



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February 2021

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WEEK of COMPASSION Offering - Sunday, February 28th

"Week of Compassion is more than a week. It is a ministry of the whole Church, reaching those in need "around the world, around the year." Any time we respond to a need in the world, we bear witness to the unity of our table, faithfully sharing the gifts that we have as an expression of Christ's love. In working together with partners, we represent the Disciples of Christ commitment to unity, making our resources reach farther and growing our impact on a global scale." From WeekofCompassion.org

To support this mission, please make checks payable to MCC with "Week of Compassion" in the memo line.



Thank You from Gloria Batts & Family



To my MCC family, thank you for all the love and support you have shown during the passing of my mother, Mary. I greatly appreciate your calls, texts, flowers, donations, and cards. Our family will always cherish the memories you shared of all the ways she touched your lives. Thank you to Heather for capturing the uniqueness of the dear, sweet lady known to us as Mom Mary.

~ Love, peace, hope, and joy to all from Gloria Batts & family ~

Sunday Worship

10:55 AM: Virtual
Worship

123 East Bruen Street
PO Box 4548

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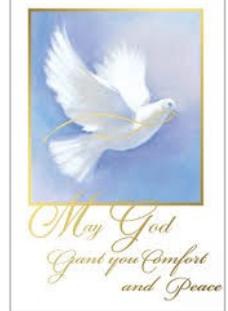
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Visit us on the web:

www.midwaychristian.org

In Christian Sympathy

Our hearts go out to Carl Rollins and all of Brenda Rollins' family and friends after her passing on Sunday, January 10th.



You may view Brenda's obituary with the link below:

<https://clarklegacycenter.com/tribute/details/204914/Brenda-Rollins/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Watch on Facebook:

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

Watch on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0U4aa81vKWgvCOTxRJmg/>

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$93,333.31

Received to date: \$85,875.81



Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



February 7

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39
 Title: "Everyone's Looking for You"

February 14

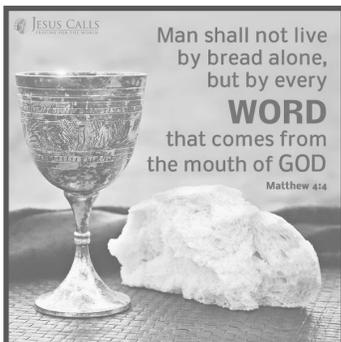
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
 Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-11
 Title: "Holy Vessels"

February 21

First Sunday in Lent
 Scripture: Matthew 8: 1-4, 16-17
 Title: "Treasure: Physical Health"

February 28

Second Sunday in Lent
 Scripture: Matthew 8: 5-18
 Title: "Safe-Keeping: Community/Economic Health"



Serving This Month

Leader Elder for February: Jim Leer

Worship Leaders: 2/7 **John Batts**
 2/14 **Sue Roberts**
 2/21 **Ouita Michel**
 2/28 **Needed**



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



Ash Wednesday—February 17th

There will be an online-only Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m., hosted by Midway Presbyterian. Evan Rowe of Midway Baptist will be preaching. View on Facebook and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/midwaypresbyterian>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MidwayPresbyterian>

Heather will be offering Drive-Thru Ashes from noon until 1 pm., and 5:30-6 p.m. on that Wednesday, February 17th.



Leadership Meetings (Via Zoom)

Board:

*Sunday, Feb. 7
 12:30 p.m. (see pg 4)*

Care Team:

TBA

Admin Team:

*Sunday, Feb. 14
 12:30 p.m.*

Worship Team:

*Monday, Feb. 8
 6:30 p.m.*

Elders:

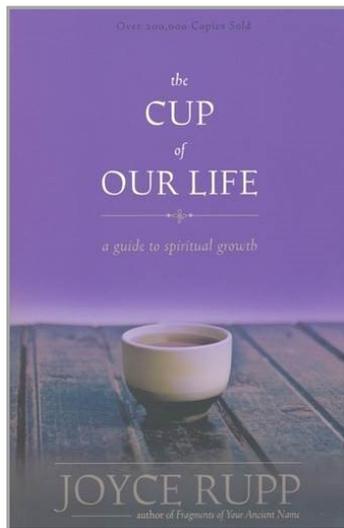
*Monday, Feb. 15
 6:30 p.m.*

Cabinet:

*Weds., Feb. 17
 6:00 p.m.*

Lenten Worship News

Lenten Devotional



With a new preface and fresh design, *The Cup of Our Life* is for anyone seeking a more intimate and disciplined life of prayer. Rupp illustrates how the ordinary cups used each day can become sacred vessels that connect readers with life and bring them into closer union with the Divine. She explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and its many blessings. With daily devotions for six weeks, this book is ideal for individual usage as well as group usage in parish settings, religious communities, and small Christian communities.

The church has ordered 25 hardback copies of this book.

It also is available in Kindle format.

It also is available in Audio format: <https://christianaudio.com/the-cup-of-our-life-joyce-rupp-audiobook-download>

Lenten Micropractices

Lent is a 40 day season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus. We mark this time as different through our actions. The days are counted from Ash Wednesday through the Saturday before Easter. Sundays are not counted in Lent's 40 days. We begin by being marked with ashes as a reminder of the uncertainty of human life. We continue throughout the 40 days by making room in our hearts and lives for Christ's resurrection. This year, Midway Christian Church is inviting everyone to engage in a daily practice to guide you each day on your journey. Some practices can be done on the spot, some during the day, and others will take some time and/or preparation. Traditionally, there are three pillars of Lent: praying, fasting, and alms giving, which come to us from Matthew 6:1-18.



