



Landrum United Methodist Church

February 2023

# The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

## From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

I continue to share information as it has become available about the United Methodist Church. In December 2023, Bishop Holston shared that “The Trustees of the Annual Conference and the Extended Cabinet have prayerfully developed the Local Church Discernment Process. Their intentional and meticulous work is not intended to encourage churches to leave the denomination or to remain with The United Methodist Church. Rather, it was designed with the singular goal of ensuring that churches will be fruitful in their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

“While similar to the disaffiliation process found in Paragraph 2553, the Local Church Discernment Process (for SC) is grounded in Paragraph 2549 of the Discipline, which is typically employed when a local church is closed because it no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized. Unlike the disaffiliation process, the Local Church Discernment Process has no long-term “sunset” provision” (you may find more information at [umcsc.org](https://www.umcsc.org) - look for Local Church Discernment Process or <https://www.umcsc.org/discern/>).

While many feel this is a time filled with uncertainty, your Administrative Council discussed the information available about separation from the UMC at the January meeting and after discussion, your leaders’ consensus was that for now LUMC would wait to make any decisions about separation. The process that is available for SC United Methodist Churches does not have a termination date and will continue to be available. Several reasons Administrative Council had for waiting: 1. at this time the wording of the Book of Discipline has not been changed and only can be changed at General Conference. The next General Conference will be held in Charlotte, NC, April 23, 2024 to May 3, 2024. 2. LUMC is not prepared to meet the financial obligations of separation at this time.

As your pastor, I want to keep you informed and encourage you to seek information from many sources, including those who support churches remaining UMC and those who would encourage churches to leave. Please continue to pray for one another, your church leaders, our SC Conference, and the greater United Methodist Church.

Let us stay focused on the mission of the church, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Nancy

# Nurture/ We Care Notes



As the new chairperson of the Nurture/ We Care committee I'd like to ask you to continue to send Pastor Nancy the names (and addresses, if not part of our church family) so we can send out correspondence to your friends and loved ones. I know these little notes of encouragement seem to go a long way in brightening people's days.

We are also looking for people who would be interested in visiting those who are home bound. We have some members who do visit, but I think we can use a few more and we will want to have two-person teams. Pastor Nancy will help with making visitation assignments. You may deliver flowers from Sunday's arrangements and new Upper Room devotionals as part of this new ministry. If you are interested, please email me (lilacgirl1166@gmail.com) or Pastor Nancy.

It is always nice to know that others are thinking and praying for us.

Debby Croft

## Not by bread alone

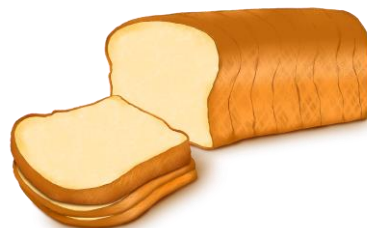
**Trudy Van Voorhis**

Since working on "curtailing" my eating this new year, I have been thinking a lot about food - especially bread. Bread is an important word. Oprah raves that she "LOVES" bread on TV. It means life to the hungry and is equally necessary to everyone. Bread is so great a thing and yet so simple that God chose it as a symbol of His blessed Son – the Living Bread.

The word of God tells us that man does not live by bread alone – "But by every word that proceedth out of the mouth of the Lord". We would do well to pay attention. Like physical bread, spiritual bread should be consumed at regular intervals. While I may work to slim down by going on a rigid diet, I would not starve myself. Often in our busy lives we end up on a spiritual diet and starve our souls when we do not take in our supply of bread from God's Word.

In addition to physical nourishment; you also need spiritual nourishment. If bread is not eaten it cannot give nourishment to the body and sustain life. Food for the soul comes from the Word of God and communion with Him.

When Jesus says we're to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," he's talking about far more than just bread. Jesus chose bread to represent his sacrifice in communion. Every time we eat the bread and drink the juice, it is a reminder of how much God loves us and the sacrifice He made. Whatever your need is — physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual — God will take care of it if you depend on him. Pray today, "Give us this day our daily bread," and trust God to provide. Feed on His Word – the nourishment is there for the taking.





