



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

While the daffodils and redbuds have come and gone, dogwoods, Lenten roses, and azaleas are in bloom; and some of us are getting our gardens ready for spring planting! Easter is just around the corner. Our Lenten Journey, which began on Ash Wednesday, now leads us to Holy Week. But what is Holy Week?

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday, because it marks the last week of Jesus' earthly life). We recall how he entered Jerusalem on a donkey. Some of us can remember waving palm branches on Palm Sunday. In fact, not long ago the children here at Midway would process in with palm branches and place them at the front of the sanctuary. Ray Ellison always provided those palm branches from his yard (see picture on page 4).

On Thursday of Holy Week, we will gather for worship on Maundy Thursday at noon. "Maundy" comes from a Latin word, which means Mandate or Command. Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." (John 13:34a) Jesus also washed the disciples' feet that night—the job of a servant. And he gave us Holy Communion. The Last Supper becomes the Lord's Supper, which we'll celebrate that day.

Good Friday is also observed in some churches in remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross—his sacrifice for our sins. Good Friday marked the culmination of God's plan for our salvation. Upon seeing Jesus, John the Baptist declared: "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn. 1:29)

On Easter Sunday our purple paraments will change to white. This is the day we proclaim "Life!" in the face of "Death!" This is the day we sing, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!" In the world, evil and death appear to have won. But because of the resurrection, we affirm that the living Christ has the last word.

My friends, through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has entered our world to proclaim life in the face of death and light in the midst of darkness. Let us claim his promise: "Because I live, you also will live." (Jn. 14:19b) Thanks be to God!



Happy Easter!

John McCallum

In Memoriam

Our prayers and thoughts are with the families of two dear members who have entered the home that Christ has prepared for them (John 4:2-3):

Robert "Bob" Burge February 24, 2023
 Sybil Ginn February 24, 2023

Easter Offering

On Easter Sunday we will receive the Annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. For over 70 years Presbyterians have provided a way to show God's love with neighbors in need throughout the world. Last year Midway generously gave over \$600.

Maundy Thursday

Everyone is invited to our Maundy Thursday Service on April 6, at noon. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared.

Lent at Midway



Easter Services

On April 9 we will have our traditional Sunrise Service in the church cemetery at 7:30 a.m. Then breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Our regular Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Flowering Cross

Remember to bring flowers at the Sunrise Service or the Morning Worship Service on Easter morning to place on the cross erected on the front lawn of the church. The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from the death of Good Friday.

Stewardship

For our Newsletter from May of 2014, Bob Burge wrote the following article:

Dr. McCallum has asked that officers write an article for the Newsletter on "What stewardship means to me." Following are my thoughts.

In the Bible I Peter 4:10 states: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

A Steward to me is a manager of the affairs of God here at Midway Presbyterian Church. God has given each of us certain abilities that we should use to serve God. Everything we have is from God. For example: the Gospel, our talents, our relationships, our health, our time, and our money. (I could go on almost forever).

Therefore a good Christian steward should serve God out of love and gratitude for these gifts given to us. I have been told that it is not how much we have, but what we do with what we have, that is important. When I work with other members of the church on a project, I realize my expertise doesn't come close to theirs, but I help them in the best way I can to complete the project. However, when I serve God using my expertise I feel more comfortable, but God is equally pleased, I feel, in both situations. You only can do the best you can in these situations.

Singing, however, is not my forte, so I stay as far away from the choir as possible. We have other members who lead our music.

I feel we need to use wisely the gifts that God has given us. For example, we were given our bodies from God in which to accomplish God's work. Therefore, we need to treat our bodies with respect and not harmfully. We really just need to be good stewards of our health.

To summarize, we need to live our lives as an act of faith in God, and bring God's message into the world that all who believe in God through his Son will have eternal life. Bob Burge

Jar Offering

The Jar Offering for April will go to Anderson Pregnancy Care, a non-profit committed to providing education, encouragement, and support to women of all ages facing untimely pregnancies, believing that the life of the pre-born is precious, as is the life of the mother.



Financial Report as of March 24, 2023

Budget Needs to Date	\$33,457.20
Budget Receipts to Date	\$43,185.59
Spent to Date	\$37,979.55
Special Offerings	\$ 1,815.51
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$14,679.00

SPRING YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE



The Community Life & Mission Committee will host a yard sale and Church Ladies' Bake Sale on Saturday, May 6th. Please bring any items you would like to donate to church anytime in April, just no later than Sunday, April 30th. Tools, housewares, home décor, but no clothing other than jewelry and accessories, and all in decent condition please. If you have larger items that you need picked up, let us know and we'll make advance arrangements.

