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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

On the Mount of Transfiguration when Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain, his countenance was transformed before them and Moses and Elijah came and were talking to him. A bright cloud covered the mountain. (Matthew 17:1-9)

Mountain top experiences had not always been calming experience for people in Moses' day. Remember Exodus 19:16-22 where the Lord said to Moses "Go and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the Lord and many of them perish." In Deuteronomy 18:16 we hear the lament: "Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire anymore, lest I die."

I think the bright cloud that overshadowed these disciples and Jesus in the gospel account reflects the fire and clouds Moses and the people saw on Mt. Sinai during the time when God gave the Law. Matthew and Luke both retell the story of Jesus' transfiguration and the cloud overshadowing them with God's voice being heard. It was a mystery. Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone until after the Son of Man was resurrected from the dead. In the meantime, they were to heed that voice that said, "Listen to Jesus, my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

I think we also have that cloud that overshadows us from time to time, threatening our lives. We don't at first connect it with that voice Peter, James and John heard and fell out. They understood better when it was quiet with the sky cleared and all they saw was Jesus. After the storm, you might say, they realized God's presence was in the midst of it, and now it took shape in the form of Jesus who walked down the mountain with them, helping them along the way to understand what that mountain meant – what the frightening cloud was—and how it had everything to do with their future and the journey they were presently on.

It's a good thing Peter wasn't alone with Jesus, but had two friends with him on the mountain, else he might have thought it was just a figment of his imagination later, when Jesus wasn't present in the flesh. These three could talk about their shared experience and not forget its purpose for their lives. It's a good thing we have each other to also share our experiences and realize what it means for us.

God bless you during this season of Lent and Easter. I love you.

Steve

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, Scotty Johnson, Charlotte Morse, Mayes Williams, Chris McClellan, Graham Solomons, Tinsley Watkins, Beverly Hodges, Dewey McClellan. Charles Sellers, Arabelle Smart, Savannah Epps.

New Wappetaw Session – 2020 – Ways to Help

At the 2020 Session's organizational meeting in January changes were made in leadership of New Wappetaw's working committees. Members are encouraged to contact these elders and join in their activities.

Budget and Finance – Elders John Horres and Andrew DuPre head this important committee. Pam Morrison volunteers as the church's treasurer (and ends up getting the mail and otherwise functioning as part-time secretary). Her work is greatly appreciated.

Building and Grounds – In a significant change this year, Bob McCarley takes over care of the building and Elder Huger McClellan cares for the grounds. Huger also becomes head of the Cemetery Committee, a meaningful responsibility since our church is responsible for our cemetery in The Village and the cemetery at the Old Wappetaw site in Awendaw. Please contact Huger to help at either site.

Worship – Elder Margy Leland is in charge of Worship with responsibility for organizing our regular worship services plus preparation for communion and other special services. Also, she and the Afternoon and Evening Circles prepare for our congregational meals. Members are encouraged to participate in worship by reading Bible passages and by presenting messages for children. She can use a lot of help.

Christian Education – Our new member, Elder Lynn Godwin, brings her experience to leadership of the committee. She supervises the church youth and has regular help from Ashleigh McClellan and others in education classes. Consider helping her as the church strengthens our Sunday School.

Nurture, Church Growth, and Fellowship – Elder Sandee Moseley takes on multiple responsibilities. She has great help from Afternoon and Evening Circles who care for the kitchen. She is helped also by Elder Susie Lesesne who supervises the Church's sexton. Sandee encourages members and friends to enjoy fellowship time before and after worship.

Elder Russell Tyler heads the Mission Committee, handling both Local and External mission works. He would like help from members of any age group.

Elder Susie Lesesne was elected vice-clerk of the session and Elder Bob McCarley was elected to serve when needed as vice-moderator of the session.

Jim Scott, Peggy Allison, and Townsend Warren rotated off the session. They are thanked for work in Christian Education, Housekeeping, and Cemetery Care. Townsend Warren rotated off the session.

Townsend cared for the cemeteries for over 17 years. He and Helen Morrison have prepared a list of all persons buried in our two cemeteries, complete when possible with dates of birth, death, and burial. In addition, burial sites are identified. Huger McClellan will be digitalizing these records for attachment onto the church's website, for benefit of persons doing family research.

