



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August 2015

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Church Picnic

Sunday, August 23rd, 5:30 p.m.

Bobby & Laura Riddle's Farm

603 Fishers Mill Road, Midway



Meats will be provided, but everyone please bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as lawn chairs or blankets. Food, fellowship, and FUN for the whole family (including a hayride)!!!

Food for the Soul (Dinner Church)

Sunday, August 2nd, 6:30 p.m.



Topic: "Race in the United States: Charleston and Beyond."
We will watch the Reverend William Barber talk from General Assembly.

Sunday, August 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: "Gun Control: What is the Right Answer?"

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Join us for open discussion, a light dinner, and a simple communion service, usually on the first and third Sunday of each month, in the MCC Fellowship Hall. **ALL are welcome!**

Camp Sunday - August 9th

Sunday worship on August 9th will include stories from summer campers - not just church campers - and how these experiences enriched their lives.



Woodford County students go

BACK TO SCHOOL

on August 13th!!!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$12,041.67

Received to date: \$8,971.00



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



August 2

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 27: 1-4, 15-23;
28: 10-17

Title: "Jacob the Trickster"

August 9

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Camp Sunday

August 16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Genesis 32: 22-30
Title: "Wrestling With God"

August 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Genesis 37: 3-8, 26-34;
50: 15-21
Title: "Joseph the First"

August 30

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Isaiah 63: 7-14
Title: "As in the Days of Old, God Leads God's People"

Serving This Month

Elders: John Batts & Phil Burchell

Deacons: Cindy Batts, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Teresa Hop-
pin, Sue Roberts, Mary Sayre, Bob Settlemire, Pat Wilson, James
Batts, Hannah Campbell, Mary Jo Campbell, Bailey Spicer, Alex
Woodruff

Worship Leaders:

August 2 James Batts

August 9 TBA

August 16 TBA

August 23 TBA

August 30 TBA



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

On August 2nd we will finish up the book, Whole, A Call to Unity in our Fragmented World, by Sharon Watkins.

There will be no Sunday School on August 9th (Camp Sunday).

On August 16th we will start on a new video by Adam Hamilton called Making Sense of the Bible, which will continue through September.

Taylor Manor Worship

Sunday, August 9th, 2 p.m. (Carpool 1:30)

Volunteers are needed to join us in leading worship service at Taylor Manor Nursing Home in Versailles.



Acolyte Schedule

August 2 Alex Adkins & Joe Campbell

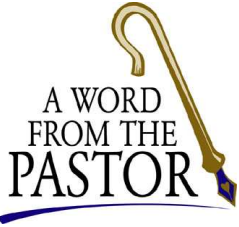
August 9 Jack Hill & Luke Hill

August 16 Bailey Spicer & Willa Michel

August 23 Alex Woodruff & Alex Adkins

August 30 Joe Campbell & Jack Hill

Pastoral Word



A few months ago, a woman shared with me a vision. She said that God had shared with her a word that she was called to share with us as a community of faith. This woman shared that God wanted us to know that our spiritual connection to God was blocked and it needed to be reopened. She said that we were to go out into our community, literally out in the streets and lay hands on people, healing the sick.

At first, this woman's words made me uncomfortable. They challenged me to step out and push myself beyond the place where I was comfortable in being. Could I literally go out and lay my hands on people? What's stopping me? If I truly believe that anything is possible with God, why can't I wrap my mind around this? But...what if? What if this vision was really calling us as Midway Christian to go out into our community and heal the sick in ways that may not be literally the laying on of hands, but in ways that bring healing and wholeness? What if we are to go out into our community and interact with others? Be in relationship with others? Help create an atmosphere where God's presence and God's Kingdom can and would be experienced by all? What if we really have lost our spiritual connection to God and in doing so, have become so inward focused that we have forgotten how to be the people God created us and calls us to be?

As I listened to this woman share her vision with me, her words seemed to echo the prophets of old. How many times did God send a prophet to tell the people that they had lost their spiritual connection to God, that they had lost the very thing that shapes them and forms them into the people God created and calls them to be? Was God doing that for us now?

