



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June, 2006

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Pentecost Celebration with

Second Christian Church

Sunday, June 4

On June 4, the Day of Pentecost, members of Second Christian Church here in Midway will be our guests. This is the annual unity service in which the two congregations participate.

Since it is the Day of Pentecost, you are invited to wear red (the traditional color of Pentecost), in some form that day.

We look forward to the combined choirs, to the preaching by the Reverend Edgar Wallace, to a service filled with music, to a service in which the Holy Spirit will truly be present, to a time for expressing the unity that is at the center of our faith in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Fried Chicken will be provided by the Worship Committee. Please bring the following:

Last Names A—J: Salads

Last Names K—P: Sides

Last Names Q—Z: Desserts

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Annual Congregational Meeting and

Summer Dinner

Wednesday, June 7 @ 6:30 pm

All members of the church are encouraged to come to Fellowship Hall. Please bring **sandwiches, salads, chips, and desserts** for the summer supper.

There will be a short but very important meeting after dinner. We will voting on Elders, Deacons, Church Officers, and the budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

Please make every effort to attend!

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$138,184.62

Received to date : \$121,666.25

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A Pastoral Word

DEALING WITH OUR DIVISIONS

- - - *Robert S. Stauffer*

Divisions...so many divisions! Surely it has been well-established by now just how all children of God are similar. We have a great deal more in common than we have differences. Yet people so often focus on the differences.

Clearly, our Scriptures point us toward unity, in so many ways. God does not intend for us to be separated. Yes, some can point to the Tower of Babel story in *Genesis*, as a sign of how God's children end up divided. But it is most significant that the story of Pentecost, found in Acts 2, reverses the effect of that Babel story.

In the Pentecost story, the Holy Spirit is active in a powerful way. The Spirit breaks down barriers between people—beginning with barriers of language. The story is a wonderful sign of how Jesus came, the Word of God, to cross these barriers, to destroy barriers that divide people.

Disciples of Christ—a product of the Stone-Campbell movement—came about in an attempt to bring together Christian groups. The vision that gripped both Alexander Campbell and Barton Warren Stone was that this movement could bring all Christians together. And many continue to work toward this end. In countless communities, one can find Disciples of Christ folk (and representatives of other strains of the Campbell-Stone movement) involved in Vacation Bible Schools and unity services and peace marches and building Habitat houses...and on and on.

We can all make a significant difference-when we use our influence to end racism...to deal with eco-

nomie and social barriers that divide people. Perhaps we all need to first look within our own hearts...to seek ways in which we could nurture within ourselves the grace, love, acceptance and patience that could help overcome the many evils and divisive influences in our lives.

The world continues to shrink; people who live in Africa, in India and China are neighbors today. We must see trade and interrelationships as positive moves. We cannot accept isolation and prejudice in this interrelated world.

As we work to overcome tensions that relate to racism, to economic and social chasms, there is nowhere better to start than right at home. On the Day of Pentecost, June 4, we worship together with Second Christian Church. We rejoice that these two congregations have had historic ties here in Midway.

This is a time- - to join together in a celebration of the unity of Christ's church. Glad to be your pastor, Midway Christian!

Bob

Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School ***June 27,28,29*** ***5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.***

Come and seek treasure at Vacation Bible Study. Learn about God and have fun with your friends.

For Children K through 5th Grade.

Call the church office to register or return the form below to the church office.

TREASURE SEEKERS—June 27-29, 2006

Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Age: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

In Case of Emergency (if parent or guardian cannot be reached):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Allergies: _____

Children's Ministry

“Adventure Seekers” Vacation Bible School Décor List of Loan Items Needed

Are you able to loan any of the following items to decorate the basement space for VBS week? Canteens, lanterns, treasure chests, pick, shovel, trowel, pots, large ceramic jars, fake large rocks, work gloves, back packs, wheel barrows, rope, large magnifying glasses, flash-lights, old-fashioned treasure-like maps. If so, **please clearly label your loan item/s and arrange a drop off or pick up time with Joan.** Joan's email is joan.schlesing@gmail.com. If you don't have email, call Joan on her cell phone at 859-421-1291. Thank you!



