



# MIDWAY MESSENGER

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Friends in Christ,

With the Memorial Day weekend behind us, summer has officially begun. The season is the traditional time for vacations, family reunions, and opportunities for being outdoors. Hopefully in these months you will find time to enjoy these things but also time to gear down, relax, and enjoy the beauty of this area that we are blessed to call home.

There are several good online sources of devotional materials that you may want to try whether home during these days or traveling. The denominational website offers several good resources available at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotions/>. The daily lectionary is a two-year cycle that moves through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice along with psalms for morning and evening readings. This can be emailed to you each day. The same webpage has a link to the Mission Yearbook with stories of Presbyterian Missions here and abroad. Two other online devotionals you may want to try are: Pray As You Go <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> which has beautiful pictures accompanying the devotional and d365 <https://d365.org/> which has a daily devotional based on a Sunday lectionary reading for that week.

Summer can also be a time when church finances are impacted by a decrease in attendance. As you will see in another place in the newsletter, receipts are already running behind expenses. The session is working hard to keep expenses down and continues to look for ways to increase revenue. Mission giving is important to this congregation. In addition to special offerings such as the Pentecost offering to benefit children and youth and the Jar offering for local missions, the budget includes missions giving. The Spring Festival brought in enough to meet the budgeted amount for benevolent commitments for the first half of the year. It is hoped that going forward, this giving can be funded through offerings and revenue from events such as the Spring Festival will be an opportunity for 'extra' giving to missions.

Whatever your plans for the summer, may these days bring opportunities and blessings.



Grace and peace,  
Peggy





### Lunch Bunch

Our next Lunch Bunch outing will be on Thursday, June 6th, at The Gray House, 111 Stones Throw Avenue in Starr. Since lunch is only served until 2:00, we'll meet at 12:30 rather than our usual 1:00.

Terry has confirmed with the owner that they can accommodate a dozen or more of us that day. If you haven't been to the Gray House, you're in for a treat. They offer lunch specials for \$12 that include your entree, bread **and** dessert. There's always more than one entree to choose from, and those of us who have eaten there in the past have never had a disappointing meal. Carpooling will be available.

The three Lunch Bunch get-togethers that we've had so far this year have been very enjoyable, so mark your calendars and plan to join us on the 6th for good food and good fellowship.

### New Member

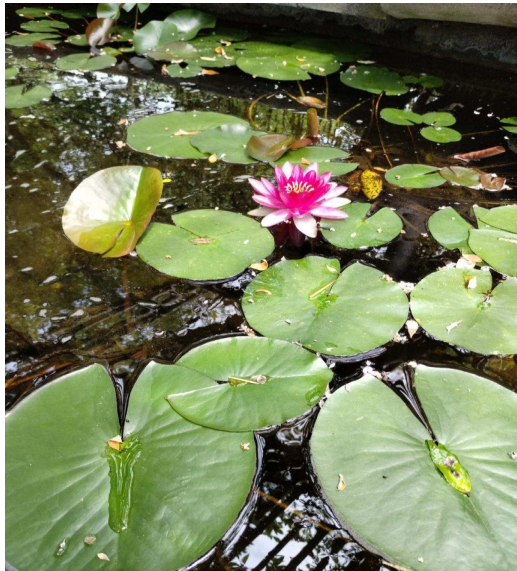
We welcomed Linda Spoerry into membership by Reaffirmation of Faith on April 21, 2024.

### Second Sunday Dinner

Our Second Sunday Dinner will be June 14. This will be covered dish so bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the fellowship.



### Koi Pond at the Oasis Ranch Miniature Putt Putt Golf Course



Daytrippers Ray & Ginny Keiper, Marilyn Mamrick, Tom & Terry Waddell and friend Harriett, Jerry & Peggy Swann & Cindy Wentzky enjoyed the day at Oasis Ranch Miniature Putt Putt Golf Course in Seneca on Wednesday, May 22. Kitty Burge and Linda Mylod joined them for lunch at Ye Old Sandwich Shop for lunch. It was such a fun time and another trip will be planned for the fall.



### The Importance of Stewardship

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7 *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

The act of giving holds a special place in God's heart. This passage from Corinthians reminds us that God cares about the way we share what we have. He delights in cheerful givers who act with a joyful heart and willing spirit. When we give grudgingly or out of duty, we miss the delight of aligning our heart with God's generous nature. Sharing with others should be seen as a privilege, not a burden but an opportunity to participate in God's work - to be His hands and feet by meeting the needs of those around us.

The condition of our heart, not the size of our gift, is what determines how the Lord views what we offer. Giving cheerfully reflects gratitude for His blessings and trust in His provision. It acknowledges that everything we have belongs to God and we are merely stewards. So, allow the joy of giving to fill your heart as you partner with God in blessing others. And remember, it's not about the dollar amount but the love behind your gift.

We must ask God where He is inviting us to generously give to others, just as He generously gives to us. And then we must faithfully and obediently execute His will.



