



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) January 2012

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EPIPHANY FEAST

Friday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Midway College Piper Dining Hall

Reservations were due December 29th for Midway Christian Church's annual Epiphany Feast, which will be held on Friday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Midway College Piper Dining Hall. A feast of medieval fare will be served, along with entertainment, for \$30 per adult and \$15 per youth ages 11 to 18. Children 10 and under eat free. If you have reservations and need to make special table requests (with whom you wish to sit, etc.), please do so as soon as possible.

How can Midway Christian Church members help out?
We need everyone's support by signing up for various jobs to help everything go smoothly that night. (Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex)

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| <p>*DECORATING CREW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put linens on table • Fold napkins • Set table with napkins • Set table with silverware • Put candles on table • Set table with glasses • Put greenery on table • Set table with programs <p>*Need Decorating Crew at dining hall by 2:30 p.m.</p> | <p>SERVING CREW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve drinks • Serve dessert • Play host/hostess to the tables <p>KITCHEN CREW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrape Plates • Wash Dishes <p>BREAK DOWN CREW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum • Sweep • Pack up decorations |
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Sunday Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School


10:55 AM: Worship

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Thank You from the Inmates' Stocking Project

In a letter we received from the Dept. of Public Safety, Frank Firestine, Pastoral Counselor, writes: "Little can you imagine the excitement of the children who receive the stocking as they leave the jail after visiting their parent or relative!" And Grace Perreiah, Volunteer Coordinator writes: "You are going to make many children feel loved who might otherwise be left out this holiday season... Thank you for your generous donation."

Visit us on the web:
www.midwaychristian.org



Kroger Fundraiser Gift Cards are available in the office

Budget Update	
Budgeted to date:	\$77,035.92
Received to date:	\$74,482.30

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



January 1

New Year's Day

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:10

Special Service: New Beginning

January 8

Epiphany Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-11

Special Service: The Epiphany Story in Scripture, Drama, Reflection, and Song

January 15

Baptism of the Lord

Scripture: Mark 1: 4-11

Sermon: "Coming Up Out of the Water"

January 22

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 9-10

Special Service: Laity Sunday—God's Own People

January 29

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 1: 14-20

Sermon: "He Called Them"

Serving This Month

Elders: Karen Murphy & Buddy Johnson

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:

January 1 - **Dick Murphy**

January 8 - **Jon Askew**

January 15 -

January 22 - **Karen Murphy**

January 29 - **Janet Mullins**

Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday, January 8th, Jim Wombles will be leading a seven week study on the Gospel of Luke, taking a look at who the Gospel was written for, what are the main themes in the Gospel of Luke, and taking a closer look at the Luke 10: 1-12 passage that is our "Surfing the Edge" Scripture. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall with the sharing of Joys and Concerns. Please come join us.



MCC Caps Available

Midway Christian Church caps (red with white letters) are available for purchase in the office for only \$6.

(OK, this isn't worship news, but it fit in this space!)



Acolyte Schedule

January 1 - Marcus Watson & Luke Hill

January 8 - Alex Woodruff & Jordan Batts

January 15 - James Batts & Jack Hill

January 22 - Willa Michel & Betsy Schein

January 29th - Will Schein & Marcus Watson

More Worship News

New Year's Day Worship Service

Sunday, January 1—10:30 Breakfast—Fellowship Hall

On Sunday, January 1, we will be doing worship a little differently. We will gather at 10:30 a.m. for breakfast and then come together for a "First Day" celebration. Our New Year's Day worship will be a time for renewal and new Beginnings. It is an opportunity for the community to look ahead collectively with hope and optimism and appreciate their common bonds. We will hold our worship service in the fellowship hall. It will be a combination of songs, scripture, responsive readings, faith stations and communion.



Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 8th



On Sunday, January 8th, we will be celebrating Epiphany Sunday by telling the story again through Scripture, Drama, Reflection and Song. During the service, there will be a time for everyone to share his or her vision for our world and for our lives in the coming year. This service is an opportunity for our insights and understanding that we gain as people of faith to lead us down new roads to help proclaim the Kingdom of God is near.

Baptism Sunday

Sunday, January 15

On Sunday, January 15, we will be celebrating Baptism Sunday. During the service, there will be a chance for all us to renew our baptism by dipping your 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 as we begin the new year. Come and join us for this very special Sunday and remember the moment you were washed clean and renewed as a person of faith.



