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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear friends,

In the last newsletter I talked about the up-coming youth trip to Montreat and how it reminded me of a trip I did years ago. This trip in June thankfully had no hair-raising adventure like the one I wrote about! Everything went according to plan this time, and everyone had a great experience! This truly was a blessing.

Construction on the new classrooms is completed, and the addition is beautiful! On the outside it fits perfectly with the existing building, but inside it is completely new; everything about it, the grand view out front, the spacious and clean feel, and the modern A/C, is all brand new! And this newness, along with a large group of teenagers fresh from Montreat and their mountain-top experience, plus a good group of young children coming up through the grades, is a motivating factor for us to provide the very best Christian education possible for them.

A new committee chaired by Jim Scott is at work making plans for this building and its important program. They see a rare opportunity for the church, one in which an old established church is finding itself moving not only into a new building but also into new ways of doing things. Everything seems to be coming together: a large group of young people, a dynamic leader (Ashleigh McClellan), new members who are anxious to participate in this exciting ministry, and of course a new building.

It's time to pause for just a minute to see where this is leading us.

All this—the Youth ministry and new material--- is hitting the New Wappetaw checkbook pretty hard this summer. This is where you come in. The money you give to God is going much further than you can ever know. There are good things to show for this. a handsome new addition to the church building and a growing church family. And so, we can dig a little deeper, and share a little more from our pockets, and know that we are doing the Lord's work.

God bless you, and I love you.

Steve

Remember these members and friends in prayer: Hugh Wilson, Terry McKnight, Debbie Hattaway, Charles Hansen, Ty Darby, Bob Alrich, Ronnie Hutto, Landon Holloway, Dickie Hills, Peggy and Robert Williams, Jackie Sease, Caroline

Harkleroad, Charlotte Armstrong, Bill Archer, Bruce Rector, Andrew Brunson, Charles Thomas, Dr. Harold Askins, Mary Paul Smith, David Marcinak

September Birthdays

Katie Scott --	September 1	Gene Morrison	September 19
Cade Morris Allen, Sanders Read,		Betsy Hansen	September 20
Sam Souther	September 3	Henry McClellan, Maggie McClellan	Sept. 23
William Hampton McClellan ("Hamp")	Sept 6	Chase Culpepper, Allston Leland	September 24
Joyce Bradshaw --	September 7	Avery Grace Leland	September 25
Walter Cook --	September 8	Robert Jackson McCarley, IV	September 26
Bud Hill, Laura Leslie, Mary Sands,		Jessica McClellan,	
Gabe Stroman	September 9	Edward Lee McClellan	September 27
Kathy Allen, Lily Crouch --	September 12	Richard Sands	September 28
Sandee Mosley, Joe Papp --	September 13	Elizabeth "Libby" Scott	September 29
Peggy Allison, Della Marie Porter,		Bette Baker Warren	September 30
Sylvan Racine	September 15		
Randy McClure	September 17		

October Birthdays

Savannah McClellan Epps		Ed Graham	October 12
Henry Joyner Rhodes	October 1	Charles Hansen, Shirley Hutto	October 13
Sweetheart Tyler	October 2	Meaghan Rhodes	October 15
Andy Capps, Nickie Ellis,		Joe Thomas	October 19
Dwight Williams	October 3	Ned Jaycocks	October 24
William Capps	October 4	Emily Morrison, Katie Gannon	October 25
Sally Thomas, Richard Todd Furches,		Mary Daniel McClure	October 26
Lynn Lofton	October 6	William Bradshaw, Jr.	October 2
Samantha Morrison (Michael)	October 9		
Joyce Thomas	October 11		

New Wappetaw's Offerings for Missions

New Wappetaw members and friends have been strong supporters of missions to those in need – here in our community and elsewhere. Here are offerings to be taken and funds to be collected in the next few months.

Local

At the August stated meeting the session established the Sarah Sadler Fund to continue through December 2018. Contributions to this fund will go to support Mrs. Sadler, who has been found to have metastatic cancer. She is uninsured and faces great expenses over the next few years. Give any donation to the church, designating the amount to The Sarah Sadler Fund.

