



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

All Saints' Day is Monday, November 1. For Protestant Christians this day commemorates believers of every time and place. In the New Testament the word *saints* refers to Christians collectively, as in Acts 9:13, where Ananias speaks of the "saints in Jerusalem."

At All Saints' Day we remember and give thanks for members of the church at Midway who have died during the last year and entered the Church Triumphant:

November 12, 2020	Joan Sears
January 15, 2021	Ray Ellison
January 15, 2021	Bea Heywood
January 17, 2021	Diane Lollis

During the November 9th Meeting of Foothills Presbytery at First Church, Spartanburg, the names will be read of all Ruling and Teaching Elders who have died since November of 2020. Those names will include Ray Ellison and Bea Heywood.

During our regular Sunday Worship, when we affirm our faith through the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim our belief in "the communion of saints"—that great cloud of witnesses referred to in Hebrews 12:1. Included in that great cloud are Joan, Ray, Bea and Diane, four dear friends for whom we can be thankful. For these saints the battle is over, the victory won. And now as part of that great cloud of witnesses, they cheer us on in our running of the race of the Christian life.

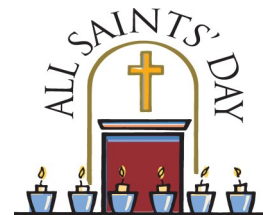
*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

(v. 1, "For All the Saints")

Blessings,

John McCallum





**New Clock for Activities Room
Thanks to John & Donetta Dodwell**



Time Change

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening, November 6, as Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7.

Congratulations to Newly Elected Elders

The Session's examination of our newly elected Elders, Bob Harrell, Marilyn Mamrick, and Tom Waddell, was approved at the Stated Meeting on October 17. A date will be set for their Ordination.

Fall Meeting of Presbytery

The Session has elected John Dodwell as Principal Commissioner and Dee Ashworth as Alternate Commissioner for the 118th Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery. The meeting will be held at First Church, Spartanburg, on November 9, beginning at 10:00 a.m.



Mark Your Calendars

On Saturday, December 4, we will decorate the church for Christmas. Everyone is invited to take part in this fun activity.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 17, at 5:00 p.m.

Thornwell Thanksgiving Offering

We will receive the Annual Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell Home for Children on Sunday, November 21. Through the generosity of countless individuals and churches, Thornwell has been and continues to be a place of hope and healing for children in difficult situations.

Fix and Clean Up

The Building and Grounds Committee is planning to fix and clean up a number of things at Midway. If you would like to help, please contact Bob Harrell at 844-3299 or Tom Waddell at 517-5104 for an assignment. If you are not involved with the Yard Sale on November 6, you can help out that day. Or you can take on a project at your convenience.

Blessing of the Animals



Kathy with "Showoff" and owner Tammy Farmer

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Financial Report as of October 22, 2021

Budget Needs to Date	\$133,637.70
Budget Receipts to Date	\$116,774.68
Spent to Date	\$126,665.91
Special Offerings	\$ 5,234.69
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$ 10,329.00

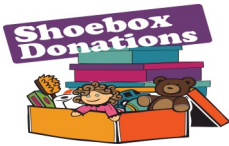
"Stewardship is about the joyous discipline of thanking God with the way we live our lives and spend and share our money."

Mini Yard Sale

The women of the church will be holding a mini-yard sale on **Saturday, Nov. 6th from 8 until noon**. We have a number of nice items, including Christmas decor, that have already been donated, and we'll accept more donations of gently-used household goods, small appliances, decor and jewelry until Saturday, October 30th.



We'll set up in Fellowship Hall. We're in need of workers on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd and Friday, Nov. 5th from 10:00 until noon, to move the items to the hall. We also need workers to staff the tables on Saturday. Contributions of homemade goodies would be gratefully accepted as well. Proceeds of the sale will go to our General Operating Fund. All reports indicate a hefty increase in heating costs this winter, so hopefully we can turn some donated items into cash to help defray those costs.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Delivery

Anyone who is putting a shoebox together for the annual Samaritan's Purse drive should bring the box with their \$9 postage contribution to the church by November 14th if you want them delivered for you. Otherwise, you can take them to Concord Baptist Church on these days/times:

Mon., Nov. 15: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 17: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 19: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 21: 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 16: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 18: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 20: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 22: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



Pulpit

Nov. 7 Roz Rozakos
14 Jacky Stamps
21 Terry Waddell
28 Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

Nov. 7 Tom Waddell
14 Elaine Gilmore
21 Marilyn Martin
28 Tom Waddell

Sunday School

Secretaries

Nov. 7 Bob Harrell
14 Jacky Stamps
21 Sammy Stevenson
28 Bob Bone



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov.	1	Will Greer
		Ivy Preuss
	8	Sammy Stevenson
	20	Keith Wentzky



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov.	14	Tommy & Gail Alewine	41st
	26	Jacky & Brenda Stamps	45th

Blessing of the Animals

On a beautiful Saturday, October 2nd, Midway members and neighbors gathered for our Fourth Annual Blessing of the Animals Service. Dr. McCallum opened with a greeting for all attendees—those with and without fur. Then he led a responsive call to worship and prayer.

Deputy Sheriff Josh Black and his Search and Rescue dog, Ace, were then introduced. Deputy Black explained that he, Ace, and other members of this highly trained Anderson County Sheriff's department team perform searches for missing adults and children and that they also investigate for illegal substances. Dr. McCallum thanked the two for their life-saving dangerous work and for keeping the residents of our county safe every day. He also welcomed Kelly Kooounce, a tireless worker for the animal shelters.

Genesis 6:19-22 and Matthew 6:26-27 were read and followed by a homily entitled, "Consider the Birds of the Air." Then there was a closing prayer, and a charge and blessing for the group. Dr. McCallum offered individual blessings for each animal with its owner. One horse, one rabbit, two cats and 27 dogs and their owners were present for this year's service.

Refreshments were provided for people and their pets. \$307.00 was donated to the Anderson County Animal Shelters along with pet food, treats, toys and other items requested by the shelters. The Community Life and Mission Committee would like to thank Dr. McCallum and everyone involved with the service, and for those who offered support to the Animal Shelters of Anderson County. ~~Terry Waddell



Cindy with Bella



Deputy Josh Black with Ace



Randi with Pax, Granddaughter Madie with Hershey



Linda Mylod greets Roxi held by Chrissie Saunders and Quinn held by Linda Barnes