



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

March 2016

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Lenten Breakfast Series:

"Season of Creation"



Saturday, March 5th, 9 a.m.

Speaker: Laura Burford, Salato Wildlife Education Center
Hosted by: Flock 3

Saturday, March 12th, 9 a.m.

Speaker: Zeb Weese, Biologist Consultant, KY Heritage Land Conservation
Hosted by: Flock 4

Saturday, March 19th, 9 a.m.

Speaker: Doris Settles, Master Gardener, on Sustainability and Native Plants
Hosted by: Flock 1

Flocks are responsible for providing breakfast dishes.

To find out which Flock you are in, please check the website or the sheet posted in the narthex.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Admin Team Fundraiser Luncheon

Sunday, March 13th, 12:15 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall



The Admin Team invites you for soup, sandwiches, and cookies on Sunday, March 13th. Donations to the General Fund are much appreciated.

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Holy Week Worship:



- **Palm Sunday, March 20**
10:55 a.m. at MCC
- **Maundy Thursday, March 24**
Community Service
7 p.m. at MCC
- **Good Friday, March 25**
7 p.m. at Midway Baptist
- **Easter Sunrise Service, March 27**
Community Service
7 a.m. at Walter Bradley Park
- **Easter Sunday Service, March 27**
10:55 a.m. at MCC



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$95,023.46

Received to date: \$96,333.36



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



March 6

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture Revelation 22: 1-5; & John 4: 7-15

Title: "Sister Water"

March 13

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Exodus 13: 17-22; & 1 Corinthians 3: 10-15

Title: "Brother Fire"

March 20

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 1: 1-25; & Luke 19: 28-44

Title: "Mother Earth"

March 27

Easter Sunday

Scripture: John 20: 1-20

Title: "Awaken Creation to Meet the New Dawn"



Serving This Month

Elders: Sandy Gruzesky & John Batts

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:

March 6 Tracy Spotts

March 13

March 20

March 27



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

The Sunday School discussion on Islam and the Middle East will continue through the month of March.

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, March 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: "What are the impacts of Climate Change?"
Led by Ron Gruzesky



Sunday, March 20th, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Holy Week Prayer Stations

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



Acolyte Schedule

March 6 Luke Hill & Bailey Spicer

March 13 Alex Adkins & Willa Michel

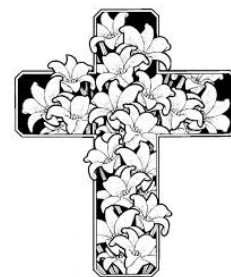
March 20 Alex Woodruff & Joe Campbell

March 27 Jack Hill & Bailey Spicer

More Worship News

Flowering the Cross

Based on a legend that the cross itself bloomed at the moment Jesus died, the flowering cross is found in Christian art as early as the sixth century. Everyone is invited to "flower the cross" by writing down the many ways we see and experience God through creation.



On the back of a paper flower (provided), please write your answers to the question, "How do you envision all of humankind joining with God in a united effort to renew the face of the Earth?" Then pin the flower to the cross in the Fellowship Hall. The idea is to cover the brown cross with colorful flowers representing the many ways that God continues to surprise us by bringing new life out of our darkness.

Church Business



Nominating Time

It is that time again to nominate elders, deacons, and church leaders for Midway Christian Church. The positions of elders, deacons, and church officers are very important roles of leadership in our church, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for who would be good in these positions, please see Shirley Eckels or Heather McColl.

From the Trustees: Use of Endowment Fund - Proposal Deadline

Midway Christian is very fortunate to have a Mission Endowment Fund which was established in August of 2007 through the generous gift from Dorothy Gordon. As stated in the Mission Endowment Fund Policy, the primary purpose of the Fund is "to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ, serving human needs in our community and around the world." In keeping with this purpose, the policy allows an annual withdrawal for outreach-related improvements, equipment or programs. **Written requests from the congregation** (for outreach projects which are not already included in the church annual budget) for the Mission Endowment Fund **need to be submitted by April 1, 2016**. The requests will be reviewed by the Trustees who will make recommendations to the Midway Christian Church Board, which will have the final approval of the projects funded.



Refugee Kits



As part of our conversations through Food for the Soul, we have talked about how to welcome the stranger in our midst. The God moment came for us during these conversations when we learned that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has requested to resettle 8% of ALL refugees who enter thru Church World Service offices. Due to multiple refugee crises in the world, there is an anticipated increased refugee arrivals throughout 2016. Requests have been sent out to create Welcome Kits for the newly-arrived families.

