



Please join us for worship.

Midway Kids: 10:30

Worship: 10:30

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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

Monday, Sept. 5 — Noon
Social Sisters Salad Lunch

Tuesday, September 10 — Noon
Second Tuesday Lunch

Monday, September 16
Ministry Council 6:00 p.m.

September 27
Give Back Day
Fisher House for Veterans

Monday, September 30
Locust Leaves Deadline

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"Get Acquainted" Sundays!

As we continue to witness the incredible growth of our church family, we want to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels welcomed and has an opportunity to connect. So we're introducing a new idea: "Get Acquainted" Sundays!

Starting this month, on the second Sunday of every month, we'll host a casual meet & greet in the fellowship hall after the service. We recognize that with so many new faces joining us each week, it can be challenging to make meaningful connections, especially with all the hustle and bustle before and after our services. We've heard from many of you about the joy of seeing our church grow and how connecting your guests in such a lively environment can be difficult. That's where "Get Acquainted" Sundays come in.

These Sundays are designed to ensure that no one gets lost in the crowd. We want everyone to have the chance to build relationships and feel like a genuine part of our Midway Locust Grove family. Look for the red banner in the fellowship hall on the second Sunday of each month. It's your sign to come and say hello! After the service, you'll find Jim Johnson, Shayla Roop, Erin White, and myself ready to greet you and your guests. We'll be there to answer any questions, share a laugh or a story, and simply enjoy getting to know one another. The atmosphere will be relaxed and informal, a time for genuine, no-pressure fellowship.

As we continue to grow, it's important to intentionally nurture connections. So, we encourage you to mark your calendars! If you have guests joining you for worship, plan to join us on the second Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall after the service. Let's take this time to get to know each other better, celebrate the blessings of our growing church family, and continue building an authentic community of faith. We look forward to seeing you there!



Beyond
the Pulpit

Pastor
Ben

Peace,
Ben

Ministries & Missions

Get ready for Prayer Walk

By Jessica Kempf

Please mark your calendars for November 9 at 9 am for our first ever Midway Prayer Walk, hosted by our Mission Committee and Midway on a Mission. This walk will be a 5K (3.1 miles) and is free to participate!

This is a community wide event, not just for MLGC members. Invite your friends from our area to join us! During

the walk, we will have intentional times of prayer for different facets of our lives & community. This is meant to be a fun gathering of family and friends to pray together, all while getting a bit of exercise!

We will begin & end the race at Midway Heights Elementary. Registration will open very soon and will be online. All ages are encouraged & welcome to participate! We will be selling long-sleeve T's & other items as well to go along with your walking. We will also be selling breakfast items at the walk.

All money raised will go back to Midway on a Mission, our non-profit organization. We look forward to a great first year at our Prayer Walk!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

3:30-6:30 PM

Food - Games - and Much More!

27
October

Midway Locust Grove Church

Questions? Contact Shayla Roop
573-406-4349 sroop@cpsk12.org

In Memoriam

A sad but heartwarming memorial service was held August 14 for Crystal Lynn Tenney, a long-time resident of the Midway Motel and friend of those serving in our church's weekly lunch mission at the motel. She died on June 15.



Those attending included her husband, David Alexander, and friends from the motel as well as a group of church members who prepared a meal for the service.

Bob Moore, a member of the lunch mission team, sang "Precious Lord" during the service. Rev. Ben Lee conducted the service, including a eulogy, and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" to conclude the service.

*The Will of God
never takes you
where the
Grace of God
will not protect
you.*

Happy Birthday September 2024

3 Kieley White	18 Duane Perry
4 Marla Mueller	20 Margaret Preus
5 Stephen Cunningham	23 Claire Butzlaff
14 John Preus	23 Frank Klaas
14 Sheri Stewart	24 Steve Lightner
14 Shari Thomas	24 Dean Hovis
16 Lou Pegues	26 Creed Leverett
16 Lindsey Weaver	28 Helen Brown
17 Jane Fulhage	30 Rhett O'Neal
17 Logan Hovis	30 Dennis Shannon
18 Matthew Frink	

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.

