



Landrum United Methodist Church

June 2022

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor Nancy’s Message

Ascension Day is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday. During these 40 days, Jesus appeared to the disciples and to prove who he was he invited disciples to touch his hands and his side. He talked with them and ate with them telling them about God’s Kingdom. Jesus “opened their minds to understand the scriptures” (Luke 24:45) reminding them that it was written that “the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day” (Luke 24:46). The followers are to preach the message of forgiveness. Jesus goes with the disciples to Bethany where he blesses them and is taken up to heaven.

Pentecost marks the 50th day after Passover and was a Jewish holiday which provided a time to thank God for the grain harvest and was a remembrance of Moses receiving the Law at Mount Sinai. For us, Pentecost is more than a day to wear red, but is an opportunity to remember the birth of the church when the sound came from heaven like a howling wind filling the house and those there saw flames sitting on each one as “they were filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4). Take a look at the UMC symbol of the cross and the flame and you will note that the flame represents the Holy Spirit and the flame seems to be moving so it reminds us of the wind and the flame described at Pentecost!

Would you like to see where the Holy Spirit leads the early church and might lead us at Landrum UMC in 2022? Join me in studying Acts this summer beginning Monday, June 13th, at 6:30pm or Tuesday, June 14th, at 10:30am. We will study the growth of the church often described as Peter and Paul’s mission, but it is God’s mission – they are joining God in God’s mission!

God’s mission did not end with the New Testament, and we are called to join with others on his mission in the world. With the state of our country, the recent senseless deaths at the hands of those who need help themselves, living into God’s mission is challenging to say the least. Do not give up, do not become so divided that no one cares. Recently I have seen friends who care deeply for others declaring that they simply have given up. Tempting to throw in the towel and lock our doors and hide. No, that is not what Acts tells us. Acts sends us out into the world to join God in his mission. Jesus has taught us to forgive and to love others. This does not mean we forget but if Jesus could forgive those who took his life so brutally, then who are we to do otherwise.

We are bound together from around our country and around the world through our faith in Jesus Christ. The United Methodist Church is held together by a shared belief that Jesus is our savior who lived, died, and rose for our sake and will return one day. The lyrics of our hymns can help to draw us together. The lyrics of the song, Bind Us Together, found in The Faith We Sing Song book, can guide us in these uncertain times.

“Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with love.

There is only one God, only one King, only one Body, that is why we sing:

Bind us together, Lord, Let us be united in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

Altar Guild

You make our sanctuary a beautiful house with the bright flowers and plants placed on the altar each Sunday. Debby and I greatly appreciate those who have signed up on the flower chart in the Narthex! Please remember, if you'd like to place flowers on the altar, we can provide floral service for you at a cost of \$25. Thank you for your ongoing support. Debby and I look forward to Pentecost and working with Pastor Nancy in the months ahead.

Blessings, Debby & Cheryl

Silver Spirits

Yay!!! We were finally able to have our kickoff seniors gathering on May 11 after over two years absence and what a great time of fellowship and sharing we all enjoyed! Though our gathering was a relaxed one without a program, all had fun sharing personal stories and simply "catching up" with friends! That is the main purpose of our group - a "family" sharing and enjoying one another's company! We are striving to meet again in July if possible and are planning an indoor "bonfire" - so everyone please stay well so you can join us! More details to come once the date draws closer!!

In Christ, Cheryl

MUSIC NOTES

I have talked with some of you who have indicated your interest in joining Chancel Choir. So - come on - we would love to have you join us and there's no better time to join than during the summer months while we are on summer schedule! It is our goal to schedule our rehearsal times for every other Thursday night, but we do adjust our schedule as needed according to everyone's vacation plans, travel times, etc. Even though we do not have weekly rehearsals during the summer, Chancel Choir continues to fill the chancel on Sunday mornings and lead our congregational music.

We will be looking for you!

Joy

The Spiritual fruit (salad) of Pentecost



Pentecost – the birthday of the church. This year it is June 5. Many churches celebrate by asking the congregation to wear **red** to commemorate the fire that came down with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus kept his promise that the Father would send another ‘Advocate’ to always be with them and not leave them as orphans. He kept his promise on the day of Pentecost when his followers received the Holy Spirit. We believers are also blessed with the “indwelling of the Holy Spirit”.

