

Happy Mother's Day



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Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Pentecost Celebration

Sunday, May 31@ 11 am



On Sunday, May 31, Midway Christian Church will worship at Second Christian Church for our annual Pentecost celebration. Each year we worship together on Pentecost to celebrate our beginnings as brothers and sisters in faith. Rev. Heather McColl will be preaching. We will have a potluck lunch following the service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone.

Member Spotlight: Gloria Batts

Gloria Devers Batts is a life long member of MCC. She is chair of the Worship committee, chair of a pastoral care committee, deacon, and sings in the choir. Her parents, Richard Devers of Cynthiana and Mary Devers of Frankfort, along with her grandparents, Van and Lucille Johnson, introduced her to MCC at a very young age. She grew up in Midway with Barbara Columbia and Gretchen Portwood as her childhood best friends. They were all baptized on Easter Sunday along with other MCC notables Marlin Mitchell, Johnny McDaniel, and Paul Noel.



Gloria has many fond memories of Sunday School and Bible School with great role models like Lois Redden, Louise McKinney, Francis Leer, Betty Ann Voigt, and Gloria's mother, Mary, as teachers. She was a regular attendee at "Circle Meetings", accompanying her mother/grandmother. Camp WaKon' DaHo left a lasting impression on her faith journey. Christmas pageants and CYF led by Ruth Roach will never be forgotten. No Christmas Eve service goes by without remembering Aunt Doris House, singing "Jesu Bamino" with Jewell Dean Phillips at the organ.

Gloria is married to Dr. James Batts, her high school sweetheart. In 2005, they both retired from their teaching professions. Gloria taught for 33 years at elementary schools in Woodford Co. Jim taught at ECU and continues to teach part time at UK. They have one son, John, daughter-in-law, Cindy, and two grandchildren, Jordan and James Thomas (J.T.) whom they adore. Gloria is grateful her retirement has given her the gift of time to be with family and friends, to take on more responsibilities at church, and to volunteer.

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$135,684.92
Received to date: \$134,965.68

Church News and Notes

Pastoral Word:

I was thinking the other day about how much Midway Christian Church has accomplished in three years. We have struggled with our calling as God's people and discerned that God was calling us to be a welcoming community of faith in all that we do. We continue to live out our faith in authentic ways and we are always open to where God may call us in the future.

As my thoughts were circling around how much Midway Christian Church has accomplished, I have to admit that I was also thinking about how much we need to accomplish to live out this vision and mission of WELCOME that God has laid upon our hearts. We continue to struggle to develop a new church structure that will free us up to do God's ministry. We have an outline in place and we have committed ourselves to a six month trial period, but a lot of unknowns. And one of my biggest frustrations is that I don't have any answers to your questions. I have to admit that I don't like giving the answer: "I don't know" when someone asks about the new structure. It is completely frustrating for me because I am a type A personality. I like to know all the details. I like to know how we are going to get there. I like having a back up plan. And I have to admit that I am in totally new territory as we live out this new structure during our six month trial basis.

So it is interesting that I found myself, being urged by something, maybe the Holy Spirit, to go back and listen again to the Exodus story, to re-read a newsletter article that I did when we first started this process, and to hear once again God's word for us as a congregation.

"For the last few months, the journey that Moses took as a leader has been laying heavy on my heart and has given me strength for the upcoming journey of transformation that awaits our church family. The part of the story that has become part of my prayer life is that moment right after they crossed the Red Sea. Before that moment, all the people of Israel could think of was death and destruction. They just knew that the Pharaoh's army would capture them and send them back to slavery or worse, kill them. In that moment, death seemed to loom large for the Israelite people. And then a miracle happened. Moses parted the Red Sea under the guiding arm of God...There was joy and happiness after crossing the Red Sea for the Israelite people but there were also questions. Where was Moses leading them? Where would their next meal come from? Who was in charge? Did anyone know what was going on? Everything was new and everything was in limbo.

For the next forty years, Moses, along with other leaders, figured out how to be the Israelite people. They came up with structures for worship. They developed laws that would guide their lives. They came up with structures that would eventually define who they were as a nation. It took them forty years but they figured it out.

It is this moment that resonates with me at this point in our faith journey together. It think this is where we are right now as a church. We have crossed the Red Sea and now have to go about the business of figuring out how to be the Church in today's society. We as a church have been given and have embraced a vision and mission that was laid upon our hearts by God. And now we have to figure out how we are going to live out that mission and vision....