Join the Midway Locust Grove CHURCH CHOIR

Where
**Church
Sanctuary**

All
WELCOME TO JOIN
All that's needed is
enthusiasm,
commitment, and the
LOVE to sing.

When
2024-25 Kickoff
Wednesday,
9/4/24
6:29 p.m.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Glenna or Jim Johnson or
ANY choir member!



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.

Craig and Amie Butler, Drake and Janie

The first time Amie Butler walked through the door of Locust Grove with her children Drake and Janie was about five years ago, in the final year of Pastor Kate's tenure.

"The experience I will never forget," Amie says, "is the love and kindness and thoughtfulness of Jane B. She made us feel welcome and helped with our squirrely kids." The Butlers started attending as a family in 2020 and have been active participants ever since.

Craig and Amie were married November 7, 2009. Their son, Drake, was born July 21, 2012; daughter Janie, arrived November 21, 2015.

From their home in rural Boone County northeast of Rocheport, they love to spend time with family at Table Rock Lake in the Ozarks of southwest Missouri. While at home, they can be found swimming, kayaking and hanging out on the dock at the neighborhood pond.

In addition to the birth of their children, the Butlers claim among their proudest moments their career as owner and coach of Tiger Academy of Gymnastics in north Columbia.



The gym is at 3609 Mojave Court, Suite A, which is off Brown Station Road. It has become a popular place for our church youth activities. The following description is from the academy's website.

"When you choose Tiger Academy of Gymnastics, you're not just signing up for a gymnastics class. You're joining a community that values fitness, personal growth, and the joy of movement.

"We're a local woman-owned business with a passion for helping children discover their potential. Our focus is on the students—we offer half-hour and hour private. Plus, with our parties and celebrations, we make sure that fun is always part of the equation."

Check the church directory for information on contacting the Butlers.

Midway Students' Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Join us on Sunday, September 22, at 5 p.m. for an evening of delicious food, heartfelt stories, and a bit of friendly competition at the Midway Students' Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction!

For just \$10, you can enjoy a mouthwatering spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings while supporting our youth ministry. During the evening, our students will share highlights and testimonies from their transformative Summer Mission Trip.

Come hear about the impact they've made and the experiences that have shaped their faith.

Don't miss the Silent Auction, featuring the nearly famous desserts of Middle Missouri! It's the perfect chance to indulge your sweet tooth while supporting a great cause. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and come out for a night of fellowship and fun. Save the date, and we can't wait to see you there!

Blessing of the Backpacks

The altar overflowed with students and their backpacks as Rev. Ben performed his traditional annual blessing of the backpacks to open worship August 18 as the youth and faculty of our church prepare to begin another school year.



Resources:

There is a table of resources that will be set up outside of Catherine's office for the next few weeks. There are "phase profile" cards for any adult working with children age 1 – 12th grade. These are great reminders for adults as we know that each phase can be so different and unique. These cards will easily fit in your pocket or can be carried in your purse and are for all parents, grandparents, and adults who pour into children. Please help yourself to as

many as you need!

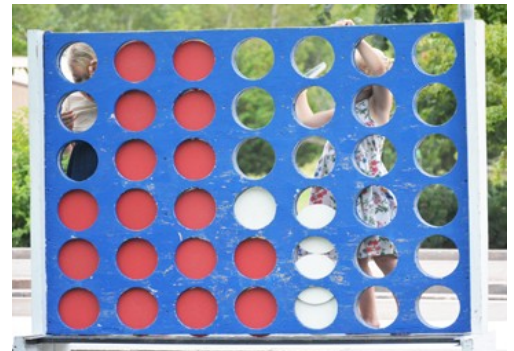
There are also resources on anxiety, technology, and faith. These are all things that many of our children will unfortunately battle at some point. *Shayla Roop*

