



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

May 2016

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Pentecost Sunday:

Worship & Potluck with Historic Second Christian

Sunday, May 15th, 10:55 a.m. Worship

Midway Christian Church

Pastor Rick Smith, Preaching

Potluck Lunch to Follow



Pastor Rick Smith will be preaching at MCC as we welcome the members of Historic Second Christian for our annual combined Pentecost worship service, to celebrate our beginnings as brothers and sisters in faith. You are encouraged to wear red, in honor of the Holy Spirit.

Everyone is invited to join in the POTLUCK LUNCH to follow. Meat, bread, and beverages will be provided, so please just bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

The Disciples Women have invited Dr. Jim Roach to be our special speaker, sharing about his recent trip to Africa!



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Visit us on the web:

www.midwaychristian.org

May 1st is

MUSIC SUNDAY

Don't miss it!

Francisco's Farm Art Festival



Saturday, May 21st & Sunday, May 22nd

Midway University Campus

Admission is free, parking is \$5 per car

Visit www.franciscosfarm.org or find them on Facebook to see samples of the wonderful art that will be available at the festival. Bring the whole family for kids' activities, food and beverage vendors, and live entertainment.

Volunteers are needed! Sign up online today!
(Or talk to Dan Roller and Adele Dickerson)



The office will be **CLOSED** for Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th.

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$120,416.70

Received to date: \$118,683.33

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



May 1

Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Music Sunday
 No Sermon

May 8

Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Mother's Day
 Scripture: John 17: 20-16
 Title: "Make Your Name Known"

May 15

Pentecost
 Historic Second Christian Church will worship with us.
 Pastor Rick Smith will preach.

May 22

First Sunday after Pentecost
 Scripture: Romans 5: 1-5
 Title: "Hope Does Not Disappoint"

May 29

Second Sunday after Pentecost
 Guest Preacher: Crystal McAliley
 Scripture: To Be Announced
 Title: To Be Announced



Serving This Month

Elders: Phil Burchell & Sandy Gruzkesky

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:

- May 1** Dick Murphy
- May 8** Bobbie Dare
- May 15** Gloria Batts
- May 22** John Batts
- May 29** Karen Murphy



ALL
 ARE
 WELCOME!

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

Sunday School in May will be breakfast, cares, concerns and fellowship, and studying the Book of James. (No breakfast served on Mother's Day - May 8th)

****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, May 1st - CANCELLED due to scheduling conflicts

Sunday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: "Pentecost Prayer Stations"

Light dinner, open discussion, and simple communion service, normally on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
 All are welcome!



Acolyte Schedule

- May 1** Joe Campbell & Luke Hill
- May 8** Alex Adkins & Alex Woodruff
- May 15** Jack Hill & Bailey Spicer
- May 22** Willa Michel & Joe Campbell
- May 29** Luke Hill & Alex Woodruff

More Worship News

Stewardship Sunday - May 22nd

Together, we give to financially support the ministries and programs that help build up the Kingdom of God in our community and in our world. How much money is spent? How is it spent?



The narrative of who we are as a church unfolds in Scripture, in the life of Jesus, and in the world. We live out this story in many ways, including through the seven Christian Practices of: Worship, Education, Love, Community, Open Table, Mission, and Evangelism.

These practices give us sacred containers within which we can place our financial resources so that this congregation will be able to offer ministry and programming as we continue to live out God's transforming love in so many faith-filled ways.

The Admin Team is asking everyone to prayerfully consider how we will respond with our pledge cards to our mission and story of WELCOME on Stewardship Sunday, May 22, 2016, as we estimate our giving for the coming year.

Worship Service at The Homeplace

Sunday, May 22nd, 2:00 p.m.

Please join us at the Homeplace to worship with the residents.

MCC is in charge of worship at the Homeplace on the fourth Sunday of the odd-numbered months.



Church Business

Friends of the Handbells Needed

The Admin Team is hoping to find 25 more people to donate \$100 each toward the refurbishment of the handbells. The MCC Handbell Choir adds such a richness to our services during the Advent and Lent seasons, plus it affords some non-singing members an opportunity to participate in the music of the church! We were very fortunate to be able to purchase these handbells, and we cannot let them wear out! If you can help by being a "Friend of the Handbells," please make your check to MCC with "Handbells" in the memo line. Thank you!



Nominating Time

The positions of elders, deacons, and church officers are very important roles of leadership in our church, so **if you have any suggestions** for who would be good in these positions, please see Shirley Eckels or Heather McColl. New officers begin their terms on July 1st.



