



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

October, 2007

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Record Breaking Rummage Sale!

The Disciples Women would like to thank everyone for their support for their annual Rummage Sale. They would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated items, sorted items, priced items or sold items. The church really came together and supported this ministry. Because of all of your hard work and generosity we had a record year—our total is \$3,381.00. The Disciples Women will support their missions and other projects for the church with the money from the sale.

Also, the Disciples Women was able to donate many articles of clothing to Eastern State Hospital .

Ten Thousand Villages Update



I want to thank everyone for their support of the Ten Thousand Villages Booth at the Fall Festival. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the great stuff that the organization had sent us to sell. We have set up the remaining items in Fellowship Hall if people are still interested in buying before we have to ship them back. All checks need to be made to Midway Christian Church and there is a 6% sales tax on each item. This is a great opportunity for Christmas shopping! As of right now, we have sold over \$2,000 worth of merchandise and the church will receive \$200 profit that will go to the Future of the Faith campaign. *Thanks once again for your support!*

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Election Day Pancake Breakfast Is Back!

The Disciples Men group will host a Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, November 6 from 7 am to 7 pm. The Election Day Pancake Breakfast is a long standing tradition in our community, usually hosted by the Midway Lions Club. The Pancake Day will be a fund-raiser for our men's fellowship group to support local missions and church projects. Please come and support our men's group that day!



Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$35,139.18
Received to date: \$33,629.17

A Pastoral Word

Heritage Month

At General Assembly, there was a workshop offered titled "Letting your church history revitalize your church today." The basic idea is that our churches started out with a purpose, with a vision, and now is the time to reclaim that vision and purpose. At each and every one of our churches, a group of people came together because they felt that God was calling them into ministry in that particular city.

Of all the church histories that I know of, I am not aware of any church that has "made" history happen more than Midway Christian Church. Our church started with a group of 32 charter members worshipping in an old woolen mill down on Railroad street, simply because they were tired of the long journey to New Union and Grassy Springs and they knew that God was calling them to a purpose right here in Midway. Soon the number of members began to grow in ministry and mission. Before long, this group that gathered at Midway were stretching themselves beyond their comfort zones, exploring new ways of mission, and worship.

This church tackled the big theological issue of should music be allowed in worship services. We must admit, that this issue caused a split in the church, which led to the beginning of the denomination of Church of Christ, but still, the beginning members of Midway Christian Church were thinking beyond their time. (Or just trying to cover up horrible singing, depending on which version you choose to believe.)

This church saw a need for young female orphans and knew that God was calling them to do something. They put their heads together and they pooled their money and soon the Kentucky Female Orphan School came into being.

This church saw an injustice in its society where African-Americans had no voice in church. They could be members but not able to be full members of the church. Once again, they put their heads together and pooled their money and soon Historic Second Christian Church came into being.

I am sure that there was conflict during these times. I am sure that not everyone agreed with the church's decisions. But overall, the message is that the church heard God's voice leading their ministry and their mission.

And now the time has come again for this history-

making, foundation-shaking, stirring the pot kind of church to listen for God's voice as God leads us in the process of how we live out our new vision and mission.

So for the month of October, during worship, we as a church will take a look at our beginnings as a movement across the frontier, and as a church.

I will be preaching a sermon series based on Walter Scott's 5 Finger Exercise. Walter Scott was one of our denomination's founders who after riding into a village would proceed "to address a group of children. After detailing each of the five fingers, he had them repeat and repeat, 'Faith, repentance, baptism, [forgiveness] of sins, gifts of the Holy Spirit.'...He continued until they all could repeat it in concert...He then said: 'Children, now run home-don't forget what is on your fingers, and tell your parents that a man will preach the gospel tonight at the schoolhouse, as you have it on the five fingers of your hand.'"

Also during worship services this month, we will have two very special treats. Each Sunday, we will view pictures from our church's past set to the music of "In Our Own Way, We Praise", the album that was recorded by the church choir in 1967. Also on the last three Sundays of October, John Batts and Dick Murphy will bring to us a dramatic production of a "Conversation between Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone", two more of our denominations founders.

As we take a look at our beginnings for the next month, we will listen for those voices of the past to lead us into the future. We will let their passion for God, their energy for mission, and their love of God's children fill our hearts, our minds, and our souls. We will once again claim our heritage and let it revitalize our church today. We will once again claim the mission and purpose that sparked 32 people to come together and form Midway Christian Church.

Heather

*Prepare The Way for Baptism and Membership, p.

