



Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,
In the words of William Shakespeare, "I can no other answer make than thanks and thanks and ever thanks."

Yes, many thanks for the great turnout for our Faith and Fellowship Breakfast and for allowing me to introduce writing and sharing faith stories as a witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. You DO have a story and I am praying those of you who feel moved to do so will begin putting your thoughts together so you can join in a different kind of ministry. I will be consulting with the Sunday School teachers and the Session to find out the best time to do a follow-up lesson with breakfast, of course!

We have a lot to look forward to over the next few weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Advent. October 5th is World Communion Sunday when we join with Christians all over the world to celebrate the Lord's Supper. October 11th will be the first time I have led a Blessing of the Animals Service and I can hardly wait! On November 2nd we will observe All Saints Day and there are a number of other regular monthly activities as well; be sure to check your calendar.

I have been approached about leading a weekday Bible study. The focus will be on certain special times and seasons of the Christian year. The first would be during Advent. The first thing that needs to be established is if there is enough interest to go forward, if so, we will work together to decide on the day and time.

Grateful for all of you,
Elizabeth



Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m. Midway will host our 8th 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.

Second Sunday Dinner

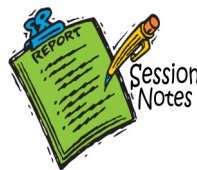
Our Second Sunday Dinner will be October 12. This will be a Soup, Sandwiches, and Salad lunch. There will be sign-up sheets available to choose your dish to bring.



Bingo



Our next Bingo day will be Wednesday, October 15, at 1:00 p.m. Make plans to join us for a time of fun and fellowship with members of our church and community.



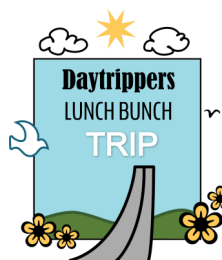
Notes from the Session

Elizabeth Jones will be conducting a Bible Study Class during Advent.

The Administration & Finance Committee along with the Community Life & Mission Committee will begin working on the 2026 General Budget.

The Building & Grounds Committee has spread mulch on the playground, had dead trees removed and made several repairs.

A Congregation Meeting will be held in November to elect an Officer Nominating Committee.



Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch

The Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch will go to Hartwell on Thursday, October 16, to see the scarecrow displays and then have lunch at the Southern Hart Brewing Company. Watch your bulletins for more information about time and sign-up for lunch.



Session

The Session will meet in the church office activity room on Sunday, October 26, immediately following Worship.

Meals on Wheels Driver Needed

Midway's Route 15 is in great need of a new driver or two. Twice a month on average, easy route with less than a dozen stops. If you or someone you know is willing to take up this volunteer opportunity and spend a small amount of time each month delivering meals to recipients in the area between the MOWS office on Fant Street and the Midway and Williamston Road area, please contact Linda Mylod at lhmylod@gmail.com. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Financial Report as of September 19, 2025

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 94,270.45
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 116,053.29
Spent to Date	\$ 131,477.67
Special Offerings	\$ 7,471.22

*It's not how much we give,
but how much love we put into giving.
~~Mother Teresa*

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 of 2025 will go to Foothills Presbytery's Cents-Ability. This offering supports 14 local ministries across the 5 counties in Foothills Presbytery, including South Main Chapel & Mercy Center and Anderson Interfaith Ministries.

The Community Life & Mission Committee will collect items for Family Promise and The Lot Project during October. Needed supplies are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene items, etc. The Lot Project also accepts clothing, including shoes, belts and hats as long as it's clean, gently used and seasonally appropriate.



Gratitude Corner: We received thank you's from:

Family Promise Anderson, Jim Boyer *"Dear Friends, We want to thank Midway Church for its generous donation on August 28, 2025. Your contribution will assist in furthering our mission to provide safe lodging spaces for children and their families experiencing homelessness. Your donation is a true blessing and will make a significant difference in the lives of the families we serve."*

Good Neighbor Cupboard, Sharon Holliday, President *"Dear Midway, The Good Neighbor Cupboard wants to thank you for our financial donation. 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."*

Meals on Wheels, Laurie Ashley, Executive Director *"Dear Friends of Meals on Wheels, Thank you so very much for your recent donation of 10 birthday bags to Meals on Wheels. Every donation that we receive helps us reach out to our elderly and disabled recipients and assist in their health and happiness. Not only do we provide them with a hot, nutritious meal, but we are also able to offer them personal, daily contact through our wonderful volunteer drivers. We are so very thankful for your generous support."*

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Pulpit

Oct. 5 Kent Saunders
12 Dee Ashworth
19 Bob Bone
26 John Dodwell

Head Usher

Oct. 5 Chrissie Saunders
12 Tom Waddell
19 Keith Wentzky
26 Marilyn Martin

Sunday School Secretaries

Oct. 5 Bob Bone
12 Amy Morris
19 Linda Mylod
26 Sammy Stevenson



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October	6	Carolyn Warren
	11	Marilyn Martin
		Joey Morris
	14	Bob Jones
	16	Traci Webb
	18	Jean Smith
	19	Linda Barnes
	24	Mark Sears



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October	9	Pete & Roz Rozakos	15th
	19	Bob & Elizabeth Jones	40th
	24	Gary & Dee Ashworth	44th



Gratitude Notes

"To the beloved Midway Church Members, Our family was comforted beyond measure by your compassion before and after Frank's passing into eternal life with Jesus. We thank all of you who visited him at NHC and Hospice. He truly loved you. And a heartfelt message of gratitude for the sacred service and reception and for all who blessed us with kindness and nourishment. In Christian love, Joyce Wentzky"



Let's do Barbecue!

And support Family Promise at the same time. On **Saturday, October 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.**, you can go to the Anderson County Farmer's Market for a **Holy Smoke BBQ plate** for \$15. The plate includes BQ pulled pork, BBQ chicken, baked beans and coleslaw. Tickets must be purchased in advance so the volunteers know how many plates to fix. If you'd like to support this endeavor and don't want to pick up your plate on Saturday, Linda Mylod will be happy to bring it to you on Sunday morning for your Sunday lunch,

This fundraiser is sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church, with all proceeds going to Family Promise of Anderson County. For tickets you can see Linda or call Grace Church office at 225-8011. Your support of this fundraiser to help those facing homelessness here in Anderson would be greatly appreciated.

Health Corner

To prevent falls, seniors should:

- 1) stay active with balance & strength exercises;
- 2) have vision & hearing checked annually;
- 3) review all medications with their doctors to identify side effects that might cause dizziness or unsteadiness.



Also, "fall-proof" their homes by removing clutter and tripping hazards, ensuring adequate lighting, using handrails on stairs, and wearing sturdy, non-slip shoes.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Kitty, Kathy & Rosemary in Bison jam in Yellowstone National Park with one too close for comfort at Kitty's window



Celebrating Rita King on her birthday



Blessing of the Animals 2024



Bill and Randi Rexroad celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on September 21, 2025

