



Landrum United Methodist Church

June 2023

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor’s Message:

Dear Church Family,

Please take time to complete the Time and Talents Survey that is attached below if you have not already. Copies may also be picked up at the office or at church for the next few Sundays. Please prayerfully complete them and return to the basket in the Narthex or to the mailbox on the Office Porch! Let us know how you might use your gifts from God at Landrum UMC. Please identify areas you are already serving and areas you might wish to serve!

I will be out of town, June 2 – 4 and then will be attending the SC Annual Conference in Florence, Sunday afternoon June 4 to June 7. If you have any needs from June 2 to June 7, please contact Wayne Hager, Lay Leader, at 828-691-9898.

During June, our Sunday Worship will be based in Genesis, and I look forward to seeing you each week. Thank you to Glenn Downey, our Administrative Council Chairperson who will preach on June 4 while I am away. The Children’s Choir will be singing that Sunday, so you want to be there to hear them both!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

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| June 4, 2023 | Glenn Downey will preach and the Children’s Choir will sing
SC Annual Conference Begins today in Florence, SC
Munch and Mingle after church! |
| June 11, 2023 | Genesis 12:1-9 Celebrate Holy Communion
Administrative Council after worship in Fellowship Hall |
| June 18, 2023 | Genesis 18:1-15 and Genesis 21:1-7
Happy Father’s Day
Munch and Mingle after church! |
| June 25, 2023 | Genesis 21:8-21 |

Landrum UMC Time and Talent Survey 2023

Our church offers many opportunities to share your unique passions and skills. Where do your skills and passions lie? Please check the activities that you would like to participate in this year and identify your gifts and talents. We need a willing pool of people to call upon. Please have each family member (children, youth, and adults) complete and sign and return to the church.

The following groups meet on a regular basis to develop and implement strategies and programs to help our church carry out its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I would be interested in

- Administrative Council – Leadership team who guides our church and its ministry to make disciples
- Worship Ministry – work with the Pastor to provide meaningful worship opportunities
- Missions Work Area – Food Ministry, Children and Youth, Epworth, Salkehatchie, Operation Hope, etc.
- Christian Education Ministry Team – plan/implement education, spiritual growth opportunities for all ages
- Membership Care Ministry – develop programs to reach, connect, care for and disciple one another
- Finance and Stewardship – oversee financial resources to support and strengthen our mission and ministry
- Property Trustees – manage and maintain buildings, grounds and assets to support the ministry of the church
- Staff-Parish Relations Committee – support Pastor and staff in witness and service
- Special Events Team – plan and implement events such Shrove Tuesday and Back to School, etc.

I could Support Worship as a

- Reader/Liturgist
- Usher
- Bulletin Support
- Online Support: Website, Face Book, Etc.
- Acolyte / Crucifer
- Greeter / Parking Lot and Sanctuary
- Choir Circle: Adult Youth Children
- Hand bell Choir: Evening or Daytime
- Special music/ play an instrument. Please say more _____
- Sound, light and video
- Nursery, child care
- Communion steward (preparation and cleanup)
- Communion server
- Make Worship Banners
- Arrange Flowers for worship and prepare vases to take to homebound
- Children's Message

Support Education: teach and/or lead Sunday School classes and Bible studies during the week

- 0 to 6th grade
- 7th to 12th grade
- Adults (lead or participate)
- Vacation Bible School or special events for Children and Adults
- Coordinate church library and library materials to support education

Provide food and kitchen support

- Munch and Mingle Host
- Church wide Meals
- Special Events
- Funeral lunches

Office Support

- Answer Phones
- Special Mailings
- Organize supplies, files, etc.
- Computer Skills, Website, Please share _____

Visit, call or write to Members and Friends of LUMC

- Deliver Upper Rooms to homebound and or Communion
- Welcome gifts to newcomers
- Caring ears to any in need
- Send cards
- Keep Birthday and Anniversary Lists up to date
- other ways that you might feel called to serve _____

Community Involvement

- Volunteer and or information re: Operation Hope Mobile Meals Epworth Foster Care
- Community Garden at LUMC: plan organize harvest distribute

Other Interests I have

- Book Club
- Exercise Class
- Men's Group
- Women's Group
- Youth Group
- Girl Scouts
- Walking/ Hiking
- Pickle Ball
- Parents' Night Out
- Arts and Crafts: specify please _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Please share any other information about your gifts and talents.

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

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Graduate Sunday



Photos: Paul Forster

Administrative Board minutes April 30, 2023

Members Present: Trudy VanVoorhis, Cheryl Every, Bill Every, Carla Downey, Martha Castro, Glenn Downey, Pete Block, George Ashmore, Nancy Reed, Wanda Mason, Ted Andrus, Jaime Wofford, Joy Gardner, Rita Plumley
Guest: Jeannie Godwin

Glenn opened with devotion on Jonah 3:1 responding to God's call.

