



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

January 2019

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Joni Burchett**

*Secretary*

**Teena Chinn**

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**Teena Chinn**

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**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Find us on  
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## Epiphany Dinner at Midway Christian Church

**Sunday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m.**

**Midway Christian Church**

**123 E Bruen Street, Midway**



- \* The Epiphany Program begins in the Sanctuary
- \* Follow the Three Wise Men to the Feast in Fellowship Hall
- \* Feast of Medieval Fare (menu by Chef Ouita Michel)
- \* \$30 per adult
- \* \$15 per child 11-18
- \* Children under 11 eat free, but must have a reservation.
- \* Seating will be first-come
- \* Order tickets online at [www.midwaychristian.org](http://www.midwaychristian.org), or call the office and send us a check (made to MCC with "Epiphany Dinner" on the memo line)
- \* Reservations are confirmed when payment is received
- \* Sorry, there are no refunds!
- \* Deadline to purchase tickets: January 4th (or until sold out, whichever comes first!)

*VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!*

## Annual Chili Cook-Off

**Free Monthly Community Dinner**

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

**MCC Fellowship Hall**



You don't have to enter to eat—and it's free!

Call the church office by January 24th to enter a pot of chili.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded (and there's no entry fee).

Helpers are needed to set up and clean up.



**MIDWAY RENAISSANCE**

**will meet at the end of this dinner.**

The office will be **CLOSED**  
on **Tuesday, January 1** for  
**New Year's Day!**

### Budget Update

Budgeted to date: **\$76,249.98**

Received to date: **\$78,428.27**

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### January 6

Epiphany Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Title: "Follow Yonder Star"

#### January 13

First Sunday after Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

Scripture: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Title: "In You, I Find Happiness"

#### January 20

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Laity Sunday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

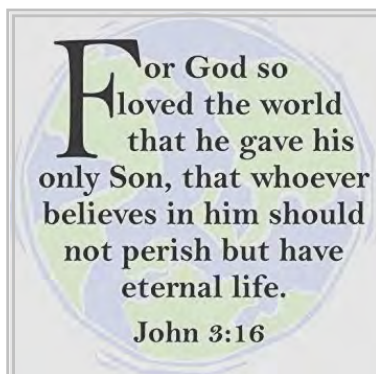
Title: "The Body of Christ"

#### January 27

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: John 2: 1-11

Title: "When the Wine Ran Out..."



### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Beth Thompson & Jim Leer

**Deacons:** Jeanne Clark, Ray Clark, Jill Giles, Carole Munson, Dottie Pollard, Melody Small-Spotts, Tracy Small-Spotts, Willa Michel, Chase Thurman



January 6 Alex Woodruff

January 13 Dee Dee Roach

January 20 TBA

January 27 TBA

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



### Joins us for Sunday School

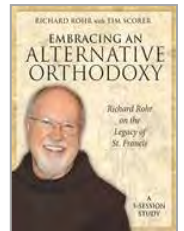
*We will start with joys and concerns at 9:15 a.m. and Sunday School will start promptly at 9:30.*



On January 6th, we will finish up the video series by Richard Rohr, "Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy."

Bobbie Dare will teach a session on Epiphany on January 13th, and Mary Hopkins will lead a Bible study on the third Sunday of each month.

Volunteer Sunday School leaders and suggested topics are always welcome!



### Leadership Meetings

#### Board

*No Board Meeting in January*

#### Care Team:

*No meeting in January*

#### Admin Team:

*Sunday, January 13  
12:30 p.m.*

#### Worship Team:

*Monday, January 14  
6:30 p.m.*

#### Elders:

*No Elders Meeting in January*

#### Cabinet

*Weds., January 16  
6:00 p.m.*



### Acolytes

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

## More Worship News

### Food for the Soul

We will explore the role food plays in our lives with the "Just Eating" series:



***There will be no Food for the Soul on January 6th, due to the Epiphany Dinner.***

***On Sunday, January 20th, we will travel to Central Christian Church In Lexington for the "Disciples of a Dream" MLK Service at 6 p.m.***

*This "dinner church" is usually held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in MCC's Fellowship Hall, and includes open discussion, a light supper, and a simple communion service.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*No RSVP needed.*

### Community MLK Worship Service in Lexington

***Sunday, January 20th, 6:00 p.m.***

***Central Christian Church, 205 East Short Street, Lexington***

Martin Luther King Day commemorates the birthday of American civil rights leader Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and celebrates his life, achievements and legacy.

All are encouraged to attend this community worship service in his honor.



### Midway Community MLK Service

***Monday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.***

***Location TBA***

Join with your neighbors to honor the service and sacrifice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

An offering will be taken for the Midway Ministerial Association's emergency assistance fund.

### Worship at The Homeplace

***Sunday, January 27th, 12:45***

***Homeplace at Midway, 101 Sexton Way***



Midway Christian Church leads worship for the residents of The Homeplace at Midway on the 4th Sunday of odd-numbered months. You are encouraged to join us!