The first kit we will start collecting for is the Bath Kit. What is needed is:

- 2 bath towels/2 hand towels/2 wash cloths/1 bath mat
- 2 tooth brushes & toothpaste
- 2 Deodorant
- 6 bars soap
- Razor
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shower curtain/liner
- Trash can
- Toilet brush
- Feminine hygiene
- Ethnic lotions/vaseline

This will be our March Mission project. If you would like more information, please see <https://www.discipleshome.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/04/Refugee-Hospitality-Kits.pdf>

Community News & Notes

Free Community Dinner

Monday, March 28th,
6:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall

Free Community Dinner



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.

Midway History Day

Saturday, April 2nd
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall



Midway Renaissance invites you to bring your historic photos of Midway to share at this community event!

James Beard Foundation Nominates Ouita

Our own Chef Ouita Michel has been nominated by the prestigious James Beard Foundation for 2016 Restaurateur of the Year! Final nominees will be announced on March 15th, and the Awards Gala will be held in Chicago on May 2nd.



For more info visit www.jamesbeard.org/awards

The Community Clothes Closet

Is temporarily **CLOSED**
for reorganization.

Please check back in April!



Host Families Needed:

For High School Foreign Exchange Students



EF (Education First) High School Exchange is looking for host families for students from Europe and Asia. Students arrive the first week of August and leave about a week after the year is over. They pay their own expenses. A local coordinator helps you select the right student for your family, and works with your school.

If you have room in your home to provide this once-in-a-lifetime experience for a teenager from across the globe, contact Karen Stanfield at 859-361-3617 or rks5151@gmail.com

For more info visit www.ef.edu



Fellowship News

Disciples Women Luncheon

12:15 p.m. - MCC Fellowship Hall



Please bring a dish to share to these monthly lunch meetings of the Disciples Women. ALL women of MCC are invited!

- **Sunday, March 20th** - Regular lunch meeting.
- **Sunday, April 10th** - Lunch meeting with a speaker (TBA)
- **Sunday, May 15th** - Lunch with a program featuring Dr. Jim Roach, on his recent trip to Africa!



The congregation is invited

(men, too!). Meats/drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share!

& Meetings

Board Meeting:

Sunday, March 6th
12:15 p.m.

Worship Team:

Monday, March 14th
6:30 p.m.

Care Team:

TBA

Cabinet Meeting

Weds., March 16th
6:00 p.m.

Admin Team:

Sunday, March 13th
12:15 p.m.

Elders Meeting:

Monday, March 21st
6:30 p.m.

Keenagers

Thursday, March 31st, 11:30 a.m.

Plans are in the works for Keenagers to visit the Hummel Planetarium at EKU. We will watch the show "Stars: The Powerhouses of the Universe." Following the show, we will go to lunch in the Richmond area. Please RSVP by Monday, March 28th. (Plan B, if necessary, is Joe Bologna's)

Youth News

MCC Youth Group

Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

- March 7** Dinner & Conversation
March 14 Look at Lenten Devotional
March 21 Outdoor (or indoor) Games
March 28 Community Dinner



Tentative Youth Plans:

- 4/24 Baking for Bake Sale
- 4/25 Bake Sale at Community Dinner
- 6/5 Newport Aquarium
- 7/31 Dinner Theater Fundraiser
- August Dinner/Movie/Lock-in
- October Bi-Water Farm

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. 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, activities, and fun!

Camp Wakondaho 2016 Dates:

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| 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...



Green Chalice News

Midway Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, March 15th, 7 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall

Anyone interested in caring for God's creation is welcome!



Plans are in the works for an Earth Sunday/KY Proud Luncheon on Sunday, April 17th, which will include a Plant Share (bring your plant starts), a booth for Green Cleaning information, and updating the Midway Area Local Foods list.

We are also coordinating with Youth Group for Earth Day events and a Spring Break outing.

We'll be discussing plans for "Ready, Set, Bloom!" at the Homeplace.

Midway Community Garden Planning

Wednesday, March 2nd,

Midway Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Anyone interested in helping plan the spring planting at the Midway Community Garden at Midway Presbyterian Church is welcome!



MCC is a Certified Green Chalice Congregation - since January, 2012



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RECYCLE

REJOICE!



Thank You from Holly



"Dear Heather, Melissa, Gloria, Choir, and Congregation,

Thank you so much for the beautiful farewell. Your generosity is overwhelming: a luncheon, flowers, special cake, cards, kind words, monetary gifts, and a choir lunch at Grey Goose. I have been blessed by your openness and welcoming generosity. You are a wonderful church that truly 'walks the walk.'

With love, Holly"

Seminars, Retreats, Workshops...