# Views from the pews



# February Celebrations

## BIRTHDAYS

2	Winn Holley	15	Cheryl Barto
4	Nathaniel Fagan	16	John Himmel
11	Ted Andrus	22	Barak Gunter
12	Cole Krebs	26	Jeanne Godwin
13	Adam Castro	28	Lisa Wofford

## ANNIVERSARIES

19 Don & Nancy Surface



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:

Jean, George, and Jacob Ashmore -the death of Jean's father, Carl Ellis Neal on February 1, 2023, Savannah, GA.  
Deana Sprouse and her family - the death of her brother, Mark Belue, January 28, 2023  
June Rhymer - with the death of her sister, Mrs. Dell Brady, on January 11, 2023.

Our prayers for:

Fred Harris  
Linda Cox, Rita Plumley's mother  
Laura Jackson (Friend of Bill Robinson Family)  
Lizzy (Friend of Joyce Himmel)  
Don and Nancy Surface  
Nancy McGarra  
Betty Little  
June Rhymer  
Pete, Martha Castro's stepfather  
Jim Plumley, Rita's husband  
Vickie Killough  
Charlie Croft  
John Himmel  
Keren Clay (14 yo) granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin  
Edward Downey, Glenn's brother  
Maria Hanley – cancer Trudy & Wanda's neighbor  
Mike Devol – cancer Trudy's friend  
Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager

Baby Liam Christopher Tapp  
Dr. Wanda Starling  
Dennis Gunter  
Bonnie Inman  
Gloria Wells and family  
Keith Haynes  
Ted Andrus  
Glenn Downey  
Jeanne Godwin  
Rob Ward  
Wally Kern, Charlotte Stow's brother  
Sally Ashmore, daughter of Lily and Daniel, granddaughter of George and Jean Ashmore  
Nancy Bruce  
Farrell Atkins  
Ridge, son of Mary Hager's coworker  
Jason Rider  
Pastor Nancy Reed  
Hal Howard  
Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson  
Joyanne Gattie, Ted Andrus' cousin  
Phil, Stephanie Quinn's father

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

January 8, 2023

Members Present: Rita Plumley, Martha Castro, Carla Downey, Glenn Downey, Wayne Hager, Pete Block, Joy Gardner, George Ashmore, Cheryl Barto, Debbie Croft, Jaime Wofford, Wanda Manson, Bonnie Inman, Nancy Reed, Jody McPherson

### **Finance Committee**

Rita has moved money from designated to general fund per the request of three individuals. Community meal now has zero balance. Community meal requests will now come from missions' fund. \$5000 has gone into property maintenance reserve. Money was moved January 1. Congregation has responded to committee request to increase giving. General fund cash total at the end of December was \$33,165.62

Correction to December minutes. Rent at 223 (house next door to office) is \$700 not \$750.

### **Administrative Council**

Glenn opened with two scriptures on gifts and talents. James 1:17 and Romans: 12: 6,7.

Minutes: Motion by Wayne to approve minutes with corrections. Second Jaime. Approved.

New members to council introduced. George Ashmore, Member at large. Debbie Croft, Congregational Care/Nurture, Emmalea Plumley, Member at large, Young adult.

#### **Finance: Pete**

See above.

#### **Sunday School: Bonnie**

Looking for teachers to start a new class for ages 10-12.

#### **Worship/Altar Guild: Cheryl**

Munch and mingle was a success. Will be held first and third Sunday of each month. Sign-up sheet is posted, and signups are going well.

Silver Spirits will meet January 19.

Flower calendar for 2023 is available for sign up.

#### **Music: Joy**

Just completed a very busy season with a variety of worship experiences: Children's play, handbells, special services, and music. Joy is grateful to the choir for stepping up to the changes.

Council gave a "Hats off" to Joy for her leadership.

#### **Missions: Jody**

We will resume backpacks in February. First Baptist is handling now.

Mission team (Jody, Martha, Wanda, Mary, Carla Jody) will meet this month.

## **Administrative Council continued**

### **Men's Ministry: Wayne**

Men will resume meeting on January 22.

