



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

September, 2009

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Disciples Women Annual Rummage Sale

September 18-20

The annual Rummage Sale, sponsored by Disciples Women, will take place during this year's Fall Festival, September 18-20. Hours are Friday and Saturday, September 18 & 19, 8 am to 5 pm and Sunday, September 20 from noon to 5 pm.

Now is the time to clean out those closets, attics, garages, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off in the basement of Fellowship Hall. If you have items to donate but are unable to bring them, contact the church office and we will arrange to get them picked up.



Work days have been scheduled for Monday, September 14 at 9 am and Wednesday & Thursday, September 16 & 17 at 9 am. We will also be working each night at 6 pm.

A continuing education fund will be established for Disciples Women and all money collected above their annual budget needs will go towards this fund.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Pulpit Supply

Rev. Crystal McAliley will be our guest preacher on Sunday, September 6 and 13.

Rev. McAliley is currently staying home to raise her two children, Anna who is 4, and Patrick who is 2. Her husband Keith is the Pastor of Bridgeport Christian Church. For the past year she has been supply preaching and leading Children's Worship & Wonder trainings. She was most recently Associate Minister at First Christian Church, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Ten Thousand Villages

Midway Christian Church will be hosting a booth at the Midway Fall Festival on September 19 & 20. We will be selling items from Ten Thousand Villages.

We will need volunteers to help set up on Friday evening. We will also need volunteers to sign up for two hour shifts either on Saturday or Sunday. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex or you may call the church

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$27,864.88

Received to date: \$24,783.22

Church News and Notes



Sarah's Story



Sarah Ann McColl was born on Christmas Eve at 2:57 PM. She came into the world screaming as she was taken out of the warm confines of Heather's womb. Sarah was a beautiful creature that lit up each room that she entered or every time you walked into to see her. She wrapped this dad around her finger the first time her tiny hand grasped my finger. Sarah had this striking beauty that drew you to stop and linger with her and to stare into her beautiful blue eyes.

Heather and I have known for a while that Sarah was considered a "floppy baby" and was later diagnosed with a general term called Hypotonia, which means that she had low muscle tone. So we started working with an amazing program called First Steps, thanks to a friend's suggestion. Sarah had two amazing Therapists, Gina and April. They taught her to turn her head to the right and left, to hold her head in the middle of her body, to reach out and grasp things with both hands, and to roll over with assistance. In the couple of months that they worked with Sarah, she made great progress and loved her time with them.

Heather, Sarah and I got to do a few trips together in her time with us. We got to go to Pittsburgh for Julie and Jonathan's wedding in April where we went to the Zoo and Aquarium and she escorted me into the reception. Then in May we traveled to North Carolina to see family and to watch me and Aunt Laura, along with Jon and Julie to run a Tri at White Lake, while there she got to dip her toes into White Lake. She also got to travel to Christmount, Grandparents Houses in North Carolina and Indiana. She also attended her first General Assembly in Indianapolis where she met her Cousin Amanda.

Sarah went to the neurologist two weeks ago and was tested for various things including a genetic disorder called Spinal Muscular Atrophy. SMA is a degenerative disease that has different types. Sadly, we are still waiting on the results from this test and Heather and I will be tested as carriers of this also. Sarah was tested for Type 1, which is for infants and is fatal.

One of the issues, with babies with Low Tone is that they are not able to get a good cough and to get stuff out of their throat.

Last Friday, August 14, Sarah had a cold and was struggling to breath so Heather took her to the emergency room at UK Hospital and she was admitted to the Pediatric ICU. She was on oxygen and an IV drip and Antibiotics for possible Pneumonia. Saturday and Sunday she was doing better and we were working to bring her home. On Monday, she had a set back and the middle lobe of her right lung had collapsed. She was put back on High Flow oxygen to help re-inflate her lung. At this point we started to talk about keeping Sarah comfortable and not in pain. So on Wednesday morning we met with the UK Palliative Care Team and Daniel's Care, a part of Hospice for children. At this point, our doctors were pretty sure that she had SMA and we were looking for the best care possible for Sarah.

Yesterday afternoon, around 12:15 PM she went into Cardiac Arrest. The PICU team did CPR and brought her back to life. At that point we knew that it was time to make her as comfortable as possible. We removed her oxygen and her NG tube and we got to hold her and talk to her and she was passed from family member to family member. Heather and I got to lay down with her and talk with her and she slept on my chest all night long. This morning about 7:00 AM we made the decision to bring her home and she calmed right down. Heather and I got to walk with her out of the hospital and feel the breeze blowing across her face and brought her home where we were able to give her a bath, put on an outfit from Costa Rica and a Lady Bug Dress, she loved her Lady Bugs. We also got to put her in her swing and to see her dog Jake and some of our cats. Daniels Care came to our house and started the process of her care. Sarah was hungry and so we offered her some milk and after that small taste she quietly and quickly with no struggle and no pain walked over to sit in God's Arms where she can sit up, crawl and run.

Our little Sarah bear, left this world to God's world at 12:50 PM on Thursday, August 20th.

