



Dear Friends,

In Genesis 19 we read of an angel's instruction for Lot and his family to flee and not look back at the whirlwind of fire that threatened the doomed city of Sodom. This was a city that purveyed a general disorder of society against God. But in their flight Lot's wife did look back at the smoldering city. Clinging to the past, she was unwilling to turn completely away. And looking back, she was turned into a pillar of salt.

When considering his earlier life, the Apostle Paul might have been regretful. But as he said in his Letter to the Philippians:

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:13-14)

In the book of the prophet Isaiah we read:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. (43:18-19)

No, we can't make progress in our relationship with God by hanging on to pieces of our old lives that we need to let go. God would not have us dwell on the past but live in the present and look to the future. And that ultimate future has been secured for us by the Resurrection of Christ. As Paul said to the church in Corinth:

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2 Cor. 5:1)

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Philippians 3:13-14



Blessings,

John McCallum

Officer Nominating Committee

At the Congregational Meeting on July 17, the following members were elected to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee: Jacky Stamps, Sammy Stevenson, and Terry Waddell. They will join John Dodwell (Chair) and Marilyn Martin who were elected by the Session. Let us keep this committee in our prayers as they go about their work of nominating three members to serve in the Class of 2025, and one member to serve in the Class of 2023.

Missionaries at Midway



Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado will be at Midway on Sunday, August 28. Mark will speak to a combined session of the Sunday School classes in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30, then preach at the 10:30 Worship Service. Following Worship, we will have a Congregational Dinner. Please bring various casseroles. Café Justo (Just Coffee) will be available for purchase.

Financial Report as of July 22, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$90,851.49
Budget Receipts to Date	\$87,281.52
Spent to Date	\$82,316.99
Special Offerings	\$ 6,004.57
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$14,079.00

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

~~Malachi 3:10



**Carey and Oliver McCallum at the
Model Trains Station in Taylors**

Daytrippers

The Daytrippers are planning a visit to the Model Trains Station at 250 Mills Street in Taylors, SC, on Thursday, August 11. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:00, as the Station opens at 11:00. Cost is \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, or \$6 for ages 2-12. The museum is located in an old Taylors mill and has 16,000 square feet of fun things to see and do. It was voted a 2021 winner in the Greenville News "Best of the Upstate" in Community Choice Awards.

There are nine themed displays, plus a highly detailed circus train, and a special electrified Lionel table train to explore. The Model Train Station brings the railroad to life for all ages. Plus, it will be a great escape from the August heat.

Lunch is planned at the Farehouse Restaurant located in a separate area near the Model Trains Station. Menu options range from salads, sandwiches, soups, subs, pizza, or full menu choices. If you plan to go, please contact Terry Waddell at 864-940-2143 so a headcount can be given to the station. Also, please confirm if you would like to carpool from the church so that drivers can be lined up.

Jar Offering for August

Our Jar Offering for August will go to Family Promise. This organization provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families with children in Anderson County.

Community Outreach and Missions



Nine members of the Parish Care Team enjoyed a short devotional service and hymn at the South Main Street Chapel, then delivered a car load of toiletries, food and miscellaneous items plus three huge bags of clothing for our friends at the Mercy Center. Thank you to our church members whose generosity made this possible.



Eight of us then enjoyed fellowship and lunch at Raines on Main, where all the lunches were very good, and our waitress was delightful. Not pictured is Dee Ashworth.



Finally, a few of us brought toiletries and clothing to District 5 for the youngsters in their Homeless Kids Program. These items were purchased with the 40% of our members' donations to this year's Pentecost Offering and will be shared with youngsters in need when school resumes next month. We met Ms. Veta New, who is now in charge of the facility, and were given an update on the repurposing of South Fant Street School, where the District 5 offices are in the process of relocating.

SCHEDULE FOR JULY



Pulpit

Aug. 7 Jacky Stamps
14 Linda Mylod
21 Roz Rozakos
28 Tom Waddell

Head Usher

Aug. 7 John Dodwell
14 Marilyn Martin
21 Tom Waddell
28 Jacky Stamps

Sunday School Secretaries

Aug. 7 Bob Bone
14 Amy Morris
21 Jacky Stamps
28 Sammy Stevenson



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 5	Goetz Eaton	Aug. 26	Tom Waddell
	Pete Rozakos	30	Elnor Harrell
9	Chrissie Saunders		Jamey Wentzky
21	Gail Alewine		Bob Wentzky



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 10	Frank & Ruth Stevenson	54th
	Keith & Jane Wentzky	21st
17	Kent & Chrissie Saunders	31st
20	John & Hazel McCallum	55th
22	Jim & Carolyn Warren	69th

“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



“Just Like Old Times”



The Session



New Development Across from Bill & Mary Kay's



Community Garden @S. Main St. Chapel & Mercy Center



Turkey visiting Midway in 1998



God's Beautiful Sunset over LeNelle's House

Remember our BookStore/Lending Library/Church Library

Just a reminder about Midway's bookstore/lending library in the Fellowship Hall. We still have dozens of wonderful children's books, brand new, for sale at "Bargain Basement" prices. Our hard-cover books, whose content ranges are suitable for toddlers through tweens, are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. Softcover books and toddler board books are only \$1 each. The books will be sold at our bazaar in November, and once they're gone, they're gone. So don't miss out on great books at such amazing prices. Browse through the children's selections anytime, take what you want and put your cash or check in the offering plate, noting "Books" so the payment is credited to our charitable account, which is used to purchase toiletries and school supplies for local youngsters in need.



The Lending Library with adult fiction, biographies, devotionals and cookbooks are available for borrowing OR purchasing. Many of the current novels, mysteries, etc. have been read once and are in Like New condition, so they're even suitable to be given as gifts. If you prefer to read and return, just take the book you want and return it at your leisure. If you want to purchase the book, a recommended price is \$1.50 for books in Like New condition, or \$1 if the condition is a bit less than that. There are also CDs and DVDs available for purchase or borrowing, as well as some "Oldies but Goodies" VHS tapes for anyone who has held onto their VCR. A price list is posted in the bookstore.

Our church library, located across from the bookstore rooms, has many interesting religious themed books and devotionals, as well as the Presbyterian Book of Order and Book of Confessions that can be borrowed, but not purchased. Cindy Wentzky painstakingly set up a Library Management System several years ago, which you'll find in the church library. We encourage our members and friends to browse through the church library and bookstores, and to take advantage of the reading opportunities that exist there. We're also happy to accept donations of books, CDs and DVDs that are in great condition and appropriate reading/viewing materials for our church members and their families. If you have any questions or comments regarding the bookstores/lending libraries, please share them with Linda Mylod.

