



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

November 2014

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Midway Children's Choir 2014 Fall/Winter Performances



November 9 Midway Presbyterian Church service

November 22 Ringing in the Holidays 7:00 p.m. Anne Hart Raymond

December 2 Midway College Vespers Service 7:00pm Anne Hart Raymond Center

December 6 Midway Library Christmas Open House, 2:00pm

December 11 Midway Children's Choir Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm, Location TBA

Midway Habitat Home Finished

An Open House and Dedication was held at the new Habitat house on North Winter Street on Sunday, October 26th. The "partner family" (pictured at right), along with many other volunteers, completed the home in just a few months. Midway Christian Church was one of the organizations that provided lunches to the workers.



November 2nd



Welcome, New Member



Shela Diamond

became an official member of Midway Christian Church on September 28th, 2014.

Shela and her husband reside at 6888 Midway Road, Midway, KY 40347



The office will be CLOSED November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$51,374.60

Received to date: \$45,371.80

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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

November 2

All Saints Sunday

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-3

Title: "Who Knows How We Will End Up?"

November 9

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25: 1-13

Title: "I Don't Think I Know You"

November 16

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

Title: "Quit Playing It Safe With God's Talents"

November 23

Thanksgiving Sunday

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Title: "Moved By the Extravagance of God in Our Lives"

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens (No Sermon)

Scripture: 1 Peter 3: 8-12a

Title: "Seeing the World Through God's Eyes"

Serving This Month

Elders: Shirley Eckels & Jack Morgan

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:

November 2 Carole Munson

November 9 Jim Leer

November 16 Gloria Batts

November 23 Phil Dare

November 30 Dick Murphy



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

Religions of the World - taught by Phil Dare

Sunday School in November and December will focus on different world religions. Phil Dare has taught this subject at Lexington Theological Seminary, where he was also Dean and Librarian. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Children's Sabbath

The kids did a fantastic job on October 19th!



Acolyte Schedule

November 2 Willa Michel & Bailey Spicer

November 9 Alex Woodruff & Luke Hill

November 16 Alex Adkins & Jack Hill

November 23 Joe Campbell & Bailey Spicer

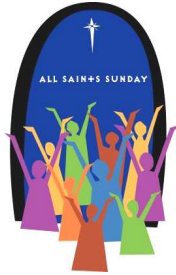
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Other Worship News

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2nd

On this day, we lift up those in our church and in our families who have passed away since this time last year. (November 2nd bulletin inserts available upon request).



Food for the Soul - "Dinner Church"

(Twice a month, 6:30 p.m.)

We had 15 people at our first Food for the Soul on October 19th, and there was a lot of good discussion and a lot of good feedback. Join us for an upcoming Dinner Church in November:

Sunday, November 2nd: Topic: "Is Heaven Real?"

Sunday, November 16th: Topic: TBA

Suggestions for future topics are welcome!



Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, November 30th

On Sunday, November 30th, we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with our Hanging of the Greens during our morning worship service. This is our opportunity to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season and to hear the story of why we use the decorations we do.



Pastoral Word

By the time everyone reads this, Mike will have completed his first Iron Man race. The Good News is that he finished! It took him 17 hours and 10 minutes, but he finished! After the race, one of the organizers told Mike to be proud of what he accomplished even if he was the last to cross that finish line. He said, "It is easy to be in the front of the pack but no one realizes how hard it is to be in the back. It is a mind game. It is all about endurance. There are so many times you want to give up because you know you are last but you didn't. That is something to be proud of! You finished the race!"



As the man was talking, I couldn't help thinking about our church. It really feels like we are in a good place, that the Holy Spirit is moving among us, shaking us up, waking us up, but I will also admit it is a scary place as well. The future is unknown. We could just easily give up and say it is too hard, it is too scary, there is too much change. But we have to remember that is the easy way out. Our journeys of faith are all about endurance. Our journeys of faith are all about trusting that God is leading us, guiding us. Our journeys of faith are all about not giving up because we know that no matter what, God is there.

