

THE CONTACT

Lent Theme:

“God is Doing Something Amazing! Are You Up for It?”

“Lent is often known as a time of giving something up in order to make room in our lives for spiritual pursuits. Rather than just “giving up” in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is “up to” and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. Instead of bemoaning what we can’t do, or used to do, in a culture where “measuring up” to external standards seems impossible, this

Lent, [through the move, UP, we will explore the themes of loss, longing and new life], celebrating the small things that we can do right now to respond to God's call in our place, for our time.”



. HAPPY. Valentine's Day.

WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39
Title: “Everyone is Searching for You”

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: Mark 1: 40-45
Title: “I am Willing”

Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21
Title: “Store Up”

Sunday, February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Mark 8: 31-39
Title: “Take Up”



Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Please join the Midway Ministerial Association for a Community Ash Wednesday Service. Service is at 7:00 pm at Midway Christian Church. Rev. Alex Gossett, pastor of Midway United Methodist Church will be preaching.

Lenten Devotional: A Clearing Season

Description: To many, Lent is simply a time to "give up" something that they enjoy. They see it as a seemingly long purposeless time of self-denial. But A Clearing Season rebuffs that notion looking at Lent from a new perspective. It's time to rethink Lent. Or at least see it for the positive opportunity it offers. It's spring-cleaning for the soul! Lent offers you time to pause, consider, and renew your relationship with God — an altogether hopeful (not dreary) experience. "To arrive at newness of life, we first name parts of our lives that are shrouded in darkness," writes Parsons. "To put it very dramatically,... your first order of business is to break your heart for God. We walk through some muck so that we can leave it behind and find Easter joy beyond.... With God's help we will clear the darkness away and begin to experience greater joy and newness of life." A Clearing Space will move you week by week from "wilderness to holy ground," using a personal tone that will stir and challenge personal reflection.



Available in Digital and Paperback

SERVING THIS MONTH

Elders: Etta Manor
Shirley Eckels

Worship Leaders:
2/4: DeeDee Roach
2/11: Jim Leer
2/18: April Forman
2/25: Ian Thurman

Technology:
James Batts, Ray Clark,
Dick Murphy

MCC LEADERSHIP

Board Meeting
Sunday, February 4
12:30 pm

Care Team
Monday, February 5
6:30 pm

Worship Team
Monday, February 12
7:00 pm

Elders
Monday, February 19
6:30 pm

Cabinet
Wednesday, February 21
6:00 pm

Budget Update

Budgeted to Date: \$ 95,666.69
Received to Date: \$ 102,757.02



Special offerings

Sunday Feb. 19 and 26

Week of Compassion is a ministry of the whole Church, serving vulnerable communities throughout the world. Any time and anywhere we respond to a need, we bear witness to the unity of the Lord's Table, faithfully sharing the gifts that we have received as an expression of Christ's love. As we work with partners, we represent the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) commitment to unity, allowing our resources and responses to reach farther, growing our impact on a global scale.

<https://www.weekofcompassion.org>

After February, the Contact, Midway Christian Church's monthly newsletter, will longer be mailed.

Please share with us an email address if you wish to continue receiving it digitally. You can email it to office@midwaychristian.org. Paper copies will be made available upon request.

The same holds true for Contribution Statements as well.

The Leadership of Midway Christian Church made this decision as a way to continue living out our Green Chalice mission.



More February Events

Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20

Cub Scouts 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 7, 21, 28

Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 15

Keenagers 11:30 am

Monday, February 26

Free Community Dinner 6:30 pm

PROJECT

VALENTINE

At Christian Care Communities, we want our residents to feel the love on Valentine's Day. Christian Care is asking you to send either handmade or store-bought Valentine(s) to our residents, as some don't have family or friends who are able to visit regularly. Cards can be dropped off or mailed to:

The Gathering House
101 Sexton Way, Midway, KY 40347
Thank you, and Happy Valentine's Day!

