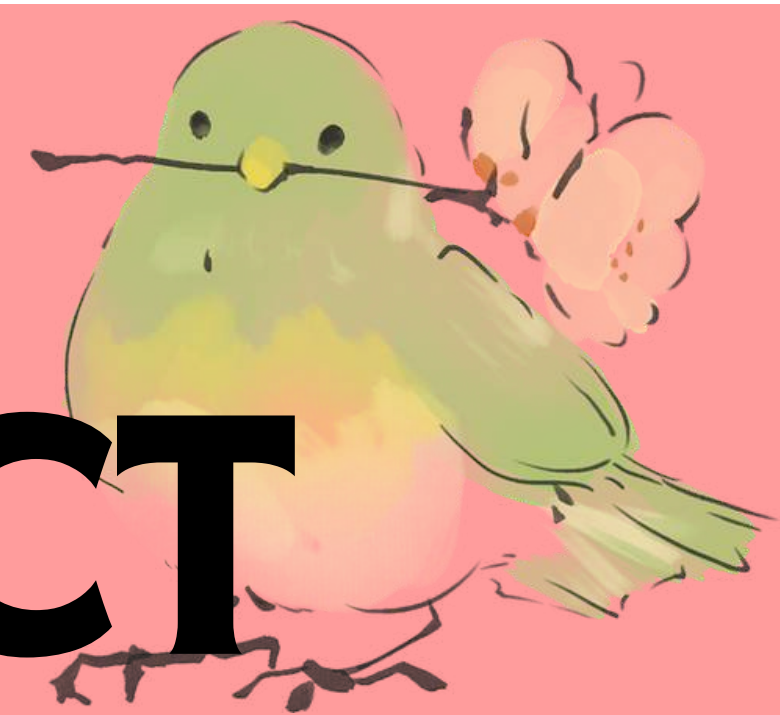


# THE CONTACT

## May & June 2026



May and June Sermon Series:

## Hope in Bloom

### Practicing Spritual Gardening

"What does it mean to 'grow in the Spirit' in a world that often feels divided and exhausted? In this series, we move beyond seeing the Fruit of the Spirit as a checklist for individual perfection. Instead, we explore these nine virtues—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—as collective practices of resistance and restoration.

Drawing on our Disciples' identity as a 'People of the Table,' we will ask how the Spirit's work in us expands our capacity for radical hospitality and social justice. We aren't just growing fruit for ourselves; we are inviting hope to bloom in our community and in our world. Join us as we learn to be spiritual gardeners, opening ourselves to God's Spirit which is always moving us toward inclusion, wholeness, and the Beloved Community of God"



### Guest Speaker Christy Messick June 21st



Rev. Christy Messick is a certified Spiritual Director and an ordained minister within the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church). Currently, she serves as an Outreach Advocate at GreenHouse17, a domestic violence agency serving Lexington and the surrounding counties. Her most cherished role is mother to her 9-year-old son Josiah.

## WORSHIP THEMES FOR MAY & JUNE

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
*Fifth Sunday After Easter*  
Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-21  
Title: "Love as Advocacy"

Sunday, May 10, 2026  
*Sixth Sunday after Easter*  
Scripture: Psalm 126; Philippians 4: 4-8  
Title: "Joy as Resistance"

Sunday, May 17, 2026  
*Seventh Sunday after Easter*  
Scripture: Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Title: "Peace as Shalom"

Sunday, May 24, 2026  
*Pentecost Sunday*  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Rick Smith  
Scripture: Acts 1: 14-15  
Title: "How will you respond when the Spirit Moves?"

Sunday, May 31, 2026  
*First Sunday after Pentecost*  
Scripture: Like 11: 9-11  
Title: Patience as Persistence

Sunday, June 7, 2026  
*Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
Scripture: Luke 14: 7-24  
Title: "Kindness as Radical Hospitality"

Sunday, June 14, 2026  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
Scripture: Psalm 15  
Title: "Goodness as Piblic Integrity"

Sunday, June 21, 2026  
*Forth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Guest Speaker: Christy Messick  
Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37  
Title: "Who is My Neighbor"

Sunday, June 28, 2026  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Scripture: Hebrews 11: 1; 3-39  
Title: "Faithfulness as Covenant"



# From the Desk of the Music Director -

*My Dear Friends,*



Here begins something new, a brief monthly discussion of the goings on in the Music Department here at Midway Christian Church. This could be a simple update, a retrospective look at what we have done, or even perhaps a discussion about the music coming from the organ.

Last week our anthem included a verse of congregational singing, and I must say I really heard some wonderful singing. Perhaps I need to recruit a few of you all to join the choir! Our final hymn last week was How Can I Keep from Singing? This hymn embodies the idea of Joy, and I believe beautifully portrays the way that we are called to sing and rejoice though all seasons of life. We at Midway Christian Church have a very longstanding musical history which continues to live today. As I practiced this hymn in the sanctuary I could not help but to see a strong connection between the refrain of the song, in particular the last two measures, "how can I keep from singing" and the living musical history of Midway Christian Church.

Looking forward, we will be doing an anthem on the ever popular "AMEN" for Pentecost when Historic Second Christian Church joins us for worship. We will also be having Blake Jones join us in June, and the following week, the Handbell Choir, and the Chancel Choir will be joining forces to bring us our anthem.

Until next time, keep singing!

