



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

January, 2010

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## We Need Your Family Recipes!

Midway Christian Church is putting a cookbook together and not just any cookbook, but a cookbook that tells "our story". It will include our history as a church and a community. Don't worry if you are "new" (25 years or less) to Midway. You are part of the story as well!

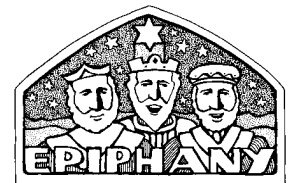


We are looking for recipes that share memories. They can be either Midway memories or family memories. So if you have a copy of Momma Wilson's Apple Cake or Francis Leer's Lemon Cake or any of your family recipes, we want to include them in the cookbook. There is a form on our website for recipe collection. You can turn these forms into Sharon Burchell or Mary Sayre or see them for more information.

We are also holding a contest to "name" this cookbook. If you have a title suggestion, please give it to Sharon Burchell or Mary Sayre.

## Epiphany Feast

*Wednesday, January 6 @ 6:30 pm*



## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

Midway Christian Church is celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany with a medieval menu prepared by Chef Ouita Michel and her staff. The feast will be served at the Midway College Piper Dining Hall. The feast will begin with the traditional parade of the boar's head. The festive buffet will feature the roast hog stuffed with sausages; roasted onions with balsamic vinegar and honey; honey-roasted chicken; saffron rice pilaf; carrot pudding with currants and dates; sweet-and-sour cabbage and lentils; salad of lettuces, fennel, mint, parsley, flowers and egg; king cake; poached pears; and candied pine nuts. Appetizers include ancient Turkish flatbread, cheese and walnut dip, spiced toasted almonds, spelt bread and olives. Entertainment will be provided by Muzik, a medieval music group that plays authentic replicas of ancient instruments.

*Reservations are required. Please call the church office to RSVP. The cost is \$25 per person.*

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*The staff of Midway Christian Church would like to thank everyone for the Christmas love offering! We wish you a very happy and healthy New Year!*

## Budget Update

**Budgeted to date: \$83,594.64**

**Received to date: \$81,341.08**

## A Pastoral Word

What a difference a year makes! 2009 has been a rough year for a lot of us at MCC and I have heard several of you (me included) say that you can't wait for 2009 to be over and to see what 2010 holds for all of us. So I share these words from Ecclesiastes 3. May they bring you hope and strength for this new year:

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace...He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds"*

Let us remember that God was with us in the beginning, is with us now, and will continue to be with us through all of life's ups and downs. Let us remember that God continues to hold us in the palm of God's hand. And let us always remember that we are not alone on this journey that we call life!

### Laity Sunday

*Sunday, January 24th*

On Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Midway Christian Church will be celebrating Laity Sunday as a "great opportunity to help everyone explore and recognize the many types of ministry that members of the congregation have been uniquely gifted to accomplish". During the service, Jack Morgan, Sue Roberts and Nate Hill will be giving testimonies about their faith. They will share with us their faith journeys and who God is for them as people of faith. We are celebrating Laity Sunday because "The *Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)* are a people built upon laity and clergy *working together* in service to Christ. *Laity Sunday* is a special time to reflect upon, promote, and celebrate the many roles served by [our] congregation's lay ministers, both inside and outside [our] church walls". As we continue to live out our mission of WELCOME, this Sunday gives us an opportunity for all of the ministers of Midway Christian Church to engage in their role as leaders of this church. (www.disciples.org)

### Update on Heifer Ark Project

As part of our Advent Conspiracy for the Season of Advent, Midway Christian Church decided to collect money for an ark through Heifer International which contains 15 pairs of animals that Heifer International sends out across the world. The cost of the ark is \$5000. The hope was that instead of buying Christmas presents for everyone, that our members would donate that money to the ark project and give the gift of life instead. We began collecting money the first of December and will continue to collect money through to Epiphany, Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>. As of today, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we have raised...**\$4,805** towards our ark!! There is still time to donate towards the ark project. You can make your checks out to Midway Christian Church and mark in the memo line "Heifer Ark Project. There are gift cards available so that you can give someone a note that explains where the Christmas gift money is going. Thanks MCC!!

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### January 3

*Epiphany Sunday*

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon: "Following Yonder Star"

#### January 10

*First Sunday after Epiphany*

*Baptism Sunday*

Scripture: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Sermon: "Baptized by water, Baptized by Fire"

#### January 17

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

Scripture: John 2: 1-11

Sermon: "They have no wine"

#### January 24

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

*Laity Sunday*

Scripture: Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon: "Sharing our stories"

#### January 31

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

Scripture: Luke 4: 21-30

Sermon: "Working in Our Own Backyard"

### Serving This Month

#### Elders

Etta Manor

Jan Nance

#### Deacons

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

#### Junior Deacon

Steele Rouse, Betsy Schein, Will Schein

#### Worship Leaders:

**January 3**—Sharon Burchell

**January 10**—Gretchen Portwood

**January 17**—Adele Dickerson

**January 24**—Ray Clark

**January 31**—Nate Hill

### Sunday School



Our 5 Sundays of Bible Study, beginning January 3rd, will be devoted to the broad topic

FAITH, with sharing from our own personal faith walks, as well as scripture based discussions of such topics as follows: "Oh, ye of little faith.", How our faith as Christians is tested and strengthened through hard times and trials, How faith produces righteousness and salvation, How faith without love is useless, How faith protects us, and provides for our salvation, How we may help those weak in faith, and at the same time strengthen our own faith, and How Jesus saw faith, noting the Roman with more demonstrated faith than the Jews He was rebuking - "I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel." (Luke 7:9).



