



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



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	\$69,702.50
Budget Receipts to Date	\$77,473.52
Spent to Date	\$76,807.29
Special Offerings	\$ 4,507.23
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$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 years.

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



Food Donations

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

Pulpit

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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Alan Webb	15	Jane Wentzky
5	Dianne Davis	22	Linda Stevenson
6	Joyce Mattos		Bob Wentzky
11	Donetta Dodwell	27	Amy Morris
14	Kent Saunders	28	Ginny Keiper



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

11	Bob & Elnor Harrell	64th
	Dickie & Patti King	25th
19	David & Judy Peters	43rd
21	Sammy & Linda Stevenson	60th

“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”