I will tell you that this woman's words have stayed with me. I shared them with the leadership of Midway Christian at the recent Cabinet retreat. I also shared that these words of lost spiritual connection seem to be a constant in the conversations that surround me. For example, in my recent DMIN class, I spent time with the book 1 Corinthians. At first I thought this book would have nothing to say to us as Midway Christian Church because after all, we aren't fighting among ourselves. We aren't experiencing divisions.

But as I have continued to spend time with this particular book of the Bible, one of the messages it brings to the modern day church is to remember that we are God's Temple. We are the very place where the presence of God resonates and lives. This connection to God's presence is what should guide us in everything we do as people of faith, as a community of WELCOME, as ones who are called to work for healing and wholeness for all God's creation.

At our Cabinet Retreat, I challenged the leadership to make sure we remember that we aren't just about the business of the Church. We have the opportunity to share the presence of God with others. We are lucky enough, fortunate enough to know that the Kingdom of God is in our midst and we cannot keep this to ourselves. So yeah, maybe it is time we clean out the blockage in our spiritual connection to God and figure out ways we can go out into the streets, bringing healing and wholeness to all of God's people. We are God's Temple and we have been called to a life-giving, life-transforming way of being, not just for ourselves but for all of God's children.

Are you ready to go out into the streets with me?



Community News & Notes

Midway Community Garden Party!!!

Friday, August 7th
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Behind Midway Presbyterian
Corner of S. Turner & W. Bruwn



Bring your family, friends, and a chair or blanket to enjoy ice cream and live entertainment.

Earrings for Dee

Many of you know Dee Mason at the Corner Grocery. Dee has lost some hair in her fight against breast cancer, and is shaving her head for a clean, cool summer look! Wilda is gathering earrings to help Dee embellish that look. Dee doesn't have pierced ears, and needs clip-ons, but Wilda has converters to use with pierced earrings, (both wire and post) if that's what you have to give. See Wilda in church or leave the earrings in the basket on her porch at 222 E Cross Street in Midway.



Free Community Dinner

Monday, August 31st, 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



Saturday mornings 9 to 11,
 & during monthly Community Dinners.

Enter through the Gratz Street basement door.

Midway Green Chalice Meeting



Tuesday, August 18th, 7 p.m.

Midway Green Chalice will meet at the MCC Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 18th at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in caring for God's creation in our community (and beyond) is welcome!



Gleaning Trips

Friday, July 31st, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, August 7th, 8:30 a.m.



Come to church at 8:30 on one of these Friday mornings to catch a ride to Reed Valley Orchard in Bourbon County to help glean produce for Glean KY. Glean KY collects and redistributes excess fruits and vegetables to nourish Kentucky's hungry.

Kroger Community Rewards



Thank you to those using your Kroger Rewards for Midway Christian Church when you shop! You have earned us around \$250 per quarter!

Woodford County Farmer's Markets

MIDWAY:

Mondays 3 to 6 p.m.
 near Darlin' Jean's

VERSAILLES:

Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon at the courthouse
Wednesday 3 to 6 at Versailles Presbyterian



More Community News

Free Local Yoga Opportunities

Woodford Senior Center (age 60+)
Tues & Thurs 4:15 to 5 p.m.



Midway Presbyterian
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

"Grow It, Cook It, Eat It" Series

Woodford County Extension Office
184 Beasley Drive, Versailles
4th Wednesday of Each Month
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



Wednesday, August 26th: "Tree Fruit"

There is no cost, but you must register by calling 873-4601 or emailing elizabeth.creed@uky.edu

Habitat Build in Midway

Woodford County Habitat for Humanity began a new build on June 20th at 208 E Stephens Street in Midway.

Midway Christian provided some of the lunches for the workers, as did Midway Baptist, Midway Presbyterian, St. Matthew's AME, Corner Grocery, and the City of Midway.

Thank you to all who helped with these lunches!



Christmount Week

Christmount Week: October 20-23, 2015

Speaker: Dr. Frank Thomas (CEO of Hope for Life International; Professor/Director of Christian Theological Seminary; published author, etc.)



