



# MIDWAY MESSENGER

**3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621**



Dear Friends,

As you have heard recently, the Session has approved the establishment of an ad hoc Vision Team with a goal of discerning where God is leading our church over the next five to ten years. This endeavor is a Partnership with Foothills Presbytery and The Presbyterian Foundation. Team members are: Bob Bone, LeNelle Chastain, Donetta Dodwell, Goetz Eaton, Linda Henderson, John McCallum, Jacky Stamps, Keith Wentzky; Rev. Debbie Foster, Presbytery Leader, Rev. Pressley Cox, Presbytery Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry; and Olanda Carr, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation. We began in January and plan to end in June.

In this time we will consider what we are known for in the Midway Community. What are our strengths and weaknesses? We will look at our financials and membership trends. We will not see things through “rose-colored glasses.” But neither will we close our eyes to what God can do with and through us. Our goal is that at the end of this project we can present to the Session a plan that will reflect what we believe God is calling us to next here at Midway.

We are discussing Joan Gray’s book, *Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice*. Dr. Gray, a former Moderator of the General Assembly, has served in a number of churches in the Atlanta area, and is currently on the faculty at Columbia Theological Seminary. A copy of her book will be available in our Church Library.

Prayer, as well as reading and meditating on Scripture, will be a part of each meeting. Furthermore, during the 40 days of Lent, the Congregation will be asked to join with us in prayer and meditation. Scripture and relevant thoughts have been provided to all members. Daily use of this prayer guide will surely bear fruit for our dear church.

We believe that coming up with a true vision for the future of Midway Church is not something this committee can do without the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. And we need the prayers of each of you.



In Christ’s Service,

John McCallum

## New Members



It was the pleasure of the Session to receive into Membership by Reaffirmation of Faith, Cindy Evans, Randi Rexroad, and Bill Rexroad. Sponsor for Cindy is Linda Henderson, and for Bill and Randi is Marilyn Mamrick. Jacky Stamps is Clerk of Session.

## Second Sunday Dinner

Everyone is invited to our St. Patrick's Day theme dinner following Worship on March 12. Please bring green foods like cabbage, broccoli, asparagus, zucchini, green beans, green grapes, etc. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Good Neighbor Cupboard.

## Irish Blessing

May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

## Jar Offering for March

The Jar Offering for March will go to Calvary Home for Children which provides help, hope, and home to abused and neglected children.



## Ambassadors Meeting at The Foothills Retirement Community

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, with Registration at 10:30 a.m. Following an annual report of the 6 homes in South Carolina, lunch will be served. And for anyone interested, a tour will be available after lunch. Please let Dr. McCallum or LeNelle know if you would like to attend.

## Game Day



The Community Life and Mission Committee plans to hold an occasional game day during the year. The first one will be on Wednesday March 8, beginning at 12:00 noon,

IF you'd like to join us for a light lunch. Most game days won't include food, but to kick us off and give us a chance to visit before we play Bingo, we're going to serve a little lunch. If you want to come just for the Bingo, be there by 1:00 p.m. because we'll start calling out the numbers then. Prizes will be awarded for the game winners, and we trust that a good time will be had by all. We hope you'll plan to join us. If transportation is needed, please contact Roz, Terry, Ginny or Linda, and we'll get you there and home safely, God willing.

Mark your calendars and join us for some Fellowship and Fun with your Midway friends.



## Souper Bowl of Caring Pre-Game Meal



## Financial Report as of February 17, 2023

Budget Needs to Date	\$19,516.70
Budget Receipts to Date	\$19,320.50
Spent to Date	\$22,150.52
Special Offerings	\$ 1,367.58
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$14,479.00

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,  
serve one another with whatever gift  
each of you has received. ~1 Peter 4:10*

## 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 un-needed 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!

Thanks, Linda Henderson



Upstate

Homeschool

Hybrid

## Upstate Homeschool Hybrid School News

10 children are currently participating in lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the classrooms at our church. Children start the day with greetings, goals for the day, and a welcome song. Older children start in one group with Mr. Kent and do two language activities, two math activities, and then work on a topical free write exercise. The younger children start with Ms. Stevie and work on new lessons. After about an hour the groups switch. Everyone eats lunch in the fellowship hall and then has supervised recess on the playground. In the last part of the day the children work on a long term project. The most recent project was the creation of an amusement park. The children designed rides, food stands, and other amenities. The children drew everything on graph paper and then took measurement. They built their favorite ride with cube blocks. At the end of the project each child set up their park on one of the tables in fellowship hall and the parents came to visit all of the amusement parks.

Blessings, Kent Saunders

## SCHEDULE FOR MARCH



### Pulpit

Mar. 5 Tom Waddell  
12 Dee Ashworth  
19 Linda Mylod  
26 Roz Rozakos

### Head Usher

Mar. 5 Jacky Stamps  
12 Keith Wentzky  
19 Dee Ashworth  
26 Elaine Gilmore

### Sunday School Secretaries

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



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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March	2	Ann Bowen
	10	LeNelle Chastain
	18	Ruth Stevenson
	20	Bob Harrell
	29	Earle King



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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Mar.	1	Tom & Terry Waddell	55th
	8	Bob & Kitty Burge	26th



## **“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”**



**Receiving New Members February 12, 2023**



**“Remains of the Fallen Tree “**



**Spring—2013**



**Do You Remember These?**



**Just in Time for Lent**



**“Blooming Where They’re Planted”**