



Landrum United Methodist Church

March 2024

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Dear Friends at Landrum UMC,

Officially in June 2024 at the SC Annual Conference, I will begin a new journey as I have requested to retire after serving congregations for the past ten years with the last three years being here at Landrum UMC. While I had hope to serve (if appointed) here another year, LUMC, has chosen a different path. And, so have I.

My time here has been made special by so many of you. I love that now while serving each of you communion, I can call your name. And I have been blessed as you have called me by name as your pastor over the last three years. You are a congregation filled with love for God and love for the community. My daily prayer is that as you leave the UMC denomination and become a “new” church, Landrum Methodist, you will continue to love God and to love and serve all in your community as you follow Jesus’ example of welcoming the stranger, the outcast.

Officially, I will be your pastor through June 30, 2024, and over the next few months I will be making plans for retirement to Aiken, SC, unless God leads me elsewhere. I want to thank you for receiving me as your pastor in July of 2021. I am thankful to have been appointed to this congregation especially as I journeyed through my cancer diagnosis that began in August of 2022. It may seem odd to give thanks for cancer, but I saw many times where this journey of mine gave me opportunities to share my faith with others. And it gave many of you an opportunity to tell me of your own health journeys and more than you will know these gave me a sense of hope and gave me courage because I had seen both hope and courage and strength in each of you and your families. I pray for you as God is leading you on your next journey as individuals, families, and as a church.

As you look for direction for this church and I look to God for his direction in my life, this season of Lent gives us all a chance to slow our pace and focus on Jesus. Each week Jesus draws closer to Jerusalem and the cross. I am glad that on Easter morning we will be filled with hope. Hope in his resurrection and all that means for us. That through his death on the cross, he took our sins and died for us so that we might have life eternal. Hope is my word for 2024 and there is great hope because the tomb is empty. We will shout together, He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Please mark your calendars for Holy Week Services (all in our sanctuary):

Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 10am – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28, at 7pm – Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

Friday, March 29, at 7pm – Foothills Cluster Good Friday Service will be hosted by Landrum UMC with special music provided by the Landrum Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 31, at 10am – Easter Sunday

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and of your journeys that have included the sadness of deaths and loss as well as joys of marriages and babies and so much in between. I look forward to the next few months of our journey together.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy



Music Notes



Thank you to James Wofford and everyone who helped and participated in the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. Contributions received from the benefit of the church Music Program totaled \$570.00! Thank you for your generosity!

Joy, Chancel Choir, The Belles of Landrum, and The Children's Choirs



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Photos: Pete Block



Silver Spirits

A huge “thank you” to all who took time to join us for the appetizer luncheon on 2/21! Great food and fun time fellowship was had by all as we shared funny life stories and even a few jokes! A date for our April gathering hasn't been set as of yet but stay tuned so you can mark your calendars! We hope all of our “spirits” stay well and enjoy the warmer spring weather!

Blessings, Trudy & Cheryl



Altar Guild

The season of Lent brings many visual changes within the sanctuary as we progress toward Holy Week. Some changes may be subtle and others more visible. As you sit in His house each Sunday, empty your hearts and minds, and let this beauty fill you with His spirit. From Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday and ending with Good Friday, we have a difficult and emotional journey before us! But, HALLELUJAH, Easter Sunday will arrive, and His spirit will consume us! What a jubilant day that will be! Please join us on this path!!

Please glance at the flower chart in the Narthex as you enter, as we have some open dates for altar flowers. We thank you for helping beautify the altar each Sunday! Debby & I are available and happy to assist with your flower selection!

In Christ, Debby & Cheryl

Munch and Mingle

Thank you to all those who allow this mission to continue by helping on the first and third Sundays of the month! Remember to check the signup chart located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall if you are interested in joining the fun! Please reach out to me or catch me on Sunday if I can answer any questions! As stated before, no experience is necessary for this job.....all can apply.....grocery stores have a plethora of goodies from which to choose!! Thanks for helping!
Cheryl

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2024

Cash per Quicken:	\$12,469.30
Cash per Money Market:	121,952.46
Total Cash	134,421.76
Less Designated funds:	(128,490.54)
General Fund Cash:	\$ 5,931.22



We have a need for a couple of new recorders (money counters) to act as occasional substitutes. This takes 20-30 minutes immediately following the church service. Interested persons please contact Pete Block for more information.

March Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Madge Holley
- 2 Rosemary Odom
Karen Lambert
- 4 Debbie Fore
- 7 Darrell Bustle
- 14 Eric Clark
Sarah Morgan
- 17 Michelle Fagan
Debby Croft
- 25 Steve Quinn
- 29 Chris Gunter

ANNIVERSARIES NONE



The Good Shepherd

Trudy Van Voorhis

As a child I remember a picture of Jesus, his right hand holding a shepherd's staff and his left arm cradled a lamb with a bandaged leg. Behind him a flock of sheep follow along the lush green banks of a flowing stream. The serenity and calm of that painting shaped my understanding of Jesus being my shepherd and has stayed with me for years. I read a devotion and learned a lot about shepherds - how they were always vigilant, scanning the landscape for carnivores and strays. They went to great lengths and took great risks to find lost sheep.

