



Please join us for worship.
Sunday School: 10:30
Worship: 10:30

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THIS MONTH

Sundays —

Women's Bible Study 6 to 7 p.m.
Midway Students 5 to 7 p.m.

Mondays — 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 68

Wednesdays —

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

Second Wednesdays —

Compassionate Friends 4—5 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

Tuesday, October 10 — Noon

Second Tuesday Lunch at
Our Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Council

Monday, October 23, 11 a.m.

Gorgeous Girls Lunch
Walk Ons Bistro

Saturday, October 28

Trick or Treat in Cemetery

Midway Locust Grove Church



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LOCUST LEAVES



Beyond
the Pulpit

**Pastor
Ben Lee**

It has been about six weeks since we welcomed Catherine Shanahan on board as our Administrative Assistant, and what a blessing she has been! So, just who is she? Here is a brief bio:

Catherine is a Missouri native and has spent most of her adult life in Columbia and Boonville, where she now resides. She is a mother to three grown children and grandmother to five. Her work experience ranges from travel agent to event planner to assistant to the President of Central Methodist University.

Her ministry background includes leading a benevolence team, teaching new believers' classes, and being active in women's prayer ministry. Her passion is encouraging others to grow deeper in their love for Jesus.

She is also passionate about bringing awareness of the current rise of antisemitism and teaching about the Holocaust and the importance of Israel. She has created and hosted Holocaust remembrance seminars and been involved in the March of Remembrance in Kansas City. She also enjoys celebrating and teaching others about the festivals on the Hebrew calendar. On a lighter note, she loves to visit thrift stores and try new restaurants. She hopes to use her varied experiences and skills to bless Midway Locust Grove Church.

Some of you have enjoyed meeting Catherine at the church, at a Second Tuesday Lunch, or perhaps at a Wednesday Hotel Lunch. If you have not had the opportunity to meet her, I highly encourage you to stop by the church between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You will be glad you did!

Catherine's vocational experience, skill set, and dedication to excellence have allowed me to turn much of the day-to-day office administration over to her. Doing so has freed me up to focus on better fulfilling the Pastoral role of our church. Thank you all for taking a step of faith and allowing our Pastor Parish Relations Committee to make this hire. I very much look forward to serving alongside Catherine in the years ahead!

Peace,

Ben

Ministries & Missions



Save the date for Trick or Treating in the Cemetery! October 28, 2023

Small Groups Ministry forming

Just a reminder that our Small Groups Ministry registration continues. Three groups have formed with leaders, apprentices and hosts.

Group 1: Leader, Bill Roop; Apprentices, Lee and Karla Summer; Host, Keith Andersen.

Group 2: Leader, Mariea Caruthers; Apprentices, Bob and Suzi Moore; Host, Carolyn Doyle.

Group 3: Leader, Laurel and Keith Groh; Apprentice: Kathy Hughes, Host: Leslie Brown.

These groups will meet in their host's home, and each will determine what day and what time they will meet.

You may register online on the church Facebook Page or by sign up sheet on the welcome table at worship.

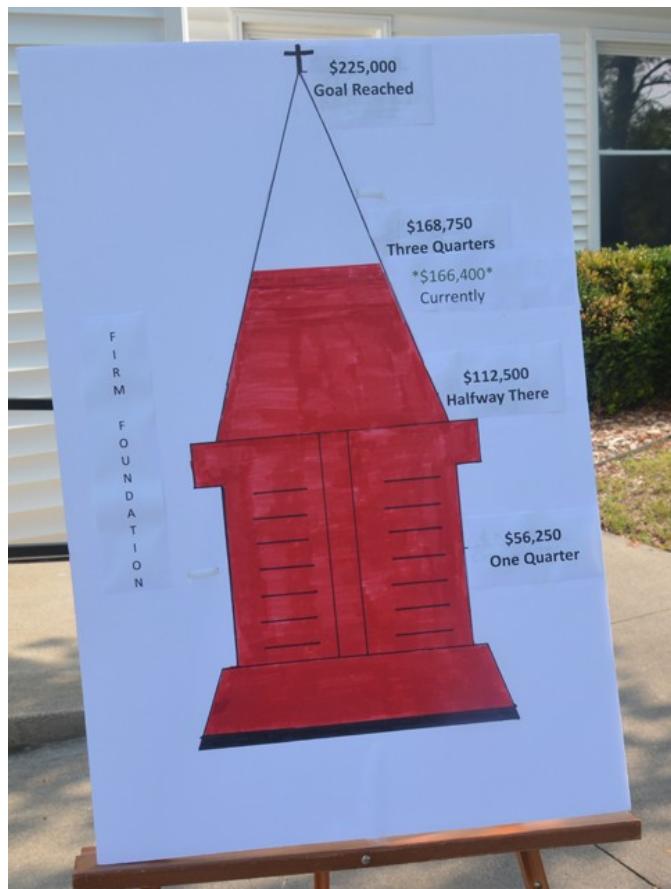
TREASURY NOTES

By Nedra Moreau

Our offering for the month of September totals about \$24,000. For the year, we are just under \$199,000. This averages about \$22,000 per month, which is good.