I know if we are only looking at the numbers, people would say Midway Christian Church is hurting right now. But we know that the Kingdom of God is not about the numbers. It is about the people. It is about the relationships. It is about serving the people of God. This came as a reminder for me at our first Food for the Soul. Fifteen people gathered and it was an amazing experience. We gathered around the table for conversation and then we gathered around the Table for nourishment.

I'm not exactly sure where God is leading us right now, but one thing I do know is that God is there. Our journeys of faith will take many twists and turns but we will finish our race!

Fellowship News and Notes

General Fund Fundraiser Luncheon

Sunday, November 9th, 12:30 p.m.

The General Fund needs a boost! Please come for some hot home-made soups, chili, fellowship, etc. and make a donation to MCC!



Disciples Women Lunch Meeting

Sunday, November 16th, 12:30 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share!

All Midway Christian women are invited for food and fellowship!



Keenagers Luncheon



Thursday, November 13th, 11:30 a.m.
Smithtown Seafood, Lexington

Keenagers will meet a little early this month because of Thanksgiving festivities. Please RSVP to the office by Monday, November 10th if you can go to Smithtown Seafood. Meet at church at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th to carpool.

Dinners of Eight (more or less)

Check the sign-up sheets in the narthex for a chance to join a small group for dinner in a host's home. You'll enjoy food, fun, and fellowship while getting to know your host and fellow diners a little better.



These dinners are scheduled:

Friday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m. @ Gruzesky's
Friday, December 5th at 6 p.m. at the Murphy's

Elders Meeting

Monday, November 17th
6:30 p.m.



Choir Retreat

Saturday, November 8th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

@ Dick & Karen Murphy's home:
346 Muir Lane, Georgetown



Youth News & Notes

MCC Youth at Bi-Water Farm in October:



Youth Xperience: "Nothing Broken... No One Missing"

November 14-16, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, KY

An event of worship, music, mission projects, games, food, and fun! Hosted by First Christian Church of Owensboro at Third Baptist. Registration is \$60 per person (and includes a t-shirt), and is due by November 1st. For hotel and other information, visit www.ccinky.net and click on Youth.



Community News & Notes

Election Day Pancakes

Tuesday, November 4th
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Disciples Men (and helpers) will be serving pancakes all day on Election Day. Donations will go to the MCC General Fund.

Volunteers are needed!



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

We will have our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 20th at 6:30 pm in the MCC Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity for our church to give back by inviting our community to come and join us for a meal and entertainment (Sam Hawkins on guitar and Noble Burchett on piano)

We are asking everyone to **help out by bringing a dish to share that would serve your family plus 4 others.**

Last names:

A—L: Desserts; M—P: Salads; R—Z: Sides



Homeplace at Midway Quilt Show

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, November 16, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Midway College's
Anne Hart Raymond
Building

See over 100 quilts...
Chat with a quilt historian...
Activities all day...
Proceeds benefit the
Homeplace at Midway
Benevolent Fund.

A Christian Care
Green House Residence



\$5 admission
includes a
chance to
win a quilt!

Free Community Dinner

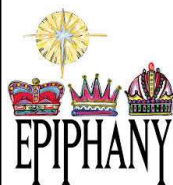
Monday, November 24th, 6:30

All are welcome at the FREE monthly
Community Dinners at MCC.

Helpers are needed before and after!



Epiphany Dinner Tickets On Sale Soon



Epiphany Dinner tickets will be on sale in the office and on our website **beginning November 28th!**

This very popular annual event will be held in the Midway College Dining Hall on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Winter Clothing Needed



The international students at Midway College are in need of small and medium men's and women's winter clothing, including hats, boots, gloves, scarves, coats, etc. Please bring your donations to the MCC office or narthex.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 24th
at 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's AME Church
112 S. Winter Street, Midway

After the Free Community Dinner at Midway Christian Church, go just around the corner to a very special Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Matthew's AME Church. Mary Weese from Midway Presbyterian will preach, and the Midway College Chorale will provide some beautiful music!



Community Clothes Closet

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



Retreats, Assemblies, Workshops...

