



# The Lamplighter



“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

## Pastors Message

Dear Church Family,

Last month's SC Annual Conference was significant in many ways. It was the first in person Annual Conference gathering since 2020's COVID epidemic changed so much. There was wonderful spirit filled worship as the laity and clergy of SC gathered together in the Civic Center in Florence, SC! It was also significant because the Conference voted with grace and love to allow 113 churches to separate from the UMC. In SC, churches may separate based on Paragraph 2549.3b in the UMC Book of Discipline. You will remember that this is different from almost all conferences with the exception of West Virginia, as the others have been using Paragraph 2553, which expires on December 31, 2023. Presently, there is no sunset for churches to be able to separate in SC using Paragraph 2549.3b. The next General Conference (this is a gathering of UMC from all over the world) will held in person in Charlotte, NC, April 23- May 3, 2024.

We continue to pray for those who have chosen to separate from the UMC and for those who remain and those who may choose to separate at a future date. We are sisters and brothers in Christ with all our neighboring churches and we continue to serve God together.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you and as we begin our third year together, I am looking forward to where God is leading us and how God guides us to love and serve.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

### Dates to Note:

Sunday, July 9, Administrative Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship. All are welcome!

Tuesday, July 18, Staff Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC) meets at 7pm in Office Conference Room

Saturday, July 22, Community Meal from 3 to 5pm (lots of volunteer needs the week of)

Sunday, July 23, UM Men's Ministry will gather at 8am for breakfast and devotion

Safe Sanctuary Trainings for all who work with our children and or vulnerable adults will be offered by District for Spartanburg District Churches. Watch the Bulletin and emails for dates!

Tuesday, August 1, Trustees meet in Fellowship Hall at 7pm in Fellowship Hall

# July Celebrations



## BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Jacob Boatwright
- 10 Paul Forster
- 11 Jay Boatwright  
Tom Perkin
- 15 Hal Howard
- 20 Charlie Croft
- 27 Carla Downey
- 29 Kay Spiegel

## ANNIVERSARIES

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



God  
Bless  
America

# MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir continues to meet during the summer months. We don't follow a schedule as strict as the one we have during the other months of the year, but we do continue to work most weeks very diligently as we prepare new arrangements; work on defining familiar ones; and soon beginning our preparation of music for Advent.

The Belles of Landrum also continue their work. They work hard but I think they do have fun! We work seriously --- even though you'd likely walk by and hear lots of laughter erupting from the room during rehearsals. I still hope to develop a morning group of bell ringers and would love to hear from you if you are interested. Reading music, yes, it is a help however not a requirement.

The Children's Choir provides so much enjoyment for those of us who are privileged to work with them on Sunday mornings. It is such a "joy" to watch them develop in their music. They actually don't have to be bribed to come upstairs on Sunday mornings for rehearsals anymore!

I've always thought the summer months are the perfect time to join a choir and if you're interested, we'd love to have you. Just check the weekly schedule in the church bulletin or ask any choir member about our schedule. We'd love to have you join us.

Joy



Josh and Kat Gardner (son and dau in law of Tommy and Joy Gardner) who are expecting twins  
 Kelly and Karl Lagerlof as they expect their first baby  
 Hal Howard  
 Bonnie Inman  
 Donna Jennings, Dr. Wanda Starling's Sister in law  
 Kevin and Patricia Dalton (former pastor and his wife)  
 Linda and Tom Perkin  
 Karen Shaw, Charlotte Stow's sister  
 Phil and Rosemary Odom  
 Travis Clayton, Brother of Kim and Billy Ramsey  
 Charlie Croft  
 David, Steve Quinn's brother in Florida  
 Don and Nancy Surface  
 Lois Foster  
 Josh Owens  
 Fran Page  
 Linda Cox, Rita Plumley's mother  
 Jim, Rita Plumley's husband  
 Dr. Wanda Starling  
 John Himmel  
 Larry Long  
 Allison Corley  
 Gary, Brother in Law and Julie Davis, Sister in Law of Carmen Krebs  
 Jan, Sister of Wanda Manson  
 Eugene Starling, father of Sarah Morgan and Matthew Starling  
 Pastor Nancy Reed  
 Lizzy (Friend of Joyce Himmel)  
 Baby Liam Christopher Tapp  
 Keith Haynes  
 Keren Clay (14 yo) granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin  
 Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)

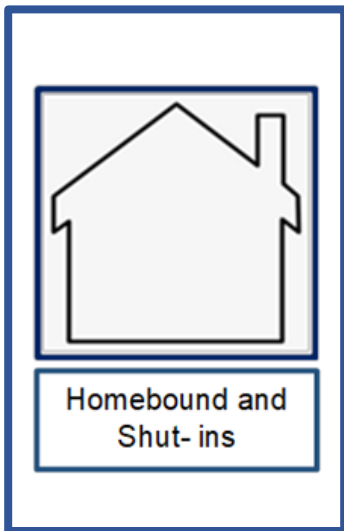
The LUMC Minister and Congregation prays for those who need special prayer or have medical concerns.

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 prayers to the family of Farrell Atkins, who died May 31, 2023, in Landrum.



