

Pastor's Note Dear Friends,

A couple of things, first of all thank you!!! The generous gifts you gave me for Pastor Appreciation Sunday are greatly appreciated. But the best gift is you; my beloved Midway family.

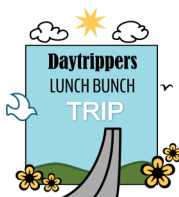
Secondly, it's with joy that I report we have had 13 people commit to our Advent Study! We will meet four times. The first lesson will follow the decorating of the church on Saturday, November 29th. The next three lessons will be on Friday, December 5th, 12th and 19th at 11:15. The books will be provided. Upon Session approval I will give you more information about the curriculum; the theme of the study and the lessons. Teaching is almost as much of a passion for me as preaching and I thank you for the opportunity to interact and share with you in a different role. Of course, I always learn a lot myself and I look forward to getting your insights and inspirations. If you have not signed up but would like to, there is always room for one more. Even if you don't think you can be with us for all four lessons, you are welcome to come when you can.

Grateful for all of you,
Elizabeth

The Blessing of the Animals



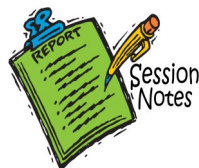
Elizabeth & Bob Jones with Pippa & Henry at the Blessing of the Animals October 11. The event was well attended and a good time was had by both humans and animals.



Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch

The Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch will go to the Mistletoe Market at the Anderson County Museum on Saturday, November 1. The admission is free and 34 artisan vendors are scheduled to be there. Parking is available beside and in back of the museum. There will be a food truck in the parking lot or we can choose a place nearby for lunch.

Notes from the Session



The 2026 Budget has been prepared.

The Building & Grounds Committee is working on several repairs & upgrades for the church property.

Advent Services are scheduled for Lickville Church on December 11, and Midway on December 17.

The Advent Study Curriculum has been approved and the study is scheduled to begin November 29 and meet the next three Fridays at 11:15 a.m.

The annual Christmas party is December 12, at 5:30 and will be catered.

The Session renewed Elizabeth Jones' CRE Covenant for another year.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on November 9, to hear a report from the Nominating Committee.

The 130th Foothills Presbytery Meeting will be at Nazareth Church on November 11.

Second Sunday Dinner



Our Second Sunday Dinner will be November 9. This will be our Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey will be furnished, please bring sides of your choice.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, November 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Redwood Café, 2404 E. River Street (the Belton Highway). Come join us for good food and even better fellowship.



Session



The Session will meet in the church office activity room on Sunday, November 23, immediately following Worship



Financial Report as of October 24, 2025

Budget Needs to Date	\$ 107,009.79
Budget Receipts to Date	\$ 134,831.67
Spent to Date	\$ 148,620.58
Special Offerings	\$ 8,490.45

We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give.



Community Outreach & Mission

MISSIONS

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in November will go to The Salvation Army of Anderson. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible; its ministry is motivated by the love of God; and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name.

Our Fifth Sunday Jar Offering in November will go to Meals on Wheels.

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.



Gratitude Corner: We received thank you's from:

Family Promise Anderson, Jim Boyer *"Dear Friends, We would like to thank you for your recent donation. Your contribution will assist in furthering our mission to provide safe lodging spaces for children and their families experiencing homelessness. We are grateful for your continued generosity. Together we are changing lives today and impacting future generations."*

Calvary Home for Children *"Dear Midway Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for the generous donations that you gave to us! They are certainly appreciated! Please know that our families will use them greatly, and will appreciate them as well. May God continue to bless you as you continue to bless others!"*

The Lot Project, Nate Knox *"Dear Midway Presbyterian Family, thank you so much for your generosity to our ministry. Your gift of prayers, presence, support, and finances make our mission possible. Thank You!"*

*See more gratitude notes on page 3

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Pulpit

Nov. 2 Roz Rozakos
9 Kent Saunders
16 Dee Ashworth
23 Bob Bone
30 John Dodwell

Head Usher

Nov. 2 Amy Morris
9 Linda Mylod
16 Chrissie Saunders
23 Tom Waddell
30 Keith Wentzky

Sunday School

Secretaries

Nov. 2 Bob Bone
9 Amy Morris
16 Linda Mylod
23 Sammy Stevenson
30 Bob Bone



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November	1	Will Greer
	8	Sammy Stevenson
	20	Keith Wentzky



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November	1	John & Katherine McGaha	21st
	14	Tommy & Gail Alewine	45th



Gratitude Notes

Good Neighbor Cupboard, Sharon Holliday, President “Dear Midway, The Good Neighbor Cupboard wants to thank you for your donation of 18.80 pounds of foods. We truly appreciate your support to help feed families in need. We are thankful to have you join us on our mission to fight against hunger in Anderson and surrounding communities. We are better together!