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



October 7

World Communion Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Revelation 3: 15-22

Sermon: "Repentance"

October 14

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 6: 1-11

Sermon: "Baptism"

October 21

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Children's Sabbath

Scripture: Colossians 1: 3-13

Sermon: "Forgiveness of Sins"

October 28

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: John 15: 4b-15

Sermon: "Holy Spirit"

Weekly Prayer Meeting for Elders

The Elders meet each Sunday after worship to discuss any prayer concerns of the church. If you have a prayer concern you would like share with the elders, please contact an elder or call the church office.

Serving This Month

Elders

Carl Rollins

Etta Manor

Deacons

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

Junior Deacon

Steele Rouse

Worship Leaders: TBA

Worship & Wonder Greeter Schedule

October 7—Gretchen Arehart

October 14—Ouita Michel

October 21—Amanda Hatfield

October 28—Pat Settlemire

Worship and Wonder is looking for new Greeters! Please take time to prayerfully consider this ministry to our children!

Acolyte Schedule

October 7—Will & Marcus

October 14—Gregory & Clay

October 21—Nate & Jack

October 28—Betsy & Jordan

November 4—Sam & J.T.

November 11—Noelle & Faith

November 18—Will & Preston

November 25—Gregory & Clay



Children's Ministry



Sunday, October 28 @ 6 pm

Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 28. The night will begin with food and games in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. Once the sun has gone down, we will go outside and see what surprises are waiting for us in the parking area beside the church. There will be prizes for the best decorated trunk. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Amanda know.

Chi-Rho/Parent Meeting

On Sunday, October 21 there will be a gathering for our church's Chi-Rho and parents. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm to talk about the current plans for the Chi-Rho and to start getting to know each other as a unique group. A still-open-to-suggestions calendar will be distributed.

Chi-Rho "X-Perience"

The Regional Chi-Rho "X-perience" is November 2-4 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Bowling Green, KY. The keynoters are Rev. Heather Patriacca from First Christian Church in Shelbyville and Laura Dick of Louisville, a teacher at Bardstown Alternative School. In addition to normal retreat activities such as music and games, worship experiences, and fellowship time, the youth will go into Bowling Green on Saturday afternoon to work with various service organizations. The registration fee is \$75 before October 5. Registration fee includes Saturday lunch and dinner, program expenses, and the event t-shirt. The Holiday Inn room rate is \$92 a night, with up to four in a room.



We Need YOU!

The Christian Education Committee needs new members! Do you enjoy shopping at Cokesbury? Does the very name of Vacation Bible School thrill you? Do you look forward to the occasional bowling or miniature golf outing? Even if none of these things are true, would you get satisfaction from knowing that you were helping to grow the next generation of Midway Christian Church? The Christian Education Committee needs volunteers. We will welcome with open arms anyone who wants to join us.

A Look Ahead

Mark your calendars for Family Game Night on Saturday, December 8 and the Christmas Pageant on December 16.

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Fellowship News and Notes

Elders

The Elders will meet on Sunday, October 28 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Board Meeting

The Board will meet Sunday, October 7 at Noon, immediately following the worship service. Lunch will be provided.

Keenagers

Wednesday, October 24 @ 11:30 am

The Keenagers will travel to Shaker Village on Wednesday, October 24 for lunch. We will meet at the church at 10:45 am so that we can make it in time for lunch reservations at 11:30 am. Please call the church office to RSVP by Wednesday, October 17. You can check out the menu for Shaker Village at www.shakervillage.org/dining.

Board Officers Meeting

The Board Officers will meet on Saturday, October 27 at 8:30 am at Amy Perry's home. We will be meeting to discuss and to prepare the agenda for the next board meeting. If you have anything that you believe needs to be discussed please see one of the board officers so that we can get it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Taylor Manor Worship Service

Sunday, October 7 @ 2 pm

On Sunday, October 7 at 2 pm we will provide the worship service at Taylor Manor Nursing Home in Versailles. We will meet at the church at 1:30 pm to carpool. We need volunteers to assist the residents and join in congregational singing.

Disciples Women

Sunday, October 21 @ Noon

The Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, October 21 immediately following the service. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$5. We will continue our study of Women in the Old Testament with the story of Rahab and how she, a rejected woman, an outsider, became a model of faith for the people of Israel and us today.



Disciples Men

Saturday, October 20 @ 8:30 am

The Disciples men will meet on Saturday, October 20 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall for breakfast. The cost is \$5. The men will discuss the Election Day Pancake Breakfast and future mission projects for this group.



Midway Christian Church T-Shirts for Sale!

They are here! New t-shirts for Midway Christian! They are on sale for \$8. You can pick one up in the church office.



Music Notes

Hand Bells Are Back!



The Hand Bells have returned! If you are interested in playing hand bells for the Advent/Christmas season, please let Melissa know as soon as possible.

Rehearsal will be Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm except for mission nights. The Hand Bell Choir is a great way for you to become active in Midway Christian's Music Ministry, and the more we have the better!

