

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February 2015

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Fat Tuesday Burgoo Supper

*Tuesday,
February 17th,
6:30 p.m.*



Come and enjoy a steaming bowl of Rick Caudle's famous burgoo and grab your free Mardi Gras beads!

A \$5 donation is requested for the ministries of Midway Christian Church.

Community Ash Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, February 18th, 7 p.m.
Midway Baptist Church*



Rev. Judy Stallons preaching

Food for the Soul - "Dinner Church"

Join us for open discussion, a light dinner, and a simple communion service the first and third Sundays each month.



Sunday, February 1st @ 6:30

Topic: "What is Souper Bowl of Caring?"

Sunday, February 15th @ 6:30

Topic: "What is the Power of One?"

Suggestions for future topics are welcome!



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Hope Ministries Food Pantry Moving to New Facility!

Woodford County's Hope Ministries Food Pantry is happy to announce they are moving into their new facility in the **Woodford County Park** off Beasley Road.

They will re-open on February 2nd with these new hours:

Mondays 5-7 p.m.

Thursdays 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Volunteers and donations are always needed!



**Disciples Women want to
THANK YOU
for donating a box
FULL of blankets for**



**homeless
shelters in
Lexington!**

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$89,905.55

Received to date: \$85,939.35

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



February 1

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Cub Scout Sunday

No Sermon

February 8

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Guest Preacher: Sharon Fields

Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39

Title: "Sharing the Gospel"

February 15

Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Mark 9: 2-9

Title: "The Kingdom of God Arrives in Full Force"

February 22

First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Matthew 25: 34-40

Title: "Fruits of the Spirit: Radical Hospitality"



Serving This Month

Elders: Dan Roller and Shirley Eckels

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

Worship Leaders:

February 1 Ray Clark

February 8 Pat Wilson

February 15 Phil Burchell

February 22 Dick Murphy



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

2/1: Ouita Michel will continue with "Radical Hospitality"

2/8 & 2/15: Cindy Batts' theme will be Black History Month.

2/22: Heather will begin the "Five Practices" study (*see Page 3 for the Lenten Theme*)

Snacks for Worship & Wonder

Cindy could use a few small snacks for the Worship and Wonder kids. Thank you!!!



Lenten Breakfasts

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Breakfast Series each Saturday in March.



Acolyte Schedule

February 1 Alex Adkins & Bailey Spicer

February 8 Jack Hill & Joe Campbell

February 15 Luke Hill & Willa Michel

February 22 Bailey Spicer & Alex Woodruff

More Worship News

Cub Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 1st, 10:55 a.m. Worship

On Sunday, February 1st, we will welcome Pack 41 as our guests during our worship time. During the service, Mark Mastin, Cub Master, will share a little bit about what has been going on with Pack 41 throughout the year and will also introduce the Den Leaders. There will be a small PowerPoint as part of the service as well. Following the PowerPoint, Mary Sayre, Chair of the Board and Charter Representative to the Pack, and Heather will do a small presentation to the leaders and to the parents, thanking them for their time, effort, and willingness to be a part of Pack 41. This has been and continues to be a wonderful new beginning for the Scouting program in our community of Welcome. Please join us in welcoming Pack 41 that day and letting them know how much we appreciate them.

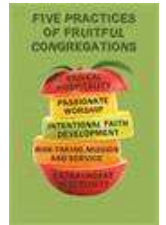


Pastoral Word

Lenten Theme: Fruits of the Spirit - Cultivating the Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation

“What happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely...Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.”

- *Galatians 5: 22-23, 25 (MSG)*



So how do we as people of faith work out the “fruits of the Spirit” and their implications in every detail of our lives? Through: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, Extravagant Generosity.

These are the Five Practices of vital, fruitful congregations. These ideas aren’t secret or new, but they are the practices that can lead to excellence and growth in the life of our church. And they are the practices we will be focusing on during Lent.

