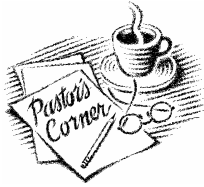




# Midway Messenger

The Good News of Midway United Methodist Church

November 2009



## *“Just a Thought”*

Are you a dressing or stuffing person? How about drumstick or white meat? Is the Thanksgiving feast closer to noon or is it later in the day? Who will host the meal? Will the dress code be formal or casual, football game or movies as entertainment?

Many of us have very set traditions with regard to special days like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Keeping those traditions can make holidays when we are apart seem like a “family together” time. Many of our hearts and thoughts turn toward home and they provide certain nostalgic warmth.

Because of the natural human tendency to celebrate home, friendships, and the value of relationships, these holidays provide a marvelous opportunity for us. They serve as a gentle push toward going home and returning to the fundamentals of life. As a result it is a time of great opportunity for churches.

Many times our schedules get so busy and demanding that we look to create any time off possible. We all need some down time and for many of us Sunday morning becomes the best opportunity. As the weather cools down it does feel good to snuggle a bit deeper into the blankets and covers and sleep in. There is no doubt about it.

At the same time, the holiday seasons that celebrate family and fellowship are an excellent opportunity to get back in the habit of attending Sunday School and church. It is a great time to invite those who have been absent to come back to the family. They are excellent chances to start back practices that time has taken out of our lives.

As we enter this season I want to do 2 things with this mailing. First, I want to invite any and all people connected to Midway UMC - Alpharetta who have drifted away for whatever reason to come back to the church family. You are missed and you make a difference to our church.

The other invitation I want to make is for you to invite those who are closest to you to come to church with you. Let people know that they are missed and that you would love to see them back at church. Everyone you invite may not come, that is reality. However, those that are not contacted will not come, that too is reality.

Sunday School is at 9:30 AM and worship is at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM. Living H<sub>2</sub>O small group is at 9:30 AM and the big group activity is at 10:45 AM. I hope to see you at one or all. The church sign of a friend of mine says it well: “New faces anticipated, members expected”. At least that's just a thought.

In Covenant,

Lee



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS END</b> 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O Explosion (Small) 10:30 Living H 2 O (Large) 1:00 Men's Picnic 4:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL 5:30 Disciple I 5:30 Disciple III 5:30 Companions in Christ	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible 6:30 Scouts 7:00 Youth Praise Band 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	<b>5</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm	<b>6</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b> Crane- Moss Wedding 3:30 pm
<b>8</b> 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O Explosion (Small) 10:30 Living H 2 O (Large) 5:30 Consignment Committee 5:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL 5:30 Disciple I 5:30 Disciple III 5:30 Companions in Christ	<b>9</b> Moms in Touch 10 am  NO Trustees Meeting	<b>10</b> Finance 7pm	<b>11</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Scouts 7:00 Youth Praise Band 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	<b>12</b> Holiday Show 9am – 2pm  Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> 7 am Men's Bible Study  Holiday Show 9am – 2pm  Supper Club 7pm	<b>14</b> Holiday Show 9-1  Upward Coach and Referee Mtg 8:30 am
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<b>22</b> 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O Explosion (Small) 10:30 Living H 2 O (Large) 5:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL 5:30 Disciple I 5:30 Disciple III 5:30 Companions in Christ	<b>23</b> NO Moms in Touch  We Wonder Closed All Week  Life Line Screening 8:30 – 5:00	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Church Office closes at Noon  No Wednesday Night Activities	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> No Preschool  No After School  Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29 FIFTH SUNDAY</b> 9:30 H 2 O Explosion <b>10:00 Worship Service</b> 5:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL No Disciple Classes	<b>30</b> Moms in Touch 10 am  Upward Practices Begin 5:30- 9:00 pm		The Church Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and will be closed all day on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.	<b>MIDWAY HOLIDAY SHOP</b> <b>THURS, FRIDAY &amp; SAT</b> <b>NOVEMBER 12, 13 &amp; 14</b> <b>Thursday &amp; Friday -</b> <b>9:00am to 2:00pm</b> <b>Saturday - 9:00am to 1:00pm</b> <b>DO ALL YOUR HOLIDAY</b> <b>SHOPPING IN ONE PLACE! BRING</b> <b>YOUR FRIENDS FOR COFFEE &amp;</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP! DON'T MISS ALL</b> <b>OF OUR WONDERFUL VENDORS!!!</b>		



### A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer and Eternal Companion, we come to you overwhelmed by the goodness you bestow on us without limits.

On this special day, we recall how you blessed our forefathers who came to this wonderful land seeking freedom to worship without restraint or hindrance.

We are immeasurably grateful for our heritage. We pray that our faith may be as fervent as the faith of those who left everything for a land strange to them and here they were strangers to the natives.

Therefore, we gather as grateful benefactors of your pilgrim servants who paid a costly price to glorify you and serve you faithfully. For them, we give you our deepest gratitude mindful of that first Thanksgiving meal shared by newcomers and natives. We gather around our tables as family and friends.

We come to you in love and great appreciation for your constant grace and gifts bestowed upon us. The abundant and beautiful food before us is the most lovely and present evidence.

