



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August 2016

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Camp Sunday - August 7th

On Sunday, August 7th, we will worship in **Fellowship Hall**, sing camp songs, and hear stories from summer campers (not just church campers) about how their camp experiences enriched their lives.



Blessing of the Backpacks



Also on Camp Sunday, we will have the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. All children, youth, teachers and professors are invited to bring their school bags/backpacks to Sunday Worship on August 7th. We offer this blessing to start the school year with encouragement to the excited, and comfort to the anxious.

Back to School Survival Kits

We will be handing out Back to School Survival Kits on Camp Sunday, as well. These kits contain special treats and messages to help students make the transition back to school, knowing they are supported and loved by Midway Christian Church!



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Visit us on the web:

www.midwaychristian.org



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 21st, 5:00 p.m.
on church grounds (inside, if raining)

Mark your calendars for the Annual Church Picnic on August 21st! We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs out behind the church, with fun activities for the whole family, and some live entertainment. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share, as well as lawn chairs or blankets.

Fundraiser Luncheon

Sunday, August 14th, 12:30
MCC Fellowship Hall

The Admin Team invites you to a fundraiser luncheon on Sunday, August 14th, after church.



Donations to the MCC General Fund are much appreciated.

Woodford County Schools

are back in session

AUGUST 10TH

Allow for extra time
& drive carefully!



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$12,000.00

Received to date: \$9,754.00



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



August 7

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Camp Sunday/Backpack Blessing
(No Sermon)

August 14

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37
Title: "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"

August 21

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42
Title: "Worried and Distracted"

August 28

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Luke 12: 13-21
Title: "The Parable of the Rich Fool"

*May the Lord
BLESS
and keep you, and make
His face to shine upon you
and give you peace*

Numbers 6:24

Serving This Month

Elders: John Batts & Etta Manor

Deacons: Cindy Batts, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Mary Sayre, Pat Wilson, James Batts, Alex Woodruff

Worship Leaders:

August 7 (Camp Sunday)

August 14 Phil Burchell

August 21 Gloria Batts

August 28 Carole Munson



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

August 7 No Sunday School - setting up for Camp Sunday
August 14 The Youth will do a skit (following lock-in)
August 21 Discussion on Human Trafficking
August 28 Discussion on "Passions" - what are our passions, and how do we keep from burning out on them?

September Sunday School will be a discussion on the life of Paul in the Book of Acts - led by Ouita Michel.

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)

Due to scheduling conflicts (Church Picnic, Labor Day Weekend, and Rummage Sale), **Food for the Soul will resume a "normal" schedule in October.**

Usually the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 6:30 p.m.



Acolyte Schedule

August 7 Bailey Spicer & Jack Hill

August 14 Alex Woodruff & Luke Hill

August 21 Willa Michel & Alex Adkins

August 28 Joe Campbell & Bailey Spicer

Handbell Retreat



Handbell Retreat - *We're ON for September 24th!*

If you've ever thought about joining the handbell choir, try it out at the Handbell Retreat this fall. NO musical experience is necessary!

SueLou Smith, Choir Director from First Christian in Lawrenceburg, will be leading this retreat covering ringing techniques, care and maintenance of handbells, and pieces to practice.



Pastoral Word

For the last two months, we as Midway Christian Church have been practicing a little R & R:

- Remembering the Sabbath and keeping it Holy
- Resting in the quiet stillness of the presence of God
- Respecting that we are all made in the image of God and called to be united as the Body of Christ
- Releasing what prevents us from being the people God created us to be and the people this world needs us to be
- Reducing the violence and hate that continues to fill our world, creating more brokenness and hurt
- Restoring all as Beloved Children of God who have been made well
- Renewing our connection with God's creation
- Recognizing that we are redeemed by God's grace and love and called to share this same grace and love with others

When I first approached the Board with this Sabbath-Keeping experiment, I shared that it was my hope that we would take this time as a way to reconnect to the presence of God in our midst and become more aware of the Kingdom Work we are called to do as people of faith. And now as the calendar turns to August, we come back from our Sabbath time as a community of faith, renewed, rested, restored, and ready to see where God is calling us next!

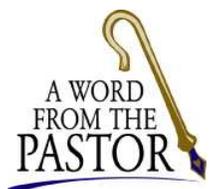
In looking forward to our new church year, I feel really good about where we are on our journey as a community of faith. We have embraced our mission of WELCOME and continue to ask, how can we live out this mission more fully? As I have said on several occasions, this is the strongest and healthiest that I can remember Midway Christian Church being during my time of ministry: spiritually, physically, leadership-wise and financially. We are now ready to have some more in-depth transforming conversations about who God is calling us to be and who the world needs us to be. I cannot promise that this part will be easy. It may push us all out of our comfort zones a bit. But in the end, we always have the promise that God is leading us, guiding us on this journey.

