



# MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

As an outgrowth of our Vision Committee's work, there will be a new focus on stewardship at Midway. When we hear the word *stewardship*, what do we think of first? Money, of course. But we know Christian stewardship is about more than our financial support of the church. Grateful for God's saving love in Jesus Christ, his costly grace, we are to be good stewards of all God's gifts to us.

In Romans 12:1 Paul tells us:

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

So Christian stewardship involves taking care of our bodies—being mindful of what we eat and drink, and of the importance of exercise, sleep, and relaxation. In short, taking care of ourselves is a form of stewardship.

And Psalm 24:1 declares:

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

So the world and all its plants and animals, all its rocks and streams, all its stars and planets—all belong to God. And our role is to take care of God's creation, not simply exploit a part of it for our own purposes and then throw it away. And if all the people in the world are God's, then we need to care for the hungry, the sick, the disabled. It can be as simple as delivering a meal to someone in their home, or sending a note to someone who is sick.

Yes, stewardship does mean taking care of God's church financially. But it also means offering our talents in the service of the church, giving our time to a committee, a ministry, or a mission of the church. It could be meaningful for us to put in the offering plate on Sunday a piece of paper with an offering written on the paper: to recycle what I can, visit a shut-in, drive someone to the doctor, eat more mindfully for our health.

In short, let's expand our thinking about stewardship. That might even lead to more financial support.



In Christ's Service,

*John McCallum*

**Beautiful Baby Contest**

May has been designated as Older Adults Month, so your Parish Care Team is sponsoring a Beautiful Baby Contest. Please bring or send a picture of yourself (with your name on the back so we can return it) as soon as possible and as young as possible.

You can cast your vote for the cutest baby at our Mother’s Day/Second Sunday Covered Dish Dinner on May 14th. Three prizes will be awarded, the first prize being a bottle of Geritol Energy Support. You don’t have to be in attendance to win, but we hope you will be there for the fun!

Our 2-Cents-a Meal Offering will be received for Meals on Wheels.

**Mother’s Day Offering**



Nearly 70 years ago, the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina responded to the needs of its older members by opening the Presbyterian Home in Summerville. Today, Presbyterian Communities operates six retirement communities across our state that nearly 1,000 seniors call home.

The Annual Mother’s Day Offering on May 14th assures that those residents who can no longer pay the full cost of care, can continue to call Presbyterian Communities their home.

**May Jar Offering**

Our Jar Offering for May will go to Shalom House. This Christian ministry in Belton provides a safe, stable environment for women for long-term recovery after treatment for addiction to alcohol and drugs.

**Daytrippers’ Next Outing**



Everyone is invited to go to the Twin Creek Lavender Farm at 4638 Midway Road on Friday, June 2, leaving the church at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will follow at the Dolce Vita restaurant on Hwy 81.

**Easter Gathering**



**Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels is in need of individually wrapped desserts such as boxes of Little Debbie snacks, etc. Just drop the desserts in the box in the vestibule. If you would like for someone to purchase items for you, you can put a check marked MOW in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. Monetary donations will also be accepted by Elaine Gilmore.

**Midwaypres.org**



Remember that sermons, recordings of Worship services, bulletins, photos, newsletters, cemetery information, the ability to give online, and more can be found on our church’s website. Take a look; there’s a wealth of information.



**Financial Report as of April 21, 2023**

Budget Needs to Date	\$44,609.60
Budget Receipts to Date	\$54,152.91
Spent to Date	\$50,335.48
Special Offerings	\$ 2,715.24
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$14,679.00

*“People go through three conversions:  
The conversion of their head, their heart,  
and their pocketbook.*

*Unfortunately, not all at the same time.”*

*~~Martin Luther*

**SPRING YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE**



Our very-likely-last yard sale will be on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 a.m. Donations for the sale must be at church no later than Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, and Bake Sale donations should be dropped off on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 and 2:00. If you need baked goods picked up, please call Linda Henderson to arrange that. Our baked goods are always a big hit, and since donations for the yard sale were slim this year, the baked goods might save our bacon, so please consider making something wonderful to contribute to this fundraising effort.

Cookies, brownies, small breads are always a hit, as well as cakes that can be cut in half or even into quarters, since many of our shoppers, like our members, don't have large families at home anymore.



Of course, workers are needed! We'll be setting up on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00. Moving and setting up all the items is a big task, and we could definitely use the help of our church men as well as the ladies. On Saturday help will be needed at the Bake Sale table as well as the check-out table. Please let Linda know if you can be there to help either day/both days. As always, proceeds of this fundraiser will support the Community Life & Mission Committee's outreach efforts. Thank you for any help that you can provide.

**Calvary Home Fundraiser**

Midway has THREE tables of attendees for the "Luminary Gala", a Calvary Home fundraising dinner at The Bleckley Station on Thursday evening, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be provided by Sullivan's Grill. An interesting program will be presented that will shine a light on the darkness of childhood trauma and how Calvary Home has helped illuminate the lives of many youngsters in our community. There will also be a Silent Auction; one of the baskets has been put together and donated in Midway's name. At the moment there are three or four table spaces available at our Midway tables, so if you'd like to sit with us, contact Linda Henderson ASAP. But if our tables fill up, you can still get a "Golden Ticket" to the event by registering online with Calvary Home. This should be a lovely evening as we fellowship together and support one of our valued local charities.



**SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

**Pulpit**

- May 7 Jacky Stamps
- 14 Tom Waddell
- 21 Dee Ashworth
- 28 Linda Mylod

**Head Usher**

- May 7 Dee Ashworth
- 14 Elaine Gilmore
- 21 Marilyn Martin
- 28 Amy Morris

**Sunday School**

**Secretaries**

- May 7 Sammy Stevenson
- 14 Bob Bone
- 21 Amy Morris
- 28 Jacky Stamps



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**



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| May | 3  | Frances Wentzky    |
|     | 9  | Bob Bone           |
|     | 13 | Roz Rozakos        |
|     | 14 | Rudy Wentzky       |
|     | 18 | Jennifer Malmquist |
|     | 23 | Jim Warren         |
|     | 25 | Jim Mylod          |

**“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”**



**Ambassadors Enjoy Lunch @Foothills Presbyterian Community**



**Cindy & Sammy before Session with Cemetery Plot Layout**



**Easter Cross**



**Dogwood in the Lenten Roses Transplanted by Sammy Stevenson from Acuba Plant**



**Greenville’s Flatiron Building @1211 Pendleton Street**

