

# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April, 2009

## Church Staff:

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*Secretary*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

## Holy Week Activities

**Sunday, April 5**

10:55 am—Palm Sunday at Midway Christian Church



**Thursday, April 9**

7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service at Midway Christian Church



**Friday, April 10—7:00 pm**

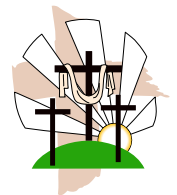
7:00 pm—Good Friday Service at Midway Baptist Church



**Sunday, April 12**

7:00 am—Sunrise Service at Midway Presbyterian Church

Breakfast to follow at Second Christian Church



No Sunday School

10:55am—Easter Sunday Service at Midway Christian Church

## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

## Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries was founded in 1994 by Pastors Joe and Linda Wingo in Monroe, GA after the town was hit hard by industrial plant closings. They initiated a program to buy food in bulk and distribute it to individual families. The first Angel Food distribution fed 34 families. Now, Angel Food feeds over 500,000 families a month in 35 states.

Buy buying food from first rate suppliers in bulk quantity at substantial volume discounts, Angel Food is able to provide families with approximately \$65 worth of quality nutritious food for only \$30. Angel Food Ministries does not use out-of-date or inferior products. Generally, one box of Angel Food helps in feeding a family of four for one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. There is no purchase limit for boxes, no application or qualification necessary.

Woodford Community Christian Church has become a Host Church and will provide MCC with monthly order forms. Orders must be picked up at WCCC. Please see Rhonda in the church office for more information.

### Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$122,762.54  
Received to date: \$120,405.28

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## Church News and Notes

### Pastoral Word:

As many of you know at our March quarterly congregational meeting, the officers presented the beginnings of our new church structure and passed out the Spiritual Gift Surveys. The hope is that all of us as members of Midway Christian Church will pray about and think about the gifts that God has given us for the ministry of our church and use them to help build up the Kingdom of God here on earth.

We have been placing these surveys in the bulletins on Sunday mornings and we have been emailing them out to our members each week with the Messenger. And we are starting to get responses coming in! It is amazing to go through them and starting placing names alongside the ministry opportunities. I don't think there is one ministry opportunity that does not have the name of at least one person interested in that ministry. And there are even new ministry opportunities that our members put down that they would like to lead.

It is wonderful to feel the Spirit of God moving and stirring us as people of faith!

The Minister's Cabinet met on Wednesday, March 18th and passed out the results of the completed surveys to the co-leaders of the four main ministry opportunities. The plan now is that starting April 1st, we as a church, will begin living out this new structure, testing it out, re-shaping it to fit our needs, and "tweaking" it so that we are empowered as people of faith to live out our lives as the people God created us to be. We will live with this structure for the next six months as a trial basis, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to enrich us as a community of faith. After the six months, the Visioning team will reassemble and will take a look at what is working and what is not working for us as a church.

I cannot promise you that it will be an easy journey. I cannot promise you that it will all work out. But what I can promise you is that God is in the process and that God is guiding us, renewing us, and using us to be vessels of God's love in this world.

So if you have not completed your Spiritual Gift Survey, please pick one up in the office or you can go to our website, [www.midwaychristian.org](http://www.midwaychristian.org), fill one out and email it to the church office.

God is continuing to do amazing things for and through Midway Christian Church! So please take the time, pray about your gifts for ministry, and let us know where God is calling you.

Heather



### Member Spotlight: Adelaine McDaniel

I am a lifetime resident of Midway and still living in the house where I was born. I come from a family of nine siblings so needless to say my Mom was a busy lady at home while my Dad was employed by the City of Midway as Town Marshall for thirty nine years.

I graduated from Midway High School in 1939 after which I attended Fugazzi Business College in Lexington. After graduating from there my first two jobs were in Lexington but then I was employed by United Bank in Midway. In 1944 I married John W. McDaniel, who was Midway's Chief of Police. We had two sons, John and

Jim, who are also members of MCC. In 1956 I started working as secretary at Nuckols Farm in Midway and was there for thirty nine years until retiring in 1995. My husband died in 1981.

