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The Newsletter

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Advent – Our Celebration at New Wappetaw

Advent, a season to recollect the coming of Jesus, and to look forward to his coming again.

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve, and it is recognized as the beginning of the church year. The celebration has been observed in Christian churches since the fifth century AD. In early years it was to be a time of fasting and repentance, but the occasion has been recognized to carry the joy that reigns at Christmas time.

The liturgical color in Advent is purple or violet, symbolizing the coming of the King and the coming of His kingdom. Decoration of churches with evergreen wreaths or other bundles is done to carry the meaning of the Everlasting Life. The decorations remain in place until Epiphany, the time of the Twelfth Night, which celebrates when Jesus was “shown forth” to the world by the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus.

Advent Services this Year

The Hanging of the Greens Service – First Sunday of Advent -- Sunday, November 28th. at worship 10:00 A.M.,
Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree – at Town Park – 5:00 P.M., Sunday, November 28th.

Santa will attend and refreshments will be provided by New Wappetaw Church

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – at worship, Sunday, December 12th.

The Annual Christmas Pageant – at worship, Sunday, December 19th.

Christmas Eve Communion Service – at church, 5:00 P.M., Friday, December 24th.

In addition, we light candles on the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each worship service during Advent. The candles displayed on the wreath are to promote our preparation for the coming of Jesus’ birth. Families or small groups of individuals are asked to light the candles and read passages from scripture.

First Sunday – The Prophecy Candle – Purple – telling of the prophets who foretold the coming of Christ.

Second Sunday – The Bethlehem Candle – Purple – symbolizes love, and Christ’s manger.

Third Sunday -- The Shepherd’s Candle – Pink – represents joy, and the shepherds to whom the angels spoke.

Fourth Sunday – Purple – signifying the Heavenly Hosts

Christmas Eve Service – White – The Christ Candle – white signifies purity and tells that those who recognize Jesus as savior are washed clear of sin.

The Service of Nine Lessons tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in readings from Genesis, from the Gospels, plus the singing of Christmas carols.

The annual Christmas Pageant will again be presented by our Sunday School classes.

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Graham Solomons on his recent death,
and to the family of Sandra Rhodes, mother of Wade Rhodes, on her recent death.

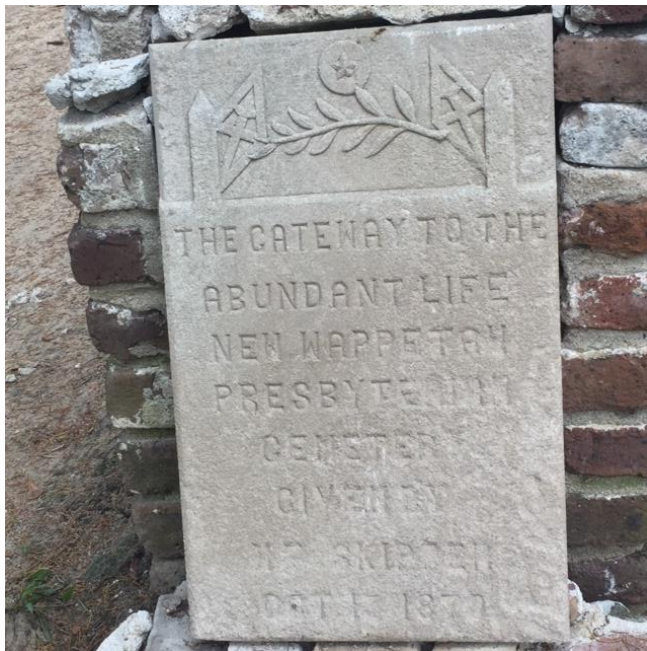
November Birthdays

Joanna Morrison	November 6
Killian Morrison, Zack Stroman	November 8
Lonnie Morrison	November 9
Mary Duke, Caroline "Baker" Leslie	November 11
Charles Leland, Linda Salters	November 19
Alicia Bruner, Matthew Tarry	November 21
Mary Davis	November 22
Kimberly Souther Westergaard	November 23
Jane Garner	November 25
Walt Hansen, Helen Morrison	November 29
Andrew DuPre	November 30

Laura Capps Tarry, Tyler Scott Furches	December 7
Eliza Crouch	December 8
Forrest Morrison, Peggy Small	December 11
Martha Douglas	December 13
Audrey Cooper	December 16
Robert Garner, Autumn Morrison	December 17
Chris McClellan	December 18
James Stannard Hurteau	December 19
Bob McCarley, Russell Tyler, Hugh "Bo" Scott	December 21
Allen DuPre	December 23
Margaret "Peg" Nichols, Kathleen Read	December 28
Kay Carlisle	December 29
Katie Tisdale Scott	December 30
Gilbert Allen	December 31

December Birthdays

John Leland, Mary Scott	December 2
Mary Beckett Culpepper, Kay B. McCarley, Margaret Crouch	December 4



Damage to Pillar at Cemetery Entrance Will Be repaired

The pillar at the right side of the entrance to the cemetery was recently toppled. It had sustained some damage once before. Huger McClellan and the cemetery committee are arranging major changes to protect the structure in the future. The space between the columns will be widened and strong supports will be added. At least three quotes of costs of repairs are to be obtained.

