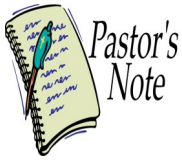

Dear Friends,

Along with the Midway Session I would like to extend to you an invitation to assist in worship by becoming an Usher, a Liturgist or both. Your Session and I want as many people as possible to actively participate because we truly feel it will enhance our worship experience and expand our efforts to be more inclusive.

If you are interested, please contact LeNelle in the church office so you can be added to the rotation. New ushers will be given written instructions and we will do our best to pair you with someone who is already serving. New liturgists will be given instructions as well. I'm working on that now.

Doing new things can be very fulfilling and new things often bring people together.

Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth;
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers
in the desert.
~~Isaiah 43:18-19

Grateful for all of you,
Elizabeth

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 8, Midway will participate in the "Souper" Bowl of Caring. Wear your favorite team colors to a lunch featuring soup and sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

As we celebrate "Souper Bowl Sunday", our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will go to Good Neighbor Cupboard. Please remember that food donations are always needed as well. All grocery items must have a fresh date showing they aren't past their expiration. Cereals, peanut butter, jelly, grits, pasta and rice are some of the regularly needed items.

The Foothills Presbytery Meeting

The Foothills Presbytery Meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, at St. Giles Church in Greenville.

Ash Wednesday

A Special Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the sanctuary at noon on February 18 (the first day of Lent). Everyone will be invited to receive the Imposition of Ashes.

Bingo

Our next Bingo day will be Wednesday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m. Make plans to join us for a time of fun and fellowship with members of our church and community.

Session Notes

- At our January 11, 2026 Meeting:
  New Officers were installed: Tommy Alewine to the Office of Elder in the Class of 2027 and Marilyn Mamrick to the Office of Elder in the Class of 2028. Also we ordained and installed Kathy Wilson to the Office of Elder in the Class of 2028.
- At our January 17, 2026 Meeting:
  The following were elected to serve: Clerk of Session, Kathy Wilson; Receiving Treasurer, Linda Mylod; Disbursement Treasurer, John Dodwell.
- Weapons Policy was approved.
- Statistical Report for 2025 was approved.
- Several projects from Building & Grounds Committee were approved.
- Committee Co Chairs were approved. Administration & Finance: John Dodwell and Amy Morris; Building & Grounds: Kent Saunders; Community Life ad Mission: Marilyn Mamrick and Kathy Wilson; Worship, Fellowship, & Christian Education: Roz Rozakos and Linda Mylod.
- Bob Bone was elected Commissioner to attend the Presbytery Meeting with Elizabeth Jones on February 17.

Note from the Choir Director:

Love will be the theme for our February Music.

Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch

Watch your bulletins for announcement for a Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch date.

Financial Report as of

January 27, 2025

Budget Needs to Date	**$ 12,668.68**
Budget Receipts to Date	**$ 7,678.00**
Spent to Date	**$ 14,428.61**
Special Offerings	**$ 298.00**

God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding: We are channels made for sharing.
~~Billy Graham

Community Outreach & Mission

Our Jar Offering for February will go to Hope Missions. In Anderson County, we serve the least, the lost, and the lonely. Every day, we provide more than meals and shelter. We restore dignity, remove barriers, and walk alongside people as they move from crisis to stability.

Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for the 1st Quarter of 2025 will go to Good Neighbor Cupboard, a community-based organization in Anderson, SC that provides essential resources to those in need. They offer a variety of assistance programs and support.

The Community Life & Mission Committee

Community Life and Missions Committee is asking for young men's and girls' socks and underwear for the youngsters at the New Foundations Home for Children, located here in Anderson. New Foundations is a residential program for children aged 13 and older whose parents cannot/do not take care of them, and they have become wards of the State. Throughout the month we can collect socks, underwear and towels – bath, hand, washcloths. If items are not new, please be sure they are in excellent condition. The youngsters prefer black or white crew socks for the boys and black or white crew or knee-highs for the girls. There are three times as many boys as girls in their group homes, so please keep that in mind if you're purchasing items for donation. Men's socks can range in sizes 8 to 13; boxer briefs should be size medium or large; and the girls' socks would be sizes 6 to 10, with underwear in every/any size. Thank you for any help you can provide.

