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The Newsletter

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From the Pastoral Search Committee

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The committee understands the importance of “calling” a minister to NWPC very soon so as to help hold together the works of our church. We are also searching for the best the Lord provides.

Having met twice since last newsletter, we have lots to report. To highlight minutes of meeting results, we decided since one of our primary candidates for fulltime minister is unavailable ‘till summer, we should invite another candidate to join us part time. Both persons of interest, Bishop T.J. Johnston happily will preach 3 Sundays through March and Dr. Jim Miller, only first Sunday of each month, so neither willing to “work” part time.

Well, three days prior to our Feb. 9 meeting, we received a fine resume from a young lady living in Hanahan. The committee moved swiftly to invite Rachel Birch to preach on Sunday, Feb. 27. Mrs. Birch has completed Union Seminary and in need of a church in which to be ordained, which is a whole additional process NWPC can facilitate.

Fortunately, Dr. Miller is an ordained Presbyterian minister can be here one Sunday a month and we can have both communion and session with him present. Dr. Miller will return March 6, then Bishop T.J. Johnston is here March 13,20, and 27. April’s pulpit supply is still a work in progress with Mr. Will Lofton speaking on the 3rd and Dr. Miller on the 17th, Easter. We will not have a Maundy Thursday (April 14th) this year. Possibilities for April 10th and for April 24th are Rachel Birch, Dr. Woody Volland, and Dr.Donnie Woods.

Enjoy each Sunday with us and learn of the latest developments.

Christian Sympathy: The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the family of Elder Lynn Godwin on her recent death. A memorial service will be held soon.

It has been suggested that New Wappetaw plant another holly tree in her honor. Also, Elder Godwin suggested, during the last year, that our church obtain a cardiac defibrillator for use if someone collapses during worship or other activities. These devices are easy to use and are quite safe. They determine the need of correction of fibrillation and send no electrical impulse unless it detects defibrillation. The machine comes with instructions.

The cost of a suitable tree and of a defibrillator will be no more than \$2000. Please consider making donations to cover the costs.

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

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

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 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 Dunc

Lenten Season 2022

Ash Wednesday March 3 – Supper at 6:00 P.M. with a short sermon by Will Lofton

Sunday March 6 – Worship led by Rev. Jim Miller – session meeting after worship

Wednesday March 16 -- Supper at 6:00 P.M. with a short sermon by Will Lofton

Wednesday March 30 -- Supper at 6:00 P.M. with a short sermon by Will Lofton

Sunday April 3 – Worship with sermon by Will Lofton

Wednesday April 13 -- Supper at 6:00 P.M. with a short sermon by Will Lofton

Thursday April 14 -- No Maundy Thursday service

Sunday April 17 – Easter service with communion led by Rev. Jim Miller. Session to meet after worship

New Wappetaw's 150th Anniversary

Our church will reach its 150th anniversary this summer. A significant celebration is being arranged. Elder Jim Scott and his mother, Mary Scott, will be heading a group to plan enjoyable events to tell the history of the church and the community. Please contact the Scotts to help the planning and execution.

It is good that officers and other members have been devoted record keepers. Available now are not just official session minutes but an abundance of information about the work and accomplishments of the life of church organizations and about church social life. Here, for example, is an account of the founding of the church, with listing of the first members. (Thanks to Helen Morrison for this).

On Friday, August 23, 1872 an organizational meeting was held to establish New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church in McClellanville. The mother church was located between McClellanville and Mount Pleasant.

Within the first week of the organization the Church membership included:

Mr. James H. Leland, elder	Mrs. Eliza A. Lofton
Mrs. Priscilla Leland	Mrs. Elizabeth McGinnis
Mrs. Sarah C. Whilden	Mrs. Prudence Munn
Mr. Henry Michael Lofton	Mr. James B. Morrison
Mrs. Suzanna A. Leland	Miss Mary Whilden Morrison
Mrs. Eliza Morrison	Mr. Richard Tillia Morrison, Jr
Miss Sue A. Leland	Mrs. E.A. Morrison
Mrs. Abbie Morrison	Mr. Robert Venning Morrison
Miss Jane Isabell Morrison	Mr. Charlton H. Leland
Miss Mary Toomer	Miss Annie B. Baker

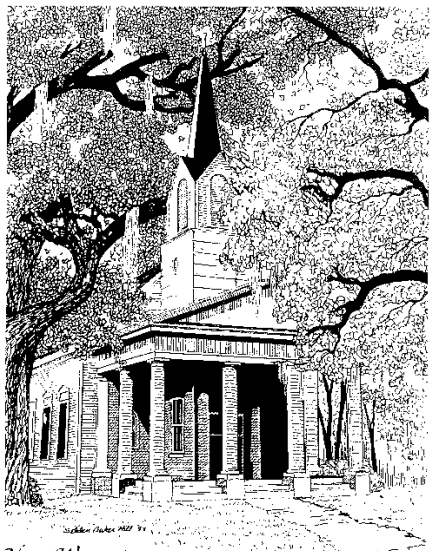
- 1872 The initial meeting of the congregation was held in the Union Chapel. Robert Venning Morrison donated land for the church and Manse. New Wappetaw began construction of its present
- 1874 sanctuary in 1874. The first worship service in the
- 1875 building was held June 20, 1875 (located at Pinckney and Scotia Streets)

These first members were mostly from families that had earlier resided around and worshipped at the mother church, Old Wappetaw. The Union Chapel was located at Pinkney and Oak Streets, site of the War Memorial.

From the Session

Budget and Finance – Good donations have been received. Pledges for giving in 2022 exceed \$72,000. Electricity costs increasing. Heating to be reduced except in the sanctuary (protection of the piano).
Christian Education – An anonymous donor is making a memorial donation in memory of Lynn Godwin. Funds are to support Youth Christian Education, including the annual trips to Montreat and purchase of arts and crafts.
Cemetery – The cemetery gates have been repaired and made wider. Surrounding bushes have been cleared away to make the entry view improved.

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The Annual Oyster Roast February 19, 2022

Thanks to Andrew and Allen DuPre and a hard-working crew a large crowd of members and friends enjoyed the occasion in a beautiful setting. See the fleet of shrimpers in the background. More photos will be posted in our Fellowship Hall.

