



# THE MESSENGER

January 2014

*A publication of  
Midway Presbyterian  
Church*

## Church Staff

Mary Seeger Weese  
*Pastor*

Shelley Lorah  
*Music Director*

Brent Guiliani  
*Youth Director*

Cindy Alvarado-Yearly  
*Nursery*

## Elders

John Davis, Clerk  
Ellen Costigan  
James Hicks  
Sara Hicks  
Janice Holland  
Judy Offutt  
Leslie Penn  
Lewis Prewitt  
Marsha Starks

## Sunday School

10 a.m.

## Worship

11 a.m.

WITNESSING TO  
THE LOVE OF GOD  
IN JESUS CHRIST,  
BY FEEDING THE  
HUNGRY AND  
HUNGRY OF HEART

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

*We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.  
If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die  
to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die,  
we are the Lord's.* Romans 14:7-8



This January, we will be having another Confirmation class during Sunday School time. We are excited to have Zachary Langdon, Nathan Middaugh, and Drew Blaydes taking part in the study and instruction for church membership. I find Confirmation to be a special time to get to know our youth and faith-strengthening experience! Our theme will be "In Life and in Death, we belong to God." Reflect on these questions along with our confirmands.

**Sunday, January 5**, we will be talking about the Lord's Supper and then experiencing it in worship. How does Communion strengthen you in life? What promises does it give you in death?

**Sunday, January 12**, we will be discussing Baptism and then experiencing it in our Baptism Remembrance Sunday. How do we 'die' in baptism? How do we live a new life in Jesus?

**Sunday, January 19**, will be about Christian fellowship and study. On Monday, January 20 at 7pm, everyone is encouraged to go to the Community Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service at St. Matthew AME. What does community mean to us in life? What does it mean to us in death?

**Sunday, January 26**, will be a day of service. We will be leaving the church at 7:45am to go to Maxwell Street Presbyterian to help with their Sandwich Ministry and we will make it back for church at 11am. How do we make our lives like Jesus' life: living to serve rather than being served?

**On February 2**, we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday with our young folks. If you'd like to sit in on any of our classes, let Pastor Mary know. **Please be in prayer for Zachary, Nathan, and Drew as well as our Elders John Davis, Ellen Costigan, Sara Hicks, and Janice Holland who will be helping to teach.**

In life and in death, you belong to God. What does that mean to you? Reflect on the scripture above. And have a blessed New Year!

# Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 19, 2014, immediately after worship in the sanctuary. The following items will be on the agenda:

- Three officers will be elected to serve as Elders on the Session in the Class of 2016.
- There will be the election a Congregation member to be on the Nominating Committee for 2016.
- The Congregation will approve the Pastor's Cost of Living Compensation for 2014.
- A meeting of the Midway Presbyterian Church Corporation will be held to elect officers and approve bylaws for the organization.
- The Chair of each Church Committee will discuss the accomplishments of their committee during the past year and what the committee plans to do in 2014.
- Congregation members will be encouraged to participate on any of the Committees as follows and to contact the appropriate Chair to volunteer:

Christian Education/Youth-John Davis  
Finance-Lewis Prewitt  
Personnel-John Davis  
Technology-Bud Ratliff

Membership/Outreach-Ellen Costigan  
Mission-Janice Holland  
Property-James Hicks  
Worship-Leslie Penn

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## Worship With Us

### *The Lord's Baptism and Baptism Remembrance Sunday, January 11, 2014*

Remember that you are named and claimed by God as we celebrate the baptism of our Lord!

### *Annual Meeting—January 19, 2014*

Hear about our ministries and missions during worship and stay for the election of Elders and review of the Pastor's terms of call following worship.

### *Installation of Officers—during worship, January 26, 2014*

## Backpack Ministry

The Backpack Ministry has received funds from various sources this year, but it still needs your support through the year!

### **Here's how you can continue to help:**

**Support a child.** It costs \$400 a year per kid. That's \$40 dollars a month. Costs are increasing this year. Every penny will count!

**Help with the bags.** Come to the church on Wednesdays at 4pm to see how its done.

*Talk with Fran Stadelman about how you can help shop and/or organize.*

## Mission

**Sunday, January 26, 7:45am** --Sandwich Ministry with Maxwell Street Presbyterian in Lexington  
On Sundays, many aid agencies are closed and those in need of food have no place to go. Our Confirmation class, and anyone else who would like to come, will be going to Maxwell ST. Presbyterian to help with their bagged lunch assembly and distribution. Sign up on the Volunteerrific Board if you'd like to go.

We are looking forward to having a **Building Dedication** party to celebrate our new building in the coming weeks, but we don't have a date set. We will let you know as soon as possible, but in the meantime, get ready to celebrate our new addition and all the wonderful things we can do with it!



# JANUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 9:45am Confirmation 10am Sunday School 11am Worship  6pm AA	6 Meals on Wheels	7 Meals on Wheels  6pm Daisy Troop 1913 7pm Session	8 Meals on Wheels  4pm BACKPACKS 4pm Walking 7pm AA	9 Meals on Wheels	10 Meals on Wheels	11
12 <b>Baptism Sunday</b>  9:45am Confirmation 10am Sunday School 11am Worship  6pm AA	13	14   6pm Daisy Troop 1913	15   4pm BACKPACKS 4pm Walking 7pm AA	16	17	18
19 9:45am Confirmation 10am Sunday School 11am Worship <b>Noon-ANNUAL MEETING- Election of Officers</b>  6pm AA	20   7pm Community Dr. MLK Jr. Service, St. Matthew AME	21   6pm Daisy Troop 1913	22   4pm BACKPACKS 4pm Walking 7pm AA	23	24	25 8:30am-11:30am Session Retreat
26 7:45am Confirmation <b>Sandwich Ministry, LEX</b> 10am Sunday School 11am Worship <b>Installation of Elders</b>  6pm AA	27	28   6pm Daisy Troop 1913	29   4pm BACKPACKS 4pm Walking 7pm AA	30	31	

## Opportunities to Serve

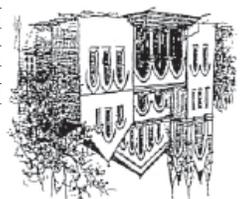
*Do you have transportation and one hour per month to spare?* If so, we need YOU for **Meals on Wheels**! This ministry serves members of our Midway community, and our church provides volunteers once every four weeks to deliver meals to individuals. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors and give back to the community. If you are interested, please talk with Gay Barnett to learn more.



*Do you like snacks?* We all do! If you like snacks and want to share in **fellowship time** with others after church, sign up on the Volunteer-riffic board to **bring snacks** for a month. You may also sign up with a friend and share the experience! Snacks don't have to be fancy, and the simplest snacks are just as wonderful as the most elaborate. Sign up today to bring snacks to church!

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Please complete this card and place in the offering plate.

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because \_\_\_\_\_

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