Firm Foundation has received gifts and pledges totaling just under \$170,000. We are more than 3/4 of the way to our goal. See photo below.

Thank you so much for all who are giving and working to support us as we work toward our mission!



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

Very special music



From time to time during worship we are treated to special music, especially in the summer when the choir is on break.

The summer season closed September 24 with special music from Mariea Caruthers on the auto harp and Belinda Thompson on the guitar, singing "The Goodness of God" to lead us into Rev. Ben's sermon.

Such special music will continue as needed, but the choir resumes its worship participation October 1. See a notice in this issue regarding how you may participate with the choir.

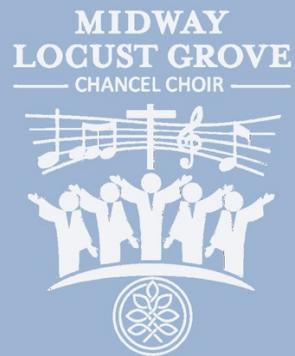
*The Will of God
never takes you
where the
Grace of God
will not protect you.*

Happy Birthday October 2023

2 Isabelle Klaas	19 Erin White
2 Marjorie McFann	21 Zeke Lee
4 Russell Barnes	22 Kelly Cochran
5 Suzi Bass Moore	22 Jeff Weaver
7 Hope Burkart	23 Callie Kempf
9 Marla Le	26 Jennifer Basham
13 Vaughn Mueller	27 Dalton Perry
16 Kayla Meyer	28 Randy Elmore
16 Austin Mueller	30 Lois Douglass

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.

We must all make a pact
To bring the choir back
Where there is love,
we'll be there
We'll sing out with our voices
the faith we have in the Lord as
He Calls out our names,
we'll be there!
We'll be there
to sing songs of comfort
and joy of God's plans for us,
for He chose to love us
We'll be there
with songs of love so strong
It gives us His strength
when we are weakest
We'll be there
to sing of our heart's joy
together,
So, when He calls our names
We'll be there
to sing of the Lord's protection
with His unconditional love
Just call my name Lord and I'll be there,
I'll be there!



Gilbert Harville, 2023

(Isaiah 6:8)
8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"



MIDWAY STUDENTS

*By Evan Hughes
Director of Student Ministries*



"Hey church family! You have an opportunity to win 1 of 4 amazing raffle baskets. But before I tell you *how*, let me explain *why*.

Midway Students (youth program for grades 6th-12th) has gotten off to a great start for the fall semester. At the end of this month, we are going to go on a fall retreat with one another. This retreat will be a break from the hustle and bustle of life, as well as a much needed break from technology. We will spend time *gathered* together in fellowship, as well as time *growing* in our understanding of Christ. This retreat will charge us up to *go* back into our everyday lives firmly rooted in our faith.



Scratcher Tickets



CoMo Foodie



Charcuterie



Fall Batches

But . . . retreats cost money. Because of this, Midway Students will be hosting a raffle basket fundraiser to raise money for our fall retreat! If you want to buy a raffle basket ticket, go to the link below, or scan the QR code below using the camera app on your phone. Both of these will take you to the raffle basket website.

The four basket themes are: Scratcher Tickets, CoMo Foodie, Charcuterie, and Fall Batches. Curious about what's in each basket? Go to the website to find out. If you have questions, feel free to ask any of the wonderful middle schoolers or high schoolers who attend our church.

Ticket prices: 1 = \$1, 5 = \$4, 20 = \$15, 50 = \$30.

