



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Friends in Christ,

Midway will be holding a Spring Festival on May 4th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. As you have seen in the bulletin and in other announcements in this newsletter there will be a ‘little something for everyone’ with tie dye t-shirts and games for children, bingo, grilled hotdog plates available for anyone who is hungry and a bake sale with delicious homemade treats. As you might imagine, many hands are needed to help with all these activities so if you possibly can, please come and help with setting up on Friday and especially on Saturday. Even if you can not help with the games, there will be ways you can help by assisting in other areas.

The Spring Festival is a fundraiser, but it is also an opportunity to offer something to the community and to meet some of our neighbors who might not have come to other services or events. It is impossible not to see that the neighborhood around the church is quickly changing from rural to suburban and while there is a wide range of feeling about these changes they are coming. Even though these new neighbors are not yet here, the Spring Festival is an opportunity to begin to welcome them by letting people see what a welcoming place Midway Presbyterian Church is in this community.

Hospitality is a Sabbath practice and a spiritual discipline. Part of hospitality is letting people know they are seen and valued as children of God. Midway is good at welcoming people when they join us for worship and in other ways that are less obvious. The jar offering given each month for local ministries and helping agencies and delivering Meals on Wheels is a way of extending hospitality and letting people know they are valued.

The Midway Church has been a special place in this community for a very long time. The Spring Festival, like previous events, is another way to celebrate the community and our place in it on a (hopefully) beautiful spring day. Hope to see you – and our neighbors there!



Grace and peace,
Peggy





“2024 Spring Festival”

May 4, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Church Ladies Bake Sale
\$5 Hot Dog Plates
Children’s Games Outside
Bingo Inside

Bring your children, grandchildren, the neighbors’ children and grandchildren! Share in the fun of our first Community Spring Festival. Have lunch, play Bingo, buy some home-baked goodies for the weekend, and support our mini-fundraiser.

Large yard sale items; 2 couches, card table, chairs & odd tables, bookshelves/shelving units, TV trays.

Rain Date May 11

Daytrippers

The Daytrippers will be going to the Oasis Ranch Miniature Golf in Seneca on May 15, at 10:00 a.m. Lunch afterwards at either Crystal River or The Lighthouse on Lake Hartwell. Contact Terry Waddell if interested in participating.

Lunch Bunch



We had 16 at our gathering at Smokin’ Pig in April. Our next Lunch Bunch will be on May 8, at 1:00 p.m. at Golden Corral. We hope everyone can join in the fellowship. Don’t hesitate to let us know if you need a ride; carpooling is the economical and ecologically-friendly thing to do!



The Importance of Stewardship

by Amy Morris

God is so good! He has blessed me and my family in so many ways and I am truly grateful for each and every blessing large and small. I am blessed to call Midway Presbyterian Church my spiritual home and its members, my faith family. In this light, stewardship to me is a joyful responsibility, not a burden. I choose to honor Him by using my talents gifted from God, to serve His Church. I believe a successful steward is proactive in giving of their time, talent and money and truly wants to care for, provide for and contribute to something because it holds value to them. Midway Presbyterian Church is important enough to me to choose to faithfully tithe and budget for it ahead of time, not give what is left over. God has entrusted His followers to be stewards of all of our gifts. In this way we will glorify God and honor God’s creation. Colossians 3:23-24 says “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Bingo

Our Next Bingo Day will be Wednesday, June 5, at 1:00 p.m. Join us for fun and fellowship, and bring your friends and family members

**Second Sunday Dinner
(more pictures on page 4)**



Brenda Masters, Jean Smith, Jerry & Peggy Swann



**Financial Report as of
April 25, 2024**

Budget Needs to Date	\$48,240.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$45,938.23
Spent to Date	\$51,429.09
Special Offerings	\$ 2,178.90

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

~Luke 6:38



Community Outreach and Mission

May Jar Offering

Our Jar Offering for May will go to The Shalom House. This Christian ministry in Belton provides a safe, stable environment for women for long-term recovery after treatment for addiction to alcohol and drugs.

Gratitude Corner:

Notes we received from:



Major Joseph Irvin, The Salvation Army

Thank you so much for the generosity you've shown this past year to people in need, right here in Anderson County. You've helped put food on the table for people who were going hungry. You've helped struggling seniors stretch their pennies to make ends meet. You've helped provide emergency assistance for families overwhelmed by the high cost of living. You've shined a light of hope for people who felt broken...and lost. Your generosity has brought practical and much-needed help to people in Anderson County.

Thank you, and may God bless you.

Rebecca Cox, Thornwell

Dear friends at Midway, We hope you all had a blessed Easter and are enjoying this beautiful spring season! Thank you for bringing hope and healing to those we serve!

Mark D. Lebow, National Chairman, Magen David Adom

Dear Friends, We're writing to thank you again for the gift that Midway Presbyterian Church made in the aftermath of the October 7 Hamas attacks in Israel. We want to express our gratitude for your generosity. Your support meant so much to the Israeli people, providing crucial medical equipment and supplies when it was needed most.

SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Pulpit

- May 5 Bob Bone
- 12 Kent Saunders
- 19 Tom Waddell
- 26 Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

- May 5 Amy Morris
- 12 Tom Waddell
- 19 Keith Wentzky
- 28 Marilyn Martin

Sunday School Secretaries

- May 5 Sammy Stevenson
- 12 Amy Morris
- 19 Sammy Stevenson
- 26 Bob Bone



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 9 Bob Bone
- 13 Roz Rozakos
- 14 Rudy Wentzky
- Dickie King
- 25 Jim Mylod

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Easter Sunrise Service



Beautiful Dogwoods



28 Members and Guests enjoyed our 2nd Sunday Lunch on April 14 and supported Meals on Wheels with the 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Sunrise Breakfast



**Linda Spoerry, Peggy Swann, Kitty Burge,
Linda Mylod, Terry & Tom Waddell**



Marilyn Mamrick & Bob Bone

Nine members enjoyed dinner and inspirational Calvary Home presentations at their 2024 Gala fundraiser.