



# Middletown

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### Congregational Celebration & Annual Meeting

### Sunday, January 21, 2018

### 5:30 p.m.

Dear Friends:

As we close out 2017 and begin a new year, I'm filled with gratitude for our church. I'm grateful for David, who works diligently to deliver inspiring messages each week. I'm grateful to our church staff who spend countless hours in service – preparing worship music, providing congregational support, shepherding children and youth, and providing administrative support for the countless activities and events that happen at church and in the community. I'm grateful for dedicated fellow board members.

But as I reflect on 2017, I am most grateful for you - our congregation - and the commitment and resilience you demonstrated this year. From your participation in the Lenten – Who is My Neighbor series and forums to your participation in the Glad and Generous Meals in November and the many hours you've spent in service to children, youth and our community. I'm humbled by the way you continually demonstrate your commitment to living out the love of Christ within our church and in the world. You've also shown your commitment to MCC through your financial support – both for our church budget and the Embrace Campaign.

I would like to invite you to attend our Congregational Celebration and Chili Cook-off (which includes our annual Congregational Meeting) on Sunday, January 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium where we will celebrate our year together. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, hear from our leaders about 2018 ministry plans, elect the leadership slate, and adopt the church budget.

May the light, hope, peace and joy that the Christ child brought to the world stay in your heart throughout the year.

With gratitude,

*Janet Sims*

2017 Board Chair

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## 2018 Leadership Nominations

The following individuals have been nominated by the Board of Directors and will be presented for election at the Congregational Meeting on January 21, 2018.

### Board of Directors

Our governing board oversees the management of church affairs, including the discernment, development, and implementation of our vision, oversight of business matters, governance of church policies, and approval of annual leadership.



**Chuck Shultz - Board Chair**  
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Chuck and his wife, Louanne, have attended Middletown for several years as they transitioned to Louisville from Canada to be nearer family (grandchildren). They are regulars in the Around the Table small group. Chuck has had a long career as a senior executive in the energy industry and has served on numerous corporate and not-for-profit boards.



**Doug Curnutte - Vice Chair and Trustee Representative**  
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Doug, his wife Karen, and their three daughters, Mary, Anna and Grace have been members of Middletown for the past 12 years. Doug currently serves on the Board and the Serve Team. He was previously a member and leader of the Finance Team. The Curnutte family is especially passionate about MCC's mission trips and community work in Louisville. Doug is a CPA and a Senior Vice President with Kindred Healthcare.



**Ed Ackerman - Finance Team Leader**  
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Ed, wife Marsha, and son Matt have been members of Middletown since 1985. He has been a member of the Finance Team since its inception. He is also a member of the Legacy Endowment Team and serves as a financial counter. He retired from Eastern High School in 2000 with 27 years of service in the Jefferson County Public Schools.



**Charles Keckler - Personnel Representative**  
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Charles and his family have been members of Middletown for the past eleven years. He has served on the Personnel Team and as Vice Chair of the Board. Charles and his wife, Amy, have a son, Noah (15) and a daughter, Natalie (13). Charles is an attorney with Baptist Healthcare System, Inc.



**Jane Howard - Secretary**  
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Jane and her husband Doug have been members of Middletown for 7 years. They attend the Christians Gone Wild small group and participate on the Property Team. Between them, Jane and Doug have 3 grown children and one mischievous little dog. Jane is an IT business analyst working with AmerisourceBergen.



**Iris Jasmin - Elder Representative**  
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Iris joined the Middletown Christian family several years ago. She is a member of the Challengers small group that meets on Sunday mornings. She is an underwriter for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. She has one daughter, Kellen Jay.



**Jason Bowman - At Large**  
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Jason and his family have been attending Middletown for several years and have been lucky to be active in both Children and Youth Ministries. Jason and his wife Jessica are members of the Families in Faith small group and have two children, Nicholas and Lorelai. Jason is a partner with the law firm of Pregliasco, Straw-Boone, Doheny, Banks & Bowman, PLLC and serves as an elected City Council member for the city of Douglass Hills.



**Andrea Clifford - At Large**  
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Andrea has been a member of Middletown for eleven years. She and her husband, Mark, are active in the Feeding Our Faith small group. They have two sons, Joshua (23) and Duncan (17), that have been active in the Middletown youth ministry. Andrea served on the Embrace Campaign committee in 2015. Andrea works for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet as the Public Information Officer for the Louisville Highway District.



**Dan Clifton - At Large**  
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Dan and his wife Betty joined Middletown almost thirty years ago. They are parents of two adult children and have one grandchild. Dan is a member of the Finance Team and assists Betty in teaching the 3 year olds. He is an attorney by training and currently serves as a trust officer at Hilliard Lyons Trust Company.