At night, shepherds brought their flocks to a watering hole where herds mixed together to the point that the shepherds couldn't tell one sheep from another. So how did they sort the flocks? Sheep were fond of their shepherd and the security of his presence. All he had to do was call them. They knew his voice and responded to it. They followed that voice and that voice only. Jesus said, "He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. They will not follow a stranger."

There were small enclosures that held single flocks. The borders of stacked stones barely four feet high had one way in and out but with no gate. At night, the shepherd laid across the opening. Sheep wouldn't step over him nor would thieves. They had to jump the wall to steal sheep. The shepherd was the gate that provided protection and passage. "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep," Jesus said. "Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture."

What a wonderful place to be -- inside the gate. Yet this gate has no lock. We're not allowed to lock ourselves in. We can't rest all safe and cozy and disregard what happens outside. The gate can't be locked to keep out the people who aren't like us. Jesus is the one who determines who gets in and who comes out. We are sheep. We heed the shepherd's voice and follow His leads. Jesus doesn't lock us up to keep us from the world. Once we go through the gate to delight in green pastures, we always will belong to Him, we are still able to venture outside the gate. When we leave and go out into the world - we are vulnerable to sheep stealers and slick voices who will try to fleece us. We rely on our shepherd.

In John 10:16 Jesus said, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice." There will be one flock, one shepherd. Jesus, the good shepherd, being the gate between abundant life and abundant despair. Leading us to green pastures and still waters.



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 Ted Andrus and family in the death of his niece, Aimee Johnson.

Susan Tompkins, with Operation Hope
Wells Jackson, son of Rachel and Nathan. Joy Gardner
Jeanne Godwin
Gloria Wells
Chris Krebs
Nancy Bruce
Bill Every
Regan Gumbert, friend of Cole Krebs
Jay Boatwright
Eda, Dau in Law of Phil and Harriet Goodrich
Paul Forster
Lois Foster
Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson
Gloria Wade
Fred and Gladys Harris
Veronica and Hal Howard
Mike McCallister
Baby Liam Christopher Tapp
Keith Haynes
Lizzy (Friend of Joyce Himmel)
Keren Clay (granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin)
Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)
Gary, Brother in Law and Julie Davis, Sister in Law of Carmen Krebs
Eugene Starling, father of Sarah Morgan and Matthew Starling

Samuel and his parents, Kelly and Karl Lagerlof
Brenda and Robert Black
Bonnie Inman
Kevin and Patricia Dalton (former pastor and his wife)
Linda and Tom Perkin
Charlie Croft
David, Steve Quinn's brother in Florida
Don and Nancy Surface
Josh Owens
Fran Page
Jim, Rita Plumley's husband
John Himmel
Larry Long
Allison Corley
Jan, Sister of Wanda Manson
Tim Faulkner, friend of Bill Robinson
Charlotte Stow

Please pray for one another and your leaders as the church moves forward with separation from the UMC and makes plans to become Landrum Methodist Church effective July 1, 2024.

New member Welcome!

The congregation received new member
Charlie McGee into LUMC.



Administrative Council Meeting Sunday, February 11, 2024

Members Present: George Ashmore, Rita Plumley, Pete Block, Martha Castro, Ted Andrus, Glenn Downey, Nancy Reid, Cheryl and Al Barto, Cheryl Every, Wanda Manson, Jaime Wofford, and Bonnie Inman.

Guests: Jacob Boatwright, Bill Robinson

Glenn welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ted Andrus moved to approve the Jan. 14 meeting minutes and Jaime Wofford seconded and the motion passed. George Ashmore moved to approve the Jan. 28 meeting minutes and Cheryl Every seconded and the motion passed. Glenn then turned the meeting over to George Ashmore for an update on the transition.

The first thing discussed was the funding plan. The District Superintendent said we could not use the property as collateral for a bank loan, so we are moving to Plan B which has two options. Bill Robinson shared the options with the committee. After explanation and discussion, George Ashmore moved we proceed with option 2 of the proposal and Bonnie Inman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority of yays, with 4 abstentions.

George updated the Council with the other items on the checklist. After having two opportunities to listen to members/representatives of the Global Methodist Church in the next month, there will be a church vote by professing members of LUMC on March 10, 2024. Administrative Council members will be in charge of the vote, and it will be conducted much like the previous vote.

Glenn resumed the meeting and members of the different committees updated the Council (most had no reports.) Pastor Nancy praised the committee on their job of sharing information with the congregation.

Glenn closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Castro

Homebound and Shut-ins



June Rhymer
810 Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29656

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave
Landrum SC 29356

Edith Masson
4308 Faust St
Bamberg SC 29003

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore SC 29369

Madge Holley
805 E. Brookwood St
Landrum SC 29356

Mike McAllister
(Peggy's Husband)
White Oak

Mrs. Wofford
(Jaime's Grandmother)

Mary Williamson

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



Views from the Pews

Photos: Paul Forster