



Landrum United Methodist Church

April 2022

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor Nancy's April Message

We have been journeying with Jesus as he and his disciples have traveled toward Jerusalem and to what we call Holy Week. Palm Sunday is when Jesus enters the city with shouts of “Loud Hosannas” from the people. We will celebrate with the waving of palm branches on Palm Sunday. We may find that we can identify with the crowds who welcome Jesus but in just a short week will turn away and their shouts of welcome and praise have turned to “Crucify Him”.

We will gather on Maundy Thursday and remember how Jesus and his disciples gathered for The Last Supper which is the Passover Meal and Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was foreshadowed in the Old Testament. Come and hear The Living Last Supper as Jesus and his disciples come to life sharing their vulnerabilities and wondering if they are the one who will betray Jesus.

On Friday, we will gather with sister UMCs at Gramling UMC for a shared Good Friday Tenebrae (meaning darkness) Service. During it we will hear the scriptures read of Jesus' final days with his disciples and as the candles are extinguished, we share in the suffering of Jesus. This somber service helps to prepare us for the coming Resurrection.

I hope as you have read the Lenten Devotions, participated in worship during Lent, you have found that you too have drawn closer to the cross and have grown in your relationship with God. Perhaps this has helped to prepare you for the celebration of Easter.

Easter is not just one Sunday; it is a season and it the most joyous of the Christian year. Jesus' death on the cross is not the end, but through his resurrection it is the beginning for us as Christians. Let us make this time after Easter one where we strive to share Jesus' message of love, hope and transformation with others.



Graduations?

If you have a kindergarten, high school or beyond graduate since last year or expect to graduate this Spring, please let the church office know their names, school, date of graduation and degree if appropriate.

Silver Spirits

Over two years is a long time to have missed our monthly, senior gatherings! We are so excited to be more optimistic about resuming our luncheons in the near future, and hope to have good news for all our "spirits" beginning in May! Our fingers are crossed, and we hope yours are too, that this is finally going to happen! We send love and prayers, as always, for your safety and good health! Blessings,
Cheryl

Altar Guild

The Lenten season brings so many emotions for Christians along with many visual changes within our church, both in the Sanctuary and on the church grounds. In addition to the palms, you will receive on Palm Sunday, we are pleased to offer Easter lilies for purchase again this year, through the generous donation from Harriett and Phil Goodrich. Forms will be available in the bulletins and in the Narthex for you to purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone, or donating a lily to a shut in, if you prefer. All information will be included on these forms and we, again, are so grateful to the Goodrich's for their generosity! We will have our flower cross on Easter Sunday this year, and remind you to bring flowers to attach if you have any blooming in your garden, otherwise, we will have flowers available. Please remember to check the flower chart in the Narthex, and reach out to Debbie or me, if we can assist you with any flower needs regarding placement. Because we have no local florist, we will be happy to help you with a bouquet for a \$25 fee. We wish each of you a beautiful Easter! Debbie & Cheryl

Personal note

Al and I, and our entire family, want to thank you so much for the prayers, kind words, cards, and phone calls you extended to us during the recent illness and death of our nephew, Thomas (Tony) Anthony Jordan. To me personally, losing Tony was like losing a baby brother, and your thoughtfulness, means so much. Tony is now healed - praise God!!

The Jordan and Barto families



We pray for:

Donna Granger - Jeanne Godwin's sister
Keith Hayes
Bonnie Inman
Nancy and Don Surface
Everett and Eveleigh (Twin Great Nephew and Niece of
Wayne and Mary Hager)
Lee Sam- Gloria Wells' sister and the Wells Family

Our sympathy and prayers to:

Claudia Butler. Steve has now passed, pray for Claudia.
Friends of the Azarras
Family of Tony Jordan (Cheryl Barto's nephew)
Family of Mrs. Alma Carruth (JJ Carruth's grandmother)
Family of Jennifer Barrera- Joan Clark's Daughter in Law

We celebrate births:

MacKenzie born 3/17 in Maryland. Proud Great
Grandparents are Debby and Charlie Croft

Clementine Poppy Himmel born 3/21 in Switzerland.
Proud Grandparents are Joyce and John Himmel

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.



