



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

September, 2011

Church Staff:

FALL FESTIVAL— SEPTEMBER 16 - 18

Rev. Heather McColl

Minister

Joni Angus

Secretary

Melissa Askew

Interim Music Director

Dayton Harris

Interim Accompanist

Jestine Johnson

Custodian



Hours:

Friday, 9/16: 8 to 6

Saturday, 9/17: 8 to 6

Sunday, 9/18: 12 to 6

Use the basement entrance at the corner of Bruen & Gratz Streets

Please bring your CLEAN, gently-used items (to donate to the rummage sale) to the Fellowship Hall basement no later than Saturday, September 10th.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Rummage Sale workers. Many shifts are still available!

Sunday Worship

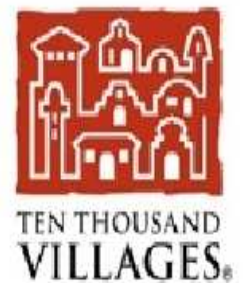
9:30 AM: Sunday School

10:55 AM: Worship

10,000 Villages

During Fall Festival, we will have a large selection of reasonably-priced items for sale in our climate controlled Fellowship Hall. 10,000 Villages is an exceptional source for unique, hand-made gifts, jewelry, home décor, and personal accessories representing the diverse cultures of artisans in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Use the Fellowship Hall entrance on Bruen Street.



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MUSTARD SEED CAFE

During Fall Festival, we will have Fair Trade coffee and baked goods (made from fair trade products) such as scones, brownies, muffins, and cupcakes. Please let the church office know if you can help run the café.



Kroger Fundraiser Gift Cards are available in the office

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$ 25,678.64
Received to date: \$ 24,425.67

A Pastoral Word

On Wednesday, August 17th, we received the great news that our kitchen was certified through the Woodford County Health Department! As I mentioned in last month's pastoral word article, this opens the door for some amazing ministry opportunities for Midway Christian Church, but one of the main reasons that I am so excited about this wonderful beginning is that we are truly claiming our identity as People of the Table. Once a month, we will be inviting our community to come to our table, to come and be in relationship with one another, to come and experience the abundance of God's grace, all through an invitation to dinner. As I pondered the potential outcome of these community meals, I was reminded of a quote by one of my favorite theologians, Henri Nouwen. He shared that: "When we gather around the table and break the bread together, we are transformed not only individually but also as community. We, people from different ages and races, with different backgrounds and histories, become one body. As Paul says: "As there is one loaf, so we, although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Not only as individuals, but also as community, we become the living Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given to the world. As one body, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God."

What a great thought! And one that I hope continues to inspire us as we invite our community to our table!



"Thank You" from Stephanie Brown...

"Dear Friends, I am overwhelmed by your generous love offering to me and the wonderful reception held after church. Being a part of Midway Christian Church for the last two years has been such a rich blessing to my life. I treasure the friends that I have made and the time that I have spent with you in God's service. The print of the church was such a surprise... it is so beautiful and is made more so by the rich memories that it evokes. It resides now in a place of honor above our piano, and I will always look at it and remember my church family in Midway. For your love and support over my time of ministry with you, I am ever thankful. God has great plans for Midway and I know you will heed his call to be his hands and feet in the world. May God continue to richly bless you all. *Love and Peace in Christ, Stephanie Brown*"

We Say Good-Bye to Jessica...

Jessica Hartman, our accompanist, left us at the end of August. Please help me express all of our deepest appreciation for the blessing that Jessica has been for our church through her gift of music. We thank her for her ministry with us and we will celebrate her two years of service to Midway Christian Church by taking up a love offering to send to her.



Checks can be made out to Midway Christian Church with "Jessica's Love Offering" in the memo line.

Welcome Back, Dayton Harris

Dayton has recently finished up his missionary responsibilities in Africa and he is back in the area, applying for grad school. He will be filling in for us as our Interim Accompanist as we transition our music program into a new beginning for our church. Please help make Dayton feel welcomed!



