



Locust Leaves

Please join us for worship.
Midway Kids: 10:30
Worship: 10:30

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Calendar

Sundays —
Women's Bible Study 5:00 p.m.
Midway Students 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Mondays — 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 68
Last Monday of Month —
Gorgeous Girls Lunch: 11 a.m.

Wednesdays —
Midway Hotel Lunch—Noon
Choir Rehearsal — 6:29 p.m.

Thursdays — 9-4:00
Sewcial open sewing
Yoga at 11:00
Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
1st and 3rd—Twice Blessed
Open Noon to 5 p.m.

This Month

Wednesday, June 5
Men's Group Sporting Clays Event
Midway Farm

Tuesday, June 11— Noon
Second Tuesday Lunch
June 9-12
Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 16
Father's Day

June 23-29
Midway Students
Mission Trip



Beyond
the Pulpit
**Pastor
Ben Lee**

Summer In the Psalms

The Psalms are a collection of worship songs used by believers for thousands of years. Psalms is one of the longest books of the Bible, consisting of 150 songs or poems. The songs and poems are of several main types: lament, praise, thanksgiving, royal, and wisdom. Some were likely used in public worship; others seem to be private prayers reflecting struggles with sin, requests for help, and praises for God. This month, we will launch a six-week series that looks at several Psalms of Ascent to learn what they can teach us about God and community.

The Psalms of Ascent is the name given to 15 Psalms (120–134) associated collectively with “going up.” Four songs are attributed to David, one to Solomon, and the rest are unattributed. Two theories regarding the original setting of these songs are:

1. A parallel between the 15 Songs of Ascents and the 15 steps leading from the court of women to the court of Israel in the temple, specifically during the Feast of Tabernacles. While historical writing does not state whether the songs were sung on the steps during temple worship, this connection is made relatively easily.

2. The Psalms of Ascent may have been used in the context of pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The verb “go up” is used specifically in Psalm 122:4. This sense of ascending to Jerusalem is the most probable view of the name in that the hymns were sung by pilgrim bands on their way to the three great festivals of the Jewish year. The journey to Jerusalem was called a “going up,” whether the worshipper came from north or south, east or west. All of the songs are suitable for use on such occasions.

Summer is upon us, and with so many people coming and going on vacations and traveling throughout the season, we thought it a good idea to kick things off with a series you can pick right up on the Sundays you are in town and worshipping with us. Summer In the Psalms will allow you to do just that!

Peace,
Ben

TREASURY NOTES

By Kelley Frink

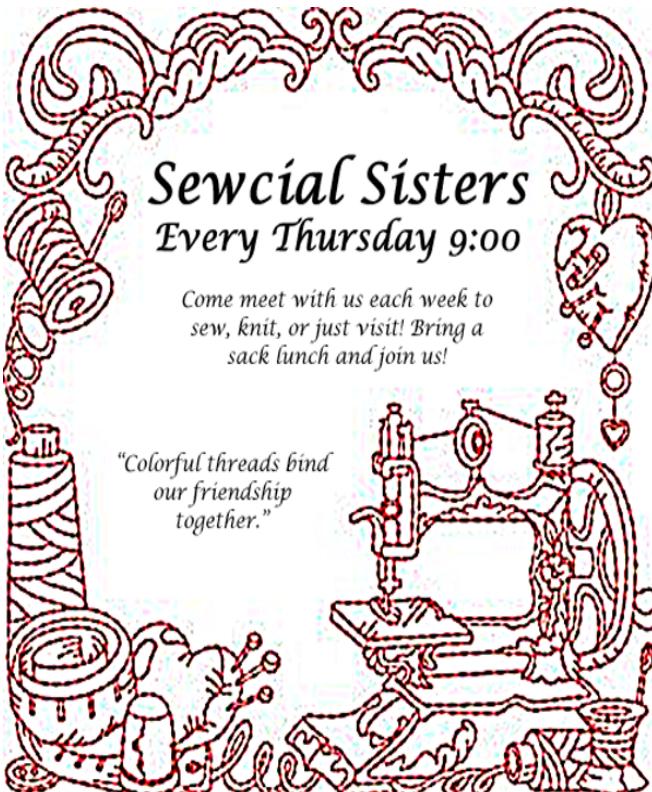
Total contributions for the month were around \$24,000. This is a little behind our average for the first 4 months of 2024, but our cash is in a great spot and overall things are going well in 2024.

With this being my first treasury report, I thought I would also introduce myself. My family has attended church at Midway Locust Grove for the past 4 years and we are so grateful and thankful for this community and the welcoming faces. My husband, Jake, and I have 3 kids and have lived in the Midway area our entire adulthood - my husband almost his entire childhood & adulthood!

