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MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Friends in Christ,

Happy Fall! Football games are in full swing, the World Series will soon begin, and it is apple and pumpkin everything season. October brings several special dates in the life of the church. The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, the last is Reformation Sunday.

“As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as *Presbyterian* is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit’s ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals.”¹ Reformation Sunday is the day we acknowledge the day (October 31st) when Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. This event marks the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

The Reformation continued over time, spreading to Switzerland, Great Brittan and eventually to the US and other parts of the world. That same work of discerning the movement of God’s Spirit in the church continues. Such discernment is seen in the practice of the Lord’s Supper. The sacrament originates with the words of Jesus to his disciples, but he did not leave specific instructions for its practice. In the first century, the Apostle Paul admonished the church in Corinth for their practice of Lord’s Supper without concern for others. The practice of giving out communion tokens was brought to colonial America where a pastor and elders went to congregation members to determine their worthiness to take the sacrament. Until the early 1980’s, children in the Presbyterian Church (USA) were not served communion until after they were confirmed. After much study, this practice was changed. The Book of Order states: The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

In the Lord’s Supper, we give thanks to God, it is a sign of God’s covenant and steadfast love; we remember Jesus, not only his death but his life and the promise of his return, the sacrament is a call to care for one another as Jesus did and it is a foretaste of the time when all will be gathered around Christ’s table. In this meal past, present, and future are held together.

Baptism and communion, the two sacraments we celebrate, are vital to our identity as the people of God and community of Christ. These sacraments are often called visible signs of an invisible grace. In these sacraments, we also worship with all our senses – we hear the water in which we are claimed as God’s children; feel the water that unites us with Christ and one another; smell the bread and juice anticipating the meal that nourishes us for our life of faith. Font and table are central in our worship space, visible and welcoming reminders of these gifts of grace.

World Communion Sunday began in 1930 to bring churches together in the unity of Jesus Christ and as a reminder of our interconnectedness. The idea originated in the Presbyterian Church (US) and was extended to other denominations. In 1940 the invitation was extended worldwide, and the celebration of the day became widespread. This year, the communion table will be covered with fabrics representing other countries and cultures as a reminder that we are sharing the Lord’s Supper, on the same day, as our Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

1. pcusa.org, Presbyterian Mission Agency, ‘Reformation’

Grace and peace,
Peggy





Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held following Worship on Sunday, September 29. The purpose of the meeting is for the Congregation to elect three members to serve on the Officer Nominating committee. The Session has elected Marilyn Mamrick and Tom Waddell, with Marilyn to Chair the Committee.



**FALL FESTIVAL
Midway Presbyterian Church
3238 Midway Road**

OCTOBER 5th

10:00 - 2:00 p.m.



**HOLIDAY DÉCOR SALE
CHURCH LADIES BAKE SAL
\$5 HOT DOG PLATES**



Bring your family, friends and neighbors to our Fall Festival: have lunch, buy some holiday décor or some home-baked goodies, and support our Outreach fundraiser.



World Communion Sunday

October 6 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.

**Lunch Bunch
at Cobbs Glen Bistro**



Our next Lunch Bunch will be Wednesday, October 23, at 12:30 p.m. at Master's Wok Chinese Restaurant, 2104 N. Main Street. Hope you will plan to join us for some good food and good fellowship.

Memorial Service

On Sunday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m. a memorial service will be held for Elaine Gilmore at Midway Church. Elaine was a dedicated member of Midway and served in various positions as Deacon and Elder and on several committees as well as coordinating Midway's Meals-on-Wheels route.

Blessing of the Animals



On Saturday, October 12, at 10:00 a.m. Midway will host our 7th 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 26, 2024**



Budget Needs to Date	\$114,570.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$111,923.06
Spent to Date	\$114,924.65
Special Offerings	\$ 5,476.12

*"No one has ever become poor by giving."
~ Anne Frank*

Bingo



Our Next Bingo Day will be Wednesday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. This is a great time to fellowship with members and guests and have fun as well.

No Second Sunday Dinner

We will not have a Second Sunday Dinner in October.



Community Outreach & Mission

Our Jar Offering for October will go to Safe Harbor of Anderson County, which provides safe shelter and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for the 4th Quarter will go to Presbytery's Cents Ability. Cents-Ability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, including South Main Street Chapel & Mercy Center in Anderson and Faith Presbyterian Church's food Bank in Williamston, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.



Gratitude Corner: Notes we received from:

Rev. Kurt Stutler, S. Main St. Chapel & Mercy Center

Thank you so much for the mission offering and joining us in July. It is because of partners like you that we are able to serve the least of these our brothers and sisters.

Family Promise of Anderson County

We express our heartfelt gratitude for your recent donation. Generosity such as yours helps us further our mission which is currently preventing eleven children from experiencing homelessness. And also provides safe accommodation for families, ensures that groceries are available for parents and children in need.

Laurie Ashley, Meals on Wheels

On behalf of everyone here at Meals on Wheels, thank you for your donation. Your contribution helps provide meals to the elderly and disabled homebound recipients we serve on a daily basis. It also provides a human interaction with a friendly volunteer who might be one of the only people they see on a given day.

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Pulpit

- Oct. 6 Tom Waddell
- 13 Dee Ashworth
- 20 Bob Bone
- 27 Kent Saunders

Head Usher

- Oct. 6 Keith Wentzky
- 13 Marilyn Martin
- 20 Amy Morris
- 27 Tom Waddell

Sunday School Secretaries

- Oct. 6 Bob Bone
- 13 Amy Morris
- 20 Linda Mylod
- 27 Sammy Stevenson



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Oct. | 4 | Peggy Swann |
| | 6 | Carolyn Warren |
| | 11 | Marilyn Martin |
| | | Joey Morris |
| | 16 | Traci Webb |
| | 18 | Jean Smith |
| | 19 | Linda Barnes |
| | 24 | Mark Sears |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Oct. | 9 | Pete & Roz Rozakos | 14th |
| | 24 | Gary & Dee Ashworth | 43rd |