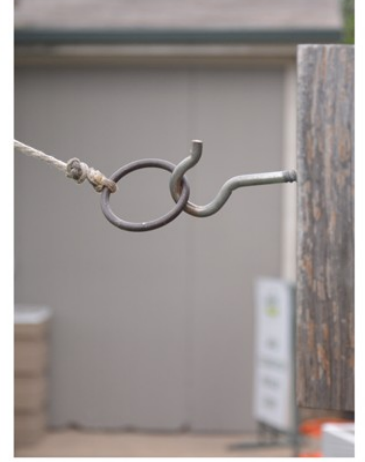
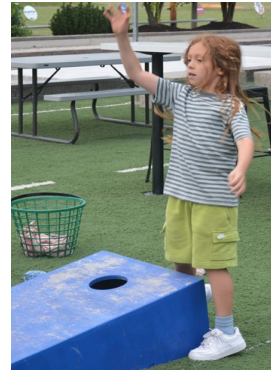


Family Fun Event at Midway Golf and Games

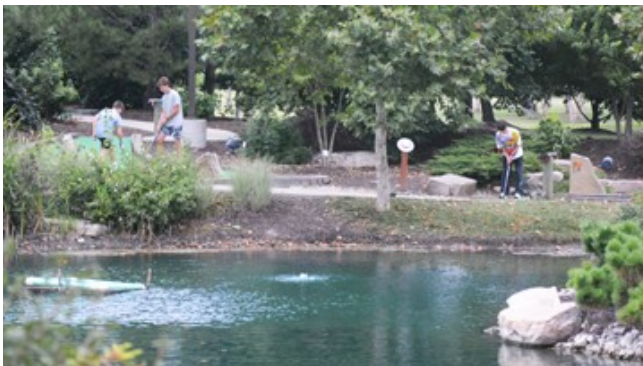


Our August family fun event was held on Tuesday, August 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Midway Golf and Games. Families enjoyed gathering at the pavilion and outdoor games area. Attraction passes could be purchased for putt putt golf, batting cages, go karts, and the driving range. We had a wonderful turnout, beautiful weather, and a good time was had by all! *Shayla Roop*





The great variety of activities available for all age groups allowed adults and children to compete with each other or their own age level and interest, from car racing to putting on the scenic miniature golf course and many games in between. It truly was a family fun night.



Sewcial Sisters create quilts for Honor Flight vets

The Sewcial Sisters have presented 15 red-white-and-blue quilts created by members of the Locust Grove Church group to Central Missouri Honor Flight.

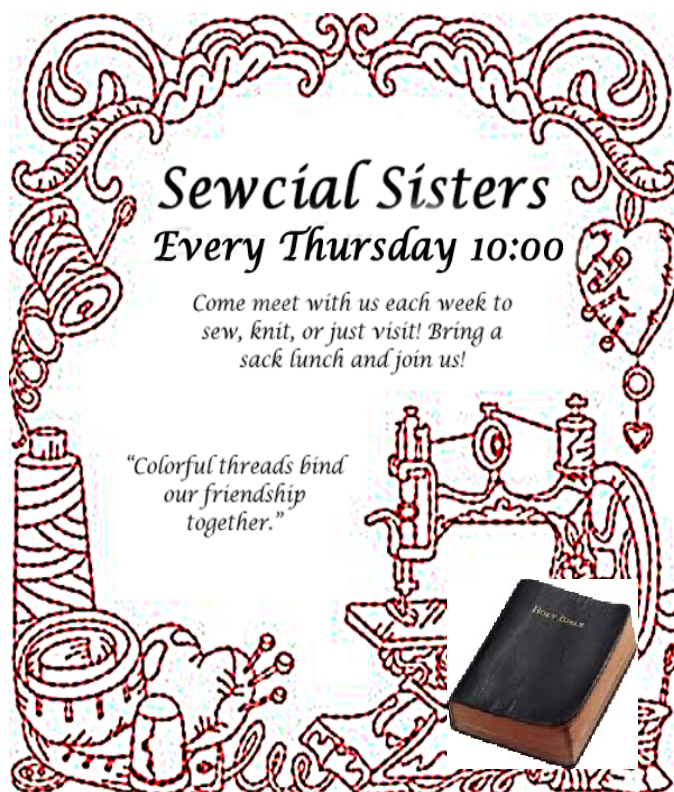
Tami Kiso accepted the gifts for the veterans honoring organization August 29 in the church sanctuary.

