

THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

August, 2007

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Midway College Move-In

Saturday, August 18, 9—noon

Saturday, August 18, Midway Christian Church will help move in Midway College students. We will be helping with the move-in at Buster Hall from 9 am to noon. This is a great way to keep the connection going between the college and the church. If you cannot help lift items, please still come and help pass out water to all the movers!

Midway College Welcome Sunday

Sunday, August 19

On Sunday, August 19 at 10:55 am, Midway Christian Church will worship at the Anne Hart Raymond Center at Midway College. Everyone is invited to lunch in the cafeteria following worship.



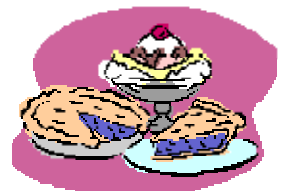
Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

You're Invited to a Pie Dinner and Auction!

Wednesday, August 1 @ 6:30 pm



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Yep, you heard right. A Pie Dinner and Auction! Midway Christian Church is hosting a pie dinner on Wednesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a pie to share and a pie to sell. The pies could be anything from Chicken Pot Pie to Apple Pie! Proceeds from the auction will go to the Future of the Faith Campaign.

The children and youth of Midway Christian Church are also invited to a pie baking class on Wednesday, August 1 at 3:00 pm.

Ouita Michel will be teaching the class and size of the class is limited to 20 people. Please call the church office to RSVP for the class.

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$11,713.06
Received to date: \$ 9,094.00

A Pastoral Word

What do you get when over 5,000 Disciples descend upon Fort Worth? General Assembly! We gathered on Saturday night for opening worship in downtown Fort Worth with 5,000 of our brothers and sisters in faith. It was an awe inspiring experience. Voices came together in song as the chorus of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm" filled the arena. The arena had become a sanctuary where we would gather for worship, gather for business and gather to discern where God is leading our denomination according to Sharon Watkins our General Minister and President.

It was amazing to look around the crowd on that first night of worship and realize that we had all traveled to Fort Worth to worship and to grow in our relationship with God. People had traveled north. People had traveled south. People had traveled east. People had traveled west. And we were all there, feeling the presence of God in that very place.

One of the traditions of opening worship is that we have communion during the worship service. Sharon Burchell leaned over to me and asked how are they going to serve communion to over 5,000 people. I simply said just wait and see. So worship continued and we heard the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish. And we soon realized that we were going to be experiencing this story in real life when it came time for communion in the worship service. Would there be enough communion bread for everyone? Would there be enough chalices filled with juice for everyone? All we could do was just wait and see.

The Words of Institution were said and the bread was broken. The cup was blessed and then it was time to distribute the elements to the 5,000 gathered in that sanctuary on Saturday night.

Each section had their own baskets of bread and a chalice. A basket and a chalice were passed down row after row of people, never running out. The basket and the chalice served as reminders for us of God's amazing abundance. They refreshed our souls and nourished us just as the loaves and the fish nourished that crowd of 5,000 so many years ago.

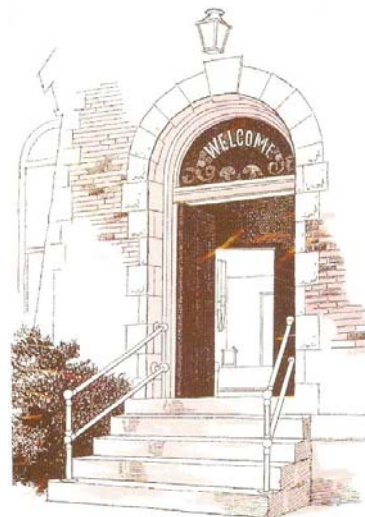
There was plenty of communion for everyone. In fact, there was communion left over. We had eaten at God's table of abundance. We had sampled the goodness of grace and peace through the simple meal of bread and juice. We were nourished for the journey that awaited us in Fort Worth.

There is a joke among Disciples churches that the Disciples world is a small world. After Saturday, I would say that the Disciples' world is a very large world filled with the Holy Spirit. That the Disciples' world is a very large world filled with God's abundance. That the Disciples' world is a very large world that is filled with God's compassion for God's creation and God's people.

