MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621

Dear Friends,

Tuesday, February 14, is Valentine's Day and many hearts turn to love. While not the kind of love we associate with Valentine's Day, Jesus said the Greatest Commandment is this:

> *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. (Mark 12:29)*

Thereby did Jesus set worship at the center of life. And to worship God in spirit and in truth is not just a matter of the mind—it's also a matter of the heart—a matter of love.

Sometimes we Presbyterians have focused so much on doing things "decently and in order," that we have forgotten about the rightful place of "ardor" in our worship. Roz, Beth, and the choir enable us to experience that love of God through their beautiful music. Sometimes we feel that we are already in heaven with the angels and the Communion of Saints in joy and praise before the Eternal God. That's the way it was last Sunday when the choir sang "The Lord's Prayer." Hopefully, there are elements of the sermon and prayers that put us in touch with our feelings and emotions. And surely the Sacrament of Holy Communion brings us near to the heart of God.

We don't normally think of it this way, but The Offering can be an expression of love—love for God and love for our neighbor (the Second Greatest Commandment found in Mark 12:30). In 1 Corinthians 13, the King James Version of the Bible translates love as charity—a love of humankind and the voluntary giving of help. We practice such charity in our jar offerings, the Souper Bowl of Caring, the 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering, and in many more ways.

My prayer is that we know and express love for God and our neighbor as we join in Worship each Sunday at Midway, and each day of the week as well.

Love,

John McCallum

2-Cents-a-Meal

On Fifth Sundays, as well as at our Congregational Dinners, we are receiving the "2-Cents-a-Meal" Offering. This offering originated in 1976 as a project of Presbyterian women in seeking to improve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger.

The schedule for this year is:

January 29 & 1st Quarter— Good Neighbor Cupboard
April 30 & 2nd Quarter—Meals on Wheels
July 30 & 3rd Quarter—Emergency Soup Kitchen
October 29 and December 31
& 4th Quarter—Presbytery Cents Ability

With our 2-Cents-a Meal Offering members and friends are encouraged to set aside 2-cents (or whatever seems appropriate) for every meal we enjoy. This act represents an expression of gratitude for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others who are less fortunate—to be like the good Samaritan of Luke 10, and not pass by on the other side.

Receiving New Members

The Session will meet Sunday, February 5, following Worship to receive new members.

Presbytery Meeting

Linda Henderson has been elected Principal Commissioner, and Dee Ashworth as Alternate Commissioner, to the 122nd Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery., February 21. The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at Presbyterian Communities Retirement Home in Easley. Anyone interested to go as a visitor, please contact the church office.

Salem Presbyterian

Salem Presbyterian Church of Anderson will host a special Restoration Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 12. Following the service, lunch will be served at First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. There will also be a service at 3:00 p.m. at the Salem Church (1100 Dooley Street). Please contact the church office by February 2, if you want to attend.

Congregational Dinner
Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 12, Midway will participate in the Souper bowl of Caring. Wear your favorite team colors to a lunch featuring soup and sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

This year financial donations will go to Calvary Home for Children and canned goods and packaged items will go to Good Neighborhood Cupboard.

Ash Wednesday

Mark your calendars for a special Ash Wednesday Service to be held in the sanctuary at noon on February 22 (the first day of Lent). Everyone will be invited to receive the Imposition of Ashes.

Military Chaplains

February 5 is Remember our Chaplains Sunday. Military chaplains serve so that all may practice their faith in peace. They are ministers of the Word and Sacrament providing pastoral care, spiritual counsel, and moral advice to those in military service and their families. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has more than 150 teaching elders serving as chaplains in our federal institutions. From the halls of Congress to the mountains of Korea, our chaplains bring truth and grace in ever clime and place.

Financial Report as of January 20, 2023

Budget Needs to Date	$ 8,364.30
Budget Receipts to Date	$ 8,465.14
Spent to Date	$11,799.94
Special Offerings	$ 575.00
Heat & A/C Offerings	$14,479.00

"Men have succeeded in accumulating a greater amass of objects, but the joy in the world has grown less. ~~Fyodor Dostoevsky

Community Outreach and Mission

Save The Date!

On Saturday, April 15th, we'll have a Spring Yard Sale and Bake sale to raise money for our charitable fundraising endeavors. Please bring yard sale donations to church anytime during Feb. and March, or contact Linda Mylod to arrange a pick up at your home. This year we're inviting members or their friends or family to set up a table in the yard for a nominal $25 fee. More information will be included in the March newsletter, but if you have treasures to sell, that would be a great day to sell them since we'll be advertising the sale on various media and will likely attract more buyers. If you just want to rid yourself of unneeded items, bring them to us to help with our fundraiser. Rain date will be April 22nd. So, mark your calendars and start cleaning out the tool shed and the closets!

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Pulpit

Feb.	5	Dee Ashworth
	12	Linda Mylod
	19	Roz Rozakos
	26	Jacky Stamps

Head Usher

Feb.	5	Elaine Gilmore
	12	Marilyn Martin
	19	Amy Morris
	26	Tom Waddell

Sunday School Secretaries

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb.	2	Wayne Croft	Feb.	23	Bill Rexroad
	9	Judy Peters		24	Brenda Stamps
	17	Hazel McCallum			

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb.	16	Jim & Linda Mylod	22nd
	22	Ray & Ginny Keiper	54th

"WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"

Anna May's White Amaryllis

Midway's New Transport Chair

Roz, Randi & Brenda undecorating

Jean Smith Departs with Our Blessing

Marilyn Mamrick, Kitty, Terry & Amy undecorating

Fallen tree back of Manse