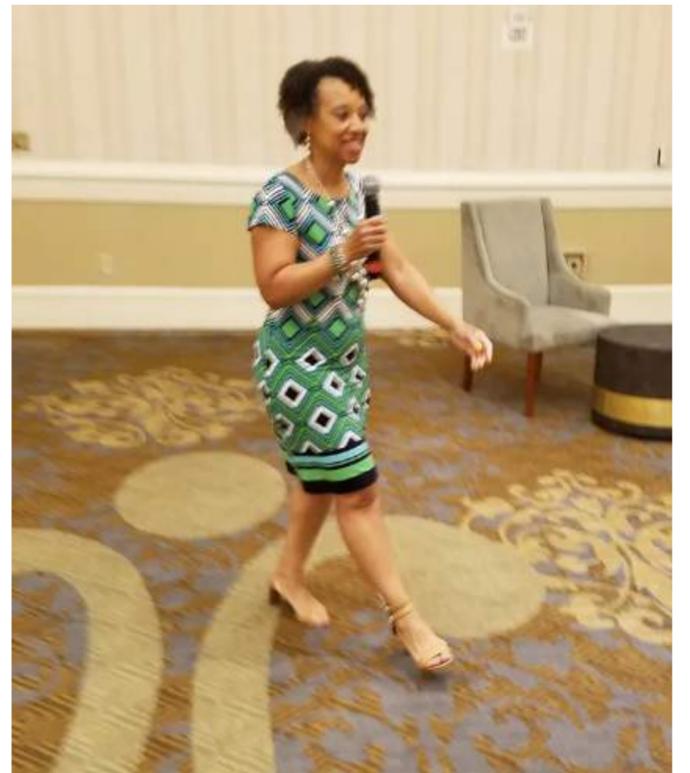
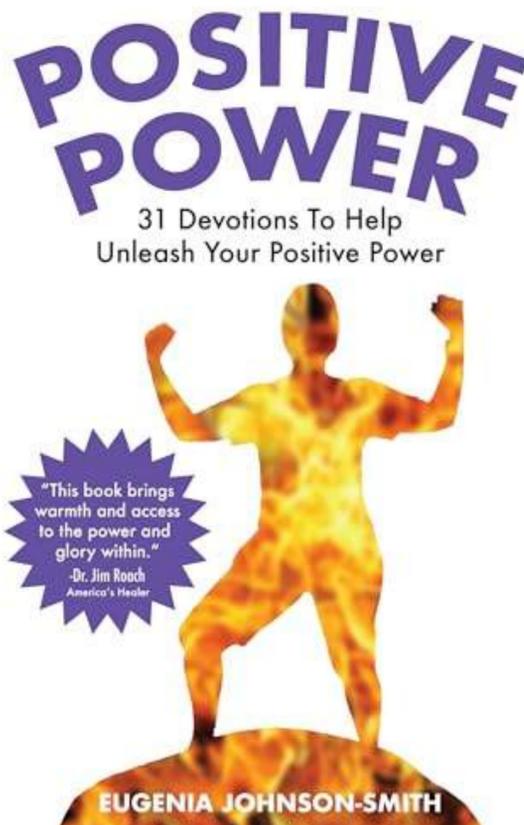


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Sunday School: Positive Power!

During Lent, Midway's own, Eugenia Johnson-Smith, will be leading Sunday School. Eugenia is an Author and Inspirational/Motivational Speaker. She will be sharing her positive power with us! From her website: Every now and then everyone needs a "Power Boost!" We are here for you with Positive inspiration when you need it. We are here to motivate you to move beyond any negativity that seeks to zap your Positive Power. We are here to guide you and help you to push through the limiting and negative beliefs that are holding you back from your true potential. We offer you the opportunity to learn steps and techniques that will allow you to: 1) Tap into to your very own Positive Power source. 2) Cultivate the Positive Power of Connection. 3) Share and experience the "Power" that is Positive Power.



Join us on **Saturday, February 17 at 6:00 pm**
to watch the movie, **"Up!"**

Description: A 78-year-old curmudgeonly balloon salesman, is not your average hero. When he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America, he finally fulfills his lifelong dream of adventure. But after Carl discovers an 8-year-old stowaway named Russell, this unlikely duo soon finds themselves on a hilarious journey in a lost world filled with danger and surprises.



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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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