



Landrum United Methodist Church

# The Lamplighter



"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation."

August 2022

## Pastor Nancy's Message

Parting words may mean different things to different people, but as you have made pilgrimages to visit family and friends this summer, you may recall your parting words. I realize that some of you may not have been born in the South, however, you have chosen the Carolinas as your home, so you may recognize some of what I will be sharing.

It seems there can be many layers to a Southern Good-bye (and probably a Northern, and Midwestern, etc). There is the "about to leave" (means the children can keep on playing!), "we need to go" (pick up your things), hugs for everyone (getting closer to the door!), walk to the porch and then the driveway. You might think then the goodbyes are done, but no- when you get in your car, there is the open door or open window for just a bit more conversation. Finally, whoever is driving pulls away with "hope to see you soon" and "love you" called out as you are at last on the way back home.

During August, my messages will be based in Hebrews Chapters 11, 12 and 13 and we will look at Final Words. Remember the original hearers of Hebrews were most likely 2nd Generation Christians. Most scholars will admit they do not know who the author of Hebrews is, and they will say that "only God knows". We can assume that the author likely knew people who knew Jesus. Hebrews spells out for us Christ's identity as fully God and fully human.

Join us for worship in person at 10am in our beautiful sanctuary or online via our website posted by Sunday afternoon. You will hear some final instructions about things hoped for and not seen, how we can look to our ancestors who have created a path that is personal within the local church here at Landrum UMC and a guide to a life of faith. We may recall that long Southern good-bye and the last words of "I love you" as we hear God calling us and scripture reminding us that "we are to be known by our love". Just as we want our friends and families to hear "I Love you" as the last words of our good-bye, we strive to live our lives as Christians so that others will remember us by our love above all!

We are living out our love for our community as we do a new thing this month, the "Back to School Bash" will be a fun filled afternoon for area children on Sunday, August 7th, from 3 – 5pm!

I hope to see you in August!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy



## MUSIC NOTES

We had a great time going “on the road” to the Farmer’s Market. It was somewhat of a challenge getting us organized and on time, yet we actually arrived as a group EARLY, first thing on a Saturday morning! However, following our performance, we promptly lost “one of us” who decided to wander off and got lost in the melee of people – you’d never believe which one of the group it was!! (I’ll give you a hint – she sits on the front row in the Chancel and she’s very involved with Community Meals! And she shares the same first name as Pastor Nancy!!!) but finally Pete located her and got her back to the church.

We are very appreciative to ALL who attended and supported us. Your support was certainly encouraging to us! Thank you to Paul Forster for taking photographs for us. He’s a great photographer. Mallori Inman did an awesome job designing our special shirts! Special thanks to the guys who loaded and unloaded the keyboard - twice!! And, once again, a very gracious thank you to Lisa Gunter for extending the invitation to us on behalf of the Farmers Market. We hope to have an opportunity to go again!

In the meantime, we are anticipating our next trip “out and about”!





Daniel, Lily and Baby Ashmore (Daniel is George and Jean Ashmore's son)

Greer Ann- infant daughter of Mallory Godwin (Betty Little's granddaughter and great granddaughter)

Hal Howard

Wendell Grubbs- friend of Bill Robinson

Michie Reed - Addie Reed's aunt

Don Whittington- Pastor Nancy's cousin

Joyanne Gattie - Ted Andrus' cousin

Phi I- Stephanie Quinn's father

Dr. Wanda Starling

June Rhymer

Pete- Martha Castro's stepfather

Jim Plumley - Rita's husband

Janet- Phil Goodrich's mother

Vickie Killough

Nora - Vickie Killough's granddaughter (Diabetes)

Charlie Croft

John Himmel

Bonnie Inman

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

Adalyn (in Michigan) infant with lung issues, daughter of friends of Jenny and Stephen Shelley.

Edward Downey, Glenn's brother

Keith Hayes

Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)

Lee Sam (sister of Gloria Wells) and the Wells Family Landrum Visioning Team

Our love and sympathy to Michael and Kim Downey (son and daughter in law of Carla and Glenn Downey) with the recent loss of their baby in the first trimester.

Our love and sympathy to Mrs. Betty Little, as she grieves the death of her last sibling, Mrs. Phoebie O'Leary, who died on July 12, 2022.



