



The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Grow Where Planted



“April showers bring May flowers,” as the old adage goes. Beautiful flowers blooming all around us. God’s creation is alive with color and new growth. This new growth comes from earlier growth. Trees, shrubs, bulbs all put forth their unique colors and fragrances each year. Dogwoods, Bartlett Pear, azaleas, tulips, irises, and many more. All blooming from their original plantings. They grew where planted. Whether that was in someone’s yard or garden, or from the by-product of some animal. My point is these seeds, grew and in many cases grew bountifully.

This past Fall, after my garden had finished producing, I cleaned out both raised beds. Then just before winter, I transplanted cabbage and beets. I put a plastic cover over them and periodically add water under their covering. Despite temperature changes and less sunlight due to shorter days, I ended up with a large mason jar of pickled beets, and no less than 8 large heads of cabbage.

But after pulling the beets and tossing the tops and those which did not grow into my compost pile something happened. A couple of the beets that I had written off, more to the point had thrown away began to take root. Seems the compost pile, which is made of yard and vegetable waste, trash as we see it, but to these couple of beets it was just what they needed. The result was baseball size beets. It just took some change for what was seen as waste to become part of God’s bounty.

What does that have to do with us, with me? I myself was born in New England, in my teens I migrated south to North Carolina. Before my move I had not accomplished much, at least as the world determines accomplished. For the next 21 years I continued to grow at least as what I saw as growing. Then came yet another change as I moved into South Carolina and this is where I have been planted for the past 23 years. Like most here in Landrum, I was transplanted not once but twice. I have grown where planted each time. Things, times, and places change but despite the changes around us we are to continue growing.

God allows a season of growth and then a season of rest. This rest precedes another season of growth. Like moving a plant from one spot to another, I believe God is moving me to another spot for me to continue my growth. But not just me, I believe Landrum UMC has been reseeded and being set for exponential growth beyond what many believe possible.

How many plant gardens and after all the work of tilling, hoeing, digging, planting, and feeding sit back and say, “All that work was a waste, and nothing will grow?” No one! When someone does all the work of planting it is for one thing growth. Together, let’s agree to believe God has everything under control and growth of His kingdom is about to take place. Let’s be determined to all grow where planted.

Pastor Kevin



Honoring “Mothers”

Trudy Van Voorhis

Mother's Day has always been a tough holiday for me. For many ladies, this day means sloppy kisses, burnt toast in bed, cards, and flowers. Unfortunately, Mother's Day can be a difficult day for many women. Some women have mothers who have passed away, others have difficult relationships with their own mothers. Perhaps the hardest hit among this group are women without children.

I prayed to be blessed with a child but was not as lucky as Sarah in the Bible who also waited a long time. Even as I got older, I felt a second wave of exclusion when most of my friends now enjoy the rewards of being a grandparent.

My previous Pastor encouraged me to reconsider the definition of “mother”. He pointed out that the world is filled with mothers. A mother selflessly gives and helps those around them. She nurtures children. She helps those around her deal with difficult things. A mother can be a teacher, aunt, or friend. Mothering has less to do with having children and more to do with how you treat the children in your life. As you redefine the word “mother,” the focus on Mother's Day changes from honoring women with children to celebrating all women. This has really helped me.

A friend once sent me this quotation. “Every woman is a mother. Conception takes place in her heart and delivery through her arms. Every woman carries the ability and power to change the world one child at a time. Birth is not measured in months but spans her lifetime. Every woman is a mother when she makes a difference in just one child.”

Whether you are a Mother through nature or nurture – Happy Mother's Day!

MUSIC NOTES

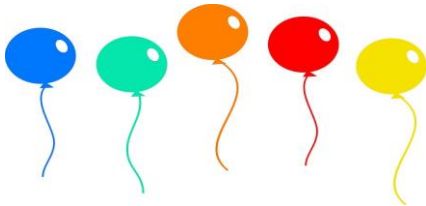
Joy Gardner

MANY, MANY, THANKS to all who helped with the moving of the church pews and choir chairs. It would not have been so easily accomplished without your help! Thank You!

Mark Hartsell told me many months ago that the “new” layout we will be using is the way the chancel area was originally used. Since then, it has been a goal to have the pews removed and the choir chairs moved in. Now, with the addition of a large hand bell choir, we will have a bit more space to work with so that both the Choir and the Hand Bell Choir can be in the chancel area at the same time!

Thank you again to all for your help! (Jaime is also as appreciative as I am because it’s one less thing I’ll be aggravating the Trustees about! LOL!!)

May Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

9	Abby Fricks
13	Wanda Starling
19	Paula Clark
28	James Wofford IV

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Phil & Harriet Goodrich
5	Fred & Gladys Harris
29	Steve & Stephanie Quinn Bill & Rittina Robinson
31	Harvey & Kay Spiegel Bill & Cheryl Every

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, June 5, 2021

6:00 PM

Links of Tryon

Please join us as we share a meal and reminisce with Pastor Kevin and Patricia celebrating with them as they embark on a new journey!

The cost for the buffet style meal is \$18.95 per person.

For tickets and other information, please contact Pete Block 864 641 5473 pblock1@windstream.net or Cheryl Barto 864 457 5021 zwheezer97@aol.com.

This will be a private event and we must provide an accurate head count prior to the dinner so.... **YOU MUST PREPAY BY SUNDAY, MAY 29.** (YOU WILL RECEIVE A TICKET THAT YOU WILL PRESENT AT THE DOOR.)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Easter Service



Our Easter service couldn't have been more perfect and wouldn't have happened without the many volunteers willing to give of their precious time! There are too many to name individually, but please know that your help was greatly appreciated! Flawless from beginning to end! The donated Easter lilies from Harriett & Phil Goodrich were beautiful & enjoyed by all including the shut ins receiving those delivered after service! Thank you again, each and every one, who made this special event so amazing!

The altar flower signup chart is on the table in the Narthex with open dates for those interested in enhancing the altars beauty! Thank you in advance for your support!

Deb & Cheryl

Altar Guild



LUMC Lay Leadership 2021

Spartanburg District Superintendent: Rev. Cathy D. Mitchell

Pastor: Kevin F. Dalton

Administrative Council

Wayne Hager Lay Leader
Ted Andrus Lay Member to AC
Glenn Downey..... Admin Council Chr
Jaime Wofford Trustees Chair
Pete Block PPRC Chair
Mark Hartsell..... Finance Committee
Rita Plumley Church Treasurer
Jody McPherson Mission-Board Sec
Cheryl Bartow/Deb Croft - Altar Team
Bonnie Inman Sunday School Sup
Cheryl Barto Senior Adult Team
Lou Nespeca UMM President
Carla Downey College/Epworth
Church Historian Paul Forster/Colleen
Carey
Music Director..... Joy Gardner

Lay Leadership Nominations Committee

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Carla Downey
Cheryl Barto
Debbie Croft
Bill Robinson.....
Wanda Manson
Winn Holley
Colleen Carey

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Cheryl Every
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Stephanie Quinn
Lisa Wofford

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Ed Aiken
Bonnie Inman
Dan McFerrin
Stephanie Quinn
Lee Nicholson

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Cheryl Every
Deb Croft
Trudy Van Voorhis
Joy Gardner
Jaime Wofford
Ted Andrus Lay Member to AC
Pastor Kevin Dalton/LUMC

Members at Large

Wanda Starling
Michael Clark
Martha Castro
Patrick Clark
James Wofford IV ...

Missions Committee

Jody McPherson Chairperson
Patricia Hartsell
Nancy Surface

Church Historian Paul Forster

Church Community Meals

Nancy Surface 4th Saturday
Community Meals

June Rhymer
810 E Rutherford St
Landrum, SC 29356

Madge Holley
1385 Green Creek Dr
Columbus, NC 28722

Edith Masson (Patricia Dalton's Mother)
300 Asbury Dr
Landrum, SC 29356

Betty Zeluff (Mary Hager's Mother)
Sunnybrook Assisted Living
306 Spring St
Hendersonville, NC 28739

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave.
Landrum, SC 29356

Dan Donovan
210 Camelia Circle
Landrum SC 29356

Nancy McGarra
41 Red Bird Road
Tryon NC 28782

Mary Williamson
Greer Rehabilitation & Healthcare Ctr
401 Chandler Road
Greer SC 29651



Edith Himmel
c/o Manning Place
10 Companion Ct. Apt 104
Greer, SC 29651



The LUMC Minister and Congregation prays for those who need special prayer or have medical concerns.

We express our heartfelt Christian sympathy to those who have had loved ones pass away.

Please inform the church office of any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer list.

Remember these people in your prayers as well as our church, Pastor, Outreach, Missions, community, and our nation.

Deb Croft eye issue
John Carl Rogers ... heart issue (nephew to Sammy Rogers)
Melanie Ballou extensive surgeries (Ted Andrus' friend)
Mark Masson heart issue (Patricia Dalton's brother)
Zander Craig surgery (Clay Kreb's cousin)
Raine Family.....multiple challenges
Unspoken requests

Cancer Issues:

Jenny Gardner
Jabo Brown
Jimmy Ashmore
Laura Reeves
Shirley Welch
Levi van Cleef
Benjamin Poole
Pat Parker