**Rachel Cummings - At Large**  
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Rachel has been attending Middletown since childhood, but became an official member in 2016. Her husband, Chuck, is a lifelong member of Middletown and they recently had a baby boy, Charlie. Rachel and Chuck volunteer with Sunday night high school youth group and Rachel is a volunteer tutor for The Learning Center. She works for the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts as the Director of Events.



**Jack Lowe - At Large**  
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Jack, and his wife Jan have been attending MCC since the early 90's. He has been an elder for most of those years, and both are members of the Oldham County Small Group. Jack is a recently retired architect and project manager, devoting his career to hospital planning and development. They are involved in the marriage mentoring program and are members of the Disciple Choir. They have 2 grown children, Stephen and Jackie, and 4 grandchildren.



**Michael Rodman - At Large**  
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Michael began attending Middletown in 1998 shortly after moving to Louisville with his wife Kelli, who has been a lifelong member here. Michael has served as a member of the Personnel Committee in the past and is a member of the Reckless Christians small group. They have two children, Hallie (17) and Jackson (14). Michael currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Physicians Health Foundation and works in state government as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

## Trustees

Trustees serve as legal agents of the church, representing the church in business matters related to property, endowment and trust funds, and other duties as required by law.



**Bob Bumann - Trustee**

Bob and his wife, Kadi, have been members of Middletown Christian Church since May 2013, and they were married at the church in May 2015. Their daughter, Charlotte, was born on Easter Sunday in 2017. Bob is a volunteer tutor with The Learning Center, and he also is a member of the Serve Team. Bob works for MainSource Bank as a business development officer and he is currently the branch manager at the Crescent Hill location on Frankfort Avenue.

**Doug Curnutte - Trustee**

See profile and photograph at left.



**Mark Walling - Trustee**

Mark and his wife Tracey, who passed away in 2015, have been members of Middletown since 1990. Mark has served in many capacities including Chair of the Personnel Committee, Vice Board Chair and Board Chair. Mark has been an elder since 1995 and attends Ichthus Bible study. He retired as owner of Freedom Waffles Inc. after 35 years. Mark has two children, Ashleigh and Kyle and two grandchildren, Preston and Hadley.

## Apprentice Elders

Our Elders are servant leaders that are set apart to advance our vision through prayer, spiritual discernment and sacrificial service. Apprentice Elders are nominated by the Elder Body, and serve for one year as an apprentice prior to ordination. The following individuals have been nominated to serve as Apprentice Elders for 2018.

**Cindy Bradley**

**Judy Doherty**

**Cathe Laing**

**Jim Lay**

**John Schulz**

**Jeff Wellkamp**



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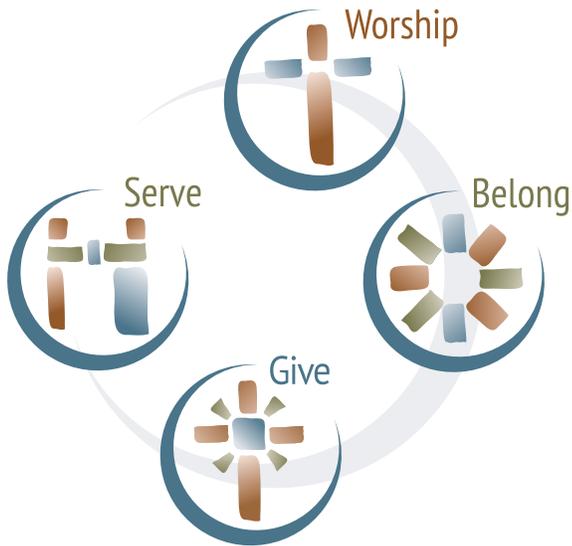
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



## Mission

Living out the love of Christ by embracing people where they are!

## Strategy



## Tagline

*Live it out!*

## Our Values

### Radical Love

sharing the unconditional love, grace, and forgiveness that God offers to all people

### Freedom of Belief

creating a space that encourages questions and faith exploration through prayer and study of Scripture

### Sacrificial Service

reflecting the life of Christ in the way we live, the places we go, and the choices we make

### Real Conversations

growing together with openness, honesty, and transparency

### Infectious Community

sharing life together in grace-filled relationships

## Marks of a Disciple

### Intimacy with God

“Have I met with Christ today?”

### Crossing Boundaries

“Have I embraced someone different from me?”

### Good News to the Poor

“Where am I good news?”

### Outrageous Generosity

“What am I giving up?”

### Accountable Relationships

“Who’s on my speed dial?”

### Christ Likeness

“Who saw Christ in me today?”