

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August 2017

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TOY STORY

(NEW DATE)

Tuesday, August 8th, 6:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall

POPCORN &
 DRINKS
 PROVIDED!!!



Join us for the last Pixar movie in our Summer Series ("The Gospel According to Pixar").

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017 DELEGATE REPORTS

"The theme of General Assembly 2017 was 'One,' focusing on unity. It was spirited and uplifting, as always. All five worship services were unique and different. I enjoyed making new friends, and seeing old friends, including one from Pennsylvania. One of the many exhibits I appreciate (and visit every year) is Rahab's Rope, with its anti-human-trafficking efforts. The highlight of the General Assembly 2017 for me was the election and installation service of the new GMP. What a moment in history to be a part of an organization that elected an African-American woman to be its General Minister and President! I am very thankful I was able to have this great experience."

- *Convention Delegate Shirley Eckels*

"During services in any week, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) shares the story of Jesus Christ in 22 different languages. 500,000 voices in our denomination sing God's praise, sometimes in key, but always in unison. At General Assembly, our old friends shared stories and new ideas about how to be there when we hear God's call. New faces inspire energy and compassion for one another. I heard of the work of our denomination by Disciples Peace Fellows and the chaplain at Edwards Air Force Base. People challenged me to be the voice of reconciliation while comforted in the stand for justice. Thank you for the opportunity to share in the historic moment with Rev. Teresa Hord Owens (*pictured at left*) and to share the future stores of our faith."



- *Convention Delegate John Batts*

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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August 10th is the
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
 for Woodford County!



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$11,250.00
Received to date: \$9,797.35

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



August 6

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 1-14

Title: "Toy Story: You've Got a Friend in Me"

August 13

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Installation of Officers

Scripture: Matthew 14: 22-33

Title: "Faith is Not for the Faint of Heart"

August 20

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 15: 10-28

Title: "Faith is Something Else"

August 27

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-20

Title: "Who Do You Say that I Am?"



Serving This Month

Elders: John Batts & Beth Thompson

Deacons: Cindy Batts, Phil Dare, Bobbie Dare, Susan Mooney, Mary Sayre, Bob Settlemire, James Batts, Alex Woodruff



August 6 Bobbie Dare
August 13 Carole Munson
August 20 John Batts
August 27 Laura Riddle (or alternate)



ALL
ARE
WELCOME!

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

Through the summer months, we will continue:

"Illustrated Compassion: Learning to Love Like God"

Illustrated Compassion is a 12-week curriculum (we began on June 11th) that will walk participants through twelve stories (six from the Hebrew Scriptures and six from the New Testament) that all focus on the theme of compassion.

This will be an intergenerational Sunday School time for the summer months. **All ages are invited!**

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



Leadership Meetings

Board: <i>Sunday, August 6</i> 12:00 p.m.	Care Team: <i>Monday, August 7</i> 6:30 p.m.	Admin Team: <i>Sunday, August 13</i> 12:00 p.m.
Worship Team: <i>Monday, August 14</i> 6:30 p.m.	Cabinet: <i>Weds., August 16</i> 6:30 p.m. - or - Retreat - TBA	Elders: <i>Monday, August 21</i> 6:30 p.m.



Acolytes

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

More Worship News

Back-to-School Sunday - Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 6th

Anyone who is returning to school this August is asked to bring their book bag or backpack to church to have it blessed. What better way to start the school year? We will also be handing out Back-to-School Survival Kits.



Installation of Officers

Date Changed to Sunday, August 13th

Due to scheduling conflicts, we have rescheduled the installation of our new officers for 2017-2018. This is an important day within the life of our congregation. We lift up the ones who have embraced God's call to lead us as people of faith and affirm their gifts as leaders. Thanks once again to all who have accepted positions of leadership within Midway Christian Church.



Food for the Soul

Food for the Soul will resume in October. Because of Labor Day weekend and the Fall Festival, the schedule in September is too tight! Food for the Soul is an open discussion on a featured topic/presentation, with a light supper and a simple communion service. ALL in the community are welcome. It is normally held at 6:30 p.m., in MCC's Fellowship Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from October through early May (with some adjustments as needed).



Help with Heather's Doctor of Ministry Project

Many of you have asked, "How is the DMin journey going?" Well, the good news is that I am at the final piece of the journey, working on the project. My title for the project is: "For Small Churches: Reframing Their Narrative through the Practice of Worship." I won't bore everyone with the details, but the basic premise is that too often within the small church, there is a narrative of failure. "We aren't like the big churches around the corner, so we must be doing something wrong. The big churches have it all figured out and we just need to close our doors." This very narrative goes against everything we proclaim as people of faith. We worship a God who can make anything possible, taking the smallest mustard seed, and transforming it into a mighty tree. So what would happen if, through our worship, one of the most consistent and most formative gatherings for churches, the narrative was changed, this time going from failure to possibilities? One of the ways that I am researching this question is by asking everyone to participate in a survey. This survey can be taken on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BRR2ZJS> or by hard copy. I need these filled out as soon as possible. The on-line survey will be open through Sunday August 13th. This is also the cutoff for my collecting hard copies of the survey as well. If you have any questions or would like more information about my project, please feel free to ask me questions.

