

Midway  
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Church

# The Newsletter

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## September 2016

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### Sunday School

10 a.m. for adults

### Worship

11 a.m.

## Pastor's Notes



Being a prophet sounds like fun. It sounds powerful. It sounds like you get privileged information. And you get to pass judgment on people. And you get to say God told you to do it. It sounds kind of awesome, really. But those who are God's prophets in the Bible rarely feel it is awesome. Being a prophet is hard work. It is long, slow work. And often it is very painful. Because there is a painful truth that needs to be spoken. As the church, we are called to be prophetic. But what does that mean?

**'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'**  
**Jeremiah 1:5**

### First, it means we see the truth.

We look at the world and see God's Kingdom is at hand. We see the world differently. We see the least being the greatest and the last being first. We see visions of great change and unexpected grace. Things are not always what they seem. As the church, we look behind things and beyond things as they are-- hard situations, difficult people—and we see God at work.

### Second, it means we speak the truth.

As the church, everything we know is filtered through the truth of Jesus' life and death and resurrection. We speak that resurrection. We speak for healing. For repentance. For restoration. We speak for new life and for freedom from oppression for every human being, just as Jesus did. We challenge the world to value people instead of profit; to entrust ourselves to God's kingdom rather than the kingdoms of this world.

### Third, it means living the truth.

It's one thing to talk the talk, but it's another to walk the walk. As the church, we are called to live the truth. That means we do the hard, slow work of listening. We do the hard, difficult work of being in community. We sit with the world in its pain and brokenness just like Jeremiah and Isaiah and all the Hebrew prophets. Because the truth is that God works through our brokenness. When we know we just can't do it by ourselves anymore, that's when redemption occurs. As the church, we live out that message that God loves us and this broken-hearted creation no matter what.

### Questions to ponder:

How is our church called to be prophetic?

How would you summarize the truth you know about God and how would you live it?

## Worship With Us!

### Community Service for Peace and Hope

Sunday, September 11, 11am

Walter Bradley Park

We gather with other Midway churches for worship in the Spirit of unity which we share! Our special speaker will be Dabney Parker, resource coordinator of Kentucky Refugee Ministries in Lexington, KY. After worship and communion, we will commune with a potluck lunch! Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided!) Come enjoy your community!

### Three Sundays of Mission

Our Sunday School classes are on a Mission! We've been learning about the missions of the church, and we wrap up the series on **Sunday, September 4**, with the **Sandwich Ministry @ Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church**—learn firsthand about feeding

those without stable housing in Lexington. Rides leave the church at 7:45am. Suitable for school age kids.

**Regularly scheduled Sunday School classes for all ages begin September 18 at 10am!**

## Congregation Giving

### July 2016

<i>Giving Goal</i>	\$7,210
General Offering (Actual)	\$6,649
Backpack Ministry	\$230
Building Fund	\$280
Landscaping Fund	\$500

### August 2016

<i>Giving Goal</i>	\$5,768
General Offering (Actual)	\$5,163.47
Backpack Ministry	\$570
Building Fund	\$7,530
Uspiritus Donations	\$199



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

## September--Tuna

### Food Bank Collection

The food bank can always use the following items:  
 canned vegetables and beans  
 dry pasta | cereal | rice  
 canned meats and pastas  
 baby food | toiletries

# YOGA!

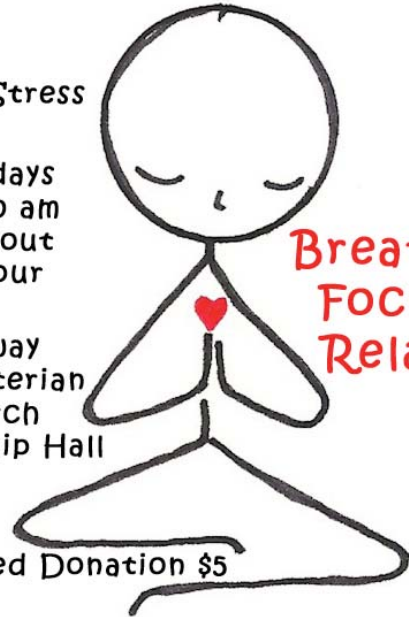
For All Abilities

Relieve Stress

Saturdays  
 @ 8:30 am  
 for about  
 an hour

Midway  
 Presbyterian  
 Church  
 Fellowship Hall

Suggested Donation \$5



Breathe  
 Focus  
 Relax

## Locally Grown Cooperative Youth Ministry Golf Scramble Fundraiser

The Locally Grown Youth Group in Midway, Ky. is a new community youth group for all young people between 6th and 12th grade, regardless of church affiliation. The program began this summer with strong community support, and is looking to the future with fundraising opportunities.

**On September 9, at 1 pm, there will be a golf scramble held at Moss Hill Golf Club in Woodford County to support the Locally Grown Youth.** Teams are being formed now to participate in the scramble, and for \$75 per player golfers will receive: 18 holes of golf with a "best ball" format, tee gifts, a barbeque meal after play, a raffle entry for prizes at the end of the event, and a team photo.

