Pulpit Supply for March

March	2	_	Peggy Swann
March	9	_	Mel Davis
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March		-	Mel Davis
March	0	-	Will Nickles
March	30	-	David Bailey



New Member

Kathy Wilson, niece of Kitty Burge, was welcomed as a new member to Midway by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Welcome Kathy!

Session

The Session will meet Sunday, March 2, in the Church Office Activity Room immediately following Worship.



Ash Wednesday Service

A Special Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the sanctuary at noon on March 5 (the first day of Lent). Everyone will be invited to receive the Imposition of Ashes.





Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday night.



Second Sunday Dinner

Everyone is invited to our St. Patrick's Day theme dinner following Worship on March 9. Please bring green foods like cabbage, broccoli, asparagus, zucchini,

green beans, green grapes, etc. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Good Neighbor Cupboard.

Lenten FACE-UP Service

Thursday, March 19, Midway will host a Lenten FACE-UP Service at noon. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall



Bingo

We will not have Bingo in March. Watch your bulletins for the next bingo day.



SEARCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Search Committee is pleased to announce that Midway has called Elizabeth Jones, Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) to serve as Stated Supply, effective April 1st. Elizabeth has served as Stated Supply at Flat Rock Presbyterian Church since 2019; Elizabeth also moderates the Session meetings for Salem Presbyterian Church and serves on several committees at the Presbytery level.

She has graciously offered to serve with Peggy at our Ash Wednesday noon-time service, so if you would like an opportunity to meet her, join us there on March 5th to welcome her to our Midway family.

Great thanks is extended to the Search Committee members: Donetta Dodwell, Roz Rozakos, Terry Waddell, Keith Wentzky, and Linda Mylod as Chair, for their time and dedication in seeking new pastoral leadership and for keeping the pulpit supplied during this guarter-year time of transition. Great thanks also to Rev. Peggy Swann for her continued support of the committee and for her care and assistance to all of us during this time of change at Midway.

Ambassadors Meeting at The Foothills Retirement Community

The Ambassadors Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, with Registration at 10:30 a.m. Following an annual report of the 6 homes in South Carolina, lunch will be served. And for anyone interested, a tour will be available after lunch. Please let LeNelle know if you would like to attend.



Financial Report as of February 21, 2025

Budget Needs to Date	\$17,834.95
Budget Receipts to Date	\$18,899.00
Spent to Date	\$ 15,223.00
Special Offerings	\$ 1,176.44

The Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ~~Acts 20:35b



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE

JANUARY & FEBRUARY SESSION MEETINGS

January:

The Session received Sharon Mosteller into membership by reaffirmation of faith. Sharon has recently retired from a career in education as a teacher and principal.

Chrissie Saunders was elected as clerk of Session

Session committees for 2025 are forming and beginning work for the coming year.

A number of Building and Grounds repairs and improvements have been made including: contrast painting on the walkway into the sanctuary, to outdoor lighting, fencing, playground and water leaks.

A new Disaster and Preparedness subcommittee of the Finance and Administration Committee is being formed to make plans for how Midway can best care for its members and the community in times of storms, or disasters.

Approved special use of the building by the Legacy Academy for a fellowship activity and informational meetings for prospective students.

February:

Kathy Wilson, niece of Kitty Burge, was welcomed as a new member to Midway by reaffirmation of faith.

Bob Bone agreed to attend the Foothills Presbytery meeting February 18th in Greenville as the commissioner for Midway.

Midway had 63 members at the end of 2024. There are 35 females and 28 males.

Pastor's Report:

• Rev. Swann examined and the Session approved new Session members John Dodwell and Chrissie Saunders.

Clerk's Report:

• Foothills Presbytery provided Midway's annual donation statement on per capita funding and thanked Midway for the continued support.

Committee Reports:

- Administration and Finance: (John Dodwell & Amy Morris chair) John Dodwell reported that end of the year income was \$248,000 with expenditures of \$217,000.
- **Building and Grounds:** (Kent Saunders, chair) Kent reported that the basketball court fence and the playground fence are officially repaired. An Anderson University interior design student group is looking into interior renovation ideas.
- **Community Life and Mission:** (Marilyn Martin, Chair) Marilyn reported that the first meeting of the year will be held on February 16th.

Old Business:

• Disaster preparedness: John Dodwell continues to lead and develop the committee for this endeavor. The goal is to make a long term plan.



Community Outreach & Mission

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in March will go to Calvary Home for Children whose goal is to build an exceptional community of nurturing foster homes for displaced children in the Upstate.

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

Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for the 1st Quarter of 2025 will go to Good Neighbor Cupboard. Their mission is to provide nutritious meals to needy families and individuals.

Gratitude Corner: Notes we received from:

The Lot Project

"Dear Midway Presbyterian Church, Thank you for your contributions throughout the 2024 year. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to provide the programs and services that are so important to our community. We are grateful for your support and your partnership in our mission of serving The Least of These."

Haven of Rest, Eddie Capps, Director

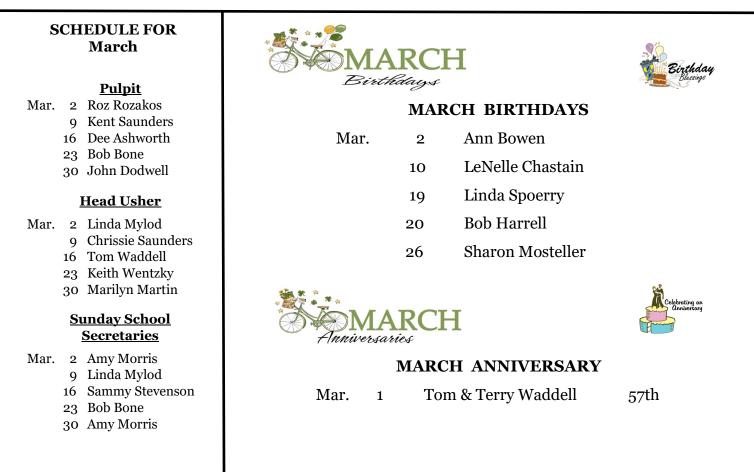
"Dear Friends, Thank you for your support this past year. Because of your contributions the Haven was able to provide hope, healing, and recovery for men and women with life-dominating problems, such as addiction and homelessness."

Calvary Home for Children, Laura Lindsley, Executive Director

"Dear Midway Presbyterian Church, Thank you for changing little lives in BIG ways in 2024! Because of your generosity, we cared for 44 children, and many of these children have benefitted from the stability of being on campus for over a year. We are reminded daily that this is not only about caring for children, but this is king-dom work for Christ. Thank you for investing in Calvary Home and our children."

Good Neighbor Cupboard, Sharon Holliday, President

"Thank you for your donation of \$418.00 and 99.5 pounds of food from your food drive. We could not operate without your help. We are thankful to have you join us on our mission to fight against hunger in Anderson surrounding communities."





WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Playground & Tennis court fences repaired



Legacy Academy Students "Happy Together Again"



Bob Bone, John Dodwell, Kent & Chrissie Saunders & Rev. Peggy Swann attended the Officer Refresh Training at the Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church



Spring has arrived!



Kathy Wilson & Lois & Mel Davis

Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch



Kitty Burge and her niece Kathy Wilson