

**2026 Lent Theme:  
Rooted in the  
Good News:  
Not Just Beliefs,  
But a Way of Life**



“Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it’s not necessarily comfortable. We often describe Jesus’ ministry as “radical” which comes from the Latin word “radicalis,” meaning “root” or “ground.”<sup>1</sup> Therefore, Jesus’ ministry brings us back to our roots: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God’s unending grace. These roots are the foundation of our faith. These roots allow us to become the person God created and calls us to be. These roots are the Gospel message!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, otherwise known as the Good News, is extravagant, untamed, illogical, and persistent. It invites us to root ourselves in the goodness of God which infinitely flourishes and grows. For us as people of faith, the Good News is not just a set of beliefs but rather a way of life grounded in hope, love, justice and peace.

This Lent, we will be exploring how the good news takes root in our hearts, minds and very beings, reminding us that “in our hoping, in our searching, one thing remains true. Jesus Christ is still the Good News!”

## WORSHIP THEMES FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent  
Scripture: Like 10: 25-37  
Title: “The Good News is... Great Love for God and Neighbor”

Sunday, March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday in Lent  
Scripture: John 14: 1-14  
Title: “The Good News is... the Way, the Truth and the Life”

Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Forth Sunday in Lent  
Scripture: Romans 12: 1-21  
Title: “The Good News is... Community Connection”

Sunday, March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-11  
Title: “The Good News is... Rooted in Justice, Mercy and Faithfulness”

Sunday, March 29, 2026  
Sixth Sunday in Lent  
Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40  
Title: “The Good News is... the Stones Shouting Out Even if We Are Silent”

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MIDWAY CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
**CHILI COOKOFF**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**First Place:**  
Dan Elkins  
**Second Place:**  
Gloria Batts  
**Third Place:**  
Chris Michel



**“Souper” Bowl Party**



# Service & Worship Thru Mission

On Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> our congregation held a special Worship Service entitled Community Mission. Attending, during a very snowy time, our members came out together, after a month of collecting Hygiene and period products, to assemble over 140 canvas bags full of necessary items for the schools to have for students in need. After breakfast and a short service including weekly communion, the congregation worked on filling these bags with generously donated and purchased products by members. Extended Thank you's go to Local Business' "Hoxley Hole" homemade soaps, lotions, etc and to "Midway Family Dental" for dental products. The kits were delivered to all Elementary, Middle and High School in Woodford County. The school resource officers were so appreciative. This was a wonderful contribution from our church and an event and endeavor we should all be so proud of.



## SERVING THIS MONTH

### Elders:

\*Ouita Michel  
Cindy Batts

### Worship Leaders:

3/1: Wyatt Walker  
3/8: Jill Giles Damron  
3/15: Savanna Wagner  
3/22: Adele Dickerson  
3/29: Janie Stout

### Technology:

James Batts, Ray Clark,  
Dick Murphy

## MCC LEADERSHIP

Board Meeting  
Sunday, March 1st 12:30pm

Care Team  
Monday, March 2nd 6:30pm

Admin Meeting  
Sunday, March 12th 3:30pm

Worship Team  
Monday, March 9th 7:00pm

Elders Meeting  
Monday, March 16th 6:30pm

Cabinet  
Wednesday, March 18th  
6:00pm



### Lent Season Sunday School Drawing All Things to God:



### A 12 Session Series Around the Life of Jesus the Christ

Jesus' birth welcomed something greater into human form. Through the recorded accounts of his life, Jesus' teachings pointed to a connected way of living in relationship to God, one another, our meals, our positions and possessions, and to the Earth. To people who find themselves detached from such things, who had exhausted themselves and their means, who had forgotten they were created out of the same vibratory frequency (voice) that birthed all things out of no-thing (the Eternal), Jesus came with a message:

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

Through this film series, we will just walk awhile together in our skins and see what comes through. We'll hold space to feel our inborn salvation made available through the mystery of the Anointed One who came among us.

The curriculum, written by Kelly Ann Hall, includes 12 sessions with an accompanying discussion guide.

**YTD Giving Update**  
GF Budgeted to Date: \$ 124,000.  
GF Received to Date: \$ 126,573.



## Keenagers Lunch

The monthly Keenagers lunch last was held at the *Tack House Pub* in Lexington Kentucky. This month on March the 26<sup>th</sup> they will be adventuring to Frankfort to a new restaurant to most, *Shelby's Diner* located off of Versailles Rd. This is a highly-rated, family owned spot known for its classic, home-style cooking. Sounds good and everyone is invited to join. Transportation if needed. Breakfast & Lunch served



Spring Forward  
March 8th



# March Events

Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17  
Cub Scouts 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25  
Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 7, 14, 21, 28  
Elevens'es Ladies coffee group 11:00 am

Sunday, March 16  
Grief Group 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 17  
St. Patrick's Day 

Thursday, March 26  
Keenagers Lunch 11:30 am  
Shelby's Diner Frankfort  
Green Chalace Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 29  
Worship Service at The Homeplace 12:45pm

Monday, March 30  
COMMUNITY DINNER 6:30 pm



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## Easter Flower Fund

In Memory / In Honor

We are continuing our successful projects from last year's Easter Flower Fund this season. The Church will be adorned with spring on Easter Sunday and our updated landscaping of the Church grounds will continue this summer. For In Memory or Honor recognition please send information by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations of any amount accepted, we have a lot to achieve this year. Please be sure to note donations for "Flower Fund" & list names for In Memory/Honor

- Midway Christian Church
- PO Box 4548 Midway, Ky 40347
- or online follow QR Code



Hello  

# SPRING

March 20th 

With the blossoming of each flower, spring whispers tales of resilience and the endless cycle of rebirth. 

## Keenagers Lunch

Thursday, March 26th  
11:30 am  
Anyone is invited to join.  
Transportation provided if needed.

### Shelby's Diner

1410 Versailles Rd  
Suite #2  
Frankfort, Ky

Sign up Sheet for reservations is located next to office door.

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## Worship at The Homeplace

Sunday, March 29th  
12:45 pm

Everyone is invited to join

THE HOMEPLACE AT MIDWAY  
A GREEN HOUSE® RESIDENCE  
A Christian Care Community

## GREEN CHALICE MEETING

Thursday, March 26th  
7:00 p.m.

Midway Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall

All who are interested in caring for God's creation are welcome to attend!

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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  
Susan McClees - Communications Coordinator  
Alex Vorhaus - Music Director  
Jestine Johnson - Custodian  
James Batts-Audio Visual Technician  
Karen Murphy-Book Keeper



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