



# THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

January 2021

## Church Staff:

**Rev. Dr. Heather McColl**

*Minister*

**Joni Burchett**

*Secretary*

**Teena Chinn**

*Music Director & Accompanist*

**Jestine Johnson**

*Custodian*

## Epiphany Dinner: Curb-side Pick-up Only

**Wednesday, January 6th, 6:30**

Due to COVID restrictions, Epiphany Dinner will be a lot different this year. We will not have dinner together in the dining room, but we will still have the delicious Ouita Michel menu of Medieval fare, available for curb-side pick-up. (We will stagger pick-up times between 5:30 and 7:00)

We plan to have an Epiphany Service that you can watch online on Facebook or Youtube. Log-in information will be provided with purchase.

**Pre-pay with Paypal** (on [MidwayChristian.org](http://MidwayChristian.org))  
**or send a check** to PO Box 4548, Midway, KY 40347

**\$30 per meal** - (Vegetarian option; otherwise, no special orders)



## Sunday Worship

10:55 AM: Virtual Worship

See Login Info on Page 2

**123 East Bruen Street**

**PO Box 4548**

**Midway, KY 40347**

**859-846-4102**

**Fax: 859-846-9542**

**E-mail:**

[office@midwaychristian.org](mailto:office@midwaychristian.org)

**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs**  
**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Visit us on the web:**

[www.midwaychristian.org](http://www.midwaychristian.org)



### Each Meal Will Include:

SHIRAZ BI-BUQUAL  
(MEDIÉVAL CHEESE & WALNUT DIP)

SPELT BREAD

ROSEMARY ROAST PORK, SAUSAGE

MUSTARD SAUCE

HONEY ROASTED CHICKEN

SAFFRON RICE PILAF

CARROT PUDDING WITH CURRANTS & DATES

SWEET & SOUR RED CABBAGE

SALAD OF LETTUCES, FENNEL, MINT, PARSLEY, FLOWERS & EGG

KING CAKE

3 or 4 volunteers  
are needed to  
help with  
carry-out

## Virtual Epiphany Service - January 6, 6:30 p.m.

We will be airing the Epiphany Service from our sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6th on Facebook & YouTube.



**Watch on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Midway1844/live/>

**Watch on Youtube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0U4aa81vKWgvyCOTxRJmg/>

### Budget Update

**Budgeted to date: \$79,999.98**

**Received to date: \$78,929.37**

## Worship News and Notes

### Worship Themes

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



#### January 3

Epiphany Sunday  
Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12  
Title: "Follow Yonder Star"

#### January 10

Baptism Sunday  
Scripture: Mark 1: 4-11  
Title: "With You, I Am Well Pleased"

#### January 17

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Scripture: Jonah 1: 1-17  
Title: "In the Belly of the Fish"

#### January 24

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
*Laity Sunday*  
Scripture: Jonah 2-3  
Title: "God Changed God's Mind"

#### January 31

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Scripture: Jonah 4  
Title: "Waiting to See"



### Serving This Month

**Leader Elder for January: Ouita Michel**

**Worship Leaders:**

<b>1/3</b>	Sue Roberts
<b>1/10</b>	Ouita Michel
<b>1/17</b>	<i>Needed</i>
<b>1/24</b>	Karen Murphy
<b>1/31</b>	<i>Needed</i>



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

Worship  
Leaders can  
be Virtual, or  
In-Person.  
See Heather.

### Sunday 10:55 a.m. Worship Live On-Line:

**Watch on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Midway1844/live/>



**Watch on Youtube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0U4aa81vKWgvvCOTxRJmg/>



### Zoom 12:00 Fellowship Time After Sunday Worship:

To join the Zoom meeting online: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/978748852?pwd=ZWFLbWgzSTRsaGtEakdJaWFLQmkrZz09>

Or by phone: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 978 748 852, Password: 669890



**There will be  
NO  
Congregational  
Meeting  
this January**

### Baby Dedication

Beth and Susan had their new son dedicated to God on December 20th, during our Sunday service.

Please welcome

**Zamari Kai Thompson-Mooney**

into the Midway Christian Church family!



