



# THE CONTACT

## Advent Season

### Lessons from The Inn

Was the innkeeper mentioned in the Gospel of Luke turning away a family or seeking to find another solution for them? Do we turn away those in need or do we and our church make room for them?

During Advent we will discover how our world needs us to shine Christ's love just as much as we need the child born in Bethlehem.

We are called to "make room" in our inns—including our churches, to create a welcoming space for the flourishing of humanity.

That's what the inn, the stable, the manger, became that night and our focus during Advent as well as the new year.



#### WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday, December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Scripture: Baruch 5:1-5 (CEB);  
Philippians 1:9-11 (CEB)  
Title: A Place at the Table:  
Peace

Sunday, December 12, 2021  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6  
(CEB); Luke 3:10-14 (CEB)  
Title: How Much is Enough?  
Joy

Sunday, December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a  
(CEB); Luke 1:46-55  
Title: A Room with a View:  
Love

Sunday, December 26, 2021  
Sunday after Christmas  
Lessons and Carols

### Christmas Eve Service



Join us on Friday, December 24, at 10:00 p.m. as we celebrate the birth of Jesus during our annual Christmas Eve service.

The event will be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube.

# SERVING THIS MONTH

Elders: Shirley Eckels  
 Carl Rollins  
 Worship Leaders:  
 12/5: Sandy Gruzesky  
 12/12: Gloria Batts  
 12/19: Jim Leer  
 12/26: Jeanne Clark

Technology:  
 James Batts, Ray Clark,  
 Dick Murphy

## MCC LEADERSHIP

### Board

Sunday, December 5  
 12:30 p.m.

### Admin

Sunday, December 12  
 12:30 p.m.

### Worship Team

Monday, December 13  
 7:00 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting  
 Wednesday, December 15  
 6:00 p.m.

Elders Meeting  
 Monday, December 20  
 6:30 p.m.

## Budget Update

Budgeted to Date: \$ 67,083.35  
 Received to Date: \$ 58,083.35



# CELEBRATING CHRIST'S BIRTH

IN THE PUZZLE BELOW ARE WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADVENT SEASON. USING THE LIST AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PUZZLE, CAN YOU FIND EACH WORD?

R H I D X Q B O E E B L E S W U P U S K  
 Q X S T O S P T K S T E R L L T K N Y I  
 S Q A D N R A O U E H E T E C A W R D N  
 W I I S U S E J L E Q A T H G A M Z J G  
 S T A R M P P H D K S B L A L N R I X I  
 S K H A R L A M C I B A S L R E A I N D  
 T A R A A Y B A B N C E V X E B H M M A  
 H Y I N A G R W R G L A P I H L E E S V  
 X S W B O Q E E Y D H P E S O J U L M I  
 E V E S Y H P L N H U M B L E R Z J E D  
 F F P V T E O A O E R A P E R P S X A C  
 N E V T E S C E N V L L C B M R D I O H  
 L B A K T D U L E R E R I Q H M D H Y L  
 F M N V H R W B M T A X H N D D O J E S  
 T N R I C E N A E Y L J O D E D G V A X  
 I E Z A X H G T S K U A U Z R A A G G M  
 W C A B H P I S I O G S L S I R G Y H G  
 A S N Z W E F O W P J P W C T A O E N H  
 G L O R Y H T R C E N S U S J J O L W A  
 W S N F L S J U E B K J S L E G N A H A

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|------------|---------|-----------|
| Angels     | Animals | Baby      |
| Bethlehem  | Candles | Celebrate |
| Census     | David   | Gift      |
| Glory      | God     | Gospel    |
| Hallelujah | Herod   | Humble    |
| Innkeeper  | Isaiah  | Jesus     |
| Joseph     | Joy     | King      |
| Lineage    | Love    | Luke      |
| Manger     | Mary    | Matthew   |
| Miracle    | Plan    | Praise    |
| Prepare    | Savior  | Seeking   |
| Shepherds  | Stable  | Star      |
| Tax        | Travel  | Wisemen   |

Join us for our  
**Lessons and Carols Service**  
 Sunday, December 26, at 10:55 a.m.  
 in person or on Facebook & YouTube.

## December Events

**Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22**

*Handbells Practice 6:00 p.m.*

*Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.*

**Sundays, Dec. 5 & 19**

*Food for the Soul 6:30 p.m.*

**Saturday, Dec. 4**

*Disciples Women Christmas*

*Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Holly Hill Inn*

**Thursday, Dec. 16**

*Keenagers luncheon 11:30 a.m.*

*location to be determined*

### IN OUR TOWN

**Saturday, Dec. 4**

*Candy Cane Cruse*

*11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

**Saturday, Dec. 11 & 18**

*Sip & Shop*

## Poinsettia Orders



Don't forget to order flowers in honor or remembrance your loved ones during Christmas.

\$10 each.

For online orders visit:

<https://form.jotform.com/210316437527149>

Orders due Dec. 8. Flowers delivered Dec. 16 to church.

## Special Thank You

We invite everyone to remember this year's special Christmas Love Offerings for the MCC staff to express our love and appreciation for all they do at our church.

You can choose the way you prefer to give your offering:

**Taxable Option:** Write a check to MCC with "Staff" in the memo line (or use the Givelify online giving option). Taxes will be withheld for each recipient. Your contribution will be tax deductible.

**Tax-free Option:** Address cash, checks, or gift cards directly to the individual staff members. Your gifts will not be tax deductible.

*Sincerely,*

*Adele Dickerson, MCC Board Chair*



**JANUARY 6, 2022**

**Epiphany Dinner**

Have a meal picked up and join us online for a special service.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 & 27 FOR CHRISTMAS & DECEMBER 30 - 31 FOR THE NEW YEAR.

### Did You Know . . . ?



YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS CAN BE MADE EASILY AND SECURELY VIA THE CHURCH WEB SITE.

[midwaychristian.org](http://midwaychristian.org)  
Choose "Contact Us"

Midway Christian Church  
123 East Bruen Street  
Po Box 4548  
Midway, KY 40347

## Return Service Requested



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



### **Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Heather W. McColl- Minister  
Pam Edwards-Communications Coordinator  
Teena Chinn-Music Director  
Jestine Johnson-Custodian  
James Batts-Audio Visual Technician  
Karen Murphy-Book Keeper



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