JUNE 2026 MIDWAY MESSENGER

Dear Friends,

LeNelle had reminded me several times that she needed my piece for this month's newsletter. I was running out of time to put something together actually it was overdue and I was getting a little desperate. When suddenly the Holy Spirit intervened, imagine that!

It happened as I was looking over the lectionary passages for this past Sunday and realized one of the readings was Psalm 8 which over the years has been cited as a favorite by a variety of friends, colleagues and even a few Bible commentators.

I'd like to invite you to look it up, read it, sit with it for a little while and decide how it's speaking to you today. This is how we begin the spiritual practice of studying scripture known as Dwelling in the Word. I've mentioned it to you before and we'll be exploring it more in the months to come

Here are a few of my reflections from a 2020 sermon.

"How majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8 begins and ends proclaiming the majesty and sovereignty of God or as one well-known theologian puts it, the *excellence of God*.

Verse three ignites our imagination because it presents us with an image of God bringing order out of the chaos before creation with his hands and fingers. Everything that lives and moves and brings us joy was carefully planned and is God's own incomparable handiwork. Verses 4-8 are about our relationship with God and how we are made in God's image and entrusted with the care of the earth. We are told also that God crowned us with glory and honor. This is evidence of God's everlasting love set against the backdrop of God's creation and majesty. It is both staggering and humbling.

Christ's peace to you now and always,
Elizabeth

Second Sunday Dinner

Our Second Sunday Dinner will be held on June 14. This will be a covered dish, so bring your favorite dish to share.

Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch

Watch your bulletin for announcement concerning the next Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch outing.

Session Notes

The Session along with the Building and Grounds committee is excited to share with you that much needed refurbishment in the sanctuary is coming soon. We will keep you updated as the projects are scheduled. Thank you for your patience as we go forward.

Bingo

Our next Bingo Day will be Wednesday, July 1. This is a time of fun and fellowship with our members and members of our community.

Bingo Prizes Needed

Our community Bingo sessions are an effort to share fellowship with members and non-members, and usually the ratio is 25% members to 75% non-members. The community looks forward to our Bingo sessions, but the cost of prizes and snacks falls on very few. We'd be grateful if members who don't attend Bingo would consider donating items to be used as prizes. We used some of this year's unsold Yard Sale items as prizes, and they were enjoyed by the bingo winners this month. Small household items in great condition could be donated, or scented soaps, Sudoku puzzle books, small games (like Uno) or bags of candy or snacks would also be enjoyed. We hold bingo every five weeks, and the prizes go quickly, so any help you can provide will be appreciated by the Community Life & Mission Committee.

Financial Report as of May 22, 2026

Budget Needs to Date	**$ 65,444.20**
Budget Receipts to Date	**$ 59,333.22**
Spent to Date	**$ 72,833.16**
Special Offerings	**$ 2,852.37**

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."
~~Paul the Apostle

Community Outreach & Mission

Our Jar Offering for June will go to South Main Street Chapel & Mercy Center which is a church with a diverse congregation that brings people together across boundaries to support one another with dignity and compassion by connecting all with opportunities to serve and to be served. Beyond traditional church activities like worship and Bible Study the church provides outreach and support services to persons who are economically disadvantaged and many who are homeless. Services include breakfast and lunch five days per week that are open to the community and on average serve 900-1,000 hot meals per month. Other services offered include showers and clothing, on-site mental health counseling, nursing care, transportation and housing assistance, addiction recovery referral, and other case management services.

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.

June Mission Project

During June, we'll collect supplies to deliver with our Jar offerings. Needed food supplies include canned tuna or chicken, stew, soups, chili, or veggies **with pop-top lids;** small, **individual sized** peanut butter; crackers; fruit cups; cereal or granola bars; pudding cups; and individual bags of snacks.
Needed hygiene supplies include: travel-size shampoos, small toothpastes, deodorants, wash clothes, Wet wipes, combs and brushes. Other items that we might have in our closets and could spare include mens and womens T-shirts, socks and underwear (all sizes).
Donations can be left in the boxes in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for any help you might be able to provide.

