

*New Wappetaw
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The Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

The church was busy twice last Sunday, once for morning worship with communion and later for the start of an ambitious Communicants Class. The class met for two hours, beginning at 3 P.M. Lynn Godwin organized this 10-week class with the help of Shannen Nettles and of Sandee Moseley, who helped organize the class and are serving as mentors. This is a Christian Education event that we could only hope for in the past.

Support from the session and the congregation is needed in such a program for young people looking to join the church. Help from those sources was seen on Sunday afternoon. Elders and other adults arrived with their packets to be mentors to the children. The adults were paired with the children and they committed to working with them as they learn about the faith and about their roles in the church.

The Sunday morning worship service was a re-opening, a home-coming, after a second shutdown of worship in the sanctuary due to the covid-19 pandemic. With people gathered in the sanctuary you might wonder if it was a safe environment. All wore masks and observed social distancing. The doors of the sanctuary and those to fellowship hall were kept open so there was plenty of air flow through the building. We can put up with a little discomfort so all can be safe. This is a good lesson in itself, showing the youths our faith, not just telling them about it. They see more of our faith in what we do what in what we say. When you come to church and feel a draft, you can realize that you are giving up something for the person in a nearby pew.

We are strengthening and helping the church grow by doing these things for the youth. The work we do for them is for their growth, their benefit. This is something that surpasses our time in this ministry we call the church. It is a great honor to have a small part in such a ministry as this. No one person can help the church grow any more than a farmer can produce a crop by himself or herself. The sun and the rain are partners in the process. New Wappetaw is blessed with a wonderful group of people who work as a team.

God bless, and I love you.

Steve

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, Malcolm “Morrison” Baldwin

April 19 – Christian Allen (Chris) Morrison

April 20 – Clair Cameron Allen, Ginny Hicks

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

From the Session

Budget and Finance Committee – There was a negative income in January, because of higher insurance costs and reduced giving while the church was closed. The session reminds members to keep financial contributions coming. An outside CPA will conduct an annual evaluation of church finances as required by the Presbyterian Church USA.

Building Committee – There is a 27% increase in energy costs throughout our community. The Bruce Brown Company has been asked to evaluate means of reducing usage in our church.

Worship – Elder Robert McCarley is organizing a Study Committee to gather ideas regarding a part-time minister to acquire after the retirement Rev. Steve Souther at the end of June. Play a valuable part of this endeavor.

Christian Education – The Youth Group continues to meet on the first Sunday of each month. Because of the covid-19 pandemic, the Charleston County School year was extended to June 18th, making it impossible for youths to attend a conference at Montreat during the second week in June. Alternatives are being considered. If interested, call Elder Lynn Godwin as soon as possible. See the next page for information about the Confirmation Class.

Missions -- Special Offerings

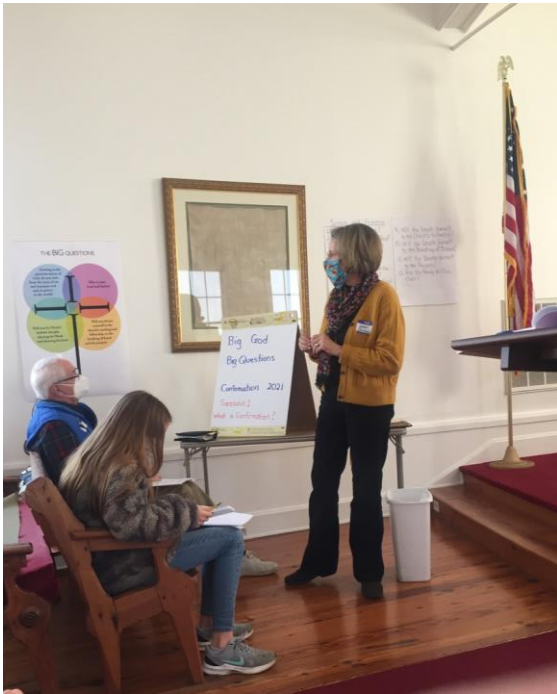
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – This offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 28th and on Easter Sunday, April 4th. This offering supports Presbyterian Missions for Disaster Relief, Feeding the Hungry, and Self Development of People. Please give generously.

Mother’s Day Offering will be collected on Mother’s Day, May 9th and through the end of that month. The offering provides financial assistance for to residents at the six Presbyterian retirement and skilled nursing facilities in South Carolina. Your generous donation will allow residents who are no longer able to pay the full costs of their care to remain in the safe and loving environment these communities provide. Please support this Christian ministry for our seniors.

Cemetery – Elder Huger McClellan is forming a Cemetery Care Committee. Members are encouraged to participate now and into the future

Confirmation Class Opens

A large Confirmation Class opened on Sunday, February 21st. Elder Lynn Godwin welcomed ten confirmands, Rev. Souther, and a group of adult mentors. The youths will attend ten weekly classes in preparation to joining the church on Mothers Day, May 9th. Experienced church members are paired with the students and will, as well, go through the studies.



Lynn Godwin introducing the course



Confirmands and helpers scattered about and wearing masks

Worship Services Re-opened

Sunday, February 21st

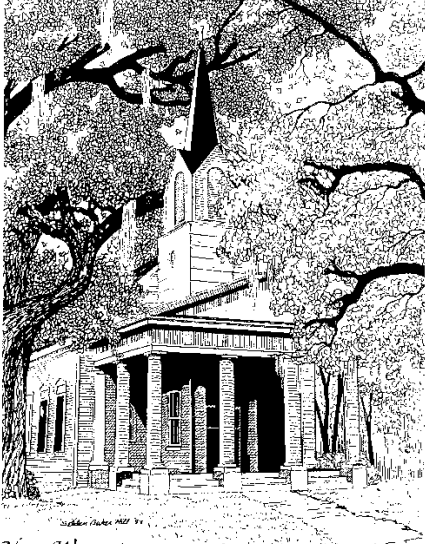


Members observing social distancing, wearing masks



Communion was served carefully by gloved elders

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Meetings and Events

Presbyterian Women –

Evening Circle – will meet with Helen Morrison Monday,
March 8th, 6:30P.M.

Afternoon Circle – Will resume monthly meetings as soon
as possible

Presbyterian Men – Will restart supper meetings as soon as
the Covid-19 virus permits.

Monthly food deliveries will continue – call John
Stephens to participate.

Recycling will continue every two weeks

Bible Study – on Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. at the church

Doors are open throughout the church at worship

