

2023 Mission Opportunities at New Wappetaw

Blessed is he who is kind to the needy....

Proverbs 21:14

Dear Friends,

When you hear the word “mission,” what comes to mind, and how do you define the church’s mission? One of my goals as your pastor is to help our congregation go outside our church doors and respond to the needs of others. The session has approved four special offerings for 2023, such as the Mother’s Day offering for Presbyterian Homes of S.C. or the Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton S.C. This congregation has a history of writing generous checks for missional causes. But I can also remember groups from here going to other communities following natural disasters like hurricanes (remembering what the village endured from Hurricane Hugo). My hope is that we will continue to do more hands-on ministry. So, this year the session has approved a line item in the budget for local mission initiatives, in addition to our financial support of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and our special offerings. When a local need arises, we will have funds designated to provide aid.

At our February meeting, session approved asking our congregation and folks in the village to either WALK or GIVE to support Water Missions at the March 25 “Walk for Water” in North Charleston. We will have sign-up sheets in the sanctuary for donating and for walking. We will also support ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach) by having two “grocery bag” Sundays, when you all will be asked to take an ECCO bag and bring it back to church filled with food items they need for their food pantry which will benefit those in Awendaw and McClellanville who need help in feeding their families. The two Sundays we do this will be in the summer when food donations are most needed.

If you have suggestions for ways we can do more “hands on missions” this year, please let me or one of our elders know.

Thank you for all you do for the church and community.

Blessings,
Mike