

# THE CONTACT

## Advent Series: "Midway Christian Church, It's a Wonderful Life!"

It's a Wonderful Life is one of the most popular and heart-warming films ever made. It's near universal appeal and association with Christmas has provided a rich story of redemption that has inspired generations for decades...On the surface, this beloved holiday classic reminds us how easily we can become distracted from what is truly meaningful in life. But on a deeper level, the film conveys the delicate notion that the choices we make in life have consequences beyond our own particular existence....There's no better time than at Advent/Christmas to be reminded that every human life has value and that true wealth, spiritual wealth, comes from a right relationship with God and selfless love toward others." (It's a Wonderful Life Study Guide)



### Poinsettias

To honor or remember your loved ones during Christmas

**Order by December 4**

for your tribute to be included in the church display.

\$11 each.

Order online at <https://form.jotform.com/223106090494047>

or by calling the church office

@859-846-4102



### WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday in Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Title: "It's a Wonderful Life:  
Hope in It!"

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday in Advent

Scripture: : Isaiah 2: 1-5

Title: "'It's a Wonderful Life:  
Find Peace in It!"

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Third Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Title: "It's A Wonderful Life:  
Enjoy It!"

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Luke 1: 1-20

Title: "It's a Wonderful Life:  
Treasure It!"

Sunday, December 31, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

Lessons and Carols

Kick off Your Advent Season by  
joining us on  
**Saturday December 2, at 6:30 pm!**

We will gather to watch  
"It's A Wonderful Life"

*Popcorn and Hot Cocoa Bar Provided!*



**Saturday, December 9  
11:30 am**



Everyone is invited to come together on  
Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 am for a  
Christmas Luncheon at Holly Hill Inn.  
(Price to be named later).

*Please RSVP to the office by Friday,  
December 1.*

**Sunday, December 10  
at 6:30 pm**

Come test your knowledge about the  
movie, "It's a Wonderful Life". Care  
Team will be providing the food. Prizes  
will be given out to the winner!



Midway Christian Church will celebrate  
the Feast of the Epiphany with our  
17th Annual Epiphany Dinner on  
**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

This year's dinner will be available for  
in person dining and carry out.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and  
\$20 for children age 10 and under.

Tickets will go on sale the beginning of December.

## ***SERVING THIS MONTH***

Elders: Shirley Eckels  
Etta Manor

*Worship Leaders:*

12/3: Janine Damran

12/10: Carl Rollins

12/17:

12/24:

12/31: Jim Roach

*Technology:*

James Batts, Ray Clark,  
Dick Murphy

## ***MCC LEADERSHIP***

Board Meeting

Sunday, December 3

12:30 pm

Care Team

Monday, December 4

6:30 pm

Worship Team

Monday, December 11

7:00 pm

Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday,

December 20

6:00 pm

Elders

Monday, December 18

6:30 pm

## ***Budget Update***

Budgeted to Date: \$ 68,333.35

Received to Date: \$ 75,712.59



Join us on Sunday, December 24, at 10:00 p.m. as we celebrate the birth of Jesus during our annual Christmas Eve service. The event will also be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube.

## More December Events

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20

*Choir Practice 7:00 pm*

Thursday, December 21

*Keenagers 12:00 pm*

Sunday, December 3, 17

*Movement for Wholeness in a Grief Stricken Life*

*6:30 pm to 8:30 pm*

Tuesday, December 5, 12

*Cub Scouts 6:00 pm*



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,  
Cindy Batts, MCC Board Chair*



This ark helps families start on a journey to fulfill a seemingly impossible dream - to secure food and a source of dependable income.

Each family who receives livestock will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families who are in need in their community. Every gift will multiply for years to come. One ark provides 15 pairs of animals to change lives. What a wonderful way to bring joy to the world!

Consider giving to Heifer Ark in someone's name as a gift alternative. Special Heifer cards are available in the MCC office. Simply make your check payable to MCC with "Heifer Ark" in the memo line.

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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  
Teena Chinn-Music Director  
Jestine Johnson-Custodian  
James Batts-Audio Visual Technician  
Karen Murphy-Book Keeper



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