Heather and I and our family are eternally grateful for the love, support, prayers, thoughts, tears, and food that so many of you have offered.

Mike McColl (*written Thursday, August 20, 2009*)

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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

September 6

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 7: 24-37

Sermon: "Who gets to eat first?"

September 13

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 8: 27-38

Sermon: "Who do you say that Jesus is?"

September 20

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 9: 30-37

Sermon: "Child-like faith"

September 27

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 9: 38-50

Sermon: "Have you lost your flavor?"

Serving This Month

Elders

Jan Nance

Karen Murphy

Deacons

Tom Arehart, Gloria Batts, Scott Congleton, Jim McDaniel, Carole Munson, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles

Junior Deacon

Jordan Batts, Nate Hill, Franklin Watson,

Worship Leaders:

September 6—TBA

September 13—TBA

September 20—TBA

September 27—TBA

Sunday School

Jeannie Hill will be teaching Sunday School the month of September.

Acolyte Schedule

September 6—Nate & Jack Hill

September 13—Gregory & Marcus Watson

September 20—Betsy & Will Schein

September 27—Jordan & J.T. Batts

Sarah Ann McColl Memorial

Heather and Mike have started a Memorial Fund at Lafayette Christian Child-care Center in Sarah's memory. Sarah was blessed to be in their care where she was loved beyond measure.

Their address is Lafayette Christian Childcare Center, 1836 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington, KY 40503.

WORLD CONVENTION NAMES INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President B.J. Mpofo has announced the appointment of William H. "Bill" McDonald as Interim Executive Director of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, a global ministry serving Christian Churches of Christ—Disciples of Christ everywhere, every day. Bill has been a long supporter of the World Convention having attended the global gatherings in Mexico City, Honolulu, Brighton and Nashville. For the 2008 Convention in Nashville he coordinated the efforts that brought a popular youth choir to the US from France.

Youth News and Notes

Greetings Parents, Youth and Children,

It has been a rough start to the church and school year for this congregation. Let me just say what a blessing it has been to be your pastor during these rough times. I have experienced the love of Christ in these past few days, and I feel honored and privileged to be a part of such a caring congregation. You continually impress me with your ability to get things done and your faith in your God as you walk this journey of faith together with such grace and poise that it is evident the whole spirit moves and works through each and every one of you. It is an honor to serve Midway Christian Church. As we move back into some sense of normalcy, I encourage you to continue to lean on one another and to spend some time with the Psalms. This is a wonderful and therapeutic practice, and one I have found great comfort in. Grief is a difficult path to navigate and I invite you to walk with one another in grace and understanding and to contact your elders or the church staff if needed. I love you and am holding each and every one of you in my thoughts and prayers.

I'd like to thank the church for allowing me to go on vacation the Thursday through Monday of Labor Day weekend. I am dearly missing my family and am looking forward to spending quality time with them.

As we resume our regular routine the youth group is quickly moving into full swing. On August 22nd the youth accompanied by myself and three other adults went off to King's Island for the weekend. We all had a great time and only wished that our time there could've been longer!

We are currently in week two of a new and exciting Sunday School curriculum focused around "The Bible Experience", a star studded dramatization of the Bible during which we journal/ write/ draw about our experiences. This is something all ages can enjoy and all ages are welcome. So join us in Fellowship Hall for the Sunday School hour and we'd love you to join us!

On **September 6th** there will be **No Sunday School** and **No Youth Group** as I will be out of town on vacation and several members of the congregation will be as well.

On **September 13th** we will be having our first ever **Kids in the Kitchen** event, put on by myself and Ouita Michel. This event is where the **youth and children will gather at the church at 2:00pm** to prepare the meal. Each child and youth will be given a task according to their ability. **The congregation will be joining us for a meal at 5pm.** This is a way for our children and youth to not only learn a life skill of cooking but also to experience and learn about service and hospitality in the Christian tradition.



On **September 20th** we will be having a **Bible Study on Mission Work** and why it is important to the church. Youth and children will gather at the church at **6:00pm**.

On **September 27th** the youth and children will be participating in the **Crop Walk** in Lexington. Please **bring a comfortable change of clothes (including walking shoes) and a sack lunch. We will leave after church.**

Again I would like to thank the church for everything you do, you are truly a testimony of what it means to be the church. May God's blessings be upon you and give you peace.

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Jody

Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meeting

There will be a Board meeting on Sunday, September 13, immediately following the service.

Elders' Meeting

Sunday, September 27 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Elders will meet Sunday, September 27 at 6p.m.

Thank You...

The family of Louise Goins wishes to thank each of you for helping us through this difficult time. The many forms of sympathy we received are deeply appreciated and your presence at her visitation and the funeral service would have pleased Louise very much, as it did the family. Your show of love and support is appreciated and meant a lot to all of us.

