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# The Newsletter

## New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church

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### Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

I witnessed the sun first peeking up over the ocean this morning, the birth of a new day happening before my very eyes.

It was expected and surprising at the same time.

A clear blue sky and calm surf greeted this birth, this new day. Sea gulls lifted off the beach in front of me, providing a silhouette against the bright blue horizon. Ocean, sand, and sky blended in harmony. A new song arose from creation.

The darkness of the night and all the events that came before were all drowned out in this wonderful composition. Nature forgets the past and begins anew each day. Even the sand on the beach has been cleaned off by wind and tide and made ready for it. The waves are organized at sea, and line themselves parallel to the land, marching in cadence as they break into surf all along the sand-- just as they have done since the beginning of time.

There is something about nature that is both timeless and new. I expect the sun to rise over the ocean in the east every day, but it never ceases to be a surprise when night rolls back (before my eyes) like a curtain to the rising of the sun. The breeze is coming off the water, and it's clean and pure and fresh. It gives rise to a yearning, a desire to start again, thinking new thoughts and doing new things. Anything seems possible in that moment when the golden globe suddenly breaks the surface of the horizon and makes its appearance. "Morning has broken like the first morning..." It can be a surprise when that new life, which can be seen most vividly in nature along the coast, finds its way also in us. We are one with God's good Creation!

God bless you and I love you.

Steve

**Remember these members and friends in prayer:** Jean Stroman, Shirley Hutto, Rachel Darling, Eva and Michelle Elrod, Donna Scott, Hugh Wilson, Inez Fort, Patricia Clark, Jean Mathias, Joyce Bradshaw, Sweetheart Tyler, Connie Graham, Robbie Marlowe, Linda McClellan, Savannah McClellan, Terry McKnight, Sally Warren, and Duke Warren

**Christian Sympathy:** The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Frank Hutchinson on his recent death. Frank served as elder at New Wappetaw and helped develop a strong insurance program.

**Thanks** – Dear New Wappetaw: Thank you for praying for me when I had pneumonia and the Lord helped me get better. I am very thankful for all of your prayers. I was frowning ☹ but now I'm smiling. 😊.

Sincerely, Hamp McClellan

Dear New Wappetaw: I would like to thank everyone for the love and support offered before and at the time of Frank's death. Thank you for the heartfelt prayers, the delicious food, flowers, cards, and visits. All have been a comforting blessing to the family.

Sincerely, Brenda Hutchinson

### **March Birthdays**

March 1 -- Nancy Morrison, Judy Southern

March 2 – Lillian Simmons Lose

March 4 – Jacob “Jake” McClellan

March 5 – Mary Ruth Duncan

March 9 – Richard Boone McClellan,

Shea Marcinak

March 11 – Robbie Gannon

March 12 – Celie Capps

March 14 – Linda McClellan

March 16 – Jayme Horres Hurteau,

William Hampton (“Hamp”) McClellan

March 17 – Terry Read Scott

March 19 – Conner Culpepper

March 26 – Claire Capps

March 27 – Ben Duncan (the son)

March 28 – Michael Holmes Morrison

March 29 – Pascal Duke

March 31 – Emily Small

### **April Birthdays**

April 1 – William (Bill) Crouch

April 2 – Thomas Emery Porter

April 3 – Leslie Gooch

April 4 – Andrew Hibben (Binks) DuPre

Cindy Fortner

April 7 – Ashleigh McClellan, Ashley Moore

April 8 – Buzz Southern

April 10 – Renee Souther

April 18 – Lucia Jaycocks, Lionel Lofton, Jr,

Wade Rhodes

April 19 – Christian Allen (Chris) Morrison

April 20 – Clair Cameron Allen, Ginny Hicks,

Malcolm “Morrison” Baldwin

April 21 – Jacob Aaron Tarry

April 22 – Matthew Morrison, Sammy Marshall

April 23 – Kathy Leland

April 26 – Melissa Cooper

April 28 – Anna Reid Southern

April 29 – Waring Potter, Eugene “Gardner” McClellan

April 30 – Lila Gardner

## **MISSIONS 2016**

New Wappetaw members were strong supporters of mission efforts and local outreach.