Electronic Giving Cards

You may notice something new in the pews. They are electronic giving cards. It is important for people to participate in the act of giving their offering as an act of worship. But when they choose to give their gift via electronic means, it means that they lose the opportunity to place their gift in the offering plate. By providing people with this card, we are inviting all to participate in the corporate act of sharing our tithes and offerings. We will also be sending a few of the cards to people who elect to use the EFT option along with a letter that explains both the use and purpose of the cards. If you have any interest in giving to the church electronically, please call the office.



Community News & Notes

Free Community Dinner

**Monday, May 30th,
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.

Goodbye to Mary and Li - Returning to China

During our Community Dinner on May 30th, we will be saying goodbye to Mary and Li, our Chinese friends who have been part of our community for the past two years. On June 15th, they will return to their homeland.

Community Clothing Closet

**Open Saturdays 10-noon
MCC Gratz Street Basement Door**



Two volunteers are needed each Saturday morning. Please let the office know if you wish to sign up!

Free Classes at The Homeplace at Midway:



- **Balance & Strength Training**
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

With balance and strength training, you can work to prevent falls and keep your stride steady. All are welcome!

Call 846-4663 to reserve your spot.

- **Safety First**

Monday, May 16th, 11:00 a.m.

Come and hear memory care experts on keeping your loved one with dementia safe. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by May 12th.

- **Green Thumb Gardening Workshop**

Thursday, May 26th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come learn from the experts on vegetable gardening, rain gardens, and "living green." Refreshments will be served. RSVP by May 24.

*****RSVPs to 846-4663*****

Fellowship News

Keenagers

**Thursday, May 26th,
11:30 a.m.**

Keenagers will travel to Woodford Reserve for lunch on Thursday, May 26th. Please RSVP by Monday, May 23rd if you can join them. Meet at the church at 11:00 if you wish to carpool.



& Meetings

Board Meeting:

**Sunday, May 1st
12:15 p.m.**

Worship Team:

**Monday, May 9th
6:30 p.m.**

Care Team:

**Monday, May 2nd
6:30 p.m.**

Elders Meeting:

**Monday, May 16th
6:30 p.m.**

Admin Team:

**Sunday, May 8th
12:15 p.m.**

Cabinet Meeting

**Wednesday, May 18th
6:00 p.m.**

Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, May 17th, 7 p.m.

The next meeting of Midway's Green Chalice is on Tuesday, May 17th at 7 p.m. All who are interested in caring for God's creation are welcome!



Green Chalice wants to thank everyone who participated in the KY Proud Luncheon on April 17th!

Disciples Women May Luncheon

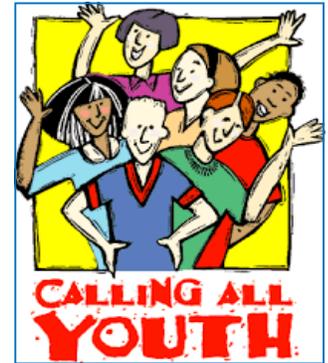
Please see Page 1 for details on the Disciples Women/Pentecost Potluck Lunch!



Youth News

MCC Youth Group

- Monday, May 2 5:30** Dinner & Conversation/Making Mother's Day Gifts
Monday, May 9 5:30 Word Search & Study
Monday, May 16 5:30 Outside Games
Monday, May 23 5:30 Clean Playground & Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 30 5:30 Community Dinner (Come at 5:00 if you can!)
Friday, June 10th - Travel to Newport Aquarium



Tentative future plans: ~7/31 - Dinner Theater Fundraiser; ~August - Dinner/Movie/Lock-in
 ~October - BiWater Farm

National Youth Event this Summer

Registration is NOW OPEN for an International Disciples & UCC Youth Event, **July 26-30, 2016 at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort.**

This is the first gathering of youth from both denominations with youth from around the world.

- Register by May 27th -

Who's invited? All Disciples and UCC youth, aged 13-18 (and their families, leaders, and ministers). NYE is a youth-centered event but seeks to serve all ages who are attending to support their youth. Visit www.nye.uccpages.org or email: jkramer@dhm.disciples.org



Camp Wakondaho 2016:

June 3-5	Mini Camp	June 27-July 2	CYF II
June 6-11	CYF I	July 4-9	Chi Rho I
June 12-18	Eighter's Camp	July 11-16	Chi Rho II
June 20-24	Junior Camp	July 22-24	Camp 101B
June 24-26	Camp 101A	Sept 2-4	Y'All Camp



Camp Descriptions:

Camp 101 is for kids who just completed 1st and 2nd grades, to be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or guardian.

Mini Camp is a weekend camp for kids who just finished 3rd grade.

