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# The Newsletter

## New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church

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### Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

Behind the scenes there is much work going on in the production we call the church. The curtain opens a little from time to time and we see some things going on, but backstage and out of sight is where most of the action is taking place. People are quietly going about the ministry and mission of New Wappetaw without any fanfare. We may not know who they are and what they do, but God does and that is what matters.

I write this because much of the church building is not being used during this pandemic. Even though it seems forever, covid-19 will one day be a thing of the past. Instead of being fearful of losing something that we love during this shut-down, it is well to remember that the work continues, most of it out of sight, by dedicated souls. We are giving reports in a "virtual" congregational meeting about these things that are being done.

We are working. Pass the word.

We must take courage and use well this time, this interlude, and make definite plans for the congregation, especially for our youth. The high school students missed out on going to the youth conference in Montreat this summer, and this grieves me no end, but there are plans underway for them to attend next summer. A home has been rented for a week.

We are planning. Pass the word.

The work being done includes far more than we may think; some of the most productive labor is the praying you do every day. This recognizes that the real work of the church is being done by the Holy Spirit. God is at work in our church, and we give thanks.

We are praying. Pass the word.

New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church is alive and well. Pass the word.

God bless you, and I love you.

Steve

**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
Sandee 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
Susie Lesesne	October 28
William Bradshaw, Jr.	October 28

### Old Wappetaw Cemetery Gets a Good Clearing



**Starting the clearing**



**A different area after cleanup**

Thanks to the determination of Will Lupton, who resides near the site and will become an Eagle Scout, the Cemetery at Old Wappetaw Church grounds got an extensive cleaning on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Remarkably, the young man was able to enlist and direct a team of 44 persons to spend six hours working at the site. Will contacted Rev. Steve Souther to make his offer and he worked with Elder Huger McClellan to make detailed plans. Huger fed the multitude his famous pilau.

More works are needed at the cemetery. The fence was partly damaged by a fallen tree some months ago. It will need repair, and Huger looks to prepare entry to the grounds so that tombstones are not endangered. He hopes that a parking area can be made available. Members and friends are encouraged to tour the site and to support the work with donations to our church's cemetery fund.

### 2020 Annual (Virtual) Meeting of the Congregation

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic New Wappetaw was unable to have its annual congregational meeting in May. It is important for the congregation to hear reports from the church officers and from the church's organization, so the session has approved this virtual meeting as sufficient for the present. If it becomes possible, the session will arrange an in-person meeting of the congregation in November or December.

Each year the minister reminds the congregation that our church is incorporated, that the session functions as the Board of Trustees, and that the annual meeting is a meeting of the corporation. This is important since New Wappetaw Church owns the church properties.

Members of last year's officer-nominating committee have agreed to serve in 2020. Members include: Elders Jim Scott and Townsend Warren; Kathy Leland from Presbyterian Women; Eddie Stroman from Presbyterian Men; and Mary Scott, elected from the congregation at large. The three elders in the class of 2020 – John Horres, Margy Leland, and Sandra Moseley – are eligible for reelection to additional three-year terms in the class of 2025. Elders in the classes of 2021 (Andrew DuPre, Russell Tyler, Susie Lesesne) and 2022 (Huger McClellan, Robert McCarley, Lynn Godwin), indicate that they can continue as officers. Still, members have the right to offer for service as elders or to nominate other persons (with the approval of the nominee). Contact any member of the nominating committee if interested in serving or interested in nominating a person.

Budget and Finance – Elder John Horres: Members and friends have continued to provide tithes and offerings as in the last year. The church's major maintenance fund has been depleted after the sanctuary was painted. Members are requested to add to this important fund.

Christian Education – Elder Lynn Godwin: Christian Education has been severely affected by the CoVid-19 virus. Sunday School classes were halted in March. Parents and teachers are now being contacted to decide what to do this fall.

The Youth Conference at Montreat was cancelled. The center is planning to have conferences next summer, and we have reserved a house for the week of June 12-19. They will begin taking applications October 1st. Please let me know if your youth plans on attending.

In January we plan having confirmation class meetings for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Confirmands will join the church on Easter morning. Parents please contact Steve or me if you wish for your child to be included.

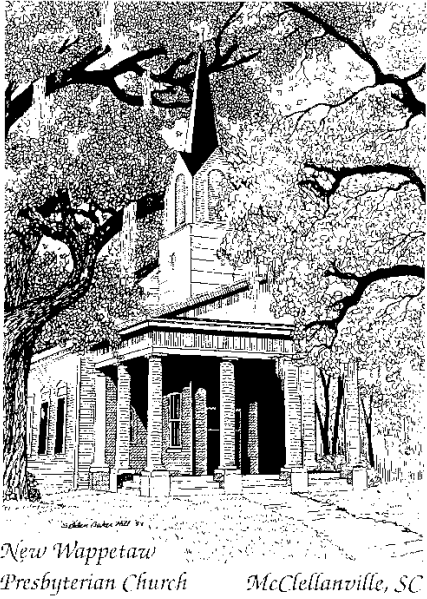
Presbyterian Women – Kathy Leland: The circles are finding ways to meet regularly for studies. (See below). The study book – INTO THE LIGHT – is available. The circles will be available to help families in need and will help with gatherings and meals when social events can meet.

Presbyterian Men – Drew Allison: Presbyterian Men had to cancel the last in their series of suppers in March due to the Pandemic. This was unfortunate; this was the annual Shrimp Supper where the ladies are invited as well. Looking ahead, we will continue to postpone upcoming suppers until safer times.

Also due to the Pandemic, we temporarily halted our service project of picking up recycling bins for those who are unable to get them to the recycling center by themselves. This service has resumed.

Our support of the Johnson Family at Johnson Family Farms was completed when the last of the funds collected were used to purchase a new bush hog for the farm. Scotty Johnson continues to remain healthy after his fight with cancer. We contributed \$1000.00 to the Low Country Foodbank as their needs have surged during the pandemic.

The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 1, in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m. The group will practice social distancing and wear masks. All women are welcome to join. Pie Mikell of the Presbytery will attend and present our first lesson. The bible study books "Into the Light," are located at the rear of the sanctuary. Also, The Evening Circle plans to meet at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, September 14 at the home of Joyce Bradshaw, also practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Call Margy Leland if interested in joining the group.



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Will Lupton, who conceived of and who directed the cleanup of Old Wappetaw Cemetery. Here he is pointing to nearly covered grave sites.