



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

November, 2010

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Community Thanksgiving Dinner

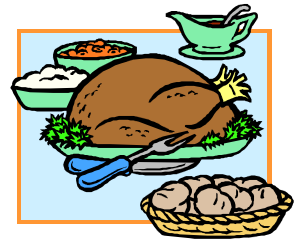
Thursday, November 18 @ 6:30 pm

We will have our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 pm in fellowship hall. This is an opportunity for our church to give back by inviting our community to come and join us for a meal and entertainment. We are asking everyone to help out by bringing a dish to that would serve your family plus four others.

Last names A—L: Salads

Last names M—P: Sides

Last names R—Z: Desserts



Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 22 @ 7 pm

Everyone is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 22 at 7 pm at Midway Christian Church. Dr. Edgar Wallace of Pilgrim Baptist will be preaching. A special offering will be collected to benefit the Benevolence Fund of the Midway Ministerial Association. Come and join us as we say “Thanks be to God for all of our blessings” as the community of Midway.



Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

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Election Day Pancake Breakfast



The Disciples Men will host a Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, November 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Pancake Breakfast will be a fundraiser to support local missions and church projects. Please come and support our men’s group that day!

Don’t Forget to “Fall Back”



Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 6.

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$53,664.32

Received to date: \$48,063.00

(as of 10/24/10)

A Pastoral Word

Last year, Midway Christian Church took part in the Advent Conspiracy and reclaimed Advent as a time for reflection and expectation. I was a little unsure of how it would go over but I heard so many comments last year about how great the experience was that Midway Christian Church is doing it again!

Remember I mentioned last year that Americans spend an average of **\$450 billion** a year every Christmas. And it cost **\$10 billion** for clean water to be available for the whole world!" (www.adventconspiracy.org)

Last year, we raised money for Heifer International and purchased an ark and I am challenging us to do it again, this time letting "The Stars tell the Story". We will be "urged to look to the skies, and to listen to what the stars proclaim: the Perfect Star is bright with God the Father's creating LIGHT! The Promised Stars are Christians, eager to spread the bright light of Christ and the Morning Star--that's Jesus, whom we await to celebrate this season and on Epiphany Sunday, the Guiding Star leads us to Bethlehem." (www.creativecommunications.com)



So come join us for our Advent journey which starts Sunday, November 28th as a time to wonder, as a time to wander, as a time to reflect on the blessings of our lives.

Office Volunteers Needed

Midway Christian is in need of volunteers to help cover a few days in the office from 9 to noon each day. Rhonda will have surgery on Monday, November 8th and will be out for 2 to 3 weeks. Please call the church office if you are able to help out with is need.

Also we ask that you keep Rhonda in your prayers and if you would like to send her a get well card, Rhonda's address is : 112 Cottage Garden Lane, Midway, KY 40347.



Green Chalice Ministry Team

You may have noticed some changes in the church kitchen. As part of our project to become a Certified Kitchen, we have added a hand washing sink, floor mop sink and new faucet for the kitchen sink. We will be doing some painting, adding light covers and clean up before being ready to meet with the Health Department Inspector. Our Certified Kitchen will allow the church members, for example the Youth Group, to prepare foods for sale or to rent the kitchen to people who want to prepare foods for sale. This supports the use of local foods and local people as part of the Green Chalice concept.

The Midway Green Chalice Team will be meeting with the Midway Greenspace Committee to discuss the idea of adding a bike rack to the church property and other places around town. Bike racks would be useful to the Youth of the church and visitors to Midway.

At the Fall Festival, the Youth Group sold all of the Rain Barrels which they and the Green Chalice Team made, but it still has not rained!



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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

November 7

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Scripture: Revelation 7: 9-17

Sermon: "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"

November 14

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: "Opportunity to testify"

November 21

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 100

Sermon: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving"

November 28

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hanging of the Greens

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-35

Sermon: "The stars tell the story"



Serving This Month

Elders: Wilda Caudle

Jack Morgan

Deacons:

Tom Arehart, Scott Congleton, Margaret Easton, Jim McDaniel, Ouita Michel, Carole Munson, Jim Nance, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles

Junior Deacon: Jordan Batts, Nate Hill, Franklin Watson

Worship Leaders:

November 7 —Carole Munson

November 14— Jordan Batts

November 21—Marvin Glover

November 28—Beth Thompson

All Saints Day

On Sunday, November 7, we will have a special time in our worship service when we will remember and honor those in our church and our families who have passed away since this time last year. We are asking everyone who would like to add a loved one's name to our list of saints, to please share the name or names with the church office by Monday, November 1st.



Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, November 28, we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with our Hanging of the Greens Service during our morning worship service. This service is our opportunity to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season and to hear the story of why we use the decorations we do. It is also an opportunity to hear the promises of the season; hope, peace, joy, and love.



Interpreting Midway Christian Church's Financial Statements

Part 1: The Balance Sheet

The balance sheet lists the amount of money in each of our church's fund accounts. The funds for each account are mingled in a single checking account at United Bank, the balance of which is shown on the next to last line of the report. Here is the balance sheet presented at the October 3, 2010 Board Meeting:

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Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)		
Consolidated - September 2010		
		Current Year
BANK ACCOUNTS		
UNITED BANK CHECKING		
General Fund Available	(\$3,728.21)	This number should not be negative.
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Disciple Women	4,871.08	MCC groups control these funds.
Week of Compassion	100.00	
10,000 Villages	883.33	
Special Offerings	15.00	
Capital	10,834.98	
Transportation	7,070.78	
Youth	1,824.69	The money in these funds does not belong to MCC
Weddings	200.00	
Lay Leadership	369.89	
Camp Fees	1,517.50	
CMF - Lions	75.00	
MMA	1,285.39	
MMA Loan	4,746.20	
Heifer Project	100.00	
Sound System	60.22	
Cookbook	(273.75)	
Subtotal Restricted Funds	33,660.31	
United Bank Checking	29,952.10	
Operating Loan Payoff	2,638.76	

Capital projects are paid for out of this fund

Interpreting Midway Christian Church's Financial Statements (continued)...

Our church has two types of funds: General and Restricted. The General Fund is where the undesignated checks and/or cash put into the collection plates each Sunday are deposited. This fund is where the church's budgeted expenses are paid from, including staff salaries, utilities, office supplies, fellowship events, general building maintenance, insurance, and church missions. Our budget for this fiscal year is just over \$160,000.00. Our collection each Sunday must average approximately \$3,100.00 per week to meet this budget. As you can see, as of 9/27/2010, **our General Fund had a negative balance of -\$3,728.21. This is not good.** It means that we have spent more than we have collected.

Restricted Funds are monies which were given to the church for a specific purpose, so we are obligated to use the money in the manner the giver desired. These monies are not accounted for in the church's budget, and they are not used for the day-to-day expenses of the church. The restricted funds fall into several categories.

Funds of MCC groups – The "Disciple Women" restricted fund contains the money they raise at events such as the annual rummage sale. The "Youth" restricted fund contains money that has been raised by our youth through activities such as Bake Sales and Kids in the Kitchen. Each of these groups direct how their funds should be spent.

Transitory Funds – Some funds contain money for just a short period of time. "Week of Compassion", "10,000 Villages", "Special Offerings", "Weddings", and the "Heifer Project" are examples of these types of funds. Soon after being collected, the money in these funds will be paid out for its intended purpose. Any excess or profit is usually transferred to either Capital or the General Fund.

Non MCC Funds – Some of the money we have in our restricted funds is not Midway Christian Church's. The "MMA" and "MMA Loan" restricted funds contain the money of the Midway Ministerial Association. The "CMF + Lions" restricted fund is used by Dan Roller to continue the annual Christmas food basket program the Lions Club used to do before it disbanded. In each of these cases, Midway Christian Church handles deposits and writes checks for them, but has no claim to the money in their funds.

Capital Fund – This restricted fund contains the money that the church uses to do the large expensive projects on our building. The handicap ramp in the courtyard and the new steps at the main door to the sanctuary are recent examples of projects that were paid for out of the "Capital" fund. The church always has more projects to do than we have funds to do them, so we will always be in a mode of collecting money for new projects and paying for them as they are completed. The current balance of \$10,834.98 will drop to almost \$0.00 when we pay for currently approved projects such as the tuck-pointing work being done on the west side of the sanctuary building.

