

SEPTEMBER 2022 MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

On our 55th Wedding Anniversary (August 20th) Hazel and I visited Swan Lake Iris Gardens in Sumter, SC. The lovely Gardens is home to all eight known species of swan and more than 120 varieties of iris. That's even more varieties than can be found in Anna May Potter's iris garden!

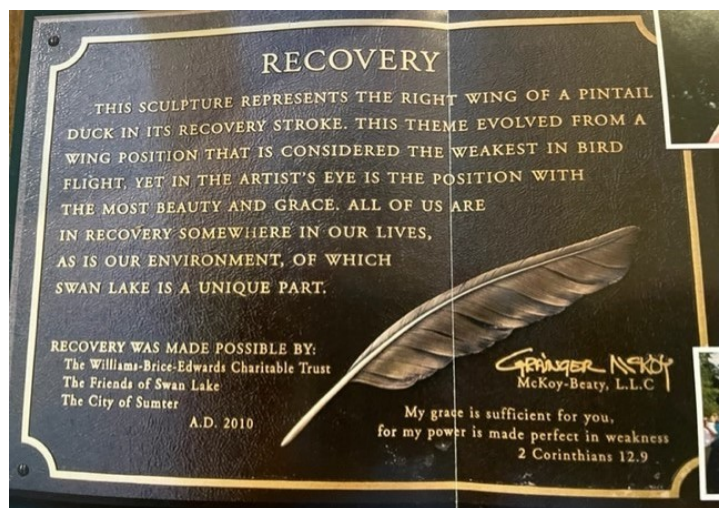
We enjoyed the tranquility and the many identified plants and trees. An especially meaningful scene was the Recovery Sculpture by wildlife artist Grainger McCoy. As noted in the marker below, the sculpture represents the right wing of a Pintail Duck in its recovery stroke, a position considered to be the weakest in bird flight. As noted, all of us are in recovery somewhere in our lives. Coincidentally, the Pintail, which is a fast and graceful flyer, is the featured duck for August on our Ducks Unlimited calendar.

Following his thoughts about the thorn in his flesh, the Apostle Paul states God's word to him in 2 Corinthians 12:9:

*My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

Accepting his condition allowed God's powerful grace to operate in Paul's "recovery." What a blessing it is for us to claim our Lord's assuring words as we deal with various issues that fall under the heading of "a thorn in the flesh." God's grace is sufficient; his power is perfected in our weakness.

Grace and Peace,
John McCallum



July Jar Offering



Marilyn and Roz presented the July Jar Offering check to DCEC Director, Laura Capell. The Center is located at 1100 W. Franklin Street. Did you know that with our on-line giving program through the Presbyterian Foundation, you can contribute to the Jar Offering?

Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Annual Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 2. "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace." (Isa. 55:12)

25% of our offering will go to Transylvania Presbytery in Eastern Kentucky to help the Buckhorn Lake Area and Graham Memorial Presbyterian Churches and their communities that were impacted by the recent flooding.

Good Neighbor Cupboard Needs

If you're able to help, they currently need jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal. We realize that food prices have risen 13% over the past couple of years, and Seniors on fixed incomes might find it difficult to stretch their grocery dollars right now. But if you're able to add a jar of peanut butter or a box of cereal to your grocery list, just leave them in the boxes in the vestibule, and they will be delivered to GNC later in the month. Thank you.

For Your Information. We have a rollator and 3 walkers that are available should you need to borrow one. Just ask Dr. McCallum or Linda Mylod.

Daytrippers



On August 11, twelve Daytrippers got to be children again at the Model Trains Station in Taylors. Lunch was enjoyed at the Farehouse Restaurant.

The next outing will be a trip to Justus Apple Orchard near Hendersonville on Thursday, September 15. Afterwards, we will have lunch at Hubba Bubba Smokehouse in Flat Rock, NC. Carpooling will be available, leaving the church at 10:00 a.m. Please let Terry Waddell know if you would like to go.

Rally Day

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 11. During Worship, Sunday School teachers will be recognized, and Earle King will be presented his pin for 72 years of perfect attendance.

The Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of the Animals Service is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring their pets to the Outdoor Worship Area between the church sign and the basketball courts. Donations will go to the Anderson County Humane Society.



Financial Report as of August 25, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$106,515.54
Budget Receipts to Date	\$100,147.61
Spent to Date	\$100,253.34
Special Offerings	\$ 4,424.82
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$ 14,079.00

"We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude."

~~John Calvin

Community Outreach and Mission

Sixth Annual Fundraising Bazaar!



Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and look through your Christmas décor to find a treasure to donate to Midway's Bazaar, which will be held—God willing! - Saturday, November 5th. Due to the pandemic, it will be three years since our last bazaar and Café were open to the public. Although we were able to raise some funds with yard sales, the Bazaar is a “horse of a different color”, so we're really looking forward to this next one. As many of you know, we'll host a few outside vendors selling homemade crafts, jewelry, decorations and pottery. If you or someone crafty that you know would be interested in renting a 6' space at our bazaar, the cost is \$30, and they could contact Linda Mylod for details. We'll also sell from our own church tables, limited to Christmas décor and nice gift items. If each church member could find a Christmas or gift item to donate, we'd have a lovely selection to offer. Please keep our Bazaar in mind when you're going through your treasures at home.