Gratitude Notes

We received thank you's from:

Angela Stringer, Executive Director, Cancer Association of Anderson
Jim Boyer, Executive Director, Family Promise of Anderson County
Sharon Holliday, President, Good Neighbor Cupboard
Laurie Ashley, Executive Director, Meals of Wheels Anderson
Danny Varat, Ph.D. CEO, Safe Harbor
Major Joseph Irvin, Corps Officer, Anderson, Salvation Army
Laura Lindsley, Executive Director, Calvary Home for Children
Nate Knox, Executive Director, the Lot Project

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Pulpit

Feb.	1	John Dodwell
	8	Roz Rozakos
	15	Chrissie Saunders
	22	Kent Saunders

Ushers

Feb.	1	Linda Mylod Keith Wentzky
	8	Amy Morris Chrissie Saunders
	15	Ginny Keiper Ray Keiper
	22	Randi Rexroad Keith Wentzky

Sunday School Secretaries

Feb.	1	Amy Morris
	8	Carol Wentzky
	15	Sammy Stevenson
	22	Bob Bone

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February	2	Wayne Croft
		Elizabeth Jones
	9	Judy Peters
	17	Hazel McCallum
	23	Bill Rexroad
	24	Brenda Stamps

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February	16	Jim & Linda Mylod	25th
	22	Ray & Ginny Keiper	57th

2025 Community Support

In 2025, our members gave generously of their time and treasure to provide care for many local charitable organizations. Midway entered its 34th year delivering Meals on Wheels to recipients on Route 15, with 17 members and prior members currently dedicating an average of 60 hours monthly to provide this important service. In addition, several members donate their time to a variety of other non-profits.

Jar offerings and special offering donations in 2025 exceeded 2024 by 33% - an exceptional year. Midway members provided a total of $12K in financial support to the following organizations:

Clean Start	Calvary Home	Anderson Pregnancy Center
Shalom House	Champion Center	South Main St. Mercy Center
Soup Kitchen	Family Promise	L.O.T. Project
Safe Harbor	Haven of Rest	Salvation Army
Thornwell	AIM	Good Neighbor Cupboard
Meals on Wheels	Blue Dragonfly	Bleeding Disorders of SC
Cancer Assn.	Anderson Free Clinic	Broadway Fire Department
Presbyterian Communities of SC		

The Earnest Workers Sunday School class provides financial support to a missionary and delivers holiday fruit baskets to our shut-ins.

This largesse is possible because of the abundance of generosity by our members. We give great thanks to all who have shown their love and care for our brothers and sisters who are in need of our support.

Health Corner

Keep Your Brain Young

Do crossword or jigsaw puzzles. They challenge your brain to think in new ways and to remember information. They improve your memory and help problem-solve, which may lead to a sharper mind.

Learn something new. When you learn, your brain makes new connections, which can help your memory and your thinking process. Try knitting, painting by numbers, learning a new language or taking up a new hobby. Learning to play an instrument can improve your memory in just 10 weeks.

Play board games. Games like chess, Scrabble or Monopoly make you think, remember, and problem-solve. They're also a great way to stay socially connected. Join us for Bingo once a month at Fellowship Hall for some socializing and fun!

Switch up your routine. Take different routes to the store; walk in a new park or shop at a new store. Small changes can challenge and keep your brain engaged.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

The Advent Bible Study was well attended

Getting Ready for the Christmas Party

Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship at the Christmas Dinner

More Christmas Dinner Shots

The Dodwells celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary, January 19.

Kitty Burge celebrates her birthday January 23

Bingo Fun on January 21, 2026