We must remember that Israel didn't reach the Promised Land quickly. It took them forty years of wondering before they made it. And I am sure that on their journey, they did a lot of self-reflection, a lot of learning about who they were, and who they wanted to be as God's people. We must also remember that they had some rocky points along the journey.

We must also remember that God was there to guide them as a cloud by day and as a pillar of fire by night. God provided food from heaven each morning and meat each night. God watched over them on their journey. God provided for them on their journey. And God lead them to the Promised Land."

These are words that I needed to hear again. God is guiding us even now. God is walking with us as we struggle to live out this new structure. God is providing us with opportunities to "tweak" this structure as we go along. God is there pushing us, guiding us, leading us, and help us discern how this new structure will and can free us up to do the ministry of God's Kingdom.

Heather

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



May 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10: 11-18

Sermon: "The Good Shepherd"

May 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Scripture: John 15: 1-8

Sermon: "The True Vine"

May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Consecration Sunday

Scripture: John 15: 9-17

Sermon: "A Greater Love"

May 24

Last Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 17: 6-19

Sermon: "Not of this World"

May 31—Pentecost Sunday

Worship at Second Christian Church

Scripture: John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

Title: "When the Advocate Comes"

Serving This Month

Elders

Adele Dickerson

Dan Roller

Deacons

Tom Arehart, Gloria Batts, Sharon Burchell, Jeanne Clark, Scott Congleton, Teresa Hoppin, Jim McDanil, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Pat Wilson, Charlann Wombles, Jim Wombles

Junior Deacon

Franklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

May 3—TBA

May 10—TBA

May 17—TBA

May 24—TBA

May 31—TBA

Sunday School

Bible 101: The Gospels

We will continue with our study of the Gospels, taking a look at the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

So come and join us on Sunday mornings. Sunday School begins at **9:30 a.m.** with sharing of joys and concerns.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 21 @ 9:00 am

Our next Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, June 21 at 9 am. We will have breakfast beforehand, so everyone is asked to bring a breakfast item such as casseroles, fruit, donuts, etc. Drinks will be provided.

Missions News & Notes

May Mission: Midway Nursing Home Task Force and Boy Scout Troop 40

The Midway Nursing Home Task Force was formed ten years ago when the need for a nursing home for Midway arose. This group has been working diligently to achieve this mission. Now the Task Force has teamed up with Christian Care Communities and are in the process of making that mission a reality.

Boy Scout Troop 40 was started at MCC in the 90's and has become a wonderful mission of the church. The Boy Scout Troop has helped the church on many occasions with mission projects, yard work, and outreach in our community.

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of April 27: Nancy Dare, Phil & Sharon Burchell, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Priscilla Crutcher, Pat Settlemire.



The next Meals on Wheels delivery will be the week of May 25, 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.



Midway College Study Break

Wednesday, May 6

Midway Christian Church will be hosting a "Study Break" for students at Midway College on Wednesday, May 6 from 8-9 pm. Will need donations of homemade goodies, such as brownies, cookies, etc. and we will also need a few people to pass out the snacks and drinks. If you would like to help out, please call the church office.



Palm Sunday Processional

Jack Hill, Jordan Batts, Betsy Schein, and Nate Hill

Kroger Cards

Please remember to keep using your Kroger cards for all your Kroger purchases. You can use it to purchase groceries, prescriptions, and gas. This has been a wonderful fundraiser for our church. To date we have raised \$2,383.84.

Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 3 @ Noon

The Board will meet on Sunday, May 3 immediately after church. Lunch will be served. Deacons, Elders, and Ministry co-leaders are encouraged to attend.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, May 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Elders will meet on Sunday, May 31 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.

Consecration Day

Sunday, May 17

As we continue to live out our vision of becoming a more Christ Centered, welcoming community of faith, we realized that part of achieving this vision is becoming better stewards of the generous and plentiful gifts and resources that God bless us with as people of faith.

The Finance Committee is asking that you place your pledge and talent cards in the offering plate on Consecration Day, May 17, as a sign of your commitment and your response to God's grace that has been shown to you as a child of God.

Ten Thousand Villages

The Finance Committee has purchased new items from Ten Thousand Villages. These items are available for purchase in Fellowship Hall. Some items will be taken to May & Co. and sold for the church. All proceeds will benefit the capital project.

Disciples Women

Thursday, May 21 @ 6:30 pm

Disciples Women will meet for dinner at Margie Evans home in Versailles on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 pm. Please call the church office at 846-4102 to RSVP *no later than Monday, May 18.*

This will be our last meeting until August and "Prayer Partners" names will be revealed that evening!