The next flight will be September 16 for another group of veterans being flown for services in Washington, D.C. The quilts will be presented on September 29 at the traditional Welcome Home Party.

Central Missouri Honor Flight honors war veterans by taking them on a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials to their courage and sacrifice. They are in their 15th year of providing this service. The Sisters expressed their joy with be able to participate as they folded the blankets for delivery to Honor Flight..



Sisters on hand for the presentation August 29th were Margaret Preus, Jill Walker, Diane Kittle, Beth Leutjen, Kathy Koehler, Gyla Elmore, and Sherry Perry. Tami Kiso (third from right side) accepted the quilts for Honor Flight.



August Tuesday lunch includes tour of Italy



It was another near-capacity crowd August 13 for Second Tuesday Lunch with a Back-to-School decoration theme and a presentation by Roger and Jill Walker describing their history-focused trip to Italy. Mark your calendars for the next two Second Tuesday Lunch gatherings. September 10 will offer a Labor Day Trivia quiz for the program. On October 8, Sheila Scott will present "A Visit to Hong Kong, Bali and Bangkok."



THANK YOU!

Once again, your generosity helped supply over 65 families with school supplies for their children!



twice blessed



The Kitchen Cabinet

Remembering
Mary Kaye's
Food Ministry

Fall is coming ... nights are cooler so welcome September with a warming old timey casserole. I collected this "Granny's Cherokee Casserole" recipe on a trip to Smokey Mountains.

Enjoy!

Hope Burkart

Granny's Cherokee Casserole

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 onion finely diced
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup instant rice
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 T garlic powder
- 1 t dried thyme
- 1 t dried oregano
- 2 t white sugar
- 6 slices American cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown ground beef and onions in deep skillet. Drain excess fat.

Add soup, rice, tomatoes, garlic powder, thyme, oregano and sugar. Stir well for about 10 minutes.

Pour into 9x13 baking dish.

***See you at
2nd Tuesday Lunch,
September 10 at noon.***



GORGEOUS GIRLS

Join us for lunch!

Monday, September 23

11:00 a.m.

Fulton Wurst Haus

Email Kathy Koehler
if interested so carpools
can be arranged;
kkoehler1976@gmail.com

Gorgeous Girls Special Lunch!

Join us for the monthly ***Gorgeous Girls*** lunch! This month, we will be taking a little road trip to Fulton for lunch and shopping. We will have lunch at the **Fulton Wurst Haus** and shop in the Brick District. Mark your calendars for **Monday, September 23**, for the Wurst lunch you'll ever have! □

Email Kathy Koehler if you are interested in going. Also let Kathy know if you are willing to drive, and if you're interested in shopping or not. For those not interested in shopping in the Brick District, we can arrange for cars to return early. **Very important to respond** so that carpooling can be planned and reservations made. We will meet and carpool from the church at 10:30. We should return around 2:30 or so. Join us for a fun lunch with a great group of ladies.
Kathy Koehler



A great big **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you who so generously contributed school supplies ☞☐☐! It was a big success, with most everything taken (over 65 families). You never cease to amaze us ♥ ☐

The Back Row By Gene Baumann

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Elizabeth Redman may be the closest thing to a celebrity in the village. At the age of 10, she was in the cast of the play, "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater the night Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. Although only 10 years old at the time she clearly recalls the excitement following the tragedy.