Adelaine McDaniel & family

Good News from the Nursing Home Task Force

In July the Board of Midway College and the Board of Christian Care Communities both met and unanimously agreed to negotiate the sale/purchase of 8 acres on the Wiesenberger Mill Road as the site for a Retirement Community development. The 2 institutions have been in discussion for several months over the land and now will negotiate a final purchase price. The Midway Nursing Home Task Force has expressed enthusiasm for this beautiful location and gratitude for the progress in the talks. Look for more information at the CCC Booth at the Fall Festival.

McColl/Woodruff Addresses

If you would like to send notes and cards to grandparents of Sarah Ann McColl, their addresses are:

Lewis & Sandra Woodruff—504 Ropley Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455

Doug & Pat McColl—5432 Kerns Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Heather and Mike's address—PO Box 4390, Midway, KY 40347

Keenagers

Thursday, September 24, 2009

The Keenagers will be traveling to Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill for lunch on Thursday, September 24. We will meet at the church at 10:30am to carpool.



You are invited to attend the wedding of

Janet Tietjen

and

Doug Mullins

on Saturday, September 5, 2009

at 3:00 pm

Midway Christian Church

Reception to follow at their home

118 Elkhorn Bend Dr., Midway, Ky

Thank You...

On behalf of our family, Doug, Pat, David, Andrea, Amanda, Richard and Corina, we would like to thank all of the members and friends of Midway Christian Church for their outpouring of love and support to Heather and Michael and all of us during the past difficult days. Thank you so very much.

The McColl Family

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of August 17: Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Pat Wilson, Phil Burchell, Nancy & Phil Dare, Pat Settlemire



The next Meals on Wheels delivery is the week of September 14.

If anyone is interested in delivering meals on wheels in Midway once a month, please call Pat Settlemire @ 846-4343. We could use new volunteers.

Food Pantry

The *Midway Food Pantry* is in need of cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, cereal, and canned vegetables. You may drop off any items in the tub located in the narthex.



September Missions

Disciples Mission Fund: The 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 for 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." As a faithful growing church, Disciples demonstrate true sense of community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

Midway Branch of the Woodford Co. Library: The newly built Midway Branch of the Woodford Co. Library is a huge asset to the Midway community. In September they will be offering computer classes on Friday's, from 10:30 am to noon. The book club will meet on September 21 at 6:30 pm.



"Many Members, One Table" is the theme for this year's Reconciliation Ministry offering, which will be received in congregations on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. Funds from the offering support the Church's effort to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church advancing the Church's identity as "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world."

KY Disciples Women 2009 Fall Retreat

The Kentucky Disciples Women Fall Retreat will be held October 10-11, 2009 at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton, KY.



The keynote speaker will be Verity Jones, Editor of Disciples World magazine.

Registration of \$25 should be sent to CCK by September 26. You will need to make your lodging arrangements no later than one month prior to the event by calling the Park at 866-462-8853.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Community News and Notes

Lay School of Theology at Lexington Theological Seminary

Session I: September 12, 19, and 26

From Jesus to Christ

Dr. Jerry Sumney, Professor of Biblical Studies

Recent media pundits have picked up the question of how the church moved from the simple beliefs of the traveling preacher, Jesus, to the proclamation of the Lord Christ. This study will examine and explore that question. We will look at what we can know from the earliest times about what the church said about Jesus, when it began to make claims about Jesus as Savior, and how it decided that he possesses an exalted place in heaven. This will lead us to explore how Christology developed in the first three or four centuries of the church's history.

Session II: October 3, 10, and 17

Catholic Theology Meets American Freedom

Dr. Louis Swift, Distinguished Professor at the University of Kentucky and Adjunct Professor in Roman Catholic Studies at LTS

Traditional teaching in Roman Catholicism looked to the state to safeguard right doctrine and to foster conversion to the true Church. Jesuit John Courtney Murray (1904-1967) was the first major theologian to convince the bishops of the profound spiritual value to be found in American religious liberty and the separation of church and state. In doing so, he became the dominant voice behind the "Declaration of Religious Liberty" in Vatican II and a major force in the development of Catholic beliefs about the interplay between religious and secular ideals.

This study will explore the courage and creativity which enabled Murray to lead his Church onto a new path and to make a distinctly American contribution to the history of doctrine.

Session III: November 7, 14, and 21

Financial Decisions: Issues for Individuals and Institutions

Dr. Jim Johnson, President, LTS, Former President, Christian Church Foundation, and Former Director of Planned Giving for the Mayo Foundation

Individuals, families, congregations, and institutions face difficult decisions about money. How will those decisions be made? What is the role of Christian faith? How will these decisions change our personal lives? What will happen to our churches and institutions? How will those institutions make decisions?

In this study, we will explore the dynamics of making financial decisions as individuals and as institutions. We will also explore the opportunities available to us during these challenging times.

Registration Information

Each course meets on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall at Lexington Theological Seminary. Registration is \$50 for each course or \$140 for all three courses in a semester. For more information, contact Bill Turner by e-mail: bturner@lextheo.edu or by phone: 859-280-1253.

Registration deadlines:

Fall Session One or all three courses – September 7

Fall Session Two – September 28

Fall Session Three – November 1

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