



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

On October 2, many Christians throughout the world participate in a Blessing of the Animals service. This service is associated with St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creatures.

Our Community Life and Mission Committee is planning to hold our Fourth Annual service on Saturday morning, October 2, at 11:00 a.m., in the Outdoor Worship Area, between the church sign and the tennis courts. We're inviting members, friends and residents of the community to come and bring their pets for a personal blessing. There will be refreshments for people and treats for the pets. Also, donations will be accepted for the Animal Shelters of Anderson County. The Sheriff's Office is planning to bring a search and rescue dog. Remember Jack last year? And who can forget the two horses!

Pet owners know what a blessing dogs, cats, horses, and other animals can be. In a past issue of *Presbyterians Today*, Joyce Pratt writes of her Seeing Eye dog named Kia. Mrs. Pratt has an eye disease known as RP (retinitis pigmentosa) that slowly steals your vision. She had to give up driving and her job. But because of Kia, she can travel on planes, trains, automobiles, or by foot. The blessing of Kia gives Joyce the ability to do many things in spite of her illness.

I imagine most of us can tell a story about how much joy an animal has brought into our lives. For some it has meant comfort in the midst of grief, healing in the midst of sickness, and companionship in the midst of loneliness. The Blessing of the Animals service gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation for those dear pets. To bless the ones we now cherish. And to offer support for the local shelters that care for homeless animals.

Blessings,

John McCallum





Congratulations to Newly Elected Elders

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 19, the following members were elected to the Office of Elder in the Class of 2024: Bob Harrell, Marilyn Mamrick, and Tom Waddell. Following a period of study and preparation, they will be examined by the Session. Then a date will be set for their ordination/installation.

Updated Website

Our thanks to Jim Mylod for all his work of updating our church's website. If you haven't been there lately, do check it out at midwaypres.org.

Parish Care Team

The Parish Care Team is seeking to update and keep current our Prayer List. Therefore it is requested that if you have placed someone on the Prayer List and the name has been there for a month or more, please call the church office with a status report.

Congratulations to Earle King



Earle King recently received his pin for 71 years of Perfect Sunday School Attendance.

Congregational Dinners

The Session has approved the recommendation of the Worship, Fellowship, and Christian Education Committee to cancel Congregational Dinners in the months of October and November, due to concerns about the Covid virus.

Daytrippers



On Wednesday, September 17, seventeen Daytrippers had a nice visit at the Stepp's Apple Orchard near Hendersonville, North Carolina. Lunch was enjoyed at the nearby A Day in the Country Café. Then we drove a few miles to the Oakdale Cemetery to see the carved angel of Thomas Wolfe's *Look Homeward, Angel*. (See picture on page 4)

World Communion Sunday

The Annual Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 3. This offering supports peacemaking and reconciliation ministries throughout the world. The theme for this year's offering is "The Things that Make for Peace: Witnessing to Peace through Art and Action." The Session has designated 25% of the offering to go to the Anderson School District 5 Homeless Program.

Mark Your Calendars

The Building and Grounds Committee is planning a Church Clean-Up Day for Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. "Many hands make light work."

Financial Report as of September 24, 2021

Budget Needs to Date	\$120,910.30
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 102,815.91
Spent to Date	\$111,471.64
Special Offerings	\$ 4,664.69
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$ 10,329.00

"Stewardship is the church's theological antidote to the chief idols of our age:

Consumerism, materialism, and acquisition."
(Hudson River Valley Presbytery Stewardship Team)

“Worth a Thousand Words”



A Little History of Campbell's Covered Bridge near New Gowensville, SC

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



Pulpit

Oct. 3 Dee Ashworth
10 Terry Waddell
17 Dee Ashworth
24 John Dodwell
31 Linda Mylod

Head Usher

Oct. 3 Elaine Gilmore
10 Marilyn Martin
17 Tom Waddell
24 Elaine Gilmore
31 Marilyn Martin

Sunday School

Secretaries

Oct. 3 Bob Bone
10 Bob Harrell
17 Jacky Stamps
24 Sammy Stevenson
31 Bob Bone



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct 6	Carolyn Warren	Oct. 16	Traci Webb
10	Sybil Ginn	19	Linda Barnes
11	Marilyn Martin	24	Mark Sears
11	Joey Morris	27	Elaine Gilmore



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 9	Pete & Roz Rozakos	11th
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“Now It Begins”



Terry & Elaine—Fellowship Committee Leaders



Over 30 People Attend Congregational Dinner



“The Lord God Made Them All”



“Look Homeward Angel” Statue



Hazel, John & Kathy