

# **MIDWAY MESSENGER**

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Dear Friends,

The Fourth of July is fast approaching, and many will mark it with picnics, visits with loved ones, and TV specials. There will be flags and fireworks, parades and pageantry. But I wonder how many will actually reflect on what this day means. How many will feel grateful for the freedoms we know? How many will prayerfully give thanks for our liberty and for those who have given their lives to gain and defend it?

Perhaps a visit to one of the many historical sites of The Revolution would be a good way to kindle the fire of a true July Fourth celebration. Several years ago Hazel and I bought a book on touring South Carolina's Revolutionary War sites and enjoyed visiting many of them. Places like Kings Mountain National Military Park and Cowpens National Battlefield. We had driven by those sites numerous times on Highway 85 between Spartanburg and Charlotte and never paid any attention to the rich history so very nearby. Then there was Musgrove Mill Historic Site near Clinton and Blackstock Battlefield near Enoree.

Amazingly, there were over 200 Revolutionary War battles fought in South Carolina. Many of our old church cemeteries will have flags placed at the gravesites of soldiers who died in the Revolutionary War. The Greenville Presbyterian Church at Donalds, South Carolina, is one that we've visited. You don't have to travel far to learn a lot of history, and gain a new appreciation for the freedom we so easily take for granted.

David McCullough in his book, *1776*, describes how difficult gaining our freedom actually was:

The war was a longer, far more arduous, and more painful struggle than later generations would understand or sufficiently appreciate. By the time it ended, it had taken the lives of an estimated 25,000 Americans, or roughly 1 percent of the population. In percentage of lives lost, it was the most costly war in American history, except for the Civil War.

Especially for those who had been with Washington and who knew what a close call it was at the beginning—how often circumstances, storms, contrary winds, the oddities or strengths of individual character had made the difference—the outcome seemed little short of a miracle.

Something to contemplate.

Happy Fourth of July!



John McCallum



## **Congregational Dinner**

Our next Congregational Dinner will be held following Worship on July 9. It will feature hot dogs and trimmings. Please see Dee Ashworth for a sign-up sheet. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for the Anderson Emergency Soup Kitchen.



Midway's Turkey

#### **Perpetual Cemetery Care**

Paul Grier, a Presbyterian Foundation Vice-President and Elder at Greenville's Westminster Church, will be leading a workshop on July 25 on the perpetual care of church cemeteries. The meeting will be held at John Knox Church in Greenville at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

#### July Jar Offering

**Our Jar Offering** for the first four Sundays in July will go to The Champion Center for Special Children (formerly DCEC). This is the only Preschool/Day Center that serves children with special needs and different abilities in Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee Counties. The Jar Offering for the fifth Sunday will go the Emergency Soup Kitchen.

## **Health Note:**

"A balanced diet is an ice-cream cone in each hand."



Lavender Blue (Dilly, Dilly)



**Tom & Terry Waddell** 

On Friday, June 2, ten Daytrippers gathered at Twin Creek Lavender Farm for a tour of the farm and facilities. Afterwards twelve of us met at Dolce Vita Restaurant on Highway 81 for lunch.



Jim Ginn "The Honorable Mayor of Wal-Mart" Back in the Day



Financial Report as of June 23, 2023

Budget Needs to Date	
Budget Receipts to Date	
Spent to Date	
Special Offerings	
Heat & A/C Offerings	

\$69,702.50 \$77,473.52 \$76,807.29 \$ 4,507.23 \$14,679.00

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. ~Colossians 3:23-24



## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSION**

## Bleeding Disorders Association of S.C.

50 years ago the Hemophilia of South Carolina Chapter was organized. Several families attended in Columbia, the center of the state. Now, the name of the organization has changed to Bleeding Disorders Association of S.C.

On June 9, 2023 the 50th annual meeting was held in Greenville. Dr. Bobby Tran was the keynote speaker, explaining the history of hemophilia as far back as Bible days up until now and that research has greatly improved treatment for newly diagnosed persons.

Our family had a journey of learning to live with limited access to treatment to stop bleeding episodes.

Midway's loving friends, families and pastors greatly helped raise our son, Kim, to be the precious person he was. He lived 37 hears.

God bless you for supporting the chapter. Frank & Joyce Wentzky



## Outreach for July Good Neighbor Cupboard

We will collect groceries throughout the summer for Good Neighbor Cupboard, especially since our local youngsters will be out of school and in greater need of food.

**\*\*Cereals, pop tarts, jelly, peanut butter,** canned raviolis or SpaghettiO's, and similar items that they can fix for themselves if their parents are at work, would be greatly appreciated.

## SCHEDULE FOR JULY

#### <u>Pulpit</u>

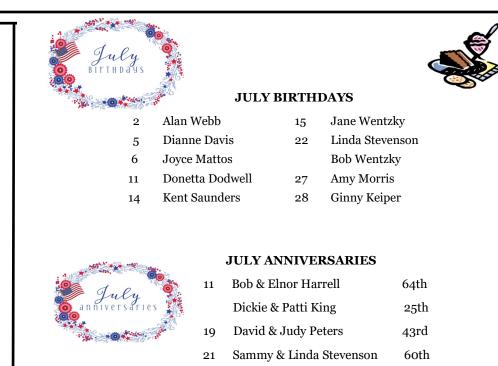
- July 2 Linda Mylod
  - 9 Roz Rozakos
  - 16 Jacky Stamps
  - 23 Tom Waddell
  - 30 Dee Ashworth

## Head Usher

- July 2 Dee Ashworth
  - 9 Marilyn Martin
  - 16 Amy Morris
  - 23 Jacky Stamps
  - 30 Tom Waddell

## Sunday School Secretaries

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



## "WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"



Kent & Chrissie Saunders' Garden



"If the Hat Fits, Wear It"



**Cindy Evans and Her Grandkids** 



John's Early Produce



Anna May Potter's Beautiful Garden



The Dodwell's "First Picking"