

New Members

Johnny and Katherine McGaha were welcomed as new members to Midway by transfer of letter on Sunday, March 2, 2025. They have two children, Ann and Miles. Welcome to the McGahas.



Lenten Service

Lickville Presbyterian Church has invited us to join with them for an **Lenten Service** at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 3. A light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Bradford Pear Syndrome

To all our members who suffer with BPS, we wish you a swift recovery from clogged ears.

Holy Week at Midway

Session

The Session will meet Sunday, April 13, in the Church Office Activity Room immediately following Worship.

Maundy Thursday

Everyone is invited to our Maundy Thursday Service on April 17, at 5:30 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared.



Easter Services

On March 31 we will have our traditional Sunrise Service in the church cemetery at 7:30 a.m. Then breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall. We will not have Sunday School. Our regular Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m.



Flowering Cross

Remember to bring flowers at the Sunrise Service or the Morning Worship Service on Easter morning to place on the cross erected on the front lawn of the church. The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from the death of Good Friday.



MEET ELIZABETH JONES

Our new Stated Supply, Elizabeth Jones, comes to us with a varied and interesting resume. She has worked in radio and TV broadcasting; as a technical assistant at Anderson County Library; and even as a ballet instructor for a number of years. She earned her diploma from South Carolina Lay School of Theology in 2019. She was given the Synod of the South Atlantic's Lay Person of the Year award in 2021. This Synod covers 16 Presbyteries from northeast GA, through SC to central FL, making this a very distinguished award.

Elizabeth and her husband Bob live in Easley and are long-time members of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church. Her interests include reading, writing, walking and fellowshiping with others to hear their stories about life and faith.

Elizabeth will begin officiating at our Sunday services on April 6th, and the Fellowship Committee will serve tea and cookies in the Fellowship Hall after the service so members can come back and meet Elizabeth—and hopefully Bob and her family as well. Please join us to give them a warm Midway welcome.



Bingo

Our next Bingo day will be Wednesday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors for a time of fun and fellowship.

Lunch Bunch

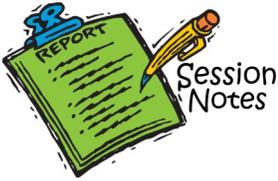
The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 24, at 12:30 p.m. Watch your bulletin for location.



Financial Report as of March 21, 2025

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| Budget Needs to Date | \$ 28,026.35 |
| Budget Receipts to Date | \$33,086.02 |
| Spent to Date | \$ 24,925.54 |
| Special Offerings | \$ 1,938.17 |

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
~~Matthew 6:21*



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION MEETINGS

Correction to the February Session Notes of the Administration and Finance Committee reported in the March Newsletter:

The figure of \$248K of revenue for 2024, which was reported in the March newsletter of the February Session Meeting Highlights, represents all monies that went through Midway's accounts, including the \$43K insurance reimbursement for the Hurricane Helene damage. It also includes all the benevolence donations that are received from our generous members and friends, but then are sent on to the various organizations. The \$217K of expenses also included the monies paid out for the hurricane damage and benevolences. The indication from this report is that Midway brought in an excess of \$31K, which is misleading. Members who are familiar with our 2024 budget questioned this, and hopefully this clarification will help: we brought in \$157K in contributions that could be used for operational expenses, and we spent \$157K for those expenses, breaking even last year.

March Highlights

Welcomed new members Johnny and Katerine McGaha by transfer of letter of membership.

Approved communion during the Ash Wednesday service March 5th.

Approved Easter sunrise service for 7:30 a.m. April 20th with breakfast to follow.

Building and Grounds Committee is evaluating options for replacing or repairing outdoor lighting. Some was damaged during Helene and some has become inoperable due to age.

A report of an audit of church finances was received and all is in order. Appreciation for LeNelle Chastain was expressed for keeping such thorough records.

A meeting with SC DOT and church members for an update on the road projects near the church is being scheduled.

Approved the Legacy Academy's request of use of the playground for a special event. A sign will be made that can be used to show when this area is reserved for a group.

Session enthusiastically endorsed Kent Saunders enrollment in the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) track of the SC 5 School of Theology, a lay school sponsored by the five presbyteries of SC. The CRE track equips Ruling Elders to be commissioned to serve and lead congregations.

Community Outreach & Mission



Our Jar Offering for April will go to the Anderson Pregnancy Care of Anderson. The Pregnancy Care is a non-profit committed to providing education, encouragement, and support to women of all ages facing untimely pregnancies. We believe that the life of the pre-born is precious, as is the life of the mother. As an organization, we focus on partnering alongside women and their families through their pregnancies and the challenges of parenting.

Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for the 2nd Quarter of 2025 will go to Meals on Wheels of Anderson.. MOW delivers a hot, nutritious meal daily to senior and disabled homebound neighbors across Anderson County, but is so much more than food in a tray. The elderly and homebound recipients we serve are at a much greater risk of social isolation and often, our volunteers are the only people they interact with on any given day. This isolation can lead to chronic conditions such as anxiety and depression. Our volunteers deliver our recipients their food but they also greet them, interact with them and make sure they are doing okay. This warm, human interaction helps reduce the feeling of isolation and improves their physical and mental health and also makes them feel safe and cared for.

