

*New Wappetaw  
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McClellanville, SC*

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# The Newsletter

New Wappetaw Presbyterian  
Church

From Your  
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Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is easing off the current search mode while delightedly having Rev. Dr. Mike Fitze again for worship services, through December '22.

Physical changes as well as change in the order of worship are already in process. You should have noticed both changes like more unison and responsive readings in the bulletin and office furniture relocation. We have begun remodeling the fellowship foyer, pastor's office and baby's nursery, the latter becoming the work room for copier, paper cutter, etc.

While Mike is vacationing the week of November 20, you will all want to come to 10 a.m. service to hear Rev. Alex Porter, of Hollywood.

Again, stay tuned to this newsletter, as well as NWPC's website and Facebook page for great things coming to the glory of the Lord.

## **New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church's 150th Anniversary August 28, 2022**

It was a great occasion in a beautiful church prepared by devoted and hard-working people. Flowers were everywhere. A full congregation of members and friends enjoyed a moving worship service with grand music. Church historians arranged for a tour of historical items, all identified and described in a six-page handout given to all in attendance. In addition, a beautiful pamphlet detailing the history of the church was given to all. A great dinner was enjoyed in our Sunday School Hall and in the Masonic Hall next door.

See photo on page three. Collections of photos will soon be available in the sanctuary.

**Christian Sympathy** The congregation of New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church extends Christian sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Robinson Hansen -- "Betsy" -- on her recent death. A memorial service will be held at The Gazebo at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Halfway Creek Church – A History**



The church on Halfway Creek Road, separating Berkeley and Charleston Counties, was constructed by New Wappetaw members and local citizens in 1941. At that era there was a small but active community in the area, and a one-room school building was located next door. New Wappetaw church members helped provide worship services during World War II, then turned the worship over to local people. The school closed in 1949 and was taken down some years later. In 1972, a nearby congregation restored the chapel, adding lighting, wall covering, and furniture. With further loss of population, the church went inactive again. The grounds are site of a cemetery used over long years by Baptist, Methodist, and Pentecostal Holiness congregations. Worship is now served at Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church in Shulerville.

**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  
 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

**December Birthdays**

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

Kay Carlisle December 29  
 Katie Tisdale Scott December 30  
 Gilbert Allen December 31



## The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



A Full congregation – Rev. Jim Miller giving the children’s sermon

### New Wappetaw’s Automatic External Defibrillator

New Wappetaw benefited many ways from the work and example of the late Dr. Lynn Godwin. One of her last recommendations was that the church be outfitted with an automatic external defibrillator, to be used when a person collapses and has no detectable heartbeat. Donations in Lynn’s honor made possible the purchase of the right instrument.

Karen McClellan with the defibrillator



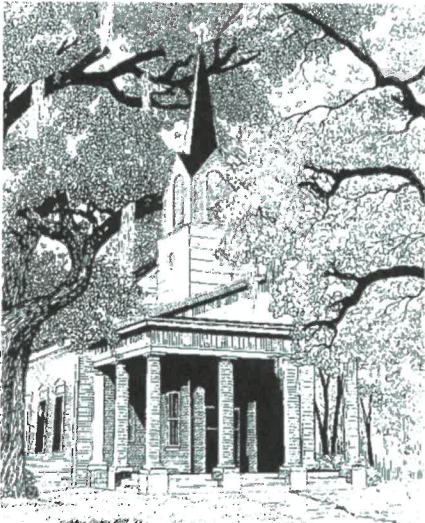
Lee shows where it will be mounted



Ventricular fibrillation causes the death of about 350,000 Americans each year. When ventricular fibrillation occurs the heart muscles quiver at 300-400 times per minute, making the heart unable to pump blood through the body. Persons can be saved by quick employment of cardiopulmonary resuscitation plus the quick additional use of a automatic external defibrillator – an AED. With the instrument’s leads applied to a person’s chest, ventricular fibrillation can be detected – it then gives a signal to give an electrical impulse which can restart normal heart contractions. If it does not detect fibrillation it does not call for delivery of an impulse.

Research by the American Heart Association has shown that early use of a defibrillator saves lives. The AEDs are becoming common in spaces where people gather. It will be important for many of our members to trained in the full measure of cardiopulmonary resuscitation as well as the use of the defibrillator.

Karen McClellan RN, MBA is a retired Professor of Nursing and retired nursing administrator. Her specialty was Critical Care and Cardiac Care. Please contact her to sign up for training.



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### **Get Re-acquainted with Mike and Rosemary**

Rosemary and I grew up in North Charleston and we graduated from Stall High school. We married in 1972 and for 14 years were active members at Yeamans Park Presbyterian, along with our daughter Jennifer. I earned degrees from USC and the College of Charleston before leaving for seminary in Atlanta in 1988. I then earned Master of Divinity and Dr of Ministry degrees from Columbia Seminary and served as president of our senior class.

We moved to McClellanville in 1991. While in the village, I taught at Archibald Rutledge as well as serving as pastor here at New Wappetaw. In 1995, I was called to Greenville by Foothills Presbytery to start a new church, Providence Presbyterian in Powdersville. I served there for twelve years as the church grew to 375 members, oversaw three building campaigns, and worked part-time for that presbytery. In 2007 I was called back to Charleston to start a new church in Mt Pleasant -- Palmetto Presbyterian in Carolina Park.

Both congregations were chartered in less than a year and both were recipients of the Walton Award and a \$50,000 grant awarded to the outstanding new church development in the PCUSA. Palmetto has grown to a congregation of just under 500 active members. I was named 'pastor emeritus' at my final worship service at Palmetto on September 18, and I began serving at New Wappetaw the next Sunday. Until my retirement in September, I also served on the staff of CAP as a consultant and oversaw the 1.4 milliondollar renovation of the new presbytery office at Park Circle.

We look forward to working again in "The Village."

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