



THE CONTACT



The Midway Ministerial Association will conduct a special service on Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm. at Midway Christian Church.

Rev. Alex Gossett, the new minister of Midway Methodist Church, will be leading the service which can be attended in-person or viewed on Midway Christian Church's Facebook or YouTube site.

If you would like ashes to commemorate Ash Wednesday...

- Contact the church office by noon on Tuesday, March 1, at 846-4102.
- Ashes will be available for pick up on Wednesday, March 2, from 9 am until noon.

Sunday School returns Sunday, March 6

at 9:30 am. in-person and via zoom.

Study: *Entering the Passion of Jesus:*

A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week

Author: Amy-Jill Levine.

Lent Season
March 2 -
April 17

Daily Lent reflections
will be available
on Facebook and
Instagram

WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday, March 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 4:1-13
Title: Hope in the Wilderness

Sunday, March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 13:31-35
Title: Revival

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 13:1-9
Title: Rebuilding with Dust

Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32
Title: Arise and Shine

BOOK STUDY

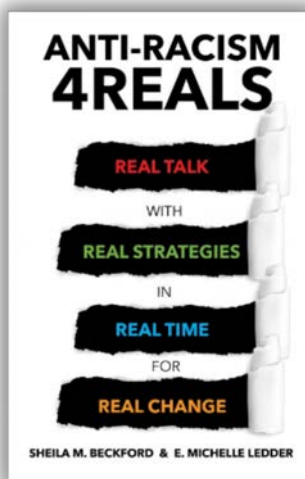
6 week session beginning March 17
at 6:30 pm in-person and zoom.

Anti-Racism 4REALS: Real Talk with Real Strategies in Real Time for Real Change

How do you start today on the road to being anti-racist? As our country faces a long-overdue reckoning with racism and white supremacy, book studies, workshops, and discussions crowd the landscape.

But not all activities with the name “anti-racism” are actually anti-racist. In *Anti-Racism 4REALS*, anti-racism trainers Beckford and Ledder contend much of the current education leaves out action steps for dislodging racism in real time, and even worse, perpetuates racism, causing further harm to Black, Indigenous, Pacific-Islander, Asian, Latinx (BIPAL) people.

Using the concept of “racial positionality” as the entry point for engaging anti-racist work, this groundbreaking book offers concrete tools to confront racism and bring about REAL change in REAL time. Written by two ordained women—one Black Latina, one white—this straight-talk, practical workbook provides 137 ways to be truly anti-racist, including scripts and other practices for interrupting and dismantling racism.



SERVING THIS MONTH

Elders: Ouita Michel
Carl Rollins
Worship Leaders:
3/6: Gloria Batts
3/13: Cindy Batts
3/20: John Batts
3/27: Adele Dickerson

Technology:
James Batts, Ray Clark,
Dick Murphy

MCC LEADERSHIP

Congregation Meeting
Sunday, March 6
12:30 pm

Care Team
Monday, March 7
6:30 pm

Admin
Sunday, March 13
12:30 pm

Worship Team
Monday, March 14
7:00 pm

Cabinet Meeting
Wednesday, March 16
6:00 pm

Elders
Monday, March 21
6:30 pm

Budget Update

Budgeted to Date: \$ 107,333.06
Received to Date: \$ 98,881.31



Welcome Heather!

Pastor McColl encourages everyone to welcome Heather Hardin, our new member who transferred from Fox

Creek Christian Church in Lawrenceburg.

Heather describes MCC as "I truly feel that any person could walk through the door and they would be loved. I love feeling like I can quietly worship God in all aspects of the services, and leave feeling empowered to make a difference in my world."



EASTER FLOWERS

Order your favorite(s) in honor or memory of someone special.

\$10 for your choice of 6"

- Lillies
- Tulips
- Hyacinths

Place your order from Wednesday, March 23, thru Wednesday, April 6, online at <https://form.jotform.com/210316437527149> or by contacting the church office.

All flowers will be used to decorate the church during Easter and may be taken home after April 24.



More March Events

Wednesdays, Mar. 9, 16, 23 & 30

Handbells Practice 6:00 pm

Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Thursday, Mar. 3, 17, 24 & 31