Gratitude Corner: Notes we received from:



Anderson Free Clinic

“On behalf of our Staff, Volunteers, Board Members, & Patients, Thank you for your support! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and makes a significant impact on our patients’ lives. With your support, we are able to provide compassionate care to each of our patients, We are truly grateful to have you as a partner in this important and rewarding work.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo

“Dear Friends, Your prayers and gifts given enable PDA and our partners here in the U.S. and globally to extend God’s warm embrace to those who are in anguish and chaos. Your generosity enables God’s consolation to become real, and survivors of disaster and violence can know the true sense of love. Thank you for your compassion and generosity, which brings hope and comfort to so many.

SCHEDULE FOR April

Pulpit

Apr. 6 Roz Rozakos
13 Kent Saunders
20 Dee Ashworth
27 Bob Bone

Head Usher

Apr. 6 Amy Morris
13 Linda Mylod
20 Chrissie Saunders
27 Tom Waddell

Sunday School Secretaries

Apr. 6 Linda Mylod
13 Sammy Stevenson
20 No Sunday School
27 Amy Morris



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Apr. | 3 | Ray Keiper |
| | 14 | Gail Wentzky |
| | | Kathy Wilson |
| | 16 | Jonathan Croft |
| | | Dickie King |
| | 21 | Sam Harrell |
| | | Frank Wentzky |
| | 27 | Brenda Masters |
| | 28 | Kim Waldkirch |



Midway's Longest-attending Member and his Sweet Wife

This may have been your investigative reporter's most difficult interview, because Frank Wentzky has so many memories to share - and dear Joyce Wentzky sat patiently and listened to them all with me. In the interest of space, I can include only a portion of those stories.

Frank and Joyce were born in Anderson: Joyce attended Oakwood Baptist Church, then Mountain Creek Baptist Church until they were married. Frank was baptized at Midway, accepting the Lord at age 13, along with Larry Kowalski and Frank's dearest friend, the greatly-missed Bill Kay. Frank was one of 9 boys, and his father was an elder at Midway; he recalled all of them piling into their wagon and being carted to church by their mules Quick and Dora to clean Midway's cemetery on a regular basis.



Frank, drafted during the Korean War and in the Army's 47th Infantry, was on a 3-day pass when he met the love of his life at an Anderson Rec Center square dance. After courting for a year, Joyce graduated high school and Frank was discharged from the Army, and they married at Mountain Creek Church, with Frank having only \$1.00 to pay the preacher. Obviously, it was the best dollar investment any man has made ☺. Joyce immediately joined Midway and the women's group, the Hammond Extension Homemakers, to assimilate into the congregation, but also to learn how to cook. She has fond memories of Beverly Stevenson, Betty Sanders, Margaret Kowalski, Frances Vandiver, Midway's organist Blanche Campbell, and many of the other ladies who took her under their wings.



God blessed them with three children, Kim, Denise and Darin, who were under the guidance of Rev. Beryl Rosenberger at church. He chaperoned trips with the young people, and also a lay retreat for the adults, which Frank & Joyce attended at the Inn of the Last Resort in Franklin, NC. Frank was an active elder for decades, and often delivered communion to shut-ins following service on Communion Sundays. Frank takes partial credit for hiring LeNelle as our church secretary, so we all owe him a debt of gratitude. But as often happens in life, with blessings come sorrows, and Joyce & Frank have had more than their share. Kim was born with severe hemophilia and doctored for his condition throughout his life, which was taken far too soon. Kim spent 40 days in hospital in Winston-Salem, where Dr. Christine Johnson, the hematologist who treated him, grew so fond of Kim that she attended his funeral. She quoted a Wadsworth's line...*trailing clouds of glory, we come from God who is our Home*, and her kindness meant much to Joyce and Frank. Their daughter Denise suffers with Sjogren's Syndrome, which keeps her close to home with her husband Carl (Marshall and Jane Kowalski's son). Their son Darin, who graduated from Furman University, was cut off by a logging truck on his way to work one morning, suffering a severe head injury that altered the course of his life. In ruminating on their faithfulness through these challenges and tragedies, I recalled the words of a Carolina Boys song...*This trial is just another making of one more mighty movie; one more testimony, one more chance to praise the Lord. This fiery situation that you have been engaged in is just another chance for God to prove His mighty love for you.* God has, of course, been the glue holding them together through their fiery situations, and we're very grateful that they continue to be active at Midway as we face our own years of change and loss.



Regarding their Midway family, Joyce said that the faithfulness of the members throughout the years has been very inspiring to them. If you haven't had a chance to visit with them, take a moment some Sunday to engage with our longest-time member and his darling wife. If you're lucky, Joyce might just get a word in edgewise ☺. May God continue to bless them, as they have blessed us with their faithfulness throughout the years.





Rev. Peggy Swann and C.R.E. Elizabeth Jones
@Ash Wednesday Service



Elizabeth Jones with parents Randy & Mimi Morris
& sister Mimzi VanDyke

Second Sunday Dinner March 9, 2025— St. Patrick's Day Theme





Cindy and Will preparing for Lent



Lenten Service March 19, 2025

Our Lenten Service was well attended with visitors from various churches present. Peggy and Kent presented a portrayal of God with Jonah which was very meaningful and inspiring. Who knew we had such talented actors in our congregation.

We enjoyed warm fellowship along with a lunch of various sandwiches, fruit, and desserts.



Everyone enjoying all the delicious selections at the Second Sunday Dinner March 9, 2025