

NOVEMBER 2022 MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.
~Psalm 107:21-22

In Biblical times if you were blessed with a baby in the family, or had a good harvest, or a family member recovered from an illness, then thanksgiving might fill your heart. And if you were a faithful Jew, you would want to express gratitude to God.

The custom was to take an unblemished lamb to the temple to be sacrificed as a Thank Offering. The first portion was offered directly to God as a burnt offering; the second portion was given to the priests as God's representatives; and the third portion was given back to the offerer for a thanksgiving feast. That food would then provide the main course at a family celebration of Thanksgiving to God for the blessings received. And because the law said that it all had to be eaten the same day as the sacrifice, they would necessarily call in other friends and family, making it quite a feast. And so it was that Thanksgiving for a blessing was not meant to be kept to oneself, but to be shared with others.

In that spirit we will join together for a Thanksgiving Dinner following Worship on Sunday, November 13. We won't have a burnt offering, but turkey and ham will be provided. Members are asked to bring side dishes, like dressing (I'll bring the cranberry sauce), green beans, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. Invite a family member or a friend to join us, and we will make this quite a Thanksgiving Feast!



Church Family
Thanksgiving
Dinner

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
~Psalm 107:1

Blessings,

John McCallum



LET US GIVE THANKS

All Saints' Day

At All Saints' Day, November 1, we remember and give thanks for those members of the church here at Midway who have died during the last year and entered the Church Triumphant:

September 22, 2022 Olin Scarborough
September 29, 2022 Ora Mae Poore

Time Change

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday evening, November 5, as Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6.



Congratulations to Newly Elected Elders

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 23, the following members were elected Elders:

For the Class of 2023: Jacky Stamps
For the Class of 2025: Dee Ashworth
 Marilyn Martin
 Amy Morris

Following a period of training and preparation, they will be examined by the Session. And then a date will be set for their Installation.

The Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 15, there were 25 people and 20 dogs in attendance at our Blessing of the Animals Service. \$204 was donated to the Anderson Animal Shelters.



John with Madie, granddaughter of Bill & Randi Rexroad, and Hershey.

Mark Your Calendar

- The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Following Worship on Sunday, November 13, we will have a Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.
- On Saturday, November 26, we will decorate the church for Christmas.
- Our Annual Christmas Party will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. The meal will be catered and the cost will be \$10.00
- The Session has called for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held following Worship on Sunday, December 11. The 2023 Budget will be presented, and Dr. McCallum will note some of the highlights of 2022.

Daytrippers



Part of our Group in front of the Itinerary Preacher's House at Hagood Mill

Financial Report as of October 21, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$131,578.02
Budget Receipts to Date	\$121,133.50
Spent to Date	\$121,156.05
Special Offerings	\$ 7,626.39
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$ 14,279.00

"Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord."

~~Book of Common Worship

OPPORTUNITY TO BRING JOY TO YOUR LIFE AND TO OTHERS

Meals on Wheels Route 15, which has belonged to Midway Church for 30+ years, is in need of some help. Our team of drivers has gotten smaller over the past year, and more of the deliveries are falling on fewer shoulders. Two of our drivers aren't even Midway members, and we're so very grateful that they've stuck by us throughout the years. But we need new drivers: people who are willing to commit to 1 or if possible 2 days a month – dates of their choosing that will fit in comfortably with their schedules. The time commitment is about two hours and includes picking up the meals at the MOWS building on Fant Street and delivering to about 16 houses in the Williamston Road-Marchbanks area. The ideal driver team would include a driver and a "runner" – the person who brings the meal up to the door. Some team members handle the route alone, doing both the driving and the delivering, but we're not asking you to do that. Both drivers and runners are needed, and training would be provided by a team member from church. Those of us who have been delivering MOWS for years can honestly tell you that it does bring joy to our lives and is greatly appreciated by the folks to whom we deliver.

Could you be one of those people needed to help spread this joy and keep Route 15 better staffed? If you are, please see or call Elaine Gilmore to set up a "ride along" so you can see what it's all about. The team members will thank you, and God will definitely bless you!



IT'S BACK—AND IT'S NEARLY HERE!

Midway's 6th Annual Bazaar fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 until 2:00, complete with our Church Ladies' Bake Sale plus our Café offering homemade lunches from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We'll feature vendors selling hand-crafted Christmas decorations, pottery, jewelry and woodworked items, as well as our own tables of new or gently-used décor and gifts. Proceeds from the fundraiser will purchase toiletries, winter clothing and gift cards at Christmas for youngsters in District 5's Homeless and Foster Program. Please tell your friends and join us as we kick off the upcoming holiday season for this worthy cause.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



Pulpit

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

Head Usher

Nov. 6 John Dodwell
13 Elaine Gilmore
20 Marilyn Martin
27 Jacky Stamps

Sunday School
Secretaries

Nov. 6 Amy Morris
13 Jacky Stamps
20 Sammy Stevenson
27 Bob Bone



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov.	1	Will Greer
		Ivy Preuss
	8	Sammy Stevenson
	20	Keith Wentzky



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov.	14	Tommy & Gail Alewine	42nd
	26	Jacky & Brenda Stamps	46th

"WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"



Pastor Appreciation Sunday



Terry, Tom & Elaine with treats for Pets and Owners at The Blessing of the Animals



Chrissie with Roxi, Kent, Linda with Quinn, & Ben with Layla



Cindy Banks Reviews History of Pickens Church with Daytrippers



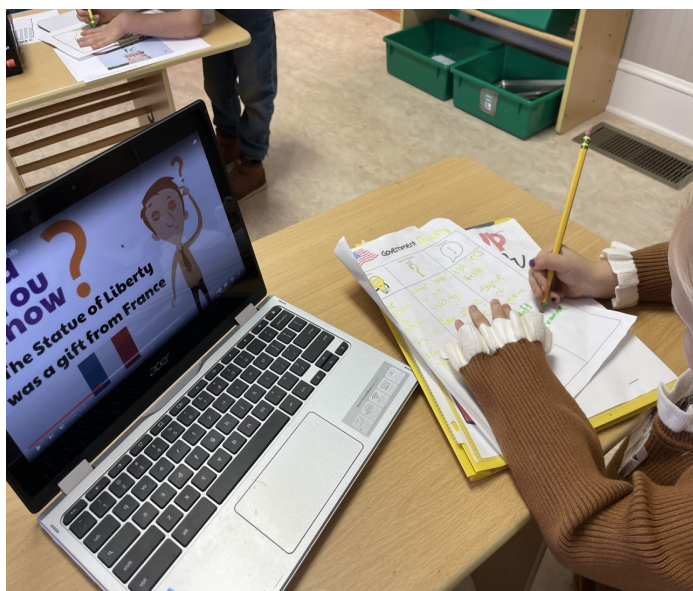
Marilyn and Jim at the Pickens Church Pipe Organ



Hungry Daytrippers at the Little Bistro in Liberty

Upstate Homeschool Hybrid Corner

Upstate Homeschool Hybrid children are studying various aspects of government and are creating small presentations to go along with their choice of subject.



Poppy studies about the Statue of Liberty



Izzy learns facts about the state of Oregon



Macklyn learns rules for photographing Bald Eagles



Coen learns who built the Statue of Liberty and where it was built

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