



MIDWAY MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

Charles Wesley was an English clergyman and poet, who along with his brother John, started the Methodist movement in the Church of England. But perhaps he is best known for writing the words of more than 6,500 hymns.

We might wonder how then he ever found time to do anything else. But in fact, most of the time he was a horseback preacher. He carried little cards in his pocket on which he scribbled hymns in shorthand as he rode. As soon as he reached an inn, he would rush in and ask for a pen and ink to write down the hymn he had composed. Once when a horse threw him, he wrote in his journal: "My companion thought I had broken my neck; but my leg only was bruised, my hand sprained, and my head stunned, which spoiled my making hymns till the next day."


As we celebrate Valentine's Day this year, let us reflect on the words of Wesley's great hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." For in the church we're not just grateful for human love, but the divine love that God has showered upon the world in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ.

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.*

(Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, v. 1,
Charles Wesley)

Blessings,

John McCallum



For God
so loved the world,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever
believes in *him*
should not perish
but have *eternal life*.

John 3:16



Souper Bowl of Caring

A simple prayer inspired youth at the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, to stand at church exits with soup pots, asking members to donate \$1 each as they left Worship on Super Bowl Sunday. That was 1990. Since becoming a national event in 1993, Souper Bowl of Caring has generated \$170 million for the hungry and hurting across America. While begun at a church, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses, and congregations of all faiths. In 2021 over 6,000 groups collected more than \$5.3 million in money and food donations for local hunger relief charities across the country.

On February 13 Midway will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering with contributions going to Good Neighbor Cupboard. A luncheon will be held following Worship. There will be a box in the Vestibule and in the Fellowship Hall to place canned and packaged food items. Monetary contributions can be placed in the offering plates or in the basket on the table where we line up for lunch.

PICTURES FROM THE PAST



Going with a Winner 2020



Sammy and the Steelers 2018

Second Sunday Dinner

The Session has voted to resume our Second Sunday Dinners, beginning on February 13 with a Souper Bowl Theme. The menu will be soups, sandwiches, and desserts. This Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet for members and friends to indicate what they would like to bring.

Please know that the food will be served with care. Seating will be four to a table. If you are experiencing cold-like symptoms or have been exposed to Covid, please delay your attendance to another time.

Presbytery

The Session has elected Dee Ashworth as Principal Commissioner and Marilyn Martin as Alternate Commissioner for the 119th Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery to be held Online on February 15.

Midway's Website

If you miss a Sunday Worship Service, you can find the bulletin, the sermon, and a video of the service on our Website. There are also pictures, newsletters, our library catalog, our monthly calendar, and other information. Take a visit to www.midwaypres.org.

Financial Report as of January 21, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 9,398.43
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 3,906.01
Spent to Date	\$ 8,848.71
Special Offerings	\$ 330.00
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$13,454.00

*"A checkbook is a theological document;
it will tell you who and what you worship."
~~Billy Graham*



SAVE THE DATE
for
Midway's 2022 Yard Sale and Bake Sale

It's time once again to start weeding through your kitchen cabinets, linen closets and garages for those gently-used items you no longer need. We can turn them into \$ to help support our missions' outreach! Donations of household goods, tools, decorations and toys can be brought to church beginning this month, in preparation for our April 2nd yard sale. We have some Easter décor that's already been donated, and Easter will be just two weeks after our sale, so start weeding AND spread the word to all your family and friends.

If you have larger items to donate or need help getting your items to church, please contact Linda Mylod, so arrangements for pick-up in March can be made. Let the Spring-cleaning begin!

2022 Senior Follies



Tickets for this year's Senior Follies are now on sale by calling the Anderson University Box Office ON TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. at 231-2080. The show will run from Thursday, March 10th through Sunday, March 13th, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets still cost \$15 for the back half of the auditorium and \$20 for the front half. A number of Midway members plan to attend the Sunday matinee performance.

Currently the University is only allowing 50% occupancy due to health concerns, so ticket sales are going swiftly. That policy will change if health concerns lessen between now and March.

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY



Pulpit

Feb. 6 Tom Waddell
13 Dee Ashworth
20 John Dodwell
27 Bob Harrell

Head Usher

Feb. 6 Linda Mylod
13 Tom Waddell
20 Dee Ashworth
27 John Dodwell

Sunday School
Secretaries

Feb. 6 Jacky Stamps
13 Sammy Stevenson
20 Bob Bone
27 Bob Harrell



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb.	2	Wayne Croft
	9	Judy Peters
	17	Hazel McCallum
	23	Bill Rexroad
	24	Brenda Stamps



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb.	16	Jim & Linda Mylod	21st
	22	Ray & Ginny Keiper	53rd



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Midway Church at Night



Wreaths 2021



What goes up must come down...



Many hands...



Earle with Clock he donated



“Neither snow nor rain...”