

Happy Valentine's Day



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Epiphany Feast A Big Success!

More than 200 people from Woodford County and surrounding counties gathered at Midway College for the second annual Epiphany Christmastide Feast. The Epiphany feast is the oldest Christian celebration of the Christ Child. It's also the last day of the twelve days of Christmas.

Rev. Dr. Rusty Rechenbach, pastor of White Oak Pond Christian Church in Richmond spoke before the Parade of the Boar's Head. Leading the parade was the Magi, portrayed by Nate Hill, Dick Murphy, and John Batts. Musick's Company from the Center for Old Music in the New World in Lexington performed with its medieval-style instruments.

A Note From Ouita Michel

Wednesday, January 7th, I gave thanks to God for our Epiphany Feast. The whole process filled me with enormous thanksgiving for our fellowship at Midway Christian Church. There is no doubt that I can get a little testy in the thick of the moment—and part of my quest in life is to recognize the moment I am living, to relish it, to rejoice in it. Cooking for the church puts me in that place, even when we're at crunch time. It is such joy to be able to work together—and I am deeply grateful for the hard work of so many. Standing in that cafeteria dining room, watching our team get that room ready filled my heart. It is a crazy idea—what have I gotten these good people into? Watching the dishwashing effort, the scraping, bussing and serving, it was overwhelming to witness the work and support of all who helped. God's gift to me from all of you is a life lesson about how we support each other and help each other, how we can trust and rely upon each other. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Countless members helped this effort in large and small ways—every part counts, especially those who came and opened their hearts and arms in Welcome to all that attended that night.

Our Team:

Dottie Pollard—without you Dottie—and your tireless work this would not have been possible

Jim Nance—Your bread that night is a special communion for me and I know for every one who breaks it together

Gretchen and Tom Arehart, Melissa & John Askew, Cindy and John Batts, Gloria Batts, Anne Burford, Sharon and Phil Burchell, Nancy & Phil Dare, Wilda and Rick Caudle, Adele Dickerson & Dan Roller, Shirley Eckels, Louise Hatfield, Jody Heil, Jeannie Hill, Nate Hill, Buddy Johnson, Etta & Keith Manor, Jack Morgan, Caroline Munson, Karen and Dick Murphy, Jan Nance, Amy Perry, Liz Perry, Rhonda Rankin, Helen Rentch, Dr. William Drake, & Midway College.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$97,994.68
Received to date: \$96,009.28

Pastoral Word

Member Spotlight: Burnie Wall

I was born October 3, 1913, on grandad's farm in Casey County. We moved to a farm operated by Dad until 1917 when he bought a farm. In 1921, we moved in with dad's mother to care for her. She died in 1922. I finished grade school in 1927. I began high school



Mayme & Burnie Wall

in 1928 living with my aunt and uncle, who were not well, doing chores, tending to their three year old son. During high school years, I was involved in farming, school band, paper route, school plays, library clerk and church. I graduated in 1932. During the next ten years I farmed, attended college, taught in a one and two room school, married a fellow teacher in 1939 and graduated from Berea College with wife in 1942. Her major in psychology, mine in agriculture. We moved to Richmond where I taught agriculture and worked in the war effort from 1942 to 1944 when I was drafted into the Army. I trained at Camp Gruber, OK. Our 200 man unit was shipped to England, France, and Germany. We repaired engineering equipment; water pumps on bulldozers. I returned to the U.S. in 1945. I was sent to Texas and Oregon. I was discharged in 1946. I helped Veterans get established in farming in Casey Co.

In July of 1946 we moved to Stamping Ground and I became agriculture teacher and Stamping Ground High School where I taught eight years.

My daughter, Sheila, was born in 1944 and son, Spencer, in 1950. My wife died from cancer in 1952. Mayme and I married in 1954. I became Principal at Stamping Ground Elementary School in 1947

Mayme worked as an agent for Scott Co. Agriculture Dept. and later at Midway College. We built our house in Midway in 1968. Mayme retired and I continued to work until 1976 when I retired from IBM as Manger of Employee development. I became a church handy man from 1976-2003. Some work included lights rearranged in both buildings, storm windows added, attic insulation, roofing, etc.

Mayme entered Taylor Manor Nursing Home in 2006. My time now includes church activities and visiting Mayme. The church family, our children and the community are very good to us. and I am deeply grateful.

Bio's for Guest Preachers

Bill McDonald

Bill McDonald is married to Julie McDonald and has recently retired from Crestwood Christian Church. Bill has served church in Kentucky, Texas, and Louisiana and served Midway Christian Church for 17 years as first an Associate and then as Senior Minister. We are thankful that he has come back to share the Word with us once more.