Our elders also make announcements, serve as greeters, and take up, count, and deposit offerings.

A Big Need – A Part-time Secretary for Membership

Increasingly, New Wappetaw is using modern means to connect with members and friends, telling of special services and activities --

Susie Lesesne is keeping the church registry – the official roll of church membership.

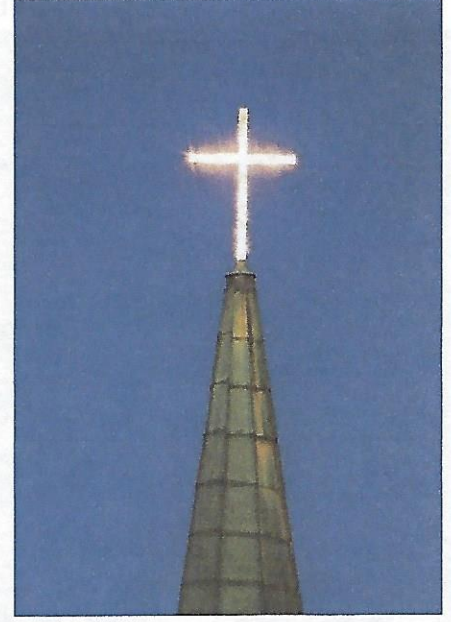
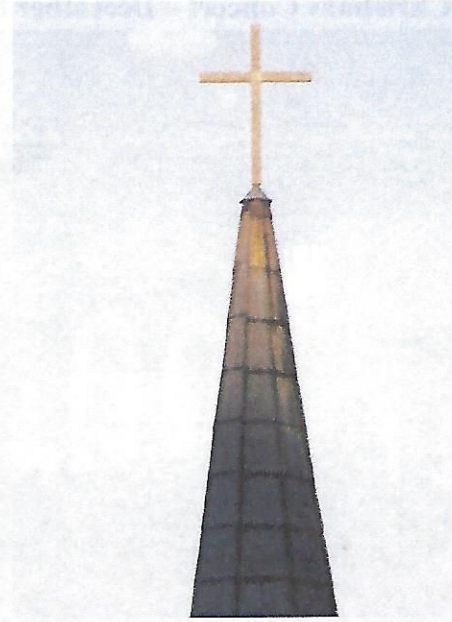
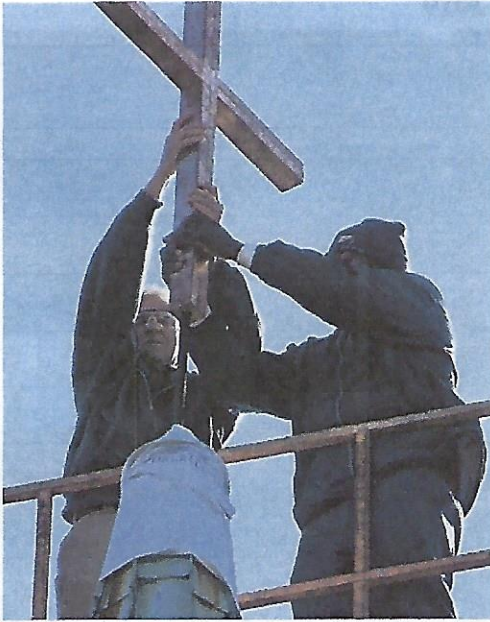
Kay B McCarley maintains mailing addresses for the Newsletter.

Sandee Mosely collects email addresses of members and friends and helps by sending messages and announcement, helping to "get the word out."

Sylvan Racine is collecting photos of members and friends in hope of producing a directory. Members of the youth group initially suggested that a directory be prepared.

Contact an elder if you would like to help keep these lists together.

