



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February 2019

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10:55 AM: Worship

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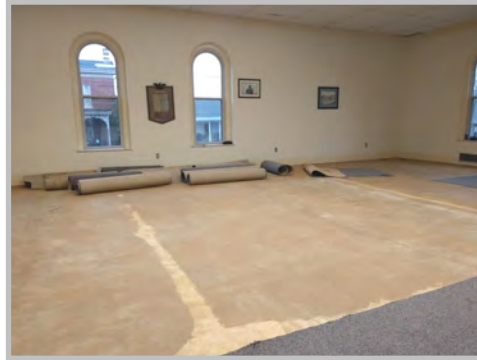
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Visit us on the web:

www.midwaychristian.org



New Flooring in Fellowship Hall



On January 14, the old carpet in fellowship hall went bye-bye!



On January 15, the new laminate flooring was installed.

Thank you to Kevin's Carpets of Georgetown for making this a quick and relatively painless process!

Chili Cook-Off Winners!



Held at our January Community Dinner on Monday the 28th.

1st Place: Alex Woodruff

2nd Place: Amanda Glass

3rd Place: Phil Burchell

CONGRATULATIONS!



Ash Wednesday Service

Mark your calendars for the Community Ash Wednesday Service, to be held at **7 p.m. on March 6th at Midway United Methodist Church.** Pastor Josh Hale will preach, and an offering for the Midway Ministerial Association will be collected.



Lexington Theological Seminary is First Green Chalice Seminary!



During a worship service led by the LTS Green Task Force, the faculty, staff and students signed the Green Chalice Covenant.

Green Chalice celebrates all the ways Lexington Theological Seminary educates and witnesses to how we are to live out our faith by caring for God's creation.



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$88,958.31

Received to date: \$89,917.89

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



February 3

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Boy Scout Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-40

Title: "Sharing Stories of Scouting"

February 10

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 5: 1-15

Title: "We're Gonna Need a Bigger Boat"

February 17

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 6: 17-26

Title: "Blessings and Woes"

February 24

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 6: 27-38

Title: "For the Measure You Give Will Be the Measure You Get Back"



Serving This Month

Elders: Etta Manor & Sandy Gruzesky

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



February 3

Cub Scouts

February 10

Adele Dickerson

February 17

John Batts

February 24

Jim Leer

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.

Bobbie Dare will lead on February 3rd.



Starting Sunday, February 10th, we will begin a new series:

"Embracing Emergence Christianity with Phyllis Tickle on the Church's Next Rummage Sale"

Author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys 2000 years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now. What are the implications of this "Great Emergence," both culturally and spiritually? What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? Where might we be headed next? And, perhaps most importantly, where are you, at this moment? Might you be an emergence Christian?

The six sessions are: 1) Emergence 101, 2) Where Now Is the Authority? 3) The 20th Century and Emergence, 4) Gifts from Other Times, 5) How Then Shall We Live? and 6) Hallmarks of Emergence

Leadership Meetings

Board

Sunday, Feb. 3rd
12:30 p.m.

Care Team:

Monday, Feb. 4th
6:30 p.m.

Admin Team:

Sunday, Feb. 10th
12:30 p.m.

Worship Team:

Monday, Feb. 11th
6:30 p.m.

Elders:

Monday, Feb. 18th
6:30 p.m.

Cabinet

Weds., Feb. 20th
6:00 p.m.



Acolytes

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

More Worship News

Food for the Soul

There will be NO Food for the Soul on February 3rd - (Super Bowl Sunday)

February 17th, 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Topic: "Is it Time to Reclaim Religion?"



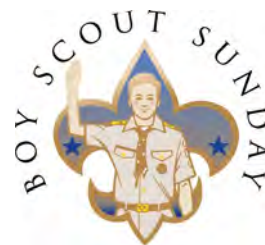
This "dinner church" is usually held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in MCC's Fellowship Hall, and includes open discussion, a light supper, and a simple communion service.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No RSVP needed.

Boy Scout Sunday - February 3rd

Midway Christian Church was granted the Charter for Cub Scout Pack 41 on December 31, 2015. Our mission is to "Carry on the Scouting Program for Character Development, Citizenship Training, Mental & Physical Fitness." We will see this program in action as members of Pack 41 participate in our worship service on February 3rd.



