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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

“He put a new song in my mouth...” says the Psalmist. (Psalm 40:3). I’ve often wondered how someone could come up with a new song. This suggests to me that it comes not from within but from above. It is a song that not only comes from God but is to be sung to the Lord.

There is fear among the dictators of the earth that this song will be heard. China and North Korea know the dangers of it and try their best to keep their people shielded from outside music. Words have power, but a song can bring about a revolution. Some people say that it brought down the East German wall. Music had been smuggled into East Germany and stirred the hearts of the young people. That’s all it took to mobilize them. And music stirred the youth and resulted in the end of war in Vietnam.

The old-time favorites are needed, and we love to sing them. They remind us that God was present to deliver us in the past. We need that reminder over and over again. But we also need to know that God is at work in the present time, and that God will be there in the future.

There are 88 keys on modern pianos. I’m wondering how many new songs still wait to be written in those combinations. I’m not sure it can be known using math or science. Something happens in music that goes well beyond these things we use to measure and explain the world. It isn’t just the ear that hears music; music stirs our heart. The words we sing settle deep down inside us. We remember them when all else fades from our mind. People with severe dementia who don’t recognize their children, or even their spouse still recognize some of their favorite hymns they used to sing.

The new song the Lord puts in our mouth isn’t something different about God. It is meant to move us toward God and to the person we’re meant to be. And so, we mix it up in worship to the best of our ability: sing an old hymn and occasionally introduce a new one. Maybe we can stretch ourselves enough to listen to the music of our grandchildren. Who knows, it might stir us like it does them. We will then understand better that we’re still children of God.

God Bless you, and I love you.

Steve

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Amy Morrison Boshier of Big Bear, California. Mrs. Boshier was a daughter of Robert Venning Morrison, Jr. and Catherine Cowper Morrison. Her grandfather was Robert Venning Morrison (1842-1924). Mrs. Boshier lived her entire life in California. She visited McClellanville many times and enjoyed hearing stories of life in our community and the south. She maintained contact with New Wappetaw. In 2011 she donated to our church a quilt made in the 1920s by her grandmother, Aletha Muldrow Morrison, and other members of The Ladies Aid Society. Mrs. Boshier's daughter, Mary Lou King, will continue to receive news from New Wappetaw.

And to the family of Charlotte Morrison Armstrong, on her death on August 13, 2019. She was the daughter of Richard Tillia Morrison, V and Pearl Bodiford Morrison, and was the sister of Forrest Morrison.

Remember these members and friends in prayer: Hugh Wilson, Bob Aldrich, Ronnie Hutto, Dickie Hills, David Marcinak, Sarah Sadler, Frances Avinger, Jerry Hicks, Bob Gannon, Ciera McKnight, Pam McConnell, Graham Solomon, Debbie Hattaway, Justin Clark, Scott Johnson.

From the Session –meeting of August 11

Budget and Finance -- Session again decided to have the church be without flood insurance.

Building and Grounds – Elder Huger McClellan reported that “touchup painting” of the sanctuary and fellowship hall will be undertaken soon. Eventually, a full painting will be necessary

Fellowship, Nurture, and Church Growth – Cards signed by members are being sent to ill members and friends. Fellowship time is now being provided in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 A.M. each Sunday. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Cemetery – Elder Townsend Warren reported that Eddie Stroman and Jimmy Lesesne have served regularly as volunteer caretakers of the cemetery. (Note – several days after the session meeting it was learned that a rotten limb had broken away in a tree, remaining in the tree with support of another dead limb. At a cost of \$1,200 these and several other limbs were removed successfully.)

Christian Education – Restarting Sunday School during the 10 A.M. hour was discussed again. Classes will be provided, likely starting in October, for pre-schoolers, for grades 1-3, grades 3-6, for youths, and for adults. Elder Jim Scott told of activities of the Youth Group, including plans for the raising of funds to support next year's trip to Montreat conference.



Cape Party – An old Village tradition -- the Cape Party -- will be revived on September 14th or 21st – the date depending on the weather and on the availability of a large boat to take those who do not have one. More details will come out soon. You will not have to dress so formally as villagers did when they went to the cape on The Spray in 1908.

Hands of Christ Distribution at New Wappetaw

The annual Hands of Christ Distribution of clothing and school supplies took place at New Wappetaw on Thursday, August 14th. The occasion was again very successful with a record number of children – 100 – served. Eighteen New Wappetaw members assisted the Hands of Christ staff.

