



Landrum United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter

"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation."

August 2021

Dear Landrum UMC Family,

When you receive this newsletter, we will have been here one month, and I cannot tell you how wonderful you all have been as you have welcomed me and Addie into this church! Thank you for the fence that was installed so that our dog Frankie has a safe place to run! If you drive by the parsonage, you may spy her in one of the front windows, she is watching over things when we are away from home. We have loved the flowers, the food, the FB friending, and all that you have done for us. I do not have set office hours, but if you see my little navy blue Civic at the church, do stop and say hello!

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, is known for many of his quotes and one that comes to my mind is "The world is my parish."

Romans 12: 10 "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" and 12:13 "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" may give us some guidance. In John Wesley's England the countryside was divided into parishes and each one had a church, and this is where people went to worship. He realized that there were people who worked in the coal mines and others who were not part of the parish or did not feel comfortable there. We could do well to follow Wesley's actions as he went to where the people were and would serve wherever he was. He would preach near the coal mines and in the fields.

It is important for us today to be a Christian presence wherever we are and for all. It is no longer true that because you live in a certain community you "belong" to that "parish," and it is good for us that LUMC has members and friends who come from all around our community.

As we continue to serve through ministries like the Community Meal (4th Saturday of each month) and providing food boxes twice a month, may God continue to bless these ministries which reach out to families of all ages in challenging times. How might we practice hospitality? I have been part of one Saturday and do not have answers, but I challenge you to think about what practicing hospitality looks like on Sundays and every day.

Verse 13 "share with God's people" may refer to fellow Christians. When we gather with other believers we are strengthened and are encouraged. Let us not forget that we are called to share with all – those who live near and far from us. All includes those who look different from us, those who we may even find it hard to love. All is All.

On Sundays, we will continue our journey through the New Testament Book of Ephesians as it is teaching us to live as a community of faith. Last week, we heard how we are to be rooted in Christ's love. The illustration that describes our relationship as both vertical and horizontal can help us live as Christians. When we think about our relationship with God as vertical. We look up to God. Our relationship with others within our church family, our local community and around the world is a horizontal one. We look all around to our community.

Can you look to your left or right or in front or behind you and see others? These are the ones that God is calling you to be in relationship with now.

Look up and around each day and see how God is calling you and Landrum UMC to be in relationship!

Blessings, Pastor Nancy

MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫

Joy Gardner

A very warm welcome to our two newest members of Chancel Choir – Charlie Croft and Jeanne Rist.

If you are interested in joining Chancel Choir, just let one of us know and we can tell you about our summer rehearsal schedule. Our regular weekly rehearsal schedule will resume after Labor Day. You likely have heard progress is being made on the renovation of a section of the upstairs area of the FLC that will be used for our ever-expanding music programs. The secondhand bell choir will begin once we have relocated into the new facility. This choir will meet during the morning hours (day and time to be determined). This choir is almost full so if you are interested in ringing hand bells, please let me know as soon as possible. If we have overflow, we will definitely start our third choir!

Thank you to all who have worked on the upstairs renovation! You are appreciated!



SILVER SPIRITS

Cheryl Barto

Our plan is to resume our Silver Spirit luncheons in September for all who have received the Covid vaccine! The date isn't firm yet, but it will be a catered meal with no charge to those "Spirits" attending! We are excited about resuming the gatherings with our friends, and reconnecting in fellowship after such a long absence! Stay tuned & stay well, as we will have more information next month!

LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR NANCY REED

Join us after church service on 8/15 for a catered luncheon in the Family Life Center to welcome Pastor Nancy! Mark your calendars & plan to join us!

ALTAR STUFF

Debbie & I enjoyed meeting with Pastor Nancy and discussing her upcoming sermons. We shared that our purpose is to enhance the altar to compliment her message and not distract from it. We are excited about working with Pastor Reed and welcome your comments.

The flower chart is on the table in the Narthex with open dates if you would like to sign up for a Sunday, especially during this season of abundant garden flowers! Thank you in advance!

Blessings, Debbie & Cheryl

Do not panic – Even Moses was once a basket case



Trudy Van Voorhis

Presently, much about our country/world makes us fearful, anxious, and angry. Terrorism, dissatisfaction with government, the economy, guns/gun control, unemployment, ethics/moral/religious decline, fires, crime/violence, immigration, national security, poverty, and race relations are things we are most concerned with as a nation. These issues weigh heavily on our hearts along with our own personal issues, so it is often difficult to feel joyful.

Yet, on the last night of his life, with the cross looming ahead, Jesus left his disciples with these words. He said, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). The next day he was crucified.