If we think back to the apostles as they left to spread the Gospel message, their journeys were never straightforward. Their journeys were filled with many twists and turns. More often than not, the disciples ended up in unexpected places, meeting new people, experiencing God's presence in life-changing ways.

It is hard to believe that this month, I celebrate ten years of ministry with Midway Christian Church. It is amazing to think how far we have come as a community of faith together. I can remember some of my first few days thinking to myself, "God, are you sure I'm the right leader for this congregation?" because the task of transformation seemed so daunting. But I would always hear as a response to my question, "Be Still and Know that I am God."

The journey to this visioning point for us as Midway Christian Church has been filled with ups and downs. But more importantly, it was and continues to be always filled with God's grace.

As we look to the future with eyes of faith and wonder what God has in store for us as Midway Christian Church, we may not have all the answers at this point. But one thing I do know is that I am constantly amazed and thankful that God continues to surprise us and invite us to respond to the call of being people of WELCOME.



Community News & Notes

Free Community Dinner

**Monday, August 29th,
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.

Disciples Women Rummage Sale

**Friday, September 16th, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, September 17th, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, September 18th, noon to 6 p.m.**



Contact Etta or Bobbie about donating items before sale time!



Family & Friends CPR



Possible class this Fall in Fellowship Hall:

Developed by the American Heart Association, "Family & Friends® CPR Course" teaches adult Hands-Only™ CPR, adult AED use, Child CPR and AED use, and infant CPR. It also teaches how to relieve choking in an adult, child or infant.

The course offers training for those who want to learn CPR and do not require "certification." Great for those who may not have the strength or agility to perform all aspects of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but, none-the-less, want to learn how they could be helpful if someone's heart stops beating.



If interested, contact Laura Riddle at 859-457-1524.

COMMUNITY UNITY MEAL - Wednesday, August 24th, 6 p.m. at Midway Baptist Church

On August 24th at 6 p.m., Midway Baptist will host a time to pray, mourn, sing, and hope. Historic 2nd Christian, Pilgrim Baptist Church, and St. Mathews AME have agreed to attend with other Midway Ministerial churches. There is no need to bring anything and there is no cost to guests. **Please send RSVP's to office@midwaybc.net or call 859-846-4514** (You may leave a message with your RSVP if no one answers). "Christ has broken down the dividing wall...that He might create ONE new humanity." Ephesians 2:14-15, "For all of you are ONE in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28



Fellowship News

& Meetings

Keenagers

**Thursday, August 25th, 11:30 a.m.
Lil's Coffee House
627 Main Street, Paris**



Paris, Kentucky
859-987-1515

Keenagers (retirees and friends) will have lunch at Lil's in Paris on Thursday, August 25th. Meet at church at 10:50 to carpool. Please RSVP (846-4102) by Monday, August 22nd. you can come.

**Care Team:
Monday, August 1st
6:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting:
Sunday, August 7th
12:30 p.m.**

**Worship Team:
Monday, August 8th
6:30 p.m.**

**Admin Team:
Sunday, August 14th
12:30 p.m.**

**Elders Meeting:
Monday, August 15th
6:30 p.m.**

**Cabinet Meeting
Weds, August 17th
6:00 p.m.**

Disciples Women

**Sunday, August 28th, 12:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall**



The Disciples Women's next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 28th at 12:30. Please bring a dish to share. This meeting will focus on plans for the huge Annual Rummage Sale in September, as well as ELECTION of officers. **ALL women of MCC are welcome!**



Packing Back-to-School Survival Kits

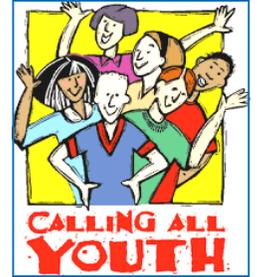
**Wednesday, August 3rd, 5 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall**

If you have some free time at 5:00 on August 3rd, please stop by to help the Worship Team pack these kits!



Youth News

MCC Youth Group



- Monday, August 1** Dinner & Conversation
- Monday, August 8** Study of Relationships
- Monday, August 15** Outdoor Games (possibly with water!)
- Monday, August 22** Cleaning the Kitchen
- Monday, August 29** Helping with Community Dinner, & Conversation

- Saturday, August 13** Dinner/Movie/Lock-In - Helping with Sunday School on 8/14



Locally Grown (Midway Community Youth Group) meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., usually starting at Midway Presbyterian and walking to other places in the community. Alternative meeting places will be announced in advance.

