

Plans for the new year

"Commit to the lord whatever you do and your PLANS will succeed"
Proverbs 16:3

The session of New Wappetaw had a 'retreat' at Town Hall on Sunday afternoon to plan out our ministry for the coming year. In all organizations communication is a challenge, and that is true with the church, so we are going to make every effort to reach out to our members and the community to let you know about our ministry and give you enough notice of up-coming events so you can PLAN.

Some highlights of the retreat:

*we did a study of the Presbyterian Book of Order, highlighting aspects of our polity that define who we are as a community of faith

*we reviewed the membership roll and will be contacting families as we prepare a new on-line pictorial directory

*we made plans for the season of Lent:

- We will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 22
- There will be a Wednesday night lenten study and meal each week in March
- Palm Sunday service April 2
- Maundy Thursday service April 6
- Easter Service April 9

*we are working on a budget to be approved by session in February. Giving is up and we finished 2022 in the black thanks to the generous stewardship of our members and friends of the church

*we approved dates for communion in 2023:

- March 5
- Maundy Thursday
- July 2
- October 1
- Christmas Eve

*we discussed Christian education and ways to rebuild the youth program, including a group to attend the Montreat youth conference this summer

*we saw plans for a new landscape design for the church grounds

*we discussed our worship service....there will be a sign up in the back of the church for liturgists to lead worship each Sunday.

*there will be a congregational meeting following worship to approve the pastor's terms of call on Sunday February 5

*the church will have an Oyster Roast at the home of Andrew and Allen Leland on Saturday, February 25

We have LOTS of plans for the new year so prayerfully consider how you can be involved in our ministry in 2023!

It's a joy to be your pastor,

Mike