Sallie Shadrack is the oldest person to move into the village at age 107. She and her husband, Lemiel, had 11 children. Sallie smoked a corn cob pipe for 101 years, but stopped when she moved into the village, and can read without using glasses. Lemiel served in the 63rd Virginia Infantry Company in the Civil War, and was captured near Atlanta and was a prisoner of war for nearly a year.

Perhaps the finest residence in the village is that of Alfred Houghten Hart and his wife, Albinia. Mr. Hart is the great-grandson of John Hart, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Their only son, William Stout Hart and his wife Julia, live nearby, and expanded the Hart family firmly into the history of the area. William operated Hart Store for many years, the center of activity in the area.

*Basic necessities free of charge
to those temporarily in need*

**Open
Sept. 5 & 19**

**Twice
blessed**

*Open 1st & 3rd Thursdays
12:00 – 5:00*

Midway Locust Grove
United Methodist Church

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

One of his daughters, who lives in Columbia, is the namesake of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary School.

The largest family group in the village bear the Jacobs name. It all started with Greenberry Jacobs, the first of that name in Boone County, a veteran of the War of 1812.

There are two unoccupied residences in the village, and many vacant lots for growth. The two empty residences are those of Reuben Hatton, who remains on his farm near the village, and Captain James Blair Watson, who remains in Lone Jack, Mo, near Kansas City

Folks continue to move into the Village of Locust Grove; as the population increases, so does the number of visitors, many of whom are keeping an eye out for their future residence.

Sounds like a nice community, a nice place to visit. The Village of Locust Grove welcomes all visitors, and is proud to share its many stories with those willing to listen. It's easy to find; just look for the little white church on the hill in Midway. Or just step out the front door of the sanctuary and look to your left. Take as much time as you like; you may discover your own favorite story.

**Know something nice
about someone?
Let us know about it
for KUDOS.**



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Our Mission:
We exist to
gather in grace,
grow in Christ,
and go share the Gospel.

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**If we had a
Message Board...**

**Tuesday Lunch will be
at noon on September 10
in our Fellowship Hall.**

The Back Row By Gene Baumann

The Village of Locust Grove

I have been working on a tour book of Boone County cemeteries for the county historical society, and in my research was reminded of this report from 2017. For you newer members, it will bring you up to date on our village.

By some standards the Village of Locust Grove is a fairly small town. It is a quiet place with between 700 and 800 residents, and sits a few miles west of Columbia in Boone County.

By other standards, it is one of the oldest communities in the county, and is made up of families large and small, but all connected to each other, either as blood relatives or simply as good neighbors. The really unique thing about the village is that no one ever grows older there.

As with all communities, there are many stories to be told, some heartwarming, some heart-rending. Here are some of those stories, probably not unlike the stories which you would find in any other small community.

The first resident in the village was Manwar-

ring "Warren" Leonard, who took up residence in 1835. The Leonard family attracted others into the village, and as the Leonard daughters married, long family histories were born, the Westlakes and Hendersons being prominent village families. Two residents of the village moved in following a devastating tornado passing through the area. Hattie Haun moved in, leaving her husband, William, to rebuild the total destruction of their property; he joined her four years later. Dr. Roy Douglas moved in the same time as Mrs. Haun. His wife, Annie, also a doctor, joined him in the village nine years later. The Douglasses love to tell stories of the tornado. Annie was blown 200 yards into a field clutching her baby in her arms. Both suffered only minor bruises. On the Douglas place the winds blew all the water out of the well and deposited a mule in the well from 200 yards away.

There is a large group of the McMickle family in the village. One, James B. McMickle, served on a coroner's jury which convicted four Federal soldiers in 1863, for the hanging death of Martin Oldham, who lived in this area. The troops invaded Oldham's home at 10:00 one night, forced all the guests to leave, then took Oldham to a nearby tree and hanged him, leaving his body lying on the ground.

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