I became involved in MCC activities at an early age. I remember Mrs. Edna Hicks, my Sunday School teacher. The class was held upstairs. As I got older I remember a class called, "Christian Endeavor," that was held each Sunday evening in what is now the library. I also attended Sunday worship services with my Dad who was a deacon. In 1933 I was baptized and have been a member ever since.

Midway Christian Church is very special to me as is our church family.

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### April 5

*Palm Sunday*

Scripture: Mark 11: 1-11

Sermon: "Why Are You Doing This?"

#### April 12

*Easter Sunday*

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

Sermon: "Woman, Why Are You Weeping?"

#### April 19

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Scripture: John 20: 19-31

Sermon: "Come to Believe"

#### April 26

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-49

Sermon: "Hidden Treasures"

### Serving This Month

#### Elders

Jim Hoppin

Etta Manor

#### Deacons

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

#### Junior Deacon

Steele Rouse

#### Worship Leaders:

April 5—Marvin Glover

April 12—Charlann Wombles

April 19—Carole Munson

April 26—Nate Hill

### Sunday School

#### Bible 101: The Gospels

During the month April, we will continue taking a look at the four Gospels that are found in our Bible. We will be studying how the Gospels were put together, how they are different, how they are alike, and what message each Gospel wants to bring to the reader. We will also take a look at who Jesus is and his message to the world in each of the Gospels. So come and join us on Sunday mornings. Sunday School begins at **9:30 a.m.** with sharing of joys and concerns.



22 people enjoyed the art of bread-making, taught by Jim Nance on March 19.



## Missions News & Notes

### March Mission: Disciples Mission Fund

Disciples Mission Fund builds a foundation enabling Disciples to globally share the good news of Jesus Christ. This common fund allows the Disciples to pool their resources accomplishing a greater ministry. One congregation could not achieve this alone. Disciples Mission Fund allows a process of whole church stewardship supporting God-given missions at home and world-wide. They live their theological understanding of Christ's prayer "that they all may be one."

### Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of March 2: Charlann Wombles, Gretchen Portwood, Nancy Dare, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Pat Settlemire.



The next Meals on Wheels delivery will be the week of March 30, 2009.

### Food Pantry

The Hope Ministries Food Pantry in Versailles is in need of all canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and meats, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, and cereal.

You may drop off any items in the tub located in the narthex.



## 2009 Easter Special Offering

### Go Light Your World



*We are a family whose hearts are blazing;  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to the Creator, in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times\**

As a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a beacon of light in the darkest of times. The Easter offering, supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church as together, we bring the light of Christ to dark corners of the world.

In 2008, the Office of Disciples Women coordinated with the Office of Disciples Volunteering an all women blitz-build thru Habitat for Humanity in Beaumont, Texas. Not only did they provide a family with a home, but they deepened their own spiritual journey and helped one young woman express her faith in Jesus and find a passion for justice. She was a participant in the build, brought along as a friend, and at the end of the trip she was a person reconciled with God and her family. Her candle of faith now burns bright.

The Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries is working faithfully to rebuild the Bolenge hospital in partnership with the Community of the Disciples of Christ in the Congo. The hospital was first built by the Disciples in the 1920's and for over 80 years it stood as a beacon of light in a war torn region. The reopening of this portion of the hospital will be a beacon of light in the darkest of times.

The Pension Fund is a beacon of light for the faithful servants, primarily missionaries and small or rural church pastors, whose pensions today are insufficient to meet the basic necessities of life. Through the Easter offering, the Pension Fund increases pensions through the ministerial relief fund, which is supported by the Easter offering. The ministerial relief fund shines the light of Christ into the world.

Your gifts to the Easter offering are a beacon of light. Your gifts call us forward to be one family, a movement for wholeness. You are invited to give generously and faithfully, as together we GO LIGHT OUR WORLD!