Keenagers

Thursday, May 28 @ 11:30

The Keenagers will travel to Holly Hill Inn for lunch on Thursday, May 28 at 11:30 am. Please call the church office to RSVP by Sunday, May 17.

Vacation Bible School 2009

Crocodile Dock

Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light



Date: July 7—July 9

Time: 5:30-6:00pm—dinner

6:00-8:00pm—program

Ages: Preschool—Jr. High

If anyone is interested in helping with VBS, please contact Jody.

Children's Ministry

Greetings Children and Youth!!!

I hope this month's newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying God's beautiful creation! With May not only comes beautiful weather and baseball but ... a month full of exciting events!

On **May 3rd** we will be playing the ever popular Romans and Christians!!!!

On **May 10th** We will not be having youth group. I encourage you all to spend the evening with your mothers in your lives and let them know how much they mean to you!

On **May 17th** we are starting a new game called ... **ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE PASTOR?** Heather and I invite the youth and children to join us for a question and answer time. If you have a question about the Bible, or Disciples or Church feel free to come and ask it! I'm sure we'll all learn a lot!

On **May 24th** we will be watching **Happy Feet!** There will be pizza served and drinks provided. Bring a friend, bring something comfy to cuddle up on the floor with and bring your favorite snack to share as we watch and learn about how to be better stewards of our environment.

On **May 31st** we will be participating in a Bible study on Pentecost. Bring a friend and join us as we explore the wonders of what happened on Pentecost so many years ago. We'll explore questions about how it must've felt to be there and what this story has to teach us today!

Just a few reminders

Registration for our Chi Rho mission trip to Heifer Ranch is still open. Contact me either through email @ jody.heil@lextheo.edu , by phone, or through the church office.

Make sure to get your registration for camps in asap, our camps here in Kentucky fill up fast so be sure to get your registration in asap. I will be attending Chi Rho 2 and Eighter's camp as a counselor!

Remember youth group is open to all ages. We have a wide range of attendees and encourage you to join us!

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Jody!

Acolyte Schedule

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

June 7—Clay Rouse & Sam Hatfield

June 14—Jack & Nate Hill

June 21—Will Schein & Marcus Watson

June 28—Betsy Schein & Jordan Batts

Community News and Notes

The Midway Branch of the Woodford County Library



The final touches are being made on the beautiful new Midway Branch of the Woodford County Library. BCD, Inc. the general contractor is busy working on the interior of the building and as soon as there is a break in the weather the landscaping will be put in place. The furniture and fixtures for the building are scheduled to begin arriving in mid to late April. Michelle Guilette from Interior Solutions Group and Amanda Flynn from Only Libraries, Ltd. have put together a warm and inviting interior design for the new library.

The Midway Branch has become a reality thanks to the hard work and dedication of many individuals and organizations involved in the project. The Board of Directors of the Woodford County Library District moved seamlessly from opening the new library in Versailles to searching for land in Midway to build a branch. Through the generosity of the Midway City Council a very special piece of land was gifted to the Library District. The empty lot located at 400 Northside Drive proved to be the ideal spot for the new library. The location provides easy access to Northside Elementary, Northridge Estates and downtown Midway. The branch is within walking distance to most of the city and easily accessed by bicycle or car. The Woodford County Board of Education was also very supportive of the project by allowing an easement so that the water and sewer lines for the new building could be connected. The Midway Free Public Library has generously donated its existing book collection to the new branch. The library staff will start moving the books and computers into the building in mid-May in preparation for opening day.

The much anticipated grand opening for the Midway Branch has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30th. The day will be filled with music, food and celebration. The library that was once a dream has become a reality. Please mark your calendar, and join us in celebration!

Article taken from the April issue of the Midway Matters Newsletter

Week of Wonder: May 31 - June 5, 2009

Join adults from all over to help Christmount get ready for the summer! Raking, weeding, painting, light construction, trail work, and other things need to get done to get Christmount ready for a summer of ministry to youth and adults. After a long winter, there are so many things you can do to help out maintenance crew and transform Christmount into a wondrous place for our campers and conferees!

Housing will be in the Guest Houses (hotel-style rooms). Cost covers meals from Monday breakfast through Friday breakfast.

We will work in the mornings and afternoons; evenings will include vespers services and time for relaxing on the deck or in your room.

The cost is \$125 per person. For more information, please go to www.christmount.org/Weekofwonder.htm

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