



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April, 2011

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Heather McColl**  
*Minister*

**Stephanie Brown**  
*Music Director*

**Jessica Hartman**  
*Accompanist*

**Rhonda Rankin**  
*Secretary*

**Jestine Johnson**  
*Custodian*

## Holy Week Activities

### Sunday, April 17—Palm Sunday

10:55am—Service at Midway Christian Church



### Thursday, April 21

7:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service at Midway Christian Church



### Friday, April 22

7:00pm—Good Friday Service at Midway Baptist Church



## Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School  
10:55 AM: Worship

### Sunday, April 24

7:00am—Sunrise Service , Walter Bradley Park  
Rain location: Historic 2nd Christian



Rev. Judith Stallons, Minister of Midway United Methodist Church will be guest speaker

*Sunrise Service*

**123 East Bruen Street**  
**PO Box 4548**  
**Midway, KY 40347**  
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Breakfast will follow at Second Christian Church  
No Sunday School

10:55am—Easter Sunday Service at Midway Christian Church

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The office will be **CLOSED**  
Friday, April 22, in observance of Good Friday

## Budget Update

**Budgeted to date: \$120,744.72**  
**Received to date: \$115,089.19**

## A Pastoral Word

We continue to make our way along the journey of Lent and we continue to seek the Messiah. I want to say thank you to the worship committee and the choir for their hard work and creativity regarding our Lenten theme. When I first threw out this idea, we all weren't sure how it would go but each week, we meet the Messiah in new and creative ways.

I have heard so many of you say how much you have enjoyed the combination of music and prayers. And that this series has deepened your faith. I think it is safe to say that Handel said it best through some very appropriate words that would also sum up our experience as well: "On composing *Messiah*, Handel is said to have remarked (1741), "I did think I did see all Heaven before me and the great God Himself."

As we continue our journey, I ask that you please keep those who are preparing for baptism this year in our church and in other churches as well in your thoughts and prayers and may they also see all heaven before them and the great God Himself during this very special time of faith.

### Surfing the Edge: Sunday, April 10

On Sunday, April 10th, during the meal for Kids in the Kid, our guest will be Rev. Greg Alexander, the Regional Minister of KY. He is coming to talk to us about a new regional initiative called "Surfing the Edge". It is a journey that invites churches to join the conversation and ask "What is God up to in our communities and neighborhoods?"

This initiative is based on the book "Introducing the Missional Church: What Is It, Why It Matters, How to Become One" by Alan Roxburgh and M. Scott Boren.



This conversation with Greg is a follow up conversation that occurred when Greg was our guest in February a couple of years ago. He mentioned how we can't go back and recreated the church of the 1950's. We can no longer be the programmatic church we once were. The landscape in which we find ourselves has changed and we are called to become a missional church, where we go out into our communities and connect with God..

Midway Christian has been invited to be a part of the second round of "Surfing the Edge" churches and this conversation with Greg will be the beginning of our journey. Please come and join us and see where God is calling us!

### Information from the Trustees

Midway Christian is very fortunate to have an Endowment Fund which was established in August of 2007 through the generous gift from Dorothy Gordon. As stated in the Endowment Fund Policy, the primary purpose of the Fund is "to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ, serving human needs in our community and around the world." In keeping with this purpose, the policy allows an annual withdrawal for outreach-related improvements, equipment or programs. At their January meeting, the Trustees made a decision to make available up to \$4000 for such outreach projects. Written requests from the congregation for outreach projects which are not already included in the church annual budget must be submitted by May 1, 2011. The requests will be reviewed by the Trustees who will make recommendations to the Midway Christian Church Board which will have the final approval of the projects funded.

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### April 3

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Scripture: Psalm 146

Sermon: "Seeking Hope"

#### April 10

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Scripture: John 4:1-30

Sermon: "Seeking Answers"

#### April 17

*Palm Sunday*

Scripture: Psalm 24:7-10; Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "Who is this King of Glory?"

#### April 24

*Easter Sunday*

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-28;

Revelation 19:1;507A;16

Sermon: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"



### Serving This Month

**Elders:** Jim Leer

Karen Murphy

#### Deacons:

Bobbie Dare, Phil Dare, Ella Drake, Virginia Glass, Teresa Hoppin, Jim Hoppin, Mary Beth Rouse, Mary Sayre, Bob Settlementire, Kit Walden

#### Junior Deacon:

Steele Rouse, Betsy Schein, Will Schein

#### Worship Leaders:

April 3—TBA

April 10—TBA

April 17—TBA

April 24—TBA

### Sunday School

Through the Sundays in Lent, Karen Murphy will lead a Sunday School on the texts and music of the Messiah. The good news is that you do not need to be an expert on the music or the text to benefit from the class. All you have to do is want to seek the Messiah on your Lenten journey and want to gain a better appreciation of one of the best loved pieces of music of our time.



Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. with the sharing of joys and concerns.

There is children and youth Sunday School as well. Ouita Michel leads this class for our children.

We are also looking for people who will help Ouita give leadership to this important ministry for our children and youth.

## Fellowship News and Notes

### Disciples Women



Disciples Women will meet at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 10. Our special program will be presented by Janet Mullins. Janet will share her experiences from her trip to Africa in January. She and her husband Doug established a kitchen for children while there.

A business meeting will follow the program.

**Each person is asked to bring a salad, sandwiches, or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.**

See you there on Sunday, April 10th!

### Keenagers

*Friday, April 29th*

We will be traveling to Shaker Village on Friday, April 29th. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 18th. We will leave the church around 10:30 a.m. if you wish to carpool.



SHAKER VILLAGE  
OF PLEASANT HILL

### Board Meeting

The Board will meet Sunday, April 3rd immediately after church.