June Rhymer
810 E Rutherford St
Landrum, SC 29356

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

Madge Holley
1385 Green Creek Dr
Columbus, NC 28722

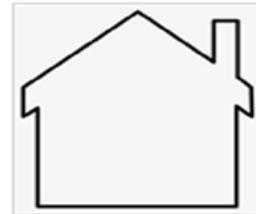
Edith Masson
4308 Faust Street
Bamberg, SC 29003

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Avenue
Landrum SC 29356

Dan Donovan
210 Camelia Circle
Landrum SC 29356

Nancy MCGarra
41 Red Bird Road
Tryon NC 28782

Ruth Strednak
White Oak
C/O Ruth Richardson (daughter)
585 River Knoll Way
Tryon, NC 28782



Homebound and Shut ins

Mike McAlister
Peggy's husband
White Oak, Tryon

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore, SC 29369

Mrs Wofford – (Jaime's grandmother) Rosecrest

Mary Williamson

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

BE ON THE LOOKOUT- ONLINE GIVING COMING SOON-

The finance committee has approved the establishment of an online giving program in partnership with our regular banking partner, First Citizen's Bank. We are currently going through the process of setting it up in conjunction with our Landrum UMC website. A special thank you to Rita Plumley and Stephanie Quinn, for their extra efforts with this endeavor.

The program will consist of a window on our website that allows a safe, secure donation directly into the Landrum UMC account with the bank. This will allow 24/7 access to give for weekly donations, special events, and memorials. There will be a space for noting designated funds to ensure that donations are directed correctly. Donations will be posted to our records real time and updated weekly to our giving totals. In addition to convenience, here is a chance to save on the cost of checks and stamps.

We are currently in the under-construction phase and will advise everyone of the mechanics and logistics of the program when it is installed and running correctly.

Thank you for your support, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any finance committee member.

Blessings to all, Pete Block

Thank you to God's Creatures Animal Hospital for their generous donation to our food pantry. Photo taken on March 1. Many items were used in the food boxes made for our recent community meal.



Wayne Hager, Church Lay Leader, informed the congregation about a plan to create a Church Visionary Committee. The group will construct strategies to identify programs and resources available and help develop planning for the Church.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

Trudy Van Voorhis

When I think of Easter when I was young, I remember we did the egg-coloring thing days before diving into our baskets. It was rare to find a "hollow" chocolate rabbit, seemed they were always solid chocolate. If the weather was descent, we would have an egg hunt in the yard. The good old days!

My greatest memory of Easter church is the breakfast the men of the church served after the sunrise service. I still smell the aroma of sausage, pancakes, and blueberry syrup with whole berries in them wafting from the basement. Easter tradition fused a connection in my mind between breakfast and the resurrection.

Following the resurrection, Jesus appeared twice to his disciples. They were incredible encounters, but wonderful as they were, the disciples had practical matters to tend to. Now that Jesus was gone, who was going to look after them? There had only one choice- go back to what they were doing before they met Jesus. Peter knew what he had to do. "I'm going fishing." It sounded good to six others who joined him. It was back to backbreaking fishing-being out all-night straining against heavy, course nets hoping for a respectable catch.

After three years, they were rusty. They were out all night and caught nothing. They just sat there, watching the sky turn colors with the rising sun, wondering how they ended up back in the old boat after living with Jesus and discovering that the word, "impossible" no longer applied. Then they heard a voice from the beach asking a question. "Did you catch anything?" "NO." they answered. "Drop the net down on the other side of the boat." "What difference does ten feet make?" they hollered back. "Just do it," He said. You know the rest.

"IT'S JESUS!" Peter shouted as he dove overboard and swam for shore. It took the others longer with the fish they had to pull. There was Jesus standing by the fire with sizzling fish cooking. The host sat them on the beach and served the first Easter sunrise breakfast. The disciples ate with Jesus- the first meal of a new day. The first day of a new life in a whole new world.

Jesus did not instruct them on what He wanted them to accomplish, but he did make a promise. Jesus promised that he would be with them (and us) always. You can take heart knowing that Jesus keeps his promises. His promise to you is that you will likely be found by him where you live, in what you do, and with whom you do it.