Hands of Christ is a volunteer organization which originated at the Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston in 2002 and is a validated ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. This year, Hands of Christ accomplished 22 distributions at 16 sites in 6 counties and served a total of 4268 children. Hands of Christ is a 501© charitable organization incorporated in the state of South Carolina. To donate to the work, mail checks to Hands of Christ, Westminster Presbyterian Church, PO Box 30703, Charleston, SC 29407 – or contact <https://www.handsofchrist.net/giving>

It is interesting to watch the experienced staff set up at about 3 P.M. for distribution starting at 5 P.M. They can bring abundant clothes and school supplies into a room in 20-30 minutes, then prepare them for display. The group likes coming to McClellanville as they enjoy the shrimp sandwiches and other snacks provided by our members. Come watch them function next year.

Unloading Clothes from a Large Van



Shuttling the Boxes In

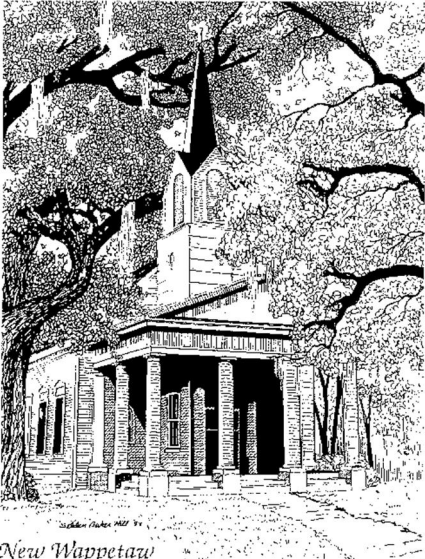


Arranging the Clothes



Gathering in the Sanctuary





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The Ice Cream Social – Just Getting started
A big crowd enjoyed the ice creams, cakes, and cookies

New Wappetaw Services, Fellowship Gatherings, and Meetings

- Communion** – at worship, Sunday October 6th
Congregational dinner – Sunday October 13th, following worship – bring a friend
Soup luncheons at noon, Wednesday September 4th and Wednesday October 2nd at New Wappetaw. All are welcome.
Bible Study all Wednesdays at 1PM at New Wappetaw.
Afternoon Circle – Tuesday September 3rd, 3P.M. with Kathy Leland, Tuesday, October 1st, 3P.M. with KayB McCarley
Evening Circle – Monday, September 9th and Monday, October 14th at the church
Men's Supper – Thursday September 19th 6:30 P.M.
Cape Party – Saturday, September 14th or 21st, depending on weather and the availability of a tour boat for those who do not have one.

September Birthdays

Katie Scott -- September 1
Cade Morris Allen, Sanders Read,
Sam Souther September 3
William Hampton McClellan ("Hamp") Sept 6
Joyce Bradshaw -- September 7
Walter Cook -- September 8
Bud Hill, Laura Leslie, Mary Sands,
Gabe Stroman September 9
Kathy Allen, Lily Crouch -- September 12
Santee Mosley, Joe Papp -- September 13
Peggy Allison, Della Marie Porter,
Sylvan Racine September 15
Randy McClure September 17
Savannah McClellan Epps
Henry Joyner Rhodes October 1
Sweetheart Tyler October 2
Andy Capps, Nickie Ellis,
Dwight Williams October 3
William Capps October 4
Sally Thomas, Richard Todd Furches,
Lynn Lofton October 6
Samantha Morrison (Michael) October 9
Joyce Thomas October 11

Gene Morrison September 19
Betsy Hansen September 20
Henry McClellan, Maggie McClellan Sept. 23
Chase Culpepper, Allston Leland September 24
Avery Grace Leland September 25
Robert Jackson McCarley, IV September 26
Jessica McClellan,
Edward Lee McClellan September 27
Richard Sands September 28
Elizabeth "Libby" Scott September 29
Bette Baker Warren September 30

October Birthdays

Ed Graham October 12
Charles Hansen, Shirley Hutto October 13
Meaghan Rhodes October 15
Joe Thomas October 19
Ned Jaycocks October 24
Emily Morrison, Katie Gannon October 25
Mary Daniel McClure October 26
William Bradshaw, Jr. October 2

