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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

As you know, our youths are building a sail boat on Wednesday nights at the church. The project has moved from the scale model to the full--sized boat. They are currently lofting the lines on to the plywood. The parts they are drawing (lofting) on this wood will be cut out later, and amazingly joined to make a boat. It all seems impossible that lines and measuring points and math will result in a sea worthy craft.

At some point along the way a boat will suddenly materialize from these disjointed pieces of plywood. I can't wait to see their faces when this happens. But in the meantime, the work is going very slow. They only meet one hour a week, and it takes most of that time to get into a rhythm. In addition to that, they are learning. I think this will also be a life lesson. It is very difficult to restrain the impulse to do it for them, to go on ahead and work it out. But this would take away from these children a valuable experience. And so, we are working hard to make this a time of learning. One important lesson comes right out of the boat plans: establishment of the base line.

All of the measurements for building this boat are taken off the base line. This line, I told them, never crosses itself but continues on in infinity. Imagine how it continues even through time, going all the way back to when Jesus was their age, and when he was learning from Joseph. He probably used that same base line to build things. Imagine that! The line is always perfect. It is only the measurements that we make that can have errors in them. When this happens, everything gets out of whack. And so, we have in the boat shop a moaning chair. The builder sits in it to bemoan an error. But we don't stop there, we sit there until we have a solution—asking someone else, or just thinking about how it can be solved. There is no shame attached to that chair. In fact, it would be shameful if it were not used. I think that anyone who measures their work against the perfect baseline will realize exactly when they are off. It might seem easier to avoid it, to go on the assumption that we're right. This is when I mention the confession time at church, and that's our common 'moaning chair' because we're measuring ourselves against the "Perfect Base Line": Christ.

And the boat will have a sail. The power for this boat will come from the wind, not from an outboard motor. When it's launched in September, the youth will experience this power in a new and exciting way. I hope this will be an illustration of what powers the church of Jesus Christ – as the Holy Spirit, at Pentecost, breaths life and power into the church.

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Minister's Message (continued)

Ashleigh McClellan leads the youth group. She works with the boat building and provides activities for others who are present on the evenings. Adults are helping, and more adult input will be needed. We are not only building a boat; we are building the church for the future. This is the church at work. Come join the fun.

God bless you and I love you,

Steve

Planning



Working and Studying



with Good Food



Remember these members and friends in prayer

Jean Stroman, Shirley Hutto, Rachel Darling, Eva and Michelle Elrod, Donna Scott, Hugh Wilson, Inez Fort, Jean Mathias, Sweetheart Tyler, Connie Graham, Robbie Marlowe, Terry McKnight, Sally Warren, Duke Warren, Dot Best, Debbie Hattaway, Jimmie Hattarway, Jimmie Hancock, Butch Herlong, Teddy Gathers

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to Linda McClellan and the McClellan family on the recent death of Linda's mother, Wanda Spradling, of Winston-Salem, NC.

June Birthdays

June 1 – Patty McClellan

June 3 – Caroline Duke Keen, Becky Sellers,
Michelle McClellan

June 4 – Sharon Scott

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.,

June 16 – Albert Altman, Hank Bruner,

Lloyd McClellan, Rev. Steve Souther

June 18 – Rett Graham McClellan

June 19 – Matthew David Tarry

June 23 – Anne S. Ellefson,

June 24 – Sylvan Racine, Jr. (“Chip”)

June 27 – Lucie Elizabeth Racine

June 28 – Alley Dinwiddie

June 31 – Pat Salters

July Birthdays

July 2 – Beatrice “Bootsie” Baldwin

July 5 – Cameron White

July 6 – Annie Jayne McClellan

July 7 – Hayley Culpepper

July 12 – Emily Sexton

July 15 – Aaron McClure

July 16 – Scott Dudley, Townsend Warren

July 17 – Ned Haynie

July 21 – Katherine Jones

July 22 – Malcolm Baldwin, Pete Kornack

July 23 – Suzanne Britt

July 27 – Jerry Sexton

July 28 – Glenn Racine

July 29 – Sally Racine

July 30 – Hayward Nettles, Jr.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation –May 28, 2017

The congregation met at the close of morning worship. The meeting constituted a meeting of the corporation of the church, since the session functions as the Board of Trustees.

Kathy Leland told the congregation of activities of Presbyterian Women, and Ned Jaycocks told of the activities of Presbyterian Men.

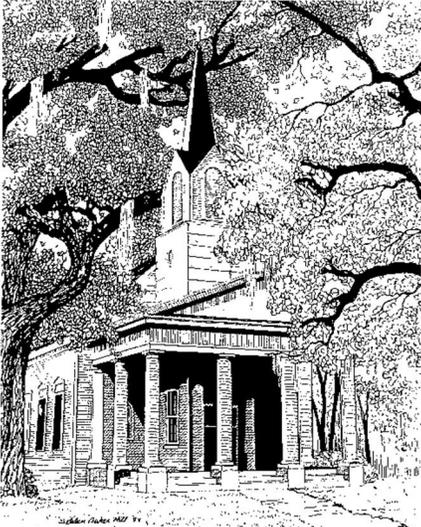
Ashleigh McClellan reported on activities of the youth group.

Elder Ned Jaycocks, chair of the session's Budget and Finance Committee, presented copies of the 2017 budget. He advised that the budget, as based on income in 2016, shows a deficit of about \$6,000. In 2016, the approved budget also showed a significant deficit, but this was nearly made up as income increased during the year. He encouraged members to be generous in giving regularly to the church.

Ned also thanked Mary Duke for her service as book-keeper for the church, and thanked Pam Morrison for taking over the responsibilities.

Elder Robert McCarley, head of the Building Committee reported that the session has approved construction of a small education wing – adding two classrooms. Construction costs will be less than \$150,000, and the amount will be sufficient to outfit the rooms with furniture and decorations.

Louis “Bubby” Morrison was elected to serve as the congregation's at-large member of the Officer Nominating Committee for the year.



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New Wappetaw Services and Meetings

Afternoon Circle Luncheon – Tuesday, June 6th, at
noon, with Kathy Leland

First Wednesday soup luncheon and devotional –
at noon, June 7th.

Communion – at worship, Sunday July 16, 2107

Evening Circle and Presbyterian Men will next
meet in September

Fellowship Dinner --May 21st
Great food and many people