New Worship Bags for Children

You might notice a new addition in our narthex. We have created Worship Bags for our children.

These bags are designed to help kids interact, participate, and more fully understand worship. Families, please feel free to grab one of these bags as you enter into the sanctuary. Then when worship is over for the day, you can return them.



Community News & Notes

Woodford County Farmer's Markets

- Saturdays ~ 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Courthouse Square, Downtown Versailles
- Mondays ~ 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Darlin' Jean's Parking Lot, Midway
- Wednesdays ~ 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Versailles Presbyterian Church,
Side Parking Lot



Bluegrass Care Navigators (a.k.a. Hospice of the Bluegrass)

FUNDRAISER COCKTAIL PARTY

"Jazzin' It Up"

Friday, August 25th

7:00-11:00 p.m.

Frankfort Country Club

Live music by
Joey and the Cruisers

Cocktail Party~Auction Items~Raffle

Purchase tickets at:

<https://give.bgcarenav.org/jazzin>
or call Mary at 296-6866

With a new name to reflect their growing range of services, Bluegrass Care Navigators still provides the same compassionate care at earlier stages of serious illness, through the end of life, and grief services to loved ones - all with your donations!

"Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry"

Thursday, August 3rd, 7:30 p.m.

The Grand Theatre, Frankfort

LOOK & SEE is a cinematic portrait of the changing landscapes and shifting values of rural America in the era of industrial agriculture, as seen through the mind's eye of writer, farmer, and activist, Wendell Berry. The first documentary about Berry, undoubtedly one of America's most significant living writers, LOOK & SEE was filmed in and around the rolling hills of Henry County, Kentucky - where Berry has lived and farmed since the mid-1960's. (*Robert Redford is one of the producers!*)

Tickets are \$8 through The Grand (502-352-7469)

LOOK & SEE



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.

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

2nd Thursday Each Month

10:30 a.m.

Homeplace at Midway

2nd Tuesday Each Month

5:30 p.m.

Daisy Hill in Versailles



Community Dinner

Free Community Dinner

**Monday, August 28th,
6:30 p.m.**

MCC Fellowship Hall

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

Members of Flock #3 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!

(Donations to this ongoing mission are appreciated!)



Woodford Walkers in Midway

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Meet at the Midway Library for a light walk outdoors and conversation with neighbors and friends. No registration required.



Midway Community Garden

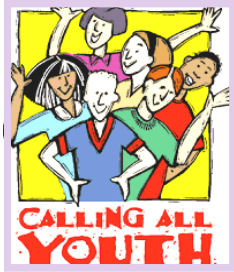
Midway Presbyterian Church, 103 N Turner Street

The garden at Midway Presbyterian is open to all who like to dig, plant, weed, or harvest! Work times are Saturday mornings at 10:00 in June, July, and August. You do not have to work to get produce - it is a "gift of grace!"



Youth News

MCC Youth Group

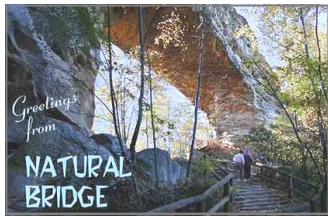


***SUNDAYS AT 5:00 P.M. IN UPSTAIRS YOUTH ROOM:**

- August 6** Back to School Blessings
- August 13** Outdoor Games
- August 20** Talking to God
- August 27** Conversations and Light Snacks

FAITH
is like Wi-Fi.
It's invisible, but it has
the power to connect
you to what you need!

MCC Youth to Natural Bridge/ Red River Gorge/Miguel's Pizza



**Saturday,
August 5th,
9 a.m.**

DRIVERS/CHAPERONES ARE NEEDED

RSVP to Cindy Batts by July 31st

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**Sunday,
August 6th,
10:55 a.m. Worship Service**



Bring your book bag or backpack to church on Sunday, August 6th for our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks," and get your school year off to a good start!

We will also give out **"Back-to-School Survival Kits."**
Hint: There is candy involved!

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho Family Weekend:

Camp	Ages	Date	Fee
• Y'All Camp	Family	Sept 1-3	\$75

Registration forms are available on the office bulletin board or at www.ccinky.net

TOY STORY

**Tuesday, August 8th, 6:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall**



Join us for the last Pixar movie in our Summer Series ("The Gospel According to Pixar").

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. Visit www.lgmidway.com for more info.



Fellowship News

Disciples Women Potluck

**Sunday, August 20th,
12:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall**



Bring a dish to share at the next Disciples Women's meeting and help with planning the big ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!

ALL women of MCC are welcome!

Keenagers Luncheon

**Thursday, August 24th, 11:30 a.m.
Asian Wind, Palomar Center, Lexington**



The Keenagers (retirees and friends) will travel to Asian Wind on Thursday, August 24th. **Please RSVP** to church by Monday, August 21st if you wish to join them. Meet at church by 11:00 on the 24th to carpool.

