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# The Newsletter

## New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church

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### Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

I have discovered something important about angels and why we assume that they form heavenly choirs and sing. Having searched the Bible, I do not find even a hint of angels singing. Never! They are always 'saying' things. They are not singing the message of Jesus' birth when they come to the shepherd's watching their flocks by night! No, the Bible shows that 'the heavenly host' are 'saying these things' to the shepherds. Luke 2: 8-14

The second chapter in Luke's gospel is where the legend of angels singing comes from. Clearly, though, you will see that this text has the angels 'saying these things,' not 'singing' them. Why have we always assumed that angels sing heavenly music? A close look reveals that they are either saying things or fighting to protect someone. Jesus said that if he asked for help, his Father would send him 'more than twelve legions of angels.'" (Matthew 26:53) It is not a heavenly choir but a heavenly legion or host.

The focus of the story in Luke's gospel is that a baby was born on earth to a human mother, not on the host of angels from heaven who came to visit and interpret this event. All of the songs relating to the baby Jesus came not from heaven, but from humans on earth. It is here in this world where the Word was made flesh, that joy overflowed and praises to God erupted in the most beautiful choruses imagined.

The Community Choir's Christmas Concert of December 4<sup>th</sup>, directed by Susan McAdoo, was wonderful! I imagine the angels were watching that night and saying to one another, "Listen to that beautiful earthly music! We could tell them about the babe born in a manger, but they can really sing about him. They sing so beautifully because it is their flesh that he was born to." I can hear them also commenting about what this means: "If humans on earth—that is regular people, like shepherds and refugees who have no inn to stay in-- would only realize that the song was within them all along. Since the Divine has entered their flesh, anything is possible."

May the Lord bless you in this New Year, and I love you.

Steve

**Remember these members and friends in prayer:** Jean Stroman, Chris McClellan, Shirley Hutto, Rachel Darling, Eva and Michelle Elrod, Donna Scott, Hugh Wilson, Inez Fort, Kathleen Haynie, Oran Baldwin, Jr., Patricia Clark, Mildred Ripley, Lynn Scott, Terry McKnight, Joyce Bradshaw, Frank Hutchinson, Jean Mathias, Sweetheart Tyler, Dewey McClellan, Hampton McClellan (son of Jake and Rett McClellan)

### January Birthdays

Claudia Kornack	January 4	Rutledge B. Leland, IV;	
Caroline Taylor Hurteau	January 5	Payton Garner,	January 21
April Morrison Zorn	January 8	Leigh S. Scott	January 22
Rebecca Capps Porter	January 9	Tanner Marcinak	January 23
Hugh Baker DuPre,		Allston Leland	January 25
Will Lofton	January 12	Drew Westergard	January 27
Linda Altman	January 14	Jackson Porter,	
Orion McClellan,		Jonah Benjamin Wine	January 28
L. Palmer McClellan, III	January 17	Pam Morrison	January 29
Grier Cotesworth Scott	January 18	Rutledge B. Leland, III	
Tyler Ellis	January 18	William (Will) Leland	January 31

### February Birthdays

Lionel Lofton	February 1
Diane Racine, Margy Leland	February 2
Brenda Hutchinson	February 5
Samuel Crocker	February 7
Mimi Morrison, Eddie Stroman	February 10
James Scott, IV (“Jack”)	February 14
Connie Graham, Anne Frances Scott	February 16
Callie Olivia Cooper	February 18
Allison Elise Morrison, MD	February 19
Carlin Elizabeth Garner	February 22

**Preparation for Christmas and -- the cleanup** The exterior of the church, the sanctuary, and the fellowship hall were beautiful throughout the advent and Christmas season. Special activities and services – Lighting of the town Christmas Tree, The Hanging of the Greens, the Community Choral Concert, the Service of Lessons and Carols, The Christmas Pageant, and the Christmas Eve Communion Service were wonderful – and a lot of work went into the preparation for and the necessary cleanup for these occasions:

Sylvan Racine decorated the McClellanville Civic Club's Town Christmas Tree. Refreshments which followed lighting of the tree were provided by the Evening Circle.

Kenny and Faye (Bradshaw) Keith served as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus

Becky Sellers ordered the tree for the sanctuary, and ordered the wreaths and garlands.

