights. We will have a light dinner, like finger sandwiches or soup, as part of this worship experience but the main focus of this experience will be creating a space for conversations of faith. The leadership of this worship experience has realized that Midway Christian Church is a great place to have faith conversations in a safe place while being grounded in the Word of God. And this is where we need everyone’s help. We need ideas for topics that we want to cover for “Food for the Soul”. Where do you see faith intersecting with life? What areas do you hope to talk about in church?

If you have any questions or would like to help out with worship experience, please see Heather.

Casual Sunday - *Sunday, September 21*

In the midst of Fall Festival craziness, we sometimes forget about our Sunday morning worship. That’s why this year, the Worship committee wants to offer everyone a chance to “come as you are” for rest and renewal. We will have a casual service in the Fellowship Hall to share our stories of what “wowed us this summer.” We are asking everyone to send Heather their pictures of where they saw God this summer. We will put these together as a video as part of our worship service for the day. Our worship service will be a simple service with music and communion but more importantly it will be a time to remind ourselves once again that during the craziness of life, there is always time to find the quiet center with God.

Loads of Love Continues

Loads of Love Project

Linda Tilghman, Family Resource Officer for Northside and Simmons Elementary Schools, often does laundry for some of the underprivileged children in those schools. She also sends some detergent home with these kids, in zip-lock baggies, for families who can’t afford to buy it.

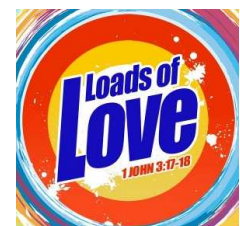
Members of Midway Christian Church are invited to contribute to a “Loads of Love” project in which we collect money to purchase 25-pound tubs of detergent, as well as fabric-softener dryer sheets.

To recap how you can help:

- **Contribute money towards purchasing detergent**
- **Donate quart-sized zip-lock baggies**
- **Donate boxes of fabric-softener dryer sheets (20-sheet size)**

Please make your check out to MCC with “Loads of Love” in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact Wilda Caudle.



Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

Sunday, September 7th

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



Disciples Women Lunch Meeting

Pre-Rummage Sale Meeting:

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



Please **bring a dish to share** for this important Rummage Sale Planning Meeting. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for set-up days the week before the sale, and shifts during the sale. Set-up will begin on Monday, September 15th, with day and evening shifts during the week. Sale hours are:

Friday, September 19th: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 20th: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 21st: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please sign up to help. *Many hands make light work!*



Elders Meeting

Monday, September 15th

6:30 p.m.

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, September 25th

@ 11:30 a.m.



The Keenagers will travel to Georgetown to Wilshire's on Thursday, September 25th at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP by Monday, September 22nd if you wish to go. We will be leaving the church around 11 a.m. that day if you wish to carpool.

Youth News and Notes

Thank You, Cindy Batts, for sharing your time with our youth!!

For the time being, Cindy Batts has decided to step back from the leadership of our youth at Midway Christian Church. We are so thankful for all that she has done for the youth over the years. Cindy constantly lets our youth and children know that she loves them and will always be there for them as a mentor and guide in faith. She has dedicated numerous hours to this ministry and has transformed many lives through her gifts. Please help us in thanking her and showing her our gratitude for her leadership in this ministry.

So what does this mean for our youth program? There are continuing conversations about just what the youth program needs to be at Midway Christian Church. We know that having something available for our youth and children is an important piece of our ministry of Welcome. Right now, there are **plans being made to offer something at least once a month for our youth**, whether that be a fun outing, or a mission opportunity. We are also excited about "Food for the Soul" as a way for our youth to begin exploring how faith and life intersect. There is also talk about bringing back Kids in the Kitchen for our youth and children. So, yes, there will be something for our youth and children. What we aren't sure of yet is, as the changing culture evolves around the wider church and our community, just what exactly youth ministry at Midway Christian Church will look like. It may not be the traditional type of programming that we are all used to in church, but it will definitely be new and exciting! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather.

