

**T H A N K F U L**

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Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

November 2015

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**MCC Receives Community Spirit Award**

On October 1st, Midway University honored Midway Christian Church with its inaugural "Community Spirit Award" during its second annual "Day for Midway" event. Reverend Heather McColl, surrounded by several MCC members, accepted the award which recognized the church's many contributions to the community, including the free monthly dinners, the clothing closet, housing the weekly AA/Al-Anon meetings, administering the Midway



Ministerial Association emergency assistance fund, a tutoring program at Northside Elementary, contributing to the Woodford County food pantry, and more. The plaque is proudly displayed in the MCC fellowship hall.

**Sunday Worship**

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Thursday, November 19th,  
6:30 p.m.,  
MCC Fellowship Hall**



The community is invited to this free dinner of turkey and lots of great home-made dishes! ...More details on Page 4...

**Election Day Pancakes**

**Tuesday, November 3rd  
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
MCC Fellowship Hall**

Stop by Midway Christian Church on Election Day for a pancake breakfast or lunch.

*Donations are appreciated for the MCC General Fund.*



**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

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**Thank You,  
John Batts &  
MCC Youth'**

for leading the Ghost Walk

Tours on October 17th and 24th!



**Sunday, November 1st**

(or before bedtime on Halloween!)

**Budget Update**

**Budgeted to date: \$48,166.68**

**Received to date: \$43,648.72**



## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### November 1

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Revelation 21: 1-6a

Title: "O When the Saints..."

#### November 8

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Philippians 1: 1-30

Title: "This is My Prayer"

#### November 15

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-18

Title: "Having the Same Love"

#### November 22

*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: Philippians 4: 4-23

Title: "Everything by Prayer and Thanksgiving"

#### November 29

*First Sunday of Advent*

Hanging of the Greens

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9

Title: "Be Not Afraid! A New World is Coming."



### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Shirley Eckels & Phil Burchell

**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:

**November 1** Carole Munson

**November 8** Jim Leer

**November 15** Dan Roller

**November 22** Jack Morgan

**November 29** Gloria Batts

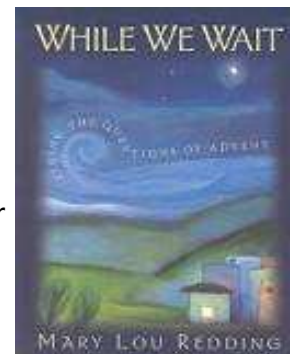


ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME!

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

For the first part of November, we will continue studying "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton.

Then on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, Heather will be leading everyone through "While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent." This series will run through Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



\*\*\*Please let Cindy Batts know if you can help with bringing breakfast foods or with leading a Sunday School class.\*\*\*



### Acolyte Schedule

**November 1** Luke Hill & Jack Hill

**November 8** Alex Adkins & Willa Michel

**November 15** Bailey Spicer & Alex Woodruff

**November 22** Joe Campbell & Jack Hill

**November 29** Luke Hill & Alex Adkins

## More Worship News

### Food for the Soul (Dinner Church)

**Sunday, November 1st, 6:30 p.m.**

Topic: "Which American Saint Are You?"



**Sunday, November 15th, 6:30 p.m.**

Topic: "How Can We Make the World a Better Place?"

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!**

### All Saints' Sunday

**Sunday, November 1st**

On this day, we lift up those in our church and in our families who have passed away since this time last year. *(Special bulletin insert)*



### Hanging of the Greens

**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.



### Baby Dedications

**Sunday, November 29th**

Michael and Elizabeth Woods (Buddy & Gertrude's granddaughter) will be bringing their twin girls, Ella Hunt Woods and Quinn Elizabeth Woods (born June 17, 2015) to be dedicated during the November 29th worship service.



### Community Thanksgiving Service

See Page 5 for details.



## Seminars, Retreats, Workshops...

### Lexington Theological Seminary: Moosnick Lectureship in Judaic Studies

#### The Dead Sea Scrolls: Judaism & Christianity

**Wednesday, November 4th, 7 p.m.**

**Transylvania University Carrick Theater  
Lexington, KY**

#### The Bible & Its Interpretation in the Dead Sea

**Scrolls. Thursday, November 5th, 7 p.m.**

**Temple Adath Israel, 124 N Ashland Avenue  
Lexington, KY**

Lecturer: Dr. Lawrence H. Schiffman, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies & Director of the Global Institute for Advanced Research in Jewish Studies at New York University.



### Christmount Events: *(Black Mountain, NC)*

**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](http://www.christmount.org)



## Community News & Notes

### Free Community Dinner

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

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

Helpers are needed before and after the dinner.

*Donations to this ongoing mission are appreciated!*

Free Community Dinner



### Community Clothes Closet

**Saturday mornings**

**9:00 - 11:00**

& during monthly Community Dinners.

*Enter through the Gratz Street basement door.*

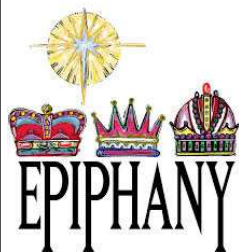


Most items are 25 cents!