\*Adapted from Kathy Tracoli's "Go Light Your World"

## Fellowship News and Notes

### Keenagers Off To the Races

*Thursday, April 16 at 11:30 a.m.*

Keenagers will be spending a day at Keeneland on Thursday, April 16. Please call the church office to reserve your ticket. Tickets are \$10 We will meet for lunch at Darlin Jean's at 11:30 then off to the races for a day of fun!



### Disciples Women

*Sunday, April 19*

Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, April 19 at 12:15 pm. in Fellowship Hall. Our very special guest speaker will be Virginia Bell.

We will have a buffet lunch, with the meat, roll, and drinks provided. If you would like to provide a vegetable, salad, or dessert, please call Sharon Burchell at 846-4153 by April 16. *Hope to see you there!*



### Ky Disciples Women's Spring Conference

The Kentucky Disciples Women's Spring Conference will be held April 18 at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington, Ky. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Verity Jones. Registration form and \$25 fee is due by April 6. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office or on the regional website—[www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net).

### Board Meeting

*Sunday, April 5th at noon*

The Board will meet on Sunday, April 5th at noon immediately after church. Lunch will be served. Deacons, Elders, and Ministry co-leaders are encouraged to attend.

### Elders' Meeting

*Sunday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.*

The Elders will meet on Sunday, April 26th at 6 p.m. We will be looking at names of people who would qualify to serve as Elders in the upcoming years. This is a very important meeting. Please try to attend.

### Nominating Time Again!

It is that time again to nominate elders, deacons, and church leaders for Midway Christian Church. One of the things that the nominating committee is bringing up to the board is changing the terms of our elders and deacons from four years to two years, starting with the class elected in 2009. The positions of elders, deacons, and church officers are very important roles of leadership in our church so if you have any suggestions or ideas who would be good in these positions, please see Shirley Eckels or Heather McColl.

### 2009 Stewardship Focus: Let God Lead

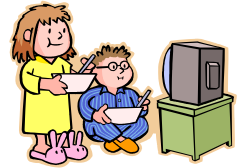
As part of the stewardship process, we are seeking God's blessing and God's guidance for our ministries and seeking God's help in preparing our budget. This year, we are asking each person or family to prayerfully seek God's blessings and guidance for their own financial giving as they make a pledge for the coming fiscal year (July 2009-June 2010). Our hope in doing this process is that we can have a budget that reflects a faithful and accurate picture of the ministries of Midway Christian Church. When the time comes, the Finance Committee is asking that you please make an estimate for your yearly giving so that we can faithfully celebrate God's blessings upon our church. The Finance Committee is asking that you place your pledge and your talent card in the offering plate on Consecration Day, **May 17th**, as a sign of your commitment and your response to God's grace that has been shown to you as a child of God.

## Children's Ministry

### Greetings Youth and Parents!

A few quick reminders as to what's coming up this month.

On **April 5th** we will be hosting a movie night. Please bring a friend and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship of enjoying a film with your friends!



On **April 12th** we will be participating in the ever exciting Romans and Christians! Bring a friend and explore the world of ancient Romans and Christians and discover what it would've been like to live in Jesus' time!

On **April 19th** we will be celebrating Earth Day with a variety of fun activities celebrating God's wonderful creation and learning what it means to be good stewards of that creation. Please wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty! Bring a friend and we'll get our hands dirty and dig deep into the Bible to see what it has to say about the Earth!



On **April 26th** the youth group will be traveling to Lexington to Southland Bowling Center to participate in some good natured bowling. Bring a friend! Costs will be announced later and parents please contact Jody if you're interested in helping transport our young people!



Something to keep in mind: You will be getting information about our Regional camps so please keep an eye out for that and get the forms returned as soon as possible!