Special Offerings

Peace and Global witness Offering – Taken during the Season of Peace, through September and until World Communion Sunday – October 7th. This promotes the Peace of Christ by supporting groups being subjected to injustice and by helping those in financial need. 25% can be used locally, 25% is used in the USA, and 50% used around the world (examples: support of Syrian refugees and help for congregations in Rwanda).

Thornwell Home for Children Offering – Taken at Thanksgiving time – November 9, 16, 25. The Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC has always gained support from New Wappetaw. The classic orphanage, also with a school, was founded in 1875 by Rev. William Plumer Jacobs and named for his seminary professor, Rev. James Henley Thornwell.

The Joy Gift Offering – Taken at Christmas time – December 8, 16, 23 – for the Presbyterian Communities in South Carolina – retirement and care centers in Summerville, Florence, Lexington, Clinton, and Easley. Funds given are used to give financial support for those residents whose finances have been depleted over long years.

For students: The Book of Genesis – an Introduction

A four week course on the Bible's first book -- Genesis. Studies will concentrate on the history of the Near East, the formation of Nation of Israel, and the growth of the Israelite's religion.

Class meetings –

- A survey of the book
- History of the Israelites
- The ancient near east

One story from the book – to be selected

Meetings: 9:45-10:45 AM on Sundays – September 23 and 30 and October 7 and 14

Come and bring a friend

Election of Officers -- Meeting of the Congregation

The congregation will meet at the close of worship on Sunday, September 16th to elect elders. The Officer Nominating Committee (a committee of the congregation, not of the session) will nominate Russell Tyler for a three year term, beginning January 2019, Andrew DuPre for a three year term beginning January 2109, and Townsend Warren for a one year term beginning in 2019.

Members may also nominate others from the floor, provided the nominee has agreed to be nominated and agreed to serve if elected.

Hands of Christ Distribution at New Wappetaw

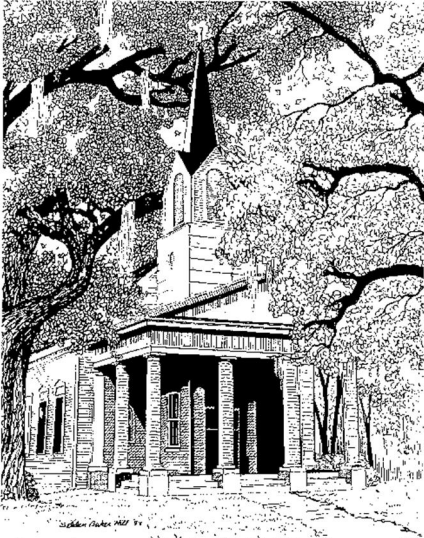
The seventh Hands of Christ distribution at New Wappetaw on Wednesday, August 15th was a great success. Over 60 children were provided clothes and school supplies. The Hands of Christ team, based at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston, once again enjoyed being with us. Many New Wappetaw members helped set up the hall, provided food, registered the children, and helped children shop for their items.



Our youths served at the registration desk and others helped children in shopping



HOC's Richard Byrd playing Lu Leland's organ which still works very well



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RETURN OF THE CAPE PARTY

An old McClellanville tradition will be reborn
on Saturday, September 22nd.

All are invited to join in a trip to cape Romain –
see the sights, find special shells, spend some time
fishing, experience good food and fellowship.

Please sign up on sheet at back of church if interested in
this fun event. Or call Sandee Moseley at 843-607-2534

Some transportation will be available for those who have
no boat.

.Details will follow soon.

Soup luncheons at noon, monthly on Wednesdays,
starting Sept 5, at New Wappetaw. All are welcome.

Bible Study every Wednesday, Sept 12-Nov 14 at 1PM
at New Wappetaw. All are welcome.