### Leadership Meetings (Via Zoom)

#### Board:

*No Board meeting*

#### Care Team:

*TBA*

#### Admin Team:

*Sunday, January 10  
12:30 p.m.*

#### Worship Team:

*Monday, January 11  
6:30 p.m.*

#### Elders:

*Monday, January 18  
6:30 p.m.*

#### Cabinet:

*Weds., January 20  
6:00 p.m.*

## More Worship News

### Baptism Sunday - January 10th

On Sunday, January 10th, we will be celebrating Baptism Sunday. Before the service that morning, we are inviting everyone to please prepare their worship space by placing a bowl of water near them and to light a candle. During the service, we will invite everyone to dip their hands in the water. We are also asking everyone to please send us pictures of water which have renewed your soul. It could be a picture of the ocean, a picture of a lake, or a picture of your kids playing in the pool. Please email them to the office at [office@midwaychristian.org](mailto:office@midwaychristian.org).



BAPTISM  
SUNDAY

These pictures will be used during worship as we renew our baptisms, once more hearing God's promises to us as God's Beloved Children. This service is an opportunity for us as, people of faith, to re-commit ourselves to Christ as we begin the new year. Join us for this very special Sunday, and remember the moment you were washed clean and renewed as a person of faith.

### Laity Sunday - January 24th

On Sunday, January 24th, we will celebrate Laity Sunday, which is 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." ([www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)) 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 roles as leaders of this church.



## More News...

### Update on Roof and Leak in the Sanctuary:

A roofer came in November and completed the repairs on the two towers. Bob Settlemire checked on the repairs a few weeks later, after we had received some rain. He used a moisture detector and found that the various spots were in the normal moisture range. The next step in the process is contacting a painter to repair the drywall and to paint the damaged areas in the sanctuary.

Thank you to Dan Roller and Bob Settlemire for sharing your time and talents on this project. WE greatly appreciate it!

### FREE Community Dinner

**Monday, January 25th**  
**MCC Fellowship Hall,**  
**Around 6:30 p.m.**



### CARRY-OUT & DELIVERIES ONLY

\*Please leave a message at 846-4102 if you would like to order pick-up or delivery. Please give your name, and number of meals requested (and address, if it's for delivery—in Midway only).