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Jody Heil

### Acolyte Schedule

**April 5**—Nate & Jack Hill

**April 12**—Will Schein & Marcus Watson

**April 19**—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts

**April 26**—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter

**May 3**—Clay Rouse & Sam Hatfield

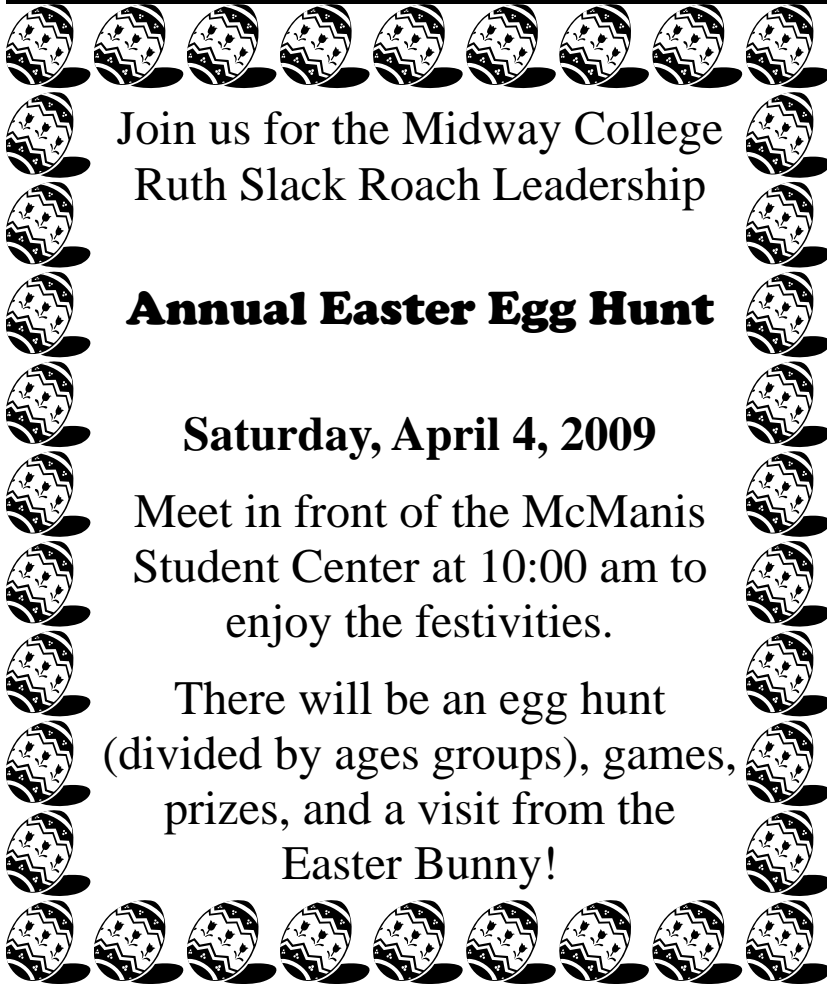
**May 10**—Jack & Luke Hill

**May 17**—Will Schein & Marcus Watson

**May 24**—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts

**May 31**—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter

# Community News and Notes



Join us for the Midway College  
Ruth Slack Roach Leadership

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Meet in front of the McManis  
Student Center at 10:00 am to  
enjoy the festivities.

There will be an egg hunt  
(divided by ages groups), games,  
prizes, and a visit from the  
Easter Bunny!

## ALL ARE INVITED!

April 4 @ 2 pm-Thoroughbred Theatre

One June 11, 1933, thousands of Kentuckians attended a grand event on the campus of Midway College. Sponsored, created, and produced by the Midway Women's Club, the Midway Pageant engaged over 300 residents as actors, writers, dancers and stage crew in commemoration of Midway's Centennial Celebration!

Come to the public reading of the 1933 Pageant Script. Herman Farrell, Midway resident and Assistant Professor of Theatre at UK, will guide and direct a reading in preparation to revise and restage the Midway Pageant.

Saturday, April 4 at 2 pm at the Thoroughbred Theatre.

~Midway Living History~  
A Committee of Midway Renaissance  
[www.midwayrenaissance.org](http://www.midwayrenaissance.org)



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**Deadline: Sunday, April 5, 2009**

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