We have gathered in Fort Worth and we have accepted the challenge of how are we going to share

God's feast with all of God's people. And for those who ask us as Disciples how it is going to be done, all we can say is "Just wait and see!"

Heather



**Midway Christian Church's
(Disciples of Christ) mission
is to serve all through:**

Worship

Education

Love

Community

Open Table

Mission

Evangelism

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



August 5

Amanda Hatfield Preaching

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 85

Sermon: "What God Will Speak"

August 12

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 12: 32-40

Sermon: "An Unexpected Hour"

August 19

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 12: 49-56

Sermon: "The Present Time"

August 26

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 13: 10-17

Sermon: "Be Set Free"

Serving This Month

Elders

Deacons

Jim Nance, Kit Walden, Jeanne Sturgill, Mary Beth Rouse, Virginia Ballenger, Ouita Michel, Bob Rouse, Sue Roerts, Bob Settlemire

Worship Leaders:

August 5: TBA

August 12: TBA

August 19: TBA

August 26: TBA

Sunday School Classes

August 5—Foods of the Bible, Ouita Michel

August 12—Foods of the Bible, Ouita Michel

August 19—What Would Jesus Read

August 26—Best Sellers—Favorite passages in the Bible

Taylor Manor Worship Service

Sunday, August 5 at 2 pm

Midway Christian Church will be providing the Sunday worship service at Taylor Manor Nursing Home in Versailles on Sunday, August 5 at 2 pm. We need volunteers to assist the residents and join in the congregational singing. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 1:30 pm. We will leave immediately following the Board meeting.

Weekly Prayer Meeting for Elders

The elders have decided to meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 am to discuss any prayer concerns within the church. If you have any prayer concerns that you would like to share with the elders, please call the church office.

Children's Ministry

Introducing Karina Morgan...

...our new Nursery Attendant. Karina Morgan is a second year Midway College student who will be providing child care for our church on Sunday mornings and for church meetings. She will arrive at the church on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and will stay in the nursery on Sundays until 1:00 pm. Karina's starting date is Wednesday, August 22. Please welcome Karina to our church staff!

Acolyte Schedule



August 5—Gregory & Clay

August 12—Nate & Jack

August 19—Sam & Will

August 26—Betsy & Jordan

Calling All Acolytes

Saturday, August 25 @ 2 pm

There will be an acolyte training at the church at 2 pm on August 25. This is for current as well as new acolytes. We will review the responsibilities of acolytes and rehearse what takes place during worship. We will have an ice-cream social afterwards.

Back To School Party

Friday, August 3 @ 6 pm



On Friday, August 3 there will be a Back-to-School party and lock-in at the church. We will have supper at the church at 6 pm and then enjoy an evening of movies, games, junk food, and as little sleep as possible. Parents of course will be needed as chaperones, so see Amanda if you are willing and able. Pick-up time will be 9:30 am Saturday morning.



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who helped
make it a
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Fellowship News and Notes

Elders

The Elders will meet on Sunday, August 26 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

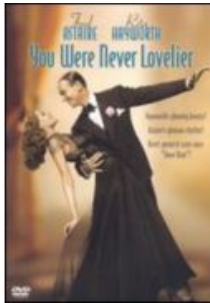
Board Meeting

The Board will meet Sunday, August 5, after the worship service. Lunch will be provided.

Keenagers

Wednesday, August 22

Keenagers will once again go Hollywood this month. We will go to the Kentucky Theatre on Wednesday, August 22 for the 1:30 pm showing of "You Were Never Lovelier" with Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth. And since we enjoyed the food so much, we will eat at "Country Cookin by George" at 11:30 am. Maybe this time, we will save room for popcorn! If you would like to carpool to the restaurant, please meet at the church at 11:00 am.



Thank You...

I would like to extend a special thank you to Mike and Heather McColl for their guidance, patience and support during our wedding. We truly appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedules and sharing our special day with us! Also, a special thanks to Mike for performing a wonderful ceremony.

