



# MIDWAY MESSENGER

Midway Presbyterian Church 3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

More than 12 years ago, I worked with the Rev. Debbie Foster (Now our Presbytery Leader and Stated Clerk) and a number of other dedicated people on a Spirit led quest to find positive ways to address the challenges that churches were experiencing. The approach was totally new to all of us, we quite literally gave ourselves up to the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us and instruct us. The result was astounding and unforgettable. One of the specific conclusions from our time together went all the way back to the Reformation; we realized that the focus of all we do in the church should be the Gospel of Jesus Christ, "THE STORY" and we began to further realize that our personal stories and journeys are a viable component in spreading the good news.

This was when an idea began to form in my mind. I wanted to begin compiling faith stories, but I had no earthly idea how or where to begin. About this time I found an article in the PCUSA newsletter about a little church in Woodhull, Illinois that had this same type of idea. Led by their pastor, Rev. Cheyanna Losey, they had successfully compiled a book of stories and testimonies and used the experience as an evangelism tool that sparked growth in their church and gained them recognition both locally and nationally. I contacted Rev. Losey. She was unbelievably gracious and generous as well as encouraging. She not only sent me a copy of the book but also a copy of her doctoral paper on the entire process of compiling the stories and turning them into ***Everyone Has A Place In God's Choir.***

I invited the congregation of my home church to consider sharing their stories using some of the tools Cheyanna had shared. After many months I had 12 wonderful stories. That may not sound like many, but the effect on me was life changing. These stories enriched me spiritually in a way I would never have anticipated. I bound the stories and gave one to each of the contributors. I have used them in many sermons over the years because they are so powerful. People relate to them and in turn their faith is enriched.

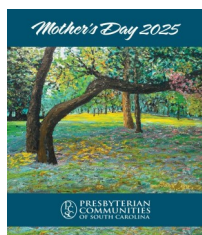
If you have ever wanted to share your story, I would really appreciate the opportunity to talk with you. Even if writing is not your best gift, but you have a tale to tell, there's a way to work together to get your story out there. Three of the stories I collected in 2014 were written using this method.

I'll leave you with this quote; Rev. Debbie Foster said to me while we were doing this sacred work all those years ago, **"It's hard not to love someone once you know their story."**

Christ's peace now and always,

Elizabeth





### Mother's Day Offering

The Annual Mother's Day Offering came to \$375.00. Thank s to all who gave.

### Second Sunday Dinner

Our Second Sunday Dinner will be June 8, and it will be a covered dish. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



### Bingo



Our next Bingo day will be Wednesday, June 18, 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, June 22, 2025.



### Daytrippers

The Daytrippers are planning a noon lunch trip to The Lighthouse Restaurant overlooking beautiful Lake Keowee in Seneca. The date is Thursday, June 19. We plan to carpool from the

church around 10:30 a.m., so please plan to come for food, fellowship and fun as well as fabulous views of the lake and the mountains. Please let Terry Waddell know by June 15 if you plan to attend



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION MEETINGS

### From May 25, 2025:

The Session approved the purchase of new microphones and related sound equipment for use in Worship.

The Session approved Extended Communion Service as requested by members who can no longer attend Worship.

The Session designated 40% of the Pentecost Offering to Calvary Home for Children.

### MOWS Route 15 is in need of a Driver

As most of you know, Midway Church has covered this Meals on Wheels route for over 30 years. Over those years we've lost many dedicated delivery folks/drivers, and gained others, thank God. But the route is handled each month by ten drivers, or teams of drivers, and each team delivers 2 or 3 days per month. Two of these teams are people who were Midway Church members decades ago, but have remained faithful to their MOWS commitment, for which we're incredibly grateful. Most months, when all our drivers are healthy and in town, we can handle the route. But when someone is sick/laid up or on vacation, we're stretched too tightly. We need at least one more driver/team and are asking you to think about any friends, neighbors or family members who might consider delivering twice a month. The entire process of picking up the food at the MOWS building on Fant Street, to making the deliveries to about a dozen homes in the area from Marchbanks Avenue to Williamston Road, takes most of us 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on how far away the driver lives.

With the exception of the two newest additions to our driver schedule, most of us are "of an age" that can be concerning for the future of our Route. So our hope is that we can supplement our driver schedule now to plan properly for the future. Please pray on this need; thank you. And a huge gracious Thank You to our current driver teams; without them we would have to relinquish this important ministry.



### Financial Report as of May 23, 2025

<b>Budget Needs to Date</b>	<b>\$ 50,957.00</b>
<b>Budget Receipts to Date</b>	<b>\$ 58,073.99</b>
<b>Spent to Date</b>	<b>\$ 50,459.26</b>
<b>Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 3,471.76</b>

*God has a way of giving by the cartloads to those who give away by shovelfuls.*

~~Charles Spurgeon

## Community Outreach & Mission



**Our Jar Offering** for the first 4 Sundays in June will go to S. Main Street Chapel and Mercy Center, an inclusive, nonjudgmental church reaching out to all races and including people from any economic or religious background.

**The Fifth Sunday Jar Offering** will go to the Anderson Soup Kitchen whose mission is to address hunger and provide one hot nutritional meal to anyone who comes through our door five days a week.

**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.

### Calvary Home Community Block Party

On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 until 8 p.m., join our friends at Calvary Home for live music, games and tours of their new homes. Food trucks will be on site so you can choose to have supper there too. For more info, go to [calvaryhome.org/chalk](http://calvaryhome.org/chalk).

Back to school supplies are needed at Calvary Home; we'll be collecting them throughout June. Please consider providing one or more of the following items: pens; pencils; folders; notebooks; scissors; glue sticks; paperclips; rulers; highlighters. Thank you for your care and generosity.

### Gratitude Corner: Notes we received from:

#### **PCUSA Ministry Engagement and Support, Sy Hughes, Advisor**

*"On behalf o the Presbyterian Church (USA) thank you for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through Presbyterian Mission and Ministry. Thank you for your generous gift that we received during the month of March for the California Wildfires Relief."*

#### **PCSC Foundation, Franklin Fant, President and CEO**

*"Thank you for your congregation's heartfelt gift to Presbyterian Communities of SC received May 19, 2025 for our Mother's Day Offering. Your generosity touches the lives of so many."*



### SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

#### Pulpit

June 1 Bob Bone  
8 John Dodwell  
15 Roz Rozakos  
22 Kent Saunders  
29 Dee Ashworth

#### Head Usher

June 1 Chrissie Saunders  
8 Tom Waddell  
15 Keith Wentzky  
22 Marilyn Martin  
29 Amy Morris

#### Sunday School Secretaries

June 1 Linda Mylod  
8 Sammy Stevenson  
15 Bob Bone  
22 Amy Morris  
29 Linda Mylod



### 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	41st
	9	Sammy & Carol Wentzky	58th
	13	Wayne & Beth Croft	49th
	23	Jerry & Peggy Swann	46th





**Kent is all smiles at Anderson University Graduation**



**Elizabeth and Kent @Foothills Presbytery Meeting**



**We had 11 members and 11 visitors at Bingo on May 21, Thanks to Carol Wentzky for being our faithful caller.**



**Brenda Stamps and Linda Spoerry enjoying the beautiful azaleas**



**We had sixteen to join the Lunch Bunch for food and fellowship at Dolce Vita on May 22**