Retreats, Seminars, Workshops...

Christmount Programs



*Christmount retreats generally offer time for worship, study, fellowship, music, rest and reflection, as well as opportunities for hiking, shopping, and sight-seeing in the North Carolina mountains.
Visit www.christmount.org for information.

- **Women's Discovery Retreat - September 8-10**

Keynote Speaker: Andra Moran

Theme: "Love [in]Deed"

Lodging: Guest House Motel Rooms

Single: \$326/person* - Double: \$216/person*

*\$20 discount if registered by August 15th

- **Post-College Retreat - October 6-8**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jamie Brame

This event is for Christian and "Christian-ish" folks between ages 22 and 30.

For more information go to www.christmount.org, click on Programs/Events, then Post-College Retreat. Then go to FAQs. It tells you how to register and what to bring.

Cost: \$90 (scholarships may be available)

- **Chautauqua Comes to Christmount - October 23-27**

Speaker: Dr. Bob Hill

Theme: "Uncommon Ground: Cultivating Justice in Soils of Diversity"

Lodging: Guest House Motel Rooms

Single: \$670/person** - Double: \$495/person**

**\$20 discount if registered by October 1st

Other: Nightly concerts, line dancing party, workshops on eco-justice, social awareness, and community consciousness.

Register by calling 828-669-8977

LTS Fall 2017 Seminar

**"Belief, Healing and Health:
A Dialogue between Neuroscience and Theology"**

Saturdays, September 16, 23, and 30

Registration Fee: \$60



– Presented by Dr. Emily Askew and Dr. Donald Gash (Pictured)

Belief, healing and wellness of the body and mind were hallmarks of Jesus's ministry and the early Christian Church. Here we will see how they are at work in some faith communities today and intersect with lifestyles medical research is now showing are critical factors for healthy living. We begin by examining vibrant communities that have the most 100+ year-olds in the world, the "Blue Zones" discovered in medical aging research studies. Issues of belief and healing bring up theological questions about the difference between healing and curing in Jesus' ministry, God's role in health and illness, and our role as church in creating a healing environment. Together, a neuroscientist and a theologian consider how we can live better as people of faith.

*Attend online or in person at Lexington Theological Seminary, 230 Lexington Green, Suite 300, Lexington, KY 40503.

Contact Deena Ainslie, 859-280-1212, or dainslie@lextheo.edu

Mission News and Notes

Woodford Co. Food Pantry

Please bring these TOILETRY items to the Narthex for the Woodford County Food Pantry:

- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Shaving Cream
- Toothpaste/Brushes
- Soap/Body Wash
- Feminine Hygiene
- Foot Powder
- Deodorant
- Etc.



Location & Hours:

20 Field of Dreams, Versailles
Mondays 5-7, Thursdays 1-4

Woodford Friends of Refugees (FoR) Meeting

Monday, August 14th, 6:00 p.m.
Midway Presbyterian Church
103 North Turner Street



Come to the next meeting of Woodford FoR to find out how you can help. Volunteers are always needed.

Donations are also needed (to help with living expenses, special needs, etc.), and can be sent to Versailles Presbyterian Church, 130 N Main St, Versailles, KY 40383. Please put "Woodford County Friends of Refugees" in the memo line of your check.

Need more information?

Contact Darlene Snyder at darlene.snyder52@gmail.com,

Jerry Sevier at jerry@mbswriting.com, or

Melissa Bane Sevier at melissa@mbswriting.com.

New Blessing Box at MCC

If you are wondering what that box "thing" is on our porch, it is a blessing box. Several of these have been placed around Woodford County.

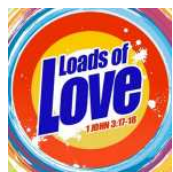
It is a way we can help our neighbors in our community. It is about give and take.... "Take what you need. Give what you can."

Here's how it works, the box is put in a central location. Anyone in the community is welcome to contribute things people might need, like non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. People who are struggling can come by and take things, completely anonymous, no questions asked.

If you would like to help out with our blessing box, please feel free to place non-perishable food items such as bottled water, or canned goods or personal hygiene items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc. in the box. Also please let us know when supplies are getting low. That way we can send out requests for more donations.



Loads of Love



One of the MCC Endowment Grants this year is going to the Loads of Love project (providing laundry detergent for needy families at Northside Elementary).

Because of the Endowment Grant, you are not being asked to donate at this time!

Green Chalice News

Midway Green Chalice

Next Meeting: To Be Announced
MCC Fellowship Hall/MCC Grounds

Anyone who cares for God's creation is welcome to attend!



See Adele Dickerson for information on Midway Green Chalice.



GleanKY Volunteer Training

Thursday, August 31st, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: To Be Determined



MCC frequently sends a group to Reed Valley Orchard in Bourbon County to glean fruits for GleanKY. If you'd like to learn more about GleanKY and about being a gleaner, mark your calendar for the training in Woodford County on August 31st. Email info@gleanky.org or find them on Facebook for more information or to sign up.

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Return Service Requested



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