AUGUST 2026 MIDWAY MESSENGER

Dear Friends,

Our sanctuary has been beautifully updated and you are all invited to our Re-Dedication Service on Sunday, August 2nd during the morning worship service. Please bring friends and family members who have visited our church so they can see the renovations and improvements. So often I hear people comment on what a lovely church this is and it is a joy to see it reaching its full potential.

Special thanks to Kent Saunders (Building and Grounds, Chair) and all the members of the committee for their faithful commitment to caring for our church and property.

The sale of the small piece of land to SCDOT this winter provided the funding for the project (s). However, there may be those of you who would like to offer a contribution out of your love for this sacred space especially after seeing how fantastic the sanctuary looks now!

Also, coming in August, we will be having a New Member Sunday! It will be my first since coming to Midway. Two people have expressed their desire to be active members of Midway. If there are others of you, who feel drawn to a deeper relationship with our church family, please let me know. It would be a privilege to welcome you, too. Please watch your bulletin for the date.

Christ's peace now and always,

Elizabeth

Bingo July 1, 2026

Our next Bingo Day will be Wednesday, August 5, at 1:00 p.m. This is a time of fun and fellowship with church members and members of our community.

Second Sunday Dinner

Our Second Sunday Dinner on August 9, will be furnished BBQ sandwiches. Sign-up sheets will be available for sides and desserts.

On July 11th our church provided breakfast for 125 homeless individuals which was served at Hope Missions. Guests received sausage biscuits from Bojangles, bottled waters, protein bars, and fruit snacks in a Ziploc bag with the following message:

For I know the plans I have for you,
"Declares the Lord."
Plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
Plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

Breakfast provided by Midway Presbyterian Church of Anderson.
God loves you and so do we!

All recipients were extremely appreciative and thankful. A special thanks to LeNelle for printing the labels and to all that contributed whether by donations, money, and/or prayers. Our church may be small in number, but very large in our outreach to those in need. May God continue to bless each of you.

Submitted by Sharon Mosteller

The Lunch Bunch

Our Next Lunch Bunch outing will be Wednesday, August 19. Watch your bulletins for time and place.

Financial Report as of July 24, 2026

Budget Needs to Date	**$ 94,894.09**
Budget Receipts to Date	**$ 89,136.79**
Spent to Date	**$102,063.89**
Special Offerings	**$ 4,597.45**

"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you."
~~Deuteronomy 16:17

Community Outreach & Mission

Our Jar Offering for August will go to Family Promise. This organization provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families with children in Anderson County.

Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering for the 3rd Quarter of 2026 will go to Anderson Emergency Soup Kitchen. The mission of AEK is to provide hot nutritional meals to individuals and families facing hunger. We are dedicated to offering a safe, welcoming space where no one is turned away, and everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Through collaboration, community outreach, and generous donations, we strive to meet the urgent food needs of our community and foster a sense of hope and unity.

Mission Project. New Foundations now has DVD players for their youngsters and are in need of DVDs that are appropriate for teenagers—and younger as well. But especially the teenage boys; they enjoy action stories. If you might have and would like to donate any DVDs you can leave them in the boxes in the front of the church.

Gratitude Notes

From: Laurie Ashley, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels *"Dear Midway, On behalf of everyone here at Meals on Wheels-Anderson, thank you for your impactful donation. Because of your support and the support of people like you, Meals on Wheels-Anderson continues to deliver hope to the elderly and disabled homebound. We appreciate you."*

From: **Elizabeth Milhous, Thornwell** *"Dear Midway, Because of your kindness, we can provide safe homes for neglected children, family support and in-home therapy for families, education for students working toward graduation, and so much more. Together, by God's grace and your support, we are turning despair into determination, fear into courage, and trauma into triumph—THANK YOU!"*

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40 NIV)

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Liturgist

Aug.	2	Kathy Wilson
	9	Bob Bone
	16	John Dodwell
	23	Ginny Keiper
	30	Linda Mylod

Ushers

Aug.	2	Linda Mylod Keith Wentzky
	9	Bill & Randi Rexroad
	16	Kent Saunders Chrissie Saunders
	23	Tom Waddell Kathy Wilson
	30	Gail Alewine Donetta Dodwell

Sunday School Secretaries

Aug.	2	Sammy Stevenson
	9	Bob Bone
	16	Amy Morris
	23	Carol Wentzky
	30	Sammy Stevenson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August	5	Pete Rozakos
	8	Susan McDonald
	9	Chrissie Saunders
	19	Ken Wentzky
	21	Gail Alewine
	26	Tom Waddell

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August	10	Keith & Jane Wentzky	25th
	17	Kent & Chrissie Saunders	35th
	20	John & Hazel McCallum	59th
	28	Ron & Marilyn Mamriick	61st

Ray & Ginny vacationing in Switzerland

Delivering Jar Offering & Budgeted Benevolence Checks along with donated food and clothing items to S. Main St. Chapel & Mercy Center

Master Chefs John Dodwell and Tommy Alewine at the Hot Dog Roast July 12, 2026

Church Kitten in loving hands of Terry Waddell

Randi Rexroad admiring all the great Bingo prizes

Know the signs of heat illness. Dizziness, nausea, excessive sweating or confusion could be indications of a dangerous heat illness. Seek shade and medical attention quickly. And stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water throughout the day — even before you feel thirsty. Avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol which can contribute to dehydration.

Protect your skin from the sun. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30. Reapply every two hours, and more often after swimming or sweating. Wear hats, sunglasses and light, loose, protective clothing when possible. Limit outdoor activity between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the heat of the day and UV rays are strongest.

Science has long asked the question: What is the purpose of sleep? Our bodies obviously need to rest, but it's much more than that. Our brains are highly active while we sleep, performing different tasks in different sleep stages. A few benefits of sleep that are quite stunning:

• Protects and restores cognitive performance - without sleep, our concentration, reaction time and decision-making degrade.

• The brain does house-cleaning by flushing out toxins that accumulate during wakefulness, including certain proteins that are linked to cognitive decline.

• Sleep regulates emotions and adjusts synaptic strength which enables our nervous system to transmit, process, and coordinate information.

• Sleep tunes up the circadian system to regulate hormone release, body temperature and metabolism which affect stress level, appetite and tissue repair.

If you struggle to fall asleep, experts recommend practicing a calming activity like breathing exercises. Long afternoon naps can make it harder to sleep at night. Stop using phones and e-tablets at least 30-60 minutes before heading to bed.

It's hard to overstate the importance of a good night's sleep.

Legacy Academy is gearing up for another school year.

- **On Tuesday, August 4,** there will be teacher training and luncheon from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **On Thursday, August 6,** they will have orientation from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The children will be outside and will only come inside for a tour. Moms will be inside for training at 11:00 a.m.
- **First day of class is Tuesday, August 11.** The Fellowship Hall will be set up for class on Monday, August 10th. Once all the pews have been returned to the sanctuary the other classrooms will be set up.
- **Members:** Please respect the school's ongoing request to keep others out of the building as much as possible on the days they are here.