



Disciples  
of Christ

# The CONTACT

The Monthly Newsletter  
of Midway Christian Church

Midway, Kentucky



Founded in 1844

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## Sunday Worship

10:55 AM:

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Mon-Thurs

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

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www.midwaychristian.org



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## Holy Week Virtual Worship Opportunities

### Community Maundy Thursday Service:

**April 1st, 7:00 p.m., Midway Christian Church**  
**Streaming live on Facebook and YouTube**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MidwayChristianChurch1844>

### Easter Sunday MMA Community Sunrise Service:

**April 4th, 7:00 a.m., Midway Presbyterian Church**  
**Pastor Josh Hale of St. Matthew's AME, preaching**  
**Live from the back porch, and Streaming on Facebook**

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

### Easter Sunday Midway Christian Service:

**April 4th, 10:55 a.m., Midway Christian Church**  
**Streaming live on Facebook and YouTube**

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

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## Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$106,666.64

Received to date: \$111,134.18

*Have a blessed  
Easter!*

## Worship Themes



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

### April 4

Easter Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 28

Title: "Healed and Still Healing:  
Commission of Christ"

### April 11

Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 126

Title: "When the Lord changed  
Zion's circumstances for the  
better, it was like we had been  
dreaming..."

### April 18

Earth Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Dr. Leah Schade, Guest Preacher

Scripture: Genesis 41: 53—42: 5;

Luke 9: 51-58

Title: TBA

### April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ambrose Wilson, Preaching

Scripture: TBA

Title: TBA

### SERVING THIS MONTH:

**Lead Elder: Shirley Eckels**

### Worship Leaders:

4/4 TBA

4/11

4/18

4/25

## 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

### MCC LEADERSHIP:

BOARD Meeting  
TBA

ADMIN Team  
Sunday, April 11  
6:30 p.m.

Worship Team:  
Monday, April 12  
12:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Elders:  
Monday, April 19  
6:30 p.m.

Cabinet:  
Weds., April 21  
6:00 p.m.

## Disciples Mission Fund Easter Special Offering

This annual offering for the Disciples Mission Fund goes to support the many works of the General Ministries.

"Our ministries can bear fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. Let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole."

*Easter Offering*

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



## Calling all April Birthdays and Anniversaries!

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 Birthdays and Anniversaries celebration. You can email them to [office@midwaychristian.org](mailto:office@midwaychristian.org).



# Mission Endowment Grant Requests

As stated in the Mission Endowment Fund Policy, the primary purpose of the Fund is "to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ, serving human needs in our community and around the world." In keeping with this purpose, the policy allows an annual withdrawal for outreach-related improvements, equipment or programs.

Written requests from the congregation (for outreach projects which are not already included in the church annual budget) for the Mission Endowment Fund need to be submitted by April 15. The requests will be reviewed by the Trustees who will make recommendations to the Midway Christian Church Board, which will have the final approval of the projects funded.

## Cane Ridge Meeting House Opens April 1st

### Opening Day Worship on April 1st is cancelled,

but you are welcome to visit the Meeting House, in limited numbers (10 or less in the building).

Please practice social distancing, and masks must cover both the mouth and nose while indoors.

Someone will be available to answer questions, but they will not be telling the extended Cane Ridge Story during April, or until further notice.

"Cane Ridge Day" will be postponed until summer or fall.

Cane Ridge Meeting House is the site of the Great Revival of 1801, with over 20,000 in attendance over several days, and is the "birthplace" of the Disciples of Christ, with the signing of the Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery in 1804. (Copy available in the MCC office)

The beautiful grounds and historic (1791) log building, encased inside the stone structure pictured, is located at 1655 Cane Ridge Road, Paris, KY. There is also a museum and gift shop on the grounds, as well as picnic facilities. If you've never been, you should go!



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

*Thank  
You!*

For using your Kroger Plus card with MCC as your designated charity, Kroger sends us a donation based on your expenditures. In the 1st quarter of 2021, we earned \$98. Thank you!



## Reopening Conversation Update: Looking Ahead to Sunday, April 11, 2021

*"Comfort, oh comfort my people," says your God. "Speak softly and tenderly to Jerusalem, She [has experienced more than] enough, and now it's over and done with."...A voice is crying out: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God! Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be flattened. Uneven ground will become level, and rough terrain a valley plain. The Lord's glory will appear, and all humanity will see it together; the Lord's mouth has commanded it." Go up on a high mountain, messenger Zion! Raise your voice and shout, messenger Jerusalem! Raise it; don't be afraid; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" Here is the Lord God, coming with strength, with a triumphant arm, bringing his reward with him and his payment before him. Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock; he will gather lambs in his arms and lift them onto his lap." Isaiah 40: 1-6; 9-11*

Isaiah writes these words after hearing the news that the people who have been in exile will return home to Jerusalem. These are the words which came to my mind last night after the Cabinet decided to re-open our church building on Sunday, April 11th. Normally, these words are read as part of Advent, but suddenly, in the midst of what all we have experienced over the last year, they have taken on new meaning for us as people of faith.