Book Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, Mar. 17

Keenagers 11:30 am

Thursday, Mar. 18

April newsletter deadline

Saturday, Mar. 19

Lenten Breakfast 9:00 am

Sunday, Mar. 20

Disciples Women 12:30 pm

Thursday, Mar. 24

Green Chalice 6:00 pm

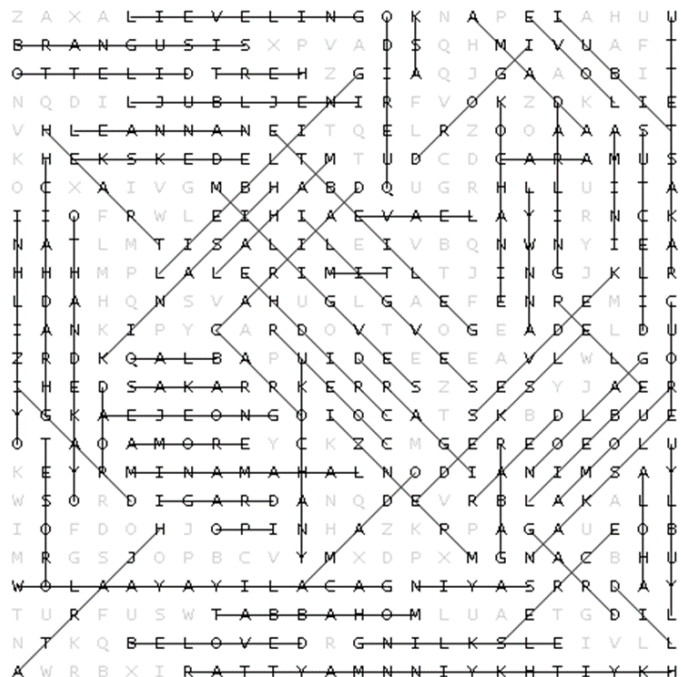
Saturday, Mar. 26

Lenten Breakfast 9:00 am

Monday, Mar 28

Community Dinner 6:30 pm

February Puzzle Answer



March is Irish American History Month.
Celebrate the luck of the Irish all month including
ST. PARTICK'S DAY - Thursday, March 17.



Lent Theme: Lengthening the Light for Real Change



“The word Lent refers to lengthening light”. When I first heard this phrase, my mind immediately went to the opening of the Gospel John, that image of how light shines in the darkness, that image of how the darkness did not overcome the light, that image of how life was the light for all people.

Usually for Lent, as people of faith, we focus on negative aspects of Lent, the giving up of something, the heaviness of our brokenness when in reality, during that time, God’s creation is doing the complete opposite. It is embracing the light. It is lengthening the light. It is pushing the shadows away and inviting all to see the new life which is there in our midst.

It also struck me that this image of “lengthening the light” is what we have been trying to do as Midway Christian Church over the past year. This past fall, we began the process of becoming an anti-racist/pro-reconciling community of faithful by recognizing the shadows of racism which are a part of our history as a community of faith and our structure as an institution. We have had conversations which pulled us from our comfort zones. We have named some harsh truths. We have realized we are not as welcoming as we hoped to be. All of this was necessary work yet the work is not complete.

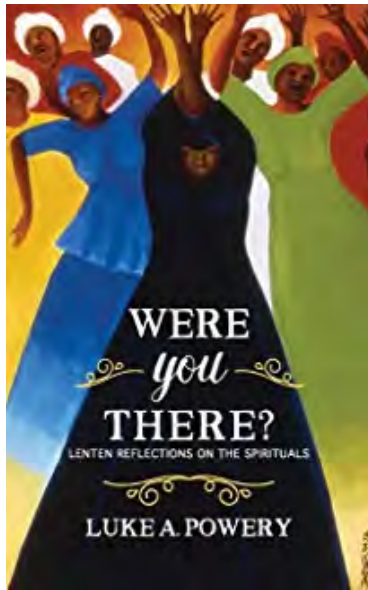
This Lent, everyone is being invited to create an entry point for the light to break through, for the light to lengthen. We are being invited to move beyond the shadows so that the light of Christ which opened the tomb will open us up for real change.

Daily Reflections

Starting Ash Wednesday a daily Return to Me Lent reflection will be available on Facebook and Instagram.

For anyone who does not use social media, a copy of all the devotion posts can be made available to pick up at the church, mailed, or emailed. Please contact the office if you would like a print out of the daily reflections.

Lenten Devotional: Were You There?



Valuable not only for their sublime musical expression, the African American spirituals provide profound insights into the human condition and Christian life. Many spirituals focus on the climax of the Christian drama, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the ways in which those events bring about the liberation of God's people.

In these devotions for the season of Lent, Luke A. Powery leads the reader through the spirituals as they confront the mystery of Christ's atoning death and victory over the grave. Each selection includes the lyrics of the spiritual, a reflection by the author on the spiritual's meaning, a Scripture verse related to that meaning, and a brief prayer.

*Does come in e-book

Lenten Breakfasts - 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (breakfast offered) and via Zoom

Saturday, March 19

Dr. Bob Botkin- Freedman's School Incident and Midway Christian Church's connection

Saturday, April 2

John Batts-What's in a Name?
The changing of names for Midway Christian Church and Historic Second Christian Church

Saturday, March 26

Micah Lynn-Local history of racial violence and why it is important to have these conversations

Saturday, April 9

TBD