



MIDDLESETTLEMENTS

METHODIST CHURCH



September 2026 NEWSLETTER

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” —1 Cor 12:12-27

Saw a post on Facebook the other day that I loved – and it reminded me of our church! A pastor in Michigan wrote: *“We often talk about church entirely in terms of what our family receives. Was the sermon inspiring? Did the kids enjoy it? Was the worship good? Did we connect? But discipleship asks a different question. Who needed us there? Maybe an older member needed your children’s energy in the room. Maybe another young parent needed to see they were not the only exhausted family. Maybe someone needed your encouragement. Maybe your teenager needed to serve a younger child. Maybe your gifts are part of what makes the congregation healthier. Paul says every member of the body matters. The hand needs the eye. The eye needs the foot. The body grows when each part does its work. Church is not only something your family attends. It is something your family contributes to.”*

It’s easy to approach church as a consumer, asking what it can do for us. But we’re not called to be consumers; we’re called to be disciples! Our goal isn’t to become comfortable, or to have our every preference met, it’s to become like Jesus.

It’s a joy to see how our church lives that out: serving, loving, helping, praying, caring, and showing up for each other. That’s how God calls us to live and tells us that’s how the world will know we’re his disciples! There are so many places where I see that kind of discipleship happening at Middlesettlements – so many places where I see people using their gifts and taking their call to discipleship seriously. Well, seriously, but also with serious joy! Thank you for all the places that you are showing the world who God is by your faithfulness in the Body of Christ.

—Pastor Magan

Faithfulness

"I will support the church with my presence, prayers, gifts, and service!" (Membership vow)

Attendance

Attendance	S.S.	Worship	
August		Morning	MorningView
2	67	99	20
9	69	106	12
16	75	110	13
23	69	110	16
30	55	115	10

August	Designated Budget	Undesignated Budget	Total Budget
2	\$7,951	\$600	\$8,551
9	\$53,422	0	\$53,422
16	\$6,145	0	\$6,145
23	\$4,450	0	\$4,450
30	\$3,460	\$100	\$3,560

Budget amount needed for 2026: \$163,975

Budget amount received in 2026: \$239,801

Designated Budget

(100% of your gift will support Middlesettlements Methodist Church.)

Undesignated Budget

(10% of your offering will be tithed to the United Methodist Church.)

August

Louisville Christian Assistance Center: \$450

Bounty Table: \$62

Church Maintenance: \$250

Evangelism/backpack: \$350

Memorials: \$710

"Remember the Church in your will."

Wednesday Night Study – The Community Practice

After dinner (5:30 pm) and before choir (6:45 pm), all are invited to the Fellowship Hall to learn about the spiritual practices that Jesus used and modeled. For the next four weeks or so, we'll be specifically looking at building community!

Weekly Wednesday Night Choir

(Wednesdays 6:45-7:45 pm)

We'd love to have you join this ministry in leading our church in worship – a choir helps the whole congregation sing with joy!

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinner

Welcome to Dinner, Church! Middlesettlements Methodist hosts weekly dinners every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30pm. *If you're willing to provide a dessert, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office (office@middlesettlements.com)*



September Birthdays

September 1, Edward McMurray
 September 6, Magan Stubblefield
 September 9, Donnie Hooks
 September 11, Josh Marler
 September 12, Susan Roberts, Ella Webb
 September 13, Kim Lovato
 September 15, Mike Andes, Dale Jenkins
 September 17, Karen Williams
 September 19, Dakota Lane
 September 22, Bob Thomas
 September 24, Lynn Morton
 September 25, Anna Alloway McCain
 September 27, Ally Webb
 September 28, Judy Cohan, Tammy Rule
 September 29, Valerie England, April Smith
 September 30, Landon Marcus
 October 3, Jane Story
 October 4, Jackson & Mason Marler

September Anniversaries

September 15, Donnie & Dora Hooks
 September 26, Todd & LeAnne Moore
 October 1, Ian & Grace Reilly
 October 2, Jared & Melissa Duckett
 October 4, Jason & Magan Stubblefield

Supporting Our Members in the Military

Let's show our love and support for our church members serving in the military. A card or letter can mean so much and remind them that they are remembered and prayed for while they are away from home. **SR Kuhlman, Gilbert D**

SHIP 07, USS CHICAGO, DIVISION 371

3405 SAILOR DRIVE

GREAT LAKES, IL 60088-3401

Please take a few minutes to send Gilbert a card or note of encouragement. Let's remind him that his church family is thinking of him and praying for him!



