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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

As a young child I was deathly afraid of the water. We lived on a farm about half a mile away from a lake, and I would walk down there and watch kids dive off a large rock into deep water. I wished that I could do that, too.

And then one night I had a vivid dream that I was swimming. It was more than a dream in my mind—I was actually swimming with confidence in deep water! Early the next morning, I went down to the lake with the intention of carrying this out. Standing on the rock where the big kids dove off, I looked around at the woods, and shore line. I was totally alone. This gave me pause, but the dream seemed so real. I turned towards the lake and jumped! Panic tried to seize me as I struggled to the surface. It suddenly struck me like a bolt of lightning: I was in way over my head! The terrible fear that I had of water threatened to overwhelm me. Finally, in what seemed a life-time, and it could well have been my life, I broke the surface. Gasping for air, I remembered the strokes. Yes, “Remember the strokes,” I told myself. And then I was swimming just as I had done in the dream. A mixture of terror and triumph filled me as I climbed out of the water. Standing safely back on the rock, dripping wet and shaking, I tried to grasp what had just happened. One thing was for sure: I wasn't afraid anymore. I had been in deep water and survived. It was no longer a dream; it was reality!

Had I learned that lesson once and for all, there is no telling where I would be today! But I didn't. That's the thing, jumping off into the deep is good for just one time. It expires, and has to be renewed again and again. Faith is just as scary the second and third (and so forth) time as it was the first time. In fact, for me it gets even more scary!

The lesson is to act right away. Don't wait for the proper time because the dream will fade quickly in the rational moments to come. Reason tells us to be cautious. And caution always tries to pull us back away from the edge. This is why it is important to remember that leap of faith when it was taken.

I can't imagine having lived all this time in fear of the water! This is the one thing I enjoy the most! The act of writing this story for you helps bring to light something about faith that is easily missed: it comes to us like a fleeting dream at night, and must be acted on in the day.

God bless you during this season of Lent and Easter.

I love you...

Steve

Remember these members and friends in prayer: Hugh Wilson, Terry McKnight, Debbie Hattaway, Junior and Joyce Bradshaw, Charles Hansen, Ty Darby, Bob Aldrich, Ronnie Hutto, Landon Halloway, Dickie Hills, Peggy and Robert Williams, Beverly Hodges, Jackie Sease (Beverly Bonner's niece), and Debbie Fusco.

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Leila Ursula Morrison Holcombe, 97, of Hendersonville, NC. Leila was born May 28, 1920 in McClellanville, a daughter of the late Wells Leland Morrison and Mary Eugenie Mackintosh Morrison,
to the family of Beth Graham Holmes of McClellanville on her death on February 19, 2018,
and to the family of Anne Beckman Rumer of Mt. Pleasant, SC on her death on February 23, 2018

March Birthdays

March 1 -- Nancy Morrison	March 14 – Linda McClellan
March 2 – Lillian Simmons Lose	March 16 – Jayme Horres Hurteau, William Hampton (“Hamp”) McClellan
March 3 – Frances Avinger	March 17 – Terry Read Scott
March 4 – Jacob “Jake” McClellan	March 19 – Conner Culpepper
March 5 – Mary Ruth Duncan	March 26 – Claire Capps
March 7 – Jaxyn Boyes	March 27 – Ben Duncan (the son)
March 9 – Richard Boone McClellan, Allison Jones, Shea Marcinak	March 28 – Michael Holmes Morrison
March 11 – Robbie Gannon	March 29 – Pascal Duke, Charles Sellers
March 12 – Celie Capps	March 31 – Emily Small

April Birthdays

April 1 – William (Bill) Crouch	April 19 – Christian Allen (Chris) Morrison
April 2 – Thomas Emery Porter	April 20 – Clair Cameron Allen, Ginny Hicks, Malcolm “Morrison” Baldwin
April 3 – Henry Bruner, Leslie Gooch, Brenda LeFevre	April 21 – Jacob Aaron Tarry
April 4 – Andrew Hibben (Binks) DuPre, Faye Keith, Cindy Fortner	April 22 – Matthew Morrison, Sammy Marshall
April 7 – Ashley Moore	April 23 – Kathy Leland
April 8 – Ashleigh McClellan, Buzz Southern	April 26 – Melissa Cooper
April 10 – Renee Souther	April 28 – Anna Reid Southern
April 16 – George Scott, Jr	April 29 – Waring Potter, Eugene “Gardner” McClellan
April 18 – Lucia Jaycocks, Lionel Lofton, Jr, Wade Rhodes	April 30 – Lila Duncan
	April 31 – Emily Small

From the Session – meeting of February 18

New Wappetaw will host the spring meeting Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery on Tuesday, May 15th. The meeting will start at 10:00AM, will likely end by 12:30PM, and will be followed by dinner. We expect as many as 100 persons to attend, with 70 or more remaining for dinner. Our men plan to serve McClellanville shrimp, and the rest of the meal will be prepared by a caterer. Members and friends are encouraged to visit – especially at the opening worship service.

Session approved installation of two heating and air-conditioning units serving the sanctuary at a cost of \$11,500. These replaced units over 15 years old, and one of which had ceased functioning.

Our sanctuary will again be the site of filming for a movie. An elder will be involved in preparation for the event.

Work Day at the church –inside and out – Saturday March 17th (24th if weather is bad)



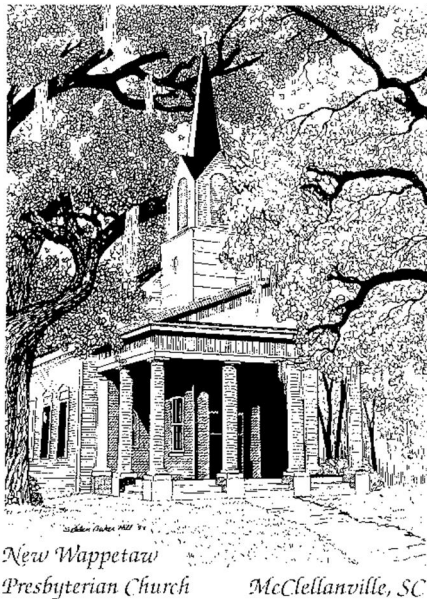
Elders Elected

At a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 21st, John Horres, Margy Leland, and Sandee Moseley were elected to the session, class of 2020. Both John and Margy have served before. Sandee, seen here with Rev. Souther, is no stranger to the church but will serve her first term. She was a long-time member of Immanuel Memorial Church of Christ in Alden, Iowa.

The Oyster Roast



The church's oyster roast on Saturday, February 10th was enjoyed by over 70 members and friends. Thanks go to Ned and Lucia Jaycocks for hosting the event at Point Plantation, to the men who collected and roasted the oysters, and to the ladies who prepared desserts and other foods. The enjoyment of the event brought up a suggestion that the church enact this summer another great McClellanville tradition -- a "Cape Party"



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**New Members
 February 18**



Caroline Harkleroad and John Stephens

New Wappetaw Services and Meetings

Afternoon Circle –

3 P.M. Tuesday, March 6th with Judy Fortner
 and Tuesday, April 3rd with Caroline Harkleroad

Evening Circle –

7:00 P.M. Monday, March 12th at the church
 and Monday April 9th 7 P.M. at the church

Lenten meals with devotionals – Wednesdays: March 7 and
 March 21 at 6PM – bring a dish

Maundy Thursday Communion service – Thursday, March
 29th at 6 PM

Easter service – 11:00 AM, Sunday April 1st

Men’s Supper – Ladies Night, Shrimp supper -- 6:30
 P.M. Thursday, April 26th