Inactive Funds – The "Transportation" fund contains money that was given to the church for the purpose of purchasing a van or bus for transporting people to/from church activities. (We considered using these funds last year to purchase a used 12-passenger van, but the trustees determined that the need was not great enough to warrant the ongoing expenses of gas, insurance, maintenance, etc.) The "Camp Fees" fund contains money that was given to the church to provide funds for any of the church youth to go to a church camp. The "Lay Leadership" fund contains money that was given to assist in developing our lay leaders. None of these funds has much activity, but their combined balance of almost \$9,000.00 is the primary reason we do not bounce checks when we pay bills out of our General Fund. ***Since all of the funds are in a single account at the bank, when we write a check against the General Fund while it has a negative balance, we essentially borrow money from these restricted funds.***

The last item on the Balance Sheet is the "Operating Loan Payoff". This is the amount we owe on an open line of credit at United Bank. Per our budget, a payment of \$125.00 is made from the general fund each month to work towards paying off this loan.

Next Month: "Part 2: The Income and Expense Statement"

Youth News and Notes

All Children and Youth:

Tuesday, November 2nd: We will be helping out with the Election Day Pancake Dinner. We need all youth and children there to help serve, do dishes, clean up and host. Please let Heather know if you can help out with this event.

Sunday, November 7th: We will have Kids in the Kitchen on Sunday, November 7th. We will be making a traditional Kentucky Thanksgiving Dinner: Roast Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Lemon-Garlic Green Beans, Cranberry Relish, Stuffing, Spinach Salad and for dessert, Apple Crisp. Children/Youth are invited to come the church at 4 p.m. and then everyone else is invited to the church at 6 p.m.



Thursday, November 18th: All children and youth will be helping out with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We are asking all children and youth to be at the church by 5:30 p.m. We will need help serving, greeting, cleaning up and delivering meals. Please let Heather know if you are able to help out with this event

Weekly Youth Groups:

Our JYF (1st-5th grade) continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. There is a snack served as part of our group time together.

There will not be JYF on Wednesday, November 3rd due to the Pancake Dinner the day before.

There will not be JYF on Wednesday, November 17th due to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

There will not be JYF on Wednesday, November 24th due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

Our Chi Rho (6th-12 grade) continue to meet on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. in the youth room.

There will not be Chi Rho on Sunday, November 14th due to Heather being out of town.

There will not be Chi Rho on Sunday, November 28th due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

Acolyte Schedule

November 7—Luke Hill & Betsy Schein
November 14—J.T. Batts & Will Schein
November 21—Faith Gruzesky & Willa Michel
November 28—Jordan Batts & Jack Hill
December 5—Sam Hatfield & Marcus Watson
December 12—Luke Hill & Betsy Schein
December 19—J.T. Batts & Will Schein
December 26—Faith Gruzesky & Willa Michel

XPerience: Running the Race

Friday, Nov. 12-Sunday, Nov. 14

Hosted by First Christian Church, Frankfort, KY

This is a regional youth event offered for grades 6-8th grade. It is a weekend event filled with mission work, worship, keynote speakers, fellowship and fun. Cost is \$ 75. Please let Heather know if you are interested in attending.

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of October 11: Adele Dickerson, Pat Settlement, Charlann Wombles, Pat Wilson, Phillip & Nancy Dare. Our next delivery will be November 8.

November Mission Payment

National Council of Churches: Since its founding in 1950, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA has been the leading force for ecumenical cooperation among Christians in the United States. The NCC's member faith groups — from a wide spectrum of Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, Evangelical, historic African American and Living Peace churches — include 45 million persons in more than 100,000 local congregations in communities across the nation.

Luther Luckett Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (LLCC) provides a spiritual home for those who are in prison but also to offer them tools for living healthy, productive and faithful lives once released from prison. They offer worship services three Friday nights a month. On the first Friday of each month, the men gather for a congregational meeting where they sing, pray, share joys and concerns, meet with members of the outside board and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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.

Girl Scout Troop 1038 has been in existence for about 18 years and is lead by Elaine Hagan here in Midway. The troop is for all ages levels (Daisies, Brownies, Cadets, Juniors, Seniors and Ambassadors) and has three goals: 1) Community Service 2) Earning Scout Recognitions 3) Outdoor Activities.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) assists refugees who have been legally admitted to the United States as victims of warfare or other forms of persecution because of their religious or political beliefs. Our staff includes caseworkers, job developers, ESL teachers and interpreters. Our staff speaks English, Spanish, Bosnian, French, Nepali, Somali, Arabic and German and also works closely with contract interpreters who speak other languages native to the refugees we serve.