### Baptism Sunday

On Sunday, January 10, we will be celebrating Baptism Sunday. During the service, there will be a chance for all of us to renew our baptism by dipping our hands in the water and hearing God's promise to us once more. Everyone is invited to come forward whether you have been baptized or not because it is also an opportunity for us as people of faith to re-commit ourselves to Christ.

## Youth News and Notes

### Greetings Parents, Children and Youth!

Wow! Was December ever a busy month for Midway Christian Church! I hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! We've had so many great and powerful ministries going on with the MCC youth and children. In December we had yet another Kids in the Kitchen which went even better than the first! Kids and adults worked together to create a fabulous Christmas feast and we had a lot of guests! Thank you so much to all of you who have been a part of this ministry. Through Kids in the Kitchen MCC is teaching children and youth and I would even dare say, parents about hospitality and what it means to be the church. We also went on our annual caroling expedition in December. What a wonderful night it was! The temperature was just cold enough to be festive, but warm enough to walk comfortably in the sounds of little angel voices were ringing through the trees and hot chocolate, cider and cookies abound! Thank you to everyone who helped out with this ministry we were able to bring cheer to families in Midway through the ring of our voices!

What's coming up? We've got quite the interesting January here. Of course we will still have Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the youth room which is upstairs.

On **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** we will be **meeting immediately after church for a planning meeting**. Please remember to bring your calendars and any ideas that you have for our spring activities!

On **January 10<sup>th</sup>** we will be **painting the youth room at 6:00pm**. This is a project the youth and children have been begging to do since I came to Midway so here's your chance, paint your name in the youth room and leave your mark for future generations to see. We will need adults to help with this project. If you are interested please email or call Jody or the church office.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE!!!!** On **January 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be having our **Annual Chilli Cook Off!** Youth and children will be gathering at **4:30pm** to set up and the cookoff will start at **5:30pm**. Bring your best chilli and we'll see who wins first place! Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex for people to help clean up and tear down for this event.

On **January 24<sup>th</sup>** we will be playing **Romans and Christians**, meet at the church at **6:00pm** Feel free to bring a friend.

On **January 31<sup>st</sup>** we will be playing **Sardines** again meet at the church at **6:00pm** and friends are always welcome.

Breathe in Jesus, Breathe out Peace,

Jody



Disciples Women putting Christmas bags together for our members who are shut-ins or are homebound.

### Acolyte Schedule

**January 3**—Faith & Noelle Gruzsky

**January 10**—Sam Hatfield & Will Schein

**January 17**—Willa Michel & Luke Hill

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

**January 31**—Gregory & Marcus Watson

## Mission News and Notes

### Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of December 7 : Charlann Wombles, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Anne Burford, Pat Settlemyre. The next delivery is January 4, 2010.

### January Mission Payments

**Christian Care Communities:** Christian Care Communities is Kentucky's largest faith-based not-for-profit provider of senior retirement living and long-term care for Older Adults. Founded in Louisville in 1884 to care for widows and orphans, Christian Care serves Older Adults through an extensive network of retirement communities, including independent living apartments and patio and garden homes, assisted living, adult day care and skilled nursing care.

We also have an extensive outreach program to more than 230 Disciples of Christ/Churches of Christ, Independent Christian Churches, as well as other denominations, who are valuable partners in helping Christian Care Communities with funding initiatives and volunteerism efforts.

### HOPE in a Bag

As the weather turns colder it is time to think about the homeless in our community. The Hope Center is collecting personal hygiene items and articles of clothing for the homeless men and women of Lexington.

The following "travel-size" items are needed and can be dropped off to the church office: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, soap, disposable razors, deodorant, feminine items, band-aids, chap stick, cough drops, socks, hats, and gloves.

### Thank You

On behalf of the Hope Center Recovery Program, we want to thank Midway Christian Church Disciples Women for their generous donation. We certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,  
Janice James, RSW

## Green Ministry

The CCK Creation Care Team hosted a 24 hour worship and education retreat at Rough River Dam State Park Nov. 20-21. Presenters included Angela Herrmann, the Disciples Home Mission Environmental Educator; Dr. Emily Askew, LTS Professor of Theology; Rev. Randy Wilson, Musician and Activist; Kim Cowherd, Disciple member and Franklin County Extension Agent; Aloma Dew, Disciple member and Sierra Club Director and Rev. Dr. Chuck Summers, Disciples' Minister and photographer. A wide range of environmental topics were discussed, including mountaintop removal, and food as a faith and justice issue.