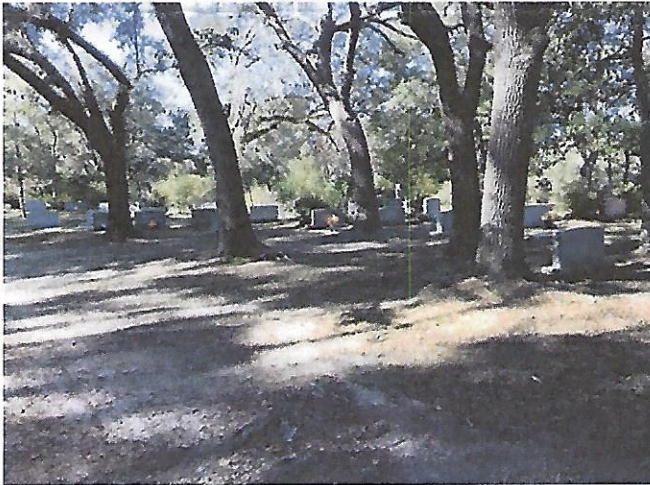
PICTURES -- LIFE AND TIMES
Addition of the Cross to New Wappetaw's Steeple



February 2010 – A series of photographs taken by Bob McCarley. Lee Arthur and co-worker are shown attaching the cross made in his workshop. Just a few minutes later the cross was unexpectedly illuminated by the sun.

Clearing the Cemetery

November 2019 -- A large group of members and friends cleaned and removed dead materials from New Wappetaw's cemetery. Another workday will follow blooming of the azaleas. Also, poor trees will be removed. Visit the scene.



Russell Tyler



Jimmy Lesesne



Sylvan Racine
Who made his picture?

The Christmas Concert – December 8, 2019



Thanks to New Wappetaw's senior and junior choirs and to members from other local churches



Thanks to our music director Susan McAdoo for all her work, and to choir members for the good food

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

Special Worship Services During Lent

New Wappetaw is a member of Neighborhood B of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, churches in the East of Cooper area. We are invited to join others in Worship & the Lord's Supper at noon on Thursdays during Lent.

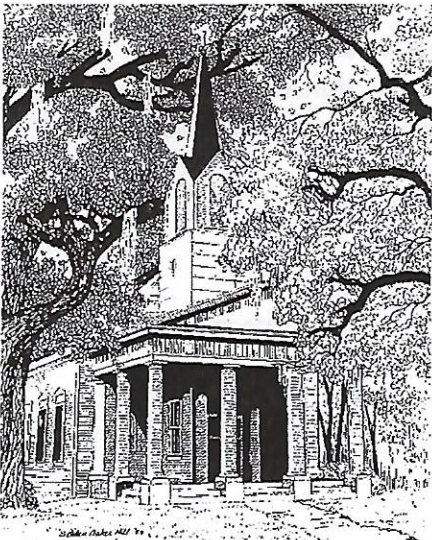
March 5 Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church
March 12 Palmetto Presbyterian Church
March 19 Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church
March 26 Sunrise Presbyterian Church
April 2 Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

A light lunch will be provided afterwards.
“All are invited – come and bring a friend “

One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbyterians join with millions of other Christians in giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, take during the Easter season. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development – helping people find safe refuge and start new lives. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated funds while Self-development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Relief each receives 32 percent.

At New Wappetaw, our offerings to One Great Hour of Sharing will be taken at worship on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



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Newly Elected Elders



**Susie Lesesne, Lynn Godwin, and Bob McCarley
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Services, Fellowship Gatherings, and Meetings March and April

- First Sunday Sunday School – 10:00 A.M.** – Sunday, March 1st and Sunday, April 6th
- Soup luncheons** Wednesday March 4th and Wednesday, April 1st, at noon
- Weekly Bible Study** Wednesdays at 1PM at New Wappetaw
- Afternoon Circle** – Tuesday, March 3rd, 3P.M. at location to be announced, and Tuesday, April 7th, 3P.M. with Mary Duke
- Evening Circle** – Monday, March 8th at 7:00 P.M. at the church and Monday, April 13th, 7:00 P.M. at the church
- Lenten meals and devotions** – Wednesdays March 11 and 25 at 6:30 P.M.
Maundy Thursday service with communion, Thursday, April 9th, 6:30 P.M.
- Communion** – at worship, Sunday, April 26th
- Congregational dinner** – the following Sunday, May 3rd, after worship
- Men's Supper** – Thursday January 16th at 6:30 P.M. – Ladies Night