

## Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Heather  
 McColl,  
 Minister

Joni Burchett,  
 Secretary

Teena Chinn,  
 Music Director  
 & Accompanist

Jestine Johnson,  
 Custodian

## Sunday Worship

10:55 AM:

Virtual or In-Person

Midway Christian Church  
 123 East Bruen Street  
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 Mon-Thurs  
 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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



## Pentecost Sunday

**May 23, 11:00 a.m.**  
**at Second Christian Church, Midway**

It is a long-standing tradition for Midway Christian Church and Historic Second Christian Church to worship together on Pentecost Sunday, alternating locations from year to year. This year, Rev. Dr. Heather McColl will be preaching at an outdoor service at Second Christian Church (tent provided).



*The collection taken up on Pentecost Sunday is split between MCC and 2nd Christian. Please give prayerfully and generously.*

*Remember to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday!*

## Nomination Time!



The positions of elders, deacons, and church officers are very important roles of leadership in our church, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for who would be good in these key positions, please contact Shirley Eckels by May 15th!

## Budget Update

Budgeted to date: \$133,333.30  
 Received to date: \$122,878.77

**The office will be**  
**CLOSED**  
**on Memorial Day**  
**Monday, May 31st**

**Welcome, New Member:**  
*April Forman*



Pictured are April, Savanna, Bentley, and Whitney

## Worship Themes



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

### May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Amos 5: 21-24\*

Title: "Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters"

### May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Mother's Day*

Scripture: Romans 8: 31-39\*

Title: "Child of God: Naming Each One"

### May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 13\*

Title: "How Long: Renouncing Evil"

### May 23

Pentecost

*(at Second Christian Church)*

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-40\*

Title: "I Dream of a Church: Christ's Representatives"

### May 30

First Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 6-12\*

Title: "God Has Work for Us to Do: Faithful Disciples"

\* *Common English Bible*

## 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**  
**Sunday, May 2, 12:30 p.m.**

**Care Team**  
**Monday, May 3, 6:30 p.m.**

**ADMIN Team**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2:30 p.m.**

**Worship Team:**  
**Monday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.**

**6:30 p.m. Elders:**  
**Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.**

**CABINET:**  
**Weds., May 19, 6:00 p.m.**

### SERVING THIS MONTH:

Lead Elder: *Sandy Gruzesky*

#### Worship Leaders:



5/2 Jill Giles Damron

5/9 Kathy Garcia

5/16 Laura Riddle

5/23 (@ 2nd Christian Church)

5/30 TBA

#### Technology:

Ray Clark, Dick Murphy,  
& James Batts



## **CALLING ALL MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

During worship, we like to celebrate our friends and families who have birthdays or anniversaries each month. If you would like to include someone in this celebration, please send us names, along with pictures, so we can include them in our Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration.

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

## Worship Series: "Roll Down, Justice!"

### *Roll Down, Justice!*

A worship series inspiring us to let justice roll down like waters, to reach out across divides to alleviate suffering in all its forms.

This series is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let "justice roll down like waters." Worship without justice is not acceptable, rather our songs must move us to action on behalf of the oppressed. Through the powerful music of Mark Miller, this series will offer us reflection and renewed inspiration to let our voices be tuned to the heart of the Gospel – proclaiming God's love for all people. What prejudices are we challenged to "give up," and further, how are we willing to give of ourselves for the sake of the world?



### **Mother's Day May 9th**

All women in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 9th will receive a small token of appreciation for Mother's Day!

### **Keenagers Lunch Outing**

*Thursday, May 20th, 11:30 p.m.*

*May destination to be announced*



Retirees and friends go out to lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month (normally). Suggestions for destinations are welcome. RSVP's are due in the office by noon on the Monday beforehand.

## **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!



### **SHARE THE ROAD!** Drive/ride with care!

Bluegrass Cycling Club has resumed their Wednesday night Midway rides.

## **Pastoral Word: Living Into Our New Reality**

In many of Paul's letters, he talks about a new creation coming forth. Then later in the New Testament, we hear about a "new heaven and a new earth" come into being after the "first heaven and the first earth" had passed away. These words, which name the newness we often feel as we go through the process of transformation, have been resonating with me for a long time, especially as we continue to reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going as the community of faith connected with Midway Christian Church.

In some ways, it does feel like we are becoming a new creation, yet I know that what makes us Midway Christian Church - the grace, the love, the call to welcome all, the love of gathering around the Table - all these things continue to remain the same, continue to be true as we continue this journey of transformation.

As many of you know, we resumed in-person worship on Sunday, April 11th, 2021. In many ways, it was like coming home and in other ways, it was a new beginning. I want to say thank you to all who continue to join us online for worship. I want to say thank you to all who are gathering in person on Sunday mornings. The visible expression of this transformation gives hope to me as we begin living into this new creation, into this new reality as a both/and community of faith. We have both a physical presence in Midway, Kentucky, and we continue to connect with others online, some of whom we will never meet, yet they see themselves as an active part of our community of faith.

As part of this new reality, of figuring out how to live into this process of transformation, our thriving congregations team (Ouita Michel, Etta Manor, Shirley Eckels, Jeanne Clark, and myself) continue to meet with our consultant. She has challenged us to embrace technology and explore ways in which we can better communicate with everyone. She has given us direction on how to better connect with everyone through social media. She has also encouraged me to think about how and where I stand on Sunday mornings during worship. You may have noticed that I have not been wearing my robe and that I have been saying the welcome from in front of the communion table. All of this is answering the question: How can we better relate to the people in our pews and the people who are joining us virtually.