Just imagine what can happen if everyone in our congregation will spend six weeks—just forty days—reading, praying, discussing, and focusing on these Five Practices. God can change individuals, entire families, and our whole church—thus changing the difference we can make in and beyond our surrounding community.

Everyone is invited to participate in this exciting emphasis in a variety of ways, including Sunday morning worship, at-home devotional readings, and conversations during Sunday school.

Our focus on practices of vibrant, growing congregations is not just a sermon theme, a book study, or even a Bible study; it’s a commitment for all of us to think, pray, and learn together about the purpose and ministry of our congregation. It’s a time to make plans and dream about the best we can be as a congregation.

Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting:

*Sunday, February 1st
12:30 p.m.*

Worship Meeting:

*Monday, February 9th
6:30 p.m.*

Cabinet Meeting:

*Wednesday, February 11th
6 p.m.*

Elders Meeting:

*Monday, February 16th
6:30 p.m.*

Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, February 15th, 12:30 p.m.



ALL women of MCC are invited to **bring a dish** and hear Laurie Dorough, Community Relations Manager of Christian Care Communities, speak about their programs.

Dinners of Eight *(more or less)*

Contact the office to host a small group for dinner in your home (or the restaurant of your choice).

We will place a sign-up sheet in the narthex for your guests to sign up for food, fun, and fellowship on a smaller scale!


Keenagers Luncheon

*Thursday, February 26th,
11:30 a.m.*

Athenian Grill, Lexington

On Thursday, February 26th, the Keenagers will travel to Athenian Grill in Lexington for lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will be traveling to their new location at 115 Locust Hill if it is open by that time. If not, we will go to their 313 S. Ashland Ave location. We will leave the church around 11 a.m. if you wish to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 23rd, if you are interested in going with the group.

Church Work Day

*Saturday
February 21
9:00 a.m. to Noon*



Please set aside some time to help clean and organize the basement and storm shelter area!

Green Chalice Meeting

*Thursday, February 19th, 7 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall*

Caring for God's creation!



Babysitting Alternatives to Snow Times

B.A.S.T. (Babysitting Alternatives to Snow Times)

- Who:** School-aged children in and around Midway
- Where:** Midway Christian Church's Fellowship Hall
- When:** 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Woodford County snow days and other planned days off
- Why:** So working parents can know their children will be safe and having fun
- Cost:** \$15 per child, per day (discounts for families with 3+ children; discounts for pre-registered children)
- How:** Contact the church office at 846-4102 or office@midwaychristian.org to pre-register (Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., M-F)



Community News & Notes

Free Community Dinner

Monday, February 23rd, 6:30 p.m.

Our monthly dinner, held on the last Monday of each month (except October), is free and open to the public!

Helpers are needed before and after the dinner.

Donations to this ongoing mission are appreciated!



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!!!

Most items are just 25 cents!

Enter through the Gratz Street basement door.



Beaten Biscuit Workshop

Saturday, April 11th, 2-4 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall



Back by popular demand! This fundraiser for the Homeplace at Midway (a Christian Care Communities senior facility) was a huge hit last year, with 82 attendees. Master Beaten Biscuit Maker Charles Logan will instruct you in the nearly-lost art of homemade beaten biscuits. A donation to the Homeplace is required to attend. Sign up at 846-4102.

Community Weight-Loss Challenge

Saturday, January 31st, 11:00 - 3:00
Weigh-In & Health Fair at St. Matthew AME

St. Matthew AME Church has organized a 14-Week Community Weight Loss Challenge! Teams of 4 to 6 people can sign up (individuals can be assigned to a team) at a cost of \$25 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team and individual! Forms are on the MCC office bulletin board, or call Eugenia Johnson-Smith at 227-9951

Kroger Community Rewards

At the end of our first quarter under the new Community Rewards Program, we received a check for \$275 from Kroger. That is from only 16 households that are currently signed up (through their Kroger Plus cards), and is a 17% increase from the former gift card fundraiser (per quarter)! Think of what we can raise if everyone signs up! If you don't have a computer, or have trouble signing up online, go to the Customer Service desk at your favorite Kroger. Our church's # is 11541.