Reminder: We're inviting folks to set up tables in the parking lot that morning to sell their own items at a cost of \$25 per spot. They would have to bring their own tables, but we'll be providing the advertising. The yard sale rain date will be May 13th and, as always, proceeds will support Midway's outreach endeavors.



Upstate Homeschool Hybrid School News



Upstate
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Hybrid

Things have been busy at the Upstate Homeschool Hybrid here at the church. March concluded with a family day at the Upcountry History Museum and the children completed their long term project on Liberty and Justice for All. For the project, the children selected their own fundraising cause, collected money, and presented the results to their parents at the student showcase in our Fellowship Hall. In April there will be spring break during the week of April 10th and a family day at Callaham Orchards. A special thanks goes to Keith Wentzky and Alan Webb for repairing the blue slide on the church playground. Full use of the slides is greatly appreciated by all of the children!

Blessings, Kent



SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Pulpit

- Apr. 2 Jacky Stamps
- 9 Tom Waddell
- 16 Dee Ashworth
- 23 Linda Mylod
- 30 Roz Rozakos

Head Usher

- Apr. 2 Marilyn Martin
- 9 Amy Morris
- 16 Jacky Stamps
- 23 Tom Waddell
- 30 Keith Wentzky

Sunday School

Secretaries

- Apr 2 Jacky Stamps
- 9 Sammy Stevenson
- 16 Bob Bone
- 23 Amy Morris
- 30 Jacky Stamps



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April	3	Ray Keiper
	14	Gail Wentzky
	16	Jonathan Croft
		Dickie King
	21	Sam Harrell
		Frank Wentzky
	27	Brenda Masters

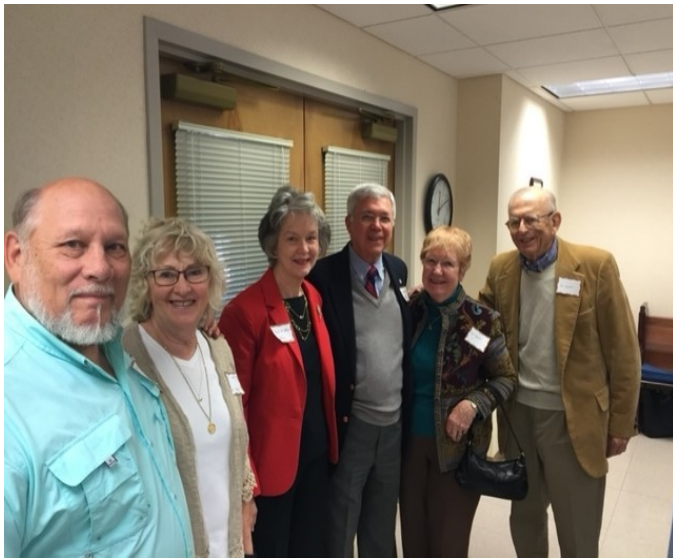
“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



Getting Ready for Palm Sunday



Irish Dessert Table



Ambassadors Meeting 2016



Midway's Session



**Parish Care Team 2016
Rose Dining Hall**



Samuel Stevenson and Son Staining the Cross



Nineteen of us participated in our first Game Day on March 8th. 12 members, 3 family members, 2 friends plus 2 visitors who saw the notice on our sign. Most were there for lunch as well, so great thanks to Terry and Ginny for chicken noodle soup, Kitty and Linda for sandwiches, and Joyce, Ginny and Randi for desserts. Following lunch, a fun hour of Bingo with prizes for the winners was enjoyed. Ginny was our premier Caller, relieved for the last game by Randi, when her voice started giving out.



An interesting observation: people are so much quieter when Bingo is being called than they normally are in church.



Many thanks to Roz, Bessie Mentis, Ginny and Linda for the prizes. Our visitors enjoyed themselves so much that we've put them on our mailing list for the next Bingo Game! We're setting a schedule of every 5 or 6 weeks, since the fun and fellowship was truly enjoyed by all.



And then there's this...how did Marilyn end up with FIVE Bingo cards when everyone else only had two??