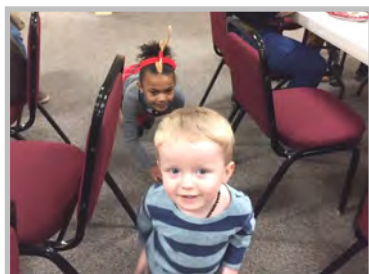
### Dedication of Lizenby "Libby" May Lewis

On December 23rd, Lizenby "Libby" May Lewis, daughter of Drew and Hallie (Roach) Lewis was dedicated to God at Midway Christian Church. Blessings on this precious child!



## MCC Christmas Party Pictures

We hope it's not too late to spread a little Christmas cheer, because we just had to share these pictures from the church Christmas party on December 9th:



## Community News & Notes

### Community Dinner

**Monday, January 28th**

**MCC Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.**

**CHILI COOK-OFF—see Page 1**



- 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!

**Volunteers are needed before and after:** cooking, set-up, serving, clean-up.



### Room in the Inn Woodford County (Warming Stations for Homeless)

On Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the elders and a few deacons of Midway Christian met with three people connected with **Room in the Inn Woodford County**. Room in the Inn is a national program which was started in Nashville, Tennessee. It invites those who have no place to go during the cold winter months to come into a warming station to spend the night.



Midway Christian Church is considering becoming a host church for this program. See the bulletin boards for information about being a host church, volunteer basics, and other ways people can help support this ministry.

**There is a training event on Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at **99? for 1 Church** at 123 Big Sink Pike, Versailles. If anyone would like more information about this program, please see one of the elders or talk to Heather.

### Midway Branch Library Events

**Wednesday, January 9th, 6:00 p.m.—Family Craft Night**

Bring the family to make snowmen crafts. Materials supplied. No registration required.

**Thursday, January 10th, 6:30 p.m.—Lacefield Art Exhibit**

Reception for the biologist Joe Lacefield's wildlife and nature photography, which will be on display until February 8th.

**Thursday, January 24th, 6:30 p.m.—Midway Living History: Agriculture**

Registration is required: 846-4014

**Tuesday, January 29th, 6:00 p.m.—Instant Pot Tips & Tricks**

Learn how to use an electric pressure cooker for healthier and quicker meals.

Registration is required: 846-4014



### Cub Scout Popcorn Sales

MCC's Cub Scout Pack 41 will once again be selling popcorn this season, as their major fundraiser.

Please see Mary Sayre, or stop by Railroad Drug to purchase popcorn from our boys!

**If you're not a popcorn eater, there is an option to purchase popcorn to be sent to our troops!**



### It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Please see Hannah McColl or Clara

Thurman to place your order for your favorite delicious Girl Scout cookies to support MCC's Brownie Troop 2261.



## 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](http://www.lgmidway.com) for more info. Leaders: Lee & Sarah Busick, Midway



### Midway Kids in Community & Service (KICS) for Kids Grades K-5

**4:30—6:00 p.m. MCC Fellowship Hall**

- **Sunday, January 13th**  
**Topic: "Temple Food/Our Bodies"**
- **Sunday, January 27th**  
**Topic: "Veggie Sheep/The Good Shepherd"**

Kids in grades K-5 are welcome to invite friends to this faith-based gathering. KICS normally meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.



Contact Cindy Batts for more information: 859-227-7624

### 3rd Annual Central KY Disciple CYF & Chi Rho MLK Event

**Sunday, January 20th, 3:00 p.m., Transylvania Campus Center**

There will be a recreational/educational program, followed by pizza. After the event, those whose schedules allow are encouraged to attend the Disciples for the Dream community worship service at Central Christian Church at 6:00.



## Fellowship News

### New Flooring in Fellowship Hall!

This is just a "heads up" that the fellowship hall will be out of commission during the **week of January 14th** while the old carpet gets ripped up and new flooring is being installed. We're excited for our clean new look!

**PLEASE EXCUSE  
OUR MESS WHILE  
WE RENOVATE**

### Keenagers Luncheon

**Thursday, January 24th  
11:30 a.m.**

**Brown Barrel, Midway**



Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, January 22nd if you plan to join Keenagers (retirees and friends) at Brown Barrel in Midway.

Please see the back of the calendar for Thank-You Notes, etc.

### Disciples Women Luncheon

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



All women of MCC are invited to meet and eat! We will review fall activities and organize those for spring. The "Jeremiah" section of our bible study continues as we discuss "God's Calling."

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

### Welcome, New Members!



PLEASE WELCOME:

Adam & Elizabeth Smith  
202 Carriage Lane Court  
Midway, KY 40347

*Joined December 2, 2018*



## Retreats, Seminars, Workshops

### Christmount Retreats

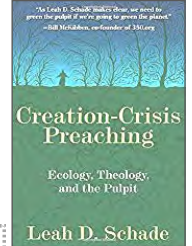
#### Prayer & Meditation Retreat, February 5-8

Come "find your center" as participants are guided through several days of intentional silence with a variety of prayer and meditation practices.



