



Landrum United Methodist Church

April 2024

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Dear Friends at Landrum United Methodist Church,

The busyness of Holy Week is past and now we are called to live into New Life because of Christ's resurrection. We are to be caring communities. Loving our neighbor as we have loved ourselves. How can we not share the Love we have known through Jesus Christ? God has loved us first and so much, that Jesus came to live as man, to teach and to serve. Jesus' death on the cross is not the end. The empty tomb is not the end. Christ risen is not the end. For Christ will come again.

During the next two months we will stay in John mostly as we discover what being a caring community together might look like. LUMC, you will become a new church July 1. You will also continue the wonderful ministries that you are known for in the community. You will be different, yet the same. New, yet old.

Hebrews 12: 1-3 NRSV “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.”

As your pastor, your shepherd for a few more months, my hope and prayer is that you keep your eyes not upon things of this world, but upon Jesus. I encourage you to be active in your church in the same old ways and perhaps in new ways, to speak up to offer a word of encouragement and to offer a word of caution if needed, to support the ministries of this congregation just as you promised when you joined Landrum UMC. Member or longtime participant, you can support this church with your prayers (praying for the church is the beginning to building your own prayer life), your presence (show up on Sundays and for other ministries), share your gifts (money, yes it is needed, also using your spiritual gifts), your time to serve God and others (many have told me this congregation changed for the better when you looked outside the walls and not simply inside), and your witness (each of you has a faith story – tell it, live it). Being a witness is probably the most daunting for many. I suggest that if you are approachable, then others will see Christ at work in your life and ask how you made it through a tough time. And there, you have a chance to witness!

No matter how long you have been at LUMC, there is this cloud of witnesses surrounding you for this church has a long history of loving God and serving others. Some of you may not remain at LUMC. If you wish to visit other churches and want help in finding another church home, please contact me (803-522-2009). I continue to encourage you to remain, be patient, and wait to make these decisions.

Let us continue to join together to build God's kingdom! Remember we are better together!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024:

Cash per Quicken:	\$ 17,634.58
Cash per Money Market:	121,976.62

Total Cash	139,611.20
Less Designated funds:	
(123,596.80)	_____
General Fund Cash:	\$ 16,014.41

We have a need for a couple of new recorders (money counters) to act as occasional substitutes. This takes 20-30 minutes immediately following the church service. Interested persons please contact Pete Block for more information.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

3	Vickie Killough Gladys Harris
8	Betty Little
12	Sarah Sprouse Rittina Robinson Larry Page
13	Eli Quinn Skyler Wofford
14	George Ashmore
15	Livie Fagan
19	Donny Surface II (son)
23	Deanna Sprouse
25	Cooper Bengard
26	Evan Plumley



ANNIVERSARIES

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



June Rhymer
810 Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29656

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave
Landrum SC 29356

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore SC 29369

Madge Holley
805 E. Brookwood St
Landrum SC 29356

Homebound and Shut-ins

Mike McAllister
(Peggy's Husband)
White Oak

Mrs. Wofford
(Jaime's Grandmother)

Mary Williamson

Betty Zeuluff
(Mary Hager's Mother)
Sunny Brook Assisted Living
306 Spring St
Hendersonville NC 28739



**Girl Scouts highlighted during Service and
Munch and Mingle**

St. Patrick's Day March 17



Photos: Paul Forster

Munch & Mingle

A huge thank you to all taking part in this wonderful mission that everyone seems to thoroughly enjoy! We do have open dates on the sign-up chart hanging on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, and we hope to see your name soon! If you haven't participated before, consider joining in with a partner on any open Sunday, and see just how rewarding it can be! The "menu" can be anything from donuts and coffee to casseroles and sandwiches - trust me when I say, our crowd isn't fussy! For most, it's just a time of socialization and catching up with fellow parishioners after worship service! Glance at the chart, chose an open date, and reach out to me if you have any questions! As always, juice and coffee are provided through donations dropped in our table basket, and your help is greatly appreciated!

HOWEVER, there are many dates left open on the list. *Empty slots mean empty tables*. If there are not enough people signed up on a date - there will be no Munch & Mingle that morning. Keep the list and tables full by signing up. Thank you!

Blessing, Cheryl

Altar Guild

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ, our Lord is risen!!! Everything around seems to be bursting in spectacular colors, and the birds greet us daily with their beautiful melodies! What a joyous season God provides each of us, after we've walked through the darkest week imaginable! Let us all rejoice and be glad in it, as the song goes!

With Spring, our gardens begin bursting with beautiful flowers we hope to see adorning our altar and Narthex! Debby and I would be pleased to assist in arranging any provided or purchased flowers, for anyone in the congregation at no cost. For a \$25 fee, we would be happy to design a bouquet for the altar at your request. The flower chart is located in the Narthex with open dates awaiting your name!

Thank you, Debby & Cheryl

Silver Spirits

This fun group has shared a variety of tastes and dishes. We have had recipes attached to specific memories and popular recipes from the past. Our menu this time will be dishes that share your heritage or your favorite ethnic dish. They can be family recipes passed down through the years or a taste you enjoy from another ethnic group. For example, to represent my Spanish ancestry I plan on making Paella and Arroz con leche for dessert.