I work in accounting & finance so numbers are what I spend most of my time doing and I am looking forward to building on the foundation that Nedra and others have created in the finance role here at MLG. Thank you for trusting me to step into this role and don't hesitate to reach out with questions!



The Frink family: Jake, Kelley, Matthew, Cameron and Addison.



Prayer Ministry group expands to weekly

MLG Prayer Ministry has expanded its meeting times to every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the church. This group is open to anyone and all are welcome. The second and fourth Tuesdays will continue to have a short teaching on prayer, and a time of prayer. The alternate Tuesdays will have a time of corporate prayer followed by personal prayer time, without the opening instruction. This ministry hopes to help people feel more comfortable praying alone or with others and it gives a chance to pray for our church, our town, and our nation as a body of believers. If you have any questions you may contact Margaret Preus, Catherine Shanahan, or Karla Sommer.

Catherine Shanahan



Condolences

With broken hearts, we extend our deepest condolences to Andrew and Mandy Gessling, Gabe, Gideon, Gavin, Goldie, and their entire extended family, with the passing of their 5-year-old son, Garrison.

We have created a meal train for the Gesslings. If you would like to provide a meal for them, it would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up at: <https://mealtrain.com/e207d1>.

Garrison's Celebration of Life Service is being planned. We will share details once we have them.

Please hold Andrew, Mandy, Gabe, Gideon, Gavin, Goldie, and the whole family in your prayers.

Peace,
Ben

Happy Birthday

June 2024

1 Mike Fuemmeler	13 Caleb Patrick
1 Kathy Koehler	16 Kylie Groh
3 Dawson Roop	17 Kathy Hughes
3 Kevin Yaeger	17 Roger Walker
3 Kelsey Strubel	18 Cletus Koehler
4 Barb Boillot	19 Dotty Kasmann
4 Maggie McPherson (email only)	22 Kathy Casteel
5 Kendall Gessling	22 Stan Frink
6 Cohen Strubel	23 Sharon Yaeger
8 Curt Brown	23 Shayla Roop
9 Beto Mendez	24 Kurt Zahringen
10 Keith Andersen	27 Kevin Kaufman
12 Sherri Perry	29 Sheila Scott
	30 Jeff Crane

If someone's name does not appear here and they do have a birthday this month, please let us know by email and we will update our records.



I will sing to the LORD as long as I live.
Psalm 104:33, NIV

Alyson, Angie, the two Barbaras, the two Beths, Carolyn, Gil, Jana, Maggie, Margaret, Marica, Sherri, the two Steves, Tony

Thank You!

We Give Thanks to God for our **Choir Members**

Your music ministry to this church is appreciated greatly!

Thank you for your dedication and hours of service.

The 2022-23 Choir Season begins in the fall.

We are seeking **MORE** people dedicated to the music ministry of this church. If you like to sing, PLEASE join us for an hour of singing, community, and service! Please see Glenna/Jim Johnson, or any choir member, for information.



Getting to know you

With the recent and continuing growth of our congregation, it seemed a good idea to revive a feature from earlier years of Locust Leaves. We will feature someone in each month's issue, alternating new and longtime members. Thanks to LeeAnn Martin for coordinating the series.

Keith Andersen

Keith Andersen may be a relative newcomer at Locust Grove, but his involvement in every aspect of the church since arriving four years ago has earned him veteran status in record time.

A retired chemical engineer and sales manager, Keith moved to western Boone County in 2016 to care for his aging mother, and has recently



built his new home on the property on Highway EE, between Rocheport and Woodlandville.

Born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, he lived in Missouri's Bootheel dur-



ing his 6 through 12 school years. Most of his working career was spent in Oklahoma and Texas.

Keith is the father of three children, Andrea, Michael and Lara, and grandfather of five, ranging in age from 13 to 24. They all live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

He lists at the top of his proudest moments the birth of his children. Similarly, his list of important days is short but all inclusive: "Every day I wake up."

Among his hobbies, pastimes and activities, he mentions family visits, scuba diving, old cars, and church friends. He is an active member of the Perche Creek Yacht Club.

While not in church as a youth, Keith became a Christian in his 20s, affiliating with the Methodist Church. Regarding his current status, he says, "I like the love at Midway Locust Grove."

He is repaying that love by participating in church programs and activities. He rarely misses Sunday worship or a work-day project. He hosts one of the several small groups in his home, and is a member of the Men's Bible Study Group. He is one of our congregation's lay speakers, filling the pulpit for Rev. Ben when needed.



