



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August 2018

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Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic

**Sunday,
August 26
4:00 p.m.**



at the Gruzesky's, 4725 Iron Works Road, Georgetown

Join us for food, games, and fellowship with friends at the Annual Church Picnic on August 26th.



See Etta Manor for details or to help with this event.

Wanted: Dialogue about the Direction of Faith Formation at Midway Christian Church

Heather is inviting everyone to join her on **Tuesday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m.** for some conversation about the needs and wants for faith formation for all ages at Midway Christian Church. Sunday School and various other programs took the summer off so that the leadership could take some time for renewal. As school starts back up, now is the perfect time for us to vision and craft a way for all ages to continue to grow in faith. Please let Heather know if you are willing to be part of this important conversation. Join us on Sundays for 10:55 a.m. Worship.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Visit us on the web:

www.midwaychristian.org

MCC Power Outage Dinners

Thanks to electricity in the fellowship hall, donations to the Community Dinner Fund, and lots of volunteers, we were able to feed members of the community two hot meals during the extended power outage after the big storms in July.



We received a nice "thank you" from the mayor:

"On behalf of the city of Midway, I would like to extend a thank you to Midway Christian Church. We are so grateful to have had the church opened for food and for charging [electronics]. I know people appreciated it." - Grayson Vandegrift

STARTING
AUGUST
9TH...



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$12,708.33

Received to date: \$13,411.00



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



August 5

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14, 34: 1-4

Title: "You've Arrived at Your Destination"

August 12

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 12: 28-32

Title: "Welcome to the Neighborhood"

August 19

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

Title: "Who Is My Neighbor?"

August 26

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10

Title: "Sharing a Meal with a Neighbor"

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

Serving This Month

Elders: John Batts @ Beth Thompson

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



August 5 James Batts
August 12 Nancy Dare
August 19 Peter Bostrom
August 26 Adele Dickerson

Please let Joni know if you would agree to be contacted to be a future Worship Leader.



Sunday School is taking the summer off. We will regroup in the fall and have conversations about what people want to see, talk about, and the future of Sunday School.

Volunteer Sunday School leaders, both short and long-term, are always welcome!

Food for the Soul is also taking the summer off. Normally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:30, this "dinner church" explores a variety of topics and includes open discussion, a light supper, and a simple communion.

Leadership Meetings

Board: <i>Sunday, August 5</i> 12:00 p.m.	Care Team: <i>Monday, August 6</i> 6:30 p.m.	Admin Team: <i>Sunday, August 12</i> 12:00 p.m.
Worship Team: <i>Monday, August 13</i> 6:30 p.m.	Elders: <i>Monday, August 20</i> 6:30 p.m.	Cabinet <i>Weds., August 15</i> 6:00 p.m.



Acolytes

Willa Michel, Alex Woodruff,
 Hannah McColl, Jonathan McColl, Clara Thurman

More Worship News

Blessing of the Backpacks—August 5th

Anyone who is returning to school this August is asked to bring their book bag or backpack to Sunday morning worship at 10:55 to have it blessed. What better way to start the school year?



We will also be handing out **Back-to-School Survival Kits**. (Hint: Candy is involved!)

Worship Theme for August/September: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing; that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we've participated in something sacred." - Fred Rogers

In 1968, in the middle of Vietnam War protests and the Civil Rights movement, the children's television show, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" premiered. "Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister, and although he rarely shared his religious convictions on his program, he fervently believed in a God who accepts us as we are, and loves us without condition, who is present in each person and all of creation, and who desires a world marked by peace and wholeness. With this progressive spirituality as his inspiration, Rogers fashioned his children's program as a platform for sharing countercultural beliefs about caring nonviolently for one another, animals and the earth... His voice was gentle, his body was vulnerable, his hair was in place. He wore colorful, comfortable soft sweaters made by his "mother" and transformed millions of children's understanding of what it means to be in community with one another.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the show's premier and Mr. Rogers' words still have the power to transform our understanding of who is our neighbor. For the months of August and September, we are invited once more to Mr. Rogers' neighborhood. There we will discover just who is our neighbor, what it means to live in community with one another, and participate in something sacred as we look for the best in each other. So it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood; won't you be our neighbor?



Attention Cabinet Members:

Annual Cabinet Retreat

Saturday, August 18th, 9:00-12:00
MCC Fellowship Hall

MCC 175th Anniversary in 2019

Discussions have begun for a Homecoming Celebration in July 2019, to mark the 175th anniversary of the chartering of Midway Christian Church (July 20, 1844). Please see Heather or Carl Rollins with your input!



