



**Pastor's Note** Dear Friends,  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> was my first anniversary at Midway and I want to take this opportunity to tell you what a spiritually enriching year it has been. I have come to truly feel we are a family and I look forward to each day in the office, all our worship services, Sunday lunch, the monthly mission focus and yes, even every Session Meeting!

Over the past few months there have been many health challenges and other life changing events in our congregation. But we are a courageous and resilient bunch and I have every confidence, we will continue to be a beacon of hope for our community. I don't have to ask you to be in prayer for our members and others who are in the hospital or rehab because you already are. I can thank you sincerely, though for your active prayer lives and the way you support each other. I am so thankful to be in ministry with Midway.

Grateful for each of you,  
 Elizabeth

*Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

~Joshua 1:9



**Session Notes**

- Successful transfer of title and money received from SCDOT
- Bob Bone and Elizabeth Jones reported on the February Presbytery Meeting
- Roz Rozakos was elected Commissioner for the May 16 Presbytery Meeting.
- Financial Review was received and approved with many thanks to Amy Morris, David Peters, and Bill Rexroad for their faithful work.

**Session**

The Session will not meet in May. The next Session Meeting will be Sunday, June 14, 2026.



**Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch**

Watch your bulletins for dates and times for the next Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch outings.



**Building & Grounds Committee**

The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on Sunday, May 3, immediately following Worship.



**Worship/Fellowship/Christ. Ed. Committee**

The Worship/Fellowship & Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, May 31, immediately following Worship.



**Second Sunday Dinner**

We will not have a Second Sunday Dinner in May due to Mother's Day.



**Financial Report as of April 23, 2026**

<b>Budget Needs to Date</b>	<b>\$ 52,355.36</b>
<b>Budget Receipts to Date</b>	<b>\$ 47,690.22</b>
<b>Spent to Date</b>	<b>\$ 62,693.70</b>
<b>Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 2,224.87</b>

*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

~~2 Corinthians 9:10

**Foothills Presbytery Meeting**

The Foothills Presbytery will meet on Saturday, May 16, at Central Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth Jones and commissioner, Roz Rozakos will attend.

**Bingo**



Our next Bingo will be Wednesday, May 27. This is a time of fun and fellowship with our members and members of our community.

**Our Jar Offering** for the first four Sundays in 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 Fifth Sunday Jar Offering** will go to Clean Start, that offers those living on the streets a way to clean up and start again. By providing laundering services, clothing, and basic hygiene supplies, we encourage our clients to better themselves. Our clients feel empowered knowing someone values and cares about them.

**Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for the 2nd Quarter of 2026** 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 Notes**

**From Laura Lindsley, Executive Director Calvary Home.** *“Dear Midway, Thank you for your generous gift. We hope that you will rejoice in knowing that your gift is changing lives. This spring, we are especially grateful for the many ways your generosity continues to make a difference. Thanks to support like yours, we recently completed a new backyard fence for our two newest homes, creating a safe and welcoming space where children can run, play, and simply enjoy being kids. As the seasons change, we are also preparing our Children’s Learning Garden for a new year of growth. Soon, children will be planting flowers and fresh produce while learning valuable life skills like responsibility, teamwork, and caring for God’s creation. Because of you, meaningful moments like these are possible.”*

**SCHEDULE FOR  
MAY**

**Pulpit**

- May 3 Ginny Keiper
- 10 Linda Mylod
- 17 Roz Rozakos
- 24 Chrissie Saunders
- 31 Kent Saunders

**Ushers**

- May 3 Bill & Randi Rexroad
- 10 Kent Saunders & Chrissie Saunders
- 17 Terry Waddell  
Kathy Wilson
- 24 Gail Alewine  
Donetta Dodwell
- 31 Ray & Ginny Keiper

**Sunday School  
Secretaries**

- May 3 Carol Wentzky
- 10 Sammy Stevenson
- 17 Bob Bone
- 24 Amy Morris
- 31 Carol Wentzky



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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



**MAY ANNIVERSARY**

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| May | 22 | Randy & Mimi Morris | 69th |
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## It's Happening NOW!