Pam Morrison hung the garlands. Mary Scott provided mistletoe and Holly

Joyce and Junior Bradshaw and Diane and Sylvan Racine put greenery and candles in the windows, put lights on the tree, and obtained poinsettias for the sanctuary. Children decorated the tree.

Helen and Bubby Morrison and Margy Leland decorated the fellowship hall. Helen ordered special bulletins and advent candles.

Susan McAdoo directed the Choral Concert. Presbyterian Women provided refreshments and the evening circle served in the kitchen after the concert.

Kathy Leland, Becky Sellers, Mary Scott, and Ashleigh McClellan directed the pageant – Lily Crouch helped with the smaller children.

KayB McCarley typed all the special bulletins during the season

Mary Duke and Allen DuPre prepared for the Christmas Eve Communion Service

Kathy Leland provided music for worship on Christmas Day

John and Elizabeth Horres and Ned Haynie cleaned up the sanctuary. Helen and Bubby cleaned up the fellowship hall

These and many others participated in the services, giving their time and talents. New Wappetaw Church can be proud of and thankful for their dedicated work.

### **Elders to be Ordained and Installed at Worship on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Allison, Huger McClellan, and Jim Scott were elected to the session's class of 2019, and Ned Jaycocks was elected to the class of 2018. Ned Jaycocks will replace Walter Bonner in the class of 2018. Walt Bonner will continue as clerk of session..

Jim Scott and Ned Jaycocks have previously served two three year terms as elders and will be re-installed for three year terms. Peggy Allison and Huger McClellan will be new to the session, and will be ordained and installed as ruling elders.

Peggy Allison and her husband Drew have owned a home in McClellanville for many years and frequently attended services at New Wappetaw. They became fulltime residents of The Village in 2014 after she retired from her work in banking in Charlotte, NC. They joined New Wappetaw in November 2015.

Huger McClellan, a lifelong resident of The Village, is retired from military service and continues to work in law enforcement. He and wife Michelle have three children – Jessica, Ashleigh, and Savannah. Ashleigh is the youth director for New Wappetaw.

### Special Trees for the Town

As a part of Arbor Day activities, the McClellanville Tree Committee planted trees in memory of two life-long members of New Wappetaw Church – a tree in memory of Thomas Pascal Duke III (Tommy”) and a tree in honor of Mayor Rutledge Leland. The Duke tree was donated by the McClellanville Civic Club, and the Leland Tree was donated by the McClellanville Tree Committee.



The Duke family with the tree in memory of Tommy



The mayor with his family



### Bud Hill Reads a Citation for the Mayor

The Honorable

Rutledge Baker Leland

Mayor of the

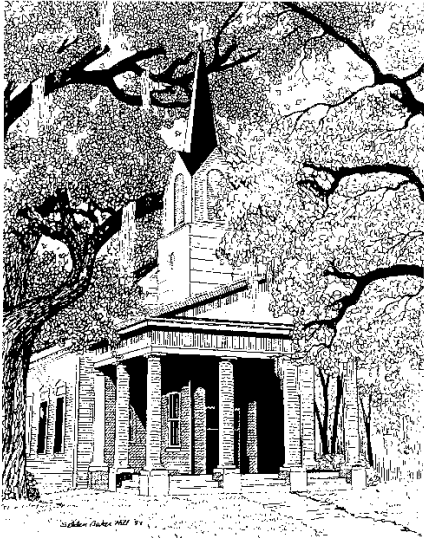
Town of McClellanville, South Carolina

(40 years of service 1976-1916)

14,600 days in office

350,000 hours in office

21,024,000 minutes in office



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

Evening Circle – 7:00 P.M. Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at the church  
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper – at worship, Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Ordination and installation of elders – at worship, Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Men’s Supper – Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P M (Note change from the usual third Thursday meeting date)



### **The Mitten Tree**

Members and friends were generous in donating items to the 2016 mitten tree. Outfitting of the mitten tree was a return to a practice, initiated at New Wappetaw over 30 years ago, by the late Rev. George Fletcher. He was a native of the Appalachian mountains, and saw that the clothing was donated to shelters in that area. This year’s donations will go to the same region.

Kathy Leland and Rev. Steve Souther recovered the tree from the church attic.