



June 2021

Landrum United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my salvation.”

A Time for Everything ... Pastor Kevin Dalton

As I write this, I am with heavy heart, remembering how God and you have blessed Patricia and me by allowing us to be your pastors. It has been our privilege to serve this wonderful body of believers. I want to thank God, and all of you, for the many ways He and you allowed us to pastor you these eight years. I am reminded of these words from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NRSV:

For everything that happens in life—there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven:

A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a time to collect the harvest;

A time to kill, a time to heal; a time to tear down, a time to build up;

A time to cry, a time to laugh; a time to mourn, a time to dance;

A time to scatter stones, a time to pile them up;

A time for a warm embrace, a time for keeping your distance;

A time to search, a time to give up as lost; a time to keep, a time to throw out;

A time to tear apart, a time to bind together; a time to be quiet, a time to speak up;

A time to love, a time to hate; a time to go to war, a time to make peace.

During our eight years together, we have probably experienced almost everything on this list. I remember the baptisms, weddings, funerals, munch/mingles, auctions, Fall Festivals, Bible studies, community children's events, wonderful Christmas', and we can't forget the drop-in's; there was joyous singing, praying, preaching, fellowship, and friendship. I remember it all! There was some tearing down of old ideas and planting of new ideas; there were some disagreements and some resolutions, some remembering and some forgiving.

We collected and distributed truck loads full of food, handed out thousands of meals, and produced countless Backpacks as well. We've laughed as well as cried and mourned together; we have danced together and ate way too many desserts and breakfast casseroles! But never too many blueberry desserts!

We have said goodbye to beloved members who have moved away or went on to the church triumphant, and we have welcomed new people as well. Together we ventured into the world of technology as we went live via the internet. We acquired a new grand piano, as well as new hand bells; together we made the second floor of the Family Life center accessible to everyone via the new chairlift. We have survived raging storms of rain and snow, together we survived a pandemic and came out standing tall knowing we did all we could to keep each other safe.

Through it all, we have bonded and grown in wonderful ways while experiencing a great deal of mercy, grace, joy, and love! The Lord has blessed us in more ways than we could possibly ever count. The Lord has certainly been with us and has shown us that what we think is impossible, but with God it is all possible.

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I have always believed that a pastor is called to a particular place, for a particular time, for a particular season, with a particular purpose to a particular group of people in a particular community. We may have not accomplished everything that I had hoped for; yet much was accomplished. It was always my intention and my covenant with this church that we would serve you in a particular way which included preparing you for your next pastor. The new pastor has been chosen and so it is our time to exit.

When Jesus prepared to leave His disciples, He found three promises to share: First, Jesus promised “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” (John 14:23); Second, Jesus promised to fill the disciples with a spirit of courage and comfort. “The Holy Spirit...will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you”. (John 14:26). Finally, Jesus promised to sustain His disciples with a special kind of peace. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you” (John 14:27). I’m not Jesus but I pray you take hold to these three promises as this new season begins.

The thing you need to remember is that you will always be a part of me and Patricia, and we will always be a part of you. We thank you for all for your patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity, and love that you have shown us. I especially thank you for all your love and support you all blessed me with, in spite of all my short comings. You are a beautiful, wonderful group of people and I wish you all the best in this new season that you are about to begin.

May you continue to be the church OF the community, and continue to grow in faith, hope and love, worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body, and soul and remember to do everything for the glory of God!

God Bless,

Pastor Kevin



PPRC: Pete Block

Service schedule: A reminder to all

Pastor Dalton’s last sermon at Landrum UMC is Sunday, June 6. Pastor Nancy Reed will be in the pulpit beginning Sunday, July 4.

Sermons on June 13, 20, and 27 will be provided by our own certified Lay Speakers, Ted Andrus, and Jody McPherson. Please be in prayerful reflection and continue our strong spiritual support for them during this time of transition.



