



Landrum United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my salvation.”

January 2022

Message from Pastor Nancy

Isaiah 43: 18-19

Forget the former things; do not dwell in the past

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

How quickly we go from choruses of Merry Christmas to Happy New Year! But the Twelve Days of Christmas come after Christmas Day and they lead us to Epiphany, January 6th. As we are packing away the ornaments, the wreaths, and the greenery, be careful that you do not pack away Jesus with all your decorations!

There is a time when we need to take a long look at things past and it is true that we can learn from the mistakes and the good of our past. Isaiah is reminding us that there is also a time and place where we need to let go of the past and move forward. As we begin 2022, let's do so in prayer. Be in prayer for one another. Prayer for our church and community. Prayer for our world.

What do we need to keep with us into this New Year? Jesus! Keep that feeling of awe and wonder that you felt on Christmas Eve as the candles were lit and we sang Silent Night, Holy Night together. Keep the message of the light, Jesus, that shines into the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it. This is not just for us to believe at Christmas, we must keep this light within our hearts and guiding our lives every day!

We begin a New Year often by making resolutions and lists of things that we will do in the new year, sometimes things that we want to do differently, and some are things that we have not done that we hope to do. As you begin 2022, keep your focus on God and how God will use you. As you say good-bye to 2021, (good riddance we hope to the worst of this pandemic) and hello to a new year filled with promise. Promise that we might serve God and others in a new way. Promise that loved ones might be healed of whatever illness they face. Promise that our love for God will lead others to know Jesus as their Savior.

Do not pack Jesus up with your decorations! Keep Jesus in your hearts with you each day!

Sermon Scriptures for January:

January 2, 2022

John 15:5-11 "He Makes All Things New"

Ted Andrus, Certified Lay Servant

Living with Joy Series with Rev. Nancy Reed

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord, Epiphany

Celebration of Holy Communion

Matthew 2: 1-12; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

January 16, 2022

John 2: 1-11

January 23, 2022

Neh 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4: 14-21

A Note of Thanks

Dear Landrum UMC,

How wonderfully you cared for Addie and me this Advent and Christmas season! We thank you for the many ways you blessed us. Thank you for the generous Christmas Gift from the church and for the cards and thoughtful ways you remembered us.

We enjoyed having you join us for the Christmas Drop-In at the parsonage and look forward to all that 2022 brings to LUMC. I am grateful to serve as your pastor and am excited to journey where God leads us in the New Year.

Thank you to all who serve in ways seen and unseen and because of you LUMC continues to serve God and others well.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

MUSIC NOTES

Happy New Year!

Please let me know if you are interested in being a part of our second hand bell choir. This group will meet weekly during the morning hours. We will schedule a time once I have the choir organized and know which day of the week will best accommodate everyone's calendar! We will be meeting upstairs in the hand bell room of the new Music Department.

As always, the invitation is open to all who are interested in joining Chancel Choir. Just let me, or one of the choir members, know or show up at rehearsals (held in the choir room upstairs in the new Music Department) on Tuesdays at 7:00.

Also, if you play a musical instrument and are interested in playing solos, duets, accompanying the choir, etc., I would love to hear from you! Thank you.

Best wishes, stay healthy, and let's work together and continue to grow our music program at LUMC!

Joy

Silver Spirits

We continue to monitor the coronavirus statistics and are looking forward to the new year bringing us an opportunity to resume our senior luncheons. We miss each of you and our time together sharing laughter and sometimes tears. We pray your holidays were joyous and the new year brings you much joy and happiness. Each one of you is so special to us, and your health and well-being is uppermost in our decisions. Happy New Year!

Cheryl

Altar Guild

Debby and I hope that you have had a very Merry Christmas, and we are looking forward to all the new year brings to Landrum UMC! The Advent season was so exciting to us personally as we strived to compliment Pastor Nancy's weekly messages! Thank you so much to Harriett and Phil Goodrich for the beautiful poinsettias - they certainly enhanced the church, and we are grateful. There is a new flower chart in the Narthex for 2022, and we appreciate all who chose to place flowers. Thank you for your support and kind words, and Debby and I wish each of you a very Happy New Year!

Cheryl



Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

December 12, 2021

Members Present: Glenn Downey, Martha Castro, Pete Block, Rita Plumley, Bonnie Inman, Wanda Manson, Cheryl Barto, Nancy Reed, Jody McPherson

Glenn opened meeting with prayer.

Missions: Jody

Discussion on year end donation to Operation Hope. Motion by Bonnie to give Operation Hope a \$2000 year end donation from Missions account. Second by Cheryl. Motion approved.

Next meeting we will discuss a monthly or quarterly gift (and amount) to Operation Hope.

Bonnie and Jody will be Christmas shopping tomorrow for the Rayburn family. Father recently passed away. The children are in the care of grandparents.



Christmas gifts for the Rayburn children who recently lost their father.

Sunday School: Bonnie

Rita is doing well with children's Sunday school. The Upper Room group is meeting on Sunday at 9am.

Trustees: Bonnie for Jaime

No meeting this month. No major expenses noted at this time. Still finding some doors on the property unlocked. Please be aware if you have a key to the building to make sure door is locked when you leave.

Facility Use and Safe Sanctuary policies are under review. Discussion on one item under review in the Safe Sanctuary policy is the taking and use of photographs of adults and children.

Lay Leader: Glenn for Wayne

Men's Ministry is going well. Fourteen were in attendance last week. They have volunteers for devotions.

Finance: Rita

Money market account has been opened. Apportionments (\$18,239) will be paid this week

Pete (new Finance Chair) met with First Citizens bank regarding on-line giving. He will explore the possibilities and logistics of setting this up. Christmas bonuses were given to Pastor Nancy and Joy.