November Mission: Collecting Items To Fill Christmas Stockings

MCC will be collecting items to fill stockings for children of inmates'. These stockings will be given to the children as they leave the jail after visiting their family member on the week before Christmas. Overall, the chaplaincy office of the division of community corrections is looking to fill 250 stockings with non-gender items because the officers cannot know how many boys or girls will come on any night. Items needed are: small toys, books, coloring books, crayons, mittens, stretch hats, packaged snacks, candy bars and stuffed animals. All items must be into the church by **Sunday, November 14.**



Upcoming Events

Epiphany Feast 2011

Thursday, January 6, 2011 @ 6:30 pm

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 flat-bread, 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 and St. Leo's choir.

Reservations are required. Please call the church office to RSVP. The cost is \$ 30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 11-18, and children under age 10 eat free. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received by the church office. We are asking that at the time, our guests make their reservations, to please let us know of any special table requests such as other guests that they would like to be seated with for the dinner. We will try our best to accommodate all of these table requests. Our goal is to have 150 guests for this event, not including MCC workers. Spots go quickly so please make your reservations soon. We are accepting reservations until Thursday, December 30th, 2010.

Due to the popularity of this event, we are instating a no refund policy so that we can better serve our guests. However, we are aware that bad weather may happen so we are working on a plan regarding rescheduling this event if bad weather happens.

We are also trying something new this year. We are adding a way so that our guests can purchase tickets online. We will be adding a "button" for PayPal to our website, www.midwaychristian.org. This way, our guests can use their credit cards to purchase tickets. PayPal accepts all major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

How can Midway Christian members help out?

This feast is a way for us to showcase our Midway welcome and hospitality so we need everyone's support by signing up for various jobs to help everything go smoothly that night.

We are asking our members to sign up for various jobs with this feast. Here are descriptions of the various jobs for the event:

Serving Crew:

Duties:

- Serve drinks
- Serve dessert
- Play host/hostess to the tables



Decorating Crew:

*Need Decorating Crew to be at Midway College by 2:30 p.m.

Duties:

- Put linens on table *Set table with silverware
- Put candles on table *Set Table with glasses
- Put greenery on table *Set table with programs
- Fold napkins
- Set table with napkins

**Kitchen Crew:**Duties:

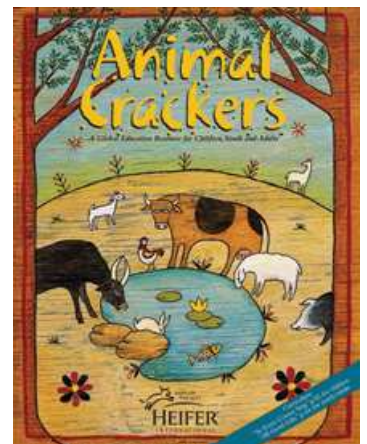
- Scrape Plates
- Wash dishes

Break Down Crew:Duties:

- Vacuum
- Sweep
- Pack up decorations

Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday, November 7th through the month of December, we will begin an intergenerational Sunday School time. We will be talking and learning about Heifer International and the work that they do across the world. We will watch a movie titled: “12 Stones” which is a video that is “deeply moving, with breathtaking cinematography by Jacek Laskus and narrated by Diane Lane, it captures the remarkable transformation some women in Nepal have undergone, and illuminates Heifer’s mission to work with communities to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth.” We will then start “Animal Crackers” which is a way for us to see ourselves “as part of the global family and gain a deeper appreciation of the ways Heifer helps people, animals and plants live in harmony with God’s good Earth”. (heifer.org)



Fellowship News and Notes

Disciples Women

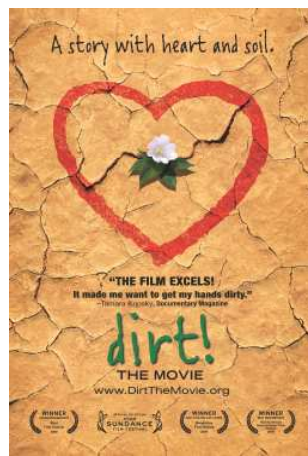
November 21 @ 12:30 pm

Disciples Women will meet Sunday, November 21 at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will finish watching the movie "Dirt" and have discussion following the movie.