### Homebound and Shut- ins

June Rhymer  
810 E. Rutherford St  
Landrum, SC 29356

Joe Brown  
109 Edgewood Avenue  
Landrum, SC 29356

Nancy McGarra  
41 Red Bird Road  
Tryon NC 28782

Edith Masson  
4308 Faust Street  
Bamberg, SC 29003

Mike McAlister  
(Peggy's husband)  
White Oak

Maxine Finch  
102 Corolla Court  
Moore, SC 29369

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

Madge Holley  
805 E. Brookwood  
Landrum, SC 29356

Mary Williamson

Mrs. Wofford (Jaime's grandmother)

# **Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council**

**June 12, 2022**

Members present: Wayne Hager, Nancy Reed, Rita Plumley, Pete Block, Glenn Downey, Cheryl Barto, Bill Every, Cheryl Every, Wanda Manson, Jaime Wofford, Joy Gardner, Jody McPherson

Council heard from Jim Stewart representing a group who would like to use the FLC to play pickle ball Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 – 9:30am. Trustees had already given them approval. They do not charge for play, therefore there will be no charge for facility use. This is not a private function and would be open to the congregation and public. By consensus council agreed that we will not be sharing in any cost for nets. They will be marking the gym floor and begin playing in the near future.

## **Finance: Pete**

Online giving is up and running. According to the May bank statement \$1,364 has been deposited in this manner.

We now have a bank credit card from First Citizens. Pete will keep the card and be responsible for its use.

Discussion on designated funds. Pete will write an article for the newsletter explaining designated funds and the general fund and the importance of giving to the general fund.

Apportionments: We have not paid on our apportionment obligation to date. \$28000 will be due at the end of the year.

## **Administrative Council**

### **Worship:** Cheryl B.

Silver Spirits group gathering in May had a good turnout. Attendees enjoyed good food and fellowship. Another time together is planned for July.

### **SPRC: Bill**

Committee met in April. Will meet quarterly No significant issues. Volunteers are assisting in staffing office.

Cheryl E. discussed the need for a new church directory. She has volunteered to take on the task of putting one together in house. She will solicit digital photos of church members. These can be casual photos. Paul Forester is also willing to take pictures if individuals so desire. When assembled, McKinsey Printer in Tryon will print for a cost of \$450-500. Motion by Pete to pursue this project. Second Cheryl B. Approved.

### **Missions: Jody**

We packed 65 food boxes for distribution at the community meal. Also bags of hygiene products. Money was transferred from Missions fund to Food Pantry to cover cost of items for both for several months.

### **Lay Leader/ Men's Ministry: Wayne**

Visionary Team has three more meetings.

Men will meet again this month.

### **Trustees: Jaime**

Trustees continue to maintain facility. We have new landscape contract.

We are purchasing 100 chairs from Reidville Road UMC.

**Treasurer: Rita**      Will start posting online giving amount in weekly bulletin.

## **Admin continued**

**Music:** Joy      Choir has been asked to sing patriotic songs at the Farmer's Market on July 9.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Nancy

Nominations committee will meet on June 21.

Thankful to begin another year together. Pray for us as we move forward.

We received 100 hymnals from College Place UMC in Columbia which is closing.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jody McPherson, Secretary

## **Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council**

**July 11, 2022**

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

Finance committee guest: Sarah Morgan

### **Finance**

Pete introduced Sarah Morgan who presented plans for a church sponsored Back to School Bash for the community on August 7. The activities will center on a carnival theme. Cost for rental of games \$1,387.04, Kona Ice \$465, Oriental Trading \$50 (prizes). We will also be getting prices on book bags and asking for donations of school supplies to fill the bags. We are hoping to serve 100 children. More details will follow during the month. The money to fund will come from Missions fund. Glenn motion to approve Back to School Bash. Second Jaime. Approved.

Year to date financials: Income \$169,907 (includes \$19 money market interest), Expenses \$127,928, Surplus \$41,978. Designated funds \$96,900. General fund \$72,984.

### **Administrative Council**

**Lay Leader:** Wayne

Men's ministry continues to meet on a regular basis. The Visioning committee is making good progress.

**Missions:** Jody

We are assisting Operation Hope with their summer food ministry for children. Right now, they don't need anyone to help pack the bags. We are a distribution point for pick up on Monday evenings.

Missions is sponsoring two Landrum High football players to attend Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp. (\$170 each)

**Lay Leader/Annual Conference:** Ted

Annual conference was held virtual again this year. It was uneventful. Some small churches who are closing are being combined to keep congregations together.