Minutes: Motion to approve March minutes by Ted. Second Jaime. Approved.

Committee Reports

Missions: Jody

Operation Hope has a need for cleaning supplies to put in their food boxes. We will be collecting these on munch and mingle Sundays. A box will be in the fellowship hall.

Bill and Cheryl have volunteered to shop for backpacks. The program will end in May.

Trustees: Jaime

Shopping for playground equipment. An exercise group has requested use of FLC in the evenings. Committee are still working on security issues.

Silver Spirits: Trudy

The next luncheon will be held May 16.

SPRC: Bill

Committee met with Joy.

Need to update Realm (computer program for churches) to reflect membership roll.

Office is in need general office support. Seeking a member volunteer.

Ted: Lay member to Conference

June 4,5,6,7 is South Carolina Annual Conference to be held in Florence.

Security: A deputy From Sheriff's office will be here on Tuesday to do a "walk around "the facility. Information will be given to Trustees.

Epworth & College Students: Carla

Goodie boxes have been mailed to college students for final exam week.

A special Mother's Day offering will be sent to Epworth.

Youth: Martha

Jack Clark, Landrum high school senior, received the LUMC \$1000 scholarship. Martha shared his essay on Faith. He will be attending Clemson in the fall.

Administrative Board minutes continued

Finance: Pete

General cash flow has stabilized. February: \$48,748, March; \$46,936.

Designated funds February: \$149,971, March: \$196,595. March reflects \$50,000 donation for playground upgrade. \$55,000 has now been designated for playground.

Pastor Nancy suggests we participate in seminar on church finances, record keeping and communication so that we can have checks and balances in place. Robert Cox, from SC conference, conducts Zoom classes on guiding churches on record keeping. An upcoming class will be on designated funds.

Choir: Joy

Thanks to Bill. Thanks to Jaime. All areas are going well. The choir will sing this afternoon at Tryon Estates. Hoping to start a morning hand bell group for beginners.

Children's choir will sing June 4.

Joy requests that items for Sunday Bulletin be turned in to office by noon Wednesday.

Pastor's Report: Nancy

Thanks for support this past year. Next council meeting will bring a calendar to plan for rest of year and plan ahead for 2024. Nominations, lay leadership training, gifts and talent survey will follow.

Glenn will preach on June 4.

No report: George and Wanda

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody McPherson, Secretary

June Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

02 Alan Fore
04 Wendy Donovan
Cheryl Every
05 Nancy Surface
20 Joe Brown
22 Maxine Finch
25 Ben Boatwright
Bill Every
26 Lisa Spriggs
29 Ellie Boatwright

ANNIVERSARIES

03 Michael & Joan Clark
05 Alan & Debbie Fore
05 Hal & Veronica Howard
07 Dennis & Lisa Gunter
John & Joyce Himmel
13 Pete & Bonnie Inman
27 James & Lisa Wofford
28 Chris & Carmen Krebs

“Smile – Heaven is watching”



Outer space has attracted a great deal of attention for books and movies. The Star Wars series has been “out of this world” through the years. The sun, moons and stars are constantly being rediscovered as though they are being gazed on for the first time.

The Bible talks a lot about the stars. God knows how many there are and has given each one a name (Psalm 147:4). A particularly bright star led the Magi to Jerusalem over 2000 years ago. All the new and powerful technological research and equipment invented still cannot assist in counting them. “Look now toward the heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them”. (Genesis 15:5)

Do you think God gave us stars and their beauty to cause us to look up - up and away from ourselves and our daily frustrations and fears? Maybe to look past the stars to God who made them? Without any of the darkness that enters our lives – we could never see the stars. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow referred to them as the forget-me-nots of the angels.

Recently I have been thinking of my mother. Evenings I often seem to end up on the porch rocker where she spent a lot of time with Jack on her lap. The stars seem to calm me perhaps because I think I found the one that may be her winking at me. An Eskimo Proverb says: “Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy”. I would like to think so.

It is often in the darkest night that we see the brightest stars. We just have to look for them...and smile.

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Moore SC 29369

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805 E. Brookwood
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810 E. Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29356

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Landrum SC 29356

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

Mike McAllister
Peggy's husband
White Oak

Edit Masson
4308 Faust Street
Bamberg, SC 29003

Mary Williamson



Charlaine Fuhrman
Laurel Woods
1062 Mills St W
Columbus NC, 28722

Mrs Wofford (Jaime's Grandmother)

Munch & Mingle

We continue to enjoy gathering after service for additional fellowship & a little nibble! Thanks so much to everyone who makes this possible -and if you haven't chosen a first or third Sunday to bring a little something for all to enjoy, we have open spots! As mentioned before, you don't have to don a chef's hat to prepare - just grab a shopping cart and head to the store for something ready made to share! Let' keep this gathering going every first and third Sunday by filling the signup chart which hangs in Fellowship Hall! Three people on a given day, makes setup, serving, and cleanup a breeze! Thanks to you all again for helping us bring back this popular event!!

