

THE CONTACT

Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday, August 8

If you are a returning student this fall (any grade), or a teacher, you are invited to bring your backpack/book bag to worship for a special blessing to start the year off right! We will also be giving out Back to School Survival Kits!



Congratulations to Chase Thurman!

He qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics in Houston! (7/31-8/1)

Introducing Our New Church Book-Keeper:

Linda Trzaskos

I am a retired banker with a wonderful family. I have 2 married sons, 4 grandchildren and a great granddaughter. I recently moved back home to KY with my husband of three years from Venice Florida. Since retirement, I have worked part time with several churches as their financial manager or assistant.

My education was at UK and The University of Wisconsin at Madison. My hometown is Winchester, so I'm a full fledged Kentuckian. I'm looking forward to working with Midway Christian Church.



WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday, August 1st, 2021
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-11
Title: Mary Magdalene

Sunday, August 8th, 2021
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 23
Title: Joseph of Arimathea

Sunday, August 15th, 2021
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Act 16
Title: Lydia

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Act 8
Title: The Ethiopian Eunuch

Sunday, August 29th, 2021:
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Philemon 1
Title: Philemon

JOIN US FOR A
COOKOUT
with Second Christian Church

AUGUST 14, 2021

WALTER BRADLEY PARK, MIDWAY, KY

RSVP 859-846-4102



***SERVING THIS
MONTH***

Elders: Carl Rollins
Ouita Michel

Worship Leaders:

8/1: Jim Leer
8/8: Alex Woodruff
8/15: Nancy Dare
8/22: Adam Smith
8/29: Shela Diamond

Technology:

James Batts, Ray Clark, Dick
Murphy



Keenagers
(Retirees and friends)
will meet for lunch

Thursday, August 26

11:30 a.m.

Asian Wind

Lexington, KY

*Please RSVP to the church office
by Monday, August, 23
if you plan to join them.*



MCC LEADERSHIP

Board Meeting
Sunday, August 1, 12:30 p.m.

Admin Team
Sunday, August 8, 12:30 p.m.

Worship Team
Monday, August 9, 7:00 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting
Wednesday, August 18,
6:00 p.m.

Elders Meeting
Monday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

Green Chalice Meeting
Thursday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.



**VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED**

Midway Christian Church

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Monday, August 30, 6:30 p.m.

NOW DINING **IN PERSON!**

Carry-out & delivery also offered.

RSVP by **12:30** on that day
Call 846-4102 or email office@midwaychristian.org

Budget Update

Budgeted to Date: \$ 13,416.67
Received to Date: \$ 8,983.80

A Letter From The Pastor....

We are entering into year two of the Thriving Congregations Grant Program through Lexington Theological Seminary. In our first year, we explored how our mission and vision as a community of faith changed through technology. We lived more into what it means to be a both/and community with us both having a physical presence in Midway, KY and connecting with an on-line community. Thanks to Jeanne Clark, we have a brand-new website.

Now, as we begin year two, we are shifting our focus. We will be exploring what is the role of the pastor in leading the congregation through the anti-racism/pro-reconciliation process,

This difficult but necessary work was prompted by uncomfortable truths shared with the leadership of MCC in 2020 about who we had been as a community of faith in the past.

For many of us, this was the first time we had heard this information. In all our conversations about our history as a congregation, from the organ incident which led to the split between the Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to founding of the Kentucky Female Orphan School, in all our conversations about our history as the community of Midway, we had never heard about the Midway's Freedmen's School, nor had we heard about Midway Christian Church's connection to the destruction of it.

The brokenness which is a result of this destruction still sits in our community. It is a constant reminder to us as a community of faith that healing cannot happen for the Body of Christ until we proceed into the brokenness and invite something beautiful to come forth from all the pain and sorrow.

For the second year of this program, our plan is to use the grant money in a couple of different ways. I will use part of the money to go on retreat to study.

Then we will use the rest of the grant to do anti-racism/pro-reconciling training with the congregation. We will also use the money to purchase books for a congregational study, maybe even bringing a speaker to help us in our conversations and transformation.

This is all in the planning stages right now. There are more questions than answers right now but as before, we continue to know that God is leading us through this process. If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them the best I can.

Heather

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Return Service Requested



Sunday Worship
10:55 a.m.
In-person and Virtual



Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Heather W. McColl- Minister
Faith Gruzesky-Interim Communications
Coordinator
Teena Chinn-Music Director
Jestine Johnson-Custodian
James Batts-Audio Visual Technician
Linda Trzaskos-Book Keeper



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