**\*Deadline to order is by  
12:30 on the day of the dinner.**

**Volunteers are  
needed:**  
Curbside, &  
delivery drivers.

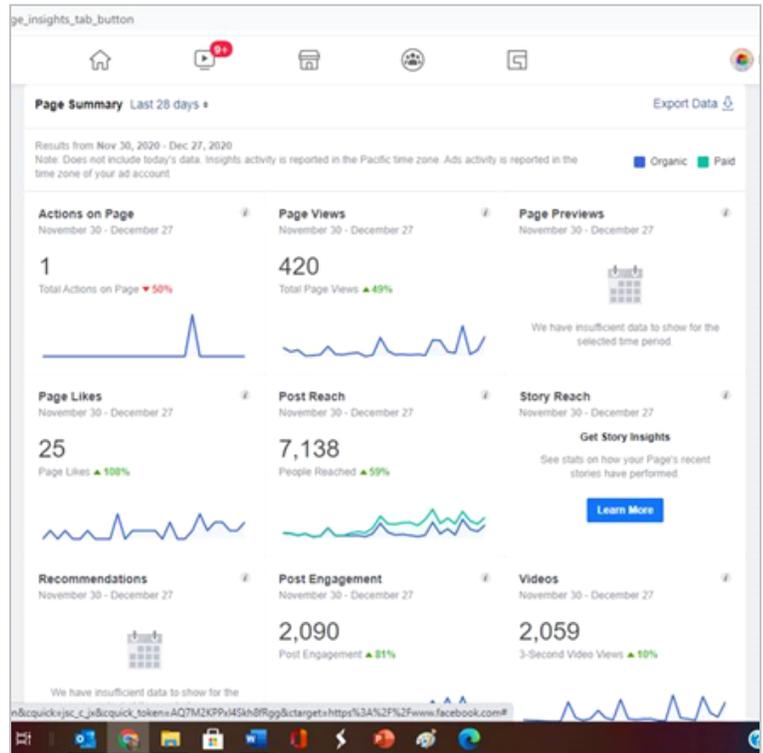
## Update on Communications Strategy

### Communications Strategy Update

These may look like a bunch of random numbers, but they are the page insights from our church's Facebook page for the weeks between November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup>. Our posts reached 7,138 people during that time!!! That's crazy! That's amazing! That's why we are developing a communications strategy! We are getting the word out about Midway Christian Church. We are creating an authentic community of faith which includes people who have been worshiping with us for years and people who are just discovering who we are through the gift of social media. Or as someone once said, "The Church has left the building!"

It all began when we started this experiment with our communications strategy during our Advent season. We posted a devotional and a song on our social media pages daily. We boosted events like our Christmas Eve Service. We worked with our consultant a bit to figure out when were the best times to post. And as you can see, the seeds of community are coming to fruition!

Our plan is to continue to work with our consultant, developing our communications strategy. Once the results of the survey are in, she will process the information with us, giving us a better idea of the direction we need to go. The survey closed on 12/30, so our hope is, sometime in January, we will have the results. Beyond that, as we are putting the pieces of this communications strategy together, we are beginning to explore new email programs like Mail Chimp as our main way to communicate with the congregation. Jeanne Clark is redesigning our website so that it will work on both desktops and mobile phones. But the biggest need in the process is creating a position that might help with the technology on Sunday mornings as well as be in charge of our social media communication. This is not something we have to tackle right now, but it is a part of the larger conversation surrounding our communications strategy. For right now, as we enter the new year, what I can say is that we may not have a lot of answers at this point, except that it definitely does feel like God is moving us as a community of faith in new and exciting ways.



### Help us reach 100 subscribers for our YouTube channel!



That way, we can get a personalized link rather than the long list of numbers.

Go to: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCL0U4aa81vKWgVVCOtXRJmg> and click "SUBSCRIBE"

### Thank You for Shopping Kroger with Midway Christian Church as Your Charity

By using your Kroger Plus card with MCC as your designated charity, Kroger sends us a donation based on your expenditures. In the 4th quarter of 2020, we earned \$104.20.

Thank you!



## Thank-You Notes

### From Unshackled By Love

To MCC Disciples Women:

Thank you so much for partnering with UnShackled By Love Ministries and supporting our mission to help heal the broken. Each resident will live in the home 12 months to 2 years at a time. In this safe and secure environment, they will receive physical, emotional, and spiritual healing, and learn the skills necessary for self-reliance and reintegration into society.

The doors of Un-Shackled are open and we are serving women to become free and learn who they are in Christ Jesus. Your support is helping these women heal and have a safe place.

(MCC Disciples Women gave \$350 in gift cards to help provide for their general needs).

Thank you again for your support, Jewellen Morrison, Founder



### Thank you from the MCC Staff:

On behalf of the staff at Midway Christian Church, we want to say thank you for our gifts this Christmas. Thank you for the many ways you support us and love us. We are so grateful to be on this journey of ministry with this community of faith.

- Heather, Teena, Joni, & Jestine



### Thank You from Shirley Davis

THANK YOU

For the Holly Jolly Christmas bags.  
That was fun.

For the wonderful meals that you bring.

Blessings to all who had any part in these things. You brighten our days and we appreciate it so much.

Shirley Davis,  
Midway School  
Apartments

*Thank  
You!*

### Thank You from Christian Church in KY

Dear Members of Midway Christian Church:

I would like to express our thanks to you for the gift of \$500 to the Christian Church (DoC) in Kentucky. This over and above outreach gift will help strengthen and expand our service to congregations.

We appreciate the many ways that the church is involved in witness and serves through the Christian Church in Kentucky. We claim your ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for the many ways you bless the community and the ministry we share!

Sincerely, Dean Phelps, Transitional Regional Minister

### Thank You from Historic Second Christian Church

"Midway Christian Church truly shows support and generosity to a sister Disciples of Christ church in our blessed community of Midway. May God continue to be faithful and hopeful to this church family."

