



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

September 2015

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Rummage Sale

Midway Christian Church Disciples Women are working hard to put on the BEST RUMMAGE SALE IN TOWN during the Midway Fall Festival!



Rummage Sale hours are:

Friday, September 18th

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19th

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20th

12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall. **MANY volunteers are needed** during the sale, as well as organizing the merchandise during the week leading up to the sale. See Etta with questions about how you can help!

Donating clean, gently used items is what makes our sale great! Please bring items to the basement during the week before the sale, or see Etta or Bobbie to make special arrangements. (Joni can let you in Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

This sale is the main fundraiser for all the good works the Disciples Women do!



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Community Worship Service of Peace and Hope

Sunday, September 13th, 11 a.m. at Walter Bradley Park

Potluck Lunch to follow (meat provided by MMA)

Offering baskets provided for each church as well as for the MMA Fund to help local people who are struggling.



This service to remember the 9/11 tragedies, sponsored by the Midway Ministerial Association, is 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. All are welcome - please bring a dish to share for lunch.

There will be no regular worship service at Midway Christian Church that day.

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The office will be CLOSED

Monday, September 7th

for LABOR DAY

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$24,083.34

Received to date: \$20,340.69

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



September 6

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 7: 24-37

Title: "Immediately"

September 13

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service in the Park

Speaker: Marian McClure Taylor

September 20

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Casual Sunday (Fall Festival)

Theme: "#Take-Out Church"

September 27

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 9: 38-50

Title: "I'm Telling Jesus on You!"



Serving This Month

Elders: Jim Leer & Shirley Eckels

Deacons: Sheri Adkins, Ouita Michel, Susan Mooney, Carole Munson, Dottie Pollard, Susan Shelton, Beth Thompson, Alex Adkins, Blake Adkins, Jack Hill, Luke Hill, Willa Michel

Worship Leaders:

September 6 Carole Munson

September 13 Service in the Park

September 20 Casual Sunday

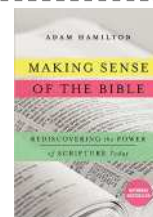
September 27 Alex Adkins



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

In September, we will continue with Making Sense of the Bible - Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today, by Adam Hamilton.



Food for the Soul (Dinner Church)

Sunday, September 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: "Have We Turned God into a Habit?"



There will be NO Food for the Soul on Sunday, September 20th, due to Fall Festival.

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!**



Acolyte Schedule

September 6 Luke Hill & Willa Michel

September 13 Bailey Spicer & Alex Adkins

September 20 Willa Michel & Alex Woodruff

September 27 Jack Hill & Joe Campbell

More Worship News...

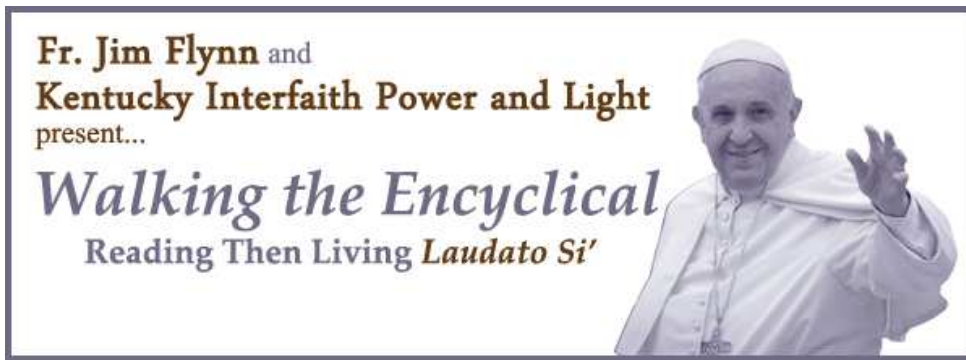
Casual Sunday with Flat Jesus - September 20th

In the midst of Fall Festival craziness, we sometimes forget about our Sunday morning worship. That's why 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 and pictures of summer, including how we used our Take-Out Church kits, and where we went with Flat Jesus. 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.



Presentation on the Pope's Encyclical Letter on Creation Care



We hope to schedule this presentation for an October **Food for the Soul**. Stay tuned!

With the release of Pope Francis' historic encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Christian communities across the world are taking a new and in-depth look at creation, their relationship to it, and how they can act as better stewards of the natural world God created for us.

The Pope's teachings call us to carry out our lives and economies in a spirit of creation care, but for many communities, a lack of direction or information has created an impasse to action.

Fr. Jim Flynn and Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light have partnered together to bring an informative presentation on the encyclical to faith communities in Kentucky. In **Walking the Encyclical: Reading Then Living *Laudato Si'***, Fr. Flynn offers a down-to-earth approach to learning and understanding the teachings of Pope Francis' most recent work, while Kentucky IPL provides meaningful action ideas for faith communities to become better stewards of the planet.

In addition to having a deeper understanding of *Laudato Si'*, churches that participate in **Walking the Encyclical** will get the information they need to care for God's creation through energy friendly actions such as energy audits, efficient lighting, reduced water use, campus-wide recycling, and more. Church members will also learn how they can reduce their impact on the planet in their own homes.

Community News & Notes

Free Community Dinner

**Monday, September 28th,
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!*



"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, September 23rd:

"Squash/Pumpkins"

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

Community Clothes Closet

Saturday mornings 9 - 11,

& during monthly Community Dinners.

Enter through the Gratz Street basement door.



Huge Kids' Consignment Sale

Friday, September 11, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 12, 8 a.m. to noon

South Elkhorn Christian Church

4343 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington



Green Chalice

Midway Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, September 15th, 7 p.m.