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



September 4

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Labor Day Weekend

Scripture: Romans 13: 8-14

Sermon: "Love is the Fulfilling of the Law"

September 11

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Community Service of Peace and Hope

No Sermon

September 18

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fall Festival Weekend

Scripture: Matthew 20: 1-16

Title: "The Laborers in the Vineyard"

September 25

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Matthew 21: 23-32

Title: "The Will of the Father"

Serving This Month

Elders: Shirley Eckels and Karen Murphy

Deacons: Tom Arehart, Dottie Pollard, Gretchen Portwood, Charlann Wombles, Carole Munson, Jim Nance, Margaret Easton, Ouita Michel, Beth Thompson, Sandy Gruzesky

Junior Deacons: Franklin Watson, Jordan Batts, Nate Hill

Worship Leaders:

September 4 - Carole Munson

September 11 - (Community Service)

September 18 - Ray Clark

September 25 - Jim Leer

Sunday School

On Sunday, September 4th, we will finish up our discussion on "Just Eating".

On Sunday, September 11th, there will NOT be Sunday School due to the community service.

On Sunday, September 18th, the delegates from General Assembly will give us an update on the voting of the various resolutions that came before General Assembly.

On Sunday, September 25th, we will have a brain-storming session about what we would like to discuss over the following year and see who would be willing to teach for Sunday School.



Thank you from Emily Williams

Emily wishes to thank everyone for inviting her to MCC twice this summer, for witnessing to her, and for the support of her mission as she leaves for her year of service in Argentina. She hopes to share her stories with us when she gets back.

Fellowship News and Notes

Board Meets

Sunday, September 4th

All elders, deacons, and committee chairs are encouraged to attend this meeting following the Sunday service.

Elders Meet

Tuesday, September 27th

The Elders will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Keenagers

Thursday, September 15th

The Keenagers will travel to Sage Garden Café at Wilson's Nursery in Frankfort. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, September 12th.



Christian Care Communities Speaker

Sunday, September 25th

Keith Knapp, with Christian Care Communities, will speak to us about the prospective Midway Nursing Home. Please **bring a dish to share** for a pot-luck lunch after the service.

Disciples Women - September 25

Disciples Women will meet on Sunday, September 25 immediately after the lunch and presentation by Christian Care Communities. We will meet in the Library, just to consider and pass a budget for 2011-2012. We will also review the Rummage Sale of September 16, 17, and 18. Please try to come. All women are welcome.



Board Retreat - November 5th

We will be having a Board Retreat at Midway College on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. until noon. All Board officers, deacons, elders, and committee team leaders are encouraged to attend. As part of the retreat we will be discussing the book, "In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership" by Henri Nouwen. Copies of the book are available in the office for \$10 each.

Christmount Retreat

Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina - October 24—28

Amy Gopp, Executive Director for Week of Compassion, will be the Bible Lecturer for Christmount's longest running event. The event combines Bible study, singing and worship with fellowship, talent-sharing and free time to enjoy the mountains during the peak autumn colors.

Worship: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings

Lectures: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday (morning & night)

Talent sharing: Wednesday night

Begins: Monday with 6:00 supper

Cost: \$75 per adult plus lodging and meals

Fall Retreats for KY Women

There is information about various retreats on the office bulletin board, your August Contact, or online at www.ccinky.net/women

Youth News and Notes



Camp Sunday—August 14th

Will Schein (left), Jordan Batts (right), and other youth told their stories from summer camps and mission trips at a Youth-led service on Sunday, August 14th.

We're very proud of our youth!



Children/Youth Calendar:

Tuesday, September 6th—JYF meets at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 11th—**Kids in the Kitchen** meet at 3:30 p.m. for Sanitation Review, begin on-line testing for food handler's cards, and prepare "Italian Night."

Tuesday, September 13th—4:00 p.m. (or after school), all children and youth are invited to come help make items for the Mustard Seed Café at the Fall Festival.

Saturday & Sunday, September 17 & 18th—Children and youth are needed to help run the Mustard Seed Café during the Fall Festival.

Tuesday, September 20th—JYF meets at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27th—JYF meets at 6:00 p.m.

CYF-X (High School Regional Youth Event)

Mark your calendars! All high school youth are invited the weekend of November 11-13 to CYF-X. This event will be held in Bowling Green KY and is a great opportunity to meet youth from all over KY!



Kids in the Kitchen August 7th Knife Skills Class



Willa Michel
played the violin for the
August 7th Service.

Nice job!

