

# THE CONTACT

## Earth Sunday

April 28, 2024

Theme: "Plastic Jesus: Real Faith in a Synthetic World"

First created in 1907, synthetic plastic began being produced on a global scale in the 1950s. Over the next 70 years, annual production of plastics increased nearly 230-fold to 460 million tons in 2019. Single-use plastics have become one of the most urgent environmental threats. These are too often buried in landfills or dumped untreated in our precious water sources. Even the manufacturing process itself has been identified as a major source of climate-warming greenhouse gas emissions. As people of faith, we are not exempt from the overuse of plastics. Communion cups, nativity scenes and Easter eggs are just a few of the Christian staples that contribute to our single-use plastics issue. Plastic pollution damages habitats and interrupts natural processes, reducing the ability of ecosystems to adapt to climate change, directly affecting millions of people's livelihoods, food production capabilities and social well-being. Justice for creation requires a rethinking of our relationship to plastics.

**Join us for this important conversation!**



### WORSHIP THEMES

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
 Second Sunday of Easter  
 Scripture: Scripture: John 20: 19-31  
 Title: "Have Life in His Name"

Sunday, April 14, 2024  
 Third Sunday of Easter  
 Scripture: Luke 24: 36b-48  
 Title: "Witnesses to These Things"

Sunday, April 21, 2024  
 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 Guest Preacher:  
 Rev. Katherine Alexander  
 Scripture: John 10:11-18 and Psalm 23  
 Title: "Beloved Community"

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Earth Sunday  
 Scripture: Psalm 23  
 Title: "Plastic Jesus: Real Faith in a Synthetic World"

# Lexington

## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### LTS Comes to MCC!

*Sunday, April 21*

*9:30 am*

As you may know, Midway Christian Church has been part of the Thriving Congregations Project through Lexington Theological Seminary. On Sunday, April 21, we will welcome Taylor Kimberlain and Rev. Katherine Alexander for a presentation on LTS and Q&A before service that day. They will also do a short presentation about LTS during worship. Breakfast will be provided.

### Sunday School for April:

Video: "Conversation with Rev. Dr. Robert Shore-Goss and Rob Grabill on the United Church of Christ's Resolution on Plastic"

*Description: When the Rev. Dr. Bob Shore-Goss moved to Florida, he discovered that the Methodists in his new area had passed a resolution on plastics just a few years earlier. He reached out to Rob Grabill, a colleague in New Hampshire who had done work on previous environmental resolutions within the UCC. Those who have done work at the denominational level know that the process is rarely for the faint of heart, and even once a resolution has passed, there is no guarantee that the church will follow through. That's where Grabill sees a difference with this resolution.*

## ***SERVING THIS MONTH***

*Elders: Shirley Eckels  
Dick Murphy*

*Worship Leaders:  
4/7: Jonathan McColl  
4/14: Ian Thurman  
4/21: Gloria Batts  
4/28: Cindy Batts*

*Technology:  
James Batts, Ray Clark,  
Dick Murphy*

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## ***MCC LEADERSHIP***

Care Team  
Monday, April 1  
6:30 pm

Board Meeting  
Sunday, April 7  
12:30 pm

Worship Team  
Monday, April 8  
7:00 pm

Elders  
Monday, April 15  
6:30 pm

Cabinet  
Wednesday, April 17  
6:00 pm

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## ***Budget Update***

Budgeted to Date: \$ 123,000.03  
Received to Date: \$ 133,022.13



## Endowment Fund Proposals Due

As stated in the Mission Endowment Fund Policy, the primary purpose of the Fund is "to expand the witness and mission of Jesus Christ, serving human needs in our community and around the world." In keeping with this purpose, the policy allows an annual withdrawal for outreach-related improvements, equipment or programs. Written requests from the congregation (for outreach projects which are not already included in the church annual budget) for the Mission Endowment Fund need to be submitted by **April 15**. The requests will be reviewed by the Trustees who will make recommendations to the Midway Christian Church Board, which will have the final approval of the projects funded.



Bring your friends and family for our annual community-led litter cleanup and do your part to help create a more sustainable Bluegrass! Join us in Midway!

The biggest group to register will win a pizza party!

## More April Events

Tuesday, April 9, 16

Cub Scouts 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 14, 24

Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 18

Keenagers 11:30 am

Monday, April 29

Free Community Dinner 6:30 pm

## Donations Are Needed for the Community Household Pantry

Located at Versailles Presbyterian Church

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bars of Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Razors
- Feminine Hygiene products
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers size NB-7 and Pull Ups
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent (pods work best)
- Toilet Paper
- Trash Bags
- All Purpose Cleaner



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**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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