Repairing a wall at the A-frame rental property owned by our church.

Mother's Day



Mother's Day was special in many ways at Sunday worship, starting with a magnificent flower shop built by Jake Flink providing access to flowers for mothers and others. The choir added a couple of extra touches to its usual special performance, with the addition of the Midway Kids and a solo performance by Steve Luetjen. Kudos to Rev. Ben, Jim Johnson and Catherine Shanahan for making it happen.



Treasurer Nedra retires



(Photo by Louise Stanley)

Sunday's Worship service ended with a special recognition for Nedra Moreau, who announced her retirement after serving eight years as treasurer.

Members of the Pastor/Parish Committee, Kathy Hughes, Roger Walker and Chair Louise Stanley, accompanied Nedra to the altar for Rev. Ben's recognition of her years of service.

Karen Moore and her children, Jaxsyn and Jordyn, served one of her famous buffet luncheons following the service.

See *The Back Row* Page 12 for more on Nedra's service to our church.



The presentation concluded with a standing ovation thank you from the congregation.



Midway Kids enjoy a day of gymnastics, water fights

By Shayla Roop

On Tuesday, May 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. we hosted a Midway Kids Fun Day. 30 kids and a group of chaperones headed to Tiger Academy of Gymnastics. The kids played for a few hours and burned a LOT of energy.

Then we headed back to the church for a pizza lunch on the lawn. After lunch, the kids had fun playing in the water. Some chose to play a game of drip drip drop while others chose to play with water balloons. The kids were so well behaved and polite, and a fun time was had by all! THANK YOU to Craig and Amie Butler for letting us use their gym!





SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

June 9th - 12th 2024 ~ (in the evening)

Midway Locust Grove Church

Kids ages 3 - incoming 6th grade

We are getting excited about our adult mission trip planned to the Pine Ridge Lakota reservation in South Dakota in September. This year's participants are: Keith Anderson, Mariea Caruthers, Kathy Hughes, Belinda Thompson, Jana and Jerry Wirth.

Our mission group has been meeting monthly for a shared meal, fellowship to get to know each other even better, and a movie relating to the customs, stories and culture of the area we will encounter, with great discussions afterward.

In addition, this year we are taking a large number of heavy winter coats and a few blankets, children's snow pants and boots to help our Lakota relatives in the brutal winter they will experience after we leave. We met on Memorial Day to sort, label and vacuum pack what we have collected.

So far we've packed up 186 coats and heavy hoodies and 7 pairs of snow pants to take with us. We still have a few coats needing washing and minor mending and buttons replaced.

ON THE REZ

With Kathy Hughes

Past experience tells us how vital these kinds of contributions are in an area with no stores and little money to purchase quality items if they were even available. Being mobile on the Rez often involves walking long distances in the bitter cold to catch a ride on the school bus or from a passing neighbor. So we are excited to be contributing to the warmth and safety of a few more.

On past mission trips we have asked for a blessing from the church over the quilts, blankets, baby bundles, etc which we have taken with us as gifts for our friends. We will be talking with Ben and Jim in the weeks ahead to see about having these items prayed over before we leave on this important mission trip.

In the meantime, we would ask for the regular prayers of the congregation as we ready our hearts and minds to be servants to some of "the least of these" living in our nation.

Musicians Wanted!
Instrumentalists (high school and above) interested in sharing their talents.

The Music Ministry at MLG would LOVE to include you in special music throughout the year to add to our worship services, playing for special occasions – Easter, Christmas, Special Anthems

For more information, PLEASE contact Jim or Glenna Johnson at midwaymo@ymail.com





The Kitchen Cabinet

Remembering
Mary Kaye's
Food Ministry

June gets busy with your family activities. These easy egg noodles can be added to a can of tuna or left over chicken and gravy. Be creative!

Enjoy,
Hope Burkart

Egg Noodles:

1 1/4 c all-purpose flour
2 t poultry seasoning
1/2 t salt
2 T room temperature butter
1/4 c milk
1 beaten egg

In a medium bowl, combine flour, poultry seasoning and salt. Cut the butter in with a fork until crumbly.

Stir in milk and egg. Lightly work the dough with your hands until it forms a soft ball. You may need to add a little more milk or flour to get desired consistency.

Cover bowl and let sit for 5 minutes.

Turn the dough out onto a floured surface, Roll out to about 1/8". Cut the noodles into strips. Separate and let rest for about 15 minutes to allow the noodles to dry out.

