



Midway Presbyterian Church

The Newsletter

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Sunday School

10 a.m.

Worship

11 a.m.

Pastor's Notes

Fall is a time of great busyness. It is the harvest season. It is a season of preparation. And like the natural world around us, we are inclined to organize and provision ourselves before winter sets in. Just like the squirrels and birds, we have the next season on our minds, when we will have to take a break and slow down... But not yet. Now we must make hay while the sun shines. And there is so much hay to make!



**“Put away from you
all bitterness and
wrath and anger
and wrangling and
slander, together
with all malice...”**

Ephesians 4:31

The holidays are coming. There are family events. And school events. And deadlines for work and classes. And we are trying to manage it all and keep on top of it all. It is a season of harvest! And what has to get done, has to get done!

In the autumn, we work and toil and bring in the fruits of our labor. But at the end of the season, like trees letting go of their leaves, we must let go of things. We must release what we have produced, the things that have served their purpose, the things that we have outgrown, the things that were fruitful but are no longer. As we pull up the old plants and vines in our Community Garden for the winter, we give thanks for them and what they provided. Then we shed them and let them go.

Now it is the season of ‘fall’ when we allow ourselves to die back. That means setting aside whatever is consuming us. It means letting go of a burden of guilt or fear. It means shedding a disagreement or grudge. It means entrusting the person, that problem to God. And allowing God to take it.

Things change with the changing seasons of our lives. With each season, may we experience grace. With each one, may we trust that God is with us. With each one, may we grow in faith and love.

Questions to ponder: *What do you need to let go of? What might shedding what you need to let go of do to you or those around you? If it is difficult, what would help you let go?*

Worship With Us!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Philip Lotspeich, General Presbyterian,
Sunday Nov 20

Community Thanksgiving Service, Monday, Nov 21, 7pm
Location: Midway Christian Church
Preacher: Rev. Mary Weese

Congregation Giving

October 2016

Giving Goal	\$7,210
General Offering (Actual)	\$6,360
Backpack Ministry	\$230
Building Fund	\$375
Uspiritus-5th Sunday Offering	\$347.42

Financial Report

Financial Reports for the first nine months of 2016:

- For Budget comparison purposes, we are **75%** through 2016.
- Regular Offerings for the first nine months were **67.1%** of budget.
- Building Fund gifts were **30.6%** of budget.
- Foundation transfers of \$81,000 were at **90.5%** of budget for the first nine months.
- Property expenses were **80.7%** of budget for the period.
- Total expenses were **68.8%** of budget for the period.

Locally Grown Golf Scramble made over \$3,200 to help support the youth program. We appreciate everyone's support of this event.

Fellowship

Advent Decorating Potluck, Sunday November 20, noon

Stay around after worship for the decorating of our church for the Advent Season! Bring a soup or sandwiches or dessert to share!



FEED THE HUNGRY

October: Backpack Meals *Hormel Compleats*

Favored Flavors: Chicken and Rice, Chicken and Noodles, Chicken and Dumplings, Three Cheese Chicken Pasta, Homestyle Beef and Potatoes, Meatloaf and Potatoes, Beef Tips and Potatoes

YOGA!

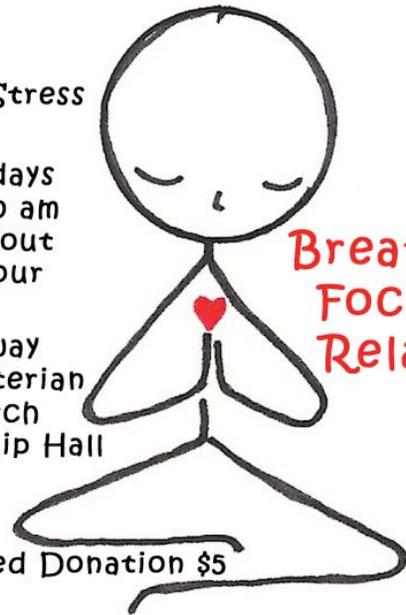
For All Abilities

Relieve Stress

Saturdays
@ 8:30 am
for about
an hour

Midway
Presbyterian
Church
Fellowship Hall

Suggested Donation \$5



Greetings from England...

Shelley Lorah recently visited Midway during a whirlwind trip to the States for a family wedding.

Leslie Penn, John Davis, and Sarah Wilson met Shelley for lunch at Darlin' Jeans, and Bill Penn, Gay Barnett, and Judy Offutt also stopped by the table to share a hug and a hello!

Shelley is doing well in England and really loves living there. She has been to many fabulous attractions and has shared pictures of her adventures on her Facebook page.

Recently, she has been attending the Crown Court Church of Scotland, established in the 1700s, and has even had the opportunity to play the organ there.

Shelley sends warm wishes to everyone at Midway and says that she misses us all very much.

