



MIDWAY MESSENGER

Midway Presbyterian Church 3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



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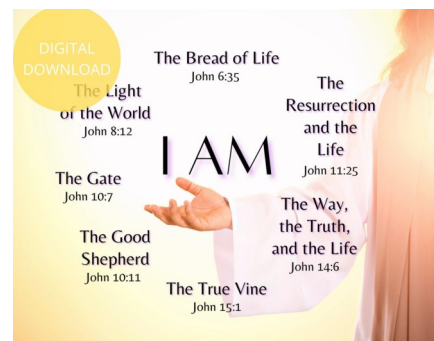
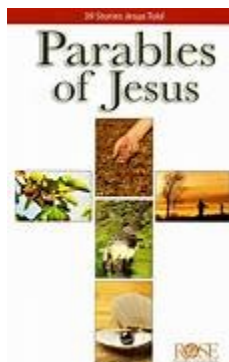
Wow is one of those words that really gets overused, but WOW! My first three weeks at Midway have been filled with joy and grace. You are such loving and welcoming people. I already think of you as family. By the way, I am so grateful for how you have welcomed my family when they join us for worship. The reception on my first Sunday was truly lovely. I extend heartfelt thanks to those who contributed time and talent and to everyone who attended.

The summer months are almost upon us and historically this is the time of year when fewer than average people are in church due to summer vacations and annual visits from friends. I certainly understand the need for a time of rest and relaxation and I will miss those of you who will be away. However, summer is one of my favorite times to preach and I often present a Sermon Series. Some possibilities are The “I Am” Statements of Christ in John’s gospel, The Parables of Jesus and a 3 part series on the beginning of 1st Corinthians. So, I hope you will attend as often as your summer schedules allow.

Grateful for all of you,
Elizabeth

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



Called Session Meeting

There will be a brief Called Session Meeting on Sunday, May 4, immediately following Worship to elect a commissioner for the Foothills Presbytery Meeting on May 17, 2025.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION MEETINGS

The Maundy Thursday and the Easter Sunrise Services were well attended.

The Midway 2025 Revised Budget has been approved by the Session. It will be presented to the congregation in a few weeks.

The SCDOT notes from the March 26th meeting about the traffic circles are available on page 4.

A new ice machine has been purchased and installed in the church kitchen.

Mother's Day Offering

The Annual Mother's Day Offering will be received on Sunday, May 11. This offering helps ensure that residents at PCSC who, through no fault of their own, have depleted their life's savings can continue calling Presbyterian Communities "home." In this year's Mother's Day Offering, your generosity joins a legacy of compassionate giving that spans more than 70 years.

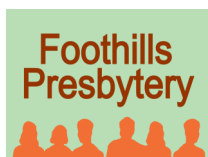


Second Sunday Dinner

Mother's Day will be May 11, so we **will not** have our regular Second Sunday Dinner.

Foothills Presbytery Meeting

The Foothills Presbytery Meeting will be held at Westminster Church, Greenville on Saturday, May 17, 2025.



Bingo

Our next Bingo day will be Wednesday, May 21, at 1:00 p.m. This is a time of fun and fellowship with members of our church and community. Make plans to join in the fun.



Session

The Session will meet Sunday, May 25, immediately following Worship.

Lunch Bunch

Watch you bulletins for our next Lunch Bunch gathering.



Daytrippers

The Daytrippers are putting together some fun things to do in May and June. Watch your bulletins for places and times.



This is a picture painted by Bill Kennedy; he and his wife Celia are regular guests at Bingo. Bill painted 2 or 3 times with his great grandmother when he was 9–10 years old. He hadn't painted at all until this winter when it was too cold to do his wood working in the garage. He is 77 years old and has sight in only one eye. He enjoys painting and loves to share his pictures with others. He was delighted that we liked the picture. Thank you, Bill.



Financial Report as of April 25, 2025

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 40,765.60
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 48,109.99
Spent to Date	\$ 40,922.31
Special Offerings	\$ 2,810.16

*"It's what you sow that multiplies
not what you keep in the barn."*

~Adrian Rogers

Community Outreach & Mission



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 addition to alcohol and drugs.