### **Care/Nurture: Debbie**

Task is to keep in touch with members of congregation who, due to circumstances, are in need of a call or card. Working with Pastor Nancy to identify those individuals.

### **Trustees: Jaime**

Making plans for tree work. Monitoring sewer issue at 223. Planning to rekey some locks.

### **Epworth/ College Students**

Exam goodie boxes were appreciated. Cards recently sent to welcome students back to school. Carla also sends gift cards throughout the school year. Reminders that their church family loves them.

### **Pastor report: Pastor Nancy**

Pastor Nancy presented information from the conference on the process through which a local church can discern whether it will continue in ministry within the United Methodist Church or separate from the denomination.

This information is available to everyone and can be emailed or copies picked up at the church office.

Questions can be sent to Pastor Nancy, and she will forward them to the District Superintendent.

Council proceeded with thoughtful and reasonable discussion on the information. There is no "sunset" on process. It is not necessary to make any decision currently. We were cautioned to not listen to misinformation. Council members came away better informed.

Motion by Debbie to inform the congregation that we have discussed the discernment process and will make available details to the congregation. Second Jaime. Approved.

Pastor Nancy asked that we remember our covenant service today. Today's council discussion was an example of how we can come together.

She thanked Joy and the choir for the beautiful services.

No further business. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jody McPherson, Secretary

## MUSIC NOTES



In case you missed seeing us last Sunday – we love our “new” look! And what a warm reception Chancel Choir received from the congregation. Thank you!

We are so grateful to be the recipients of “new” choir robes gifted to us from Memorial United Methodist Church in Greer, SC.

Memorial UMC is in the early stages of a major building project and will temporarily be losing their surplus storage building. They had 33 choir robes they offered to the first church to respond and we were fortunate enough to be the first of several that responded!

If you’d like to join us in expressing your thanks for this very generous gift, the contact information is listed below. I am sure they would enjoy and appreciate hearing from you!

ATTN: Tawny Johnson

Memorial United Methodist Church  
201 N. Main Street  
Greer, South Carolina 29650

Thank you! Joy



## Ash Wednesday Service

### February 22 7pm

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)

## Homebound



June Rhymer  
810 E. Rutherford St  
Landrum, SC 29356

Joe Brown  
109 Edgewood Avenue  
Landrum SC 29356

# Silver Spirits



Regretfully, we are postponing our seniors luncheon another month, as illness levels continue to be elevated in our community. The safety and well-being of our "Spirits" remains our main focus; and, hopefully, by having this additional time, we can march into March with a wonderful gathering! We send our warmest wishes for each of you to remain safe and healthy.

Blessing, Trudy & Cheryl

# Altar Guild

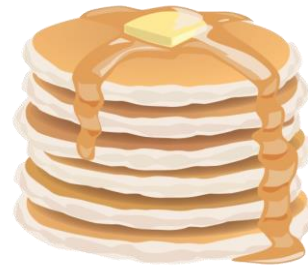


Thank you for the many extra hands given to remove the Christmas tree and Chrismons from our sanctuary. It happened so quickly; we didn't even have time to yell "timber"! If you would like to place altar flowers for a specific Sunday morning, the flower chart is located in the Narthex. For a charge of \$25, Debby or I would be happy to design a bouquet of flowers for you - just let us know! We look forward to the weeks ahead leading up to Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

Debby & Cheryl



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



We are happy to revive this Shrove Tuesday tradition and invite everyone to join us.

Why pancakes? They were an easy way for Christians to use up their eggs, milk and sugar before the 40 days of fasting for Lent.

**February 21 5-7 pm**

Pancakes with a side of sausage costs **\$5** with the proceeds going to Missions.

If you would like to help, please contact Wayne Hager or Jamie Wofford.

## Chili Cookoff

Campobello UMC has invited area UMC's to a Chili Cookoff to be held at their church. All cooks are welcome. Contact Glenn Downey to sign-up (864-449-9149) by February 4<sup>th</sup>.



Participants will enter a crockpot of their homemade chili to be judged. The winner will receive a trophy to display for one year and the bragging rights that go along with it.

More details coming soon!