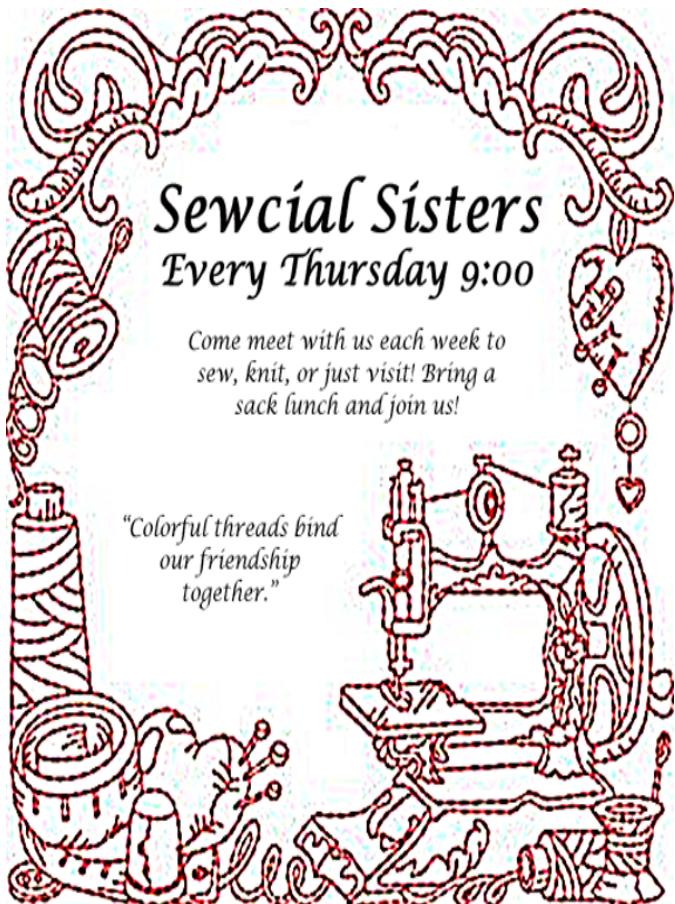
Deadline: The last day to buy a ticket is Sunday, October 15th.

Link to purchase tickets: <https://app.galabid.com/msbasketfundraiser>

Thank you for being willing to support our youth. Your generous contributions to this program do not go unnoticed.

SECOND TUESDAY LUNCH

Thanks for the efforts of the Colemans on the remodeling of the sanctuary, our October 10 Second Tuesday Lunch will return to our own Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share, a bag of candy for Trick or Treat, and a memory of your best Halloween costume.



Sewcial Sisters Every Thursday 9:00

Come meet with us each week to sew, knit, or just visit! Bring a sack lunch and join us!

The Sewcial Sisters sent 11 twin size quilts to Pine Ridge Reservation. One of our Sewcial Sisters, Belinda, has a daughter who was going for a week to work/volunteer. We were so happy she was able to take these quilts with her and distribute.

We welcome anyone to join us on Thursdays.

*God promises
a safe landing,
not a calm passage.*



Start Shopping & Collecting Now
for the

3rd Annual Christmas Store

Sponsored by



Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Midway Locust Grove Church
2600 N. Locust Grove Church Road**





Sanctuary reopens for worship

During the several months of remodeling the sanctuary, Danny Coleman, of Coleman Home Improvements was asked when the project would be completed. After discovering the scope of the repairs needed, he announced his target as early

October. The first service on the new floor? October 1. The most common remark heard from those entering the sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall will be, "Look, no hump." Long time members will understand that comment.



Mobility Worldwide work day



Seven members from our congregation took part in a Give Back work session at the Mobility Worldwide Center in Columbia September 26. The team helped the agency prepare for shipping more than 50 of their carts to handicapped people around the world.

Those who participated were Louise Stanley, Mike and Betty Fuemmeler, Earl and Mariea Caruthers, Amie Butler, and Tim Praiswater.

The Center, which depends predominantly on volunteers for its production, is a continuing recipient of help from our Give Back Day.



Cheaper than Therapy.

Join the Choir

Singing builds confidence, reduces stress and anxiety, and raises endorphins. No kidding! So come out for a rehearsal and see what a great time we have!

It's NOT too late to join!
New members welcomed any time!
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 6:29-7:29

MIDWAY
LOCUST GROVE
— CHANCEL CHOIR —



GORGEOUS GIRLS

Join us for lunch!

Monday, October 23, 11:00
 Walk Ons Bistro
 2451 Broadway Bluffs Dr.
 Columbia

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



The Gorgeous Girls had another successful luncheon September 25 in one of Columbia's popular restaurants, Flat Branch Pub. The group meets every fourth Monday for lunch in an area restaurant. Each month there is also a note in the Locust Leaves as to where and when we are meeting. It's a great way to get to know the ladies and meet new friends. No meeting, no dues, no minutes, no program - just lots of fun!

Check the Bulletin Boards in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to Angie Gerzen for preparing these boards for our information and fun.