The practices will rotate through these themes, along with additional practices that don't fit neatly in one of those categories. Engage with the practices when and how you can. There is no right or wrong way to do them. You are no more or less holy by doing them all or only a few. Feel free to adjust the practice of the day to better fit yourself or the members of your household. Bonus Tips: † Read the daily practice in the morning so you have a chance to engage with it during the day. † Set an alarm on your phone as a reminder. † Review the day's practice at dinner. † Mark your favorite practices to make a regular part of your faith life. *(From Vibrant Church Communications)*

Starting on Wednesday, February 17th (*Ash Wednesday*), these micropractices will be available each day in the evening on the Church's Social Media platform. Or if you are interested, we can email you a copy or print you out a booklet which contains these micro practices.

Lenten Micropractices in a Bag

We are putting together a take-home bag which pairs with the Lenten Micropractices. Please let the office know if you are interested in one.

More Lenten Worship News

Lenten Theme: Holy Vessels

"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."
Matthew 8: 17b

Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten "season of recovery" for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken.

Link to a beautiful 1-minute video: <https://fb.watch/3eZaMVP1TB/>



Updates

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH DIGITAL MARKETING TOP 5 SURVEY RESULTS



83.3%

have visited our website



84.8%

chose Facebook as their preferred social media platform



85.4%

had not clicked on an Instagram ad in the last 30 days



95%

of website visitors found what they were looking for



95.8%

do not belong to any online Christian Groups

Social Media Update:

First, we want to thank you for recently participating in our social media survey online.

Second, help us congratulate **Helen Rentch** for winning the \$50.00 Ouita Michel's Restaurants Gift Card.

Third, while collating the results, we found for five of the questions, many of you chose the same answer. To quickly convey those answers, we created an infographic of the Top 5. (See infographic above)

As a result of your feedback, look for some new and exciting changes to our digital presence.

So, if you have not already, please like us on our Facebook page and continue to learn about who we are, where we are going, and posts on topics you said you wanted from us via the survey!

Board Meeting via Zoom



Sunday, February 7th
 12:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 684 819 1419

Passcode: 509235

By phone: 1-646-558-8656

Or online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6848191419?pwd=Skpid0IxZlM5YlV1b3I1RGZpdmZpQT09>

We Have Reached 100 Subscribers on YouTube!

Our personalized link should be coming soon.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS!!!

Community News

Phil & Sharon Burchell Have a New Address

Phil & Sharon have moved to the Homeplace!

Their new address is:

**101 Sexton Way
Apt. #411
Midway, KY 40347**



Calls and visits are appreciated!

Visits are by appointment through the Homeplace office, and are porch visits, until further notice (due to COVID restrictions).

FREE Community Dinner

**Monday, February 22nd
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).

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

**Volunteers are
needed:**

*Curbside, &
delivery drivers.*

Valentine's Day at the Homeplace

We want our elders to feel the love on Valentine's Day! We know we can count on our community to help. Please drop cards to the front office M-F 8:30am-4:00pm or mail them before February 11th. Get your family, church, school, youth group, and office involved to help spread some happiness to our older adults on Valentine's Day!



*Again cards can be dropped off to the front office or mailed to The Homeplace, 101 Sexton Way, Midway, KY 40347. **Thank you!!**

Midway Renaissance Food Drive

The Food Drive response from the community has been fabulous, and the sorting has begun!



Thank You from Walter Bradley Park

We would like to thank you for your assistance in making it possible to get the new picnic table in the paddock area of Walter Bradley Park. Without your donation of [bottle] caps, we would not have been able to complete the project. A plaque recognizing your contribution has been placed on the table.

Sincere thanks,
Walter Bradley
Park Board



Thank You from Chrysalis House



COVID-19 has made this year challenging, but through it all, Chrysalis House continues to provide family-centered treatment for women with substance-use disorders. As a valued supporter, you have played a major role in keeping our good work going!

We simply could not provide these services for women and children without your support. We are going to get through this because of you!

Wishing you an extra measure of comfort, joy, and hope in 2021. Thank you!

Kama McKinney, Executive Director

LTS Webinars

“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 Updegrave

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.

“Leadership in a Multicultural World”

Rev. Lori Tapia

April 24, 2021 | 1:30-3:30 p.m.



As we live and serve in an increasingly globalized world, the need for leadership that can inspire and unite across diverse cultural, linguistic, and contextual differences becomes more critical. This webinar will offer practical tools for expanding leadership in multicultural settings, as well as developing cultural intelligence vs. cultural competence.

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

February Mission Payments

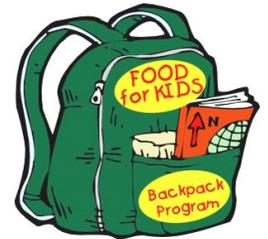
Cub Scout Pack 41

Pack 41 was started at Midway Christian Church in May of 2014, with 3 dens: Tigers, Wolves, and Bears, serving boys in first through fifth grades. The overall goals for Cub Scouts is to build character, learn good citizenship, and develop personal fitness.



Northside Backpack Project

Midway Presbyterian Church sponsors the Backpack Project to help feed Northside Elementary kids who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend. Cash donations are always welcome as are ready-to-eat or microwavable healthy, individual-serving foods. Midway Christian makes a nice donation to this project every year, and we can forward your cash or food donations to them.



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted ~ Aesop

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
Kroger Plus

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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