We're excited that our Café will once again be Open, serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. Our Café has been a big hit with the locals in the past few years, so we hope to get the word out and bring everyone back.

Of course, fundraisers don't run themselves, so our Bazaar Committee will be busy with planning, baking, setting up and selling. Anyone who would like to be a part of the fun is welcome to join us at our next committee meeting on Sunday, September 25th, immediately following our Worship service, or let Linda know to put you on the Helpers list. The 25th will be our 2nd AND last Bazaar Committee meeting, so all plans and assignments will be finalized that day. Please note that proceeds from this fundraiser will purchase clothing, toiletries and gift cards for Christmas for the youngsters in District Five's *Homeless and Foster Care Program*, a cause that Midway has been supporting for several years. Thank you in advance for any help you might provide for this upcoming fundraiser; especially by spreading the word for folks to stop by to shop and enjoy lunch at our Café on November 5th.

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER



Pulpit

Sept. 4 John Dowdell
11 Dee Ashworth
18 Jacky Stamps
25 Linda Mylod

Head Usher

Sept. 4 Keith Wentzky
11 Donetta Dodwell
18 John Dodwell
25 Elaine Gilmore

Sunday School

Secretaries

Sept. 4 Bob Bone
11 Amy Morris
18 Jacky Stamps
25 Sammy Stevenson



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1	Marilyn Mamrick	Sept. 23	Linda Mylod
5	Cindy Wentzky	24	Carol Wentzky
13	Rita King	25	Patty King
19	Anne Dulaney	27	Terry Waddell



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 21	Bill & Randi Rexroad	52nd
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“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



“See That, Jim”



**Looking Glass Falls
near Brevard, NC**



**Hazel in the Butterfly Garden
at Swan Lake Iris Gardens in Sumter**



**Join the Daytrippers on a trip to Justus Apple Orchard-
near Hendersonville, NC Thursday, September 15.**

(See page 2 for more details)

Upstate Homeschool Hybrid

Upstate Homeschool Hybrid begins September 6th. For the next ten months on Tuesdays and Thursdays, youngsters' voices may ring out from two of the classrooms in our church. On the 6th we'll welcome ten young students to UHH with their teacher Hannah Gaillard and director Sarah Cogswell. Please be mindful of their being in the classrooms or on the playground if you stop by for some reason. Feel free to introduce yourself to Hannah and Sarah, and perhaps have a word of encouragement for the students. Please keep these teachers, the students and their parents in your prayers for a productive school year.



Meals on Wheels Recognition



At this year's Volunteer Appreciation luncheon, Midway's Route 15 was recognized with the **Giving in Grace Award**. Elaine Gilmore, the Route's tireless coordinator, offered a heartfelt "thank you" to all the fantastic members of our team, who not only deliver the meals but do countless other things for many of our clients. Elaine also offered great thanks to **ALL of our church members** who support Meals on Wheels with prayer, monetary donations, and food items (such as desserts when needed, or items for the NICE meals annually). She said the award was received as a result of the support from the ENTIRE congregation. The route drivers would like to express THEIR great thanks to Elaine for the time and effort she puts into the monthly scheduling and contacting of the drivers, and especially the coverage she quietly supplies on days when no one else steps up to cover the route.

Many of you know that Elaine followed in the footsteps of Ray Ellison who had been Route Coordinator for a couple of decades, turning the reins over to Elaine in 2015. LeNelle recently shed some light on what some of us didn't know: that the route began over 30 (THIRTY!) years ago, continuing without fail since then, with Midway members who included: Blair & Beverly Stevenson, Evelyn Stone, Violet King, Barbara Wentzky, Betty Farmer, Frances Jo Strickland, Bill & Mary Kay, Bob & Bobbie Bone, Jane Kowalski, Ginny Rice, Frank & Joyce Wentzky, Rita King – on the food line, Ed Jean, Ansel Junkins, Bob Burge, and even our indefatigable LeNelle Chastain and her husband Tommy. Apologies to any members/family members who might have been omitted, but we're trying to keep better track of Route 15's history, so please let Linda know if we've missed anyone.

Our current drivers include everyone in the picture plus Paul & Nancy Mauldin, Jim Mylod, Randi & Bill Rexroad, Tom Waddell, and Richard Chamblee, who didn't attend or had to leave this year's Volunteer Appreciation lunch before the picture was taken. Many of these drivers have delivered for ten years or more. If you might consider delivering meals or "working the food line" with Jean Smith and Linda Mylod, just let Elaine know. You won't be overly committed; some members deliver only once or twice a month, while others deliver weekly, and we're always looking for "floaters" who can help on occasion, as needed. Come join in the fun!

