

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

January 2017

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10:55 AM: Worship

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Annual Epiphany Feast

*Friday, 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



Heifer Ark Purchased!

We have reached our goal of \$5,000 to purchase another Gift Ark with Heifer International! A Gift Ark goes around the world to help improve the lives of families and communities by providing animals, training, and encouragement for sustainable practices. This is MCC's fourth Ark since 2010!!!



New Year's Day Potluck Breakfast

**Sunday, January 1st,
10:30 a.m.**

MCC Fellowship Hall

Please bring your favorite breakfast casserole, sweetbread, or fruit salad to the potluck breakfast on New Year's Day at 10:30, and stay for a casual worship service in Fellowship Hall at 10:55 (see Page 3 of this Contact).



Annual Chili Cook-Off!

**Monday, January 30th, 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! Sign up by calling 846-4102 or email office@midwaychristian.org

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place!



The office will be CLOSED

Monday, January 2nd for New Year's, and
Monday, January 16th for MLK Day.

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$70,000.02

Received to date: \$67,313.05

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



January 1

First Sunday After Christmas

No Sermon

Casual Worship in Fellowship Hall

January 8

Epiphany Sunday/Star Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Title: "Follow Yonder Star"

January 15

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Baptism Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 3: 13-17

Title: "My Beloved, With Whom I Am Well Pleased"

January 22

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12-26

Title: "Fishing for Disciples"

January 29

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Laity Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-20

Title: "You Are the Salt of the Earth. You Are the Light of the World."

Serving This Month

Elders: Beth Thompson & Jim Leer

Deacons: Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Carole Munson, Dottie Pollard, Sue Roberts, Bob Settlemire, Willa Michel, Bailey Spicer



January 1 N/A

January 8 Wilda Caudle

January 15 Anne Burford

January 22 Alex Woodruff

January 29 TBA *(See Beth to volunteer)*



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

There will be no Sunday School on January 1st, due to the Potluck Breakfast and "First Day" celebration in Fellowship Hall.

See Page 3 of this Contact for information about this month's topic: The Enneagram.

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)*

There will be NO Food for the Soul on New Year's Day.

There will be NO Food for the Soul on January 15th. You are encouraged to join us at the MLK Service at Central Christian Church in Lexington.



Light dinner, open discussion, and simple communion service, normally at 6:30 on the **1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.**
All are welcome!



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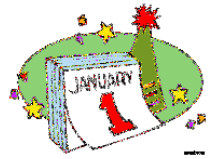
Joe Campbell, Jack Hill, Luke Hill, Willa Michel, Bailey Spicer, Alex Woodruff

More Worship News

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on Sunday January 1st. But on Sunday January 8th, Heather will be leading everyone in a new series on the spiritual practice of the Enneagram. "The Enneagram is a system of study that identifies 9 core patterns of motivation for responding to life's struggles. Within each type there are nine levels of health. While it is tempting to stop at just identifying the type and possibly excusing behavior as 'that's just my personality,' the Enneagram takes you to a higher level of grace. As we recognize that there are 9 different 'views' of life, we can let go of our expectations that others should respond as we do, and we all can become healthier in our responding to life as we understand our own motivations. The greatest gift of the Enneagram, though, is its guidance in releasing our grip on our personality as our identity and 'letting' our true essence, the Spark of The Divine, be who we truly are. We are all uniquely created to express our Creator in this life, but the pain of life can cause us to hide those qualities behind the armor we call personality." (<http://tbconversations.org/resource/enneagram/>)

New Year's Day Service: Sunday, January 1st

On Sunday, January 1, we will be doing worship a little differently. We will gather at 10:30 a.m. for a potluck breakfast, followed by a "First Day" celebration. Our New Year's Day worship will be a time for renewal and new Beginnings. It is an opportunity for the community to look ahead collectively with hope and optimism and appreciate their common bonds. We will hold our worship service in the fellowship hall. It will be a combination of songs, scripture, responsive readings, faith stations and communion.



Epiphany Sunday: Sunday, January 8th

On Sunday, January 8th, we will be celebrating Epiphany Sunday. During the service, every person who comes to church on Epiphany Sunday will receive a **star word**. In the year 2017, everyone is invited to reflect on their star word and ponder what significance this word might have in their lives, and how God might be speaking to them through this simple message. Also during this service, a few members will share their wisdom from their 2016 star word. Our Epiphany worship service is an opportunity for the insights we gain as people of faith to lead us down new roads as we work to proclaim the Kingdom of God is near.



Baptism Sunday: Sunday, January 15th

On Sunday, January 15th, 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: Sunday, January 29th

On Sunday, January 29th, 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.