Mark Your Calendars:

- **Kentucky Women's Spring Conference - April 16th @ Crestwood Christian Church**
- **Regional Assembly - September 19-25 @ Crestwood Christian Church** Details hopefully coming soon!



Environmental Action Forum

Thursdays (dates below) at 6:30 p.m.
at Midway Presbyterian Church,
103 N Turner Street



- **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"

UK Grow, Cook, Eat Series

Woodford Co. Extension Office
Tuesday, March 22nd, 5-6:30 p.m.

Topic: Asparagus

Fee: \$5



Learn how to plant, grow, harvest, cook, and preserve asparagus. Each participant will receive asparagus crowns for their garden.

LTS Webinar

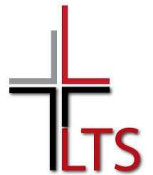
Creative Worship for Diverse Congregations

Date: March 8, 2016

Where: Online

Time: 1:30 – 3:30pm EST

Presenter: Dr. Jacqui Lewis



The development of multiracial, multicultural communities of faith is one of the strongest defenses against the racial/ethnic tensions in our nation. By using the many cultural languages of our people and a variety of art – music, dance, drama, puppetry, and visual arts – we can include and inspire everybody and punctuate the message! This webinar will suggest strategies for multi-vocal worship planning, as you celebrate the gifts of racial and cultural diversity in your community.

Hitchhiker's Guide to Evangelism: A Fresh Look

Date: March 19, 2016

Where: Online

Time: 1:30 – 3:30pm EDT

Presenter: Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian



For more information, visit www.lextheo.edu and click on News/Events to find the Webinar Series

Mention the "E" word and toes curl and stomachs knot. Say it in church and pastors turn ashen, and the laity melt into the walls. Bill Tenny-Brittian's Hitchhiker's Guide to Evangelism was published by Chalice Press in an effort to redeem the "E" word and provide evangelism tools that won't embarrass you, your friends, or the church.

Christmount Spring/Summer

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



Christmount is in Black Mountain, North Carolina



- **Elders/Deacons Workshop, March 4-5**
- **Caregivers' Retreat, March 19**
- **Yoga Retreat, April 15-17**
- **Spring Wildflower Retreat, April 26-28**
- **Walking the Labyrinth, May 16-19**
- **Week of Wonder, May 29-June 3**
- **Women's Discovery Retreat, June 3-5**
- **Music Workshop, June 16-19**
- **Youth Work Camp, July 11-16**
- **Welcoming Everyone, August 25-17**

Mission News and Notes

March Mission Payments:

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, in the fall of 2014 the choir is available to all the 3rd through 8th grade students, including those in home-school, in Woodford County.



Disciples Mission Fund

The Disciples Mission Fund builds a foundation enabling Disciples to globally share the good news of Jesus Christ. This common fund allows the Disciples to pool their resources accomplishing a greater ministry. One congregation could not achieve this alone. Disciples Mission Fund allows a process of whole church stewardship supporting God-given missions at home and world-wide. They live their theological understanding of Christ's prayer "that they all may be one." As a faithful growing church, Disciples demonstrate true sense of community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. *(from Disciples Mission Fund website)* In addition to supporting the Disciples Mission Fund as an organization, Midway Christian member also contribute to the DMF Special Fund Offerings and Special Day Offerings.



Thank You from LTS - January Mission Payment



The Lexington Seminary is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

Woodford Co. Food Pantry

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.



Mondays 5-7 pm; Thursdays 1-4 pm

Kroger Community Rewards

Thank you to those using your Kroger Plus Card for Midway Christian Church when you shop.

You have earned us almost \$250 per quarter!



You can sign up for a Kroger Plus card, and link it to Midway Christian Church, by visiting Kroger.com/community-rewards, or by calling 1-800-KROGERS, Option #3

MCC's charitable organization number is 11541.

Amazon Smile

Don't forget to log on to smile.amazon.com to do your online shopping, to earn rewards for Midway Christian Church. On your first visit to the site, be sure to select Midway Christian Church as your charitable organization. Then shop as usual!



Heifer International Ark Project



We've made great progress towards our next "Ark" of livestock to send to a poor village. An Ark costs \$5,000, and we have reached over \$3700!

To give to the Heifer Ark Project, make the check out to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line. We have special cards in the office that you can give to a recipient if you're donating in someone's name.

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Return Service Requested

Easter Flowers Order Form

Name: _____

I would like to order	___ Lily	Cost
	___ Tulip	for each
	___ Hyacinth	is \$10
	___ Azalea	

In HONOR of: _____

In MEMORY of: _____

*Please make checks payable to Midway Christian Church,
with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.*