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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

First, I am grateful to you for the generous gift (check) you gave me at Christmas. Thank you. The year 2019 can now only be seen in the wake of time as it disappeared behind the stern of our ship. Any winds that may have threatened our craft have disappeared in the distance. We can give thanks to God! We are making way.

No matter how large our boat seems when moored at the dock, our boat is small in the great ocean, but that is where the boat must go.

The energy a sailing ship needs is waiting – in the wind. The wind waits for the ship to cast off from the safety of the harbor. When the vessel is under way there is nothing more beautiful than seeing a sail filled with the wind and watching bubbles rush past the hull. Great power can be felt in the rigging and this is transmitted down through the timbers to keel. Yet, while all this energy is felt, there are no harsh mechanical noises, no jarring sounds to be heard. The flutter of the sails and the motion experienced bring a calming feeling to the one at the helm. The satisfaction experienced at reaching the planned destination is almost secondary to the experience of getting there.

The purpose is mostly in making way. How many ships have rotted and sunk to the bottom at harbor? The great expanse of ocean awaits us just like a new year, a clear horizon before us. All the energy needed is already out there, but a crew is needed to harness it – to trim the sails and get ready to go. A keen eye is needed to make sure not to point too high into the wind and cause the boat to stop making way. Without the ocean flowing around the rudder the ship cannot be steered. It will go dead in the water.

Early Christians described themselves as The Way, meaning that they patterned themselves in the way Jesus lived and taught – how he united himself with a group of people (disciples) and brought good news to people in need. The destination was secondary. People who called out to him gained his priority. He stopped everything to hear them out and to respond to their need. Those who spoke against him and tried to turn people against him were forgiven. Many times, Jesus tried to make the lives of enemies better – “- doing good to those who persecute you and say all manner of evil against you.”

This was the “way” and the church is that ship, willing to cast off from the security of the dock and make way on the sea of life, a way that was established by Jesus.

Thank God New Wappetaw is making way!

God bless you in this new year. I love you.

Steve

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of William Gaylor Bradshaw, Jr. on his death on December 12, 2019. "Junior" was born in Georgetown. He married Joyce Morrison, and became a longtime resident of McClellanville and member of New Wappetaw Church, and to the family of Edwin C. Holcombe, on his death on December 17, 2019. Edwin was born and raised in McClellanville. He was a resident of Hendersonville, NC.

Remember these members and friends in prayer: Hugh Wilson, Bob Aldrich, Dickie Hills, David Marcinak, Sarah Sadler, Frances Avinger, Jerry Hicks, Ciera McKnight, Pam McConnell, Debbie Hattaway, Caroline Stephens, Scotty Johnson, Charlotte Morse, Mayes Williams, Chris McClellan, Graham Solomons, Tinsley Watkins, Oran Baldwin, Beverly Hodges, Gene Morrison, Dewey McClellan.

January Birthdays

Claudia Kornack	January 4	Rutledge B. Leland, IV	January 20
Caroline Taylor Hurteau	January 5	Payton Garner	January 21
James Avinger	January 7	Leigh S. Scott	January 22
April Morrison Zorn	January 8	Tanner Marcinak	January 23
Rebecca Capps Porter	January 9	Allston Leland	January 25
Hugh Baker DuPre, and Will Lofton	January 12	Drew Westergard	January 27
Orion McClellan,		Jackson Porter, and Jonah Benjamin Wine	January 28
L. Palmer McClellan, III	January 17	Pam Morrison	January 29
Grier Cotesworth Scott and Tyler Ellis	January 18 January 18	Rutledge B. Leland, III and William (Will) Leland	January 31

February Birthdays

Lionel Lofton	February 1	ConnieGraham	
Diane Racine, Margy Leland	February 2	and Anne Frances Scott	February 16
Brenda Hutchinson	February 5	Callie Olivia Cooper	February 18
Samuel Crocker	February 7	Allison Elise Morrison, MD	February 19
Mimi Morrison, Eddie Stroman	February 10	Carlin Elizabeth Garner	February 22
James Scott, IV ("Jack")	February 14	Kenny Keith	February 23
		Susan Watkins	February 28

New session members. At worship on Sunday, January 5th ruling elders were ordained and installed. Susie Lesesne, newly elected by the congregation, was ordained and was installed to a first three-year term on the session. She was recipient of the Laying on of the Hands ceremony. Lynn Godwin, previously ordained as ruling elder at Kirk of Kildare Presbyterian Church of Cary, NC, was installed to a three-year term on our session. Elder Huger McClellan was installed for a second three-year term and Robert McCarley returned to the session for a three-year term.

Thanks go to elders Peggy Allison and Townsend Warren who completed their terms on our session.

Contributions to Thornwell and Joy Gift New Wappetaw members continue to give generously to external missions. For the annual Thanksgiving Offering to Thornwell Home members gave \$1426, and to the Joy Gift (which supports persons needing financial support in Presbyterian Communities) members provided \$465. Both institutions send thanks for our support. Rev. Elliot Smith of Thornwell adds this message: P.S. Because of you, we are able to care for many children and families this holiday season. Follow our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ThornwellHome to see live videos and photos of your gift in action.

