



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

In 1963 Bob Dylan wrote the song, "The Times They Are A-Changin'." Well, they're a-changin' around Midway. Yes, big change is coming to our little Midway community. Plans are for roundabouts to be built at Midway Road and Crestview Road, and also at Midway Road and Harriett Circle. And many homes will be built on Bill Kay's and the Kowalski property (four to an acre).

We may or may not like the coming changes, and I'm more in the group that would prefer to maintain the pastoral setting of Midway. It's part of what attracted me nine years ago when I started preaching here. But the changes are coming nonetheless.

One positive way we can address these changes is to plan how we can reach out and welcome the new residents just across the road. And the Community Life and Mission Committee will be doing just that.

Let us remember that in the midst of all the coming changes, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) And that God doesn't change in his wisdom, power, and love. Based on the sound foundation of Christ, we can be a stabilization zone for people in the midst of a rapidly changing society, where,

*Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
(Psalm 84:3)*

JESUS CHRIST
IS THE SAME YESTERDAY
AND TODAY AND FOREVER.
HEBREWS 13:8



Grace and Peace,

John McCallum



Daytrippers at “Steel Magnolias”



On Sunday, July 25, 23 members and friends of Midway enjoyed the Milltown Players production of this humorous and heartwarming story of friendship, life and loss. It was great to be back together at the historical Pelzer Theater and to be entertained by such good local talent. The theater has managed to keep its prices low in spite of being closed all last year, so we hope you'll consider attending the next Pelzer performance with the Daytrippers. We're blessed to have this good entertainment offered at affordable prices. (Not included in picture: Dee Ashworth, Lisa Caldwell, Ray Keiper and Jim Mylod)

Congregational Dinner

A Potluck Dinner is planned for Sunday, August 8, following Worship. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for the Emergency Soup Kitchen.



Jar Offering for August

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in August will go to Family Promise. This organization provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families with children in Anderson County. The Fifth Sunday Jar Offering will go to the Emergency Soup Kitchen.

Officer Nominating Committee

At the Congregational Meeting on July 18, the following members were elected to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee: Bob Harrell, Brenda Stamps, and Tom Waddell. They join Jacky Stamps (Chair) and Terry Waddell who were elected by the Session. Let us keep this committee in our prayers as they go about their work of nominating three members to serve as Elders in the Class of 2024, and one member in the Class of 2023. A form is enclosed to enable members to make suggestions for nominees. Please return it by August 8th.



Midway Session—2021

Mark Your Calendar



The Next Daytrippers outing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, and will be a trip to Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard of Hendersonville, NC. Lunch will be at A Day in the Country

Café. Following lunch, there may be the opportunity for a visit to the Carl Sandburg Home. (More details in the September Newsletter.)

Financial Report as of July 23, 2021

Budget Needs to Date	\$92,273.65
Budget Receipts to Date	\$81,603.33
Spent to Date	\$87,266.15
Special Offerings	\$ 3,704.49
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$10,179.00

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

~~2 Corinthians 9:6-7

MEMORIES



Rudy with Same Flags used at VBS 1966



VBS 1966—Who Can You Name?

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST



Pulpit

Aug. 1 John Dodwell
 8 Linda Mylod
 15 Roz Rozakos
 22 Jacky Stamps
 29 Terry Waddell

Head Usher

Aug. 1 Elaine Gilmore
 8 Marilyn Martin
 15 Tom Waddell
 22 Elaine Gilmore
 29 Marilyn Martin

Sunday School Secretaries

Aug. 1 Jacky Stamps
 8 Bob Bone
 15 Sammy Stevenson
 22 Amy Morris
 29 Jacky Stamps



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 5	Goetz Eaton	Aug. 26	Tom Waddell
	Pete Rozakos	30	Elnor Harrell
9	Chrissie Saunders		Jamey Wentzky
21	Gail Alewine		



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 10	Frank & Ruth Stevenson	53rd
	Keith & Jane Wentzky	20th
17	Kent & Chrissie Saunders	30th
20	John & Hazel McCallum	54th



Beautiful Fresh Flowers Adorn the Sanctuary
The Hydrangeas were given by Rita King and the Gladiolus were given by Will Greer



"Ready for Retirement"



Four O'clocks from seeds given to Anna May by John & Hazel



Bob & Elnor Harrell
Celebrate their 62nd Wedding Anniversary July 11th



Good Food and Good Fellowship
at Our Congregational Dinner on July 11th