Another one of her suggestions to help us capitalize on the momentum of living into our new reality is to hire a virtual assistant. This person would contract with us for three months at ten hours a week. This person would help with our transition from our former website to a new platform which is more mobile friendly. Our goal is to have the new website ready to be revealed the first of July. This person would also help us create a foundation for social media communications. Our team has interviewed a few candidates and we are hopeful that our new virtual assistant will start in May.

The second piece to figuring out how to live into our new reality of a both/and community of faith is hiring someone to run the technology on Sunday mornings. Ray, Dick, and James Batts have done an amazing job. We give thanks for their time, their talents, and their willingness to step in! But we know that they cannot do this type of thing forever. Live streaming has become an important way of how we live out our mission of WELCOME and we want to keep that going.

All this is to say, over the last year, we made investments into our mission of WELCOME and now, we are seeing the fruits of our labor come to fruition! There is this vision, this hope, coming to life! It is exciting to see the many ways God continues to move in and among us, challenging us, calling us to look beyond what we can see and imagine what is possible. I fully admit we still, I still, have more questions than answers, but like our ancestors of faith before us, we are on a journey, becoming the people God created and calls us to be. And there is no more exciting, challenging, renewing, inspiring place I would rather be.

## FREE Community Dinner

**Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)**

**MCC Fellowship Hall,**

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

Check our Facebook page, on the day of the dinner, for the menu.



**CARRY-OUT & DELIVERIES ONLY** (Until further notice)

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

Call 846-4102 or email [office@midwaychristian.org](mailto:office@midwaychristian.org)

**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)

## Work Day at Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

**Saturday, May 15th**

We will start at 9am and go until 3pm. Or, you can come and go according to your own schedule. This event is for adults and youth 6th grade and older. There will be no fees and lunch will be provided. We will be social distancing and encourage COVID precautions. We cannot accommodate overnight guests - this is a one-day event. Please email Dave Carr, [dave@ccinky.net](mailto:dave@ccinky.net), and let him know how many will be in your group.



## FRANCISCO'S FARM ART FAIR

**Saturday, June 12: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 13: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**2021 Location: Downtown Midway (Main Street)**

Francisco's Farm Art Fair has something for everyone:

- Live music
- Food vendors
- Kids' activities
- Free on-street parking in the city
- Arts
- Crafts
- More arts & crafts!

## Pentecost "Special Offering" for Disciples Mission Fund

How is the Pentecost offering used?  
To help our new church movement  
continue to take root!

***\*This offering is requested  
by Sunday, May 23rd.***



Each year, half of this offering stays in your local region to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, training and coaching of new church leaders.

***Please put "Pentecost" on the memo line of your check to MCC, or specify in your on-line giving.***

***\*As we are Worshiping at Second Christian Church on May 23rd, please bring your special offering to MCC on Sunday, May 16th, or get it to the MCC office by May 23rd. Thank you!***

### WOODFORD COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

## OPENING DATES FOR THE 2021 SEASON

**Monday**, May 17th  
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Darlin' Jeans parking lot, Midway

**Wednesday**, June 2nd  
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Lexington Road Plaza, 525 Marsailles Rd.,

**Saturday**, May 1st  
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lexington Road Plaza, 525 Marsailles Rd.

## Disciples Women Meeting

For the first time in over a year, the Disciples Women will meet at 12:30 on Sunday, May 16th in Fellowship Hall.



Due to COVID restrictions, we will not (yet) go back to the potluck tradition, so please bring a lunch for yourself.

Social-distancing guidelines will be followed.

ALL women of MCC are invited!

  
**MIDWAY  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**  
*loving God  
and one another*

**Thank you,  
Jeanne Clark,**  
for designing our  
new logo.  
**WE LOVE IT!**

## May Mission Payment:

**The Christian Church in Kentucky (CCK)** is one of 33 geographic regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. CCK is nearly 420 ministers, and 30,000 men, women and youth in 224 congregations throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

It is leadership and faith development ministries for women, men, and youth through camps, retreats and conferences. It is Kentucky Appalachian Ministries and the CCK West Area. It is our Kentucky partner ministries Cane Ridge Meeting House, Christian Care Communities, the Kentucky Council of Churches, Lexington Theological Seminary, Midway College and Transylvania University. It is all Kentucky Disciples and their ministries. *(From ccinky.net)*



## Fifth Sunday Offering - May 30th

When there are five Sundays in a month, we take up a special offering for Christian Care Communities: Kentucky's largest faith-inspired, non-profit provider of senior living communities and long-term care. (The Homeplace at Midway is a Christian Care Community).



**Christian Care**  
Communities  
Since 1884

If everyone gives just a little, it adds up to a lot!  
**Please make checks to MCC with "5th Sunday"  
in the memo line, or specify it in your on-line giving.**

## 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.

### 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.



### ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS:

**Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, May 5th, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

**Vaccinated choir members only.**



Masks will be worn unless we are singing, and distancing will be observed.

If you're interested in joining the choir, see Teena.

### 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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