Please bring a sack lunch and drink.

Many have asked what is "Dirt" exactly:

"Dirt! The Movie is an insightful and timely film that tells the story of the glorious and unappreciated material beneath our feet. Inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, *Dirt! The Movie* takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from and will later return to."



Keenagers

Thursday, November 11th

We will be going to Windy Corner Market, Ouita Michel's new restaurant, on Thursday, November 11 at 11:30 a.m. We will leave the church around 11 a.m. Please call the church office to RSVP by Monday, November 8th.

You're Invited to a Celebration

Saturday, November 27

Sharon and Phil Burchell would like to invite you to join them on Saturday, November 27 from 2-5 pm in Fellowship Hall for a combined 25th Anniversary and 70th Birthday Celebration with family and friends.



Please no gifts. If you choose, a donation may be made to the Salvation Army or the Hope Ministries Food Pantry in Versailles.

Congregational Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, November 7 @ 12:30 pm

There will be a Congregational Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, November 7 at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to serve your family plus four others. Meat and drinks will be provided by the church.

Elders' Meeting

Elders will meet Sunday, November 28th, immediately following the worship service.

Guys' Night/Girls' Night:

This month, we are doing things a little differently. We are not going out for our guys'/girls' night. We are helping out with MCC Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We are asking all of our children and youth to help out with this event. We need help with serving, clean up, hosting and delivering meals. This will be a great way to fellowship with other members and a way to serve our community.

Community News and Notes

Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of:

Margaret Ware Parrish, 91, passed away Friday, October 1, 2010 at her home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Midway Christian Church, 123 E. Bruen St., Midway, KY 40347; Midway College, 512 E. Stephens St., Midway, KY 40347; Woodford Humane Society, 890 Tyrone Pike, Versailles, KY 40383; or Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, Kenob, UT 84741.

Spencer A. Wall, 60, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504; or Woodford Humane Society, 890 Tyrone Pike, Versailles, KY 40383.

Thank you

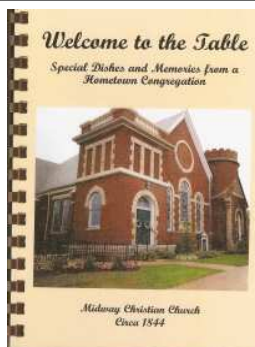
This donation is a small token of our thanks for the use of fellowship hall on Friday evenings. You would not believe the people and families this AA/Al-Anon meeting has helped. While this may seem like a very silent ministry of the church, it is a very powerful one.

Sheila Redmond

Heifer Ark Project



Last year, Midway Christian, as part of our Advent celebration, raised money for a gift ark through the Heifer Project. We will be collecting money throughout our church year for our ark. This way if you want to give the ark as part of birthday presents, anniversary presents, or simply just because, you can do so by making your checks out to Midway Christian Church with Heifer Ark in the memo.



Cookbooks for Sale

The Cookbooks are on sale now. And they are not just any cookbook. The committee included pictures from the past and present. The cookbook also tells our history as Midway Christian such as the story behind the Thanksgiving Market and the Epiphany Dinner as well as how Midway Christian got its start. The cost is \$20.

If you would like to have one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Thank you

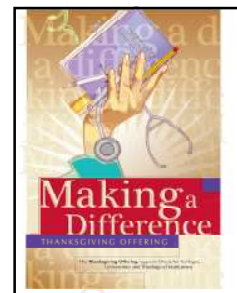
Gary and I would like to thank everyone at Midway Christian Church for their prayers and for their support as we start our new life together. We were humbled by the donations made to the Humane Society in our names and we feel truly blessed to have the Church as part of our family.

Love,

Gary & Virginia Glass

Special Offering: Thanksgiving Offering

Midway Christian Church will be taking up a special offering that goes to support Disciples higher educational institutions such as Midway College, Transylvania University, and Lexington Theological Seminary. through this Special Offering, a difference is made in the lives of the more than 26,000 students who chose a Disciples education. We will receive this offering on November 14 & 21.



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Return Service Requested

