



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

January 2016

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Minister

Joni Burchett

Secretary

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Accompanist

Jestine Johnson

Custodian

Annual Epiphany Feast

Wednesday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Midway University Piper Dining Hall

Midway Christian Members: All Hands on Deck!

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX (or call the church office) TO HELP WITH THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER!

Help Needed:

- Serving Crew: Serving drinks, desserts, other as needed
- Kitchen Crew: Scraping plates and washing dishes
- Break-down Crew: Packing up and cleaning up
- Decorating Crew: Setting and decorating tables
- Host/Hostess: Helping show guests to their seats



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship



POTLUCK LUNCH

Congregational Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, January 3rd, 12:15 p.m.

MCC Fellowship Hall

Please bring your ideas, concerns, and a **side dish or dessert** to share at this important annual meeting!



Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Monday, January 25th, 6:30 p.m.

MCC Fellowship Hall

Our Free Monthly Community Dinner this month will be our Annual Chili Cook-Off! Sign up in the church office to bring your best chili recipe. BYOCP (Bring Your Own Crock Pot) recommended. If you're not entering a pot of chili, please come and help us eat all the entries!

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HAPPY

NEW

YEAR!!!

The office will be
CLOSED
on Thursday, 12/31 and
Friday, 1/1

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$72,250.02

Received to date: \$73,545.72

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



January 3

Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany Service: No Sermon
"Star Words"

January 10

First Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism Sunday

Scripture: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Title: "Filled with Expectation at our Baptisms"

January 17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: John 2: 1-11
Title: "What does This have to do with Me?"

January 24

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Laity Sunday
Scripture: Luke 4: 14-21
Title: "We are sent to Preach the Good News!"

January 31

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Title: "What is Love?"



Serving This Month

Elders: Phil Burchell & Etta Manor

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:

January 3 James Batts

January 10 Isaac Batts

January 17 TBA

January 24 TBA

January 31 TBA



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

The "While We Wait: Living the Questions of Advent" series will run through Sunday January 3rd. Ouita Michel will lead Sunday School for the rest of January, on a topic to be named later!

Please let Cindy Batts know if you can help with bringing breakfast foods or with leading a future class.

Food for the Soul (Dinner Church)



Sunday, January 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: "Epiphany Prayer Stations"

Sunday, January 17th, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Watching "Selma" the movie, discussion to follow

Light dinner, open discussion, simple communion service.
All are welcome!



Acolyte Schedule

January 3 Willa Michel & Alex Woodruff

January 10 Joe Campbell & Luke Hill

January 17 Jack Hill & Bailey Spicer

January 24 Alex Adkins & Willa Michel

January 31 Alex Woodruff & Joe Campbell

More Worship News

Epiphany Sunday - January 3rd

On Sunday, January 3rd, we will be celebrating Epiphany Sunday by telling the story again through Scripture, Drama, Reflection and Song. During the service, every person who comes to church on Epiphany Sunday will also receive a star word and is asked to reflect on that word for the coming year. The people are invited to ponder what significance this word might have in their lives, and how God might be speaking to them through that simple message. This service is an opportunity for our insights and the understanding we gain as people of faith to lead us down new roads to help proclaim the Kingdom of God is near.



Baptism Sunday - January 10th

On Sunday, January 10th, we will be celebrating Baptism Sunday. During the service, there will be a chance for all of us to renew our baptisms by dipping our hands in the water and hearing God's promise to us once more. Everyone is invited to come forward whether you have been baptized or not, because it is also an opportunity for us as people of faith to re-commit ourselves to Christ as we begin the new year. Come and join us for this very special Sunday, and remember the moment you were washed clean and renewed as a person of faith.

Laity Sunday - January 24th

On Sunday, January 24th, we will celebrate Laity Sunday, which is a "great opportunity to help everyone explore and recognize the many types of ministry that members of the congregation have been uniquely gifted to accomplish." During the service, some of our members will be giving testimonies about their faith. They will share with us their faith journeys and who God is for them as people of faith. We are celebrating Laity Sunday because "The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are a people built upon laity and clergy working together in service to Christ. Laity Sunday is a special time to reflect upon, promote, and celebrate the many roles served by [our] congregation's lay ministers, both inside and outside [our] church walls." (www.disciples.org) As we continue to live out our mission of WELCOME, this Sunday gives us an opportunity for all of the ministers of Midway Christian Church to engage in their role as leaders of this church.



Lenten Devotional Help Needed

This year for Lent, Midway Christian Church will be writing our own Lenten Devotional. This devotional will be a part of our Lenten practice and theme based on Pope Francis' *Laudato si*, an encyclical based on a call for creation care. We are asking our members to reflect on a particular creation-themed Scripture and write down their thoughts. These reflections will be consolidated into a booklet that will be used throughout Lent as a way to ground us in the presence of God while we discern how God is calling us to be partners in the care of God's creation. We need 47 daily devotionals. Several of the Green Chalice Team members have already agreed to write reflections but we need a lot more! Please let Heather know if you are interested in helping out with this project. Reflections need to be to Heather by Sunday January 31st.