175th Anniversary Mission for February: 175 Acts of Kindness

How do you measure a year? How about Love?

Throughout Midway Christian Church's 175 years as a community of faith, service and mission have always been core values incorporated into the life of this congregation.

So it seems appropriate that as we celebrate this year—our 175th anniversary—we measure our year with love. We are asking our members to be a part of our 175 Acts of Kindness challenge for the month of February. Maybe write a note to a sick person? Maybe volunteer at the humane society? Maybe buy Girl Scout cookies from Troop 2261? (Shameless promotion here!) Then tell us about your acts of kindness! We will be creating a place in our sanctuary where you can write, on paper hearts, what your act of kindness was. We will display these hearts so that we can measure our life, as a community of faith, in love.



Hymn Being Commissioned to Celebrate MCC's 175th and We Need Your Help!



No, we aren't asking everyone to write the hymn. Thankfully, Johnie Dean has agreed to write this piece of music for us. It will be sung by our choir during our July celebration. What we need for you are ideas for the text.

We are needing Scriptures that fit/describe Midway Christian Church.

Please email the office your ideas!

Invitation to Join the Choir

If you have ever thought about singing in the choir, now is your chance! We wanted to invite all who might be interested in joining this amazing group. The choir meets on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. for rehearsal and then again on Sunday mornings around 10:30 to warm up for the worship service. If you have any questions, please see Teena.



Community News & Notes

Community Dinner

Monday, February 25th

MCC Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.



- 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.



Cub Scout Popcorn Sales

Please see Mary Sayre, or stop by Railroad Drug to purchase popcorn from our boys of Pack #41!



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 Brownie Troop #2261.



5th Annual St. Matthew A.M.E. Church Community Weight Loss Challenge

- \$40 entry fee per person, includes free t-shirt & weight-loss & motivational tools.
- Teams must be 4 to 6 people
- If you don't have a team, one may be assigned to you.
- Prizes awarded; winners determined by highest percentage of weight lost.

Weigh-In & Free Health Fair on Saturday, March 2nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Midway Presbyterian Church.

For more info call Eugenia at 859-227-9951.



Substance Use Disorder Prevention Training

**Saturday, February 2nd, 9:30 to noon
Immanuel Baptist Church
2261 Armstrong Mill Road, Lexington**

Learn about the impact youth empowerment and childhood trauma have on substance use disorder and current prevention strategies being used in our schools, as well as how a faith community can respond to the addiction crisis.

For more info call Kelly @ 859-559-3695



VBS Planning Meeting

**Sunday, February 10th,
2:30 p.m.
Midway Presbyterian**



The committee is looking at the dates of July 15-19, with the same format of meeting at Midway Methodist Church and rotating to the other churches Monday-Thursday with a final cook-out/event on Friday.

Volunteers are needed and input is welcome!

Midway Branch Library Events

Monday, February 4th, 6 p.m.
No-Sew Hearth Pillows (Families)

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 6 p.m.
Knitting for Beginners (Teens/Adults)

Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 p.m.
Easy Yoga (Adults)

Thursday, February 28, 6 p.m.
Coloring for Grownups (Teens/Adults)

Space is limited—call for a reservation—846-4014



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

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. 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, February 10th**
Topic: "PB&J Hearts/God Loves Us"
- **Sunday, February 24th**
Field Trip to Crank N Boom
Topic: "Born Special (God Knows Us and We Are Special)"

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

Fellowship News

Keenagers Luncheon

Thursday, February 28th
11:30 a.m.

Zim's Café, 215 W. Main, Lexington

(A Ouita Michel restaurant— in the old courthouse)

Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, February 26, if you plan to join Keenagers (retirees and friends) at Zim's Café. Carpool from church by 11:00 on the 28th.



Disciples Women Luncheon

Sunday, February 17th
12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

All women of MCC are invited to meet and eat!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



Green Chalice News

Midway Green Chalice Meeting

Tuesday, February 19th, 7:00 p.m.,
MCC Fellowship Hall

The group will start planning for Earth Sunday, among other creation-care topics.

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



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



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

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

- Jane Goodall

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.

Spring Yoga Retreat, May 3-5

Come explore and return to your truest nature in a beautiful setting, with wholesome, nourishing food, amazing community, and intentional activities and practices.

