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# The Newsletter

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Church

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## Minister's Message

Friends,

The other day I graded a paper for a prison inmate taking the College Guild course entitled "Creative Language." The following is a poem he wrote, and my response to it:

"The cow lived in a barn; A barn had a cow; Together they were happy."

The simplicity of this poem is its genius.

"The cow lived in a barn." This presents a picture of serenity—it is an uncomplicated photo of purity set in contrast to a very complicated society we live in. Here is a cow and a barn; the cow is coming in from grazing out in the pasture all day, and is completely at home as she enters this safe haven. A sacred quietness greets her; she smells the fresh hay in the stall where she will rest comfortably all night. The sound of her hooves give a cadence to the worn planks beneath her and she rumbles her way to the comforts of the crib. Each measured step falls nearly where it did the nights before that going back to the first opening of her eyes to this new and wonderful world. It's a well-worn path she follows each day to her home, and there is no desire in her to leave this place. She is contented to make this round and to be there. This is where she lives!

"The barn had a cow." This structure would have no purpose if the cow didn't live there. Live is given to it by that living creature who resides there. The contented spirit of that animal is somehow breathed and infused into its timbers and rafters. It is more than just a barn, it is truly a peaceful home, one of those rare things that is only a distant memory in most cities, a place where buildings and people are not linked together. Everything in the city stands alone in the harsh lights of the street. The poet Gabriel realized this, and he has linked the cow and the barn together in a wonderful story of peacefulness.

"Together they were happy." He knows there is no joy for the cow alone, or the empty barn either. They need each other for the story to be complete. In fact, we all need this simple poem to remind us of something that gets lost in the madness of life. The poet looks beyond the scene in the city where walls separate people and buildings and families, and sees the cow and the barn. His focus is on this pastoral scene, and a tear comes to his eye. There is happiness. Yes, the cow lives in the barn, and the barn has a cow!

Blessings to you, and I love you,

Steve

**Remember these members and friends in prayer:** Jean Stroman, Chris McClellan, Shirley Hutto, Rachel Darling and Mikala Pope, Eva and Michelle Elrod, Donna Scott, Bernie Jackson, Duke Warren, Bruce Tanner, Bess Gray, Hugh Wilson, Inez Fort, Kathleen Haynie, Michael Bonner, Avon Capps, Oran Baldwin, Jr., Francesca Martinez, Eva Cathey (Emily Sexton's mother), Mary Porter.

**Christian Sympathy:** The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Dorothy Harris Jeffries of Florence, S.C. Mrs. Harris, great-aunt of Ned Haynie, was a native of McClellanville, and to the Leland family on the recent death at age 73 of Edwin Cater Leland, Jr. of Flat Rock, North Carolina.

### June Birthdays

June 1-Lauren Hale Dent

June 2-Becky Sellers, Caroline Duke Keen

June 8-Thomas Duke, IV

June 10-Mary Beth Gannon Lose

June 11-Hugh Morrison Scott, Benjamin Floyd

June 12-James Stannard Hurteau, III

June 13-Katie Culpepper, Kim Racine,

Eugene Gardner McClellan, Jr., Meredith Reeves

June 15-Albert Altman, Hank Bruner,

Rev. Steve Souther

June 18-Rett Graham McClellan

June 19-Matthew David Tarry

June 23-Anne Eellefson, Stuart Mackintosh

June 24-Sylvan Racine, Jr. (Chip)

June 27-Lucie Elizabeth Racine

June 28-Alley Dinwiddie

### July Birthdays

July 2-Edith "Bootsie" Baldwin

July 5-Cameron White

July 7-Annie Jayne McClellan

July 9-Victoria White July

July 15-Aaron McClure

July 16-Scott Dudley, Townsend Warren

July 17-Ned Haynie

July 22-Malcolm Baldwin

July 23-Suzanne Britt

July 28-Glen Racine

### From the Session: Stated Meeting of May 15

**Building and Grounds**—Arrangement was made for the church to be pressure washed. (The work was done on Monday, May 16th.)

**Nurture**—The church's Facebook page is now active. Church news may be found there.

**Missions**—The first Mother's Day offering for Presbyterian Villages collected \$535.

**Wedding Policies**—Sessions passed the following policies for church weddings:

- Marriage serviced shall be conducted under the direction of the Teaching Elder and supervision of the Session. Book of Order - W-4.9004
- There shall be no charge for weddings of church members.
- Marriages may be conducted by guest ministers if approved by the session.
- Weddings of non-members shall be approved by the session. The fee for weddings of non-members shall be \$300.
- New Wappetaw's minister or a church representative shall be present at all weddings.
- The pianist/choir director shall be offered as providing music for all weddings. Music fees will be negotiated between the pianist and the wedding party.
- No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed on church property.

