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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear friends,

Some years back I gave Ashley, our eldest son, a present for his 21st birthday. This isn't such a notable event, other than two distinct facts: first, he was 21 and that is quite something—an accomplishment notable by the fact that our first born made it to 21 without major incident (a miracle, I'd say). The second was the odd place I purchased this gift. It was at a courthouse in Eldorado, Kansas. The story isn't so strange when you consider that we were going through that town on the way to deliver my two oldest children back to college at Kansas State, and Ashley was ticketed for speeding.

I learned something as a father that day—just barely.

I noticed the ticket was left in the car when I returned home later that evening, and my first thought was to teach him a lesson. It was thoughtless of him to leave the ticket behind, expecting me to pay it. And, too, I was going to be inconvenienced by having to drive all the way to El Dorado on a Monday to pay the fine. But then I noticed the date: it was Ashley's 21st birthday! I began seeing instead a window of opportunity. I had to admit that if I had been behind the wheel that day, it would have been me getting that ticket instead of Ashley. Changing your mind about such things isn't easy. If I had gone through with my first impulse to teach my son a lesson, the opportunity to show grace and to strengthen the bond would have been missed.

When I finally got over my feelings of being inconvenienced, I began seeing this trip to the courthouse as a shopping trip for my son's birthday. This made all the difference. The lessons of scripture that I had been preaching from the pulpit started taking effect on this Dad. The grace we see in Jesus toward sinners is something I can put to work within my family. It is in acting out of this grace (where it counts the most) that God's love is most powerfully experienced. For me, this is something that needs to be relearned over and over again.

God bless, 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, Jackie Sease, Caroline Harkleroad, Charlotte Armstrong, Bill Archer, Bruce Rector, Andrew Brunson, David Marcinak, Sarah Sadler, Francis Avinger, Jerry Hicks, Jerry Sexton, Peggy Williams.

November Birthdays

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| Joanna Morrison | November 6 |
| Killian Morrison, Zack Stroman | November 8 |
| Lonnie Morrison | November 9 |
| Mary Duke, Caroline “Baker” Leslie | November 11 |
| Jerry Hicks, Charles Leland, Linda Salters | November 19 |
| Alicia Bruner, Matthew Tarry | November 21 |
| Mary Davis | November 22 |
| Kimberly Souther Westergaard | November 23 |
| Jane Garner | November 25 |
| Walt Hansen, Helen Morrison | November 29 |
| Andrew DuPre | November 30 |

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| Laura Capps Tarry, Tyler Scott Furches | December 7 |
| Eliza Crouch | December 8 |
| Forrest Morrison, Peggy Small | December 11 |
| Martha Douglas | December 13 |
| Audrey Cooper | December 16 |
| Robert Garner, Autumn Morrison | December 17 |
| Chris McClellan | December 18 |
| James Stannard Hurteau | December 19 |
| Bob McCarley, Russell Tyler, Hugh “Bo” Scott | December 21 |
| Allen DuPre | December 23 |
| Margaret “Peg” Nichols, Kathleen Read | December 28 |

December Birthdays

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| John Leland, Mary Scott | December 2 |
| Mary Beckett Culpepper, Kay B. McCarley, Margaret Crouch | December 4 |

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| Kay Carlisle | December 29 |
| Katie Tisdale Scott | December 30 |
| Gilbert Allen | December 31 |

Elders elected – At a meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, October 7th elders were elected to the class of 2021: Andrew DuPre, Russell Tyler, and Townsend Warren. Andrew and Russell will be ordained and installed in December. Townsend, currently serving as elder, will be installed as well. He has indicated that he will serve one year of this three-year term.

From the session – Buildings and Grounds Committee chairman Bob McCarley reported that the church will need painting in the next year – at cost of possibly \$20,000. Shrubs and other plantings will be added at the new addition and a sprinkling system will be added.

The session designated a gift of \$250 for support of local people who incurred home damage by the recent hurricanes.

Session will study the possibility of starting a Planned Giving Program

Fellowship Committee chairperson Sandee Moseley reported that the Cape Party, planned for this fall, was cancelled due to the unavailability of a large vessel to carry members to Cape Romain. The event will be rescheduled in the spring of 2019. She announced that Bingo nights will be initiated after Christmas.

Ye editor thanks the following for their help in producing the Newsletter: Sylvan Racine for his steady supply of fine photographs – he seems to always be present when good opportunities present themselves. KayB McCarley for regularly keeping the mailing list up-to-date and ready to go when needed. Pam Morrison for supplying stamps – ready on time, if I remind her. Celie Capps for folding, stamping, and mailing the news every time.

We can, and of these times we may, start sending The Newsletter by email – but I still like to hold reading materials in my hand.

Walt Bonner

Dedication of Education Addition

New Wappetaw's beautiful education addition was dedicated following worship on October 14, 2108. A special treat on this occasion was the return of Connie and Ed Graham. Their work in building a strong class of children into new members of the church stimulated interest in improving the church's education facilities.



See more photographs on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board

Ed and Connie's letter of October 28, 2018 does a great job in telling of this day in the life of New Wappetaw. Dear Friends of New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church, Connie and I want you to know just how deeply we felt your kindness and support at the dedication of the new addition to the church. Christy Schultz's design blended so well with the fellowship hall. The large windows make the Sunday School classrooms the perfect environment for students, young and old, to learn about God every Sunday for generations to come. What a blessing that will be.

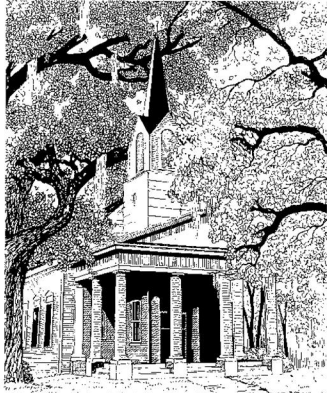
Thank you to Blue Apron Ladies and everyone who provided food, flowers or helped set up for that morning. Mary Scott's flowers were stunning, as they always are. We recognize and appreciate the exhaustive efforts of Bob McCarley and Ned Jaycocks in completing this project. Sylvan Racine's pictures of the church and the children will help us remember dedication day even when we are too old to recall much of anything.

A special thanks to Steve Souther and Jim Scott. Steve reminded us the addition is dedicated to God and His works through us all. We will keep Jim's incredibly touching words in our hearts always. His remarks humbled both of us. The depth of support and appreciation received from the parents and grandparents of children we taught has always been a sustaining strength in our efforts to help them develop their own faith in God.

The children are very dear to us. We have listened to their questions about bible stories and heard their discussions on applying Jesus's teaching at home and in school. We taught them as babies and watched them develop their own thoughts as preteens. We are most grateful for the privilege being part of their journey in faith.

With Love and appreciation,

Ed and Connie



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Baptism of Mylo Leland

October 7, 2018



Rev. Souther, Mylo, Allen DuPre, Rut, and Jessica

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.

Soup luncheons at noon, monthly, on Wednesdays, November 7 and December 5, at New Wappetaw. All are welcome.

Bible Study Wednesdays, through November 14th, at 1PM at New Wappetaw. All are welcome.

Afternoon circle 3PM Tuesday, November 6th with KayB McCarley. December 4th luncheon at Hopsewee Plantation

Evening Circle – Mondays, November 12th and December 10th, at the church 7PM,

Men's Supper – 7PM, Thursday, November 15th at the church. Bring a friend.

Christmas Concert: The Glory of Christmas – Sunday, December 4th, 4P.M.

Christmas Eve Communion –December 24th, 6:00 P.M.