THE CONTACT

Epiphany Dinner

Midway Christian Church will celebrate
the Feast of the Epiphany with our
17th Annual Epiphany Dinner on
Saturday, January 6, 2023. Worship Service at
6:00 pm in the sanctuary followed by dinner at
6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.
This year's dinner will be available for
in person dining and carry out.
Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 1118; free for children age 10 and under.
For more information and to make your
reservation, visit
https://www.midwaychristian.org/epiphany



Sunday, January 7

We will meet in the fellowship hall for worship this Sunday. There will not be a live-stream of the service due to this. During the service, every person who comes to church on Epiphany Sunday will receive a *star word*. We will then use the spiritual practice of <u>collage</u> to create an interpretation of our star word. Our collage will invite us to ponder what significance our start word might have in our lives, and how God might be speaking to us through this simple message.

We are in need of magazines for collage. If you have any magazines that you are willing to donate to the church, please let Heather know.



WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Epiphany Sunday
Simple Worship Service with
Communion in Fellowship Hall
includes the Spiritual Practice of
Collage

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Baptism Sunday
Scripture: Mark 1: 4-11
Title: "The Beloved"

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Laity Sunday Scripture: Mark 1: 14-20 Title: "Follow Me"

Sunday, January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Scripture: Mark 1: 21-28

Title: "A New Teaching"

Screening of "Angel of Alabama"

The Green Chalice Team would like to invite everyone to join us on **Sunday, January 14th at 12:30 p.m**. to watch "Angel of Alabama": "Brenda Hampton, a seasoned investigator, uncovers decades of pollution within her hometown, setting her on a path at odds with some of the world's largest corporations. Angel of Alabama is a call to action for the fight against "forever chemicals", which are growing into one of the biggest pollution crises in world history....With her expertise and passion for justice, Brenda identified the source of massive environmental contamination in Alabama. Nearby manufacturer, 3M, had been illegally dumping all manner of chemicals in the water for decades, which had contributed to the alarming rise of negative impacts to the local community's health — as over 100,000 of Brenda's neighbors, as well as her family, suffered from cancer, renal failure, still-births, miscarriages, and more. Even though corporations willingly admitted the purposeful contamination, they have yet to be held accountable. As Brenda leads a demographically diverse community to fight for legal action, she also supports the most at-risk members of her community by delivering bottled water and safe food. Despite intimidation tactics from the opposition and ostracization from friends and family, Brenda's years of tireless work led to a permanent water solution for her community. Her efforts even pushed international progress, including a policy change by McDonalds, the largest fast-food company in the world. Though her neighbors credit Brenda for the progress made on food and water contamination, the fight is far from over, with over 20 other industrial plants and chemical companies also dumping in the local water sources. Brenda's fight has been ongoing consistently for more than a decade, and she continues to advocate for her community. In addition to highlighting her resilient spirit, Angel of Alabama also serves as a wake-up call to see what might be happening in our own backyards.

SERVING THIS MONTH

Elders: Jim Leer Dick Murphy

Worship Leaders:
1/7: No Worship Leader
1/14:
1/21:
1/28:

Technology:
James Batts, Ray Clark,
Dick Murphy

MCC LEADERSHIP

No Board Meeting

No Care Team

Worship Team Monday, January 8 7:00 pm

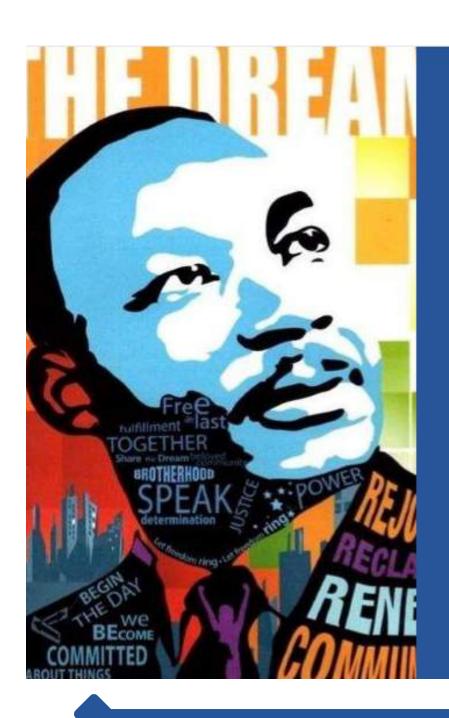
Elders
Monday, January 22
6:30 pm

Cabinet Meeting
Wednesday,
January 17
6:00 pm

Board Retreat Saturday, January 20 9:00 am -noon

Budget Update

Budgeted to Date: \$82,000.02 Received to Date: \$85,090.72



MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.
COMMUNITY
WORSHIP
SERVICE

FEATURING
MINISTER
MARIO WEBB
AND NEW
COVENANT CHOIR

Monday, January 15 7 p.m.

Hosted by St. Matthew's AME



A New Sunday School Starts Sunday, January 7

Dr. Roach with special guests will be giving transformational Sunday morning presentations on SPIRITUALITY and the UNIVERSE with full breakfast Jan. 6 - Feb. 11 at Midway Christian Church.

Breakfast 9am;
Presentation 9:15am – 10:30am.
RSVP encouraged at
info@themidwaycenter.com

Worship at The Homeplace

Sunday, January 28 12:45 p.m.
Homeplace at Midway,
101 Sexton Way

Midway Christian Church leads worship for the residents of The Homeplace at Midway on the 4th Sunday of odd-numbered months.

You are encouraged to join us!

More January Events

Monday, January 1 & Tuesday, January 2
Office Closed
Tuesday, January 9, 23
Cub Scouts 7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 3, 17, 24, 31
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 18
Keenagers 11:30 am
Saturday, January 20
Board Retreat 9:00 am until noon
Sunday, January 21
Grief Group 6:30 pm
Monday, January 29
Free Community Dinner 6:30 pm

Baptism Sunday

On Sunday, January 14, we will be celebrating Baptism Sunday. During the service, there will be a chance for all of us to renew our baptisms by dipping our hands in the water and hearing God's promise to us once more. Everyone is invited to come forward, whether you have been baptized or not, because it is also an opportunity for us as people of faith to re-commit ourselves to Christ as we begin the new year. Come and join us for this very special Sunday, and remember the moment you were washed clean and renewed as a person of faith.

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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