## **Officer Nominating Committee Formed**

At the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, May 15th, Bubby Morrison was elected as the congregation's representative on the Officer Nominating Committee. Other members will be: Elders Allen DuPre and John Horres from the session, Kathy Leland of Presbyterian Women, and Russell Tyler of Presbyterian Men. These will arrange to nominate persons to serve as elders.

Allen DuPre and John Horres will rotate off the session each will have served two three -year terms.

Members are encouraged to contribute to the life of the church by serving as officers. Contact any member of the committee to express interest. Also, members are encouraged to nominate individuals they would like to see serving. It is important to get a person's approval before mentioning the possibility to a committee member.

Here is the session as currently constituted:

### **Class of 2016**

- Allen DuPre—2011 -2016; completes 2nd three year term
- John Horres- 2011-2016; completes 2nd three year term
- Bette Warren- 2014-2016; completes 1st three year term

### **Class of 2017**

- Mary Duke-2012-2017; in 2nd year of 2nd three year term
- Hugh Scott-2012-2017; in 2nd year of 2nd three year term
- Sweetheart Tyler-2015-2017; in 2nd year of 1st three year term

### **Class of 2018**

- Walt Bonner-2016-2018; in 1st year of 1st three year term
- Ed Graham-2016-2018; in 1st year of 1st three year term
- Robert McClarley-2016-2018; in 1st year of 1st three year term

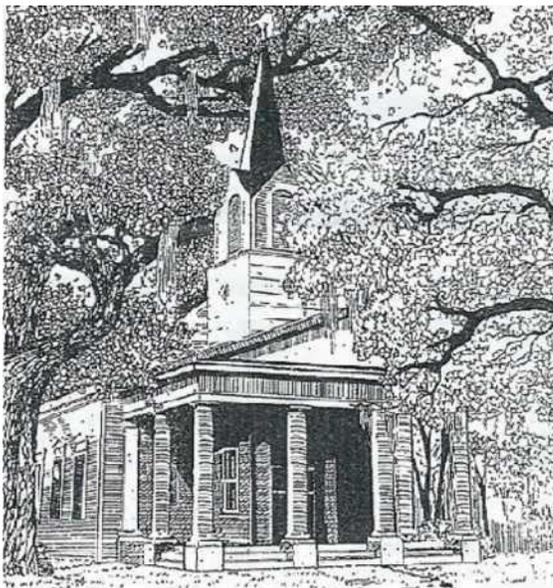
## **Support New Wappetaw's Cemeteries**

New Wappetaw is proud owner and manager of two beautiful cemeteries—New Wappetaw Presbyterian Cemetery here in McClellanville and the cemetery at “Old Wappetaw” (site of our predecessor church, the Wappetaw Independent Congregational Church) on Seewee Road in Awendaw. Both are beautiful and serene locations and are well kept. Visits to either site are pleasant and meaningful.

A trust fund set up years ago by the Mackintosh family provides some regular income for maintenance of the cemeteries. Otherwise, maintenance depends on contributions to our Cemetery Fund. Members and friends often give to this as a memorial contribution upon death of a member. Please consider giving contributions to the fund at any time.

## **Fifth Sunday Community Praise Services**

McClellanville's ministers have arranged a series of worship services at 6PM on the fifth Sundays through the year. Two have been held to date—at Seacoast Church and at McClellanville United Methodist Church. The next will be at the St. James Episcopal Church on Sunday, July 31st. New Wappetaw will be the host on October 30th. Members are encouraged to support and attend these services for the community.



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### **New Wappetaw Services and Meetings**

Noon Salad Lunch with Devotional - Wednesday, June 1st and Wednesday, August 3rd.

Quarterly Communion Service - at worship, Sunday, July 10, 2016 Afternoon Circle -

Lunch with Kathy Leland, Tuesday, June 7th, at noon Evening circle - will meet next

September Next Men's Supper - Thursday, September 15th, at 6:30PM

### **Vacation Bible School**

July 11-15 9 AM to noon

New Wappetaw will host this year -- others participating include McClellanville United Methodist Church, St. James Santee Episcopal Church, Seacoast Church, and Five Fathom Baptist Church.

A surfing theme this year: "Catch the wave of God's amazing love."