



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

The Session has approved the recommendation of the Worship Committee that we have an Ash Wednesday Service at noon on March 2. Ash Wednesday offers a dual encounter. First, we confront our own mortality, as Scripture instructs us:

“Remember, you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.” (Gen. 3:19b)

And secondly, we recognize and confess our sin. But these themes are seen in the light of God’s redeeming love in Jesus Christ. As a sign of our mortality and repentance, we will carry out the “Imposition of Ashes,” whereby we have the sign of the cross placed on our foreheads.

Ash Wednesday developed in the medieval period as a time when penitent sinners were presented for church discipline during the season of Lent, to be reconciled with the community of faith on Maundy Thursday. It also came to be the occasion for new believers to enroll in the catechumenate, a period of preparation for baptism at Easter.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten pilgrimage. For those who undertake spiritual disciplines, it marks the beginning of the Lenten fast. Lent is that period of forty weekdays and six Sundays which commemorates the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert following his baptism, where he was tempted by the devil. In our tradition Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Easter, with the liturgical color being penitential purple. It is a time for putting aside the sins and failures of the past, and seeking renewal as we meditate upon the life and death of Jesus.

In our Ash Wednesday Service the Gospel Lesson from Matthew will offer us the “Consecrated Life” which is characterized by almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, as a means not only to create a meaningful Lent, but also a meaningful life. Lent can be the occasion for new beginnings in faith and discipleship. And practicing a Holy Lent can prepare us well to celebrate the joy of Easter’s Resurrection.



In His service,

John McCallum

Ash Wednesday

To mark the beginning of Lent, a special Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the Sanctuary on March 2, at 12:00 noon. The Service will include the Imposition of Ashes.



Church Dinner

Our Second Sunday Dinner on March 13 will feature a St. Patrick's Day theme with Irish food and table decorations. Suggestions: corned beef and cabbage, Shepherd's pie, Irish potatoes, green beans, musk melon, salad greens, kale, broccoli, cucumbers, etc. Think Green! And wear green. We will sing a few Irish songs and hear a few Irish jokes. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Good Neighbor Cupboard.

IRISH BLESSINGS

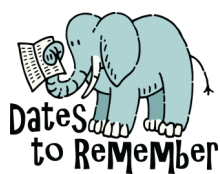
May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May you live as long as you want,
And never want as long as you live.

May God be with you and bless you.
May you see your children's children.

May you be poor in misfortunes and rich in blessings.

Mark Your Calendar



Wednesday, March 2, 12:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, April 14, 12:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 17, 7:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service
Followed by Breakfast

Holy Communion

Sunday, March 6, is the First Sunday in Lent. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

If you are not able to attend Worship and would like to receive Home Communion, or know of someone who would, please contact the church office at 226-1880.



Old Hagood Grist Mill

The Daytrippers are planning an outing to the Hagood Grist Mill on March 16. (See article on page 3)

The Ambassadors Meeting at The Foothills Retirement Community

The meeting will be held on March 31, at 10:30 a.m. Following an annual report of the 6 homes in South Carolina, lunch will be served. And for anyone interested, a tour will be available after lunch. Please let Dr. McCallum know if you would like to attend.

Financial Report as of February 18, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$21,929.67
Budget Receipts to Date	\$24,229.93
Spent to Date	\$21,118.68
Special Offerings	\$ 848.00
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$13,454.00

*Honor the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce.
~~Proverbs 3:9*

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!

Daytrippers, 2022

Our first trip will be to Hagood Mill in Pickens on Wednesday, March 16th, (rain date March 23rd) leaving the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

At the Mill an interpretive trail will take us along the Old Indian Path, an ancient trading path that took Native Americans from the Mississippi coast thru the Continental Divide to Virginia. Hagood Creek was an excellent resting stop for travelers, and they took time to carve over 30 petroglyphs (prehistoric rock carvings) in a large boulder by the creek. Their museum features a collection of Native American art, artifacts and literature. The interpretive trail also includes a dugout canoe, a river cane restoration area, a scared fire circle, which is still used on special occasions, a medicine wheel garden, a corn garden, a mortar and pestle for grinding corn, and a prehistoric stone mortar. Anyone with an interest in Archaeology should find this trip a must-see!

Dr. McCallum is making arrangements for us to visit the Pickens Presbyterian Church, then we'll have lunch at the Gate House Restaurant, at 116 Ann Street, before heading home. Please let Roz Rozakos or Marilyn Martin know if you plan to attend so we have an approximate head count in advance. We are really looking forward to seeing many of our members and friends at this year's Daytrippers events.



SCHEDULE FOR MARCH



Pulpit

Mar. 6 Linda Mylod
13 Roz Rozakos
20 Tom Waddell
27 Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

Mar. 6 Bob Harrell
13 Marilyn Martin
20 Linda Mylod
27 Tom Waddell

Sunday School

Secretaries

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar.	2	Ann Bowen
	10	LeNelle Chastain
	18	Ruth Stevenson
	20	Bob Harrell
	29	Earle King



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar.	1	Tom & Terry Waddell	54th
	8	Bob & Kitty Burge	25th

“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



Welcome Daffodils



Pregame Meal



Just Desserts



Get Well Tulips for Hazel



Hagood Grist Mill



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