Pastor Rick Smith and Church Members  
Dec. 2020



## LTS Webinars

### **“You Cannot Serve God and Money: Today’s Global Debt System as a Moral and Pastoral Emergency”**



**Rev. Dr. Bruce Rogers-Vaughn**

**January 23, 2021 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

In this webinar, we will explore together how, in an era of “finance capitalism,” money is a social relationship of credit and debt that emerges from and reproduces social and material inequality and how the Church and its leaders might respond.

### **“365 Days of Giving: Examining Generosity and Gratitude in Complex Times”**



**Ms. Aimée A. Laramore**

**February 6, 2021 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Join us for a robust conversation about what it means to Preach/Teach, Ask, Evaluate, and Celebrate in a continuous cycle of congregational life. In this webinar, we will explore the interconnected nature of giving and gratitude, reflect on internal cultures and core values, and explore opportunities and approaches for a more intentional, thoughtful culture of giving.

### **“Intergenerational Ministry”**



**Rev. Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrove**

**March 20, 2021 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Ministries Across Generations is a counter-culture movement to engage in faith daily with a more holistic reality of being faithful for life. This webinar will help us understand and learn the importance of including all ages in various faith encounters, how to engage intentionally in intergenerational worship, learning and mission.

*Lexington Theological Seminary offers the Creating Vital Congregations webinar series to help equip pastors, church leaders and members alike with tools to address a wide variety of issues facing congregations today.*



*The cost to register is \$10 per log-in. <https://www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series/>*

*Please register by 10 a.m. the day before the webinar. A link to the webinar will be emailed 24 hours prior to the webinar. Late registrants are not guaranteed live participation; a link to view recorded presentation will be available within approximately one week of the presentation.*

## Mission News & Notes

### January Mission Payments

**Chrysalis House** is Kentucky's oldest and largest licensed substance abuse treatment program for women, established in 1978. Today, Chrysalis House is a comprehensive agency with four residential facilities, apartment complex, 18,000 square foot, multi-purpose community center, and an outpatient office. In addition to substance use disorder treatment, Chrysalis House provides mental health treatment, case management, domestic violence counseling, GED tutoring, vocational training and job placement assistance, access to medical care, housing assistance, and children's services. Chrysalis House specializes in treating pregnant and parenting women. We allow mothers to keep their babies on-site with them while in treatment. Helping women achieve the capacity to provide for themselves and their children is our focus. Graduates are staying sober, working in jobs that support their families, earning their GEDs, living in their own homes, and giving back to their community. *Chrysalishouse.org*

### Benevolent Fund of the Homeplace at Midway

The Homeplace at Midway is a continuing-care community of small cottages nestled on 31 acres in picturesque Midway, across from Midway University. It opened in 2015 as Kentucky's first Green House® senior living community. The Homeplace at Midway is part of Christian Care Communities, which is the state's largest faith-based, not-for-profit provider of affordable housing and long-term care for Older Adults. *(from Christian Care Communities website)*

### Heifer International Ark Project

To give to the Heifer Ark Project, which provides livestock, seeds, and trees to help poor villages around the world be self-sustaining, please make the check out to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line.



MCC has given four Arks (\$5,000 each) in the last 11 years! (We currently have \$2,495 in the Ark fund).



***A donation to Heifer in a loved one's name makes a great gift.***

Gift acknowledgment cards are available in the church office.

### Earn \$\$\$ for Midway Christian When You Shop

THANK YOU for designating MCC as your charity of choice when shopping with your Kroger Plus Card or Amazon Smile.

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

**kroger community rewards** 

### Fair Trade Shopping

Stop by the church office (Mon-Thurs 8:30-12:30) to purchase Fair Trade chocolate and coffee to support workers in poorer countries who are paid a living wage for growing, harvesting, and producing these products.

Joni will let you into fellowship hall to make your selections!

*Make checks to MCC with Fair Trade in the memo line.*



### Blessing Box at MCC

Thank you for helping keep the Blessing Box on our porch stocked with non-perishable foods & toiletries for our neighbors in need.



***To prevent abuse of this mission please use a permanent marker to block out the bar codes.***

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*Return Service Requested*



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