



# MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

Our Vision Committee has been meeting on a regular basis since early February. The Committee members are: LeNelle Chastain, Donetta Dodwell, Goetz Eaton, Linda Mylod, Jacky Stamps, Keith Wentzky, and myself, as well as Debbie Foster and Pressley Cox from Foothills Presbytery, and Paul Grier and Olanda Carr from the Presbyterian Foundation.

We have been using Joan Gray's book, *Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Re-think Its Mission and Practice*, which emphasizes the importance of relying on the Holy Spirit. Also, we have reflected regularly on Luke 10:1-12, which speaks of "The Mission of the Seventy."

While we will pause for the summer, the Session and its committees will be addressing matters that have come from the Vision Committee. For example, we have identified the need to update the church's cemetery policy in our Manual of Operations. The Administration and Finance Committee is working with the cemetery subcommittee on this matter.

The Vision Committee has suggested that consideration be given to the annexation of our property by the City of Anderson. And the Session is actively exploring the possibility.

The Vision Committee has recognized the need for an enhanced outreach to people in the Midway Community. The Community Life and Mission Committee will be exploring ways to connect with people moving into the new homes near us. And a subcommittee will be looking into developing a social media presence. We would like to let people know about events such as an upcoming class on Advanced Directives utilizing the Five Wishes plan, a class on Dealing with Grief, our Meals on Wheels program, and fun things like Bingo.

These are just a few of the ideas that have come from our Vision Committee meetings. If you have any suggestions, just let me or one of our committee members know. Please pray for the Committee and the endeavors that come from it. And pray as Jesus instructed in Luke 10:2:

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest  
to send out laborers into his harvest."*



Have a blessed June,

*John McCallum*

**“You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby”...**

and the winners of our Beautiful Baby contest were:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Amy Morris
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: John McCallum
- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Sybil Ginn



Jim Ginn is holding Sybil’s winning picture as he and his granddaughter Katherine enjoy Mother’s Day lunch with some of their Midway family. Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to the 27 entrants for taking the time to find and submit their baby pictures. You’re all beautiful in our book!

**Memorial Day—May 29**

Our thanks to Keith Wentzky, and Brian and Kamryn McCormick for putting out the American flags at the cemetery, and also to Jacky Stamps for cleaning the church signs. The flags are placed at grave sites of those who served in the military. Their names are also listed in an insert in the church bulletin the Sunday before Memorial Day.

*“We Gave Our Today,  
In Order That You might Have  
Your Tomorrows.”*



**June Jar Offering**

Our Jar Offering for June will go to the South Main Street Chapel and Mercy Center, an inclusive, non-judgmental church, reaching out to all races and including people from any economic or religious background.

**Pentecost Offering**

The Annual Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, June 18. This offering unites Presbyterians in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. The Session has designated 40% of the monies received to go to Calvary Home for Children.

**Daytrippers’ Outing**

Everyone is invited to go to the Twin Creek Lavender Farm at 4638 Midway Road Friday, June 2, leaving the church at 10:45 a.m. We will tour the lavender field and browse in the shop where you can buy products such as soap, lotions, etc. The charge is \$3 which can be applied to any products that you wish to purchase. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Following the tour of the farm we will have lunch at the Dolce Vita restaurant on Hwy 81.

**Presbytery Meeting**



Jacky Stamps and John McCallum attended the 123rd Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery on Saturday, May 20, at Camp Fellowship, which overlooks Lake Greenwood. The Worship Service was led by young people. Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed a cookout lunch with hamburgers and hotdogs.



**Financial Report as of  
May 19, 2023**

Budget Needs to Date	\$55,762.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$65,105.90
Spent to Date	\$61,386.94
Special Offerings	\$ 3,698.32
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$14,679.00

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,  
not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a  
cheerful giver. ~~2 Corinthians 9:7*

**SPRING YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE**

*“One man’s unwanted goods become another man’s treasures”*

This version of the old adage is always proven true at our annual yard sales! On May 6<sup>th</sup> another successful fundraiser was held, thanks to the item donations, baked goods, and members’ efforts put into our 2023 Spring Yard Sale. \$1600 was raised for Midway’s Outreach programs, and our “customers” left with either delicious treats, great deals on the gently-used items, or in most cases, both.



Thank you to everyone who helped – most especially to Kitty Burge who spent many days pricing the yard sale items. Some of the leftover items have been taken to The Savvy Sister consignment store; more Outreach funds may be raised from purchases made there. The items that weren’t appropriate for Savvy Sister were picked up by the Haven of Rest and will hopefully find new homes through their thrift stores.

**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.

**Volunteers are needed to help with Midway’s Meals on Wheels Route.** It only takes 1½ - 2 hours. If you are willing to help, please see Elaine Gilmore.

**SCHEDULE FOR JUNE**

**Pulpit**

- June 4 Roz Rozakos
- 11 Jacky Stamps
- 18 Tom Waddell
- 25 Dee Ashworth

**Head Usher**

- June 4 Jacky Stamps
- 11 Tom Waddell
- 18 Keith Wentzky
- 25 Elaine Gilmore

**Sunday School**

**Secretaries**

- June 4 Sammy Stevenson
- 11 Bob Bone
- 18 Amy Morris
- 25 Jacky Stamps



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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|----|---------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Jim Ginn      | 20 | Frank Stevenson |
| 6  | John McCallum |    | Jim White       |
| 10 | Donna Beaver  | 28 | Joyce Wentzky   |
| 20 | Bryan Lyndon  |    |                 |

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

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|----|-----------------------|------|
| 2  | Joey & Amy Morris     | 39th |
| 9  | Sammy & Carol Wentzky | 56th |
| 13 | Wayne & Beth Croft    | 47th |



**“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”**



**Alan Webb at Workday**



**Happy Bunch at Yard Sale**



**Parish Care Team enjoy Lunch at Rose Dining Hall**



**Beautiful Knockout Roses**



**LeNelle, Jim Rosenberger and Kim Waldkirch at Calvary Home for Children Fundraising Gala**



**Midway Cows Should Not Go Hungry**