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:



Bleeding Disorders Association of SC, Suzanne Martin, Executive Director

"On behalf of the Bleeding Disorders Association of SC, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation in support of our organization and the National Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month of March. We are truly honored to have your support. Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of families and individuals diagnosed with bleeding disorders in SC."

Clean Start, Norene Smith, Director

"To Midway Presbyterian Church, this note is to say thank you for your monetary donation and all the support to the Clean Start Hygiene Center for the homeless. Your support for several years has really helped our mission."

Good Neighbor Cupboard, Sharon Holliday, President

"Dear Midway, We truly appreciate your support to help feed families in need. We could not operate without your help as we depend on donations like yours to continue to provide important nutrition and food relief to help feed families less fortunate."

SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Pulpit

May 4 Kent Saunders
11 Roz Rozakos
18 Kent Saunders
25 Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

May 4 Amy Morris
11 Marilyn Martin
18 Amy Morris
25 Linda Mylod

Sunday School Secretaries

May 4 Linda Mylod
11 Sammy Stevenson
18 Bob Bone
25 Amy Morris



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

Notes from the CORD Meeting held at Midway Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The Roundabouts:

There are going to be 2 Roundabouts.

Construction is estimated to begin in about 12 mos. from now.

Construction is estimated to be complete in about 24 mos. from now.

Both are estimated to be a little more than 100 feet in diameter upon completion.

That's bigger than the one on Concord and Cathy Roads at Cromer Food Co.

Midway Rd. and Crestview Rd. will be a 4-way

Midway Rd. and Harriett Cir. will be a 3-way

They are designed to be constructed where no road is now. They plan to use barriers that can be moved as construction proceeds. This will allow all roads to remain open as much as possible during the entire construction process.

Our Driveways:

They plan to keep our 2 main driveways on Midway, both open as much as possible. If they have to close one for a day or so, we will be informed.

They don't anticipate having to close off or use the back driveway at all.

Our Lighted Sign:

It doesn't appear that they are going to move our lighted sign out near Midway and Crestview.

However, if they do, then we will be compensated accordingly.

How Much Land are we going to sell them?:

They've calculated they will need a little over an acre of our land. However, most of that is within the right-of-ways. So, we will only be losing about 1/2 of an acre.

Laydown Area for Construction Equipment and Building Materials:

SCDOT says the General Contractor will usually negotiate with a local land owner, to either rent or buy a piece of land to handle the storing of the equipment and supplies.

He further assured us that we shouldn't expect to see this just show up on Church property.

How many of our Large Trees should we expect to lose?:

Probably somewhere between 3 and 5, to be finally negotiated with us, prior to the start of Construction.

What about old part of Harriett Circle?:

They don't know what's going to happen to the portion of Harriett Circle that currently runs along the right side of the Cemetery.

All of that Property on the other side of Harriett Circle has been annexed into the City of Anderson. But, our side of Harriett Circle technically is still a County Road. This is one of those "gray" areas to be worked out between the City of Anderson and Anderson County.

There are also still Utilities running along that portion of Harriett Circle. Until they get all of those utilities moved and relocated, they can't completely close the road to the Utility Companies such as Duke Energy, Charter Communications, AT&T, Hammond Water Company, and etc.

Normally once all of these issues are worked out and possession has been determined, then SCDOT will come in and remove the asphalt that was the road and block access to the road, so it can no longer be used by the public.

The Cemetery:

The Sonar and Archeological Studies are now complete in and around the Cemetery. The Sonar Study did find some anomalies under the ground. SCDOT is going to make these results available to us. These anomalies could be anything from rocks, to tree stumps, to human remains, to many other things. We couldn't know without digging.

The Sidewalk has now been moved to the Church side of Midway Road.



Thank you to Legacy Academy for their donation of a new picnic table, to replace the one that was damaged by Hurricane Helene. They've even painted it to match the playground equipment! It's greatly appreciated.



Picture of church with rainbow in background



Everyone had lots of fun at Bingo on April 23



We had 13 to enjoy a delicious meal at our Lunch Bunch on April 24 at the Fiesta Restaurant