Choir Retreat

The Choir Retreat will be Saturday, October 6 from 9am to 3 pm at the church. See Melissa if you have questions.

Mission News and Notes

Mission Night

The next mission night will be Wednesday, October 17, 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 September 17:

Charlann Wombles, Pat Wilson, buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Priscilla Crutcher, Pat Settlemire

The next Meal on Wheels delivery will be the week of October 15, 2007.



Food Pantry

The Hope Ministries Food Pantry is in need of the following canned items: carrots, mixed vegetables, spaghetti, tomato soup and chicken noodle soup.



Home Bound Communion

Each month, the serving elders will take communion to our members who are not able to be with us on Sundays. If you would like communion brought to you by our elders, please call the church office and let us know.

Highway Historical Marker

In February, the Visioning Team decided to explore getting a historical marker for our church as a way to share our history with our community and a way to make our church known to visitors. Heather approached the board officers about this idea and so we began to see what we would have to do to get a marker for our church. It was decided that our church would put in an application for the October 1 deadline as a beginning to this process. We should know by December 1 if we are approved or not for the marker. If we are approved, we as a church will take an active part in writing the statement for the marker and making this suggestion of a historical marker a reality. If all goes well, we will dedicate our marker just in time to kick off a year of celebrating our 165 anniversary as a church and the 150 anniversary of the melodeon "incident".

Budget and Future of the Faith Shortcoming

The Cabinet met for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 19. We discussed the status of the church's finances with Treasurer, Jack Morgan. Most of us were probably comfortable with the way we were sting close to meeting the budget that is listed in the Messenger each week. But at the Cabinet meeting, Jack let us know the real status of the church finances.

We must remember that the budget is broken down into twelve equal parts. However, some of our budget required large sums of payments within the first month of our church year, July, 2007. For example:

Work-Study Student's Salary: \$3,000

Property & Worker's Comp Insurance: \$2,353

General Assembly Expenses: \$2,400

Our giving for July and August of 2007 was down \$4,100 and first year pledges (2006) to "Future of the Faith" were short \$8,000.

Please give some prayerful thought and consideration to your regular giving and pledges to "Future of the Faith". Please remember that your giving supports the programs and the future of Midway Christian Church.

Community Notes

Sometimes, it takes just a very small reminder that God, in all of His greatness, made simple things, extraordinary. We could remember to be thankful for a vast universe that is within viewing distance.

Hey Fellow, Did you say Yellow?

Mello yellow of new fall yellow, the trees starting to turn, yellow. Tall sunflower yellow, which also comes in lemon yellow atop which sits a finch, in his own yellow jacket. Then comes buttercup yellow down the garden path and roadside goldenrod yellow. A flash of golden sun yellow upon tall, tall Sycamore leaves awash in afternoon sunlight, yellow.

Orange, orange where is the orange? Why trumpet flower orange, twining high in the trees, zinnia orange with her top a crowning. There are orange fairy slippers bobbing along the creek, marigolds spilling out overgrown in the bucket. Soon to come will be brilliant orange in tall Maples.

Red, Red, did you say red? Humming bird red, another zinnia red, clusters of geranium red. There are the stately and delicate blooms of Indian paintbrush red, red-centered caladiums red, tiny humming bird vine, twining up the trellis, red. Later on will be Sugar Maple fire red, oh, and let's not forget Sumac tree red. Tomato red, have to have it. Salt and pepper please.

Green, green, green-bean green, lush soft shady grass green beneath Grandmother's trees, green. Praying Mantis green hidden on stalks, green, next door to tall field corn, green. Fried green tomatoes, green, snap pea green, chartruese potato vine green, trailing out of window boxes upon green fences that sit near to moss, cool and green.

We've found brown, earthy, musky brown beneath tall fir brown, giant moth on the barn brown, crumpled leaf brown, chocolate sunflower brown, pine needle brown, oak leaf brown, never dull because it's brown, brown.

Blue sky blue, the tallest of skies blue, in the fall blue sky blue. Pitcher full of flowers blue, bachelor button blue, ageratum blue, delphinium blue, ahh, deep blue of tiny lobelia, blue, swooping in to gather seed indigo bunting, blue.

Hey fellow, what color, say you fellow?

- Jeannie Hill

Free GED and Ingle's Classes

From now thru November 14, Woodford County Adult Education will be offering Adult Basic Skills, GED and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in Midway on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Midway Baptist Church. Childcare is provided.

This is a great opportunity for adults in the area to complete a high school diploma, prepare for a better job, prepare for post-secondary education or learn to speak English. Most of us need support and encouragement to begin such an undertaking. You can play an important roll in changing someone's life.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November newsletter is
Noon, Monday, October 22.