Communion at worship, Sunday, October 7th

Congregational covered dish dinner, after worship,
October 14th

Afternoon circle 3PM Tuesday, September 4th with
Kathy Leland. Pie Mikell to be guest teacher

Evening Circle – Monday, 7PM, September 10th at the
church

Men's Supper – 7PM, Thursday, September 29th at the
church. Bring a friend.

New Wappetaw Services, Fellowship Gatherings, and Meetings

Community social coffee every Wednesday morning 9-
11AM at Morrison House Annex of Episcopal Church.
All are welcome.

New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church

A Little History

New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church was organized in the newly forming village of McClellanville on August 23, 1872. The initial meeting of the congregation was held in Union Chapel, actually a small schoolhouse located where there is now a park at Pinckney and Oak Streets. Reverend Peter Gowan presided for Charleston Presbytery, and the first sermon was given by Rev. Gilbert R. Brackett.

Many founding members of the new congregation were from families which had attended the Wappetaw Independent Congregational Church in Christ Church Parish, located about twenty miles southwest of McClellanville. "Old Wappetaw" was established by a group of New England Congregationalists (Puritans or Dissenters) in 1696 or 1697. It was one of the first churches organized in the Carolinas. During the last few decades of its existence, Old Wappetaw Wappetaw was served by Presbyterian ministers.

Our predecessor church lost many members in the Civil war. Movement of other members to Mt. Pleasant and to the McClellanville area resulted in cessation of worship at Old Wappetaw. Old Wappetaw church described by the historian Petrona Royall as "of plain design" and therefore of the classic meeting house style, gradually deteriorated. It was gone by 1898, but the cemetery remains on Seewee Road, a few hundred yards behind the Seewee restaurant.

The name "Wappetaw" is from the Seewee Indian term for the place, meaning "Sweet Water."

On August 1, 1877, a final gathering of four surviving members of Old Wappetaw transferred all property of the corporation to New Wappetaw Church.

New Wappetaw began construction of its present sanctuary in 1874 on a lot donated by Robert Venning Morrison. The first sermon in the building was delivered on June 20, 1875 by Rev. Thomas English. In August 1875 the church was dedicated by the famous preacher, John Girardeau, D.D

The church originally had a bell tower located on the left side of the building's front. The front of the building was remodeled in 1955. The bell tower was moved to the center of a larger portico and a steeple was added. A cross was added to the steeple in 2009.

The metal rod spanning the interior of the sanctuary was installed after the hurricane of 1916. It is said that the building leaned to one side after the storm and that men of the church united to push it back into shape. The occasion brought arguing factions together, allowing someone to say, "Look, the lion and the lamb are lying down together."

Stained glass windows were added in 1960. Many members disapproved, believing the change was a departure from the Presbyterian tradition of creating plain buildings which would not distract worshippers from the worship of God. Again, after considerable controversy, the lion and the lamb settled down, and the first worship was held in the remodeled sanctuary on June 5, 1960.

A separate Sunday School building was constructed in 1923. It was replaced by the present attached building in 1938.

New Wappetaw Church was greatly damaged by Hurricane Hugo on Friday, September 29, 1989. The congregation gathered for worship on the front steps two days later and met regularly in the fellowship hall over the next two months. With hard work by members, the help of many volunteers, and financial assistance from outside individuals and institutions, the entire church was rehabilitated. The pews were taken from the sanctuary to the Presbyterian Church in Beaufort, South Carolina for restoration. In working on the floors of the sanctuary it was realized that two layers of flooring had been added over the original floor. The original boards were taken up, refinished, and replaced.

Worship in the sanctuary resumed in December 1989, and a communion service was held on Christmas Eve. It was not until the spring of 1990 that rehabilitation of New Wappetaw was complete.

In 2004 an addition to the Sunday School building provided expanded rest rooms and space for a crib nursery. In 2018 a new addition provided two large classrooms, freeing older upstairs rooms for other uses. Our church continues to grow for service to God and our community.

New Wappetaw Church, beautiful in its simplicity, is a fitting tribute to the glory of God.



Ice Cream Social Aug 19,2018