

## **“I Have a Dream”**

*“...your old men will dream dreams...”  
Joel 2:28*

Dear Friends,

Today is a holiday recognizing the accomplishments of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His most famous work is his “I had a dream” speech delivered in 1963, in which he spoke of his dream of a United States that is void of segregation and racism.

Dr. King was just 39 when he died, and yet he was an old man when it comes to dreams. You see, when we are young our dreams are more likely to be self-centered; we dream of our own future and what the possibilities might be. When we age, we become more focused on the world around us and our dreams are more inclusive of others.

Growing up in the south during my youth, I had little if any great respect for this man I really didn’t know much about. I remember hearing folks mock his title, Rev. Dr., not knowing that one day I would hold that same title. Today as an older and I hope much wiser “dreamer,” I realize it is not enough to just have dreams. Each person has to get up and do something to make our dreams become a reality. Someone once told me if you can’t see the dream yourself, you can’t get others to invest in the dream and make it happen.

I have had the joy and the opportunity to start two Presbyterian churches which began with a vision, a dream of what might be. In both cases, the reality became so much more than my dream because of God’s grace and the work and commitment of so many other people. Today I dream of what our ministry here at New Wappetaw can be as this congregation has just celebrated 150 years of ministry together and as we look forward to the next 150 years.

So on this day when we remember a famous dreamer, let us all dream, and dream BIG... for dreams can and do come true!

Grace and peace,  
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