Epiphany Dinner Success



A couple of Epiphany cuties!



And... um... not so cute!



Chef Ouita's dishes and Dottie Pollards flair!



After all expenses are paid, we will net over \$3000 from this event!



Assemblies, Workshops...

Pisgah Academy Day

Sunday, February 15th, 2-6 p.m.
Pisgah Presbyterian Church



Thomas Merton

Pisgah Academy Day will venture into the incredible mind of Thomas Merton, seeking to journey deep into his timeless messages of compassion, contemplation, and unity - by Dr. Paul Pearson, Director & Archivist, The Merton Center of Bellarmine University.

Cost of attendance will be \$20, payable at registration desk, and includes catered dinner and copy of "Thomas Merton: Essential Writings." Cost of dinner only will be \$5.00. Register at www.pisgahchurch.org or call 873-4161 for more information.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) was a writer and Trappist monk at Our Lady of Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky. Merton is the author of more than 70 books that include poetry, personal journals, collections of letters, social criticism, and writings on peace, justice, and ecumenism.

LTS Elder Workshop (Webinar or on-site)

Saturday, February 21 - Led by Rev. Bill McDonald

Cost: On-site or login: \$10 per login (no limit to # of participants)



"A refresher course for old hands and a how-to class for fresh recruits to the Eldership... this inspiring and entertaining webinar will offer a broad scope and detailed information for Elders in churches large or small." For more information or to register, contact Dr. Bill Turner at 859-280-1253, bturner@lextheo.edu, or visit www.lextheo.edu

Christmount Elders & Deacons Workshop

March 6-7 - Christmount (Black Mountain, NC)



Dr. Richard D. Weis, Professor of Hebrew at LTS, will speak on **Keeping Faith in Times of Change**. "Today the church struggles with powerful tides of change that on some days seem nearly overwhelming. Across the centuries the prophets offer us some **tips on how to keep the faith and find God's way forward through the change.**" Visit www.christmount.com

General Assembly - July 2015

Thousands of Disciples - in all phases of their faith journeys - will gather at the General Assembly in Columbus, OH next summer to become equipped to carry God's mission "from your doorsteps to the ends of the Earth." These five "learning communities" will be available to you:



- Social Justice,
- Global & Ecumenical,
- Faith Formation,
- Innovate, and
- Administration.

Register by April 1, 2015 to receive a 20% discount. Visit www.disciples.org

Mission News and Notes



Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels teams that served during the week of January 26th: Etta Manor, Phil Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, the Wombles, and the Dares. **Our next scheduled delivery is the week of February 23rd.**

February Mission Payments



Midway College: "Midway College, Kentucky's only women's college, provides a living, learning environment that enables students to assume roles of responsibility and leadership as contemporary women. The college assists each student in the development of personal integration and self sufficiency through a strong liberal arts education and through career studies, both at the associate and baccalaureate degree levels." *(from the Midway College website)*



Christian Church in KY: We are 30,000 committed followers of Jesus who worship and witness in 240 local congregations. We are outdoor ministries in two locations, retreats, conferences, workshops and mission trips for women, men, young adults, youth and children. We are the hands that bless, serve, break bread, and offer welcome and hospitality. We are nearly 500 ordained, commissioned and licensed ministers serving in a variety of vital ministries. We are the Christian Church (Disciples of



Christ) In Kentucky, "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world."

(from the CCinKY website)

February Mission Project

During February, we are going to collect supplies for the Hope Center in Lexington. These are the items they need:

- Combs
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Travel-Size Personal Hygiene Products (Soap, Shampoo, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, etc.)*



*The Hope Center cannot accept alcohol-based products like mouthwash or hand sanitizer.

Week of Compassion

February 15-22

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, and the promotion of mission opportunities.



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.

Woodford Co. Food Pantry Ongoing Needs:

- Dried spaghetti
- Crackers
- Pork-n-beans
- Other

Drop box
in the
narthex



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Return Service Requested



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