Community News & Notes

Community Dinner

Monday, September 29th
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!

September Menu Donations Needed:

The main menu items for the September dinner are Bean Soup, Corn Muffins, and Spiced Cupcakes. Some ingredients we need donated are:

- Bags of Bean Soup Mix
- Cans of Diced Tomatoes
- Cans of Cream-style Corn

Please bring in these items during the week of September 22nd.

**The October dinner is held on Halloween at 5:30, before Trunk-or-Treat*

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Register your Kroger Plus Card to earn rewards for your church!



Iron Horse Half Marathon Breakfast

Sunday, October 12th, 8:00 a.m.

Midway Christian Church will host a breakfast during the Iron Horse Half Marathon on October 12th. The Iron Horse Half Marathon is SOLD OUT, with 1,600 runners registered!



Helpers are asked to be in the church kitchen by 6:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the MCC General Fund.

Community Clothes Closet Saturday Hours



The Clothes Closet is **OPEN** on **Saturday mornings** from **9 to 11**, as well as during the monthly Community Dinners.

Volunteers are needed - sign up in the narthex!!!

Appreciation Snacks for Teachers



MCC has volunteered to take "Thinking of You" snacks to the faculty lounge at Northside Elementary School on **September 24th**. Donated baked goods are much appreciated!

Community Worship Service of Peace and Hope

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



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. 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.

Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

Regional Assembly - Christian Church in KY

September 25-27,

First Christian Church - Hopkinsville, KY



"And, the rest is still unwritten..." is the theme for this year's Biennial Assembly for Disciples of Christ in Kentucky, to be held at the First Christian Church in Hopkinsville, KY from Thursday, September 25th through Saturday, September 27th. For more information, visit www.ccinky.net and click on "Regional Assembly Info."

Lexington Theological Seminary "Lay School" - Fall 2014

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27

8:30 a.m. Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Class

230 Lexington Green Circle, Suite 300

Fee: \$75, due by September 4th

Register online: www.lextheo.edu

Contact: Bill Turner, 859-280-1253



"Jesus' Miracles for the 21st Century"

by Dr. O. Wesley Allen,

LTS Professor of Homelitics & Worship

Lexington Theological Seminary

Webinar Workshops for Church Leaders:

Saturday, October 11, 1:30 - 3:30

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

www.lextheo.edu or 859-280-1253

Topic: "Help! I'm a Sunday
School Teacher?"



Disciples Women Fall Retreats

#1 November 1-2 at Barren River State Resort Park

Registration Fee: \$25 (You are responsible for making your own lodging arrangements - no later than one month prior)

Due Date: October 2nd

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sharon Dowd, former Professor of New Testament at LTS, Minister of Spiritual Formation & Mission Engagement at First Baptist Church in Decatur, GA



#2 November 7-9 at Knobs Haven Retreat House, Loretto, KY (**Silent Retreat**)

Registration Fee: \$90 Includes lodging and meals

Due Date: October 30th

Make checks payable to CCK and send with Registration Form (available on the MCC office bulletin board or at www.ccinky.net/women) to CCK, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504.

Green Chalice News

Midway Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, September 16th @ 7 p.m.
MCC Library



Working on ways to be more responsible in the use of the earth's resources; 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.
 The \$30 registration fee for the retreat is due by October 15th. Details are coming in the October Contact (or visit the MCC office bulletin board).

Gleaning for the Hungry

MCC Gleaning Dates @ Reed Valley Orchard:

- Monday, September 22nd
- Monday, October 6th (kids out of school)

Since 2010, Faith Feeds/GleanKY has collected over 81,814 pounds of food from Reed Valley Orchard and delivered it to about 44 different distribution points! Gleaning is easy and fun, especially at an orchard. In general, the process works as follows:

- Arrive at the orchard at the designated time. (Take empty boxes with you) FaithFeeds/GleanKY will have a supervisor at the site.
- Gather the fruit that is on the ground or otherwise designated for gleaning.
- Take the fruit to one of Lexington's hunger programs (the supervising volunteer will tell you where to deliver it).
- Get a feeling of great satisfaction!

