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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

The world was transfixed on the scene in Paris. We watched in horror as the Notre-Dame Cathedral burned, at the first of Holy week, no less.

In the minds of the Parisians, there is a connection between Notre-Dame and what happened to Jesus in Jerusalem. Part of the crown of thorns he supposedly wore on his way to crucifixion, was rescued from the burning Cathedral by a fireman risking his life. Many see this (and hold on to it) as a piece of evidence from the past, maybe similar to the disciples going out to the tomb and seeing only the cloths lying there, shreds of evidence of when he was alive; and they would be tempted to hold on to them also.

Jesus cried over Jerusalem before his execution. It wasn't for the Temple, though, (that he knew would later be destroyed, which it was in 70 AD), that he shed tears--- it was for the people that he wept. For Jesus, the sacred wasn't so much in the building, as expensive and beautiful as it was, it found among the people. He valued them above all, and that was why he chose to enter the city where there was so much potential for violence. Rising tensions with the Roman occupiers would at some point boil over and Rome would come down with an iron fist to punish the City on a Hill.

This violence, of course, was focused on Jesus. And we know that some of that also found its target in Sri Lanka Easter Sunday morning. Over 200 worshippers died, and many were wounded, in three different churches that were bombed out. Jesus is weeping, I believe, for these people suffering from that terrible violence. This was the greater loss for him, I'm sure.

This peace he preached was more than a religious idea, it was how he lived his life! His response to cruelty and violence was a prayer to his Father in Heaven: Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.

Hopefully the crown of thorns rescued from the burning Cathedral will be a reminder of who Jesus is, and that he is not dead but alive, bringing peace through those who follow him—in Paris and in Sri Lanka as well.

Blessings to you. I love you.

Steve

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Suzanne Bagnal Britt, 95, on her death on April 19, 2019, in Winston-Salem, NC. Suzanne was a long-time member of New Wappetaw Church. Funeral arrangement will be announced soon.

Remember these members and friends in prayer: Hugh Wilson, Debbie Hattaway, Bob Aldrich, Ronnie Hutto, Dickie Hills, Jackie Sease, Caroline Stephens, Bruce Rector, David Marcinak, Sarah Sadler, Frances Avinger, Jerry Hicks, Peggy Williams, Bob Gannon, Mary Sands, Ciera McKnight, Frances Lofton, Steve Morrison, Pam McConnell, Emily Souther, Graham Solomon

May Birthdays –

May 1 – Judith Fortner
May 4 – Chad Marcinak
May 5 – Mary Barry
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 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 23 – Anne Ellefson
June 24 – Chip Racine
June 27 – Lucie Racine
June 28 – Alley Dinwiddie
June 30 – Pat Salters

June Birthdays

June 1 – Patty McClellan

To Our Fiends at New Wappetaw,

Our warmest thanks to each of you for your prayers, concerns, and get well wishes!
They worked as Mary's February 28 surgery was successful and her recovery is going well.
God bless each of you. We miss you.
Love, Mary and Dick Sands Milford, Michigan March 16, 2019

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of New Wappetaw Church will be held at the end of worship on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Because New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church is incorporated and owns its real estate, this is a necessary meeting of the church corporation. Also, members of the congregation will hear reports from church organizations: Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Men. The Budget and Finance Committee will report on church finances, and the Building and Grounds Committee will tell of plans to paint the sanctuary this fall at a cost of about \$20,000. Replacement of one air-conditioning unit will cost another \$10,000. Greater financial contributions to the church will be encouraged.

Members will elect an at-large member of the Officer Nominating Committee.
Be sure to attend this important meeting.

From Session – meeting of March 31st

Christian Education – Elder Jim Scott reported that eleven youths will attend a conference at Montreat. Plans are being made to develop a service project and to support a youth basketball team.

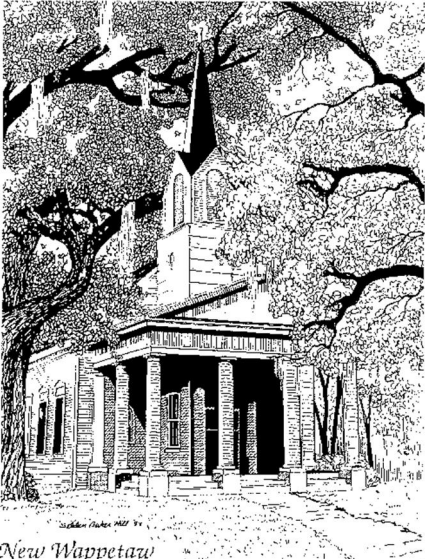
Fellowship, Nurture, and Church Growth – Elder Sandee Mosely reported that the Wednesday prayer group remains active. A congregational dinner will take place after worship on May 19th – which also is the day of our annual congregational meeting at worship.

Building and Grounds – Elder Huger McClellan reported that the work day of March 30th was well-attended and successful. The view of the church from the street was enhanced by removal of a large limb from an oak tree. Preparations were made to remove two crepe myrtles which have been shaded out. Azaleas and other bushes and flowers were beautified. Inside, a new dome light made things brighter in the minister’s office. Even before that day, ladies of the church cleaned upstairs rooms of the old Sunday School area, preparing areas for needed storage space or for use as classrooms.



Outside work – and new brightness in the minister’s office





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The Sunshine Choir



Ready to contribute to the worship service

New Wappetaw Services, Fellowship Gatherings, and Meetings

Soup luncheons at noon, Wednesdays, May 7th and June 5th, at New Wappetaw. All are welcome.

Bible Study Wednesdays at 1PM at New Wappetaw. All are welcome.

Afternoon circle 3PM Tuesday, May 6th, with Sandee Moseley

Evening Circle –Monday, May 13th, 7 PM at the church

Next Men's Supper – 6:30 PM, Thursday, September 19th, at the church. Bring a friend.

Quarterly Communion Service – at worship, Sunday, May 12th

Annual Congregational Meeting – at end of worship, Sunday, May 19th, with **Congregational Dinner** to follow. Bring a dish and a friend.