Camp Sunday/Back to School August 7th

You won't want to miss this Sunday!
See Page 1 for details.



Camp Wakondaho 2016: Y'All Camp, September 2-4,

is for families (Labor Day Weekend).
For more information, visit www.ccinky.org/ministries/camp or the MCC office bulletin board.



Helping Local Youth

School Supplies for Northside

It's that time of year again! To show our support for Northside Elementary, we will be collecting:

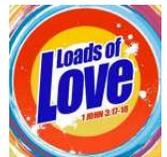
- 3-prong pocket folders
- Dry erase markers
- Big pink erasers
- Post-it notes
- 3x5 index cards
- 1-1/2 or 2" (3-ring) binders
- Other... pick out something!



There will be a box in the Narthex.

Loads of Love Project

With \$250 already in the Loads of Love Account at MCC, we are hoping to raise another \$515 to reach our goal of 45 buckets of detergent (at \$17 each).



An anonymous donor will match what we raise, to meet the Family Resource Office's goal of 90 buckets for the 2016-17 school year. This is enough detergent to send home with 750 families that might not otherwise be able to afford to wash their clothes!

Please make your checks (any amount is appreciated) payable to Midway Christian Church with "Loads of Love" in the memo line.

Hamburger Hootenanny

Food and Music
Sunday, August 28, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
@ Holly Hill Inn

Hosted by the Youth of
First Christian Church, Lawrenceburg

Bring a Lawn Chair or Picnic Blanket to Sit on!



All proceeds raised go towards an International Mission Trip in 2017 benefiting Hope for Tomorrow Children's Home in Guatemala.

Green Chalice

Woodford County



Farmers Market

Remember to shop your local Farmer's Markets!

Midway Market: Mondays from 3 to 6 p.m. in front of Darlin Jeans.

Versailles Market: Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the courthouse, and Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. at Versailles Presbyterian

Scott Co. Farmers Market: Saturdays 9-1 in the courthouse parking lot, downtown Georgetown.



Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, August 16th, 7 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall

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



See Adele Dickerson for more information about Green Chalice.



Sponsor a Tree

Planting trees near the Equator provides greater results for carbon offsets because the trees far exceed growth rates of trees grown in North America and Europe. This helps poor communities stop deforestation and keeps rain forests standing while regenerating dead soils, rebuilding habitats and protecting water sources. ACCT (Association Community Carbon Trees) is committed to planting a broadly diverse selection of trees, designed to provide food and homes for animals and birds, protect water sources and river borders, control erosion, enrich soils with nitrogen and other nutrients, and produce medicine and forest products, including rare hardwood and softwood lumber. To sponsor the planting and care of a tree, visit www.communitycarbontrees.org.

(from Disciples Home Missions - Green Chalice News)



MCC is a Certified Green Chalice Congregation - since 2015



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Seminars, Retreats, Workshops...

Regional Assembly (CCinKY)

"Grounded, Growing, Overflowing!"



September 22-24 @ Crestwood Christian Church

Featured preachers are: Sharon Watkins (Disciples General Minister & President), Joey Pusateri (Simpsonville Christian), Darrell Hayden (High Street Christian), and Kathryn Welch Perry (Woodland Christian).

Reservation info can be found on the MCC bulletin boards or www.ccinky.org

UK Grow, Cook, Eat Series

Woodford Co. Extension Office
184 Beasley Drive, Versailles
Tuesday, August 23rd, 5-6:30 p.m.



Topic: Sprouts & Microgreens Fee: \$5

Learn how to grow "superfood" sprouts and microgreens indoors for use all winter long, as well as how to use them. You will receive seeds to try at home.

Learn With Us: Mediterranean Lifestyle

Woodford Co. Extension Office
Friday, August 26th, 11:30 a.m.



This program will explore the benefits of this proven, healthy lifestyle with a diet rich in fresh foods, whole grains, seafood, and healthy fats, as well as being physically active and focusing on healthy relationships. Please call 873-4601 to register.

Christmount

Christmount is in Black Mountain, NC



Fall Prayer Retreat
October 10-12, 2016

Come away from the busyness of life and explore your personal relationship with God. The retreat will include: a variety of worship styles, opportunity for individual spiritual direction, social gatherings for "Holy Conversation," and plenty of time for your personal prayer practices.

We will worship mornings and afternoons, with a prayer service before we retire for the evening. There will be time for discussion of our disciplines, silent times, social times, and good, simple meals. Please bring a snack to share with the group.

