



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

That time of year thou mayst in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruined choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.

~Shakespeare (Sonnet 73)

Well, fall is officially here—making its arrival on September 23. Yet, it’s hard for some of us to believe that summer has come and gone. Worse than that, local peaches have come and gone. But don’t despair, apples are abundant now. And you know what they say: “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.”

Happily, there’s much to love about October. The leaves of red, orange, and yellow can just about take your breath away. The warm days and cool nights of autumn are a joy—Indian Summer.

In the church, the first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday. It’s a day when we join with Christians throughout the world in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It’s also the day that we receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

The Blessing of the Animals Service scheduled for Saturday, October 14, is an event that has become a tradition at Midway. It’s a time to remember St. Francis of Assisi and his care for animals. A time to reflect on beloved pets that provide sustaining companionship to people in a variety of life stages. Trained dogs help find the lost and injured, as well as the fleeing criminals. We support the Anderson Humane Society—its care for abandoned animals. As we bless our furry friends, we in turn are also blessed.

My friends, let us cherish this rich and wonderful month of October. Before we know it, it will have come and gone. Leaving us with winter knocking on the door.



Blessings,

John McCallum



In Memoriam

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of a dear friend of Midway who has entered the home that Christ has prepared for him. (John 14:1-3):

Jim Warren September 23, 2023



**What Stewardship Means to Me
by Marilyn Martin**

I have heard the word "stewardship" several times at Midway Presbyterian Church, but I had to look up the definition as I did not know the meaning of the word. The biblical meaning is "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."

Another definition says that "stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts." And lastly, "the four things we steward on a regular basis are: our money, our time, our energy, and our influence."

The most important part about stewardship, to me, is being generous with our money. Tithing is not a choice. It is a commandment. God gives us 100% but is only asking for 10% back. A church needs to be run like a business. A business will not stay open long if it spends more money than it takes in. I want to know that Midway Presbyterian Church will have its doors open, long after we are gone, due to the generous giving of our tithes and offerings.

Midway Guests

Background: Larisa Mistrean is an associate professor of finance at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova. Professor Mistrean will be a Fulbright Scholar at Anderson University during the spring semester 2024.

Request: Larisa and her daughter (Bianca-Francesca) will live in the Midway Presbyterian Church manse during their stay. The manse is set up as an office. If you would like to donate/loan any of the following it would be greatly appreciated: twin bed(s), dresser(s), hot plate/electric skillet, shower rod & curtain, bathroom trash cans.



Olanda Carr from The Presbyterian Foundation and Pressley Cox from Foothills Presbytery have been working with the Vision Team.

World Communion Sunday



October 1 is World Communion Sunday. During Worship, we will receive the Annual Peace and Global Witness Offering. Through this offering, we join with many other Presbyterians to share Christ's peace with people in need here and throughout the world. The Session has designated our 25% to provide supplies to District 5's Homeless Children Program.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held following Worship on Sunday, October 1. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Officer Nominating Committee. The Committee will place in nomination for Elders in the Class of 2026 the following members: Bob Bone, Elaine Gilmore, and Kent Saunders.

Second Sunday Dinner



Our Congregational Dinner on October 8 will feature soups and sandwiches. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Presbytery Cents-Ability, which supports a number of charitable organizations,, including S. Main Street Chapel & Mercy Center and Faith Presbyterian Church's Food Bank in Williamson.

Blessing of the Animals



On Saturday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m. Midway will host our 6th Blessing of the Animals Service. Members and friends are invited to bring their pets to the Outdoor Worship Area, between the church sign and the tennis courts. Donations will be received for the Anderson County Humane Society.

**Financial Report as of
September 22, 2023**

Budget Needs to Date	\$111,644.16
Budget Receipts to Date	\$115,055.21
Spent to Date	\$117,365.63
Special Offerings	\$ 5,990.72
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$15,079.00

*Faithful Stewardship and Gratitude
go hand-in-hand.*

Outreach for October

Save The Date!

A fundraising Fall Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, October 28, with a mini-Christmas fair. We're asking our members to look through their holiday décor to hopefully find some FIRST RATE Fall and Christmas items for us to sell. Smaller items can be put together into holiday baskets; **all item donations must be received by Sunday, October 15**, to give us time to arrange the baskets. Also, please mark your calendars to bake-like-your-life-depends-upon-it for this year's Bake Sale. Funds raised will help us share some Christmas joy with many young people in need in the Anderson area, to bring a little joy directly to the lives of these youngsters. Hopefully a child will see God's love through the caring generosity of strangers.

From our friend and former Midway member Anne Dulaney who moved to FL but was recently visiting her family in Anderson.

(As most of you will remember, Mark Sears is Joan's son who now lives at Poinsett Nursing Home in Greenville. Mark is 100% bedridden and unable to verbally communicate.)

I had a long, pleasant visit with Mark, talking with him for over an hour. I told him of all the development in the area and how sad I felt seeing Bill Kay's house gone and missing all the big rolls of hay. I named a dozen Kentucky basketball players (Mark's favorite team) who went on to the NBA. Mark held up his fingers if he remembered them. Then I named the best Braves players that were traded last year and named players with the most home runs this year. I told him all the things my son David was doing at the shop he has built. Mark could smile and lift fingers to communicate. I brought a bag of all the goodies he used to love, but the nursing home won't let him have anything by mouth, which was disappointing. I gave him a kiss on the forehead, like I always did when we visited at his home, and he gave me a huge smile. All of the caregivers at Poinsett say he is a wonderfully sweet and cooperative patient.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Pulpit

- Oct. 1 Tom Waddell
- 8 Dee Ashworth
- 15 Linda Mylod
- 22 Roz Rozakos
- 29 Jacky Stamps

Head Usher

- Oct. 1 Dee Ashworth
- 8 Elaine Gilmore
- 15 Marilyn Martin
- 22 Amy Morris
- 29 Tom Waddell

Sunday School

Secretaries

- Oct. 1 Bob Bone
- 8 Amy Morris
- 15 Jacky Stamps
- 22 Sammy Stevenson
- 29 Bob Bone



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 6 Carolyn Warren | 18 Jean Smith |
| 11 Marilyn Martin | 19 Linda Barnes |
| Joey Morris | 24 Mark Sears |
| 16 Traci Webb | 27 Elaine Gilmore |



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 9 Pete & Roz Rozakos | 13th |
| 24 Gary & Dee Ashworth | 42nd |



The Waddell's Encore Azaleas



Small Church Leaders Meeting at Presbytery Office



Keith Wentzky and Eddie Reid clearing Fallen Tree



Patty King being Baptized in the Jordan River



Fellowship with Anne Dulaney who visited for Worship & 2nd Sunday Dinner



Legacy Academy Students