Little Bobby was visiting his Uncle Fred who was a deeply religious man, but he never smiled, was grumpy, and always had something negative to say. He didn't seem to have any joy in his life. While Bobby was working out in the field with him, he saw his uncle's mule, which had a long, sad face. "Poor mule," said Joey. "You must be a Christian too."

I have come to witness many Christians like Joey's uncle. They are negative about everything, always complaining, and not much fun to be with. They show a bad example of Christian attitude. We should be joyful because of the presence of Christ in our lives and imitate his behavior. Still, I've noticed a few of these negative traits in myself.

Jesus knew when to be serious, but he also enjoyed life and encouraged his disciples and us to do the same. He obviously loved God and God's creation. Our Savior loved parties, and, according to the numerous references in the gospels, he had a good time at them. He wants us to live in joyful harmony with God, the created order, and the world.

I am collaborating with the Lord to help me less resemble a mule. I must keep joy in my heart in thanking Him by choice and not habit, remembering His promises and blessings, and be confident that we are working together on me! I pray that I will grow spiritually and bring Him praise and glory.

A man walked by and noticed three men and a dog playing cards. The dog appeared to be playing well. "That must be a very smart dog," the man commented. "He isn't so smart," said one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail!"

When we have joy in our hearts, it will be obvious to everyone! Proverbs say, "A joyful heart makes a cheerful face".

If you can't smile, at least wag your tail!

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

July 11, 2021

Members Present: Martha Castro, Wayne Hager, Wanda Manson, Cheryl Barto, Pete Block, Ted Andrus, Glenn Downey, Jaime Wofford, Joy Gardner, Rita Plumley, Nancy Reed, Jody McPherson

Finance: Cheryl Every

Finance

In the absence of a committee head, Rita will assume the role of finance committee chair.

Rita: There are a lot of expenditures coming out of property maintenance fund this month. Will be highlighted by Jaime in trustee report.

Community meal is doing well with donations.

There are usually \$500-\$1000 in designated funds from the weekly giving.

Scholarship: Martha brought up that we have two seniors eligible for the scholarship. James Wofford and Patrick Clark will be submitting their application and essay by Aug. 1. Scholarships are \$1000 for each student. That will leave a balance of \$1000 in the account.

Motion by Martha to replenish the fund in the amount that has been taken, \$2000. Second by Jaime. Approved.

PPRC: Pete

Invoice for Pastor Nancy's move (\$6284.19) is due and will come from the general fund.

Welcome meal for Pastor Nancy and daughter Addie will be August 15 after church. The meal will be prepared at the church at an approximate cost of \$1200-\$1500. Money will come from general fund.

According to Jaime, approximately \$22,000 from property maintenance has been spent. (Details will be given at Admin. meeting.) Motion by Jaime to transfer \$14000 from general fund to property maintenance. Second by Ted. Approved.

Administrative Council

Martha opened meeting with prayer.

Glenn welcomed Nancy.

Trustees: Jaime

This month expenditures completed:

Parsonage: new washer, dryer, new garage door, new carpet in living room, new stove, and microwave, replaced 3 light fixtures. Also reinstalled swinging door in kitchen (not an expenditure.) To be completed: replace blinds, replace columns, create a fenced in area in back yard for dog.

FLC: replaced floor in four classrooms that will be used as music rooms.

Roofs on 223 and 225 (office and house next door) both have extensive wind and hail damage. The cost for replacement for both is \$18,000. Insurance will pay \$8600. Roofs will have 50-year warranty.

Air conditioner on second floor of FLC is no longer working. Jaime thinks it is original to the building. Replacement for TRANE air conditioner will be approximately \$5000.

There is no clear plan for 223 at this time.

Administrative council minutes continued

Lay Leader: Wayne

Welcome to Nancy.

Wayne questioned if the community meal would resume inside dining. Jaime and several others stated no. From a safety, health and clean up standpoint it is better not to have so many people crowded in the FLC. Takeout meals go very smoothly and there are 3 delivery routes for those who are unable to come to the church.

Missions: Jody

50 food boxes packed last week. Food pantry open 11-1 on Saturday. We only gave out 10. Most people now wait to get a box at the community meal.

The GIK committee is assessing cost for United Way membership in the program and the weekly shopping cost versus what we are getting in return. The amount of products in the warehouse is way down from past years. For what we are paying we can get the same things we use at Sam's (toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothbrushes, and razors). Jody is checking paperwork to see when our contract is up. We will most likely not renew.