Green Chalice News

Green Chalice Meeting

August Meeting: Thursday, August 9th, 7 p.m.

MCC Fellowship Hall

Help is always needed in rain garden maintenance!

Please see the back of the August Calendar for more Green Chalice News!!!



Contact Adele
(dadickerson07@aol.com)
for more information
about Midway
Green Chalice.

Community News & Notes

Community Dinner

Monday, August 27, 6:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall



- Donations to this mission are appreciated.
- Whenever possible we use KY Proud products!

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

Flock #2 is asked to help with this dinner: cooking, set-up, serving, clean-up.



Midsummer Nights in Midway

Friday, August 24

Live music, kids' activities, local shops, restaurants, and street vendors are open late, in lovely downtown Midway!



Woodford Co. Caregiver Support Group

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

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

Versailles Twilight Festival

Saturday, August 25th, 3-9 p.m.
Main Street, Versailles

Local food, arts, crafts, kids' activities, demonstrations, and entertainment.

Thank You from Rick Caudle

"Dearest Heather and Our Church Family—These many months of Mom's illness and recent passing were made easier knowing all of you at MCC were praying and sharing the pain of loss. Your kindness will be forever held close in my heart. I can't begin to imagine how anyone goes through difficult times without God and his people here on Earth." Much love and many thanks—Rick Caudle"

REMINDER:
 Please, no Rummage Sale items in the furnace room!
 Bring donations the week of 9/10/18.



Community VBS in July Exceeded Expectations

The combined 4-church Vacation Bible School was attended by a surprising 50+ kids, some of whom are "unchurched."

Read the full article (with some great pictures) by Sarah Ladd, UK School of Journalism, in the Midway Messenger (online blog) or on the office bulletin board.

<https://midwayky.blogspot.com/2018/07/four-church-vacation-bible-school-is.html>

Midway Library Events

Stop by the Library or visit www.woodfordcountylibrary.com and click on Midway Branch for the calendar of free classes and events for the community!



Fellowship News

Disciples Women Meeting

Sunday, August 19th, 12:30 p.m.
MCC Fellowship Hall

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE



Potluck Lunch

The August meeting will include planning for the very popular Disciples Women Annual Rummage Sale. This is the main fundraiser for the Disciples Women and all the good works they do!

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, August 23rd
11:30 a.m.

Poor Man's Café in Stamping Ground



Please RSVP to the church by Monday, August 20th if you plan to attend.

Let Joni know if you wish to carpool, and meet at church by 11:00 a.m.

Youth News

Locally Grown

(Midway Community Youth Group, grades 6-12, 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.



2018 Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

Last Camp of the Season: **Y'All Camp (for Families)**

August 31-September 2



Registration forms and Parent Information are available on the MCC office bulletin board, or at www.ccinky.net (click on Ministries, then Camp, then Wakondaho). Or call 859-233-1391.

King's Island Day for Youth

Sunday, August 12th, 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost \$45, plus money for food

For youth who have completed 5th through 12th grades, please contact Mike McColl if you would like to join First Christian Church of Lawrenceburg youth for this fun day. Registration forms (due August 5th) are available on the MCC office bulletin board.



Brownie Troop at MCC



The Brownies (2nd and 3rd grade girls), will meet two Mondays of each month at 7 p.m., beginning after Labor Day. Use the Gratz Street basement door to the Scout Room.

(Meeting dates will be announced).

See Heather for more information.

Cub Scouts & Boys Scouts at MCC

Cub Scouts (boys in grades 1-5) will resume meeting on the first three Tuesdays of each month after Labor Day.



We are looking at re-starting Boy Scout Troop #40 (boys in grades 6-12) at Midway Christian Church. **We are looking for leaders** for Troop #40. Do you feel called to help local boys in service, community involvement, and leadership skills? Please contact Mary Sayre if you can help.

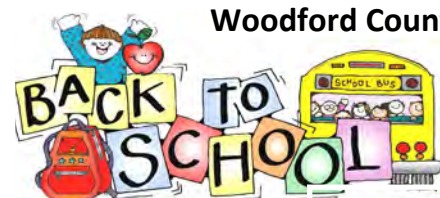
Blessing of the Backpacks & Back-to-School Survival Kits

Sunday, August 5th

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DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN.
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN.
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN.
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

John Wesley



Woodford County is

August 9th

Retreats, Seminars, Workshops...

Christmount Programs Call 828-669-8977 or visit christmount.org for more info.