### Congratulations to T.L. Hanna Graduates:

**Bryson Acker** (grandson of Dee & Gary Ashworth)  
He will be attending Tri County Tech.

**Madison Okey** (granddaughter of Bill & Randi Rexroad)  
She will be attending Clemson University.

**Blaine Wentzky** (grandson of Sammy & Carol Wentzky)  
He will be attending Tri County Tech.

### 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.



### Financial Report as of May 24, 2024

Budget Needs to Date	\$60,300.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$55,327.29
Spent to Date	\$61,243.36
Special Offerings	\$ 3,192.16

*"We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give."*

~ Winston Churchill



## Community Outreach and Mission

### June Jar Offering & 2nd Quarter 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in June will go to the South Main Street Chapel & Mercy Center, an inclusive, nonjudgmental church reaching out to all races and including people from any economic or religious background.

Our Fifth Sunday Jar Offering will go to the Blue Dragonfly which provides hope to juvenile victims of human trafficking.

Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for the 2nd Quarter will go to Meals on Wheels.

#### Gratitude Corner:

##### Notes we received from:



##### **Suzanne Martin, Executive Director, Bleeding Disorders Association of SC**

*On behalf of Bleeding Disorders Association of SC, I would like to thank you personally for your generous donation. We are truly honored to have your support! Our hearts are overwhelmed and our members will be grateful that your support will continue to allow families and individuals diagnosed with bleeding disorders in SC receive the educational programs and support services we provide to help them strive to live high quality lives, despite living with the impacts that a bleeding disorder may have. Again, thank you!*

#### SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

##### Pulpit

- June 2 Bob Bone
- 9 Kent Saunders
- 16 Tom Waddell
- 23 Dee Ashworth
- 30 Bob Bone

##### Head Usher

- June 2 Amy Morris
- 9 Tom Waddell
- 16 Keith Wentzky
- 23 Marilyn Martin
- 30 Amy Morris

##### Sunday School Secretaries

- June 2 Amy Morris
- 9 Sammy Stevenson
- 16 Bob Bone
- 23 Amy Morris
- 30 Sammy Stevenson



##### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 1 Jim Ginn
- 6 John McCallum
- 10 Donna Beaver
- 20 Bryan Lyndon  
Frank Stevenson
- 28 Joyce Wentzky



##### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- June 2 Joey & Amy Morris 40th
- 9 Sammy & Carol Wentzky 57th
- 13 Wayne & Beth Croft 48th
- 23 Jerry & Peggy Swann 45th

**WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS**



**We welcome new member Linda Spoerry**



**Kent helping with tie-dye @Spring Festival**



**Members & Friends enjoying lunch @spring Festival**



**SDonetta at Tattoo table @Spring Festival**



**The Bake Sale was a success at the Spring Festival**



## 2024 Spring Festival



Our attempt at an outdoor festival was thwarted due to inclement weather, so the games could not begin! But John Dodwell set up a tent for the grill, the men cooked our dogs outside, and the people came to eat them! The Bake Sale, mini-yard sale, Bingo, Chrissie's tie-dye T-shirts and Donetta's temporary tattoos were held inside, so those events weren't side-lined. Peggy and Jerry Swann even oversaw some indoor games in the side hallway for the half dozen youngsters who were with us for most of the event time.



Great thanks to everyone who baked, including two nieces of Kitty Burge and a neighbor of Marilyn Mamrick. Thanks to a generous donation by one of our members, the leftover cookies were purchased and donated to Meals on Wheels for distribution to their clients. Also thanks to Gary, Marilyn's harmonica-playing friend, for entertaining us. (Particularly enjoyed his playing "I'll Fly Away"). Thanks also to those members who donated prizes for the Bingo games. Randi's flowers were a big hit, and some of the larger bingo items were purchased as part of the yard sale. Even greater thanks to John Dodwell, Bob Bone, Wayne Croft and Tommy Alewine for "manning" the grill and cooking those great dogs. Friday's set-up crew, who also dedicated Saturday to the Festival, included Peggy Swann, Will Greer, Donetta Dodwell, Roz Rozakos, Marilyn Mamrick, Terry Waddell, Beth Croft and Linda Mylod. Without their help setting up, the event wouldn't have taken off at all. On Saturday, in addition to those already named, thanks are given to Chrissie & Kent Saunders, Linda Barnes, LeNelle Chastain, Kitty Burge, Randi Rexroad and her granddaughter Maddie, our good friend Ahu Stathakis, Gail Alewine, Amy Morris, Cindy Wentzky, Bill Rexroad and Dee Ashworth. Hopefully no one who participated has been overlooked, but sincere apologies if that should be the case! L

Thanks to the donations of supplies by our Vision Committee members, the event cleared \$1,145 to supplement our Outreach commitments, which have been challenged by our donations falling behind budget in the first half of the year. The financial breakdown of the event: \$37 in Bingo cards; \$70 in donations; \$90 for tie-dye shirts; \$172 for yard sale items\*; \$320 for hot dog plates; and \$456 for the Bake Sale. (\*The unsold furniture items will be picked up by the Haven of Rest, and the smaller yard sale items were brought to the Haven's thrift store.) Even better than raising some money for the yard sale, the 2<sup>nd</sup> upstairs classroom was emptied and will be utilized next year by Legacy Academy. GREAT thanks to Kent Saunders, Keith Wentzky and Bill Rexroad for maneuvering the couches downstairs and to Kent for moving most of the other smaller pieces downstairs as well. We're blessed to still have a few younger men in the congregation! We're doubly blessed to have a congregation with a heart for Outreach so we can continue to support Thornwell Home, Calvary Home, and a dozen local Christian non-profits that extend a helping hand and reflect Christ's love to many in our area. Thank you for your willingness to serve Him in so many ways.