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

*Alex Vorhaus*

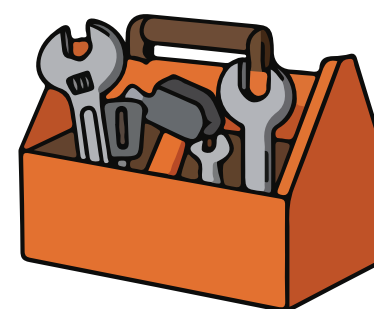


## MCC New Travel Series

### MCC Globetrotters Travelogue

In June, we are introducing a new travel series. As many folks in our congregation are avid travelers, several months ago Ouita proposed an idea: What if we ask our traveling church members to share their experiences with the congregation? Ouita offered to prepare the food (as eating is a must at our gatherings!) and Ray and Jeanne agreed to be the first presenters. The result of all the planning and preparations is the MCC Globetrotters Travelogue. It will kick-off on June 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. with a presentation by Ray and Jeanne on their recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. Snacks will be offered during the presentation and a light supper afterwards. Hope to see you there!

## The Toolbox: A Nuts-and-Bolts Ministry



We all love our old building but as we also know, with old buildings, there is always something that needs to be done or fixed. That's why we are adding a new feature in our monthly newsletter: The Toolbox: A Nuts-and-Bolts Ministry.

It is a list of small projects which need to be done around the church.

If you can help, please let Dan Roller or Dick Murphy know.

We are Midway Christian Church, building the God's Beloved Community, one repair at a time.

Projects:

- 1) The 2 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in Fellowship Hall basement are missing and need to be replaced.
- 2) Trash can hiding place in front of the fellowship-needs to be straightened and poles re-zip tied.
- 3) Reattach drainpipe west side. New drainpipe extension by trashcans and by rain garden
- 4) Ceiling tiles in FH kitchen and FH basement replaced
- 5) Remove rain barrel back corner of Fellowship Hall (Gratz Street side)

## SERVING In May

### Elders:

\*Carl Rollins  
Dan Roller

### Worship Leaders:

5/3: Wendy Sue Wahl  
5/10: Bobbie Dare  
5/17: Cindy Batts  
5/24: Margaret Easton  
5/31: Jim Leer

## SERVING In June

### Elders:

\*Karen Murphy  
Dick Murphy

### Worship Leaders:

6/7: Jeanne Clark  
6/14: Gloria Batts  
6/21: Janie Stout  
6/28: Margaret Easton

*Technology:*

James Batts, Ray Clark, Dick Murphy

## MCC LEADERSHIP

MCC Board Meeting

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> after Church

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> after Church

Admin Meeting

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm

Worship Team

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Elders Meeting

Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

## YTD Giving Update

Budgeted to Date: \$ 170,500.00

Received to Date: \$ 170,290.74



*Don Jockey*  
MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA  
★★★★★

**Keenagers Lunch**  
Thursday, June 18th  
11:30 am  
Everyone is invited to join  
Transportation provided if needed  
**Shaker Village**  
of Pleasant Hill  
3501 Lexington Rd.  
Harrodsburg, Ky  
Sign up Sheet for reservations located next to  
office door or call the office by 17th

# Events May

Tuesday, May 12  
Cub Scouts Banquet 6:00pm FH

Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 13, 20, 27  
Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 10th  
Mothers Day

Sunday, May 17th  
Grief Group 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 7th  
Green Chalice Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday, May 24th  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
with Historic Second Christian Church  
Guest Speaker: Rev: Rick Smith  
Potluck Lunch to Follow

Monday, May 25th  
MEMORIAL DAY  
MCC Office Closed

# June

MONDAY, JUNE 1st  
CARE TEAM 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24  
Handbell Rehearsal 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Sunday, June 14  
Flag Day  
Graduation Sunday  
MCC Globetrotters Travel Presentation  
4:30pm

Sunday, June 21  
Father's Day  
1st Day of Summer  
Grief Group 6:30pm

Thursday, June 18  
Keenagers 11:30am

Thursday June 25  
Green Chalice 7:00pm

Sunday, June 28  
End of Year  
Congregational Meeting  
after Sunday Service  
Potluck Lunch



MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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**Happy Graduation**  
To all of our Midway  
Community Graduates

**MCC Board Meeting**  
Sunday, June 7th  
after Church

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**Elders Meeting**  
Monday, June 15th  
6:30 pm

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**Worship Team Meeting**  
Monday  
June 8th 7:00pm

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Care Team Meeting**  
Monday, June 1st  
6:30 pm

*Congrats*  
CLASS OF 2026  
**GRADUATES**

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WE WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO HAVE CONNECTIONS TO MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

PLEASE SEND THE NAME OF YOUR GRADUATE, A PHOTO AND FROM WHERE THEY ARE GRADUATING TO:  
OFFICE@MIDWAYCHRISTIAN.ORG

GRADUATION SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2026

**Grief Group**  
Sunday, June 21st  
6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

MCC GLOBETROTTERS TRAVELOGUE

FIRST STOP: GALAPAGOS ISLANDS  
PRESENTED BY RAY & JEANNE CLARK  
JUNE 14, 2026, 4:30 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

SNACKS AND PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION AND A LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED BY CHEF QUITA.

GREEN CHALICE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH  
7:00PM  
Fellowship Hall  
Summer Planting Meet - All Invited

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Midway Woodford County  
**Farmers Market**  
Every Monday  
3:00 - 5:30 pm

Location on Church Street  
between Midway Christian Church  
& old Fire Dept (BUNKER) on E Greun St

You are Invited  
Join the "Elevens'es"  
For Ladies Coffee, Tea & Me Time  
Saturday Mornings 11am  
Midway Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall



**Midway Christian Church**  
**123 East Bruen Street**  
**Midway, Kentucky 40347-4548**

Return Service Requested

**Sunday Worship Service**  
**10:55 am**  
**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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