Middlesettlements Memorial Fund

Make check to MMC and, in the memo, write who the memorials are for. Then put them in the mailbox for Memorials outside the Church office, in the offering plate, or in the mail to the Church

*Given in memory of **Norma Lambert***

by Keith & Leslie McAmis

by Donna Hammontree

*Given in memory of **Peggy Gilbert***

by John & Margie Davis

by Richard Davis



The Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share for our refreshments. Our mission emphasis for September will be bingo prizes for Fairpark. We will be setting up for our Fundraiser on September 9. As always, we welcome new members and visitors.



The Town of Louisville's Fall Festival is on September 12, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the town hall. The Louisville Christian Assistance Center will have a booth. They will have baskets available for purchasing tickets to enter for a chance to win. Our Women's Circle has prepared two baskets. Both are "Coffee Lover's Baskets." All proceeds go to the LCAC.



YOU'RE INVITED TO
A TRADITIONAL POT LUCK
& WEDDING SHOWER HONORING

**TY & MADISON
LAWHORN**

Sunday

September
20

at 11:30 AM

IN THE CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL



THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED:
ON AMAZON
AMAZON GIFT CARDS ARE WELCOME TOO.
TY IS THE SON OF STACI MARTIN

Young at Heart
(singles over 55)



You are invited to a breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 26

9:00am

in the fellowship hall, Middlesettlements MC

Join us for fellowship, breakfast,
music & games. Invite a friend!

RSVP: Karen Lewis 865.705.5775

by Sept. 20

Sponsored by: Nurture Committee

**WED.
NIGHT MEAL
SEPT. 23**

**IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:15-6PM**

**MENU: CHICKEN CASSEROLE
SIDES & DESSERT**

ALL DONATIONS GO TO SUPPORT
KAREN & ANDREW LEWIS'
COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP
MARCH 2027



FALL FUN EVENING

FIELD OF DREAMS

**SUNDAY
OCT. 18**

5:30-7:30PM

**MENU: CHILI
HOT DOGS
SMORES**

****Annual chili cookoff! There
will be voting & prizes! Please
sign-up on the information
booth or FB post
if you plan to enter.**

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**MIDDLESETTLEMENTS METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
Sept. 1, 2026**

Attending: Keith McAmis, Kathy Puckett, Joyce Overton, Karen Lewis, LeAnne Moore, Magan Stubblefield, Sam Love, David Lewis, Laura Floyd, Josh Marler, Richard Davis, John Davis, Bridget Jenkins, Brenda Crisp, Kate Keylon, Starla Davis

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Magan.

Minutes from the July 21 meeting were approved.

Motion: Josh Marler; second: Karen Lewis. Motion carried.

Treasurer – David Lewis

--Amount received as of 9/1/2026 = \$234,268

--Amount needed for budget = \$163,975

--Amount over budget = \$70,293

--Everything is looking good.

--A large one-time gift was given a few weeks ago.

Finance Committee – Laura Floyd

--Still waiting on a few responses to finalize the 2027 budget. As soon as I receive that information, I will get the budget to the Council to review and approve. The budget will be very similar to last year with most of the changes being minor except the grounds maintenance will increase \$5,000.

--Motion made by Karen Lewis to approve the 2027 minister's housing allowance and accountable reimbursement policy. Laura Floyd seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Magan Stubblefield

--A confirmation class is coming up soon.

--Have been doing more visitation for Morningview because of illness of some of the members who attend services there.

Nurture Ministry – Kate Keylon, Starla Davis

--Six have signed up to attend the confirmation class.

--We are planning a Team Spirit Sunday with more information to be in the newsletter.

--We have added some volunteers to the children and youth programs for which we are very thankful. We can always use some more volunteers.

Outreach Ministry – Karen Lewis

--We will have a Young at Heart Breakfast in September.

--We are gearing up for our Christmas projects.

Worship Ministry – Magan Stubblefield

--Our transition for the choir is going very well.

--We are looking to the choir to lead the congregation as a "large praise team."

--Choir music is planned through January.

Media Ministry – Josh Marler

--We have 530 Facebook followers and 174 YouTube subscribers.

--The new audio board is installed. We are no longer analog but are now digital. This system will have many advantages over the old system.

--We have two audio boards for sale.