Dr. Robert Botkin

Dr. Botkin was President of Midway College from 1985-1998. He and his wife Marilyn were also members of Midway Christian Church during that time. They are now members of Central Christian Church in Lexington. Dr. Botkin is an ordained Minister and has been a guest preacher here several times.

Dr. William Drake, Jr.

Rev. Dr. William B. Drake, Jr. is the eighth president of Midway College and joins the ranks of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) clergy who have held this post. His professional positions have included congregational ministry, theological education, planned giving and major gift fundraising, and college administration.

Dr. Drake was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and completed his A.B. degree with a major in biology at Transylvania University. Upon graduation, he entered Lexington Theological Seminary and completed a Master of Divinity in Old Testament Studies. Subsequently, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Lexington Theological Seminary with a concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling. He also completed three years of residency in Clinical Pastoral Counseling at the University of Kentucky. Additionally, he currently holds the professional financial planning designations of Chartered Financial Consultant and Chartered Life Underwriter through the American Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Dr. Drake's family includes his wife, Ella Wells Drake and daughter, Lara Clay Drake

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



February 1

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Boy Scout Sunday

Scripture: Mark 1: 21-28 & Psalm 111

Sermon: "The Promise"

February 8

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39

Sermon: "Touch and Go"

February 15

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 1: 40-45

Sermon: "Abraham Lincoln and Jesus Christ; An Analogy"

February 22

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 9: 2-9

Sermon: "It's Good To Be Here"

Guest Preachers for February

February 1—*Jody Heil*

February 8—*Rev. Bill McDonald*

February 15—*Dr. Robert Botkin*

February 22—*Dr. William Drake*

Serving This Month

Elders

Jim Leer

Wilda Caudle

Deacons

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

Junior Deacon

Steele Rouse

Worship Leaders:

February 1—Members of Boy Scout Troop 40

February 8—Carole Munson

February 15—Jeanne Clark

February 22—Jeannie Hill

Sunday School

Jeannie Hill will lead Sunday School in February. Roundtable discussions with scripture: bring your Bible and opinions, food optional.

February 8— Water Skiing With God

February 15— Is God In Control?

February 22— Reconciling Scripture and Opinion: Can It Be done?

Do You Have A Favorite Hymn?

If you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing during worship service, please let Melissa know. Requests will be taken thru the end of February.

Elder "On-Call" Schedule

During Rev. McColl's maternity leave, the following Elders will be "on-call" each week. If any needs arise, please call the church office or the "on-call" Elder.

February 1-7: Etta Manor

February 8-14: Phil Burchell

February 15-21: Dan Roller

Missions News & Notes

February Missions:

Our "Mission Possible" for February is to bring in as many cans of soup as we possibly can during the month. During these hard economic times, our local food pantry as well as the Hope Ministries Food Pantry, is serving more families than normal. We will kick-off this "Mission Possible" with the youth sponsored Souper Bowl luncheon on February 15. Everyone is asked to bring cans of soup that day as well.

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of January 5: Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Nancy Dare, Phil & Sharon Burchell, Pat Wilson, Gloria Batts.



The next Meals on Wheels delivery will be the week of February 2, 2009.

Food Pantry

The Midway Food Pantry and 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.



Hope In A Bag

The Hope Center in Lexington has an urgent need for winter coats, hats, gloves. They are also collecting personal hygiene items and articles of clothing for the homeless men and women of Lexington. Last year they collected enough to last through the summer. This year they are striving to collect enough to last until November.

The following "travel- size" items are needed and can be dropped off at the church office:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, soap, razors, deodorant, feminine items, band aids, cough drops, chap stick, hats, socks, and gloves.



Souper Bowl of Caring



Midway Christian Church will be a part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring is an effort to touch lives and teach youth to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.

After church on Sunday, February 15, the youth of MCC will host a soup luncheon. We will be collecting an offering for Week of Compassion. We will also be collecting cans of soup to donate to the Midway Food Pantry and the Hope Ministries Food Pantry.

Week of Compassion

Midway Christian Church will be collecting a special offering for Week of Compassion on Sunday, February 15 and 22. Gifts to Week of Compassion support programs that help our neighbors around the world build lives and communities that are healthy, safe, and sustainable.



Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers

Thursday, February 19 @ 11:30 am

The Keenagers will meet for lunch at Wilshire's in Georgetown on Thursday, February 19 at 11:30 am. Meet at the church at 11:00 am if you would like to car-pool. We must make reservations, so please RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 16. Keenagers is a group for people who are retired or practicing retirement.

Disciples Women

Sunday, February 22

Disciples Women will meet to continue our study at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 22 (one time date change due to Souper Bowl lunch). We will share a lunch of soup and sandwiches.



Elder & Diaconate Workshop

Christmount will be hosting an Elder and Diaconate workshop March 6-7, 2009. Dr. Jerry Sumney, Professor of Biblical Studies at LTS will be teaching "The Different Views of Jesus in the Four Gospels". Registration form and \$34 deposit is due by February 27. Forms are available in the church office.