Adult Work Week & Family Work Weekend, May 5-10 and/or May 10-12

This mission opportunity is to help prepare Christmount for the summer of wonder where lives are changed. They need help with raking, weeding, trail maintenance, light construction, etc. And you'll have fun doing it!

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 for more info.

CYF SEMINAR (Youth Trip to Washington, DC & New York City - June 18-25)

Information on this "Face to Face with Other Faiths" experience is available on the MCC office bulletin board. The cost is \$1250, payable in \$250/month payments. **The first (refundable) payment is due February 15th.**

Lexington Theological Seminary Webinar Series

Stewardship, Generosity, and Boundaries in Ministry

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

Dr. Yvonne Martinez Thorne

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



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)

Taking the Mystery Out of Estate Planning

Saturday, April 13th, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Gary Kidwell

Register: www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series; For more info: 859-280-1212 or dainslei@lextheo.edu

General Assembly 2019

in Des Moines, IA

Registration Now Open

Visit www.ga.disciples.org for more info.



Mission News and Notes

February Mission Payments:

Cub Scout Pack 41

Pack 41 was started at Midway Christian Church in May of 2014, with 3 dens: Tigers, Wolves, and Bears, serving boys in first through fifth grades. The overall goals for Cub Scouts is to build character, learn good citizenship, and develop personal fitness. Plans are in the works for a new Boy Scout troop at MCC for the boys outgrowing Cub Scouts, as well as any new boys who'd like to join them!



Northside Backpack Project

Midway Presbyterian Church sponsors the Backpack Project to help feed Northside Elementary kids who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend. Cash donations are always welcome as are ready-to-eat or microwavable healthy, individual-serving foods. Midway Christian makes a nice donation to this project every year, and we can forward your cash or food donations to them.



THANK YOU for listing Midway Christian Church as your charity of choice when you shop with Amazon Smile and with your Kroger Plus card.



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.



Week of Compassion

February 17-24

When you give during the 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 24th.

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.

From Christian Care Communities To MCC Disciples Women

Dear Friends,
Midway Christian Church is a wonderful friend to older adults served by Christian Care Communities. Please share our thanks for your gift of \$500. You are living out the words of Isaiah 46:4, when God through the prophet said, *"I will still be the same when you are old and gray, and I will take care of you. I created you and will carry you and always keep you safe."* Through gifts like yours, Christian Care is able to live out its mission to "enhance the journey of life for Older Adults"... You are a blessing!

In Christ's love,
James W. Patton, LL.M., M.Div.
Vice President, Mission
Advancement and General Counsel



From Midway University To MCC Disciples Women

Thank you for your gift of \$200 to help support our Ruth Roach Scholarship. A Midway education features a variety of experiences, all of which are made possible with generous supporters like you. Your donation also is important and critical to the resurgence Midway University is experiencing. Because of that, we are able to help form the leaders of tomorrow. On behalf of our students, thank you for making Midway University a philanthropic priority.

Your support is appreciated!

Sincerely yours,
J. Timothy Culver,



From Wilda Caudle

Dearest MCC Friends and Heather:

Thank you for your prayers and support while I was recovering from recent surgery. Your calls, texts, visits, and prayers all came on difficult days and made those days better.

I have no idea how people go through life without a church family. I do know MCC's church family is second to none.

Much love, Wilda

A GRATEFUL HEART
IS A MAGNET FOR
MIRACLES

From Lois Redden To MCC Disciples Women

Dear Friends,
Just want you to know how thoughtful of you to remember me each Christmas. Your bag of goodies is always exciting to open and enjoy. I really miss my Church Family. Again, many, many thanks.
Love, Lois

KINDNESS IS FREE
SPRINKLE
THAT STUFF
EVERYWHERE

From the (Nancy) Columbia Family

Thank you all so much for the use of the Fellowship Hall for our family to gather in remembrance. The ladies who gave their time and prepared food were so much appreciated. Please accept this donation (check enclosed) to help replenish your community meals to-go boxes. We did use some and would like to replace them. Thank you again! Blessings, Sarah Fontanez (Columbia), Heather Kinney (Columbia), Dusty Embury (Columbia), Janie Columbia

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Return Service Requested



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