Cabinet Retreat

The Cabinet, which consists of the Chair of the Board, the Secretary, the Treasurer, an Elder designated by the Elders, a Deacon designated by the Deacons, and the Team Leaders of the standing teams (Worship, Care, Admin) will gather on **Saturday, January 16th from 9 am to noon** to finish planning our church year. If you have any ideas for special events or projects that you would like included, please share them with Heather or with Sandy.

End of the Year Celebrations



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015



HANGING OF THE GREENS 2015

WOODS BABY DEDICATIONS

Thank You! - from MCC Staff

Your generous Love Offerings for staff Christmas bonuses were overwhelming! Thank you for making us feel loved and appreciated - at Christmastime and all through the year!

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year!

- ◇ Heather
- ◇ Joni
- ◇ Melissa
- ◇ Holly
- ◇ Jestine



Hello from KK

We have received Thanksgiving and Christmas cards from Ksenija "Sonja" Knezevic (former Midway College student sponsored by MCC) letting us know she's doing well, she's always thankful for us, and she misses us!

Carillon Music Cards Needed

We would still like a few more "cards" for the Carillon (church bells) to help fill our music library. They cost around \$200. We would like to purchase about 4 more: New Year's, Communion Hymns, Weddings, and a few more hymns. If you would like to support this, checks can be made out to MCC with "music cards" in the memo line.

Thank you!

Please fill out Emergency Contact Forms for Us!

A few months ago, we sent out the forms for Emergency and/or Funeral information to have on file in the office. We hope we don't ever need to use them, but it's important to know your wishes! If we don't already have your form on file, please fill one out for us! (see insert)

Community News & Notes

Free Community Dinner

**Monday, January 25th,
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.

See Page 1 about the Chili Cook-Off!

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!

MLK Breakfast

**Monday, January 18th, 8:45 a.m.
First Christian Church, Versailles
Cost: \$15, Deadline: January 6th**

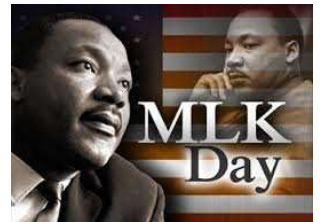


The Woodford County Roots & Heritage Festival Committee will celebrate MLK Day with a breakfast and program. For more information please contact Eveleen Morton (873-7918) or Leslie Jackson (jack04@windstream.net).

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service

**Monday, January 18th, 7 p.m.
Pilgrim Baptist Church**

The Midway Area Ministerial Association will be hosting a Community MLK Service on Monday, January 18th at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 133 East Stephens Street, Midway.



Seminars, Retreats, Workshops...

UK Grow, Cook, Eat Series

**Woodford County Extension Office
Tuesday, January 26th, 5-6:30 p.m.
Topic: Seed Starting/Basic Cooking Techniques**

Fee: \$5

Learn tips and techniques to help you successfully grow healthy plants indoors under lights and how to prepare and preserve fresh produce. Participants will receive materials to take home to grow their own transplants.

Environmental Action Forum

These seminars are to be held on **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** at **Midway Presbyterian Church, 103 N Turner Street:**

- **January 21** "Conserving Kentucky's Natural Lands"
- **February 18** "Invasive Species and Our Waterways"
- **March 17** "Homeowner Basics for Healthy Streams: a River of Words"
- **April 21** "Bat Ecology and Conservation"
- **May 19** "Kentucky's Native and Rare Plants"



Lexington Theological Seminary Webinar

"Leading a Missional Church"

Saturday, January 9th, 1:30-3:30 p.m., \$10 log-in

Learn to motivate your congregation to engage with its community - for clergy and lay leaders.

Register at www.lextheo.edu



Christmount

Visit www.christmount.org or see Joni for information on these upcoming retreats:

- **A Widow's Tale, January 23rd**
- **Elders/Deacons Workshop, March 4-5**
- **Spring Wildflower Retreat, April 26-28**
- **Week of Wonder, May 29-June 3**
- **Women's Discovery Retreat, June 3-5**



Fellowship News

& Meetings

Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, January 17th

12:15 p.m., MCC Fellowship Hall



Please bring a dish to share at this monthly lunch meeting of the Disciples Women. ALL women of Midway Christian Church are invited!

Admin Team:

Sunday, January 10th
12:00 p.m.

Elders Meeting:

Tuesday, January 19th
6:30 p.m.

Worship Team:

Monday, January 11th
6:30 p.m.

Cabinet Retreat

Saturday, January 16th
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Keenagers

Thursday, January 28th, 11:30 a.m.