Patricia Dalton honored at Ladies Tea



Ladies gathered to spend some time with the First Lady of the church, Patricia Dalton, before she and Kevin leave for their new assigned church. Tributes, gifts, and memories were shared that generated laughter and tears. Thank you, Patricia, for being such a helpful, creative, and thoughtful presence in the church.

We wish you the best in your new surroundings!

The farewell dinner for the Daltons will be held Saturday the 5th at Links of Tryon.

Kevin and Patricia - We appreciate all your work and service of the past 8 years and pray your new church home will bring you abundant blessings.

Trudy's Tidings

“Let them praise his name with dancing...”



Lord of the Dance is one of Preacher Kevin's favorite hymns. As his tenure ends here at Landrum UMC, I am reflecting on his time here like a dance.

When he first arrived the question was could we dance with this person? Will we be in sync? Will he step on our metaphorical toes? In other words, what kind of partner he will be as our Pastor.

Some in the church have a passion for the spiritual life while others have more concrete images and language as we pursue God. Not denying the importance of the spiritual components of the church, what gets some people's adrenaline flowing is what Landrum UMC seeks to do outside these church walls. Could Kevin dance to that beat? Does he share our passion for the spiritual?

Kevin preached that our experience with God must fuel our desire to be better people and step out into the world. Kevin may not have always performed to the beat that you enjoy most, but his desire was to dance with all of us, and to see us all dance together as a church family.

Years have passed and we now know his rhythm and the tunes he enjoys the most. There may have been times when his tempo was too fast for some, and too slow for others. He stepped on some toes from time to time. Then again, there has been moments when it felt like we were totally in sync. Those were moments when we figured out the importance of doing it all: fairness, kindness, and walking humbly with our God. We danced, Pastor with church, member with member, friend with friend. For as long as the music plays, let us give thanks for Preacher Kevin and praise the Lord of the Dance.

We call the church a communion of saints, but I doubt that many here feel comfortable being called a saint. There are true Saints, but then there are saints, people dedicated to Jesus, daily doing His bidding, quietly and faithfully living practical applied sainthood. Saints by this definition are ordinary folks in ordinary places doing un-ordinary work where the people live in confusion and pain. I have seen what God does through little, often unnoticed acts from the some of the saints of this church.

Saints know that no caring is wasted. They also know that saints are not always saintly. Saints are human. Read your Bible to meet Jacob the con artist, King David the adulterer, Saint Peter the denier, Saint Thomas the doubter, and Saint Paul the persecutor. A saint knows how to preach. I know not all preachers are saints, but all saints are preachers. A saint's sermon is the witness of his or her life. I have heard many of Kevin's sermons in the past 8 years. Except for a title or two, a few good stories and some noteworthy points, I have forgotten the rest. His greatest sermons, I haven't heard...I've seen. They are his sermons I have witnessed at the foot of hospital beds, in the arms of a tender hug, in a whispered prayer, and in the visit that brings a smile. Saint Francis said it best: "Preach without ceasing, and when necessary, use words."

The longer Christ dwells within a person, the more their lives become reordered. When Jesus gains a foothold in your life, the more you will discover joy in the strangest places and circumstances. I am happy to thank Kevin for sustaining my relationship with Jesus so that I can experience the joys I have come to know since being here at Landrum UMC.

We say goodbye on Communion Sunday. On their last Sunday with us, let us celebrate with the church's "best China"... the bread broken, the cup shared.

Thank you, Kevin and Patricia, for your work in this church.

Past and Present - The choir has moved back to its original location.



June Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

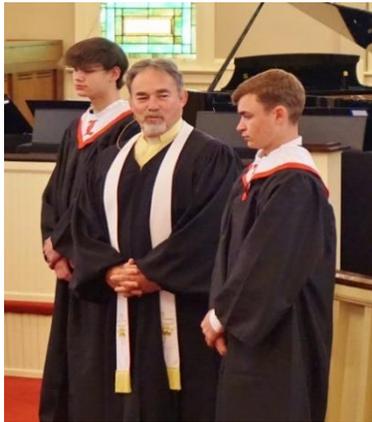
02	Alan Fore
	Paula Moore
04	Wendy Donovan
	Cheryl Every
05	Nancy Surface
16	Mark Hartsell
18	June Rhymer
20	Joe Brown
22	Maxine Finch
	Tom Stenson
25	Bill Every
26	Lisa Spriggs
29	Ellie Boatwright
	Tatianna Carey
30	Chris Edwards



ANNIVERSARIES

03	Michael & Joan Clark
05	Alan & Debbie Fore
05	Hal & Veronica Howard
07	Dennis & Lisa Gunter
	John & Joyce Himmel
08	Jim & Angie Bross
13	Pete & Bonnie Inman
20	Keith & Beth Spring
23	Kevin & Patricia Dalton
26	Dan & Wendy Donovan
27	James & Lisa Wofford
28	Chris & Carmen Krebs

May 16th Graduation Sunday and Meal



The 2021 graduates were honored on May 16th during the service and afterwards with a luncheon in the Family Life Center. James Wofford and Patrick Clark graduated from Landrum High School. Ellen Boatright will be graduating from Clemson and Kaitlyn Spring graduated from Radford College.

The community, the church, and your family could not be prouder of these graduates. Best of luck to them in their future endeavors!

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

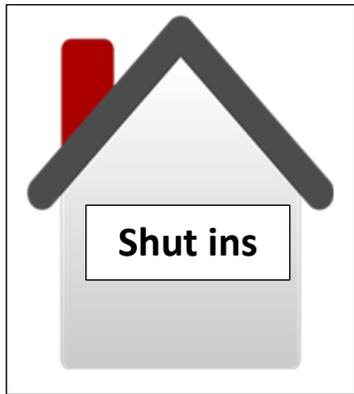
Betty Zeluff (Mary Hager's Mother)
Sunnybrook Assisted Living
306 Spring St
Hendersonville, NC 28739

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.

Jenny Shelley (Tommy & Joy Gardner's daughter)

Emorie Whitman (friends of Rita/Emmalea Plumley)

Dan McFerrin (shoulder surgery)

Randy Maxwell (heart stents)

Military Families

Unspoken Requests

Moving Ministers & the congregations

Cancer Concerns

Pat Parker

Chris Owens

Jabo Brown

Farrell Adkins

Jimmy Ashmore

Jenny Gardner

Rev Tommy Bailey

Shirley Welch

Michael Tool



Happy birthday to the church

Pentecost



Birthday cupcake!

Photographer: Paul Forster

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

Ted Andrus Lay Member to AC
Wayne Hager Lay Leader
Martha Castro
Carla Downey
Cheryl Barto
Debbie Croft
Bill Robinson.....
Wanda Manson
Winn Holley
Colleen Carey

Finance Committee

Ted Andrus Lay Member to AC
Wayne Hager Lay Leader
Mark Hartsell..... Finance Chair
Rita Plumley Treasurer
Glenn Downey..... Admin Chair
Jaime Wofford Chair of Trustees
Pete Block Chair of PPRC
Jody McPherson Chair of Missions .
Cheryl Every
Darrell Bustle

Music Trustee Jacob Boatwright

Pastor/Parish Relations

Ted Andrus Lay Member to AC
Wayne Hager Lay Leader
Pete Block PPRC Chair
Bill Every
Rita Plumley
Mark Hartsell
Jerry Azzara
Stephanie Quinn
Lisa Wofford

Trustees

Jaime Wofford Chairperson
Carmen Krebs
Ed Aiken
Bonnie Inman
Dan McFerrin
Stephanie Quinn
Lee Nicholson

Sanctuary Team

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 HistorianPaul Forster

Church Community Meals

Nancy Surface 4th Saturday
Community Meals