### Epiphany Dinner Tickets Coming Soon

Our annual Feast of the Epiphany will be held on Wednesday, January 6th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Paypal button set up for purchasing tickets through the MCC website (midwaychristian.org) by November 30th (thank you, Jeanne Clark!). This very special event featuring old-time music, a bagpiper, costumes, the "parade of the boar's head," and a spread of medieval fare by Chef Ouita Michel, is something you don't want to miss!

We tend to sell out, so don't wait too long to get your tickets!



MCC members: we will need plenty of volunteers to make this a success!

### Midway Children's Choir Schedule



Put these Children's Choir performances on your calendars! More are in the works...

**12/1 - 7 p.m. - Midway College Vespers Service, Anne Hart Raymond Center**

**12/5 - 2-4 p.m. - Woodford County Library Friends Open House**

**12/12 - 1 p.m. - Midway Library Holiday Open House**

**12/15 - 6:30 p.m. - Midway Children's Choir Christmas Concert**

### Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday, November 19th, 6:30 p.m.**  
**MCC Fellowship Hall**

We will have our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for our church to give back by inviting our community to come and join us for a meal and entertainment. We are asking everyone to help out by bringing a dish to share that would serve your family plus 4 others.



**Please bring a dish according to your last name:**

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

### Community Thanksgiving Service

**Monday,  
November 23rd, 7 p.m.**  
**Midway United Methodist**



Everyone is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm at Midway United Methodist Church. Elder Chris Wright from Pilgrim Baptist will be preaching. A special offering will be collected to benefit the Benevolence Fund of the Midway Ministerial Association. Come and join us as we say "Thanks be to God for all of our blessings" as the community of Midway.

## Pastoral Word

One of the words used to describe our church is "Family." For many of us, it is just that. Our church family are the people who walk with us along our spiritual journeys. They are the people who share our joys and concerns. And yes, they are the people who check in on us to make sure we are doing okay. I have heard so many people say, "I don't know what I would do if I didn't have my church family."

To the outside world, this idea of church as family seems strange. Usually the idea of family is defined as people who are related to us in some way or another. But in an ever changing world, the idea of family is changing too. No longer do we live right down the road from relatives but rather many miles and hours separate us from these same relatives. Sometimes it is our church family that we first turn to when there is a crisis or emergency or when we just need a little help.

I know this from personal experience. Before Mike's parents moved into the area, we had to list our emergency contacts for our children if something happened to us. We listed the grandparents but at that time, Mike's parents lived in Indianapolis and my parents lived in North Carolina. If there was a real emergency, it would have been hard to wait 6 hours before someone could get there. But thankfully, we have a church family, walking with us, supporting us, loving us. I can't tell you how grateful I am that my children are surrounded by a church family that is filled with so many aunts, uncles and grandparents. We are supported and connected as a community.

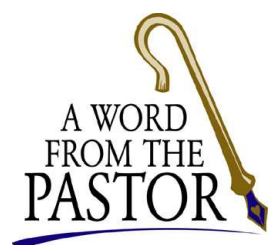
So when it came to that emergency form for our childcare, which asked for a local emergency contact, I didn't hesitate to put a church member down for that. I know that Mike and I are not alone in this. Sometimes, our church family is all we have to help us out in life.

That's why the church is inviting everyone to fill out emergency contact forms that will be kept in the church office. The purpose of these forms is to have the best means possible to check on members and friends in case of emergencies. Providing the information is voluntary. The information is confidential and will be used only by the church office.

You will also see that there is a second sheet to this form. It includes questions like "Do you have a \_\_\_ Living Will and/or \_\_\_ Medical Power of Attorney? Do you have a "Do Not Resuscitate" order as part of your Medical Power of Attorney YES/NO. Other wishes, if you are on medical life support? It also includes questions about funeral and memorial service desires. We added these things because these are things no one really thinks about or knows about, sometimes not even families. For some, this information may be too personal and you don't want to share it. That's okay. You don't have to.

But I will say that I can't tell you how many times I have sat with families in the hospital or in funeral homes and someone always seems to say, "I don't know what Scriptures he/she liked. I don't know what hymns he/she would want as part of the service. I wish he/she would have written it all down so we would know what he/she wanted to celebrate his/her life." This not knowing adds unwanted discomfort and stress for the family.

These forms all come down to the fact that we are connected as a community. We are connected as a family. And one of the ways we can do this and will do this is by knowing whom to contact so that we can take care of each other and be there for each other when there is a need.



## Fellowship News

### Keenagers Luncheon

**Thursday,  
November 12th\*\*\*  
11:30 a.m.**

The Keenagers will travel to Wilshire's in Georgetown on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We will leave the church around 11 a.m. if anyone would like to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*(Date changed due to Thanksgiving holiday)

### Disciples Women Christmas Luncheon

**Saturday, December 5th  
Holly Hill Inn**

MCC ladies, mark your calendars for the special Christmas luncheon at Holly Hill Inn on December 5th at noon.