**Scholarship:** Martha

We have one church member who is eligible for the \$1000 scholarship. Once the application is received and the scholarship awarded, we will need to replenish the fund to keep it at \$4000.

**Choir:** Joy The choir ensemble enjoyed singing at the Landrum Farmer's Market on Saturday.

**Worship:** Cheryl B.

Thanks to those who have signed up to place flowers on the altar.

Silver Spirits hopes to have a luncheon in August. For the safety of all watching Covid numbers.

**Financial Secretary:** Cheryl E.

The new church directory is getting under way starting with collecting photos of members. More details to follow in the coming weeks of how to submit photos and contact information.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Nancy

Happy to be reappointed for another year. It was good to be out in the community hearing the choir sing at the Farmer's Market.

Working on nominations with present committee.

No reports from: PPRC, Bill; Member at large, Wanda; Finance Pete, Treasurer Rita, nothing to add to Finance meeting report.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

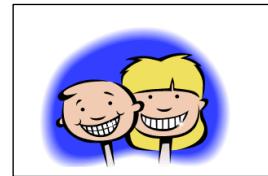
Respectfully submitted, Jody McPherson, Secretary



Photos: Paul Forster

Trudy's Tidings:

# Smile and say Cheeez-us!



Little Bobby's Uncle Fred was a Christian and a very 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 Joey was out in the field, he saw his uncle's mule, which had a long, sad face. "Poor mule," said Joey. "You must be a Christian too."

Do you know people like Joey's uncle? They are negative about everything, always complaining, and not much fun to be with. I know I am to be joyful because of the presence of Christ in my life but I have a few of these 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 loved God and God's creation. Jesus often spoke with humorous exaggeration to make a point (i.e., a humped-back camel trying to squeeze through the eye of a needle). Our Savior enjoyed 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 and the world.

Presently, much about our country/world makes us fearful, suspicious, and angry. Terrorism, dissatisfaction with government, the economy, guns/gun control, unemployment, ethics/moral/religious decline, 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.

I am asking the Lord to help me less resemble a mule. I must keep joy in my heart by 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 'll grow spiritually and bring Him praise and glory.

When we have joy in our hearts, it will be obvious to everyone! Our tail may wag and "a joyful heart makes a cheerful face" (Prov. 15:13).

## August Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jon Castro
- 5 Fred Harris
- 6 Tom Gardner
- 9 Resa Aiken
- 12 Charlotte Stow
- 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

*Free Community Event*

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



August 7 3-5 PM

**K5-5<sup>th</sup> Grade children Accompanied by Adult**

**Carnival Themed Games and Food**

**Inflatables, Dunk tank and Carnival games**

**Shear Magic will be offering free Children's haircuts**

**Children receive a bag packed with school supplies**

# Finance Numbers

Our annual 2022 budget was set by the Administration Council. Below are the numbers as of May 31, 2022.

The annual budget for our general fund is \$271,256.00. This includes general and planned expenses, equating to \$5,216.00 per week.

Designated funds are additions by giver's choice for use by the particular program specified by the donor.

As of May 31, 2022 (21 weeks):

## General funds-

Income- \$72,984.00 Expenses- \$84,948.00

## Designated funds-

Income- \$96,903.00 Expenses- \$42,980.00

**Total income- \$169,887.00    Total Expenses- \$127,928.00**

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me, and thanks for all that you do.

Pete Block, Finance Chairman

## Silver Spirits

With the rise in coronavirus cases in our area, we have regrettably decided to postpone our next senior's gathering until we feel we can do so safely. As mentioned, many times in the past, the safety of our Spirits is always foremost when making decisions regarding our luncheons. We send our love each of you and will definitely let you know as soon as a date is determined!

Blessings, Cheryl

## Altar Guild

Many thanks to all who have placed beautiful flowers on the altar each week; these have been so enjoyed by those in the congregation as well as the online viewers! With the flower gardens abounding in beauty right now, it is a perfect opportunity to gather and place flowers on the altar. Always remember that Debby and I would be happy to create a bouquet for you at no charge if you provide the flowers, or we can purchase & arrange a bouquet for a fee of \$25. The flower sign-up chart is in the Narthex with some open dates if you are interested.

Thank you, Debby & Cheryl