--We will be fine-tuning the new system at choir practice on Wednesday.

--There are five hot spots in the church. Three networks: Guest, Staff, and Media.

--We are having good results with Comcast since we signed on to their service.

Trustees – Sam Love

--Church property tasks completed since last report:

>Contracted with Mike Ridenour to replace the door in the kids' room downstairs. Mike Ridenour has been busy and will be getting to the projects we have asked him to do as soon as he can.

>Contracted with Mike Ridenour to re attach ceiling boards in sanctuary and repair soffit on fellowship hall.

>Removed blinds in nursery and selected blinds in the children's rooms per Kate Keylon's request.

>Fired Waste Connections, hired HGS Garbage Service effective Sept. 1.

>Transported FOD zero-turn mower to Dickens Turf for repair.

>Set up meeting on Sept. 3 with roofing contractor for repair estimate and replacement estimates.

SPR – LeAnne Moore

--Still looking for a worship leader. Magan had three applicants that didn't work out to have interviews.

Old Business

--Church directory: Jenna Rogers and Emilie Floyd have picked the program to use. We will be getting pictures in various ways such as church members turn in pictures, find pictures on Facebook, or take a picture if a family needs a recent photo.

New Business

--None.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 pm, Blanche SS classroom (meeting one week later than usual because the regular date is a voting day)

Submitted by Kathy Puckett

Thank You

Thank you for allowing us to use your church facilities for Bruce's funeral service. We were married here almost 51 years ago. Seems fitting that this will be his body's final resting place. But his Spirit is already in Heaven.

--Thank you, Tana Rudder



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Return Address Requested

Staff

Melinda Andes, Organist
Starla Davis, Student Ministry Co-Coordinator
Kate Keylon, Student Ministry Co-Coordinator
Karissa Marcum, Pianist
Josh Marler, Church Media Coordinator
Joyce Overton, Secretary
Rev. Magan Stubblefield, Pastor

Upcoming Dates

Altar Flowers for September - Genesis Class

September 6, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Baby Shower** in honor of
Carson and Maggie Wells and Baby Boy Wells
September 8, 6:30 p.m. **Women's Circle Meeting**
(Fellowship Hall)

September 9, 5:30 p.m. **Women's Circle Fundraiser**

September 12, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Louisville Fall
Festival (Louisville Town Hall). Check out the **LCAC
Fundraiser Booth**

September 13, 10:30 a.m. **Tailgate Sunday**, Wear your
favorite team shirt/outfit!

September 16, 5:30 p.m. **Tailgate Wednesday**.

Bring your favorite gameday appetizer!

September 20, 11:30 a.m. **Traditional Potluck and
Wedding Shower in honor of Ty & Madison
Lawhorn**.

September 23, 5:30 p.m. Costa Rica Mission Trip –
Fundraiser

Save the Date

☞ Fall Break (Wednesday Activities Paused):
Wednesday, October 7th

☞ Fall Festival @ The Field of Dreams: Sunday
afternoon/evening, October 18th

☞ Holiday VBS: Wednesday, November 11th

☞ Missionary Breakfast: Sunday, November 22nd
@ 9:30 am

☞ Homecoming Service: Sunday, November
22nd @ 10:30 am

☞ Potluck Dinner & Decorate for Advent:
Sunday, November 22nd

☞ Thanksgiving Break (Wednesday Activities
Paused): Wednesday, November 25th



Upcoming Dates ~ September

9/2 - Wed - Bible Study - Youth Room - 6-7pm

9/6 - Sun - Morningview at 6:30 pm - Dinner after
(provided by youth ministry)

9/9 - Wed - Bible Study - Youth Room - 6-7pm

9/13 - Sun - Team Spirit Sunday - No Sunday Night Activities

9/16 - Wed - Bible Study - Youth Room - 6-7pm

9/20 - Sun - Confirmation Class (Lesson 1) -
Youth Room 4-5pm
FOD - 5-7pm - Kickball & Pizza

9/23 - Wed - Bible Study - Youth Room - 6-7pm

9/27 - Sun - Confirmation Class (Lesson 2) -
Youth Room 4-5pm

Lesson 2 will also be offered on 10/11-if you miss 9/27

9/30 - Wed - Bible Study - Youth Room - 6-7pm

Save the Date

Hearts on Fire - November 20 - 21, 2026 - Pigeon Forge
Sign Up Beginning 9/2 - see Starla for Info