**RSVP to Sharon Burchell by  
Wednesday, December 2nd.**

## & Meetings

**Board Meeting:  
Sunday, November 1st  
12:00 p.m.**

**Care Team:  
Monday, November 2nd  
6:30 p.m.**

**Admin Team:  
Sunday, November 8th  
12:00 p.m.**

**Worship Team:  
Monday, November 9th  
6:30 p.m.**

**Elders Meeting:  
Monday, November 16th  
6:30 p.m.**

**Cabinet Meeting:  
Wednesday, November  
18th**

### Disciples Women Luncheon

**Sunday, November 15th  
12:15 p.m.**



**Speaker:** Janet Mullins will tell us about a new program that is an extension of the "Café" in Africa - working with women to learn how to grow their own food.

Please **bring a salad or dessert to share** (entrée and bread will be provided) for this regularly-scheduled (third Sunday of each month) Disciples Women's meeting.

### Choir Retreat

**Saturday, November  
14th  
1:00 p.m.  
MCC Fellowship Hall**



### Make a Wreath at Homeplace

RSVP to 963-1173 to join the Holiday Wreath Make-n-Take on Tuesday, November 10th from 2 to 4 p.m. Spaces are limited!



## Youth News

### MCC Youth Group

**Mondays at 5:30 p.m.**

- 11/2** Life conversations with dinner
- 11/9** Everyday reminders of God (seek and find)
- 11/16** Write our own God reflections
- 11/23** Service/helping keep the church clean
- 11/30** Helping with Community Dinner



**MCC Youth at Bi-Water Farm on  
October 17th**



## AmazonSmile - A Fundraising Opportunity

### Support Midway Christian Church as you shop Amazon

There is a new way to support Midway Christian Church and is as easy as shopping on-line!

Midway Christian Church is enrolled in Amazon Smile.

#### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

#### How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

#### Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

#### Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

#### How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select Midway Christian Church to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.



## Green Chalice News

### Gleaning Volunteer Recognition

**Saturday, November 7th**  
**6-9 p.m.**

**Nathaniel United Methodist Mission**  
**1109 Versailles Road, Lexington**



Mark your calendars! On November 7th, from 6pm-9pm, GleanKY is hosting its annual volunteer gathering at Nathaniel United Methodist Mission, 1109 Versailles Road. GleanKY will provide seasonal desserts and drinks for the event. Although it is a come-and-go event, GleanKY will present volunteer awards at 7:30pm. This will be a great event to bring our volunteers together as well as our gleaning sources and the many farmers who have donated generously to GleanKY. Dress is casual. This is GleanKY's 5th year in existence. Come help us celebrate this monumental milestone!

### Gleaning Results from October 9th

Thanks to all who went gleaning October 9th at Reed Valley Orchard. They had a great day and delivered 535 pounds of beautiful apples and pears to God's Pantry Food Bank on Jaggie Fox Way.

Gleaners from MCC were: Phil & Nancy Dare, Bobbie Dare, Dan Roller, Adele Dickerson, James Batts, and Bailey Spicer.



### November 20 at noon Bluegrass IPL Gathering in Lexington



Join us for this second meeting for those in Fayette and surrounding counties who want to work together on caring for God's creation at the Panagia Pantovasilissa Greek Orthodox Church, 3001 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, KY 40502. Bring a brown bag lunch and help us to formulate a mission and vision for this group and also share resources for better ways to care for creation at our congregations. For questions email [tim@kentuckyipl.org](mailto:tim@kentuckyipl.org).



## Mission News and Notes

### November Mission Payments:

#### Cane Ridge Shrine

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)*



#### 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. Christmount is a recognized ministry partner of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). *(from the Christmount website)*



#### Mission Behind Bars and Beyond

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond is a non-profit faith-based organization providing community-based mentoring programs for those released from prison and returning to communities in Kentucky. In conjunction with a Disciples of Christ congregation, New Life in Christ Christian Church, which is located in a women's halfway house, we minister to those incarcerated, train outside volunteers to form Nurture, Support and Accountability Groups (NSAG), and connect returning citizens with a NSAG which will then walk alongside each person for six months to a year to equip them for a successful re-entry into the community to which they are returning. *(from National Benevolent Association website)*



#### Thanksgiving Offering

Midway Christian Church will be collecting a special Thanksgiving offering on **November 15th** for the Disciples Mission Fund, to benefit colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your support of this offering will help raise up "servant leaders."

#### 5th Sunday Offering

**November 29th**

In months with five Sundays, we take up a special offering for Christian Care Communities - Kentucky's faith-based provider of long-term and residential care for seniors.



#### Stockings for Inmates' Kids

The Fayette County Detention Center is asking for these items to brighten the day for children visiting incarcerated parents at Christmas time: **small toys, books, candy bars, crayons, thin coloring books, gloves & stretch caps, packaged snacks, stuffed animals, and gift cards.** Bring to the box in the narthex. **Deadline is November 29th!!!**



#### Community Clothes Closet Needs Winter Clothing!

Please bring your clean, gently-used jackets, sweaters, long pants, and winter coats to the MCC basement. These items are being requested by clothing closet customers and we are in short supply. Thank you!



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*Return Service Requested*



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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