Those who are interested in participating may visit [www.lgmidway.com/support](http://www.lgmidway.com/support) to find registration materials.

## Quick Notes

**Wednesday Night Life Group** is taking a sabbatical. Our adult study group that has met for the past two years is wrapping up at the end of August. While we let this group go fallow, we continue to be on the lookout for people interested in study or small groups. Thanks to all who have participated!

**Coming Soon!!** We will share a World Communion Sunday potluck!—Sunday, October 2

**You are invited to a wedding shower for Chris Meadows and Itosha Smith** on Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Blessings and best wishes to Chris and Tosh!

**Congrats to Grayson and Katie Vandegrift** on the birth of their son **Jackson** on August 18 at 4:28 am. He was 8 lbs, 1 oz and 22 inches long.

**Thanks to the 175 Anniversary Committee** for a memorable celebration on August 21.

**The Girl Scout troop will be doing a WaterStep shoe drive again this fall.** Bring in your shoes!

**We will be doing a toy drive again for the Buckhorn store from November 1 - 24.**

**We will be doing our “Giving Tree” again for Buckhorn and Uspiritus during Advent.** Look for the tree when we decorate!

**We’ll be serving hot cocoa when Santa comes to town on November 26 to support the Backpack Ministry.**

**Get ready to carve pumpkins again this year for the pumpkin carving contest!** Pumpkin drop off will be October 30 at 4 pm.

**The next Mission and Fellowship meeting** will be October 22, after church.

**Directory updates are needed!** Please send any new mailing or email addresses, phone numbers, etc. to Sarah Wilson at sarahjoycewilson@gmail.com by September 8 for the new directory.

## Fall Festival Activities

**Saturday, Sept 17, 10 am -6 pm: children’s games**  
**Sunday, Sept 18, 12:30 pm -5 pm: face painting**  
We need volunteers at our Fall festival booth. All donations at the booth will go to our Weekend Backpack Program. **Sign up for a shift on the Volunteerrific Board.**

**Fall Festival Clean-up**  
**Sunday, September 18, 5:30 pm**

Help clean up after the festival! The Midway Merchants Association gives us a donation for our work, so come along and join the crew! Gloves and garbage bags provided.

## Church Music

Thank you to our **Interim Organist, Elizabeth Yanarella!** Elizabeth has been such a blessing during our worship and we thank her for the amazing instrumental solos and for helping out with the 175th Anniversary party too!

## Organist/Director of Music Search

The Worship and Personnel committees are working through our numerous applications and we will have an announcement about our new organist/director of music soon!

## Community Garden

Email Janice Holland to get on our Garden email list! Janiceholland@windstream.net

**Community Garden Work Days** continue on Saturdays at 9 am. We have lots of tomatoes, squash and beans to pick and we are planting some greens for the fall. Come anytime to weed, harvest and enjoy!

## Locally Grown Youth Group

WHEN: Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm

WHERE: Midway Presbyterian Church

WHO: All 6th-12th graders from any church or no church

WHAT: To learn about who we are as children of God in Jesus Christ

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# SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 7:45am Sandwich Ministry 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm AA</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Session</p>	<p>7 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA</p>	<p>1 Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>2 Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>3 8:30am Yoga 9am Garden Work Day</p>
<p>11 11am Community Worship—Water Bradley park Noon POTLUCK 6pm AA</p>	<p>12 Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>13 Meals on Wheels 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm Tech Meeting</p>	<p>14 Meals on Wheels 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA</p>	<p>15 Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>16 Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>17 8:30am Yoga 9am Garden Work Day <b>FALL FESTIVAL</b> 10am-6pm</p>
<p>18 10am Sunday School 11am Worship <b>FALL FESTIVAL</b> 12:30-5pm 6pm AA</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>21 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:30am Yoga 9am Garden Work Day</p>
<p>25 10am Sunday School 11am Worship Noon Property Meeting 6pm AA</p>	<p>26 Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>27 Meals on Wheels 6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>28 Meals on Wheels 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA</p>	<p>29 Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>30</p>	



## “The Spirituality of Words” Writers’ Group

Have you ever thought about “spiritual writing,” using different literary forms to express your spiritual longings and experiences? Or would you like to hear or share the reflections of others, including significant spiritual writers? Come to a newly forming group in the fellowship hall at Midway Presbyterian Church to explore spiritual memoir, essays, journals, reflections, and prayers. Our initial meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 7:00—8:00 pm.

For that first meeting, please feel free to bring something you’ve written, or a piece by someone else, and be prepared to read it aloud if you wish (let’s make a five-minute limit to start). If nothing comes to mind, you may want to just talk (or write) about why you’re interested in a group like this.

We’ll be informal, with a purpose of listening and supporting, not offering critique. All are welcome.

More information? Contact Melissa Bane Sevier at (859) 321-3568 or [melissa@mbswriting.com](mailto:melissa@mbswriting.com).



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By Feeding the Hungry and Hungry of Heart*

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