**Join us for
Second Tuesday Lunch
June 11, Noon,
in Fellowship Hall.**

GORGEOUS GIRLS

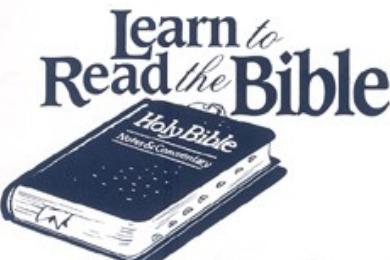
Join us for lunch!

**Monday, June 24,
11:00 a.m.
Delia's Mexican
1400 Cinnamon Hill
Stadium & Hwy 63
Next to Holiday Inn
Express**

Let Kathy Koehler know if you'd
like to come
kkoehler1976@gmail.com



Congratulations to Hickman student and part of our Locust Grove family, **Teagan Groh**, who is one of ten area students to be awarded a Boone Electric Cooperative \$500 scholarship.





Twice Blessed is averaging 15 - 25 NEW customers per session so our usual amount of "staple items" is quickly depleted! Thank you all for your constant and continuing support!!! So if you are able keep those basic supplies comin' our way!

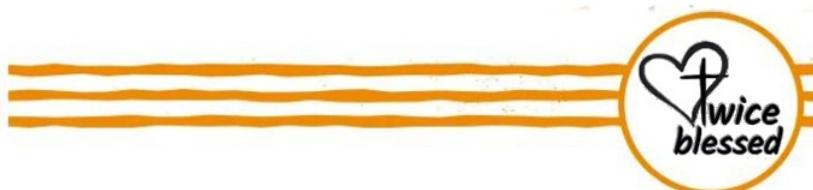
Basic necessities free of charge
to those temporarily in need

Open
June 6 and 20

**Twice
blessed**

Open 1st & 3rd Thursdays
12:00 – 5:00

The little white building
on the corner of
Henderson and Locust Grove Church Road



GOING GOING ALMOST GONE

Some of our most needed supplies
are nearly depleted.

If you can help fill the need of some of our
clients, it would be MOST appreciated!

Razors Toothpaste Kotex

Shampoo Towels Band-Aids

Cleaners Decoratives Small Toys



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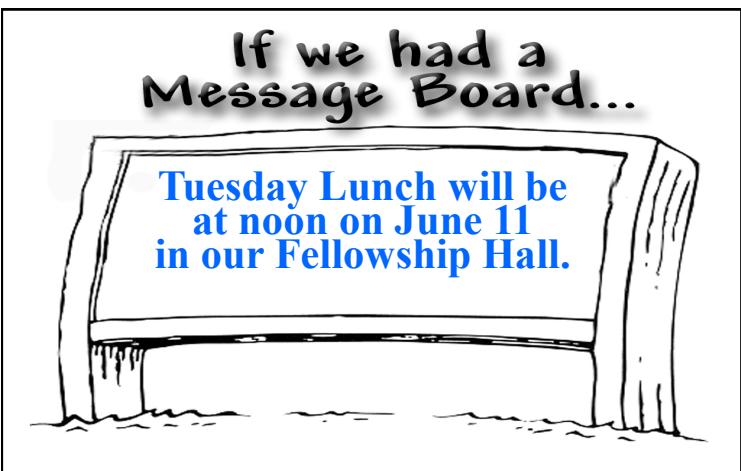
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The Back Row By Gene Baumann

Back in 1973, Nedra and Daryle Moreau led "Key '93," a plan to distribute copies of the Book of Luke and Acts to every home in the county. Ten members of Locust Grove distributed 400 books in the Midway area. Nedra was quoted, "The most effective evangelism is carried out through personal witnessing. . .not what we say, but how we live. The membership vow includes a promise to 'uphold the Church by our presence. . .' in the world as well as in the pew on Sunday morning. See you in Church next Sunday.

Nedra wasn't just telling others what to do; she was telling them what she was going to do. And she did it!

Now, as she announced in last month's Locust Leaves, it is time for her to do

something new. For the past eight years she has served as our finance officer, a position she assumed because of her career in the banking business. It was a temporary assignment, she hoped, but now says it was one she has enjoyed doing.

As Rev. Ben commented Sunday in observance of her retirement, Nedra's name is scattered throughout our church history. Just a few examples: She was president of UMW in 1974 - '76; led an Advent study, and was Long Range Planning chair and lay delegate to the annual conference in 1977; was Ministry Council Chair in 1981-84, and a long-time member of the choir.

In addition to all her support throughout the church, perhaps her most important contribution has been setting the standard for her 1973 admonition, "It's not what we say, but how we live." Thank you, Nedra.

See you in Church next Sunday.