Not only have the meals been enjoyed and interesting – so has the entertainment. The stories, jokes and camaraderie shared make for some fun fellowship. We will be playing a lyrical "Name that Tune" this time.

The silver in our name does not depict a specific age group. We take on the attitude of making "new friends but keep the old – some are **silver** and the other gold." Everyone is welcome.

Join Us **Wednesday April 17th at 12:00** in the Fellowship Hall and sample the variety of dishes provided.

Bendicións, Trudy

Mountain View Global Methodist Church Pastor Carol Walters and her husband outlined their experience with the Global Methodist church and answered questions from members.



Photos: Paul Forster





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.

Our love and sympathy to Ted Andrus and family in the death of his niece, Aimee Johnson.

Susan Tompkins, with Operation Hope
Wells Jackson, son of Rachel and Nathan. Joy Gardner
Jeanne Godwin
Gloria Wells
Chris Krebs
Nancy Bruce
Regan Gumbert, friend of Cole Krebs
Jay Boatwright
Eda, Dau in Law of Phil and Harriet Goodrich
Paul Forster
Lois Foster
Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson
Gloria Wade
Fred and Gladys Harris
Veronica and Hal Howard
Mike McCallister
Tim Faulkner, friend of Bill Robinson
Samuel and his parents, Kelly and Karl Lagerlof
Brenda and Robert Black
Bonnie Inman
Kevin and Patricia Dalton (former pastor and his wife)
Charlie Croft
David, Steve Quinn's brother in Florida
Don and Nancy Surface
Josh Owens
Jim, Rita Plumley's husband
John Himmel
Larry Long
Allison Corley
Gary, Brother-in-Law and Julie Davis, Sister in Law of Carmen Krebs
Jan, Sister of Wanda Manson
Eugene Starling, father of Sarah Morgan and Matthew Starling
Lizzy (Friend of Joyce Himmel)
Keith Haynes
Keren Clay granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin
Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of
Mary and Wayne Hager)

Please pray for one another and your leaders as the church moves forward with separation from the UMC and makes plans to become Landrum Methodist Church and joins the Global Methodist Church effective July 1, 2024.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

Trudy's Tidings



We have experienced Easter, and it becomes another memory. My greatest Easter memory of my previous church is the breakfast the men of the church served after the sunrise service. I can still smell the aroma of sausage, pancakes, and blueberry syrup with berries in them wafting from the basement. This Easter breakfast 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, coarse 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 and heard "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 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.

Administrative Council Meeting

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Members Present: George Ashmore, Rita Plumley, Pete Block, Martha Castro, Ted Andrus, Glenn Downey, Nancy Reid, Cheryl Barto, Cheryl and Bill Every, Wanda Manson, Jaime Wofford, Debbie Croft, Nicole Bengard, Joy Gardner, and Bonnie Inman, Trudy Van Voorhis.

Guests: Jacob Boatwright, Bill Robinson

Glenn welcomed everyone to the meeting. George Ashmore moved to approve the February meeting minutes and Cheryl Barto seconded, and the motion passed. Glenn mentioned that a homeschool organization has contacted us about using our facility for 2024-2025. There would be approximately 125 students and adults. After a little discussion, Bill Every made the motion that Nicole Bengard and Ted Andrus will explore and get more information from the organization about their request and their needs. Debbie Craft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

George Ashmore gave an update on the transition to the Global Methodist Church. Ted Andrus moved to approve the Consent to Transfer document as written and Jaime Wofford seconded. The motion passed. Ted moved to approve the by-laws of Landrum Methodist Church as written and Martha Castro seconded; the motion passed.

The following members gave their reports:

Bill Every (SPRC): The committee will have a mid-year meeting with Joy and with Pastor Nancy to set up an exit plan. Her last Sunday will be June 16. Pastor Nancy reiterated the need for the church to have a membership secretary.

Joy Gardner: Handbells are progressing and will play Palm Sunday.

Cheryl Barto: There is a need for members to sign up for flowers and also Munch and Mingle.

Jaimie Wofford: The Trustees are working on the gas issue and will begin exploring the church keys issue along with the new playground.

Glenn Downey: He said how much he appreciates the committee's work.

Pastor Nancy Reid: The parsonage has a new dishwasher. She will call a nominations committee meeting soon. Girl Scout Sunday is next week. She is very thankful to have been at LUMC.

Glenn closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Castro

Items needed for college student Boxes

We are collecting goodies to send to our college students to let them know we are thinking about them during their Spring final exams. On Sundays the collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall thru April 21st.

We will pack and ship 4 boxes the size of shoe boxes filled with anything to make studying a little easier. Crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, snack cakes, microwave popcorn, energy bars, breakfast bar, candy, gum, tea, instant coffee, or a coffee gift card, are some suggestions.

Thank you, Carla Downey



Easter at Tryon Estates

Joy Gardner, Linda Perkin and Nicole Bengard shared their musical talents with Tryon Estates residents Easter Sunday.

Here they are with Kevin Lynch, Tryon Estates Chaplain



Easter Service 2024



Photos: Paul Forster



Views from the Pews