St. John’s Clothing Store is looking for sheets, towels and cutlery/flatware sets. Items at St. John’s are given to people referred there from organizations like the L.O.T. Project and Family Promise, not sold to the public. They’re always in need of men’s clothing, but particularly in need of the above-mentioned items at the moment. Their store is only open on Mondays and Wednesdays for donations, from 9:30 until 11:30. If it’s more convenient, you can bring them to church and Linda Mylod will get them to the Clothing Store for you. Thanks for checking your cabinets for sheets or towels that you can spare.

Due to the government shutdown and greater need at local food banks, the Community Life & Mission Committee will collect Thanksgiving food items for good Neighbor cupboard this month. Stuffing mixes, gravy mixes, mac and cheese mixes, cranberry sauce, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, fried onion rings, or SMALLER cans of yams (taking pity on Midway’s delivery person) will help our less fortunate residents enjoy the kind of Thanksgiving meal that we all would want to have. Thank you.

Health Corner



Deer Season Reminders

It’s important to be aware of the increased risk this time of year from deer-related vehicle collisions. These accidents cause over \$1 billion in vehicle damage annually. Deer are most active between October and December, so it’s worth taking precautions to stay safe while driving. Here are some practical safety tips we should heed:

Be mindful of peak activity hours. During this season, deer are **most active in the afternoon** but can be **harder to see at dawn and dusk**. Be extra cautious at these times, especially on rural roads or in wooded areas.

Use your high beams wisely. When driving at night, use high beams when there’s no oncoming traffic. This can help you spot a deer’s reflective eyes from farther away.

Look for more than one. If you see a deer cross the road, slow down and stay alert. Deer often travel in groups, so others may follow close behind.

Know when *not* to swerve. If a deer suddenly appears in your path, brake firmly but try to stay in your lane. Swerving can lead to more serious accidents involving other vehicles, trees, or guardrails.

Heed the signs. Deer crossing signs aren’t just for show — they’re placed in high-traffic areas where deer frequently move across the road. Reducing speed in these zones can give you more time to react.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



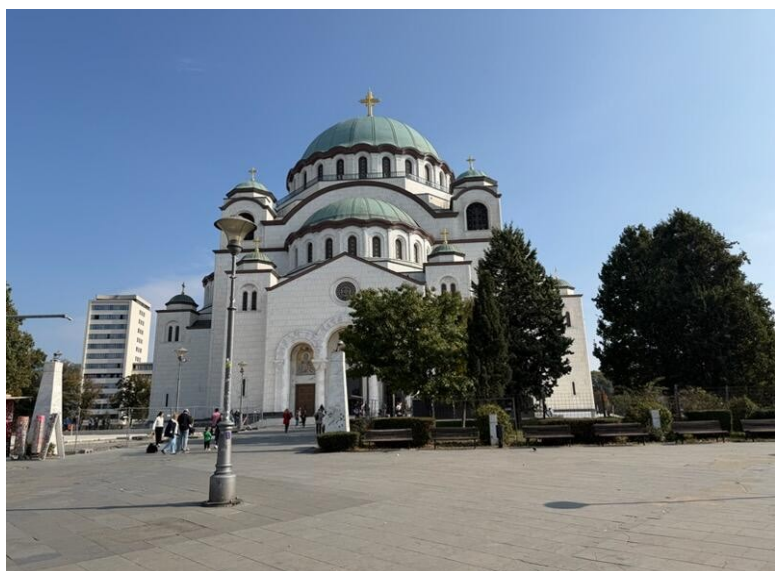
Bob Bone presenting Elizabeth with gift on Pastor Appreciation Day



The Lunch Bunch at Hart Brewing Company



John and Donetta Dodwell and Ray and Ginny Keiper in Bulgaria



The Dodwells and Keipers toured the Orthodox Cathedral in Belgrade

This Is Where (Some of) Our Money Goes...

Outreach monies raised from prior bazaars & yard sales were spent this year for a variety of local charities. A large chunk of this money was spent on jeans, sweatshirts and toiletries for the youngsters in District 5's McKinney-Vento (previously "Homeless Kids") program. One request this year from Denise Savidge, the program's director, was for hair bands and clips for the younger girls, as well as kids' toothpaste. These pictures tell much of the story.

Many thanks to Marilyn Martin and Linda Mylod for making the purchases. Everything was delivered to the District 5 office in mid-October. The Mylods were very happy to reclaim the floor space in their bedroom.



One of the displays at the Hartwell Scarecrow Contest



We had 29 members and guests at Bingo on October 16. Our last Bingo day for this year will be Wednesday, November 19.