A Note from Ye editor – I thank the following members for their continuing help:

KayB McCarley for maintaining and printing the names and addresses of recipients of the publication.

Celie Capps for folding the Newsletters, adding stamps, and sending the things out by mail.

Pam Morrison for keeping us supplied with stamps.

Sylvan Racine for his regular provision of great photographs of church activities.

Steve Souther for regularly providing his Minister's Message

Note that this issue is produced a little later than usual – due to problems with my computer's mail program we could not print wonderful pictures from activities such as the lighting of the town Christmas tree, the hanging of the greens service, the annual choral concert, the annual Christmas pageant, and the ordination and installation of officers. A printing of these pictures will be put together and made available as soon as possible.

Thanks, Walter Bonner

Thanks to those who prepare for New Wappetaw's Christmas celebrations –

Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree provided by McClellanville Civic Club

Tree lights and decorations – Sylvan Racine Refreshments – the Evening Circle

Santa and Mrs. Santa – Kenny and Faye Keith

Decoration of the Sanctuary – Ordering tree, wreaths, and Garlands – Becky Sellers

Place tree – Jim Scott Lights on tree – Sylvan Choir Rail decoration – Pam Morrison

Window greenery and candles – Dianne Racine and Joyce Bradshaw

Nativity scene – Nancy Morrison and Kathy Leland Sanctuary flowers – Dianne and Sylvan

Mistletoe – Mary Scott and Becky Advent candles – Helen Morrison Holly – Mary Duke

After the holidays – take down tree, clean windows – John and Elizabeth Horres

Fellowship Hall Decorations – Helen, Joyce, Dianne, and Margy Leland Fellowship table – Evening Circle

The Christmas Concert – Leadership by Susan McAdoo Food – Women of the Church and the choir

Christmas Pageant – The sunshine choir Director – Ashleigh McClellan Music -- Becky and Kathy

and thanks to those who help throughout the year --

Pam Morrison for keeping the church's website active

Sandee Mosely for sending out emails for the minister and others

Dianne and Sylvan for keeping up the annual flower lists, and for picking up the Poinsettias and Easter lilies

Afternoon and evening circles for aiding families at sad times (funerals) or happy times (weddings)

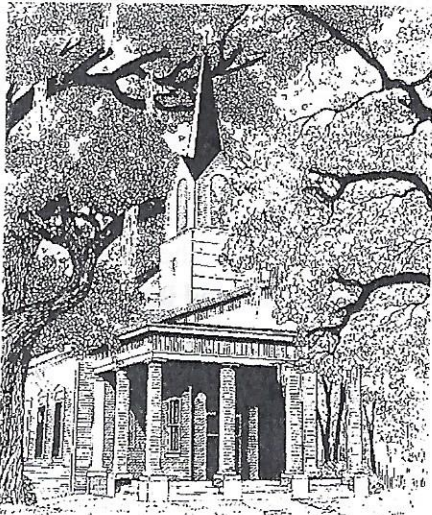
Townsend Warren for caring for New Wappetaw's cemeteries

Huger McClellan for keeping the church yard looking pretty

Members and friends are invited and encouraged to contact any of these to help with these activities.

Give Susie Lesesne your names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers -- New

Wappetaw is slowly becoming more modernized – learning to use land-mail, email, and the telephone in sending messages to members and friends. It will be increasingly important for members and friends of all ages to keep the church supplied with mailing addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers. Elder Susie Lesesne has taken the position of assistant clerk of session. In addition to keeping the New Wappetaw Church register she will be keeping lists of members mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses. Contact Susie to keep the necessary contact information up to date by texting or emailing her at susielesesne@hotmail.com or by telephone at 843 697-4078. Also, at the church entrance one can leave written messages about these addresses and numbers.



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New Wappetaw Services, Fellowship Gatherings, and Meetings January and February 2020

Ordination and Installation of elders at worship, Sunday January 5th.

First Sunday Sunday School – 10:00 A.M. – Sunday January 5th and Sunday, February 2nd. Once a month all classes meet at the 10:00 A.M. hour. On other Sundays some classes meet during worship, after the children's sermon. The adult class does meet every Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Soup luncheons Wednesday January 8th and Wednesday February 5th at noon. All are welcome.

Bible Study Wednesdays at 1PM at New Wappetaw – beginning January 15th

Afternoon Circle – Tuesday January 7th, 3P.M. with Nancy Morrison, Tuesday, February 4th, 3P.M. with Beverly Bonner

Evening Circle – Monday, January 13th at 7:00 P.M. at the church and Monday, February 10th 7:00 P.M. at the church

Communion – at worship, Sunday January 26th

Congregational dinner – Sunday February 2nd following worship – bring a dish and a friend.

Men's Supper – Thursday January 16th at 6:30 P.M.

Annual Oyster Roast – At Palmetto Plantation -- Saturday, February 22nd, 4-6 P.M., Thanks go to the DuPre family for offering this fine place. Bring a dish and invite a guest. Let Huger McClellan know if you would like to help gather or help roast the oysters.