#### Church Leadership Series (formerly Elders & Deacons Workshop), March 8-9

Dr. Leah Schade will focus on environmental theology, and workshop leaders will offer practical approaches to enabling both the faith community and individuals to become more sensitive to the Earth.



*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.*

Call 828-669-8977 or visit [christmount.org](http://christmount.org) for more info.



### Lexington Theological Seminary Webinar Series

#### Storytelling as Preaching

Saturday, January 26th, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Rev. Cynthia Maybeck

#### Stewardship, Generosity, and Boundaries in Ministry

Saturday, February 23rd, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Yvonne Martinez Thorne

#### Empowering the Laity to Care for Pastors

Saturday, March 23rd, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Rev. Greg Alexander



Greg Alexander,  
General Minister of the  
Christian Church in KY (DoC)

On-site or Online:  
\$10 per log-in  
(unlimited partici-  
pants online)



Register: [www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series](http://www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series); For more info: 859-280-1212 or [dainslei@lextheo.edu](mailto:dainslei@lextheo.edu)

### General Assembly 2019

in Des Moines, IA

Registration Now Open

Visit [www.ga.disciples.org](http://www.ga.disciples.org) for more info.



## Green Chalice News



### Midway Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, January 22nd, 7:00 p.m., MCC Fellowship Hall

Anyone interested in helping to care for God's creation is welcome to attend!



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



MCC: a Green Chalice Congregation  
since 2010, a Certified Green Chalice  
Congregation since 2015

## Mission News and Notes

### January Mission Payments:

#### The Homeplace at Midway Benevolent Fund

The Homeplace at Midway is a continuing-care community of small cottages nestled on 31 acres across from Midway College. It opened in 2015 as Kentucky's first Green House® senior living community. The Homeplace at Midway is part of Christian Care Communities, which is the state's largest faith-based not-for-profit provider of affordable housing and long-term care for Older Adults.



#### Mission Behind Bars and Beyond

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond is a non-profit faith-based organization providing community-based mentoring programs for those released from prison and returning to communities in Kentucky. In conjunction with a Disciples of Christ congregation, New Life in Christ Christian Church, which is located in a women's halfway house, we minister to those incarcerated, train outside volunteers to form Nurture, Support and Accountability Groups (NSAG), and connect returning citizens with a NSAG which will then walk alongside each person for six months to a year to equip them for a successful re-entry into the community to which they are returning. (from National Benevolent Association website)



#### Disciples Women Blanket Drive

Please bring new or clean, gently-used blankets to the big box (under the wooden table) in the fellowship hall.

These blankets will be delivered to shelters in Lexington to help keep the homeless warm.



#### Shop with Amazon Smile

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.



Please register Midway Christian Church as your charitable organization and start your shopping at [smile. Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

#### Kroger Rewards

Remember to shop with a Kroger Plus card that designates MCC as it's charity!

Our **NEW** organization number, to sign up to participate, is **KW093**.



#### 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.



- Canned vegetables, beans & fruits
- Canned/dried pastas
- Canned stew/chili/soups/sauces
- Peanut butter/canned meats
- Crackers/chips

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).

#### 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
- **Canned potatoes, canned pastas, heat & eat meals are always needed.**



**Please add these items to your shopping list**, and drop them in the box in the narthex, or take them to:  
20 Field of Dreams, Versailles



## Thank You Notes, etc.

### To Kroger Shoppers

Thank you to everyone who designates Midway Christian Church as their charity for Kroger's community rewards program.

MCC earned \$139.20 from August to November, 2018.

To sign up, use organization number **KW093** for Midway Christian Church



### GleanKY News

In 2010, their first year, GleanKY made a goal to glean only 1,000 pounds. At the end of the year they collected just over 37,000 pounds!



Since then, GleanKY has worked with local grocers and farmers. In July alone this year, GleanKY gathered 35,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Thank you for your support!



### Morning Gratitude Affirmations

- Thank you for this new day.
- I'm filled with happiness and gratitude.
- I'm grateful for another chance to live my life.
- I'm grateful to feel the air in my lungs and the beating of my heart.
- I'm thankful simply for being alive.
- Appreciation and sincere gratitude are part of who I am.
- I'm grateful for who I am and for what I have.
- I invite gratitude into my heart.
- Today I will have an attitude of gratitude.
- Thank you for the many blessings today will bring!

### From Cane Ridge Shrine

"Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$100 to the Cane Ridge Shrine... Gifts such as yours help us to tell the Cane Ridge story and welcome future generations as well. 2018 is drawing to a close and we're celebrating another successful year. We've remained steady as far as visitation and donations go, but we've seen an increase in volunteer work groups giving their time and energy. We hope to continue our renovations to the Museum over the next year, especially the restrooms, although we don't have specific dates for this work... We hope to see all of you're here in the near future, whether visiting for the first time, returning, or coming to offer your physical labor."

- James H. Trader, II  
Curator



“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”  
- Aesop



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*Return Service Requested*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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