



THE CONTACT

Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

March 2021

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Lenten Breakfasts

9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 6th

Speaker/Topic: Milan Bush, "Taking Care of Our Community Health: Honoring Black Stories in Midway"

9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 13th

Speaker/Topic: Lisa Maas, "Taking Care of Our Spiritual Health"

9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 20th

Speaker/Topic: Paige Walker, "Taking Care of Our Mental Health"

9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 27th

Speaker/Topic: Tefany Bleuel, "Taking Care of Our Physical Health"



Sunday Worship

10:55 AM: Virtual
Worship

ZOOM Log-in info:

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

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8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Visit us on the web:
www.midwaychristian.org



Congregational Meeting

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



Please join us for our quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday, March 7th, (via Zoom) for important updates and MCC business.

Log-in information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6848191419?pwd=Skpid0IxZlM5YlV1b3I1RGZpdmZpQT09>

Or by phone: 646-558-8656, Meeting ID 684 819 1419, Passcode: 509235



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Watch on Facebook:

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

Watch on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/MidwayChristianChurch1844>

Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$106,666.64
Received to date: \$99,002.89

Worship News and Notes

Worship Themes

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



March 7

Third Sunday in Lent
 Scripture: Matthew 9: 27-33
 Title: "Stories: Mental Health"

March 14

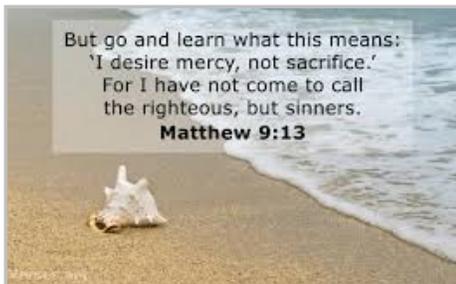
Fourth Sunday in Lent
 Scripture: Matthew 9: 18-26
 Title: "Different Pictures: Intellectual Health"

March 21

Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Scripture: Matthew 8: 18-27
 Title: "Restoration: Environmental Health"

March 28

Palm Sunday
 Scripture: Matthew 9:1-8; 21:1-11
 Title: "Holy, Wholly: Integrated Health"



Serving This Month

Leader Elder for March: Beth Thompson

Worship Leaders: 3/7 Dr. Jim Roach



3/14 **TBA**

3/21 **TBA**

3/28 **TBA**

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/c/MidwayChristianChurch1844>



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

Calling all March Birthdays and Anniversaries!

On the first and third Sundays of the month, during worship, we like to celebrate our friends and families who have Birthdays or Anniversaries. If you would like to include someone or a couple in this celebration, please send us their names along with a picture of that person/persons so that we can include them in our celebration. You can email them to office@midwaychristian.org.



Leadership Meetings (Via Zoom)

Cong. Meeting
Sunday, March 7
12:30 p.m.

Care Team:
TBA

Admin Team:
Sunday, March 14
12:30 p.m.

Worship Team:
Monday, March 8
6:30 p.m.

Elders:
Monday, March 15
6:30 p.m.

Cabinet:
Weds., March 17
6:00 p.m.

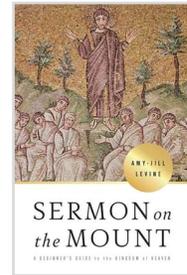
More Worship News

FOOD for the SOUL (online)

Thursdays, February 18th—March 25th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

We are watching/studying “The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven” - a study by Amy-Jill Levine.

See video: <https://youtu.be/uBlkfH263nQ>



You will need the book for this study (see picture). If you want a copy, please let the office know, and Heather will order them through the church. Cost is \$12.99

Description: In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

She also created a 40-Day Readings to go along with it. We will not be using it, but just in case you want it to go along with your Lenten practices, we can purchase a few and have them for pick-up, if you want them.

Description: This collection of 40 daily readings is drawn from Levine’s teachings on the Sermon on the Mount. Containing additional stories, insights, and lessons from the author, the readings further illuminate the wisdom of Jesus’ most famous sermon. Cost is \$10.99

Lenten Theme - “Holy Vessels” Continues through March

“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/>



The MCC Altar

Easter Offering



Easter Offering

a special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
March 28 and April 4, 2021

Imagine
 what God can do
when we share our gifts.

The Easter Offering reaches deep and wide
 with the limitless power of the risen Christ.