Laity Sunday

Sunday, January 22nd

On Sunday, January 22, 2012, 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, some of our members 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)

Fellowship News and Notes

Keenagers Lunch Trip

Thursday, January 19th @ 11:30 a.m.



The Keenagers will travel to Wallace Station on Thursday, January 19th at 11:30 for lunch. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, January 17th. We will leave the church at 11:15 if you wish to carpool over.

Disciples Women

Sunday, January 15th @ 12:30

Mark your calendars for the next Disciples Women's luncheon on Sunday, January 15th after church. Please bring salad and sandwiches to share.



NO BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY

Elders/Deacons Meet - Tuesday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m. - Dinner will be provided.

Start the New Year by Reading the Bible

Starting on January 1, everyone is encouraged to read their bibles daily. We will be using The Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan as our guide. It features an Old Testament, a Gospel, an Epistle reading and a Psalm for each of the daily readings. At our Board Retreat, the elders and deacons talked about how they wanted to know the Bible better. So we have covenanted together to join in reading God's word daily. And to help us with our readings, we will meet weekly to reflect on our daily readings. **There will be a day-time gathering on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. and an after-work time gathering on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for this opportunity.** This will not be a typical Bible Study, but a chance to share with each other where the text intersects with our lives, and a chance to share what words or phrase surprised us or got us to thinking. It will be an opportunity for all of us to dwell in the Word of God. The Discipleship Bible Reading Plans are available in the narthex if you would like to get a head start.



Community News and Notes

Community MLK Service

Monday, January 16th at 7 p.m.

The Midway Ministerial Association is sponsoring a community MLK Service on Monday, January 16th at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church. Dr. Reed from St. Matthews Methodist will be preaching that night. We will be taking up an offering for the Midway Ministerial Association that goes to support the needs in our community. Please come join us as we remember the life and work of this man who still inspires us today through his dreams and words of hope.



Free Community Dinner Midway Chili Cook-off

*Monday, January 30th
@ 6:30 p.m.*

The next free community dinner will be a chili cook-off on Monday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the MCC Fellowship Hall. All residents of the Midway Community and all MCC members and friends are invited to enter a pot of chili. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best chilis will be awarded. Please **let the office know by Monday, Jan. 23rd** if you plan to enter a pot of chili.



Thank You from Bluegrass Cycling Club "On behalf of the Bluegrass Cycling Club, I am pleased to present this donation to Midway Christian Church. Thank you so much for your support of cycling. The Church is a great partner with BCC. We look forward to the 2012 riding season." - Randy

Youth News and Notes

Children/Youth Calendar:

- Tuesday, January 2nd:** JYF meets at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 10th:** JYF meets at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, January 15th:** **ChiRho & Youth** to Central Christian for MLK Service
- Tuesday, January 17th:** JYF meets at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, January 22nd:** **Kids in the Kitchen** at 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 24th:** JYF meets at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 31st:** JYF meets at 6 p.m.



July 15-20: Camp Wakon-Da'Ho
Work & Mission Outreach Week
 (Completed grades 6-12th)
 (This will be MCC's High School Mission Trip!!)

Dates for Camp Wakon-Da'Ho 2012

Camp	Grade Completed	Dates
Eighters Camp	8th	June 3-9
Junior Camp 1	4th-5 th	June 11-15
Camp 101*	1st-2 nd	June 16-17
CYF Camp 1	9th-12 th	June 18-23
CYF Camp 2	9th-12 th	June 25-30
Chi-Rho Camp 1	6th-8 th	July 2-7
Chi-Rho Camp 2	6th-8 th	July 9-14
Mini Camp	3 rd	July 20-22
Junior Camp 2	4th-5 th	July 23-28
C/COW ***	Ages 18-29	August 2-5
Yawl Family Camp Weekend**		Aug 31-Sept 2

*A Parent or Guardian must accompany the camper to this week of camp.