Maxine Finch  
 102 Corolla Court  
 Moore SC 29369

Madge Holley  
 805 E. Brookwood  
 Landrum SC 29356

June Rhymer  
 810 E. Rutherford St  
 Landrum SC 29356

Joe Brown  
 109 Edgewood Avenue  
 Landrum SC 29356

Mike McAllister  
 Peggy's husband  
 White Oak

Betty Zeuluff  
 (Mary Hagar's Mother)  
 Sunny Brook Assisted Living  
 306 Spring Street  
 Hendersonville NC 28739

Edit Masson  
 4308 Faust Street  
 Bamberg, SC 29003

Mrs. Wofford (Jaime's Grandmother)

Mary Williamson

## **Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council June 11, 2023**

Members Present: Trudy Van Voorhis, Rita Plumley Jaime Wofford, Martha Castro, Carla Downey, Nancy Reed, Debbie Croft, Glenn Downey, Cheryl Barto, Wayne Hager, Joy Gardner, Jody McPherson

Guest: Jeannie Godwin, Joyce Kimmel

### **Finance:** Rita

General fund going ok. Balance as of May 31 \$54,323.21.  
Continue to monitor general fund vs designated fund.  
July will have quarterly report.

### **Admin. Council**

May minutes: Motion to approve Martha. Second Debbie. Minutes approved.

### **Trustees:** Jaime

Pastor Nancy, Joy, Jaime attended Safe Sanctuary training. We will be updating our policy.  
Security issues: Continue to work on a Security plan.

### **Youth:** Martha

Revamping young adult Sunday school class. Will open to all adults starting in the fall.

### **Epworth/College:** Carla

College students were recognized. Epworth giving is up. Looking at future projects for foster home families.

### **Choir:** Joy

Children are beginning to enjoy children's choir.

### **Nurture:** Debbie

Committee is working well. Asking everyone to help keep up with needs of church members.

### **Worship:** Cheryl

Fathers will be honored next Sunday on Father's Day. Silver Spirits luncheon will be held on July 12. Munch and Mingle running smoothly on donations. Debbie asked about money in budget for the purchase of new banners for the sanctuary. Jaime replied that they should submit need to the finance committee for next year's budget. For now, they could submit a request to Trustees.

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

Men will meet end of the month. Future projects will be discussed.

### **Newsletter/Worship:** Trudy

Silver Spirits July 12 will be an indoor picnic with a picnic theme Bingo game.

### **Administrative Council minutes continued**

### **Missions:** Jody

Backpacks for O P Earle elementary completed for the year. A box has been placed in the Fellowship Hall to collect cleaning supplies for Operation Hope. They place them in their food boxes for giveaway.

Discussion on Salkehatchie designated fund. Since we have no Salk campers going this year it was suggested that we divide the money between Chester and Newberry camps. Motion by Wayne to split fund and send half to Chester and half to Newberry, Second Jaime. Approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Nancy

So far about 15% of the time and talent surveys have been returned. We are adding to the acolyte duties.

SC conference: Two resolutions were passed. One opposing the death penalty and the other denouncing gun violence.

113 churches separated from the conference. Pastor Nancy will be happy to discuss any information and answer questions regarding this issue.

Pastor is happy to be with us for another year.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jody McPherson, Secretary



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## Wedding Shower

Honoring  
Courtney McCullough and Matthew Starling

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 PM

Landrum United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
225 North Howard Avenue  
Landrum, South Carolina

Courtney and Matthew are registered at  
Amazon and Target

<https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/mccstarling>

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/mccstarling>



The Power to Bless or Destroy  
Glenn Downey



Sundays in June



Photos: Paul Forster

We are having twins!!!!

## Altar Guild



How nice to see the flower chart with so many in our church family wishing to place flowers on the altar for all to enjoy during Sunday service! With blossoms abounding in our gardens, it is the perfect time to add a touch of His beauty in the Narthex or on the altar! Please reach out if Debby or I can be of any help! The flower chart remains in the Narthex with some open dates.

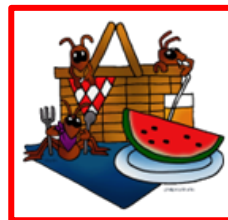
Debby & Cheryl

## Munch & Mingle

With each passing month, the cooking talents of those participating in this popular mission, become more evident! Don't you agree? What fun it is to see what treats await on those Sunday mornings after service! However, you do not have to be an expert cook or baker - there are lots of options available in the local grocery stores that are really appreciated! If you would like to join in to help serve, the signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall, and please note, we like to have at least two or three working together to make setup and cleanup easier! Thank you to all!

Cheryl

## Silver Spirits



This month's Silver Spirits will meet at noon on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be having an indoor picnic so we won't have to worry about ants, heat or rain! No need for sunscreen!

Chicken will be provided to go along with sides or dessert I am asking everyone to bring. Cannot wait to taste everyone's version of macaroni salad, potato salad, veggies, or your picnic specialty. Join us for fellowship, food, Bingo and hopefully fun! When Silver Spirits gather a good time is usually had by all.

Trudy

## Trudy's Tidings

# Getting away from it all

Everyone loves a vacation. This is July and vacations abound. Time to rest, relax, and get away from the everyday pressures of life. The idea is to unwind and live with what you are most comfortable and enjoy. Some take vacations and simply sit and read, others go camping, fishing, golfing, sightseeing and the list goes on. The point is we take time to replenish.

It is kind of interesting that some people take vacations WITH family while others take a break FROM family. No one cares to go on vacation with family/friends that cause them stress of other problems in their life. It means that there is a relationship issue. The same is true for those who feel they must take a vacation from God and the church.

There is a time and a season for one to walk in silence. God wants to remove the noise of your life and create a place in which HE can speak and encourage you. Physically, if you are constantly on the go, you will wear out. No difference spiritually. Take time and listen for the Lord. It can be difficult to do. Jesus removed himself from the distractions of his day so he could be with God.

Do you take God on vacation with you or leave Him out? While you are on a break from God – He continues His work, but keeps one eye on the road watching, waiting, and wanting you to come home.

Will you?