The plaque reads: THE GATEWAY TO ABUNDANT LIFE
NEW WAPPETAH PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY
GIVEN BY MF (Mr. and Mrs. Millard Fillmore) SKIPPER
OCTOBER 1879

Election of Elders – November 14, 2021

The congregation will meet for election of officers following worship on Sunday, November 14, 2021. New Wappetaw did not have a congregational meeting for elections in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic, so two classes of elders will be elected at the meeting.

The elders of class of 2020 (John Horres, Margy Leland, and Sandee Mosely) have continued to serve this year, and will be eligible for election to the class of 2023, two-year terms rather than three years. Members of the class of 2021 (Andrew DuPre, Russell Tyler, and Susie Lesesne) can be reelected to three-year terms in the Class of 2024. However, Susie Lesesne has completed a two-year term in replacement of another elder. She will not run for election at this time. Also, Andrew DuPre will not seek a second term at this time.

This year's Officer Nominating Committee – Lynn Godwin, Huger McClellan, Kathy Leland, Eddie Stroman, and Mary Scott – plans to nominate the following members: (1) to the class of 2023: John Horres, Margy Leland, and Sandee Moseley, and (2) to the class of 2024: Russell Tyler, along with new nominees Hugh Scott and Sue Shaw Hills Rogers.

At the meeting, nominations can also be made from the floor. Any nominee should have expressed willingness to be a candidate and willingness to serve if elected.

Missions

The Annual Hands of Christ Distribution – Missions Committee members Russell and Sweetheart Tyler delivered 20 packages of clothing to children at St. James Santee Elementary School. It is hoped that distributions can resume at New Wappetaw next August.

Thornwell Home for Children Offering – will be taken at worship on Sundays November 19 and 26. Their missions statement says, “Thornwell is a joyful, Christian community offering hope and wholeness to children and families.

Christmas Joy Gift Offering – will be collected at worship on Sundays December 19 and 26.



October 7

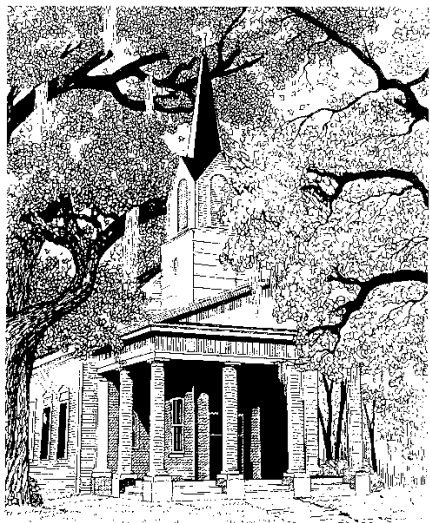


October 14

At worship on Sunday, October 7th, Rev. Sanders Read returned to New Wappetaw a sterling silver vase which for years was placed in front of the church's pulpit. Fresh flowers were added each Sunday by Eliza Hibben Morrison, better known as Lila. For years she served as sexton, lighting the stoves and ringing the bells for Sunday School and worship. The vase split and was no longer used. Terry Read Scott recognized it recently and Edith Read Boon had it repaired. It finally returned home, and Mary Scott plans to put flowers in the vase each Sunday.

Lila Morrison is a good example of people who serve quietly behind the scenes. She did what God says in Colossians 3:23: “Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord.”

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Presbyterian Women – the afternoon circle will continue monthly meetings on the first Tuesdays at the church.

The evening circle meets on the second Tuesday evenings at different homes

Presbyterian Men – Drew Allison reports that men hope to resume meetings in January 2022

Bible study – meets weekly on Wednesdays at 1:30 P.M.

Youth Group – meets **Sundays at 3:30 or 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome to Lee and Karen McClellan

New members on transfer of letter from Marshall, Texas, United Methodist Church. Lee, who managed a rural water service, is returning to his hometown. Karen, a hospital administrator, is from Indianapolis, Indiana.