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Liturgist

June	7	Kathy Wilson
	14	Bob Bone
	21	John Dodwell
	28	Ginny Keiper

Ushers

June	7	Linda Mylod Keith Wentzky
	14	Ray & Ginny Keiper
	21	Bill & Randi Rexroad
	28	Kent & Chrissie Saunders

Sunday School Secretaries

June	7	Sammy Stevenson
	14	Bob Bone
	21	Amy Morris
	28	Carol Wentzky

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June	1	Jim Ginn
		Emily Wentzky
	6	John McCallum
	10	Donna Beaver
	20	Bryan Lyndon
		Frank Stevenson
	28	Joyce Wentzky

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June	2	Joey & Amy Morris	42nd
	7	Ken & Susan Wentzky	29th
	9	Sammy & Carol Wentzky	59th
	13	Wayne & Beth Croft	50th
	23	Jerry & Peggy Swann	47th

Gratitude Notes

From:

Sharon Holliday, President Good Neighbor Cupboard *"Dear Midway Church, The Good Neighbor Cupboard wants to thank you for your financial donation. We truly appreciate your support to help feed families in need. You can be sure we will work toward providing food comfort to many, many families with your donation. In fact, this year we are on track to provide food to over 5,000 families. We are thankful to have you join us on our mission to fight against hunger in Anderson and surround communities."*

Dave Phillips, Executive Director HOPE Missions of the Upstate, *"Dear Midway Presbyterian Church, Thank you for your donation. Your gift is more than a donation—it is a powerful expression of God's love in action. Please know how deeply grateful we are for you partnership in this mission. You are making an eternal difference, and we pray God's richest blessings over you and your loved ones."*

7 Tips to Improve Your Memory

1. **Be physically active every day**
   Physical activity raises blood flow to the whole body, including the brain. This might help keep your memory sharp.

2. **Stay mentally active**
   Just as physical activity keeps your body in shape , activities that engage your mind help keep your brain in shape.

3. **Spend time with others**
   Social interaction helps ward off depression and stress. Both of those can contribute to memory loss.

4. **Stay organized**
   You're more likely to forget things if your home is cluttered or your notes are in disarray, Keep track of tasks, appointments and other events in a notebook, calendar or electronic planner.

5. **Sleep well**
   Not getting enough sleep has been linked to memory loss. So has restless sleep and sleep that gets disturbed often Make getting enough quality sleep a priority. Adults should sleep 7 to 9 hours a night on a regular ba sis.

6. **Eat brain-friendly foods**
   A diet filled with fruits, vegetables and whole grains is thought to be good for overall brain health. Choose low-fat protein sources, such as fish, beans and skinless poultry. What you drink also counts. If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Too much alcohol can lead to confusion and memory loss.

7. **Manage chronic health conditions**
   Follow your healthcare team's advice for dealing with medical conditions, such as high blood pressure, dia betes, depression, hearing loss and obesity. The better you take care of yourself, the better your memory is likely to be.

Midway's 2026 Yard/Bake Sale Fundraiser

On May 2nd, we raised $1900 through our Yard and Bake Sale efforts and received $225 in donations, which will all go toward supplies and gifts for the many organizations that Midway so generously supports every year. We may be small, but we're definitely a representation of support and caring in the Anderson community. The Community Life & Missions Committee thanks all our members and friends who donated, baked, purchased and worked at this year's sale; especially Carla Barbaro, Roz Rozakos, Ginny Keiper and Linda Mylod for their extra efforts in making this a successful fundraiser.

It was so good to see Joyce Wentzky at the Yard Sale

Randi demonstrating the new bike

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Bob Bone celebrating his 90th Birthday with some Navy buddies and his great granddaughter