The indication that influences of the Holy Spirit are present happens when we feel or witness the spiritual characteristics listed in the Letter to the Galatians: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (5:22–23).

I think of it as sort of a spiritual fruit salad because really these cannot be developed separately. That is why it is outlined in the Bible as fruit of the spirit not fruits.

In Pentecost we are reminded that we must be aware of clues in looking at ourselves and others to see if there is evidence of the Holy Spirit present. We provide evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives by how we live. When we are one with the Holy Spirit these are the results:

love (tending to the needs of others before our own)

joy (gladness and pleasure)

peace (living in serenity, even through turmoil)

patience (restraint with the shortcomings of others and situations)

kindness (responding with graciousness and civility)

goodness (consideration of others though they may fail us)

faithfulness (staying focused, even under duress)

gentleness (remaining reasonable in the face of conflict)

self-control (practicing mindfulness)

Summer is when fruit salad seems at its best. Be prayerful that you become aware of the presence of the sharing of spiritual fruit in yourself and others this season.





*Here is your invitation to learn more about membership
at Landrum UMC!*

If you have been part of this church community and are ready to join now, let Pastor Nancy know! She can answer any questions you may have.

Coming this summer, we will hold Getting to Know Landrum UMC gatherings where you can ask questions about joining and learn more about the ministry of this local congregation. Or you can schedule a time with Pastor Nancy. Call her at 803-522-2009 or email the church at lumc@landrumumc.net



Photos – Paul Forster

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Alan Fore
- 4 Wendy Donovan
Cheryl Every
- 5 Nancy Surface
- 20 Joe Brown
- 22 Maxine Finch
- 25 Ben Boatwright
- 25 Bill Every
- 26 Lisa Spriggs
- 29 Ellie Boatwright

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Michael & Joan Clark
- 5 Alan & Debbie Fore
Hal & Veronica Howard
- 7 Dennis & Lisa Gunter
John & Joyce Himmel
- 13 Pete & Bonnie Inman
- 26 Dan & Wendy Donovan
- 27 James & Lisa Wofford
- 28 Chris & Carmen Krebs

Speaking of celebrations...

Our graduates were honored during the May 22 service. Congratulations to:

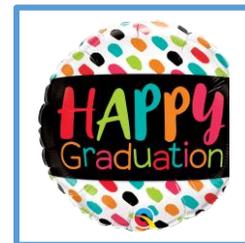
Elijah "Eli" Quinn Class of 2022 Landrum High School

Alivia "Livie" Fagan – Class of 2022 Kindergarten Saluda Elementary School

Evelyn Johnes – Class of 2022 Preschool Graduate

Christopher "Chris" Morgan - Class of 2022 Kindergarten Graduate O.P. Earle Elementary School

A luncheon was held after the service where food and fellowship were happily shared.



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



June Rhymer
Pete, Martha Castro's stepfather
Jim Plumley, Rita's husband
Janet, Phil Goodrich's mother
Trudy Van Voorhis
Vickie Killough
Charlie Croft
Joyce Himmel
Bonnie Inman
Gloria Wells

Keren Clay (14 yr old) 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
Landrum Visioning Team

Our sympathy to Jeanne Godwin and family with the death of her sister, Donna Granger
Our sympathy to the Taft family with the death of Robbie's mother
Our sympathy to Wendy Donovan with the death of her husband, Dan. Funeral Services will be Saturday, June 11th, at Landrum UMC

June Rhymer
810 E. Rutherford St
Landrum, SC 29356

Betty Zeuluff (Mary Hager's Mother)
Sunny Brook Assisted Living
306 Spring St
Hendersonville, NC 28739

Madge Holley
805 E. Brookwood
Landrum, SC 29356

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Avenue
Landrum, SC 29356

Nancy McGarra
41 Red Bird Road
Tryon NC 28782

Ruth Strednak
White Oak
C/o Ruth Richardson
(daughter)
585 River Knoll Way
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

Mary Williamson

Mrs Wofford (Jaime's grandmother)