### Elders' Meeting

Elders will not meet in April.

## Discovery Weekend Women's Retreat

*June 3-5, 2011,*

**Good Things to Know When the Ground is Shifting Under Your Feet**  
**Presenter, Carol Anderson-Shores**

Discovery Weekend Women's Retreat at Christmount is a weekend of relation, spiritual renewal, fellowship, worship, and recreation. The weekend includes keynotes, discussion, lively music and meaningful worship.

Carol Anderson-Shores captivates audiences at women's events with "Timeless Truths from Women in the Bible - Good Things to Know When the Ground is Shifting Under Your Feet." It's a fresh look at some women of the Bible who have more in common with our struggles today than you would think. Carol's presentation combines one-act plays, great speaking, rich content...and generous waves of laughter.

Contact the church office for more information.



*Carol Anderson-Shores*

## Youth News and Notes

### Kids in the Kitchen:

On **Sunday, April 10**, all children, youth and parents are invited to a special Kids in the Kitchen. We will be preparing a Chinese feast. The youth and children will meet at 4 p.m. and everyone is invited to the party at 6 p.m.



### 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.

Our Chi Rho (6th grade through 12th grade) continues to meet on Sunday night in the youth room upstairs in the sanctuary building. It is a time of fellowship, games, conversations about faith. However, we are changing the time. **We will now be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings!**

**There will not be Youth Group on Sunday, April 24th. Enjoy your Easter holiday!**

## Mission Trip Dates

**Chi Rho Mission Trip** (completed 6th grade through completed 8th grade): June 12th-June 16th

We will travel to Bethany, WVA.

Cost: \$250



**CYF Mission Trip** (completed 9th grade through completed 12th grade): June 19-June 25

We will travel to Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, TX.

Cost: \$ 500

There are scholarships available for both Chi Rho and CYF mission trips!

**Please let Heather know by Sunday April 17th if your middle school and high school youth are interested in going on these trips!**

## Acolyte Schedule

**April 3**—Jordan Batts & Sam Hatfield

**April 10**—Luke Hill & Willa Michel

**April 17**—J.T. Batts & Marcus Watson

**April 24**—Jack Hill & Betsy Schein

## Camp Forms

Camp Forms for KY Regional Camps at Camp Wakon Da Ho and Kum ba ya are on the website: [www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net).

They are due to the church office by **Sunday, April 17th.**

The church pays half for camp registration!

## Mission News and Notes

### Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of March 28 : Phil & Nancy Dare, Phil & Sharon Burchell, Pat Wilson, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, & Pat Settlemire.

The next delivery will be the week of April 25, 2011

### April Mission Payment

**Woodford Co. Senior Citizens Center:** The Woodford County Senior Citizens Center's mission is to keep senior citizens in their homes and living independently. The agency provides in house lunches, activities, outings, and socialization. They also provide home delivered meals to individuals that are home-bound. Another service they provide is home care. An aid comes to the home and provides light housekeeping and personal care. Transportation is also provided to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, etc. This service is available for all residents of Woodford Co. Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

**Northside Backpack Project:** This projects supports 20 hunger-prone kids from Northside Elementary with a backpack of food to take home for the weekend.

You can help by sponsoring a child for \$40 a month or help load backpacks on Wednesdays at 4pm.



## Green Chalice

### The Regional Green Chalice Meets At Midway Christian Church

The Regional Green Chalice group met at Midway Christian Church on March 21. Joanna Isaacs and Sara Ward from Bluegrass Pride were guests and discussed the supportive roles they offer for various conservation and recycling activities for Central Kentucky churches and organizations. Greg Alexander, Regional Minister, met with the group to explain the leadership Carole Devine, Chair of Kentucky Green Chalice, is providing for the General Office in Indianapolis. Carol will be working with the General Office staff to maintain the Green Chalice website and other duties.



### General Assembly Green Chalice Workshop

Carole Devine, Chair of KY Green Chalice, and Kim Cowherd, from First Christian Church Frankfort, will present "Center for Faith and Giving Stewardship Academy" workshop on July 8, as part of the pre-General Assembly program.

### SAVE THE DATE: November 18-19, Regional Green Chalice Retreat

Details of program and location to be announced later.



: THE GREEN CHALICE: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in KY

**EARTH DAY is April 22!!**



## Community News and Notes

### Lenten Breakfast Series

*“Seeking the Messiah...”*

**Saturday, April 2nd:**

Seeking the Messiah through Justice

Speakers: Doug and Janet Mullins

Flock 3 provides the meal

**Saturday, April 9:**

Seeking the Messiah through Hope

Speaker: Brandon Gilvin

Flock 1 provides the meal

### MIDWAY COMMUNITY GARDEN

**It's time to plant!**

Saturday, April 2, 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 9, 1:00 pm

Behind Midway Presbyterian Church



## Ruth Slack Roach Community

### Easter Egg Hunt

**April 16, 2011**

**9:00 am**



## 2011 Easter offering: 40 Days and 40 Ways

The Easter Offering is your opportunity to support the General and Racial/Ethnic Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The gifts that you share support vital mission and ministry from the doorsteps of your congregation to the ends of the earth. Incredible mission and ministry happens every day. For example, when the earthquake struck Haiti, Week of Compassion was able to distribute funds through global mission partners related to the Division of Overseas Ministries. David Vargas, DOM President said, “We were in Haiti before the earthquake and we’ll be there long after the earthquake.” Your gifts to the Easter Offering help us to be “there” wherever that might be, every day.

The list goes on and on – well beyond 40 Days of Witness and 40 Ways of Serving!  
We will receive this special offering on April 17 and April 24.



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*Return Service Requested*

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*Christ has risen! Alleluia!*