Acolyte Schedule

September 4 - Willa Michel & Marcus Watson

September 11 - (No acolytes)

September 18 - Jack Hill & Betsy Schein

September 25 - Jordan Batts & Will Schein

Green Chalice

KY Disciples Green Retreat

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park

November 18-19

Green Chalice is hosting a 24-hour worship and education retreat.

Connect with God's creation through worship and meditation and learn how our congregations can walk more gently on the Earth through presentations and discussion. More information is available on the church office bulletin board and the deadline to register is Monday, October 17th.



Surfing the Edge Update from the Guiding Team

The Guiding Team met on July 31st to compile and condense the answers to the faith story questions. Sheri Adkins prepared the summary and presented it to Regional Leader Greg Alexander on August 18th. On August 27th, the Team met at Middletown Christian Church along with teams from Lafayette Christian Church, Dry Ridge Christian Church, and Beech Grove Christian Church. After Dwelling in the Word, Luke 10: 1-12, the guiding teams shared what we learned about our congregations—things alike and different—and reported back to the group. There were some graphs and comparisons explained by Greg Alexander and Linda Jones. Lunch was provided by Middletown Christian Church. Their hospitality was appreciated by all. During the afternoon session, Greg explained that there will be an online survey for everyone in the congregations. More details later. There will be more dialogue in Board meetings, and a report to the church as a whole. The Guiding Team will meet again on Thursday, September 1st. Remember, whenever there is a meeting at church, or when you have your devotional at home, Dwell in the Word!

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of August 15: Pat Settlemire, Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Phil & Nancy Dare, Phil & Sharon Burchell. The next delivery will be the week of September 12-16.

September Mission Payments

Cane Ridge Meeting House continues to be a living church. Prayer, singing, and preaching occur in the Meeting House, a place of worship for many congregations and religious groups who come as welcome guests each year. Since the late 18th century and now, in the 21st century, worship services, weddings, celebrations, lectures, and other gatherings have taken place in the church and on its grounds. Each year thousands of travelers visiting Cane Ridge receive talks and tours from the curators.

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 of 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

Community News and Notes

Special Community Worship Service of Peace and Hope

Sunday, September 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Walter Bradley Park

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The Midway Area Ministerial Association will be hosting a special community worship service on Sunday September 11th at 11 a.m. at Walter Bradley Park to remember this solemn occasion and to call each of us as people of faith to come together as one Body of Christ, working towards peace, hope and unity. *This will be Midway Christian Church worship service for the morning. We will not have regularly scheduled worship at our building that day.*

Following the service, everyone is invited to stay and celebrate a meal together as the Midway Community, reminding us that we are all welcomed at God's table as God's beloved children. Just think about it! Everyone sitting beside one another and really getting to know each other as neighbors and friends we just haven't met yet, all the while, strengthening the bonds of community. As part of this celebration meal, everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group gathered there that morning.

Also as part of the service, we will have baskets with the individual church's names on them so that their members can drop off their weekly offering into their own church's basket. We will also have a separate basket for an MMA offering.



And as a special part of the service, we will be asking individuals to make/design peace flags that will display our prayers for hope and lift them up to God on the winds of the Spirit. If your church is not able to participate but would like to make a prayer flag, please feel free to do so. Please use blue, red, yellow, green, or white fabric, torn into 9x9 squares. (The colors represent the 5 elements of nature: water, fire, earth, air, sky).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather McColl.

Pisgah Academy Day—Sacred Air: Breath of Life

Saturday, September 17th, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Featuring:

- Author of A Time to Plant: Kyle T. Kramer
- 2008 Heinz Environmental Award Recipient: Tom FitzGerald, JD
- Professor Emeritus Bellarmine University: Kathleen Lyons, PhD
- Todd Graddy, LCSW, MS

\$25 per person or \$30 per family, includes book (A Time to Plant) and a community meal. Register: <http://pisgahchurch.org/academy-day-2011>

Admission Kits for the Men's Hope Center:

There will be a box in the MCC Narthex to collect these items for the men at the Hope Center:

Towels **Razors**
Washcloths **Shampoo**
Lotion
Deodorant (Women's)

Cash donations are also accepted for these items to be purchased.

For questions, contact Laura Riddle at 846-4869

Food Pantry Needs Help

Until further notice, please keep bringing cans of tomatoes and spaghetti sauce, as well as boxes of crackers and dried pasta, to the narthex at MCC.



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Return Service Requested

