

Palm Sunday Preparations

*“They took palm branches and went out to meet him...”
John 12:13*

I have to admit I love all the pomp and circumstance of Palm Sunday! I love seeing the children process in with the palm branches, I love seeing the palms and flowers in the sanctuary, I love the crowd that shows up the week before Easter, I love the music and I love the opportunity to meet new folks who are in worship for the special church “holiday.”

This is a special time at New Wappetaw because we always have a big workday, call it church “spring cleaning,” usually on a Saturday close to Easter. We held our work day this past Saturday, and WOW, we had a wonderful turn-out and we really accomplished a LOT!

For a building that’s 150 years old, this “white wood-sided, white-columned lady” wears her age well. The landscaping on our property looks good, the remodeled narthex is inviting, the new paint and lighting in the fellowship hall has brightened our Wednesday evening Lenten studies and meals. The new serving room makes it so much easier to set up for drinks and there is additional room for storing kitchen items. The new large TV and sound system in the fellowship hall makes it easier to incorporate technology in our Bible studies. Thanks to Scott and Linda Youngblood, the history room upstairs is just about completed and it looks great. There is some foundation work to be done in the area around the nursery and kitchen and when that is completed, we will remodel the kitchen.

The church is looking good, but that is nothing compared to the spirit that is moving within our midst. The sanctuary is filling up on Sundays and there is increased mission participation. New Wappetaw has always been a generous congregation, supporting our many Presbyterian missions by writing checks for our special offerings but we are now doing more hands-on ministry, like the Water Missions “Walk for Water” this coming Saturday, March 23. It’s not too late to sign up!

We are blessed with lots of children and college students, but not many high school students so we will be working on that in the coming months. Keep the church in your prayers and THANK YOU for your involvement in our ministry!

Blessings,
Mike

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Lenten study and meal, March 20 at 6:00pm
Walk for Water in North Charleston, Saturday, March 23, meet at 9am
Palm Sunday worship and Egg Hunt after church, Sunday, March 24
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, collected the next few Sundays
Maundy Thursday Service, March 28 at 6:30
Prepare meal for Citadel Campus Ministry, Monday, April 1
Communion, Sunday, April 7
Men’s dinner at the Church, Thursday, April 11

Special notice

Russell and Sweetheart Tyler have a 5,000 watt generator to give to anyone in need of one. Like Russell, its old, but dependable
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