Midway Green Chalice will meet in the MCC Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 p.m. After a quick meeting, everyone is urged to go downstairs and help with the rummage sale set-up. Reduce/re-use/recycle!



Take Flat Jesus Outside

Green Chalice encourages you to enjoy the wonders of nature with your Flat Jesus, and bring us photos for sharing on Casual Sunday, September 20th!



Gleaning for the Hungry

MCC sent some Gleaners to Reed Valley Orchards In July and August.



Gum Tree Diagnosis

We have received bad news on the church's 50+ year-old gum tree from arborist Doug Leonard. He says the tree is damaged, terminal, and needs to be removed. Funds for this removal are being donated. RIP, gum tree.



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



REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE

REJOICE!



Fellowship News

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, September 24th, 11:30 a.m.

Solomon's Porch, Wilmore

On Thursday, September 24th, Keenagers will travel to Solomon's Porch in Wilmore for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, September 21st if you can go. Meet at church by 10:30 a.m. to carpool. Feel free to stop by the church office bulletin board to see a menu and read about the owners of Solomon's Porch. www.solomonsporchwilmore.com



& Meetings

Board Meeting:

**Sunday, September 6th
12:00 p.m.**

Admin Team:

**Sunday, September 13th
After Service in Park**

Worship Team:

**Monday, September 14th
6:30 p.m.**

Cabinet Meeting:

**Wednesday, September 16th
6:30 p.m.**

Elders Meeting:

**Monday, September 21st
6:30 p.m.**

Admin Team Thanks You!



The Fundraiser Luncheon on August 16th raised \$700 for the General Fund.

Thank you to all who donated!

FUN AT THE 2015 CHURCH PICNIC! (Sunday, August 23rd)

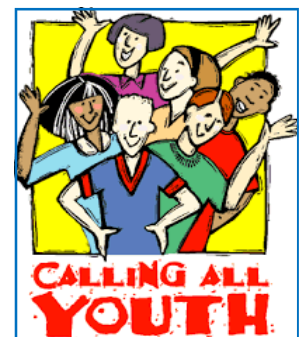


Youth News

MCC Youth Group

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

- September 7** Dinner and Conversation
- September 14** Team-building Games
- September 21** Open Forum: Questions about God
- September 28** Help with Community Dinner



Seminars, Retreats, Workshops...

LTS Fall 2015 Lay School – Dr. Emily Askew – Oct. 10, 17 and 24

Saturday mornings, 8:30 a.m. (breakfast included) to 12 p.m.

Lexington Theological Seminary, 230 Lexington Green Circle, Suite 510

Registration Fee: \$60 (register online at www.lextheo.edu)



In this three-week course we will think together about the power of biblical language for God to shape our dreams for the future as well as our actions in the present. We will learn about the abundance of metaphors for God in the Hebrew Bible and New Testament to see what we can learn from them about the nature of God, and how they offer us new ways to speak the power of God in our lives. We will also explore the circumstances under which religious language might become idolatrous. We will see how the language of Jesus' parables has the power to shake up our status quo and show us where God's Kingdom is breaking into our lives. Finally, we will look at how theological models for God, such as God as Shepherd and God as King, both help and hinder our faith. Throughout the course we will practice praying with Biblical metaphors that open new dimensions in our

KY Disciples Women Fall Retreats

Retreat #1

October 24-25

Barren River State Resort Park

Registration Fee: \$30

Registration Deadline: October 2

Call to make your own lodging arrangements

(one month prior recommended): 270-646-2151



Retreat #2 (Silent Retreat)

November 13-15

Knobs Haven Retreat House

Registration Fee: \$90

Registration Deadline: October 30

Limited to 15 women

Contact Christian Church in KY at 859-233-1391 or www.kydisciples.net or see Joni.

Christmount Events: (Black Mountain, NC)

Post-College Retreat: October 2-4

College Retreat: October 16-18

Christmount Week: October 20-23

Marriage Enrichment Retreat Nov 6-8

Appalachian Advent: December 1-4



The beauty of the mountains in the fall is refreshing and restful. Use your 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

Mission News and Notes

September Mission Payments:

Disciples Mission Fund

Disciples Mission Fund is the common fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples Mission Fund supports 72 ministries of wholeness as close as your local congregation and reaching around the globe. As a Global Mission church, we understand that equipping congregations for mission includes learning from, learning with and offering support to our partners beyond the borders of the United States and Canada. See www.disciplesmissionfund.org



Midway Children's Choir

The Midway Children's Choir was formed in the fall of 2012 and is led by Melissa Askew, Director of Church and Community Music. Melissa works alongside the music teacher and administration of Northside Elementary School to offer this opportunity for students to participate in a vocal choir. Originally offered to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Northside, the choir is now available to all the 3rd through 8th grade students, including those in home-school, in Woodford County.



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. (MCC can forward your donation to them)

Heifer International

Please keep Heifer International (livestock for a poor village) in mind as an alternative gift idea for special occasions. Make your check payable to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line. Acknowledgment cards are available in the office.



We currently have \$2000 toward a \$5000 Ark

Woodford Co. Food Pantry Needs

(20 Field of Dreams, Woodford Co. Park)

Hours: 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.

Thank You from Dee Mason

"Ladies of Midway Christian Church, I just wanted to take the time to say Thank You for all the many pairs of earrings you gave me. It made me feel so special to know that you cared enough to do what you did for me. It meant so much to me. May God Bless You All. Thank You, With Love, from Dee Mason."



Campbell Family Medical Bills

At printing time for this newsletter, the Street Party Fundraiser had not yet occurred, but we want to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped make it a success! You may still make donations to help this mother of five who had emergency heart surgery with no health insurance in place. Make checks to MCC with "Campbell Family" in the memo line.



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