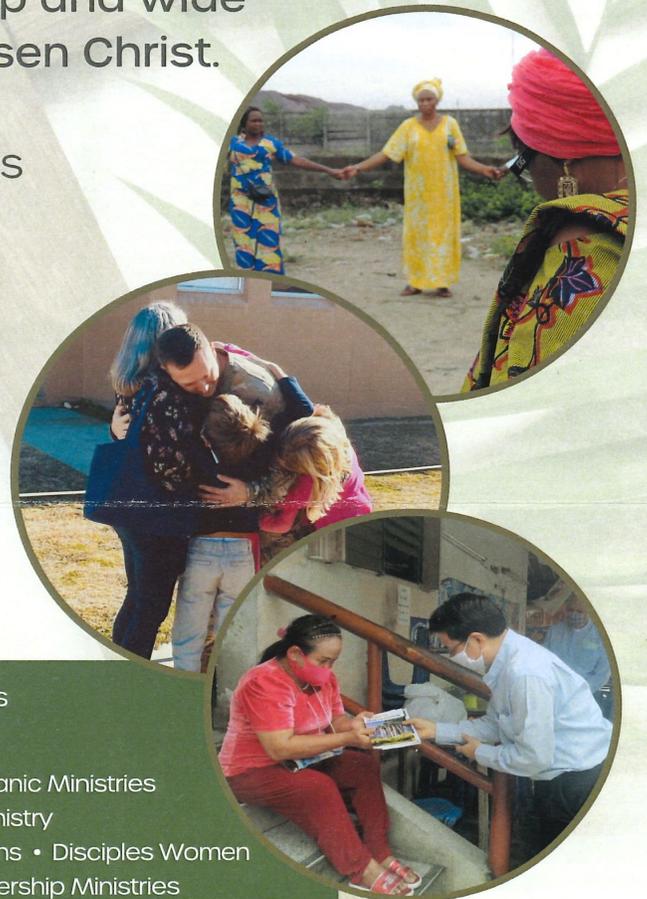
- developing Disciples
- forming new faith communities
- connecting with ministry partners around the world
- serving God's people in need

Imagine what God can do:

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. – John 20:1

The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

Center for Faith and Giving • Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
 Communication Ministries • Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry
 Disciples of Christ Historical Society • Disciples Home Missions • Disciples Women
 Division of Overseas Ministries • Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
 National Benevolent Association • National Convocation
 New Church Ministry • North American Pacific/Asian Disciples
 Office of the General Minister and President • Treasury Services



*****PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCC WITH "EASTER OFFERING" IN THE MEMO LINE.*****

Community News

FREE Community Dinner

Monday, March 29th
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.

Thank You from Christian Care Communities

Thank You!

"More people than ever need the strength and comfort of Christian Care Communities' important services. With your gift of \$500, you join others who have made a commitment to help continue our mission of enhancing the journey of life for Older Adults.

To learn more about what your support helps make possible, we encourage you to visit us online at www.ChristianCareCommunities.org."

James W. Patton, VP of Mission Advancement

Easter Flowers - Order by March 24

If you would like to order Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary in honor/memory of your loved one(s), please use this link to order online: <https://form.jotform.com/210316437527149>

Or clip out the order form below and send a check made out to MCC with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line (not to be confused with "Easter Offering" which goes to the Disciples Mission Fund). You can pick up your flowers after Easter and plant them in your yard!



Easter Flowers Order Form

Name of Donor(s): _____

I would like to order _____ Lily
_____ Tulip
_____ Hyacinth

Cost for each is \$12

In HONOR of: _____

In MEMORY of: _____

Please make checks payable to Midway Christian Church, with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.
Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

LTS Webinars

“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.

CHRISTMOUNT CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, Black Mountain, NC



Adult Work Week -- May 2-7, 2021

Adult Work Week is an opportunity to help Christmount prepare for the summer season. Raking, painting, weeding, light construction, trail maintenance, preparing supplies for camp - it's all part of readying Christmount for a summer of wonder where lives are changed. And we have lots of fun!

Our theme for 2021 is "Eco-Theology" and we will focus on projects this year that promote the idea of ecology and theology. Projects aligning with this idea might include working on the Christmount trail systems in an effort to develop opportunities for groups to utilize the trails for teaching about creation, theology, and education.

Mission News & Notes

March Mission Payments

LTS Scholarship—Lexington Theological Seminary is an accredited graduate theological institution related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The purpose of LTS is to prepare faithful leaders for the church of Jesus Christ and, thus, to strengthen the church's participation in God's mission for the world. *(from LTS website)*



Transylvania Scholarship—Transylvania University is a distinguished liberal arts college, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), of approximately 1,100 students that is consistently ranked and praised in the leading national college guides. Transylvania offers 34 majors plus the option of designing an individual major. Students gain a strong grounding in liberal education, however the University also emphasizes career planning. *(from Transylvania University website)*



Midway University (Ruth Roach) Scholarship—The Ruth Slack Roach Leadership Scholarship program was created in September 1996 in memory of Ruth Slack Roach, a great community servant-leader. The purpose of the Midway University Ruth Slack Roach Leadership Scholarship program (RSR) is to develop women as leaders dedicated to personal and community service exemplified in the life of Ruth Slack Roach. *(from Midway.edu 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.



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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