Ever-giving and ever-loving God, we humbly thank you for all your benefits. We wish only one thing more. May we have the honor of your presence? Be our Guest that we may know that we have had fellowship with you and with one another.

In the name of your greatest gift to us, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**We will not have Woman Of Wonder in November due to the Thanksgiving holidays. We will be having a Christmas brunch in early December at the Tibbets' house - please stay tuned for further details!**

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| 11/1 Psalm 100          | 11/16 Jeremiah 10:1-16 |
| 11/2 Psalm 95           | 11/17 Psalm 105:1-22   |
| 11/3 Psalm 96           | 11/18 Psalm 105:23-45  |
| 11/4 Psalm 97           | 11/19 Psalm 106:1-12   |
| 11/5 Psalm 98           | 11/20 Psalm 106:13-48  |
| 11/6 Psalm 135          | 11/21 Psalm 107:1-22   |
| 11/7 Psalm 136          | 11/22 Psalm 107:23-43  |
| 11/8 Psalm 138          | 11/23 Psalm 111        |
| 11/9 Psalm 145          | 11/24 Psalm 112        |
| 11/10 Psalm 146         | 11/25 Psalm 113        |
| 11/11 Psalm 147         | 11/26 Psalm 115        |
| 11/12 Psalm 148         | 11/27 Psalm 65         |
| 11/13 Psalm 149         | 11/28 Psalm 66         |
| 11/14 Psalm 150         | 11/29 Psalm 67         |
| 11/15 Nehemiah 12:27-43 | 11/30 Luke 21:1-4      |

## **LIFE LINE SCREENING.....**

Stroke is the #3 cause of death in US and **80%** of All Strokes CAN be Prevented. *Life Line Screening* will be providing their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings for the Community on **11/23/2009 at Midway United Methodist Church, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.** Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package The cost for all four vascular screenings is \$139.00. Add an osteoporosis screening for \$10 more or all 5 tests for \$149. The four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes or ten minutes or less each to complete to complete.

These health screenings will be offered for people 40-years-old and older. The vascular screenings are performed using Doppler color flow ultrasound systems and include the following:

- 1) Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening – Ultrasound evaluation of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque - the leading cause of strokes.
- 2) Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) – Painless 6 lead EKG that can detect an irregular heart rhythm. Atrial fibrillation increases the risk of stroke 5 times.
- 3) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening – Ultrasound is used to screen for the presence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.
- 4) Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening – Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease.
- 5) Osteoporosis Screening – An ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages. Add this test screening for \$10 more.

**You must pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851.** These screenings are completely painless and non-invasive.

**MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
AS OF 9/30/09**

<b>Report Month</b>	<b>September</b>				
	<b>Actual MTD</b>	<b>Budget MTD</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>
<b>Total</b>					
<b>Receipts</b>	\$32,167	\$56,509	\$374,619	\$508,583	\$678,111
<b>Total</b>					
<b>Expenses</b>	\$48,870	\$56,509	\$409,264	\$508,583	\$678,111
<b>Conference Obligations Expense</b>	\$250	\$6,313	\$10,350	\$56,816	\$75,755
<b>Program Council Expense</b>	-\$35	\$3,146	\$1,896	\$28,312	\$37,750
<b>Salaries Expense</b>	\$22,290	\$24,146	\$215,523	\$217,317	\$289,756
<b>Admin Expense</b>	\$2,963	\$3,196	\$14,809	\$28,763	\$38,350
<b>Bldgs &amp; Grds Expense</b>	\$23,679	\$19,200	\$165,821	\$172,800	\$230,400
<b>General Expense</b>	-\$276	\$508	\$900	\$4,575	\$6,100
<b>Average Attendance</b>	189		240		
<b>Cash on Hand</b>		\$13,321			
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		\$9,574			
<b>Designated Fund Liabilities</b>		\$47,515			
<b>Balance on Building Loan</b>			\$806,873**		
<b>**Light the Fire consolidated with building loan in August 2009</b>					

**All Men of Midway**  
**Sunday, November 1, from 1 to 6 pm.** ... Fishing and Burgers at Greer Austin's. After church, we will try our luck on catching the big one and just to be sure we do not go hungry if the fish are not biting, we will grill up some hamburgers. All you need is \$5 and bring your own chair. Please let Doug Caudill know if you will be there.

**Supper Club – Kick-off Meeting**

There will be an initial meeting to discuss the start-up of the Supper Club groups on Friday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at Rick and Sharon Lee's house. Each couple/individual will be asked to bring a side dish/dessert to the kickoff meeting.

The Supper Club is a way of fellowship with others in the church on a smaller scale while enjoying some good food!!! Four or five couples/individuals are combined into a "group" that meets for dinner at least 3 times over a 3-4 month period of time. Each group decides where/when they want to meet for dinner... could be at various restaurants or member's homes. Don't hesitate to ask Rick Lee or Jane Scudder for more information.



The Midway Messenger is published monthly by Midway United Methodist Church. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to be a contributor to the Midway Messenger, you can reach the church office by email (office@midwayumc.org), phone (770-475-5230), or drop off any articles at the Church office. **The deadline for the December issue is noon on November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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