Committee Meeting Schedule

November 13, Noon: Worship

December 4, Noon: Mission

Mission Notes

Weekend Backpack Ministry, Wednesdays, 4pm

We are now up to 20 bags for the kids at Northside Elementary who don't have enough to eat on the weekend. Sponsorship for one child for one year is \$400 a year or \$40 a month. Come fill a bag! If you'd like to get involved, email Fran Stadelman, fhstadelman@ballhomes.com

Buckhorn Mission Gently Used Toy Drive—Nov 1-20.

Bring in your gently used toys for the Mission Store at Buckhorn Homes for Children. Your donations will allow local families to purchase their own Christmas gifts at very reasonable prices and support Buckhorn!

Buckhorn/Uspiritus Christmas Tree

On November 20, we will put up our Christmas Tree for Buckhorn and Uspiritus residents. The kids at these facilities may never have received Christmas gifts before and these kids and the staff are so touched by our generosity at the holidays. Take a tag from the tree or get started early with this list from USPIRITUS. Gifts will be due by December 12.

Uspiritus Gift Suggestions: action figures, Barbie dolls, body wash & spray, remote control cars and trucks, jewelry and watches, Hot Wheels and accessories, CDs and DVDs (PG or G), Footballs, kickballs, basketballs, stuffed animals, skateboards/scooters & helmets, journals and diaries, board games, posters, legos, sleeping bags & blankets, Art and crafts supplies, bean bag chairs, radios/CD players, twin & full sized sheets, twin & full sized comforters, batteries (AA, AAA, D), purses & wallets, shower curtains, pots and pans, make up, cooking and serving utensils, bath and body sets.

Pumpkin Carving Winners

Six winners were chosen from the entries in the second Midway Presbyterian Church Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Winners in the Youth Categories were: Most Creative- **Emily Wilson**, Scariest-**Grason Keith**, Halloween Spirit-**Zeb Henry Weese**.

Adult winners were: Most Creative- **Debra Shockley**, Scariest- **Bart Shockley**, Halloween Spirit- **Mary Weese**.

Thank you to all those who entered from the church, the Locally Grown youth, and the community!

Individual winners will be pictured on the back page.

Meet the Organist

Thank you so much for the warm reception over the last few weeks. I am excited to be a part of this congregation, serving as your organist and director of music. Sacred music has always been a passion of mine. I began to study piano at the age of 5 with the intention of being a church pianist. In third grade, I was introduced to the pipe organ and was immediately smitten.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of congregational settings, exposing me to differing worship formats, musical styles, and collaborative efforts with instrumentalists.

I have a healthy respect for hymnody and often incorporate these foundational pieces into my musical selections. In addition, you may hear varying degrees of classical repertoire, a popular piece, even a “jazzy” number from time-to-time.

When I am not on the organ bench, I am most likely on the road! I am currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy at Spalding University in Louisville. I reside in Lexington, but love to spend time with my family in Mount Sterling. Some hobbies I enjoy include gardening, cooking, trying local restaurants, visiting historic sites, and antiquing.

I look forward to meeting each of you and serving the congregation at Midway. I leave you with a text from a favorite hymn, a prayer of mine: *Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always. Alleluia! Amen.*

-Tyler



Tidbits

No choir practice on November 13. We need everyone to bring their voices to practice on Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. The choir will debut on November 20!

The issues Sunday School class for adults is no longer meeting. Thanks to Jim Costigan for leading this class! All adults are welcome to attend the “Present Word” class in the library lounge at 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Session	2 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA	3	4	5 8:30am Yoga
6 10am Sunday School 11am Worship Noon Choir Practice 6pm AA	7 Meals on Wheels No School in Woodford County	8 Meals on Wheels No School in Woodford County 6pm Girl Scouts	9 Meals on Wheels 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA	10 Meals on Wheels	11 Meals on Wheels	12 8:30am Yoga
13 10am Sunday School 11am Worship Noon Worship Committee 6pm AA	14	15 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Spirit, Mind, and Heart--Writers' Group	16 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA	17 9am Ministerial 6:30 pm Choir Practice	18	19 8:30am Yoga
20 10am Sunday School 11am Worship Noon Advent Decorating and Potluck Noon Choir Practice 6pm AA	21 Meals on Wheels 7pm Community Thanksgiving Service, MCC	22 Meals on Wheels	23 Meals on Wheels No School in Woodford County 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA	24 Thanksgiving Day No School in Woodford County	25 No School in Woodford County	26 8:30am Yoga 10am-1pm Hot Cocoa Stand @ Downtown Midway
27 1st Sunday of Advent 10am Sunday School 11am Worship Noon Choir Practice 6pm AA	28	29 6pm Girl Scouts	30 4pm Backpacks 7-8:30pm Locally Grown Youth Group 7pm AA			

Most Creative



scariest



halloween spirit



*Witnessing to the Love of God in Jesus Christ,
By Feeding the Hungry and Hungry of Heart*

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