Kroger Cards

Keep using your Kroger Cards! Over \$2,000 has been raised so far. In order for MCC to receive payment for groceries and gas purchase, the church must buy these cards from Krogers and distribute them. Each card costs \$5. If you haven't used your card lately, check to see if it is still valid.

We will be buying more cards the first week in February. If you are interested, please record your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact the church office to reserve a card. Friends and family are welcome to purchase and use these cards...the more the merrier.

MCC T-shirts

Please see Nancy Dare if you are interested in buying a MCC t-shirt. Cost: \$8

Chili Cook-Off

Wednesday, February 4 @ 6:00 pm

The Chili Cook-off has been postponed to Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to enter your chili, please call the church office. The church will provide the crackers and drinks. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place chili's.

AA/Al-Anon meetings held at MCC

The newly formed Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet in Fellowship Hall of Midway Christian Church each Friday at 7 pm.

Children's Ministry

Chi-Rho Learning Trip 2009

June 9-13, 2009

We have been invited to join Crestwood Christian Church on a Chi-Rho learning trip to the Heifer Project Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, from Tuesday, June 9 to Saturday, June 13. All Chi-Rho youth are invited. The cost is \$250, which includes all meals, transportation, tee shirt, lodging, and a trip to a water park. For more information, contact Jody Heil.



For many of the world's people, cooking a meal is fairly simple. You take cooking tools out of the cabinet, fill pots with water from the sink, gather ingredients from the refrigerator and use a stove or microwave to cook the food. You can have a simple meal in 30 minutes or less. Many people give little thought to how the accessibility of these items affects their day to day life. But for many of the world's poor, these conveniences are unavailable.

For one night, Global Gateway participants experience the daily struggles people in poverty face everyday to simply feed their family a meager meal. Participants are given little – just some rice, vegetables and eggs – and before they can eat, they must find a way to build a fire and cook their meal. The challenge continues on into the night as they sleep in simple housing, such as a bamboo Thailand home. By living the lessons of poverty first-hand, participants come to understand the complications surrounding hunger and poverty and see their connection in creating change that brings possibility and hope to millions around the world.

District 9 Ski Trip at Perfect North

Saturday, February 14

All Disciples Churches in District 9 are invited to a fun day of skiing and/or snowboarding at Perfect North Slopes on Saturday, February 14. Meet at Crestwood Christian Church at 7:45 am. We will stop for dinner on the way home and should be back at the church by 9 pm. There are two options on the cost: Ski/Snowboard Rental, Lift Ticket, Lunch—\$70

If you already have Skis/Snowboard and just need a lift ticket and lunch—\$38

Please contact Rhonda at the church office for more information.



Worship and Wonder

All children are invited to attend Worship and Wonder during Sunday morning worship services. This is a time for the children to experience the stories of the Bible. We are also looking for greeters to help out with this ministry. If interested, please contacted Jody.

Acolyte Schedule

February 1—Will Schein & Marcus Watson

February 8—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts

February 15—J.T. Batts & Preston Lutter

February 22—Clay Rouse & Sam Hatfield

Community News and Notes

Community Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 25 @ 7 pm

There will be a Community Ash Wednesday Service at Midway United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 25 at 7 pm. Elder Christ Wright of Pilgrim Baptist Church will be guest speaker.

General Minister And President Sharon E. Watkins

Selected To Deliver Sermon At National Prayer Service

Please join Disciples everywhere in congratulating General Minister and President Sharon Watkins in being selected to deliver the sermon at President-Elect Barack Obama's National Prayer Service on Wednesday, January 21.

The Presidential Inauguration Committee in Washington, D.C. has prepared a press release that gives details about Rev. Watkins' role in the service. That release is listed below. You may also be interested in reading the article about Dr. Watkins involvement in the prayer service that appears on page 16 in the first section of the Sunday, January 11 New York Times. You can find that article by going to:

www.nytimes.com/2009/01/11/us/politics/11minister.html

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

And

No Talent Show

Tuesday, February 24

6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall



Please contact the church office if you would like to participate in the no talent show. If you would like to help decorate and set up, please be at the church by 5:30 pm.

Stewardship Of Creation Committee

Wanted: Advocates in each congregation.

Qualifications, Expectations & Benefits

- ◆ Love of creation
- ◆ Desire to encourage earth care
- ◆ Desire to educate others
- ◆ Ability to communicate through newsletters, bulletins, announcements within your congregation
- ◆ Benefits: A sense of contribution to the stewardship of God's earth

Applicants: Contact Anne Fuller (contact person for the Kentucky Region's Stewardship of Creation committee) at arfuller@aol.com. Please put "Green Chalice" in the subject line.



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