



# MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

On Friday, October 20, a letter was sent out to members along with a pledge card. You are asked to complete the cards and place them in the offering plate during Worship on November 5—this day being designated by the Session as “Gratitude Sunday.” If you cannot be present that Sunday, you can mail or turn in your card to the church office.

As noted in the letter, my sermon that Sunday will be entitled “The Grace of a Grateful Heart.” It’s a grace that should be especially relevant to us at Thanksgiving. Not just for one holiday, but for all the days of our lives. Day by day we can be thankful for food, clothes, and home. For our five senses. For friends and loved ones. For the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Midway Presbyterian Church. For all our freedoms. So many blessings, so easily overlooked or taken for granted.

John Calvin said that,

*Gratitude constitutes the chief exercise of godliness, in which God would have us to be engaged the whole of our lives.*

*(Calvin’s Commentary on Psalms 50:23)*

German pastor Martin Rinkark (1586-1649) wrote a great hymn of thanksgiving during the Thirty Years War (1616-1646) that decimated much of Europe. At the peak of the turmoil, he conducted as many as 50 funerals a day. Yet in the midst of this heartbreaking time, he wrote:

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*(“Now Thank We All Our God,” v. 1)*



Happy Thanksgiving!

*John McCallum*

## Bake Sale/Holiday Mini-Fair



Thank you to everyone who brought item donations for the October 28<sup>th</sup> mini-fair. Please bake something the week of October 22 and bring your baked donations to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, between 10:00 a.m. and noon. If you need them picked up, please call Linda Mylod at 402-9084. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about the Bake Sale and Holiday Fair on Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Come early to get the best baked goods and to shop from our nice selection of holiday décor plus a small selection of housewares.

Remember: This fundraiser will purchase some Christmas joy for area youngsters in need, and will reflect Christ's love for them. Thank you for your support.

### Blessing of the Animals Service

There were 22 people and 14 dogs in attendance at our Blessing of the Animals Service on October 14. Our thanks to Terry Waddell, Elaine Gilmore, and all those who helped. \$242.00 was contributed to Animal Shelters in Anderson County. See Photos on page 4.

### Pastor Appreciation Day

John and Hazel McCallum wish to express their gratitude for the generous gifts they received on Pastor Appreciation Day, October 15. Hazel will treasure the Pastor's Wife memento, and they will use the monetary gifts for a special outing.



### Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 4.



## What Stewardship Means to Me by Marilyn Mamrick

We give of our time, talents, and money to the church. Upon visiting the Champion Center for Special Children (formally the Development Center for Exceptional Children), my heart went out to the handicapped students and their teachers. It certainly takes a special person to know how to teach and handle these students. Some of the money we gave through our Jar Offerings, donations, and our yard sales were used to purchase special equipment that the teachers used with the children for various activities. Without the special equipment, these students would not have been able to participate in the activities.

Some of our monies from the yard sale were spent to purchase needed Fall and Winter clothing for youngsters at Calvary Home for Children. They are behind on their budget right now and could use more financial support.

The need in our community is great. Our generosity provides help, hope, and stability. Sometimes it is a good night's rest, a hot meal, clean clothes, opportunities for pastoral counseling and Christian worship.

We need to give back to God through our tithes, offerings, time, and talents. God is good to us all the time. Be a cheerful giver!



### Mark Your Calendar

Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 12, in the Fellowship Hall following Worship

Catered Christmas Dinner

Friday December 8, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Financial Report as of October 20, 2023

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 124,578.68
Budget Receipts to Date	\$126,640.63
Spent to Date	\$131,654.96
Special Offerings	\$ 7,707.91
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$ 15,079.00

*"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."*

*~Billy Graham*



Frank Wentzky with family receiving a Quilt of Valor for service in the Army



Kitty, Roz & Linda setting up for the Greek Festival

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

A catered buffet dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 8, and will include baked turkey, glazed ham, sweet potato soufflé, mashed potatoes with gravy, baked mac and cheese, and Southern green beans. The church ladies will be providing desserts. The cost will be \$15 per person. If anyone feels unable to attend because of the cost, please talk with LeNelle or Linda Mylod so we can work that out for you. We dearly want all of our church family to be there since it will be the last Christmas party that John and Hazel will be celebrating with us, so that will make it special, albeit sad.

**SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER**

**Pulpit**

- Nov. 5 Tom Waddell
- 12 Dee Ashworth
- 19 Linda Mylod
- 26 Roz Rozakos

**Head Usher**

- Nov. 5 Jacky Stamps
- 12 Keith Wentzky
- 19 Dee Ashworth
- 26 Elaine Gilmore

**Sunday School Secretaries**

- Nov. 5 Amy Morris
- 12 Jacky Stamps
- 19 Sammy Stevenson
- 26 Bob Bone



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Will Greer
- Ivy Preuss
- 8 Sammy Stevenson
- 20 Keith Wentzky



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 14 Tommy & Gail Alewine 43rd
- 26 Jacky & Brenda Stamps 47th

# WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



**Matt King, Mary Craft, Rita King & Pawley**



**John Blessing Quinn with Kent & Linda Barnes**



**Tom, Terry & Carolyn with Walter**



**Randi, Pax, Hershey, & John**



**Linda Barnes with Quinn & Chrissie with Layla & Roxi**



**Goetz with Cindy Evans' dog, Buddy**