One Great Hour of Sharing – at Easter -- \$671 – Supports disaster relief, refugee assistance

Mother's Day Offering – \$635 -- Supports residents of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

Peace and Global Witness Offering – In October, World Communion Sunday -- \$295

Thornwell Home for Children – Supports Thornwell's mission of providing a loving, Christian home for abused, abandoned, and neglected children – at Thanksgiving -- \$347. Also, half of the 2-cents a meal offerings go to Thornwell. These gifts help New Wappetaw secure our commitment of a total of \$2500 a year to Thornwell.

Joy Gift Offering – At Christmas -- \$390 – Supports retired and active church workers experiencing extreme financial difficulties, and supports Presbyterian related racial-ethnic colleges.

Water Missions in Haiti – \$725 -- In October the session approved a \$250 donation to Haiti after Hurricane Matthew – the congregation gave an additional \$575.

Support for local persons –\$500 via the session, and much more from the Circles and Presbyterian Men.

Items collected on the Mitten Tree were sent to a community shelter in Charlotte. NC

## **From the Session – meeting of February 12**

Elder Mary Duke was thanked for her service as bookkeeper over the last year and half. Session will initiate search for a part-time bookkeeper

Building and Grounds – Missing roof shingles will be replaced – inside of sanctuary windows are to be painted.

An inside and outside workday is set for Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – members are encouraged to contribute.

A great number of expired textbooks or other books will be processed for removal. Members are invited to select any for use at home.

Building committee – plans have been submitted to possible builders.

## **Elders Ordained and Installed at worship on Sunday, January 22nd**



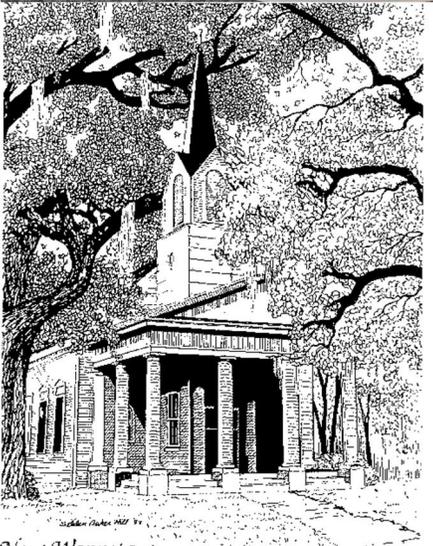
Here, Ned Jaycocks, Huger McClellan, and Peggy Allison stand with Reverend Steve Souther. Ned was installed as elder in the class of 2018. Huger and Peggy were ordained as ruling elders and installed in the class of 2019. Jim Scott, who missed the occasion due to temporary illness, was also installed to the class of 2019. The photo on the right shows the traditional “laying on of the hands” ceremony during worship. The laying on of the hands has been done since New Testament times in commissioning people to roles of ministry or service.



## The Burning Bush

The burning bush is used as a symbol of the Church of Scotland. The Latin words NEC TAMEN CONSUMEBATUR mean YET IT WAS NOT CONSUMED, referring to the time Moses encountered God in the desert. God spoke to Moses from the bush which was not consumed by fire. Exodus 3:2-4.

This emblem, now displayed in New Wappetaw's Fellowship Hall, was used as a template for creation of a bas relief in Charleston's Second Presbyterian Church.



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## Lenten season and Easter at New Wappetaw

Members and friends are encouraged to participate in special events during Lent and Easter

Wednesday Suppers 6:30 PM – beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday and  
continuing March 9, March 22, March 29, and April 5

Men's Supper and Ladies night on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M. replaces the Wednesday supper that week

Communicants Class for children – Wednesdays at 5:00 PM each week beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>

Sunshine Choir Practices each Wednesday, 5:00 PM

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at worship – Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

During Holy Week – no meals or classes – There will be the Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 PM on April 13

Easter Service – 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 16

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

**Evening Circle – at the church, 7:00 P.M. – Monday March 13 and Monday April 10**

**Afternoon Circle – Tuesdays 3:00 P.M. March 9 with Judy Fortner, April 16 with Lucia Jaycocks**

**Work Day – inside and out -- Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM**