



The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor's Message

Philippians 3: 13-14

13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **NIV**

Anniversaries are to be celebrated. We tend to focus on the big numbers often waiting until couples reach 40 or 50 years of marriage to celebrate their lives together. Sometimes in waiting for those big years, we wait too long and one or both may become too ill and even die before their lives together can be celebrated.

This is true of so many times in our lives. Recently, I saw that a pastor had retired, and I thought I need to send them a note. Partly to wish them well and offer a prayer for their next journey, but more importantly to tell them Thank You for the notes that I (and many others I am sure) had received through the years. I remember one that came when I was in my first appointment and when I was moved each time. These were simply handwritten words of encouragement for the next journey. They were prayers for what was ahead.

This month is my one-year anniversary as your pastor. I thought about writing about all that we have accomplished together in this past year, and while there is much to give thanks to God for, rather than look back I hope that we will look ahead to the coming year.

Your Visioning Team has been meeting, coming together to get to know each other, to know the church's strengths and to look ahead to the next years. As we remain grounded in the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, look within your own hearts and seek to know Jesus Christ so that as your lives are transformed you will share this with others and theirs will be too. That's what it is all about!

When others see you live out your faith in your daily life at work, at home, at school, at play, you are sharing Jesus with them. If we are to make disciples for Jesus, we must become his disciples first.

Yes, let's celebrate the year that we have shared as most ministries have returned and new ones have been birthed, but being transformed by Jesus is about being changed. Jesus called twelve to be in his inner circle. If LUMC does not have a group that works for you, let's get one going. God made us to be in fellowship with him and with each other. Jesus shows us the way as he stepped away from the crowds and even the disciples to rest and to be in prayer. Like Jesus, take time to talk with God and take time to listen. I cannot wait to hear what you have heard!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

MUSIC NOTES



Exciting news!

Chancel Choir is taking another “road trip”! We will be singing Patriotic Music at the Landrum Farmer’s Market on Saturday, July 9! We hope you will come by and see us! We’ll be looking for you! Joy

July Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

5 Jacob Boatwright
10 Paul Forster
11 Jay Boatwright
15 Hal Howard
20 Charlie Croft
27 Carla Downey
29 Kay Spiegel
30 Brenda McFerrin

ANNIVERSARIES

12 Jon & Martha Castro
Larry & Fran Page
29 Eric & Paula Clark





Fireworks of Faith

The Fourth of July. While I admire all it stands for – it has never been one of my favorite holidays because of the noise and sparkle. Growing up in D.C. we would often go down to the Mall and watch the huge firework display. Those were amazingly beautiful but were so far above that they did not get me too nervous. They would plunge into the sky, explode, and shatter the darkness and then fall aside until invisible.

I was always uncomfortable as a kid with those sparklers the other children loved – having them swung around me and spitting those sparks - yikes. I did not understand the big deal because before too long the thrill was over and they were begging to light another or try a different firework.

Sometimes being a Christian reminds me of those sparklers. A revitalizing spirit comes through us, and things are shimmering for a time but slowly the surge fizzles. My Christian experience requires continual effort and nurturing. I see it is more like a campfire that we must keep fed and glowing to do its work. We must continually add to it through prayer, Christian service, and study. This keeps the fire of God's presence burning inside us. Those quick, glittery life sparklers are pretty and give us a boost on occasion but the "flame of faith" we must keep inside keeps us through good times and bad.



God
bless
America



Welcome New Members – The Ashmore Family
Jean, George and Jacob

June was a busy month!



Wow what a sermon!

MAGNIFICENT MUSIC



Stephanie Quinn Solo



Joy Gardner



Nick Stow

Photographer – Paul Forster



Families who have had loved die due to violence especially the community of Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York

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

Michie Reed, Addie Reed's aunt

Joyanne Gattie- Ted Andrus' cousin

Phil - Stephanie Quinn's father

Lois Foster

Dr. Wanda Starling

June Rhymer

Pete - Martha Castro's stepfather

Jim Plumley - Rita's husband

Janet - Phil Goodrich's mother

Vickie Killough

Charlie Croft

Wanda Manson

Joyce Himmel

Bonnie Inman

Keren Clay (14 yo) granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin

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

Gloria Wells

Landrum Visioning Team

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Ruth Strednek who died on June 10, 2022.

Our sympathy to Ted Andrus with the death of his uncle, Jean Marie Marcotte.

Our sympathy to Nancy and Don Surface with the death of her brother-in-law.

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.



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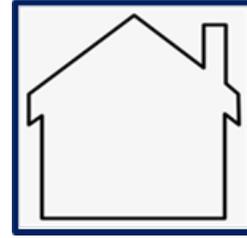
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Tryon NC 28782

Edith Masson
4308 Faust Street
Bamberg, SC 29003

Mike McAlister
(Peggy's husband)
White Oak

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore, SC 29369



Homebound and
Shut-ins

Mary Williamson

Mrs. Wofford (Jaime's grandmother)

SILVER SPIRITS

We hope everyone had fun at our luncheon in May, and we look forward to our next one! Unfortunately, with the rise in coronavirus cases, we feel the need to wait before gathering again in order to safeguard our "spirits"! This is disappointing, but we want everyone to remain as healthy as possible. We care about each of you, and hope you understand the reason for our postponement!

Blessings, Cheryl

ALTAR GUILD

Thank you so much to all who have signed up on the flower chart! Whether one chooses fresh flowers from their garden or purchased flowers, there is nothing like their beauty on the altar for all to enjoy during Pastor Nancy's message.

If you would like, Debby & I are available to arrange flowers for you. Flowers provided by you are arranged free of charge. If you'd like us to purchase and arrange flowers, there is a \$25 fee. As always, we appreciate your feedback.

In Christ, Debby & Cheryl