Christmount Post-College Retreat

November 7-9 (Friday-Sunday), Christmount, Black Mountain, NC



The Christmount Post-College Retreat is an event for Christian (and Christian-ish) folks between the ages of 22 and 30. Our first ever retreat will be keynoted by Rev. Sarah Renfro and held November 7-9, 2014, at Christmount in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. We'll be talking about Embodying the Divine, and how our physical bodies and our spiritual bodies intersect. We will look at our flesh, our scars, and our tattoos, and at body image, beauty, and healing touch. Registration is \$90 per person. **Visit www.christmount.org or call (828) 669-8977.**

Christmount Appalachian Advent

December 2-5 (Tuesday-Friday), Christmount, Black Mountain, NC



Donna Marie Todd

Come to Christmount for An Appalachian Advent centered around worship and Christmas carols. Experience an approach to the Advent/Christmas story that is creative, informative, amusing and inspiring. The morning devotional time led by Donna Marie Todd and Jamie Brame will include music, singing and stories. Day trips to special events in the area (which may include the Biltmore Estate, the Basilica of St. Lawrence, and shopping in Black Mountain) are part of both Wednesday and Thursday. Then get ready for two evenings of great stories and your favorite Christmas songs! Inspirational storyteller and singer Donna Marie Todd will share poignant and often hilarious stories about this special season from her third CD, "Stories of Christmas."

For cost and registration information, **visit www.christmount.org or call 828-669-8977.**

Thank You...

Thank You from Bobbie Dare

"This has been a journey that I was not expecting to take, but in all honesty, I had to take it in order to save my life. The support, love, and encouragement is what is going to help me get through all of this, because of people like you who care. Thank you, I love all of you,"

- Bobbie Dare (diagnosed with breast cancer in October)

Thank You from the Midway Nursing Home Task Force

"Thank you for all the assistance you have given us through the years and for the October 9th donation of \$500. I hope you have watched as the buildings go up and we move closer to our goal."

- Earleen S. Ginter, Treasurer

Green Chalice News

Midway Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, November 11th @ 7 p.m.
Midway Christian Church



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



Sorry, this retreat has been cancelled due to low registrations!

Don't Leaf Us Alone!

Leaf Clean-Up Day is Saturday, November 1st from 9 a.m. to Noon

We need help with the leaves piling up on church property. Mulching mowers, leaf vacuums, rakes - whatever you can do, please help!



Gleaning for the Hungry

Gleaning for MCC @ Reed Valley Orchard on October 6th: James and Jordan Batts, Mary Jo, Hannah, and Joe Campbell, Bailey and Sophie Spicer, Teresa Hoppin, Dan Roller, Adele Dickerson, Chris, Ouita, and Willa Michel (and Ouita treated everyone to lunch at Windy Corner!)



Eco Tip: Make Your Own All-Purpose Green Cleaner:

- 4 cups warm water
- 2 Tablespoons of vinegar or lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 Tablespoons of natural liquid soap
- 10 drops of essential oil (Lavender, Pine or Tea Tree).



Mix water, vinegar and baking soda first, then add the soap and essential oil.



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

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Cub Scout Fundraiser

Cub Scouts Are Selling Christmas Wreaths

Cub Scout Pack #41 is selling wreaths for the holiday season. There are a variety of styles and products from which to choose. The wreaths will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 22nd. If you are interested in purchasing these items, please contact Mary Sayre.

Classic Wreath 25'- \$21.



Classic Spray- \$18



...Victorian Wreath 25'- \$25



.....Victorian Spray- \$21

Cranberry Splash Wreath 25"- \$26..



Cranberry Splash Spray- \$22.



.....Centerpiece- \$25



..... Living Tree- \$25

25-ft Balsam Fir Garlands - \$30. ...



Accessories also available:

50-ft Balsam Fir Garlands - \$55. ...

LED Battery-Operated Wreath Lights- \$3.75

EZ Wreath Hanger - \$1.75

Iron Horse Half Marathon Breakfast (10/12/14)

A Letter from an Iron Horse Visitor:

“Dear Midway Christian Church,
Thank you for your warm hospitality during the Iron Horse Half Marathon race! My husband ran in the event and it was such a nice treat to have a warm place to sit and a delicious breakfast for spectators. Please extend our gratitude to the volunteers and kitchen staff that assisted with the event.