Women's Discovery Retreat: *September 7-9*

Theme: Life Rhythms of Faith (Return & Rest; Redeem & Restore; Reclaim & Remember)

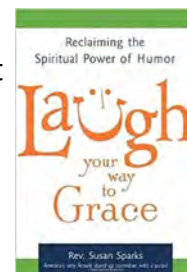
The rhythm of our lives can become stagnant and stuck. As we gain experience in life, we sometimes also put to the side our curiosity, imagination, creativity, and willingness to explore and expand our understandings of ourselves and of God. Our community of women gathered will offer us a time to "be" together as we reclaim ourselves and our life rhythms of faith. Speaker: Rev. Sheila Hunter

Young Adult Retreat: "Sympathy for the Devil" *October 19-21*

For young adults over 22 years of age, this event is open to single or married young adults, but housing for married couples is not available for you to be together. This is a great weekend in the western NC mountains, and there is plenty of time for both program activities and leisure as well. Some of the hard questions we're going to explore: How can we learn to love even our most terrible neighbors, and what does that look like? In a world as polarized as the one we live in now, how do we find and share the love of God? How do we develop sympathy for the Devil? Can we? Should we? Speaker: Amanda Billy.

Chautauqua: "Holy Humor: Laugh Your Way to Grace" *October 22-26*

Featured preacher is the Reverend Susan Sparks, Sr. Minister of Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City. As a trial lawyer turned standup comedian and a minister in the American Baptist tradition, Susan is America's only female comedian with a pulpit! She's a North Carolina native, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University Law School. Check out her first book, *Laugh Your Way to Grace: Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor*.



Christian Church in KY Events



Christian Church in KY Regional Assembly

October 19-20, Beargrass Christian Church, Louisville

Theme: "Bound by Love"



As always, there are many benefits of going to the Christian Church In KY's Regional Assembly. First and foremost is the gathering of Christians for worship. The renewal of friendships and meeting new people is also a plus. The chance to learn about ministries that have the potential of helping congregations is available in workshops and Assembly displays. And last, but not least, is the privilege of doing the church's business for the Region.

Visit www.ccinky.net or the fellowship hall bulletin board for more info.

25th Annual Men's Spiritual Life Retreat

August 10-12,

St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana

"The Faith We Sing"

Studying, singing, listening to the hymns that ground and inspire our faith.

Featuring Rev. Dean Phelps, Disciples Songwriter/Guitarist.



Kentucky Disciples Women's Fall Retreat



*Rough River State Resort Park
November 17-18, 2018*

Mark your calendars!!!

Mission News and Notes

Blessing Box at MCC

"Take What You Need, Give What You Can..."

Thank you for helping keep the Blessing Box stocked with non-perishable foods & toiletries.

The most popular items seem to be individual, kid-friendly heat-and-eat bowls of mashed potatoes, mac-n-cheese, ravioli, beef stew, and beanie-weanies, and also peanut butter, fruit cups, applesauce, and crackers. Gatorade is welcome during these hot months, as well!

Please check the dates on foods, and please black out or remove the bar codes on everything, to prevent abuse of this program (donated foods could be returned for cash).



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Midway Presbyterian Weekend Backpack Project



Midway Presbyterian provides backpacks of food for school kids who might not have enough to eat on weekends. MCC makes a monetary donation to this effort, but you are also welcome to donate individual-sized, kid-friendly foods for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. MPC is at 103 N Turner Street.

Fair Trade Shopping



Support Fair Trade/Equal Exchange companies (workers in poorer countries are paid a living wage for growing/harvesting/producing these products) by shopping the Fair Trade items—chocolates, coffees, teas, etc.—in MCC's fellowship hall.

Make checks to MCC with Fair Trade in the memo line.

Woodford County Food Pantry

Midway Christian Church has been asked to provide these items for the Food Pantry:

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

Collection box in MCC narthex, or drop at 20 Field of Dreams, Versailles Mondays 5-7, Thursdays 1-4



Kroger Rewards



Thank you to everyone who shops with a Kroger Plus card that designates MCC as it's charity! Our organization number, to sign up to participate, is #11541.

Heifer International Ark Project



To give to the Heifer Ark Project, which provides livestock, seeds, and trees to poor villages around the world, please make the check out to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line. A donation to Heifer in a loved one's name makes a great gift!

Box Tops for Northside

Please save your box tops and turn them in to the church, or directly to Northside Elementary.



Bottle Caps for Benches

We will continue to collect plastic bottle caps (recycle numbers 2, 4, & 5) to turn into benches for Northside Elementary, MCC, and the Midway community. There is a receptacle in fellowship hall. Please see Heather or Adele for more info.



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Return Service Requested



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