



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

The Session recently approved a Stewardship Program that includes the following:

1. That the pastor is to preach quarterly on stewardship.
2. That Elders will be invited to write an article in the newsletter on “What Stewardship Means to Me.” (See page 2)
3. That we promote a Dedication Sunday in the Fall when members will be asked to submit a Commitment for the coming year. The Commitment will not be just about money, but also time and talent.

Research indicates that people who write out their intentions on a “Pledge Card” give nearly twice as much as people who don’t. According to the Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterians give about 2% of their income. What percentage are you giving? If it is 2%, I encourage you to consider if you could increase that to 3% or more. Are we living up to our potential as faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us?

Our Stewardship Program is not so much about raising money to meet the needs and goals of our budget, as it is about encouraging members to grow in grace. To grow in relationship with Christ.

It is said that stewardship is what we do after we say that we believe. Let us all take steps to that end, to know “Just a Closer Walk with Thee.”

In His Service,

John McCallum





**What Stewardship Means to Me
by Jacky Stamps**

Leviticus 27:30 declares, “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 says that God loves a cheerful giver, and Paul notes that giving should not be done so “reluctantly” or “under compulsion.” Tithing is a calling from God. It is our duty as Christians to give back to God His tithes and our offerings. Each Sunday when I am the Elder in the pulpit, I use these words prior to the offertory prayer when the ushers are asked to come forward. This is not original to me. I heard one of our deceased members, Bill Kay’s mother Missy Kay, use this statement many times. I truly believe that we should give back to God His tithes and our offerings.

I was once asked by a friend if Brenda and I gave based on our gross income or net income. I answered by asking her if she wanted to be blessed on her gross income or net income. Brenda and I believe we should give based on our gross income. As we enter the Stewardship Season, we need to remember that stewardship is three-fold. Giving of His tithes and our offerings is just one thing we are called by God to render unto Him what is His. We are also called to give of our time and talents. Let us always remember that “God is good all the time.”

Blessing of the Animals



The Community Life and Mission Committee is planning a Blessing of the Animals Service for Saturday, October 14. Members and friends are invited to bring their furry friends to the Outdoor Worship Area between the church sign and the basketball courts. Donations will go to the Anderson County Humane Society.



Defibrillator

Midway Presbyterian Church has recently purchased a Philips Onsite Defibrillator as authorized by the Session. This defibrillator is light weight and indicated to treat victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Thank you to Jacky Stamps for mounting it in the hall between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. You will find these defibrillators in many public places such as churches, schools, sporting events, and airports as they allow even untrained people to save lives by following the verbal prompts. Prayers and God willing we will never have to use it. I met with the Session on Sunday, August 20th for an introduction to the defibrillator. I am available and happy to discuss it with anyone who is interested. Randi Rexroad

Congregational Dinner

Our Congregational Dinner on September 10 will be Covered Dish, so bring your favorite dish to share with others.



Rally Day

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 10. During Worship, Sunday School teachers will be recognized, and Earle King will be recognized for 73 years of faithful attendance.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is October 1 and the Annual Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received. The Session has voted for our 25% to provide needed supplies for the students in the Anderson School District 5’s Homeless Kids Program.



**Financial Report as of
August 24, 2023**

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 98,709.64
Budget Receipts to Date	\$103,723.98
Spent to Date	\$102,418.49
Special Offerings	\$ 5,637.71
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$ 14,879.00

*Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings .”
~Malachi 3:8*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSION Outreach for September

Calvary Home Donations

Some of the monies raised at this year's yard sale were spent to purchase needed Fall and Winter clothing for the youngsters at Calvary Home. Five hooded jackets, a fleece jacket, a lovely fluffy coat, along with a vest & matching top, a 3-piece girl's outfit, hat, shoes and sneakers, plus boys' and girls' underwear were delivered to Calvary Home this month. The total cost was only \$215, due to efficient shopping by our committee members. We wanted everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts to see how some of the joy is being shared.

FYI: Calvary Home is behind budget for the year and could use some financial support. Their Executive Director asked if we would spread that word to family and friends. The current economic strain on everyone's personal budget spills over to the charities we support. When groceries and gas prices go up, discretionary spending goes down, and contributions take a hit.



SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Pulpit

Sept. 3 Dee Ashworth
10 Linda Mylod
17 Roz Rozakos
24 Jacky Stamps

Head Usher

Sept. 3 Amy Morris
10 Jacky Stamps
17 Tom Waddell
24 Dee Ashworth

Sunday School

Secretaries

Sept. 3 Bob Bone
10 Amy Morris
17 Jacky Stamps
24 Sammy Stevenson



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Marilyn Mamrick	24	Cindy Evans
5	Cindy Wentzky		Carol Wentzky
13	Rita King	25	Patty King
23	Linda Mylod	27	Terry Waddell



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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Marilyn Mamrick & Marilyn Martin Delivered the Jar Offering check to the Champion Center



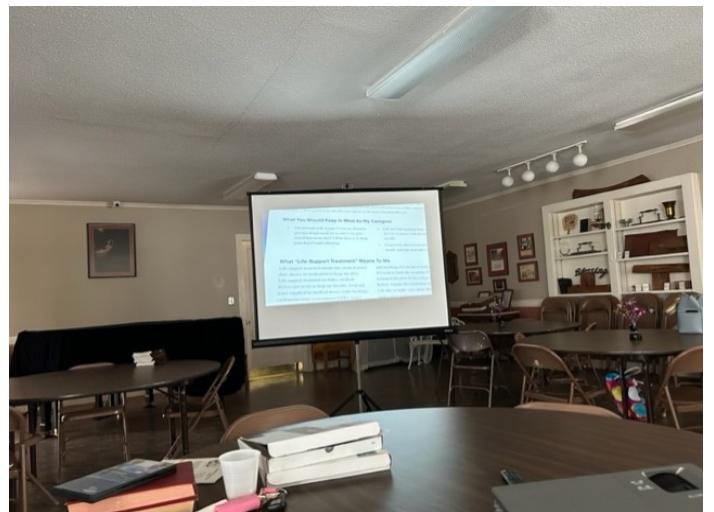
John & Hazel's Cup Plant & Crape Myrtle



Trees felled in Storm



Five Wishes Workshop



Game Day



We had 24 adults, plus the Rexroad granddaughters, in attendance at the August 2 Bingo game, and 15 of them were visitors—the most we've had at one Game Day. A couple of the visitors even brought gift donations for our Prize Table, which was incredibly generous of them. Great thanks to Kent and Chrissie Saunders for their dedication to changing our church sign each week—that's how the visitors knew about the Bingo game, so it's an important communication tool.

District 5 Homeless Kids Program Donations



For the past few years, we've purchased clothing, toiletries and gift cards for the youngsters in this program, and we've brought the gifts to them in December. This year we delivered the toiletries in August, so the students could make use of them now. The toiletries included 72 bars of soap, 12 toothbrushes, 12 toothpastes, 12 men's deodorant, 12 women's deodorant, and 18 full-size bottles of shampoo, at a cost of \$145. We also delivered 4 pairs of jeans and some lighter-weight sweatshirts, saving the heavier clothing for delivery with the gift cards, closer to Christmas. As always, great thanks to all who support our fundraising efforts and the outreach of your Community Life & Missions Committee.