We know what it is like to wait in the dark with our nets down deep, hoping that this time our luck will change, and we will catch something. If Easter has something to say to us today, maybe it is a single word... listen. You are locked into doing one thing, when a voice from the shore or from within tells you to do something else instead. There was nothing in the net before, but now you feel something in it that is alive.

We do not have to go to extraordinary lengths to meet Him. Luke tells us that two disciples ate with a stranger they met on the Emmaus Road. When the "stranger" broke the bread, they recognized him. He is also known in the breaking of the bread, and in a plate of pancakes with blueberry syrup eaten in a church basement, early on Easter Sunday with people who loved and serve Him.

Have a blessed Easter, Trudy

MUSIC NOTES



We're Having an Easter Egg Hunt!
Please Come and Join Us!!
Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 3:00 PM!

Hosted by LUMC Chancel Choir for children ages 10 and under.
All are invited to join in the fun!

We appreciate your donations of plastic eggs, candy (nut-free please) for filling the eggs, and contributions for snacks, drinks etc. Please leave in bins provided in the Narthex or see a choir member! Thank you!



Living Last Supper

By Ruth Elaine Schram

Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022
7:00 PM

Jesus and the disciples will be depicted with short monologues based on scripture and historical information.

Music will be presented by Chancel Choir.

Celebration of Communion.

Please join us.



Good Friday Service

April 15, 2022

7:00 PM

Gramling United Methodist Church
14941 Asheville Hwy.
Campobello, SC 29322

This is a special joint worship service!

LUMC Chancel Choir will be providing the music.

See you there!

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

March 13, 2022

Members Present: Rita Plumley, Jaime Wofford, Martha Castro, Pete Block, Glenn Downey, Cheryl Every, Bill Every, Nancy Reed, Wayne Hager, Cheryl Barto, Wanda Manson, Joy Gardner, Bonnie Inman and Jody McPherson

Finance: Pete

Working on online application at bank for online giving. Stephanie will be putting donate information on website.

It is time to do a routine 2021 Audit.

Administrative Council

No reports from: PPRC, Lay Leader, Men's Ministry, Silver Spirits, Youth, Member at Large, Missions

Trustees: Jaime

The Well has requested to use our gym on March 26.

Upgraded lights have been replaced around church campus.

Music: Joy

Good Friday service with our "cluster churches" will take place at Gramling UMC at 7 pm. Our choir will provide the special music.

Choir will have a dramatic presentation with special music for our Maundy Thursday service.

A question was raised about participation in a "Chili cook-off" with churches in our "cluster." Consensus of board to pursue this event. Pastor Nancy will follow up after Easter. Details to follow.

Sunday school: Bonnie Children's Sunday school going well with Rita.

Discussion on Boy Scout issue. LUMC has been advised by the conference to not charter a Boy Scout troop. Consensus of board is to continue to allow the existing troop to use our facility, but not hold the charter.

Motion by Jaime to inform the troop leaders that we cannot hold the charter, but they are welcome to continue to meet here. Also, to donate to the troop a one-time gift of \$500 to use as they see fit. Second Cheryl E. Approved.

Pastor's report: Pastor Nancy

Further discussion on the process of long-range planning sessions with Chris Lynch, Congregational Specialist.

Questions on who and how many, will make up the team, time commitment and goals. Motion by Jody to begin the process of long-range planning by asking for support from the congregation. Second Pete. Approved. Wayne will speak to the congregation next Sunday.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody McPherson

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 4 Vickie Killough
- 6 Gladys Harris
- 8 Betty Little
- 12 Sarah Sprouse
Rittina Robinson
- 13 Eli Quinn
Skyler Wofford
- 15 Livie Fagan
- 19 Donny Surface II (Son)
- 23 Deanna Sprouse
- 26 Evan Plumley

Anniversaries

- 3 Tommy & Joy Gardner
- 6 Charlie & Deb Croft
- 19 Buddy & Wanda Manson
- 24 Rusty & Trudy Van Voorhis

Looking ahead to ...