Homeplace Worship: Sunday, January 29th, 2:00 at the Homeplace at Midway

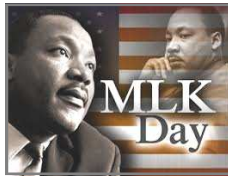
Volunteers are needed to join in this worship with the residents of the Homeplace.



Community News & Notes

MLK Community Service

Monday, January 16th, 7:00 p.m.
@ Midway Presbyterian



Please come join us as we remember the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who still inspires us today through his dreams and words of hope. We will be taking up an offering for the Midway Ministerial Association, to support the needs in our community.

Community Dinner

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

This month's dinner is the annual **CHILI COOK-OFF!**
See Page 1...



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

Members of Flock #4 are asked to help set-up and clean-up for this dinner!

Whenever possible, we use locally-grown and raised produce and meats for our dinners!

Girl Scout Cookies Are For Sale!

Starting January 1, our Daisy Troop will be selling Girl Scout Cookies. If you would like to purchase any, please contact Heather. To find out what kinds are available this year, please see...
<http://www.gskentucky.org/en/cookies/about-girl-scout-cookies/meet-the-cookies-abc.html> or
<https://www.abcsmartcookies.com/2016-17-cookie-nutritional-facts>

Even if you can't eat the cookies or don't want the temptation of them around the house, please still consider buying a few boxes. The Girl Scouts offer a program called Operation Cookie Share. Donated boxes go to various organizations in our community such as Operation Troop Aide, Domestic Violence Shelters in Kentucky, and local food pantries.



Woodford County Fairness Coalition

Alphabet Soup: An Introduction to LGBT-QIA2 terminology and a basic understanding of how to create a more inclusive community.

Sunday, January 22, 3:00 pm, MCC Fellowship Hall

What do all of those letters mean anyway? We'll break it down and talk about the differences between sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

A strong community is built on relationships, yet it can be difficult to connect with our neighbors when we seem to be very different people. But when we have a better understanding of one another it helps us develop a level of respect that can serve as a strong foundation to build upon.



The Homeplace at Midway Volunteer Meetings

Volunteer meetings at the Homeplace will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the following months, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at noon. They would like to encourage all volunteers to attend these meetings during the New Year to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and yearly trainings:

- January 10
- April 11
- July 11
- October 10
- December 12



Call 846-4663 for more information.

Woodford County Caregiver Meetings

These monthly meetings provide a supportive, safe environment to allow family members, friends, and caregivers to meet regularly for mutual support, education, and to exchange coping skills with one another:

2nd Thursday Each Month
10:30 a.m.
Homeplace at Midway

2nd Tuesday Each Month
5:30 p.m.
Daisy Hill in Versailles

- Facilitated by Barbara Kitchen, Dean of Health Sciences, Midway University, and Tish Platt, Diversified Nurse Consultants
- Free and Open to the Public
- Refreshments provided

Fellowship News & Meetings

Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, January 15th, 12:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall

Heather will lead the conversation about where God is leading the Disciples Women of Midway Christian.

Please bring a dish to share.



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

The Board
is taking January off.

Admin Team:
Sunday, January 8th
12:30 p.m.

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

Cabinet Retreat
Saturday, January 21st
9:00 am. to Noon
In Fellowship Hall

Elders
won't meet on MLK Day

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, January 26th, 11:30 a.m.



The Keenagers will go to lunch at Smithtown Seafood in Lexington on Thursday, January 26th at 11:30 a.m. We will be leaving the church around 11:00 a.m. if you wish to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, January 23rd if you are interested in going.

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 21st 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.

Baby Dedication & Baby Shower

Sunday, January 22nd

Seth Aaron Mooney-Thompson (11/13/16) will be dedicated to God on Sunday, January 22. The Care Team will be hosting a Baby Shower after church that day. Beth and Susan are registered at Babies R Us and Amazon.



College Care Packages from Care Team

The Care Team is once again assembling care packages for the college kids associated with Midway Christian Church. See Etta Manor if you wish to donate items to this mission.



Green Chalice

Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th,
7 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall



All who are interested in caring for God's creation are invited to these meetings. The January meeting's agenda will include preparation for the presentation at the General Assembly in July. (See "General Assembly" on Page 6 of this Contact)

GleanKY News

Reed Valley Orchard has been a partner of GleanKY since day one, donating over a hundred thousand pounds of their excess produce over the course of six years. This produce has impacted countless Central Kentuckians during this time, and has allowed GleanKY to engage hundreds of volunteers in hands-on gleaning. Just this fall, since starting the year's gleaning at the orchard, they've saved 25,508 pounds of excess apples, pumpkins, squash, and Asian pears from going to waste, allowing them to supplement 35 local feeding programs. Thank you, MCC gleaners!



MCC is a Certified Green Chalice Congregation - since 2015

Youth News

MCC Youth Group

MONDAYS AT 5:30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL:

- January 2nd** Dinner and Conversation
- January 9th** Games
- January 16th** Origami
- January 23rd** Planning for the Year
- January 30th** Community Dinner



Jesus is like a computer.

