## Mikes Monday Message

## Rejoicing in Lent?

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Dear Friends,

Lent is a season for reflection and repentance. The mood in church during this season is usually more subdued. Sunday I was surprised when the church parking lot was filling up. Actually, I REJOICED when I came into the sanctuary and saw how many people had come into the "house" of the Lord." Our sanctuary was pretty full and it was a joy to have so many children come up for the "time with children." It is also a joy to have new folks worshiping with us and expressing a desire to be a part of our church family. It is my prayer that New Wappetaw will grow and we will use our congregation's resources to make a difference in our community. I hope you can feel the energy and will be patient as we try out new ideas and mission opportunities (like the Walk for Water on Saturday, March 25, for Water Missions in North Charleston). It is exciting to see some of the physical changes taking place on our church property, like the new landscaping project that we hope will be completed by Easter. Last Wednesday we began our Lenten study and suppers which will run through the month of March. Bring your favorite meatless dish and join us this Wednesday evening at 6:30.

This Sunday we have a baptism and I am hoping to introduce some new members. We have two more baptisms in the next few weeks and plans are underway for the men's dinner that will be coming up soon. Please watch the church calendar so you don't miss anything.

I invite you to rejoice with me as we take advantage of every opportunity to "go into the house of the Lord."

It is a joy to be your pastor.

Blessings, Mike

**Upcoming Events:** 

Lenten Study and Meal, Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30pm