



Landrum United Methodist Church

January 2023

# The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

## From the Pastor:

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

“I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things

to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

This prayer was first used in a covenant renewal service held in 1755 in London and is one of our meaningful and powerful Wesleyan/Methodist traditions. As we begin a new year, let us all prayerfully consider our relationship with God and our surrendering of ourselves and our trust to God.

Luke 9:23 “if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Our baptism marks the beginning of life in Christ. As we pray this prayer, it will remind us of what it means to follow Christ, to surrender our life.

I am asking you to pray this prayer as the New Year begins. We will use this in worship on January 8, 2023, as we renew our commitment to God and also remember that we are baptized. It is important for us to be part of a community of faith and I pray that as LUMC goes forward into the New Year, we will strive to keep our lives centered in Christ.

Let us pray this prayer daily and pray for one another and pray for LUMC that we may live faithfully as representatives of Christ in the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

## From the Finance Committee: Job Opportunity, Will Train

We are currently in need for a couple more Recorders (counters) to tally the weekly giving totals. This consists of counting the cash and check giving following each service, preparing a list for Monday posting, filling out the deposit slip, and a quick trip each to the church office and First Citizen's drop box. The time commitment is 20-30 minutes after the Sunday service.

Our current roster of Recorders is full, but we don't have any alternates to back up on those days when someone is absent. Interested parties please contact me for further information.

Thanks, and Blessings,

Pete Block Chairperson, Finance Committee

## Welcome back Munch & Mingle!!!!

Fellowship and a light nibble for all after church service on the first and third Sundays. Anyone interested in helping make this a success, call Cheryl Barto at 864-457-5021 or 864-541-1574. We only need a couple of people to serve but need at least a team of four to provide food. Thank you in advance for helping to resume this desperately missed event!

## Silver Spirits

Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres Luncheon, January 19th, 2023, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a favorite dish to share with the other Spirits. Why not bring a friend and join us for fun, fellowship, and surprises. Happy New Year to each of you! Cheryl

## Altar Guild

The flower chart is in the Narthex, and all are welcome to sign up for placing flowers on the altar. Debby and I appreciate your willingness to do so and would be happy to arrange a bouquet for you at a cost of \$25 or no charge if you supply the flowers. Happy New Year from Debby & Cheryl

## January Birthday Celebrations

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



## Advent

Thanks to all who helped to make Advent such a wonderful season at the church. The children, the music, decorations, the sermons, and fellowship gave us a season full of enjoyment and preparations for a most memorable Christmas celebration.



Nancy McGarra  
41 Red Bird Road  
Tryon NC 28782

Edith Masson  
4308 Faust Street  
Bamberg, SC 29003

Mike McAlister  
(Peggy's husband)  
White Oak

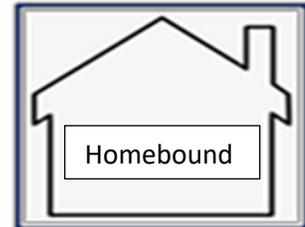
Maxine Finch  
102 Corolla Court  
Moore, SC 29369

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)



June Rhymer  
810 E. Rutherford St  
Landrum, SC 29356

Joe Brown  
109 Edgewood Avenue  
Landrum SC 29356



### Our prayers for:

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, dau of Lily and  
Daniel, granddaughter of George &  
Jean Ashmore  
Don and Nancy Surface  
Nancy McGarra  
Betty Little  
Nancy Bruce  
Farrell Atkins  
Ridge, son of Mary Hager's coworker  
Jason Rider

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.

Pastor Nancy Reed  
Hal Howard  
Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson  
Joyanne Gattie, Ted Andrus' cousin  
Phil, Stephanie Quinn's father  
June Rhymer  
Pete, Martha Castro's stepfather  
Jim Plumley, Rita's husband  
Vickie Killough  
Charlie Croft  
John Himmel  
Keren Clay (14 yro) granddaughter of John  
and Mary Kylin  
Edward Downey, Glenn's brother  
Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and  
niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)



## How may I serve you in the new year?

**Trudy Van Voorhis**

It is a new year. A time to make a resolution and decide that this year will be different. Somehow reset our lives and start fresh. The work of God in our lives is ongoing, God is never done with us. Rather, God, who loves to create, who is always making all things new, is moving in, living with us, so that we can be even closer.

Every year, probably since I was a teenager, I have determined to do better in the New Year. You know - to do something or not do something, or to do something more or to do something less. It's the same good New Year's routine we can all fall into, because we desire to change for the better.

I retired from a job in D.C. I held for about 30 years. Although I went up the ranks, I often returned to remember my roots back to "home base" which was the jail's cellblock. Initially I began working with the people arrested on criminal charges which often surrounded me with types which many do not want to be associated. Among my clientele were some that no assistance or rehabilitation could affect. Most of the population was comprised of indigents, poor, mentally ill, substance dependent, unfortunate people who have not been afforded even the basic opportunities of life. It was not a job providing fine offices, windows overlooking the beautiful monuments in Washington or extended leisurely lunch hours. Much of my time was spent in an odorous cellblock speaking to people just arrested that day who have not cleansed themselves in days or weeks and might be still toxic, trying to have a comprehensible interview to gather the simplest demographics from them. This information was to assist them during their release and while you are offering them services to improve their life skills, they may not take advantage of your referrals. It was a position that does not provide niceties, but the human rewards far outweighed the material benefits.

The smell, frustration and attitude coming from many of these defendants prompted some to question our toleration. In responding, I think to the sample of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and becoming a servant to them. Now...I am not crazy about touching feet or even having my own touched. This gesture is a great measure of servitude. It reflects Jesus' love and compassion. While I may not have dealt with my clientele's podiatry, I did attempt to overlook their coarse ambiance and try to show some consideration.

In the Bible, Jesus states that how you treat even the least of men, you are treating Him. In my life and more in this year, I will try to take this to heart. My faith in His love compels me to be willing to be identified with the problems of the poor, burdened and the ill, and even the rude and take Christ's example of the basin and the towel to heart in showing my servitude to others.

Families Lighting Advent candles



Mary & Joseph journey to the Manger



Christmas visitors



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