

A Note from New Wappetaw PNC

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things.” Matthew 25:21

Dear Friends,

Two weeks ago there was a congregational meeting to elect me as your stated supply pastor (I am your pastor, just not ‘installed’ since I am honorably retired, and the church does not pay into the PCUSA pension plan for installed pastors). Following worship and the congregational meeting there was a delicious covered dish luncheon. Rosemary and I feel so welcomed. It is a blessing to be back at New Wappetaw some 28 years after I left in January of 1995 to start a new church for Foothills Presbytery in Greenville, SC.

At the congregational meeting Bob McCarley did an outstanding job explaining the call process and explaining the terms of call. The whole pastor nominating committee wanted to thank him.

Please see their note below:

During the congregational meeting on February 5, Bob McCarley unexpectedly called for the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee to stand and be recognized for all the hard work we did in selecting a pastor.

Truth be told: Bob did almost all the heavy work.

From the beginning, Bob communicated with the Presbytery and “cast a wide net” for any and all prospective candidates. He spoke with these folks by computer and by phone, invited them to visit McClellanville and the church, then he and Kay B invited them into their home for more conversation and a fine meal.

While in this process, Bob singlehandedly “beat the bushes” and brought in retired ministers, ministerial students and others to fill in and hold us together until we found our minister, Mike Fitze.

Bob invested UNTOLD hours in this endeavor and when he called a formal meeting of the PNC he presented his latest information to us, all perfectly in order.

New Wappetaw owes a huge debt of gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Bob and Kay B McCarley.

Andrew DuPre, Drew Allison, Kathy Leland, Pam Morrison, Russell Tyler, Walter Bonner

Upcoming events at New Wappetaw

*Sunday February 19....baptism

*Wednesday February 22... Ash Wednesday service here at 6:30, with the congregation of St James Santee Episcopal Chapel

*February 25... Church Oyster Roast at the Dupre’s 4:00pm

February 26... session meeting after worship

*March 5... Communion

Wednesdays in March... Lenten study and dinners