Only a few days until our 2026 fundraising Yard-and Bake-Sale! Thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale. We have a wonderful array of kitchen items, including small appliances, household décor, tools, games and miscellany. Now it's time to show off your baking skills! Baked goods should be brought to Fellowship Hall between 10 and noon on Friday. If you need your baked goods picked up, please let Linda know so that can be arranged. Ginny has suggested that cookies, brownies and mini loaves always go quickly, AND if you could, it would help our Bake Sale workers immensely if you'd wrap your items at home. If that's not possible, our ladies will wrap them when they arrive. Cookies and brownies could be wrapped in two's, unless the cookies are small, and then they could be wrapped in 3's. Small baggies work well. Cakes or pies will be cut up by the workers and wrapped at church to keep them fresh.



If you're not home baking, we'd love to have you help us with set up at Fellowship Hall on Friday. We'll be there from 10:00 until all the items are set out. We've received a blessed abundance of items, so many hands will be needed to make light work. We'll also need workers on Saturday from 7:30 until 2:30, or for whatever part of that time you can spare. And, of course, we need shoppers! So please, please get the word out on social media and e-mail your friends and relatives to join us on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the only fundraiser that we'll have this year. All proceeds will be used to purchase clothing, supplies and Christmas gifts for children and adults in need in Anderson. Thank you!

## Gratitude Notes

**From: Norene Smith Director Clean Start**

*"Dear Midway Presbyterian Church, Thank you for the donation to the Clean Start Hygiene Center for the Homeless. All donations are very appreciated for this mission. Once again I enjoyed attending your service."*



## The Quiet Gift: Why Visiting Matters More Than We Think



In every church family, there are members who, for reasons of health or age, are no longer able to gather with us each week. Some are confined to their homes; others now live in long-term care communities. Though their presence may be missed in the pews, their place in the body of Christ remains just as vital—and so does our responsibility to them.

Visiting those who are shut in or in long-term care is not simply a kind gesture; it is a meaningful act that deeply affects their health and overall well-being—emotionally, mentally, and even physically.

Loneliness and isolation can take a serious toll. Studies have shown that prolonged social isolation can increase the risk of depression, anxiety, memory decline, and even heart disease. For seniors especially, days can blend together in silence, with limited opportunities for connection. A simple visit—sharing conversation, laughter, prayer, or even just quiet companionship—can interrupt that isolation and bring renewed energy and hope.

Human connection is powerful. When someone knows they are remembered, valued, and loved, it strengthens their sense of purpose. It can lift their mood, improve their outlook, and even encourage better physical health. A warm smile, a gentle touch, or a familiar face can be as meaningful as medicine.

For those in long-term care, visits also help maintain a connection to their faith community. Hearing scripture, praying together, or singing a favorite hymn can bring comfort and spiritual reassurance. It reminds them that they are not forgotten—that they still belong.

Visiting is not about having the perfect words or staying a long time. It is about showing up. A short visit can brighten an entire week. A few minutes of genuine attention can ease hours of loneliness.

As a church made up of caring and faithful members, we have a beautiful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in a very personal way. When we visit those who cannot come to us, we bring the church to them.

Let us be mindful of those who are missing from our gatherings—not just in attendance, but in daily life. A call, a card, or a visit can make more difference than we realize.

In caring for them, we strengthen not only their well-being, but the heart of our church as a whole.



**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S**

**ANNUAL YARD SALE +  
CHURCH  
LADIES BAKE SALE**

Join us for decor items in pristine condition, kitchen supplies, vintage tools, and of course our bake goods which go quickly. Come early to get the best selection!



**MAY 2, 2026**

**8AM - 1:30PM**

**3238 MIDWAY ROAD 29621**

All proceeds support local charities to supply needed items for children & adults.

Charitable organizations: Anderson Pregnancy Center, Calvary Home for Children, Clean Start, New Foundations Center for Children, South Main Street Mercy Center & Many more!

