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# The Newsletter

## New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church

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### From Your Pastoral Study Committee

Having met numerous times and having corresponded by email multiple times since the March Newsletter, your “preacher” committee has selected your guest ministers through May 29th. We have already had some great ones lead worship and believe we can hear great teaching and preaching from the best.

We have published on the internet the M.I.F. (Minister Information Form) which tells of church’s history and of what we want and need in a minister – a part time minister leading to full time minister. This is also being sent to 5 seminaries east of the Mississippi River.

Deep thought and editing has gone into the preparation of this form which is required by the Presbyterian Church – PC(USA). Your Pastoral Search Committee wants to thank many ministers in the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery for their help and guidance. Our committee has included Bob McCarley, Pam Morrison, Andrew DuPre, Kathy Leland, Drew Allison, and Russell Tyler.

Should you like to review this employment form contact Pam Morrison or Bob McCarley to view it.

From June on our pulpit supply is open, so we hope we will get many inquiries and be able to hear new candidates. Our May list:

- May 1 – Rev. Jim Miller
- May 8 – Rachel Birch
- May 15 – Rachel Birch
- May 22 – Will Lofton
- May 29 – Andrew Byrd
- Also – June 19 – Rev Woody Volland

**Thanks to Will Lofton** for his services to New Wappetaw during and after Lent. He provided sermonettes at four Lenten meals and led the morning worship service on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Continuing his work with us, he is leading the Wednesday morning Bible studies throughout April. He will lead worship again on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will is a student at Anderson University -- working toward a degree as Master of Divinity.

**May Birthdays –**

May 1 – Judith Fortner

May 5 – Mary Barry

May 6 – Jimmy Lesesne

May 9 – Huck Racine

May 12 – Carole Bradshaw, Joanna McClellan

May 13 – John Scott, Ashley Souther,

Briggs Zorn

May 15 – Susan McAdoo

May 16 – Charlton Leland

May 17 -- Ted Dawson

May 22 – Kelly Morrison, Elizabeth Horres,

Lee McClellan

May 29 – Huger McClellan

**June Birthdays**

June 1 – Patty McClellan

June 3 – Becky Sellers, Michelle McClellan,

Carolyn 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 24 – Chip Racine

June 27 – Lucie Racine

June 28 – Alley Dinwiddie

June 30 – Pat Salters, Nora Fender

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Following Worship, Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

This meeting serves as meeting of the of the New Wappetaw Church Corporation, important since we own the church properties. The congregation will hear reports from church organizations and from the Budget and Finance Committee. The Pastoral Search Committee will present a Minister's Information Form – to be used in a search for a new minister.

Two special actions can be taken at this meeting –

1 – The congregation shall elect an at-large member of our next Officer Nominating Committee. Members may suggest a nominee to any member of the current committee: Huger McClellan, Kathy Leland, Eddie Stroman, or Mary Scott. Huger McClellan represents the session, Kathy Leland represents Presbyterian Women, Eddie Stroman represents Presbyterian Men, and Mary Scott is the at-large member from the congregation.

2 – The congregation can elect an elder to replace Elder Lynn Godwin. Again, suggest a nominee to the current nominating committee. A person must be willing to be nominated and willing to serve if elected.

Please be present. The business can be accomplished effectively. It is important that the congregation knows, approves of, and participates in our representative form of church government.

**Montreat Youth Conferences** Our Christian Education Committee is arranging for our youths and friends to attend Youth Conferences at Montreat Conference Center. After two years of little activity due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the center plans to be fully operative this summer. Youth members and friends interested may contact Elder Hugh Scott or other members of the Christian Education Committee.

**Wisteria Parade – A Tradition Reborn** McClellanville's Wisteria Parade, initiated years ago by Mary Scott and others at New Wappetaw, got a new start on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Town now sponsors the event. A very large number of marchers participated, starting at New Wappetaw and moving to the Town Boat Landing.

### New Wappetaw's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### **Presbyterian Women: Leadership, Inspiration, Spiritual Growth**

From the founding of New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church in 1872 the names of its women's organizations have changed many times – first it was The Ladies Society, then The Ladies Association of New Wappetaw, then The Ladies Aid, then The Ladies Aid Society, the Louise Junkin and Crystal Gregg Circles, The Women of the Church, and now Presbyterian Women.

Through all this time, the goals and actions of the organizations have not changed. Women have provided vital leadership in the life of the church, from construction and maintenance of facilities to Bible study and worship. Through many fund-raising projects, women have been major contributors to construction and up-keep of the church building and contents. Women have sponsored fellowship and social events, have given financial support to candidates for the ministry, and have worked in foreign and local mission projects. Presbyterian Women, by whatever name, has been a part of the support system for our church and for the community. Bible study and prayer are regular features of circle meetings.

In 1954 the Ladies Aid Society showed its importance in the design and preparation of the church building. They requested that a planning committee be appointed to study replacement or remodeling of the sanctuary. An architect suggested moving the original bell tower from the left front to the center of the structure, plus installation of more windows and improvement of the foundation and floors. Funds supplied by the ladies helped make the work accomplished.

In 1960 the congregation accepted an offer from the Ladies Aid Society to add stained glass windows in the rostrum of the church. Many members disapproved, believing the change was a departure from the presbyterian tradition of creating plain buildings which would not distract worshippers from the worship of God. It was later written that “after considerable controversy, the lion and the lamb settled down.”

Women first began serving as elders in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (the Southern Presbyterian Church) in 1965. In May 1981, Lillian Duke was the first woman ordained as elder at New Wappetaw. The southern and northern Presbyterian churches united in 1983, forming our existing Presbyterian Church in the United States of America – known as the PC(USA). Virginia Ford followed as New Wappetaw’s second elder in February 1984.

In 1985 New Wappetaw’s congregation decided to make a significant change, creating a nine-member session with the elders serving up to two three-year terms instead of serving for life. At a following congregational meeting, the first class formed included: Virginia Ford, Lionel Lofton, Sue Shaw Bagley, Gerilyn Leland, Nelson Ford, T.P. Duke, Jr., Virginia Lofton, Mary Scott, and Elizabeth Gannon. Five of the nine persons elected were women.

The elders were anxious to serve. Randy McClure, clerk of session at that time, remembers that all church members were pleased, believing enlargement of the session and addition of more women to be positive moves.

New Wappetaw’s women remain active and vital participants in church affairs.

### **Memorial Service for Lynn Godwin**

Our worship on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, included a memorial service for the late Elder Lynn Godwin, conducted by Rev. Woody Volland, Lynn’s brother-in-law, married to Bill Godwin’s sister. Rev. Volland displayed a Candle Light-Snuffer donated in Lynn’s honor by the New Wappetaw Youth. The congregation then moved outside to view an OKUMA, a Japanese Cherry Tree, which was donated by Rev and Mrs. Volland.