VBS 2006 Volunteer Response Sheet

I can help with the following activities:

- Music Helper
- Photographer
- Field Guides (can be High School/Middle School or Adult)
- Craft Helper
- Meals Set up, Serve and Clean up
- Decorating Planning Committee
- Decorating Set-up/ Clean-up
- Bible Story Actor
- I can help, but I need more information. Please contact me.



Volunteer's Name: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

(Please place your completed form in the offering or mail to Midway Christian Church by June 12)

Thank you for helping support this ministry to the children and families in the Midway community!

Worship News and Notes

Serving This Month

Elders

Carl Rollins
Anne Burford



Deacons

Jim Nance, Sally Haydon, Bobby Riddle, Mary Beth Rouse, Bob Rouse, Ouita Michel, Bob Settlemire, Helen Rentch, Sue Roberts, Abby Goodan, Liz Perry

Worship Leaders:

June 4—Virginia Ballenger

June 11—Ouita Michel

June 18—Nancy Lu Prewitt

June 25—TBA

Worship Themes

June 4 - Pentecost Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2

Sermon: "The Holy Spirit"

June 11

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon: "Expecting Great Things of God"

June 18

Scripture: Mark 8:10-16

Sermon: "Have We Forgotten the Bread?"

June 25

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-5; Matthew 17:9-20

Sermon: "Raising Our Vision!"

Acolyte Schedule

June 4—J.T. Batts

July 2—Gregory Watson

July 30—J.T. Batts

June 11—Steele Rouse

July 9—Sam Hatfield

June 18—Franklin Watson

July 16—Faith & Noelle Gruzsky

June 25—Jordan Batts

July 23—Clay Rouse

Community News and Notes



CASH IN THE ATTIC, *Money for Midway Christian Church*

The hunt is on for interesting items gathering dust in your attic, spare bedroom, or garage. These items, valued at \$30 or much, much higher, are needed by your church. We plan on raising \$50,000 to go toward the Future of the Faith renovation campaign. A hefty amount, you might say, but it can be done!

So...be thinking about what item (s) you can donate to this cause. We are offering pick-up service at your location, and even a visit from a Cash in the Attic team of attic-hunters if you need help identifying your items. Antiques, old books (first edition), furniture, dishes, glassware, odd-ball collectables, and many more things sound like winners to us! We will get the best dollar for your donation, whether it be by auction or E-bay.

Please contact Anne Burford, 502-695-1654, Amy Perry, 846-4400, or the church office, 846-4102, to let us know how you hope to support this fund-raiser.

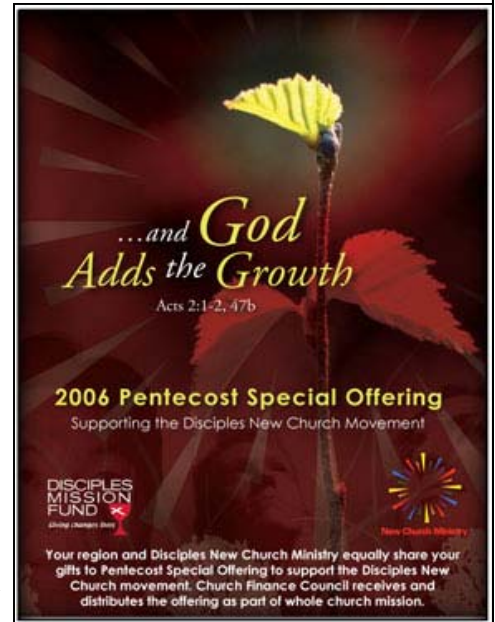
Mission News and Notes

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering goes toward our Disciples of Christ' establishment of new churches. New congregations are being established each month. In fact, we are well ahead of the visionary goal of 1,000 new congregations by the year 2020.

These new congregations are established in a wide variety of ways. Some church planters are quite creative. The pastor of Promise Church in Jackson, TN, writes of the creative thinking of the "Vision Team" in that congregation. They envision a goal of *birthing new churches*, rather than growing into the next mega-church. Challenging? Of course! But who can say what might happen, as the Holy Spirit (which we celebrate at Pentecost) gets hold of some folk and moves them into new horizons?

