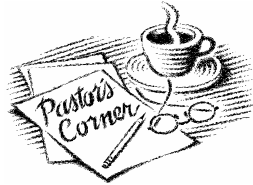




Midway Messenger

The Good News of Midway United Methodist Church

April 2010



"Just a Thought"

May you have a blessed Easter Season! I want to express special appreciation to all of those who participate in the special Easter events. Special thanks to any and all that make the effort to gather for the Easter Son Rise Service at 7 AM on April 4. Remember that we will celebrate Holy Week with Palm Sunday services on March 28th, with services at the regular time and an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM. On Holy Thursday, April 1, we will have a service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 7 PM. The traditional Good Friday service will be in the Chapel at 12 noon on April 2.

The Lenten Season calls us to reflection on the gift of God in Christ Jesus and its call on our lives will be ending and the celebration of resurrection will be in full swing. During the Lenten season, I have ruminated on how I understand Christ's work for us here in the Midway community. A few newsletters back, I wrote of the things that I stood for and that you could look for me to uphold. In this message, I would like to spend some time considering what I would like to see from our church.

I would ask that the church pray, about any and every thing. Pray in groups; pray individually for God to have the freedom to work in whatever way necessary to accomplish God's purpose in our community. Pray that those who worship with us will be touched by God in an unmistakable way. Pray that those who lead in worship will be particularly blessed as they lead us in worship and that God will be blessed by our worship. In regard to the (my) preaching; there is a simple prayer "Lord, fill my mouth with real good stuff; close my mouth when I have said enough!"

Serve God with me or in spite of me. Teach me to be in partnership with you and the church. Let us covenant together to do God's work. I read a bumper sticker once that said "It is amazing how much can be done if we don't care who gets the credit". There are rules and procedures within our denomination for doing certain things. At ordination, I took sacred vows to uphold and practice faith through those practices. Sometimes, it may seem like the process is slow and challenging. Work with me to keep the rules and laws of our church so that what we do can have the greatest effect.

Let me fail with dignity/honor. Some ventures on which we travel will be wonderfully effective. Sometimes, they will fail. When there is a failure, please remember that I am making the best decisions at any moment that I can with all the information I can gather. I am amazed at the wisdom that our leadership and staff bring to the table and even the best laid plans may sometimes fall short. When that happens, let's just continue to love each other and work together,

Study the Bible which is more than listening to others talk about the Bible. It is an intentional desire to learn about God by/from God's own Word. It is a willingness to struggle with the things that we do not understand (and the things we do understand). When I read the Bible, I ALWAYS have questions; but the more I study – the more I am finding answers.

Support the church with your prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness. I don't want to have anyone wear out. It is important that we not have anyone rust out. The Resurrection is the transformation from death to life, darkness to light, broken to whole. It can not, must not, be handled in any way other than astonishingly sacred. At least, that's just a thought.

In Covenant,
Pastor Lee



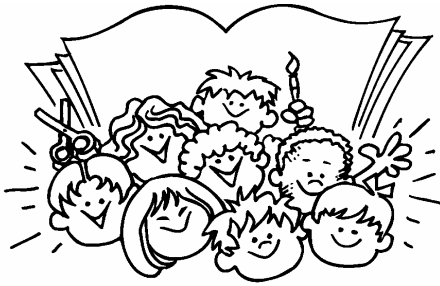
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....



Together, we can save a life

BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 21, 2 PM - 7 PM, GYM



Midway UMC Afterschool Program F.U.N. KIDZ

Register Now for the Summer

Fees for the program are:

Registration fee per family - \$125 (new students)

\$ 50 (current students)

Full-time care (4 or 5 days/week) - \$125/child per week

Part-time care (2 or 3 days/week) - \$100/child per week

Drop-in - \$50/child

T-shirt fee - \$10 per child

There is a 10% discount on the second child and a 15% discount on the third child from the same family.

This program is designed to keep children happy and active during the summer break. In addition to weekly Bible lessons, your child will participate in weekly fieldtrips, arts and crafts, group games, and Vacation Bible School. Please feel free to call Amy Barfield, Director, at 770-475-0909 with any questions.

Join Midway UMC's Relay for Life Team!

**2010 Forsyth Relay for Life - May 14
at 7:00 p.m. - Cumming Fairgrounds**

Last year Midway UMC raised more than \$8,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

This was done by individual team members getting

donations from friends, family & co-workers. We also sold a lot of Midway's famous BBQ chicken at the event! Don't miss the chance to be a part of this great event in May. There are many ways for you to participate!

To register as a team member visit www.forsythrelayforlife.org, click 'donate', click 'join a team' and look for 'Midway Methodist'.

Call Debbie Mills at 770-883-3956, or email debralynnmills@yahoo.com, if you have questions about how you can be a part of the team.

