

OCTOBER 2022 MIDWAY MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

As Thomas Wolfe says in his novel, *You Can't Go Home Again*:

Then summer fades and passes and October comes. We'll smell smoke then, and feel an unexpected sharpness, a thrill of nervousness, swift elation, a sense of sadness and departure."

The warm days and cool nights of autumn are a joy—Indian Summer. Mosquitoes will soon be gone and won't be back until April (Yea!). There are high school football games on Friday nights and college games on Saturday (Go Tigers!). I can't decide which I like best, October or April. At 76, perhaps I identify more with October (or should it be December and the beginning of winter?) — "a sense of sadness and departure."

I think of that lovely hymn "Abide with Me," which is a blending of the end of day and the end of life. Henry Lyte had been the vicar of the Devonshire fishing village in Brixham, England, for 25 years. When he wrote the hymn, he knew he was dying of tuberculosis. The hymn is based on the prayer of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, when at the end of their journey, they asked the stranger (Jesus) to "Abide with us." (Luke 14:13-35)

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

(vv. 2 and 4)

My friends, let us cherish this rich and wonderful month of October. Before we know it, it too will have come and gone.

Peace,
John McCallum



In Memoriam

We express our love and sympathy to the relatives and friends of Olin Scarborough who died on September 22, 2022.



World Communion Sunday

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 2. 25% of this 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.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held following Worship on Sunday, October 23. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Officer Nominating Committee. The Committee will place in nomination for the Class of 2023: Jacky Stamps; for the Class of 2025: Dee Ashworth, Marilyn Martin, and Amy Morris.



Bill Kay's Property



Say It Isn't So, Joe!



The Blessing of the Animals has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 15, at 11:00 a.m.

Daytrippers



The Daytrippers will visit the Hagood Mill in Pickens on Thursday, October 20, leaving the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The Mill is the centerpiece of the Hagood Mill Historic Site and Folklife Center, which includes two historic cabins, a blacksmith shop, a moonshine still, and a cotton gin. The site also includes the Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site which preserves significant Native American rock carvings.

Afterwards, we will visit the Pickens Presbyterian Church, and then have lunch at the Gate House Restaurant. Please let Terry Waddell know if you plan to attend.

Congregational Dinner



Everyone is invited to a Congregational Dinner on Sunday, October 9, following Worship. Please bring a favorite Covered Dish.

Financial Report as of September 23, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$119,046.78
Budget Receipts to Date	\$110,306.85
Spent to Date	\$111,883.57
Special Offerings	\$ 6,847.84
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$ 14,279.00

In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

~~Acts 20:35

Community Outreach and Mission



Good Neighbor Cupboard

Great thanks to everyone who generously donated cereal and peanut butter for our local food bank; they were delighted with the donations. Since the weather will be getting cooler, they said they could use oatmeal and grits going forward. Either regular or instant are fine, so instead of cold cereal if you'd like to donate some oatmeal or grits, that would be greatly appreciated. Of course, peanut butter never goes out of season, so we can bring that as well.

Thank you for generously supporting the needs of our community. As food prices continue to rise, it's hard enough to keep your own larder full, so your generosity in purchasing donated food items is more gratifying than ever. Midway Church is well known at GNC for our continuing support.



Bazaar Needs:

Some members have already donated a few "treasures" for the gift and décor table, and we're happy to accept more until October 31. Please keep in mind that these items aren't yard sale quality, and if you have things for next year's yard sale, please hold onto them until next Spring since our storage space is severely limited due to the rooms being used for the homeschool classrooms. Because of this limitation, no larger items should be brought in, but small gift and décor items would be greatly appreciated!

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



Pulpit

Oct. 2 Roz Rozakos
9 Tom Waddell
16 Dee Ashworth
23 John Dodwell
30 Jacky Stamps

Head Usher

Oct. 2 Marilyn Martin
9 Jacky Stamps
16 Tom Waddell
23 Keith Wentzky
30 Donetta Dodwell

Sunday School

Secretaries

Oct. 2 Bob Bone
9 Amy Morris
16 Jacky Stamps
23 Sammy Stevenson
30 Bob Bone



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 6	Carolyn Warren	Oct. 18	Jean Smith
10	Sybil Ginn	19	Linda Barnes
11	Marilyn Martin	24	Mark Sears
	Joey Morris	27	Elaine Gilmore
16	Traci Webb		



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 9	Pete & Roz Rozakos	12th
24	Gary & Dee Ashworth	41st

“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



**Beautiful Flowers given by Brenda Stamps
in memory of her twin sister, Glenda Hanvey**



A Gracious Plenty



Missionaries Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado



“The Four Sisters”



Happy Daytrippers @Justus Orchard



“All Work & No Play...”

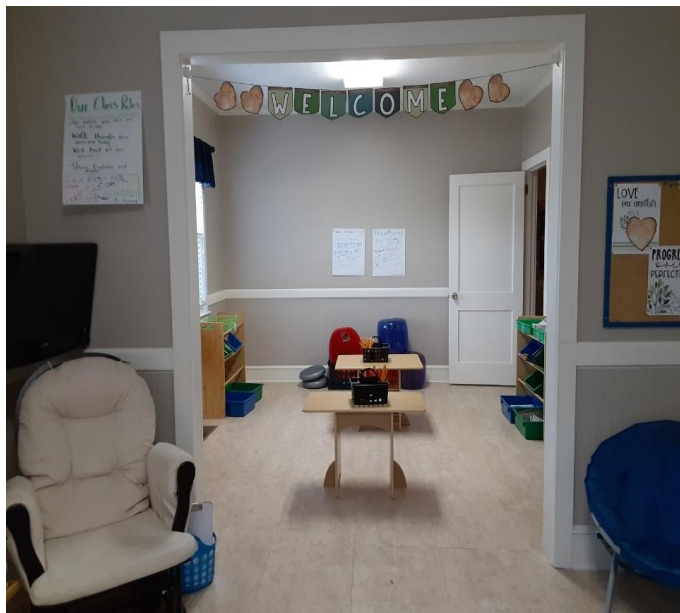
Upstate Homeschool Hybrid Corner

Upstate Homeschool Hybrid had its first day on September 6th, and the children look like it's going well!



Pictured: Hannah Gaillard, Teacher;
Students: First Row: Macklyn, Coen, Izzy
Second Row: Poppy, Grace, Charlotte

In case you haven't seen the new classrooms, they look wonderful!



There are openings available if you know someone with a youngster aged 4 to 11 who would benefit from this homeschooling program. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 until 2:00. Anyone interested in learning about the program goals, the monthly fees, etc. can go to www.upstatehh.com for information.

Please keep the UHH students and teachers in your prayers for a safe and productive school year.