Cheryl

Silver Spirits

What are Silver Spirits? Silver may be defined as a shiny gray-white color but all who attend our get-togethers are not gray or white – just full of spirit adults gathering to share fellowship and food. Please join us no matter what your age or hair color!!

Last month's Auction was entertaining. Play money and bid number cards were provided and the winning bidders received fun things for home and garden.

Our next grouping will Wednesday July 12th at noon when we plan to have a pleasant summer picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken will be supplied, and everyone is asked to provide a "picnic side or dessert". Hope you will join us!

Trudy

Altar Guild

As the Easter season officially closes on the Christian calendar, it is very evident that those in our church family maintain that "Easter feeling" in our hearts every day! This can be seen by the examples we set and share within our church and our community. From attending your chose of bible studies to volunteering wherever needed, we see the members of our "family" constantly on the move being God's hands and feet.

Please join us on Father's Day, June 18th, as we celebrate the special Dads and Dad figures in our lives!

There are open dates on the Flower Chart in the Narthex for anyone desiring to place altar flowers. Debby or I will be happy to help you or arrange a bouquet for you for a \$25 fee. The gardens abound with beautiful blossoms right now, and we would be happy to arrange those for you!

Blessings, Debby & Cheryl

MUSIC NOTES

“A Salvation Army Lassie”

Wendy Donovan

My hometown of Southport, Connecticut, did not have a shopping area. At Christmas time my mom and I would go to Bridgeport to shop and there we would see the Salvation Army bell ringers ringing their bells beside the donation kettle and wishing everyone a “Merry Christmas”. One year we went to New York City to attend a Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall and there on the sidewalk were the Lads and Lassies of the Salvation Army ringing and greeting. I noticed the joy they shared with the public. My mom told me, “You should join the Salvation Army and become a “Lassie”.

Some years thereafter, my husband, Dan, and I moved to Vermont. Not long after that move, Dan became disabled, and we received state aid. I was given \$24.00 a month to stay home and care for him. Needless to say, monies were tight. I learned about the Salvation Army’s program for seniors and those with disabilities. Midday meals were provided as well as donated baked goods, worship events and different activities. It is with this unit that my Salvation Army bell ringing began.

There was a small indoor mall nearby and armed with my old pump organ, music and the “kettle” and “bell”, I set up shop. I sang, played, and rang the bell during December 1986. It was such a joy to see the smiles on the faces of people as they enjoyed listening or singing along to the familiar Christmas carols and as they fed the kettle.

Following the recent death of my dear Dan, I found myself with extra time and explored the Salvation Army again after seeing an ad in a local paper asking for bell ringers. I was assigned to be a bell ringer at our local Ingles during December. On my first morning, I bundled up; layered up to my neck and set up at the Landrum Ingles. Due to the weather conditions, I was only able to be a Salvation Army Lassie bell ringer twice.

Even though many years had passed since my first ringing experience, I found that the joy, smiles, caring and sharing from people was very much the same as it was in the 80’s in Connecticut. I wasn’t able to play or sing as it was entirely too cold, yet I found a bonding of memories in the wonder of the season.

Wouldn’t it be a blessing if the Christmas Spirit was carried on throughout our nation daily? A smile; a kind word, loving greetings; sharing, acts of caring – any of these might ignite a light in the day of someone else. While standing in the cold ringing the bell, people gifted me with cups of coffee and tea and shared their memories of times past when they first heard the bell ring.

“.....I still believe that people are really good at heart....” (Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl). I keep her words close to my heart and have found them to be true even though there are times I have to look a bit deeper. I hope to again take up my station at Ingles this December. Come join me! I will be enjoying my memories and hope you will stop and share yours with me.

Submitted by Wendy Donovan

P.S. My mother would be so pleased of her Salvation Army Lassie!



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 sympathy to:

To Jeanne, George, and Jacob Ashmore with the recent death of her last maternal aunt, Evelyn Ayer on May 14, 2023, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Our prayers for:

Farrell Atkins
Kelly and Karl Lagerlof as they expect their first baby
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
Wanda Starling
John Himmel
Larry Long
Allison Corley
Gary, Brother in Law and Julie Davis, Sister in Law of
Carmen Krebs

Gloria Wells
Sue, Cousin of Gloria Wells
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
Ed Kern, Charlotte Stow's brother
Keren Clay (14 yo) granddaughter of John and
Mary Kylin
Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece
of Mary and Wayne Hager)