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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

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Dear Friends,

I have started leaving room at the bottom of my diary, saving space for future reflection. It occurred to me, as I make entries every day with my BIC Pen, that saving space may be another way to make a faith statement.

That blank space in my journal book will be filled someday. When I do put something in there (or maybe someone else will), I believe it will be a positive message to myself back in the spring of 2020 when things seemed to be turned upside down. I can imagine the advice I might be given: "Be calm, things will work out better than you think. All you have to do is what you can do, nothing more. And listen, the most important thing is that God is in charge. It is His Story, not history. The last page of your book has already been written, and it has a good ending! The mistakes and the victories, the happy days and the sad ones are all part of the good ending! So, don't worry."

When I started this letter, I had no idea where it might lead. The first sentence struck me funny, and I realized I may have hit on something. I think the reason we write a journal or a diary in the first place is to understand our life.

C.G. Jung writes, "Life has also a tomorrow, and today is understood only when we can add to our knowledge of what was yesterday the beginnings of tomorrow."

Be well. God bless you and I love you,

Steve

Remember these members and friends in prayer: Hugh Wilson, Bob Aldrich, Dickie Hills, David Marcinak, Frances Avinger, Jerry Hicks, Ciera McKnight, Pam McConnell, Debbie Hattaway, Scotty Johnson, Charlotte Morse, Mayes Williams, Chris McClellan, Graham Solomons, Oran Baldwin, Dewey McClellan, Wayne Potter, Charles Sellers, Arabella Smart, Steve Morrison, Susan Kobrovsky, Larry Buchanan, Rev. Mike Fitze.

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Patsy McClellan Buchannon on her recent death. A resident of Seattle, Washington, Patsy was the sister of Carol McClellan and Whilden (Billy) McClellan. Patsy is survived by her husband, Larry.

May Birthdays –

May 1 – Judith Fortner
May 4 – Chad Marcinak
May 5 – Mary Barry
May 6 – Jimmy Lesene
May 9 – Huck Racine
May 12 – Carole Bradshaw, Joanna McClellan
May 13 – John Scott, Ashley Souther,
Briggs Zorn
May 15 – Susan McAdoo
May 17 -- Ted Dawson
May 21 – Rick Carlisle
May 22 – Kelly Morrison, Elizabeth Horres
May 29 – Huger McClellan
May 31 – Mateu Walter Borgas

June Birthdays

June 1 – Patty McClellan

June 3 – Becky Sellers, Michelle McClellan,
Caroline Duke Keen

June 4 – Sharon Scott

June 8 – Thomas Duke, IV

June 10 – Mary Beth Gannon

June 11 – Hugh Scott, Benjamin Floyd

June 12 – James Stannard Hurteau, III

June 13 -- Gardner McClellan, Jr., Katie Culpepper,
Kim Racine

June 16 – Rev. Steve Souther, Hank Bruner

June 18 – Rett McClellan

June 19 – Matthew Daniel Tarry, Sr.

June 24 – Chip Racine

June 27 – Lucie Racine

June 28 – Alley Dinwiddie

June 30 – Pat Salters

From the Session -- Worship Plans – At a stated meeting on Saturday, April 19th, session moved to continue having worship services by ZOOM.us technology until authorities approve resumption of meetings. Elder Lynn Godwin was thanked for having made possible the weekly services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Session approved a request from the Building Committee to proceed with the repairs and painting in the church sanctuary. (For this meeting we observed social distancing by distributing ourselves about in the sanctuary).

Bible School Plans – New Wappetaw was to be host to Bible school this summer. Our leaders report that meetings at the church will not likely be possible. However, Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery's curriculum committee is planning to provide packets of educational material which children can use at home. These will be made available to our other local churches also.

Presbyterian Women – Members are reminded to study lesson number nine, the last for this 2019-2020 year. The group will meet again in September.

Kathy Leland

Presbyterian Men – The COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of our March meeting – Ladies Night. We look forward to trying again in September.

Drew Allison

Mother's Day Offering: The Mother's Day Offering will be collected on Mother's Day, May 10th, and throughout the month of May. This offering provides financial assistance to residents at the six Presbyterian retirement and skilled nursing care communities in South Carolina. Your donation will allow residents who are no longer able to pay the full costs of their care to remain in the safe, comfortable, loving environment that these communities offer. Please make your check payable to New Wappetaw and indicate for Mother's Day Offering. Thank you for supporting this Christian ministry for our seniors.

The Newsletter by Email – we hope that the next issue of the Newsletter can be sent to most members and friends by email. Some who do not use email will continue to get theirs by land mail. The editor thanks Sandee Mosely for having compiled our email list, and thanks KayB McCarley for the Newsletter mailing list. Please call Susie Lesesne to add your addresses to the lists for the church.

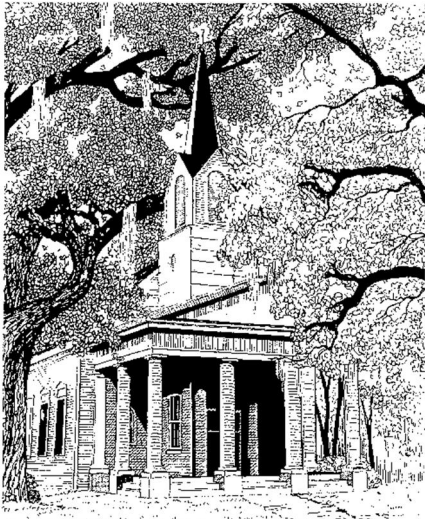


Repairs and Painting in the Sanctuary

An unexpected benefit of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the provision of time to enhance the beauty of New Wappetaw's sanctuary. Elder Bob McCarley and the building committee arranged to have cracks in the ceiling repaired. Margaret Crouch, Sharon Scott and Terri Baldwin gave advice about tone, color, and sheen of paints to use. The painting contractor and his staff are proud of their work. Pews and other furniture were replaced beginning on Wednesday the 29th. Come by to take a look.



With the recent painting of the church exterior and the work shown here, the building committee is \$1,100 in the hole, and needs a boost. Indeed the church needs to look ahead and acquire funds to be used when major maintenance problems come up – and they will. Bob requests that donations be made to New Wappetaw – consigned to the Building Committee.



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Services, Fellowship Gatherings, and Meetings At New Wappetaw

**Sunday worship services by ZOOM technology will continue
as needed**

Adult Sunday school – will continue by email

These will resume as soon as possible

First Sunday Sunday School – 10:00 A.M. – First Sundays

Soup luncheons -- First Wednesdays at noon

Weekly Bible Study -- Wednesdays at 1PM

Circle Meetings

Men's Suppers



**The Sanctuary
Shown here on April 29th
Restoration to be completed on April 30th**