He **ENTERS** your life,
SCANS your problems,
EDITS your tension,
DOWNLOADS solutions,
DELETES your worries
 and **SAVES** you.

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Locally Grown (Midway Community Youth Group) is a series of weekly gatherings for Midway youth, grades 6 through 12, focused on faith development. Locally Grown meets on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**, usually starting at **Midway Presbyterian Church** and walking to other places in the community. Details can be found at locallygrownmidway.com.

General Assembly 2017

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 8-12, 2017
Indianapolis, IN



The early registration deadline expires March 30, 2017. Join thousands of Disciples to worship and learn. Visit ga.disciples.org for more information and to register online.*

Our own Heather McColl will be one of four panelists at this workshop:

"Being Cost-Efficient in a Green Society" Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m.

- Presenters:
- Jim Michael, Building and Capital Services Advisor of Disciples Church Extension Fund
 - Scott Hardin-Nieri, Associate Minister of Green Chalice
 - ➡ Rev. Heather McColl, Senior Minister of Midway Christian Church in Midway, KY
 - Rev. Trey Flowers, Senior Minister of Downey Avenue Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN

Bat Update

Bat Remediation Progress

As of this printing, the bat guano removal is proceeding well. We have not closed the office, as we were assured it was safe to be here (and we're too busy!)

The Trustees and the Admin Team are still asking for everyone's help in retiring the debt and replenishing the funds of our Endowment. All donations given towards this project will be reinvested in the Endowment Funds so that our Mission of Welcome can continue for a very long time.

We are asking 20 more people to prayerfully consider giving \$1000 each in order to achieve our goal. If you are unable to share this amount, **any amount given would be greatly appreciated** as we work towards retiring our debt and replenishing our Endowment Funds.

Thank you for helping our bat fly higher!



- \$28,000
- \$25,000
- \$22,500
- \$20,000
- \$18,500
- \$15,000
- \$12,500
- \$10,000
- \$7,950
- \$5,000

Mission News and Notes

January Mission Payment

Christian Church in Kentucky

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky (CCK) is one of 33 geographic regions of the Christian Church (DoC) in the United States and Canada. CCK is nearly 420 ministers and 30,000 men, women and youth in 224 congregations throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It is leadership and faith development ministries for women, men, and youth through camps, retreats and conferences. It is Kentucky Appalachian Ministries and the CCK West Area. It is our Kentucky partner ministries Cane Ridge Meeting House, Christian Care Communities, the Kentucky Council of Churches, Lexington Theological Seminary, Midway University and Transylvania University. It is all Kentucky Disciples and their ministries. *(from the CCinKY website)*



Week of Compassion February 19-26

When you give during Week of Compassion, you are helping those who suffer from natural disasters, war, poverty, and disease. Jesus said, "Just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did to me." *(Matthew 25:40)*
MCC will take up a collection for Week of Compassion on Sunday, February 26th.



5th Sunday Offering

Sunday, January 29th

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.



Second Chance Clothing Closet

**Taking donations of
Clean tee-shirts,
Coats,
Jeans,
Nice sweaters.**

**Please take other
items to Salvation Army or other outlet.**



TENTATIVELY RE-OPENING
FEBRUARY 27TH.
Helpers needed!

Thank You from Blugrass Cycling Club



"This (enclosed) donation is in appreciation of your kindness and hospitality in allowing us to hold a club ride there each Wednesday during our official ride season. Midway Wednesday is one of our most popular rides and consistently the best attended. Of course we have a beautiful place to ride, but I also know that our partnership with Midway Christian is another reason the ride is so popular. We greatly appreciate you, Cindy, and everyone else that makes us feel so welcome." - *Randy Thomas, Chair*

Thank You from MCC Staff:

Thank you for the love offerings for staff Christmas bonuses. You make us feel loved and appreciated - at Christmastime and all through the year!

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

Heather
Joni
Teena
Peter
Jestine



Disciples Women Blanket Drive

Please bring new or clean, gently-used blankets to the box in the fellowship hall (under the big wooden table). The Disciples Women will get them to a shelter in Lexington to help keep the homeless and needy warm this winter.



The Woodford County Food Pantry is currently **OVERSTOCKED!** You can take a break from bringing food. We will try to keep you updated!

NEEDED MONTHLY FOR UNSHACKLED BY LOVE MINISTRIES:

- toilet paper
- paper towels
- sanitary napkins
- kitchen garbage bags
- large garbage bags
- gallons laundry soap
- large dish soap (sink)
- dishwasher soap
- ziplock bags
- Windex, other cleaners



Bring to the box
in the fellowship
hall

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Return Service Requested



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