Adele Dickerson and Dan Roller attended this first annual conference.



**The Mission Statement:** The Green Chalice: CCK Creation Care Team is a group of Kentucky Disciples connecting Christian faith, spiritual practice and environmental consciousness in order to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom.

Phil Burchell, "A Green Team Member" has offered to take items to the Lexington Recycling Center that the Woodford Co. Recycling Center doesn't take. Items that we will collect include glass (brown, clear, green & blue), boxboard (boxes with gray lining) such as cereal, cracker, pasta, etc. (no frozen food boxes) and electronics (tv's, computers and phones). Items may be left in the food pantry for pick up.

## Fellowship News and Notes

### Disciple Women

*Sunday, January 17 @ 12:30 pm*

Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, January 17 at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bobbie Dare will present our lesson. Soup and sandwiches will be served for lunch. If you would like to bring a pot of soup or a plate of sandwiches, please call Sharon Burchell at 846-4153 or Nancy Dare at 846-5568.

### Keenagers

*Thursday, January 14th @11:30am*

The Keenagers will travel to Midway College on Thursday, January 14th for lunch. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, January 11th.

### Elders' Meeting

The Elders will meet on Sunday, January 31st at 6 p.m. at the parsonage.

### Board Meeting

NO Board meeting in January.

### Thank You

The Worship Committee would like to say "Thank You" to all members who helped make the Advent and Christmas Season such a wonderful celebration!

Gloria Batts,  
Worship Chair

### Chili Cook-Off

The Youth will be hosting their annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser on Sunday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m. There will be fun, food and fellowship. In addition there will be prizes for the winning Chili, including best over all! The church will provide crackers and drinks. The youth will be taking donations to support their camp and mission trips. Please contact the church office by Friday, January 15th if you would like to enter your chili.

### Amazon.com Fundraiser

The amazon.com gift wrapping team made \$644. Many thanks to Gloria Batts, Phil Burchell, Anne Burford, Phil Dare, Etta Manor, Ouita Michel, Amy Perry, Gretchen Portwood, Helen Rentch, Dan Roller, Mary Sayre, & Pat Settlemire. A special thank you to Nancy Dare for organizing this event!

### Congratulations!

Lauren Perry graduated from Murray State University. Her Vet Tech major, and Business minor, helped her land her new full-time job at the Richmond Road Vet Clinic in Lexington.

### Kroger Cards



Don't forget to keep using those Kroger cards every time you make a purchase! If you need a new card, please see Amy Perry.

### Note Cards For Sale

Beth Thompson has taken pictures of the church and the stained glass windows and made beautiful note cards. These are for sale in packages of five cards for \$15. Please contact the church office if you would like to make a purchase.

## Community News and Notes

### KY Men's Regional Chorus Retreat

*February 12-14, 2010*

The Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus Annual Retreat will be February 12-14 at Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY. Registration fee is \$45. Overnight accommodations are available. Registration forms are available in the church office.

### KY Women's Choral Retreat

*February 19-21, 2010*

The retreat will begin Friday night with registration at 7:00 p.m. (EST). All rehearsals will take place at Madison Avenue Christian Church. The retreat will conclude Sunday morning with a choral performance during morning worship at the church. Dr. Carl Smith, Director of Kentucky State University Chorus and Choir Director of the First Christian Church, Frankfort, will serve as our music director. Hollis Rosenstein of Bridgeport Christian Church, Frankfort will serve as our accompanist. Women are asked to wear all black for performance Sunday morning.

**There is a \$45 registration fee.** For more information, please go to <http://www.ccinky.net/2010%20Choral%20Retreat%20Reg.pdf>

### MLK, Jr. Service

*Monday, January 18th, 2010*

Please join the Midway Community and the Midway Ministerial Association for our annual MLK, Jr. Service on Monday, January 18th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Historic Second Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We will also be taking up an offering for the Midway Ministerial Association that goes to support the needs in our community.

### Summer Camp Dates are Available!

Camp Dates for our Regional Summer Camps are available for both Camp Wakon Da Ho and Camp Kum Ba Ya. For more information, please go to <http://www.ccinky.net/outdoor/dates.htm>

Camp 101: June 5 and 6

Mini Camp: June 11-13

Junior Camp: June 14-18 or July 19-23

Chi Rho Camp: July 5-10 or July 12-17

CYF Camp: June 21-26 or June 28-July 3

College Camp: August 5-8

## Boy Scout News

Boy Scout Sunday will be **Sunday, February 7th, 2010**. Scout Troop 40 will be helping lead worship that morning and sharing their gifts and talents with Midway Christian Church.



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