Music: Joy

Appreciate money spent for music rooms in FLC. When everything completed, Joy would like to have a small lunch with an "open house" so congregation can see the music rooms.

A second hand bell choir will begin when music rooms are complete. The full choir was back in worship service today.

Worship: Cheryl

Debbie and Cheryl looking forward to working with Nancy. They hope each week to prepare the altar to visually enhance her sermons.

Silver Spirits (seniors' group) will begin again in September with a catered meal.

PPRC: Pete

Most of transition paperwork has been turned in. Thank you to trustees for work on parsonage. August 15 is the welcome meal for Nancy and Addie.

Lay Leader to Conference: Ted

Welcome to Nancy. Ted has been hearing good things from congregation. Attendance is up and giving is up.

Lay servant classes will begin in September.

No reports from annual conference.

Member at large: Wanda

Welcome to Nancy.

No report.

Pastor's Report: Nancy

Thank you for warm welcome.

Please make her aware of those who need visits or calls.

She will work out regular office hours.

Thanks to Kevin for his work in leading us.

God will use us together.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Jody McPherson, Secretary

August Celebrations

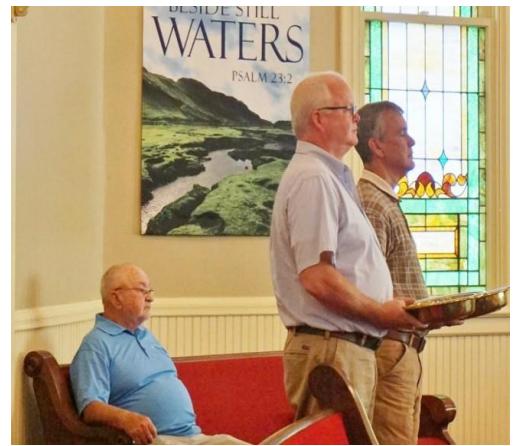
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jerry Azzara
- 2 Jon Castro
- Kaitlyn Spring
- 5 Fred Harris
- 6 Tom Gardner
- 12 Charlotte Stow
- Talia Fricks
- Dan Donovan
- 13 Christopher Morgan
- 21 Martha Castro
- 25 Grant Robinson
- 27 C K Surface
- 29 Angella Bishop
- 31 Patrick Clark
- Buddy Manson



ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Glenn & Carla Downey





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.

Sympathy to John and Joyce Himmel and family
with the death of his mother, Edith Himmel

Pastor Kevin Dalton- recovering at home in Bamberg.

Gettys Solesbee – medical issues

Robert Turner, Jaime Wofford's uncle – Heart problem

Ted Peters – recovering from back surgery (grandson Charlotte Stow)

Jenny Shelley (Tommy & Joy Gardner's daughter)

Emorie Whitman (friends of Rita/Emmalea Plumley)

Mrs. Priest

Fires in West and Floods across country

Cancer Concerns

Pat Parker	Jabo Brown
Jimmy Ashmore	Chris Owens
Farrell Adkins	Jenny Gardner
Shirley Welch	Michael Tool
Rev Tommy Bailey	Cathy Hungiville

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave.
Landrum, SC 29356

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Landrum SC 29356

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Tryon NC 28782

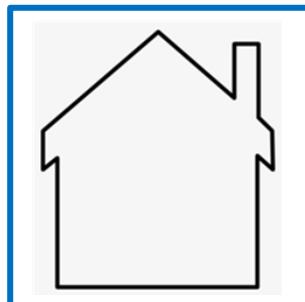
Mary Williamson
Greer Rehabilitation &
Healthcare Ctr
401 Chandler Road
Greer SC 29651

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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



Shut ins



New Beginnings

Pete Block

We once again welcome Pastor Nancy Reed to Landrum U.M.C. All administrative duties relative to the transition are complete, and it is time for us to reflect on our spiritual needs. What a great opportunity to renew our commitments, re-start our successful programs, and consider new missions as we continue to grow as a strong pillar of Faith in the Landrum community.

Thank you to all the individuals and groups that assisted in smoothing this pathway to new beginnings.

On another note, we have need of volunteers to help with office duties a couple of hours per week. This could be in phone assistance, weekly bulletins, and orders of worship for services, and helping Pastor Nancy keep up with some U.M.C. Conference follow ups. If you have a little spare time, please contact me or Nancy to discuss, and free Nancy up for more community outreach.

Blessings to all and enjoy your August.

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 15, we will have a Back-to-School Blessing of Backpacks during our worship service. All students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks. We will bless the backpacks and pray that everyone will have a good year ahead.