Lil's Coffee House, Paris, KY

627 Main Street (in the JJ Newberry Building, with Ardery's Antiques)

The Keenagers and friends will travel to Paris, KY in January, to have lunch at Lil's Coffee House. Lil's has a friendly atmosphere and serves sandwiches, wraps, quiches and soups, as well as delectable desserts. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, January 25th if you can come. We will carpool from church at 10:40.



Paris, Kentucky

859-987-1515

Youth News

Staff Having Surgery!

MCC Youth Group

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.



January 4 Murder Mystery Dinner
(possible practice for later)
We will be staying late: 7 or 7:30

January 11 Games

January 18 Lenten Devotionals

January 25 Community Chili Cook-off!

Please keep Holly and Joni in your thoughts and prayers.

Holly is scheduled to have foot surgery on **Thursday, January 7th**. She will miss two Sunday's during her recovery. Peter Bostrom and Karen Murphy will be filling in for Holly while she is resting and recovering.

Joni is having eye surgery (Endothelial Keratoplasty - a partial corneal transplant) on January 19th. She will miss at least two days, and **volunteers are needed to help in the office!** Joni may need a (volunteer) ride to and from work on January 21st and 22nd. She thinks she can work with one eye, but not drive!

CYF & Chi Rho Retreat

April 15-17

Camp Loucon (near Leitchfield, KY)



The Kentucky Region is hosting a spring retreat for all CYF and Chi Rho students at Camp Loucon, near Leitchfield, KY from April 15 to 17, 2016. Youth will be able to reconnect with old friends - and meet new friends as well! We'll be hearing about how God's people have heard the Spirit's calling them to be **on the move** - and inviting the youth to consider how they might be **on the move** as well. Come explore how the Spirit is moving in today's world, participate in exciting worship and activities, and have some fun!

More Youth News

Camp Wakondaho 2016 Dates:

June 3-5	Mini Camp
June 6-11	CYF I
June 12-17	Eighter's Camp
June 20-24	Junior Camp
June 24-26	Camp 101A
June 27-July 2	CYF II

More details later...



Mission News and Notes

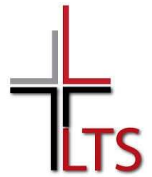
January Mission Payments:

Regional Green Chalice: Kentucky Disciples frame their ministry with one question, "What must we do to live our faith?" For a growing number of Kentucky Disciples that answer includes care for God's creation through adopting sustainable lifestyles both personally and as a congregation. As a result, Green Chalice was called into being in 2007 to help Kentucky Disciples live sustainable lives in harmony with all creation.



Cub Scout Pack 41: Pack 41 was started at Midway Christian Church in May of 2014, with 3 dens: Tigers, Wolves, and Bears, serving boys in first through fifth grades. The many character-building activities have included fundraisers selling popcorn and Christmas wreaths. Thank you for your support!

Lexington Theological Seminary Scholarship: The mission of Lexington Theological Seminary is to prepare faithful leaders for the church of Jesus Christ and, thus, to strengthen the church's participation in God's mission for the world. As an integral part of the church, the seminary serves the church as a theological resource and as a center of continuing education for clergy and lay leaders.



Thank You Notes

We have received nice Thank You letters for our donations to these entities:

- Disciples Mission Fund (for our Thanksgiving Offering)
- Christmount Christian Assembly (November Mission Payment)
- Cane Ridge Meeting House (November Mission Payment)
- Fayette County Detention Center (Stockings for Inmates' Kids)

5th Sunday Offering



On months with 5 Sundays, we take up a special collection to benefit Christian Care Communities - Kentucky's faith-based provider of long-term and residential care for seniors.

Woodford Co. Food Pantry Board Position



Please prayerfully consider assuming the Midway position on the Woodford County Food Pantry Board. The main duties of a Director from MCC would be to attend meetings and bring information back to the congregation, as well as recruiting volunteers when it is Midway's turn to serve at the Food Pantry. A Director may choose to serve only one year, or keep serving. For more information come to the January 3rd Congregational Meeting and Potluck.

Heifer International Ark Project

We've made great progress towards affording our next "Ark" of livestock to send to a poor village. An Ark costs \$5,000, and, thanks to Christmas giving (and Shirley's birthday), we have reached over \$3700! To give towards the Heifer Ark Project in someone's name, make the check out to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line. We have Heifer cards in the office that you can give to the recipient of your gift.



Woodford Co. Food Pantry Needs

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,
- Chicken Noodle Soup.



Blanket Drive

The Disciples Women continue to collect new or clean, like-new blankets to be delivered to homeless shelters in Lexington. There is a collection box in the fellowship hall.



20 Field of Dreams, Wo. Co. Park, Versailles
Hours: Mondays 5-7 pm; Thursdays 1-4 pm

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Return Service Requested