Recipe for "Green" Homemade Weed Killer



- 1 Gal. White Vinegar
 - 1 Cup Table Salt
 - 5-6 Tbsp of Liquid Dawn Dish Soap
- Mix in watering can - stir well - spray on weeds.

Apply for a \$250 grant to build your own rain garden!

When: September 6th 2014
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where:
 Midway Christian Church
 123 E Bruen St



Rain Garden Workshop

Space is limited so register now at:
www.bgGreensource.org/rain-gardens/

10:00-11:30
 Midway Christian Church

11:30-12:00
 Lunch is provided

12:30-2:00
 Planting component at church

- Why are rain gardens beneficial?
- How to build and maintain a rain garden?
- What type of plants will work in a rain garden?

"This work was funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under \$319(h) of the Clean Water Act."

Participants that are residents of Woodford County may be eligible to receive a \$250 grant toward a rain garden at their home.

For more information contact :
 Kara@bgGreensource.org

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



Shopping for a Good Cause at Fall Festival

**These companies will be represented in the MCC Fellowship Hall
Friday, September 19th through Sunday, September 21st:**

Mira Fair Trade

Mira Fair Trade strives to promote social justice by working directly with underprivileged artisans by paying them fair wages to help them develop the knowledge to support themselves and their families. The Mira Fair Trade team works with over 200 artisans in India to design amazing handmade products for the Western market.



Mira are members of the Fair Trade Federation and Green America Gold Certified Business. They incorporate the values of empowerment, diversity, and sustainability into the core of all of their business practices. *(from ShopMira.com)*



Some of the handcrafted items Mira sells are jewelry, scarves, bags, bells and chimes, and home décor.



Eternal Threads

Eternal Threads is 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 through income generating projects. *(eternalthreads.org)*

Core Values:

- Alleviating Poverty
- Empowering Women
- Productive Partnership
- Material and Spiritual Transformation
- Sustainable Development

Merchandise:

- Jewelry
- Clothing
- Home Décor
- Gifts
- Accessories



Equal Exchange

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.



Midway Christian Church sells Equal Exchange products year-round, but we will have an extended selection of items during the Fall Festival. Items include:

- Coffees
- Teas
- Chocolates
- Baking Cocoa
- Olive Oil
- Geo Bars, and more...



Mustard Seed Café - Homemade scones, biscuits & gravy, and drinks will be available in the fellowship hall (**Saturday morning only**). Proceeds go to the MCC General Fund. See Phil Burchell or Nancy Dare to help out.

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of August 11th: Etta Manor, Phil Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, the Wombles, and the Dares. **The next delivery is the week of September 8th**

September Mission Payments

Cane Ridge Meeting House - Cane Ridge continues to be a living church. Prayer, singing, and preaching occur in the Meeting House, a place of worship for many congregations and religious groups who come as welcome guests each year. Since the late 18th century and now, in the 21st century, worship services, weddings, celebrations, lectures, and other gatherings have taken place in the church and on its grounds. Each year thousands of travelers visiting Cane Ridge receive talks and tours from the curators. *(from Cane Ridge website)*



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)*

Midway Children's Choir - The Midway Children's Choir, open to any 3rd-8th grader in Woodford County, is "to provide an opportunity for children to develop a life-long passion for music by offering a safe and positive environment for them to discover their gifts, explore their talents, to challenge them to do their best, and to be successful." This choir, led by Midway Christian Church's Director of Music, Melissa Askew, practices on Tuesday nights at the Midway Women's Club, and performs several concerts throughout the school



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.



CYF Seminar Included New York City

Greg Watson represented MCC at the CYF's "Face-To-Face with Other Faiths" trip this year. Thanks, Greg, you made us proud!



Food Pantry Items Needed

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

Drop box
in the
narthex

Thank You!!!

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Return Service Requested



August 2014