Junior Camp is a week-long camp for kids who just finished 4th and 5th grades.

Chi-Rho Camp is a week-long camp for kids who just finished 6th through 8th grades.

CYF Camp is a week-long camp for those who just completed 9th through 12th grades.

Eighter's Camp is for those who just completed 8th grade, and is an experience called "Created to Be Me," looking at your body and your relationship with God.

Y'All Camp is for families (Labor Day Weekend).

For more information, visit www.kydisciples.net/outdoor_ministries or the MCC office bulletin board.

The early-bird deadline (for a discount) is May 1st!

Thank You

Thank You, From the Family of Amy McDaniel

"To our wonderful church family,
Thank you for all your prayers and concerns during our time of grief with the loss of our daughter Amy, mother of Douglas. Your prayers and concerns were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Heather.
With our love, Buddy & Gertrude, & Doug McDaniel"

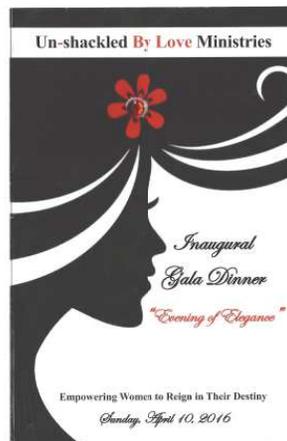


In addition, the Care Team would like to thank everyone who brought food for after the service.

Unshackled by Love Ministries Dinner

The Disciples Women and Care Team would like to thank everyone for the many wonderful desserts brought for the Human Trafficking Dinner at the Lyric Theatre in Lexington on April 10th.

Midway Christian Church was acknowledged in their program (pictured at right).



Seminars, Retreats, Workshops...

SAVE THESE DATES:

Regional Assembly

"Grounded, Growing, Overflowing!"

September 19-25 @ Crestwood Christian Church



2017 General Assembly

July 8-12, 2017

Indianapolis



Environmental Action Forum

Thursday, May 19th, 6:30 p.m.
Midway Presbyterian Church,
103 N Turner Street



Topic: "Kentucky's Native and Rare Plants"

UK Grow, Cook, Eat Series

Woodford Co. Extension Office
Tuesday, May 24th, 5-6:30 p.m.
Topic: Tomatoes Fee: \$5



Discuss varieties, growing, cooking and preserving tomatoes. Each participant will take home heirloom and hybrid plants for their own garden.

Christmount Spring/Summer

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



Christmount is in Black Mountain, North Carolina



- **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

May Mission Payments:



Ruth Slack Roach Fund at Midway University

The Ruth Slack Roach Leadership Scholarship program was created in September 1996 in memory of Ruth Slack Roach, a great community servant-leader. The purpose of the Midway University Ruth Slack Roach Leadership Scholarship program (RSR) is to develop women as leaders dedicated to personal and community service exemplified in the life of Ruth Slack Roach.

Transylvania University Scholarship Fund

Transylvania University is a distinguished liberal arts college, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), of approximately 1,100 students that is consistently ranked and praised in the leading national college guides. Transylvania offers 34 majors plus the option of designing an individual major. Students gain a strong grounding in liberal education, however the University also emphasizes career planning. (from Transylvania University website)



TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY
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Camp Wakon' Da-Ho

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho is located in Casey County, KY. Each summer, children and youth gather from across the state of Kentucky to experience church camp and to grow in their relationship with God. For many years, Midway Christian has supported Camp Wakon' Da-Ho by making a financial donation and by sending youth and children to camp.

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 for using your Kroger Plus Cards for Midway Christian Church when you shop.



Care Packages for College Students (Finals Week!)

The MCC Care Team compiled care packages for our kids in college:

Isaac Batts	Noelle Gruzesky
Sam Hatfield	Nate Hill
Steele Rouse	Betsy Schein
Will Schein	Franklin Watson
Greg Watson	Robert Wilson

Here is one of the thank-you notes we received:

"I just wanted to thank the church for the wonderful compilation of food items sent my way in preparation for finals week! It's such a blessing to know there are folks at Midway Christian who care so much for me! Hope all is well and thank you again so much!"
- Steele

Birth Announcement

This should be on the front page, but I ran out of room!

John, Melissa, Kaylee, and Ellie Askew have welcomed a beautiful new addition to their family.

WELCOME,
Madelyn Claire Askew
"Maddie"
born on
April 22, 2016.

Congratulations,
Askew Family!



Heifer International Ark Project



To give to the Heifer Ark Project, make the check out to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line.

Amazon Smile

Don't forget to log on to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to do your online shopping, to earn rewards for MCC.



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