The Kitchen Cabinet

Remembering
Mary Kaye's
Food Ministry

October...days are getting shorter and fall is setting in. Sit back and enjoy this bread pudding with a hot cup of coffee.

Enjoy,

Hope Burkart

Bread Pudding

1 16oz loaf French bread

5 large eggs

1 (15 oz) can fruit cocktail -do not drain

3/4 cup golden raisins

2 1/2 cups sugar

4 cups milk

1/2 Tblsp cinnamon

Pinch bread into bite size pieces - about 8 cups

Spread in sprayed 9x13 pan

Whisk eggs, add fruit cocktail, raisins, sugar, milk and cinnamon.

Pour over bread and gently mix, making sure bread is submerged in milk.

Let set for 15 -20 min.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour

Serve with Rum Sauce

Rum Sauce

2 sticks unsalted butter Melt butter and add powdered sugar. Add

1-1/2 cups powdered sugar and stir well. Stir in rum and 1 tsp. vanilla

2 Tblsp rum

Drizzle over warm bread pudding.



We Are In Immediate need of:

- ✓ Shampoo
- ✓ Q-tips
- ✓ Laundry Detergent
- ✓ Dish Soap
- ✓ Ladies Underpants
- ✓ Small Toys
- ✓ Diapers Size 4/5
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Baggies, zip-locks, etc
- ✓ Men's workboots
- ✓ Small appliances, crock pots, electric skillets always appreciated!
- ✓ small decoratives
- ✓ towels, bath linens, etc

Please
NO clothing
needed
currently!!



**Join us for
Second Tuesday Lunch
October 10, Noon.
We will be back at our
Fellowship Hall.**

We Got 'Er Done!

The switch from Spring/Summer to Fall/ Winter is complete! But the biggest news of this new season is that our precious Miss Jill needs to take a hiatus while she takes care of her health.

LeeAnn Martin has graciously agreed to be Jill's stand in until she is able to be back in the saddle again.

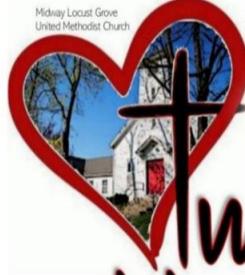
So many of you have come forward to volunteer to help in any way needed. I appreciate you all more than I can say! We will need your help in the coming month or so getting ready for our annual "Christmas Store" so if you are interested, please let me know.

Twice Blessed continues to serve anywhere from 50-80+ people each day we're open. The blessings are truly twice blessed as we continue to build

Endless prayers of gratitude and much love from all your many friends at Twice Blessed!

Basic necessities free of charge
to those temporarily in need

Open Oct. 5 & 19



Twice blessed

Open 1st & 3rd Thursdays
12:00 – 5:00

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

meaningful relationships with our customers/clients. The need is great – so much more than we anticipated. We continue to serve our neighbors, immigrants, sex-trafficking survivors, and victims of many kinds.





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

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The Back Row

By Gene Baumann

Our current renovation projects are not our first experience with construction chaos interrupting our worship and activities. Below are some of the improvements reported in the 1997 history book. Many more have since been done leading up to the present improvements in the sanctuary, basement and restrooms.

1817 — Met in home of founder Reuben Hatton.
1824 — Moved to larger home of William Douglas.
1830 — Brick Chapel erected of locally made brick, with a row of cabins alongside for use at camp meetings.
1870 — Present sanctuary built to replace the crumbling Brick Chapel.
1909 — Sanctuary remodeled with addition

Find the hidden Bible in this issue.

Visit our Web Site: www.mwlocustgrove.com

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

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

of bell tower and stained glass windows.
1915 — Hanging gasoline lamps replaced with acetylene lights, and pews replaced pine benches.
1926 — 12 by 15 addition of northside storeroom.
1936 — Kitchen added to northwest corner.
1938 — Electric lights replaced lamps.
1945 — Bell purchased for steeple.
1952 — Fellowship Hall built west of sanctuary.
1956 — Cistern well dug and piped to kitchen.
1961 — Improvements to sanctuary, new ceiling, crying room, wood paneling in pulpit area, sign on front lawn.
1966 — Education wing of six classrooms added.
1967 — First telephone, water heater, public water line, and modern restrooms.
1982 — New roof on sanctuary, ramp to Fellowship Hall entry.
1991 — Sanctuary remodeling, new furnace and central air conditioning.
1997 — Locust Grove Church Road leveled, widened and paved. Church parking areas and the cemetery road also were paved.