We know we are not finished with this pandemic yet, but there is hope; there is a light at the end of the tunnel. As I shared with someone yesterday, it is exciting to just have possibilities again.

We are still asking everyone to please wear masks when in the church building and to continue social distancing because we know that not everyone is fully vaccinated, as yet. We will also still follow our guidelines to help ensure we are doing everything we can to look out for people's safety. These guidelines are included in this mailing.

We will gather at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday April 11th for a short outdoor re-dedication service of our sanctuary. Then, everyone is invited to enter into the sanctuary for worship that day, again using the side door off the alleyway.

I also would like to invite anyone who has not seen how the new technology has been incorporated into the design of the sanctuary to please come and do so. Please feel free to email me, call me, text me, and I'll be glad to show you how everything came together to enhance the beauty of our worship space.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Adele or myself. Again, as we have said from the beginning of all this, we may not have all the answers, but we are always willing to listen and talk.

*Rev. Dr. Heather W. McColl*



## FREE Community Dinner

**Monday, April 26**

**MCC Fellowship Hall,**

**Deliveries start at 6:00, Pick-up around 6:30 p.m.**



### CARRY-OUT & DELIVERIES ONLY

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

**Call 846-4102 or email [office@midwaychristian.org](mailto:office@midwaychristian.org) before 12:30, please!**

**Volunteers are needed:**

*Curbside, & delivery drivers.*

## CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2021 DATES

	Grades		
	<u>Completed:</u>	<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
Mini Camp	2-3	June 4-6	\$80
CYF I	9-12	June 8-12	\$230
Eighter's	8-9	June 13-19	\$275
Junior I	4-5	June 22-25	\$195
Camp 101 A	K-2	June 26	\$25
CYF II	9-12	June 29-July 3	\$230
Chi-Rho I	6-8	July 6-10	\$230
Chi-Rho II	6-8	July 13-17	\$230
Junior II	4-5	July 20-23	\$195
Camp 101 B	K-2	July 24	\$25

Registration forms, fees, parent information, Covid information, etc. are available in the church office.

You are welcome to pick up copies, or Joni is happy to scan and email them to you.

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho is located near Yosemite, KY in Casey County.

For more information, contact:

Christian Church in Kentucky

PO Box 910503

Lexington, KY 40591

859-233-1391

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



## Thank You, from Bluegrass Cycling Club

"This donation [\$400] is in appreciation of your kindness and hospitality in allowing us to hold a club ride there for so many years. COVID-19 certainly changed all our routines in 2020 and continues to do so. I know we are all anxious to return to some former sense of normal in 2021. The ramp up in vaccine availability in Kentucky certainly gives us reason to be optimistic. We greatly appreciate you, Cindy, and everyone else that have always made us feel so welcome. Thanks again for your support and partnership."

- Randy Thomas

## From March Mission Payments:

*Thank you,* from Midway University:

"Thank you for your generous gift of \$200 to support the 2021 Midway Fund. During these unprecedented, uncertain times, your support of Midway University and our students has never been greater. Your willingness to invest in these young minds is a tribute to your belief in the next generation and how your support can make a difference. We never take for granted the support you give us, so please know your investment is greatly valued and thank you for making these dreams possible. Many thanks!" J. Timothy Culver, VP of Advancement

*Thank you,* from Transylvania University:

"On behalf of Transylvania University, please accept our appreciation of your recent gift benefiting the Transylvania Fund... We recognize that gifts reflect an abiding faith in Transylvania's mission. Our institution strives to prepare our students for life beyond campus, and to instill an interest in service — wherever our graduates go in life. In the classroom, our students learn to communicate, analyze, and synthesize knowledge, which we believe will enhance their ability to emerge as stellar employees and citizens. We are grateful for the support you have offered to our campus,, and for the impact it will undoubtedly have on students, faculty, and the community at-large." Shawn Lyons, VP for Advancement

*Thank you,* from Lexington Theological Seminary

"The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church. When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS, words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and gift of \$200." Mark Blankenship, VP for Advancement

## April Mission Payments:

### **Disciples Mission Fund**

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. 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 (*from Disciples Mission Fund website*). In addition to supporting the Disciples Mission Fund as an organization, Midway Christian members also contribute to the DMF Special Fund Offerings and Special Day Offerings.

### **Camp Wakon'Da-Ho**

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho is located in Casey County, Kentucky. Each summer, children and youth gather from across the state of Kentucky to experience church camp and to grow in their relationship with God. For many years, Midway Christian has supported Camp Wakon'Da-Ho by making a financial donation and by sending youth and children to camp.

## Midway Clean-Up Day

**Saturday, April 24th, 10:00 to Noon**

Walter Bradley Park and Midway Renaissance are partnering together to host a Clean-up Midway event on Saturday, April 24th, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Please meet at the Walter Bradley Park pavilions for location clean-up assignments and litter pick-up supplies.



## 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.



### 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.

### 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!

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



### 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.



### 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.***

PLEASE, NO OUTDATED FOOD!

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*Return Service Requested*



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