We want to support the creativity of new churches—along with Second Christian Church—on the Day of Pentecost. May we give generously on June 4—so the gospel will be spread!



Food Pantry

Hunger knows no season. Midway Christian Church has always been faithful in its giving to the Woodford County Food Pantry.

The food pantry is in need of cold cereal, canned veggies & fruit, peanut butter, canned juices and 1 lb boxes of pasta and cans of tuna and salmon. Our goal is to provide the Food Pantry with a monthly donation equal to one canned food item from each church member each week.



Meals On Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of May 1-5:

*Pat Settemire,
Buddy & Gertrude
Johnson, Marjorie
Diamond, Gloria
Batts, Dan Roller & Adele
Dickerson*



Mission Night

Wednesday, June 21

The next mission night will be Wednesday, June 21, 2006. The Cabinet will meet at 5:45 pm and the Committee's will meet at 6:30 pm. Childcare is provided.

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Prayer and Concern List

Mary Lee Curtis (Taylor Manor, Versailles—room #50)

Hap Horn (Beverly Health & Rehabilitation, Frankfort)

Betty Ann Voigt (home from St. Joseph Hospital)

Ann Horn

Amy McDaniel

Carolyn Varner

Betty Johnson

Dick Starks

Sherman Columbia

Vicki Johnson

Bob Hardin

Joyce Heaton

Mary Ann Rainey

Otha Wethington

Jane Reynolds

Kathy Marshall

Jules Delambre

Community News and Notes

Living into the Vision

Spirit Led Spirit Fed

September 14-16, 2006

Christian church in Kentucky

2006 Regional Assembly

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center

Louisville, Kentucky

Work Day

The next church work day will be Saturday, June 17. Your help is greatly appreciated!!



Elders Meeting

June 18, 6:00 pm

The Elders will meet Sunday, June 18, 2006 at 6 pm.

Thank You...

A big thanks to Jeanne Sturgill for volunteering to keep the church website updated monthly!



June Birthdays

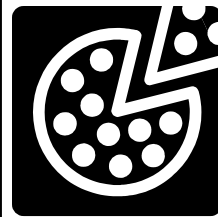


- 6/1 Libby Warfield
Maxine Wilson
6/2 Jordan Batts
Geoff Bosmann
6/5 Richard Devers
6/7 Elizabeth Perry
6/8 Robert Ambrose Wilson
6/11 Braden Burford
John McDaniel III
6/14 Lauren Perry
6/16 Austin Creech
6/22 Sydney Leeds
6/23 Ian Horn
6/24 June Mitchell
6/25 Marlin Mitchell
Laura Burford
6/27 Brereton Jones
6/28 Ella Drake

Anniversaries



- 6/5 Geoff & Laura Bosmann
Burnie & Mayme Wall
6/15 Mike & Jennifer Steen
Jack & Charlotte Morgan
6/22 Mark & Alison Lausche



Pizza and Games Night

For Children from Midway Presbyterian

and Midway Christian Church

Friday, June 2—6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

We're planning our Vacation Bible School with the Presbyterian Church. We are hosting a joint activity night on Friday, June 2 at Midway Christian Church so that the children have a time of reacquainting prior to the start of VBS. Your child is encouraged to bring a friend—especially one who may be interested in attending VBS. Pizza will be served at 6 pm followed by some community-building games and songs. Contact Joan Schlesing by email (joan.schlesing@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



The Woodford Co. Relay for Life will be June 9 at the Woodford Co. High School. If you can't participate but would like to make a donation to the American Cancer Society see Wilda Caudle by May 31, 2006.

New General Minister for KY Named

J. Gregory Alexander has been called as General Minister for the 33,000 member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Greg was named by the Kentucky General Board meeting on May 19 in Bardstown.

Greg has served as associate Regional Minister in Kentucky for 14 years. He will be installed during the CCK Regional Assembly, to be held September 14-16 in Louisville. We rejoice in this good news!

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Return Service Requested

*Information for the July
Newsletter is due in to
Rhonda by June 28, 2006.*