Music Leaders: Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke (from Cherry Log Christian Church, Blue Ridge, GA)

Curriculum:

- How do you make important decisions in your life?
- Are you "stuck" or seeking to confirm you are on the right track?
- Do you want to follow your passion to give your life more meaning?

Dr. Frank Thomas will use his personal experience as an example of making life-changing decisions in your life.

Come enjoy worship, study, play, and fellowship! Christmount Week is a Tuesday evening through Friday morning event that will offer rest for your soul and renewal for the journey of faith.

The beauty of the mountains in the fall is refreshing and restful. The schedule offers free time to tour the area, play a round of golf, and visit local shops.

For more information about registration, fees, lodging, etc., visit www.christmount.org

Fellowship News

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, August 27th, 11:30 a.m.
Claudia Sanders Dinner House
Shelbyville, KY

On Thursday, August 27th, Keenagers will travel to Claudia Sanders Dinner House for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, August 24th if you can go. Meet at church by 10:45 a.m. to carpool.



Claudia Sanders Dinner House

Disciples Women Rummage Sale



Friday, September 18th
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 19th
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 20th
Noon to 6 p.m.

Please contact Etta or Bobbie to donate clean, gently-used items, or wait and bring them the week of September 14th.

& Meetings

Board Meeting:
Sunday, August 2nd,
12:00 p.m.

Elders Meeting:
Monday, August 17th
6:30 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting:
Wednesday, August 19th
6:30 p.m.

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Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, August 30th, 12:30 p.m.



Please **bring a dish to share** at this important meeting. Disciples Women will be discussing plans for the next year, as well as the huge rummage sale in September!

Admin Fundraiser Luncheon

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

MCC Fellowship Hall

The Admin Team invites you to a fundraiser



Youth News

MCC Youth Group

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.



- August 3rd** Dinner & Life Conversations
- August 10th** Team-building games
- August 17th** Questions about God
- August 24th** Yard work
- August 31st** Service Project: Help with Community Dinner

8/8 King's Island Trip!!!

MCC Youth will meet at church at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 8th for a trip to King's Island!

We will return from King's Island for an over-night Lock-In at church.

Contact Cindy Batts at 227-7624 for more information.



Mission News and Notes

August Mission Payment:

The **Midway Ministerial Association** is a local organization supported by the area churches that 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 emergency assistance. The MMA also supports the Midway Food Pantry that is housed at Midway Baptist Church.



School Supplies for Northside Elementary

(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

Other...



School starts on August 13th!

Meals on Wheels deliveries in Midway are on hold for now. If/when the need arises for us to resume delivery, we are ready and willing!



5th Sunday Offering - August 30th

In months that have five Sundays, we take up a special collection to send to Christian Care Communities - Kentucky's largest faith-inspired, non-profit provider of senior-living communities.



Woodford Co. Food Pantry Needs

(20 Field of Dreams, at the Woodford County Park)

Hours of operation: Mondays 5-7 pm
Thursdays 1-4 pm



Please bring these items to the box in the Narthex:

Dried Pasta, Crackers, Bags of Dried Beans, Pork-n-Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, and Chicken Noodle Soup.

Loads of Love Project

Once again, Wilda Caudle is helping Family Resource Officer Linda Tilghman provide laundry detergent for needy families with children in Woodford County schools. Linda washes some kids' clothes herself, and she also sends home ziplock bags full of detergent for families who can't afford it. She needs to raise \$170 to start the school year with enough large tubs of detergent, and she needs donations of quart-sized ziplock bags. Linda can also always use \$25 Kroger and Kmart gift cards for these families.



Thank You from Dayton Harris

"Dear Midway Christian Church Family, Thank you for your prayers and for the contribution you've given from the Mission Outreach Endowment Fund. These absolutely do make such a difference in sharing Jesus with the Muslim college students in West Africa where I will be working. May God's fatherly affection, Jesus' grace, and the Holy Spirit's intimacy and power be fresh in your experience... I am encouraged that I get to be an extension into West Africa of the mission of welcome that God has placed on Midway. Thank you again,
Yours most earnestly,
Dayton"



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Return Service Requested



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