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4/1 Romans 5:1-11	4/16 Revelation 21:1-8
4/2 Romans 15:1-13	4/17 Revelation 21:1-8
4/3 I Corinthians 15:1-11	4/18 Revelation 21:9-27
4/4 I Corinthians 15:12-34	4/19 Revelation 22:1-21
4/5 I Corinthians 15:35-58	4/20 Isaiah 11:1-16
4/6 I Peter 1:1-12	4/21 Isaiah 12:1-6
4/7 I Peter 1:13-25	4/22 Isaiah 25:1-12
4/8 I Peter 2:1-10	4/23 Isaiah 26:1-21
4/9 I Peter 2:11-25	4/24 Isaiah 32:1-20
4/10 I Peter 3:8-22	4/25 Isaiah 35:1-10
4/11 I Peter 4:1-19	4/26 Isaiah 65:17-25
4/12 I Peter 5:1-14	4/27 Isaiah 66:1-24
4/13 2 Peter 1:1-15	4/28 Jeremiah 23:1-8
4/14 2 Peter 1:16-21	4/29 Psalm 33
4/15 2 Peter 3:1-18	4/30 Psalm 34

GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 16th

Please let the church office know **by May 2** the name of **MIDWAY UMC MEMBERS WHO ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL**. If you are a graduate, or know a graduate, please e-mail the information to office@midwayumc.org. We would also like the names of those who are graduating from college so that we may list their names in the bulletin.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

4/1, 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service, Chapel
4/2, 12 noon – Good Friday Service, Chapel
Service of the Nails



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES APRIL 4

7:00 am Son Rise Service, Chapel
8:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 am Adult and Youth Sunday School
9:30 am Living H 2 O Explosion (Small Group)
(2 Yrs Old – 5th Grade)
10:45 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

The Disciple III Class is encouraging participation in a project designed to supplement the church budget by contributing to Midway's utility costs. This contribution is above and beyond regular giving which will continue to provide salaries, apportionments, church missions as well as many other expenses. We are using a cross made up of puzzle pieces and connected with a heart to symbolize the contributions. The puzzle pieces represent individuals that make up small group within our church. These small groups might be Women of Wonder, Men of Midway, a SS class, Disciple or Bible study, a Scout Den, an Upward team, Choir, a Supper Club, Youth Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry or the many other ministries within the church. Individual families can also represent a small group. We are asking that each small group take a cross as a symbol of your commitment and support to help fund utilities at Midway UMC. The heart, at the center of the cross, symbolizes God's Love for each of us and for Midway Church. The cross symbolizes Christ sacrifices for us just as we are asked to sacrifice for him. Each small group should collect or conduct a fund raiser for their contribution to utilities. Any checks should have the word CROSS in the subject line. Contribution amounts will be confidential but we asked that you write the name of the small group or family on the heart of the cross. These will be hung as a border in the narthex. Please contact the church office or any member of the Disciple III class if you have question.

**MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
AS OF 02/28/10**

Report Month	February				
	Actual MTD	Budget MTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2010 Budget
Total					
Receipts	\$39,995	\$56,509	\$82,408	\$109,951	\$659,705
Total					
Expenses	\$42,220	\$56,509	\$79,678	\$109,951	\$659,705
Conference Obligations Expense	\$1,500	\$6,313	\$4,000	\$11,172	\$67,034
Program Council Expense	\$313	\$3,146	\$359	\$4,208	\$25,250
Salaries Expense	\$22,718	\$24,146	\$47,282	\$48,736	\$292,415
Admin Expense	\$1,227	\$3,196	\$2,562	\$6,392	\$38,350
Bldgs & Grds Expense	\$16,264	\$19,200	\$25,277	\$38,426	\$230,556
General Expense	\$198	\$508	\$198	\$1,017	\$6,100
Average Attendance	265		250		
Cash on Hand		\$23,861			
Accounts Payable		\$7,077			
Designated Fund Liabilities		\$55,831			
Balance on Building Loan			\$797,990		

ALL HANDS ON DECK!



Join us as we begin the
Voyage of a Lifetime!

VBS - June 7-11, 2010

9:00am – 12:30

All children 4 years through 5th grade

Register NOW!!

Cost: \$25.00 per child, maximum of \$50.00
per family

Please complete the Registration Form, available on the Information Table in the Narthex or print a copy from the church web site, and turn it in to the church office with your check or cash. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** – forms also on table in Narthex.

Each year we are blessed with an amazing VBS and hundreds of energetic kids! Due to rising costs, this year we must ask for a minimal fee from each family. It is not our intention to cause a hardship for anyone.

Please call the church office for scholarship information.

If you have any questions or need more information please call Ms. Linda through the church office, (770)475-5230 or via e-mail; lcaudill@midwayumc.org



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