Ashley Wall & Sean DelFavero were married on May 19 at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in Cincinnati, OH. Ashley and Sean now reside in Marietta, GA.

Ashley & Sean DelFavero

Disciples Women

Sunday, August 12 @ Noon

Disciples Women will begin their new year with a meeting on Sunday, August 12 immediately following church.

Lunch will be provided. The cost of lunch is \$5. We will begin our new study, "A Mile in Her Shoes: Lessons from the Lives of Old Testament Women". This is a video-based study. We will be using this for the next several months. There is a participant book that goes along with this study. It is available in the church office



Disciples Men

Saturday, August 25 @ 8:30 am

Disciples Men will begin their new year with a meeting on Saturday, August 25 at 8:30 am. The speaker will be Ron Headings who is the Board Chair for the Ten Thousand Villages Store in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is coming to help us learn more about the organization, Ten Thousand Villages and share his experience with opening a store.

Fall Festival

Midway Christian Church will be hosting a booth at the annual Midway Fall Festival for the



weekend of September 15-16. We will once again be selling items for Ten Thousand Villages. The church will also keep 10% of profits from the sell which will go towards our Future of the Faith Campaign. This is a great time to pick up unique Christmas items or a present for that hard to shop for person. Ten Thousand Villages is not for profit organization that enables third world artisans to sell their arts and crafts for a fair price.

We will also need help "manning" the booth downtown. If you are interested in signing up for a two hour shift either on Saturday or Sunday, please call the church office.

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

The next mission night will be Wednesday, August 15, 2007. The Cabinet will meet at 5:45 pm and the Committee's will meet at 6:30 pm.

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the

Meals on Wheels team that served the week of June 25:

Charlann Wombles, Pat Settlemyre, Gretchen Arehart, Priscilla Crutcher, Pat Wilson, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson,

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of August 20, 2007.



Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Missions Committee is in need of volunteers to work in the Hope Center Food Pantry in Versailles on August 1 & 15. They need two people from 10 am to noon each day. If anyone is interested, please contact Pat Settlemyre at ps@qx.net or 846-4343.



Backpack Project

The Missions Committee is assisting the Woodford Co. Extension Homemakers and the Woodford Co. 4-H program in collecting donations for our community backpack project.

An estimated 300 students in Pre-school through 12th grade will not have the required items to start school. The estimated cost for supplies and backpacks about \$60.

Items needed are: wide rule notebook paper, composition notebooks, washable markers, colored pencils, #2 pencils, scissors, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, two pocket folders (red, green, blue, purple & yellow) & spiral notebooks.

Savings on Church

Insurance

The Trustees of Midway Christian Church have been reviewing our church insurance policy and have been seeking new quotes from insurance agencies. The trustees realized that we were under-insured as a church and wanted to make sure that we had adequate coverage for our needs. The Trustees have decided to go with Buckley & Company Insurance in Lexington, KY. The church was able to increase property coverage from \$1.5 million to \$3.3 million for the church and fellowship hall. We were also able to increase many of our limits to provide for our changing needs.

Overall, the trustees saved the church over \$4,000! We want to give our thanks to our trustees, Phil Burchell, Adele Dikerson, and Bob Rouse, for their care and concern and hard work for our church.

Visioning Committee Update

The Visioning Committee has developed a new mission statement for Midway Christian Church. From the very beginning of the visioning process, the word "welcome" has kept coming up in conversations and so it was not surprising that the Visioning Committee incorporated the word "welcome" into the new mission statement. So, starting in August, we will include both the Visioning statement and Mission Statement in the weekly bulletins and on Sunday, August 26, we will have a brief congregational meeting to vote on them.

Board Meeting Time Changed

The Board voted in its July meeting to move the board meeting immediately following the church service on its regular meeting days. The Board realized that many of our members do not live in the Midway community and moving the meeting makes life a little easier for them. So from now on, the Board will meet at noon on the first Sunday of every month.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September newsletter is
Noon, Friday, August 24.