Administrative council minutes continued

Worship: Cheryl

Still waiting for COVID issues to resolve before starting Silver Spirits. Debbie and Cheryl still enjoying working with Pastor Nancy.

Pastor's Report: Nancy

The Hanging of the Greens service is next Sunday.

We need to have a planning time to set the calendar for the New Year. Also, a long-range planning meeting for use of our properties (especially 223 N. Howard).

Consensus to move forward with long range planning meeting and invite Chris Lynch, District

Congregational Specialist, to facilitate the meeting. Nancy will call him and get on his calendar. At our next council meeting we can put ideas together for that session.

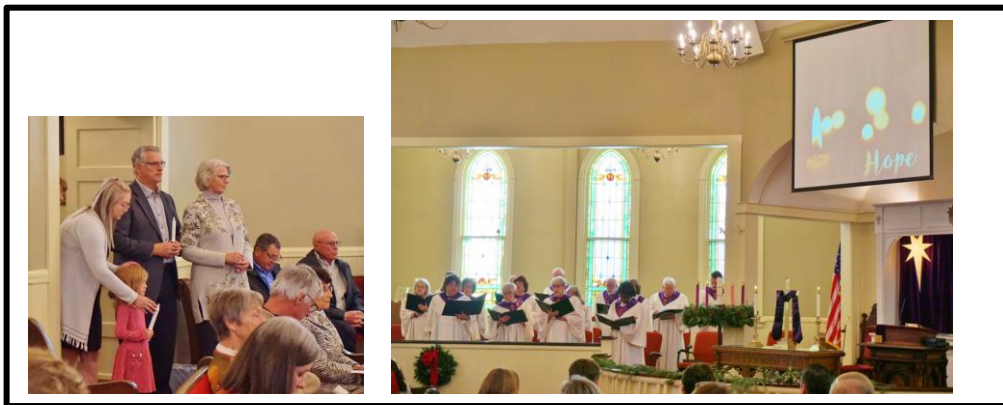
Parsonage Drop-in is December 19th from 4-6 pm.

Wayne attended a District meeting regarding the bankruptcy issues facing the Boy Scouts of America and the legal settlement compensation for victims and protection for churches.

The vote by the churches was to not accept the support settlement offer. LUMC is involved in this because we had chartered a scout troop in the past. There are no issues facing us at this time.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jody McPherson, Secretary



Photos:

If you do not wish to have your photo taken or in the newsletter, please inform Trudy and/or Paul Forster.

Thank you

Thank you!

Many thanks for the card and beautiful flowers! It was a nice surprise and made my day! I enjoy doing the bulletin and welcome the chance to be creative. I am blessed to be part of a wonderful church family.

Bonnie

Stepping forward to a Happy New Year



An Advent devotions pamphlet I once read ended with a mention of an ancient tribe that wandered the desert long ago. To assist with their travel with the long sandy journey, they had sewn tiny brass candleholders onto their shoes. They were fitted with small candles and this way, no matter how dark and long the journey, they could always see just far enough to take the next step safely. This picture stuck in my mind of these fellows traipsing across the desert with lighted toes.

Have you ever been in complete darkness and had to extend your arms before you to feel what is ahead and protect you from charging right into it? It is a very scary feeling and one that fills me with compassion for those who have lost their sight. What faith the blind must gather to continue to step ahead not knowing whether that step could result in a tumble or a solid movement forward.

I see the start of the new year that way. We really do not know what tomorrow holds. In stepping forward we must have faith in God, trusting in His promises, to fight the battles and bear the burdens of today. We must pray for grace to do better the next day. Living today to its fullest is the best way to approach tomorrow.

Would you like to know what 2022 holds for you? It would be nice to be prepared as to what to expect next.... or would it? Would it make you a different person, a better Christian perhaps, to know what tragedies and triumphs are around the corner?

I believe that the Lord does Christians a favor by putting just a large enough candle in our shoes to illuminate our next step. He puts out His hand so we can keep our balance and invites us to walk with him but only one day at a time.

May the coming year be full of new discoveries of God's love and goodness. Happy New Year church family!.

Trudy Van Voorhis

You made a whole bunch of happiness bloom in my heart with the lovely floral basket you presented to me! I always wonder if anyone reads the newsletter and so it was lovely to receive recognition for putting it together. I continue to be thankful for the beautiful ways this church and the people who attend touch my life. **Trudy**

January Celebrations

- 1 Kaleb Gunter
- 12 Rita Plumley
- 17 Nancy Boatwright
- 21 Guy Spriggs
- 24 Jack Clark
- 24 Dan McFerrin
- 27 Lois Foster





Christmas views from the Pews



Epiphany



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 Ave.
Landrum, SC 29356

Dan Donovan
210 Camelia Circle
Landrum SC 29356

Nancy McGarra
41 Red Bird Road
Tryon NC 28782

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



Shut-ins



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.

We pray for:

All Students, teachers and school staff
Our College Students
All who have been impacted by the December
tornados
Family of Jenny Gardner who passed away in
December
Peggy McAlister's husband who is in rehab
Nancy McGarra
Bonnie Inman
Michael McAlister
Gigi Van Dyke
Harvey Spiegel
Nancy Bruce
Charlie Croft
Don Surface
Maxine Finch
Dan McFerrin
Lisa Spriggs
Dan and Wendy Donovan
John Himmel
Levi McCleef
Jimmy Ashmore
Lois Foster's Daughter in Law
Mrs. Wofford, Jaime's grandmother
Jody's friend, Rebecca and her Mother Margaret -
medical issues
Twin grandsons of the Goodrich's, Charles Edgar
and George Rosefin born October 21, 2021