

JUNE 2022 **MIDWAY MESSENGER**

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

Recently, I read that the great composer, George Frideric Handel, was no stranger to debt, despair, and infirmity. In his fifties he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage that left him paralyzed on one side. For four years he couldn't walk or write. At age 60, after attempting several compositions for opera, he fell deeper into debt and hopelessness. But a friend challenged him to write a sacred oratorio—a work dedicated to God.

Well, Handel took up the challenge and for twenty-four days he did little else but work on the composition. The grand production saw all the lyrics taken from scripture. And thus it was that the greatest oratorio that was ever written came to be—his *Messiah*.

*King of kings and Lord of lords,
and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

Sometimes when we feel all washed up, we might recall George Handel, and accept the challenge to do something wonderful and dedicate it to God. It could be something at church, or something outside the church. And the results might be quite surprising.

In Proverbs 16:3 we read, “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” And in John 15 we read Jesus’ words:

*I am the vine; you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. (v. 5a)*

On Sunday, June 5, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and hear these words of our Lord. As we abide in him, we are able to bear much fruit. We are able to do wonderful things. They may not reach to the level of Handel’s oratorio, but still qualify as good fruit.

*I am
the
vine;
you
are
the
branches.
John 15:5*

Blessings,

John McCallum



Sunday School

Using The Present Word International Bible Lesson Series, the Contemporary Class will begin a new quarterly study on June 5, entitled “Partners in a New Creation.”

Using Scripture Press’ Bible Knowledge Series, the Earnest Workers Class will be studying “Life of Christ from the Gospels: More than Just a Man.”

If you are not presently attending a class, why not visit one or both of our classes. It’s a good opportunity to grow in knowledge of the Bible and enjoy the fellowship that is ours in Christ at Midway.

Parish Care Team

The next meeting of the Parish Care Team will be held on July 13 at the Easley Foothills Home of Presbyterian Communities of SC. Members of the congregation are invited to attend and learn more about the home.

Memorial Day—May 30



Our thanks to Keith Wentzky and Kamryn for placing United States flags in the church cemetery. The flags are placed at grave sites of those who served in the military. Their names are also listed in an insert in the church bulletin the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Congregational Dinner



Our Congregational Dinner on May 15 was attended by guests from Shalom House of Belton. Kent Saunders gave an interesting presentation of his Fulbright teaching experience in Moldova.

Pentecost Offering



The Annual Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, June 26. In this offering we invest in our greatest resource—helping young people establish a solid foundation of faith. 40% of the offering will go to a local mission, to be determined by the Session through the Mission Committee. Further information will be provided in upcoming bulletins and by a Minute for Mission.

Financial Report as of May 26, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$65,789.01
Budget Receipts to Date	\$63,585.42
Spent to Date	\$60,521.14
Special Offerings	\$4,550.17
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$13,879.00

*Whatever your task, put yourselves into it,
as done for the Lord and not for your masters.*

~~Colossians 3:23



Community Outreach and Missions



June's Jar Offerings will be going to the South Main Street Mercy Center.

During June, we'll also be collecting supplies to deliver with the Jar offerings. Currently, the most needed food supplies include: canned tuna or chicken, stew, soups, chili, veggies with pop-top lids; small, individual sized peanut butter; fruit cups; crackers; cereal/granola bars; pudding cups; individual bags of snacks; ramen noodles. The most needed hygiene supplies include: travel-size shampoos, small toothpastes, deodorants, wash clothes, Wet wipes, hotel soap and hair items, combs and brushes. Items needed for the Mercy Center kitchen include: 33-gallon trash bags; gallon size Ziploc bags; paper plates; 8 oz. cups; napkins, paper towels, coffee, sugar, creamer.

Other items that we might have an excess of in our own homes and would be willing to share include: men's/women's/T-shirts, socks and underwear (all sizes); kitchen towels or dishcloths.

Donations can be left in the boxes in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for any help you might be able to provide. Thank you!

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE



Pulpit

June 5 Tom Waddell
12 Dee Ashworth
19 John Dodwell
26 Jacky Stamps

Head Usher

June 5 Donetta Dodwell
12 John Dodwell
19 Elaine Gilmore
26 Marilyn Martin

Sunday School

Secretaries

June 5 Sammy Stevenson
12 Bob Bone
19 Amy Morris
26 Jacky Stamps



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Jim Ginn
6	John McCallum
10	Donna Beaver
20	Bryan Lyndon
	Frank Stevenson
	Jim White
28	Joyce Wentzky



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 2	Joey & Amy Morris	38th
9	Sammy & Carol Wentzky	55th
13	Wayne & Beth Croft	46th

“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



Mother's Day Flowers by Sammy & Linda Stevenson



“April Showers Bring May Flowers”



**Belk Auditorium @PC—Site of the Convocation
of the 5 Presbyteries in SC**



**Hartness—Thornwell Presbyterian Church
Site of Foothills Presbytery Meeting on May 21, 2022**



**One of Charmaine's 3 churches
John was Student Pastor at Lydia 1967-68**



**Sillman Cottage at Thornwell Children's Home
Where Roz served as House Mother 1980-81**