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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

Years ago, I took a Dale Carnegie course as part of my plan to do better in the business world. It turned out to be one of the best decisions I've made. The course didn't help very much towards making me a business person -- I'm not sure if anything could have helped that -- but I think it has done immense good in other areas. I was happy to learn the other day that Warren Buffet took this course and says the certificate he received from it was the most important one he has ever gotten. Bar none! He proudly displays this in a prominent place. I looked around for mine and realized it was lost years ago.

I think the most important lesson that I got from the course is the need to 'earn the right to speak.' Each week we were to give a two--minute talk on something we had earned the right to speak on. A bell rang at two minutes and we had to sit down, finished or not. I'm not recommending this brevity for a sermon, though I know the influence has impacted the sermon to some degree. The lesson was learned through many speeches. It sank in.

The important thing, I think, is figuring out the difference between just speaking and really saying something. Or, put another way: it's the difference between 'typing' and 'writing.' Something happens when words point to something much greater. The surface of the water hints at a strong undercurrent down deep and this is what pulls us along.

Luke's gospel provides the focus of our Bible Study and sermons this season. We meet on Wednesday at 1 PM every week, and peer into these words and try to discover that undercurrent. Luke has indeed earned the right to speak, no doubt. What is written in these pages arises, from a great depth. We feel the strong current and we know its source: The Holy Spirit! Given just an hour a week, or all week long in fact, it is impossible to plumb the depths of what we see hinted at on the surface.

The fact is, we all have earned the right to speak about God's grace. Just think back about the times you experienced God's grace. It wasn't that our grace was earned, it was what was done in response to that grace. This is where we earn the right to speak. Memory is important. We forget these things we earn unless we pin them up on the walls of our mind, or home. We should speak of those things, not so much what we find written in a book, which we haven't earned. Those times when we are moved deeply by the undercurrents found in the Bible are times to communicate them to others -- or they are lost in the wake of time

Bible study at 1 PM on Wednesday has been such a place where this is happening. See you there.

God bless you and I love you.

Steve

Remember these members and friends in prayer: Hugh Wilson, Debbie Hattaway, Bob Aldrich, Ronnie Hutto, Dickie Hills, Peggy Williams, Jackie Sease, Caroline Harkleroad, Bill Archer, Bruce Rector, David

Marcinak, Sarah Sadler, Frances Avinger, Jerry Hicks, Bob Gannon, Mary Sands, Ciera McKnight, Frances Lofton, Steve Morrison

The Sarah Sadler Fund is being reopened. Contributions to this fund will go to support Mrs. Sadler, who has metastatic cancer. Give any donation to the church, designating the amount to The Sarah Sadler Fund.

March Birthdays

March 1 -- Nancy Morrison

March 2 – Lillian Simmons Lose

March 3 – Frances Avinger

March 4 – Jacob “Jake” McClellan

March 5 – Mary Ruth Duncan

March 7 – Jaxyn Boyes

March 9 – Richard Boone McClellan,

Allison Jones, 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, Charles Sellers

March 31 – Emily Small

April Birthdays

April 1 – William (Bill) Crouch

April 2 – Thomas Emery Porter

April 3 – Henry Bruner, Leslie Gooch,
Brenda LeFevre

April 4 – Andrew Hibben (Binks) DuPre,
Faye Keith, Cindy Fortner

April 7 – Ashley Moore

April 8 – Ashleigh McClellan, Buzz Southern

April 10 – Renee Souther

April 16 – George Scott, Jr

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 Duncan

Lenten Services East of the Cooper

New Wappetaw members and friends are invited to attend Lenten services with other Presbyterian churches in our neighborhood – the Group B churches of Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery. Other churches in Group B include Mount Presbyterian Church, Sunrise Presbyterian Church, and Palmetto Presbyterian Church.

Services with light lunches will be held at noon in these locations --

March 14 – Mount Pleasant Presbyterian

March 21 – Sunrise Presbyterian

March 28 – Mount Pleasant Presbyterian

April 4 – Palmetto Presbyterian

April 11 – Mount Pleasant Presbyterian



Historic Communion Silver and Linen

When the Wappetaw Independent Congregational Church (“Old Wappetaw”) closed in 1877, properties were divided between two newer churches – our New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church and The Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. New Wappetaw was given title to the Old Wappetaw cemetery, some pine land, some bank stock, the communion linen, and communion silver service pieces.

Shown here are the silver pitcher, two silver cups, and a remnant of the original church linen. The pitcher was made in Charleston between 1749 and 1751 by William Wilkens. The cups were made in England by Edward Aldridge in 1741 or 1742. Routinely, New Wappetaw now uses more modern silver and linen. Those shown are kept in a bank safety deposit box.

From the Session -- meeting on Sunday, February 17th

Elder Russell Tyler was named commissioner to the Presbytery’s meeting on February 23, 2019

A good number of students will attend Youth Conference at Montreat this summer – nine have agreed and several more are considering joining.

The Sweetwater – the church’s sailboat – will soon be displayed at the McClellanville Arts Council.

Big expenses Looming – It was reported that the older portions of the church need painting –with cost estimates running as high as \$25,000. In addition, one Heating/AC unit must be replaced at up to \$4000. Members will be asked to contribute to the major maintenance fund.

The Oyster Roast – Saturday, February 16th

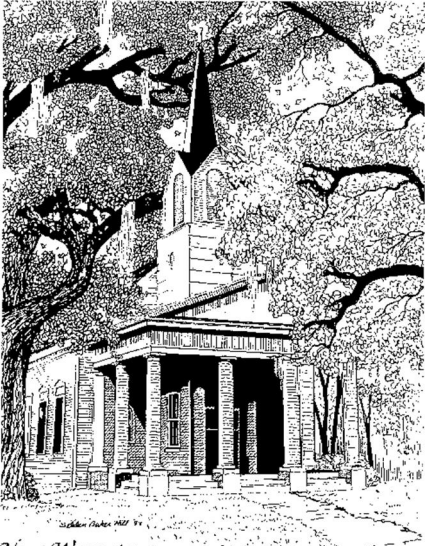


Setting Up



Roasting the oysters

A great crowd enjoyed the occasion – thanks to all who provided the oysters or other foods, and those who did the cooking. Thanks go especially to the DuPre family for provision of a beautiful location.



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Lent and Easter Services

Ash Wednesday, March 6th – Supper and evening devotions – 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 20th -- Supper and evening devotions – 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 10th – Supper and evening devotions – 6:30 P.M.
Thursday April 18th – Maundy Thursday Communion Service – 6:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 21st – Easter Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 A.m.

New Wappetaw Services, Fellowship Gatherings, and Work Day

Afternoon Circle – Tuesday, March 5th – 3:00 P.M. with Judy Fortner

Evening Circle – Monday, March 11th – 7:00 P.M. – at the church

Men's supper – Thursday, March 28th – 6:30 PM – “Join us for lady's night and a shrimp supper-- Brandon and Ellie Wall from Boats n Hoagies will tell what led them to the village and tell of their culinary backgrounds”

March 30th – Work day – 8 A.M. to noon – we will clear the upstairs rooms in the original education building for reuse