Visit www.christmount.org or see Joni for information on this upcoming retreat.

Mission News and Notes

Monthly Mission Payments (No mission payment in August)



Host "Mission First" dates & sites in our area:

Sunday, August 14th – FCC, Lawrenceburg 3-5pm

Sunday, August 14th – Florence CC 3-5pm

Wednesday, August 17th – Central CC, Lexington 6:30 – 8:30pm

Mission First! prompts Disciples to listen for God's call to mission in the 21st century world. Mission Gatherings are taking place in 2016. All Disciples are invited to participate and share their congregation's particular passion within God's larger mission as well as be inspired to action by the stories of others.

Adult Mission Experience

October 23-29, Slidell, Louisiana

Contact Mike McColl for more information about this adult mission opportunity helping rebuild homes in the Northshore Disaster Recovery district.



You will stay in a bunk-house style dorm with twin beds, and most meals will be provided. You will work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and a half-day on Wednesday. On Wednesday afternoon, you will tour the 9th ward of New Orleans, explore the French Quarter, and eat dinner downtown.

Cost is \$330 and includes transportation (bus), lodging, a tee-shirt, and meals (minus travel days and Wednesday dinner out).

Re-Enrollment for Kroger Community Rewards is in August

We're sorry for the inconvenience, but Kroger requires our Community Rewards members to re-enroll their Kroger Plus Cards for this MCC fundraising program.

After August 1st, please go to www.Kroger.com or call 1-800-KROGERS, Option #3, to re-register your card. MCC's non-profit organization number is #11541.

If you've never enrolled, now is a good time to join in!



PLEASE RE-ENROLL

Thank You from the Homeplace at Midway

"I am writing you today to express my thanks for Midway Christian's general donation of **rain barrels** for our campus. I'm sure it will bring many hours of joy to our elders who are very excited about our new gardens!

The goal of the Homeplace is to continue to make a difference in lifelong learning of senior living. With the help of donations from supporters such as Midway Christian, we will continue to see improvements in our continuing care community.

Sincerely, Tonya Cox, Exec. Director"

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

Amazon Smile



Don't forget to log on to smile.amazon.com to do your online shopping, to earn rewards for MCC.

Kroger Community Rewards



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

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Second Chance Clothing Closet

Saturday mornings, 10-12

Enter through the Gratz Street basement door.



Two volunteer church members are needed each Saturday! Sign up in the narthex.

Our News Runneth Over...

Message from Dayton Harris

My teammates Katie and Mike and I are preparing to spend the majority of August and September in the United States.

During this general academic break here, when most of the students travel back to their homes, we will travel to update and connect with our supporters, participate in the wedding of some dear friends, and of course spend some quality time with our families. I also intend to finish a course as part of my own theological development, and I plan to work to develop some written materials to aid our students in communicating about Jesus.

We will return to Senegal at the start of October.

I hope to see as many of you as possible between August 10th and October 4th!



New President & CEO of Christian Care Communities

The Board of Directors of Christian Care Communities is delighted to announce the appointment of Mary Lynn Spalding as the organization's next President & Chief Executive Officer, effective July 16, 2016.

Dr. Keith Knapp, who has served in that role since 2009, is joining the faculty of Bellarmine University to establish a new academic program in health services and senior living leadership.

Mrs. Spalding has over 25 years of experience in older adult services, and she was elected by her peers to chair the board for the Kentucky Home Care Association. She has served as Vice President of Innovation and Growth and Chief Operating Officer at CCC, and she has connected wonderfully with the people they serve, volunteers, vendors, regulators and peers in the field of senior living.



Chautauqua Comes to Christmount: A Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit

October 24-28

Appalachian Heritage and Culture, Worship, Storytelling, Concerts, Lectures, Area History, Artisans and Demonstrations



REGISTRATION:

christmount.org/chautauqua.html

or call 828-669-8977

Double occupancy: \$475 per person,

(includes room, meals & events) if reserved by September 30 (other plans are available)

Thank You from Jo Rawlings' Family

"Friends at Midway Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the food you prepared for our mother's service. Bringing the food to her home, although harder on you we know, was much appreciated. Mom's house has always been one for large gatherings of family and friends, so it was important for us to open her house to all. You made it possible. The food was delicious and beautifully presented. We were lucky to have a few leftovers! Midway Christian Church has always been warm and welcoming and even though I have been away for many years, it is still the same. Thank you for your thoughtfulness at this difficult time for our family.

Sincerely, Jane (& Julie, Paul, & Greg Rawlings)"

Thank You

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