Blessings,
Katie Wilder”



Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of October 6th: Etta Manor, Phil Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, the Wombles, and the Dares. **The next delivery is the week of November 3rd.**

November Mission Payments

Mission Behind Bars & Beyond "We envision a world in which every community across the Commonwealth of Kentucky is equipped to welcome, support and nurture every ex-offender to re-enter society as healthy and productive citizens." New Life in Christ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the spiritual component of this ministry. New Life in Christ Christian Church is affiliated with the Christian Church (DOC) in Kentucky and Prison Congregations of American. Presently, there are trained Nurture, Support and Accountability Groups in Northern Kentucky, Central Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, and the greater Louisville area.



Christmount Christian Assembly Christmount is a retreat, camp and conference center whose mission is to provide opportunities in the heart of the mountains for Christian hospitality, rest for the soul and renewal for the journey.

Thanksgiving Offering

Sunday, November 16th

This annual special offering through the Disciples Mission Fund goes to support colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with Disciples of Christ.



5th Sunday Offering

Sunday, November 30th



Whenever a month has five Sundays, we take up a special offering for Christian Care Communities, providing quality senior living, including the Homeplace at Midway - coming soon!

Heifer Ark Project

Remember to consider a donation to the Heifer Ark Project as an alternative Christmas gift. *Make checks to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line.*



Christmas Stockings for Inmates' Kids

Deadline: November 20th

Help brighten the lives of the children who have to visit an incarcerated parent this holiday season! These items are needed to provide stockings for 250+ children: Cash donations, toothbrushes & paste, small bagged candy & candy canes, and individually-wrapped cheese crackers.

There is a collection box in the narthex.

Weekend Backpack Project

Help feed kids who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend!



Midway Presbyterian's ongoing backpack project is always in need of cash and/or food donations.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

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



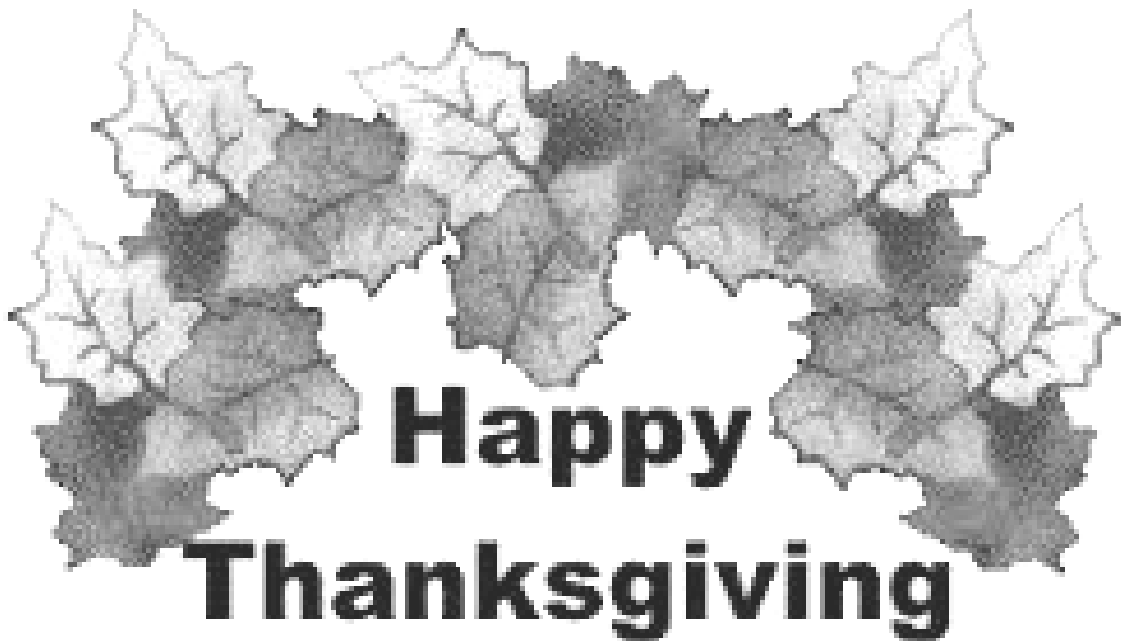
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Return Service Requested



**Happy
Thanksgiving**