**This is for all families of all ages and make up

*** This is a camp experience for any Young Adult from 18 to 29.



Green Chalice

Planting Trees

"We not only need to reduce, re-use, and recycle, but we also need to plant trees to offset greenhouse gas emissions. Trees are important symbols of our faith, from the Garden of Eden in Genesis to the Trees in Revelation, scripture refers to trees 240 times! Consider planting a tree yourself or donate to an organization who will plant one for you." Here are two options to find online:

www.blessedearth.org/treeplanting, and

www.heifer.org—(click the Give tab).

Rev. Carole Devine, Green Chalice



Fair Trade

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

Is available in the MCC Fellowship Hall

Breakfast Blend Coffee	\$7 per bag
Organic Decaf	\$8 per bag
French Roast	\$7 per bag
Tea	\$4 per box
Organic Baking Cocoa	\$8
Extra Virgin Olive Oil	\$16/bottle



Mint Chocolate Bar	\$3 per bar
Ecuador Dark Chocolate	\$3 per bar
Panama Extra Dark	\$3 per bar
Dk Chocolate w/ Caramel	\$3 per bar
Dk Chocolate w/ Almonds	\$3 per bar

Mission News and Notes

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to the Meals on Wheels team that served the week of December 5th: Buddy & Gertrude Johnson, Nancy & Phil Dare, Phil Burchell, Pat Wilson and Pat Settlemire. The next delivery will be the week of January 2nd—6th.



Heifer Ark Project - Great News!



We have reached our goal of \$5,000 for another gift ark (livestock to poor villages) through Heifer International, with over \$1,000 left towards next year's ark! 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 (special gift cards are available), you can do so by making your checks out to Midway Christian Church with "Heifer Ark" in the memo. Thank you for making this possible!

Blanket Project

We will be collecting blankets during the months of January and February. Please bring NEW or GENTLY USED, CLEAN blankets to Fellowship Hall. A box for the blankets will be on the stage. We will see that one of the shelters in Lexington receives them. Let's help keep someone warm during these cold winter days and nights!



Thank You from Church World Service

"Thank you for your donation of 14 hygiene kits to Church World Service. Because of your support, we are able to quickly respond to disasters, whether overseas or here at home, with critically important material aid." For more information, visit www.churchworldservice.org/kits

Thank You from Midway Nursing Home Task Force

"Thank you for the donation... We look forward to the day when we will have our homes ready for our local people when they need them. Our land is a part of the City of Midway now. There have been some large pledges made and some very nice donations received. Now is the time for everyone in the county to get involved... Help us get the word out that The Homeplace is ready to become a reality... Again, thanks for your part."

January Mission Payments

Christian Care Communities is Kentucky's largest faith-based not-for-profit provider of affordable housing and long-term care for older adults. Founded in Louisville in 1884 to care for widows and orphans, Christian Care primarily serves older adults through an extensive network of retirement communities, including independent living apartments and patio homes, assisted living, and skilled nursing care. In addition to our regular January mission payment to Christian Care Communities, our "**Fifth Sunday Offering**" on January 29th will go to this important cause.



Continuing Education Opportunity

FINANCIAL ABUNDANCE - FREE SEMINAR

Thursdays from 7-9 pm January 12, 19 & 26

**Midway Christian Church
123 East Bruen Street, Fellowship Hall
Materials and light snack provided**

January 12: Personal Finances and Stewardship

Keys to being debt free
A path to prosperity that works
Stewardship & Giving



January 19: Tools for managing Personal Finances

On-line bill payments, checkbook balancing
Building on your successes
Five pitfalls of losing money

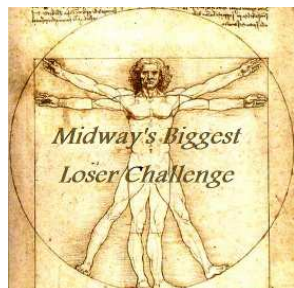
January 26: Open forum Q/A with local Christian Stock Broker

Is any situation hopeless?
Are you on the right path?
What have you always wanted to know and didn't ask?



Select any or all sessions!

Call Jeannie Hill for more information: 859-402-7632



MIDWAY'S BIGGEST LOSER CHALLENGE

Individuals and teams are invited to participate in the Midway Biggest Loser Challenge, which will take place from January 7th to April 6th. For a registration form or for more information about fees, weigh-ins, prizes, and general rules, see the MCC office bulletin board, or contact John Batts at johnbatts@aol.com.

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Return Service Requested

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

