



Landrum United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

November 2021

Dear LUMC Family and Friends,

November is a month of remembering, giving thanks, and new beginnings! It begins as we celebrate All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday of the month, November 7, 2021. All Saints Day was a day that our founder, John Wesley, “truly loved”. This is a Sunday when we give thanks for and remember those men and women who have gone before us in faith. We would err if we only thought the church was those of us who are living believers because without the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrew 12) who surround and still encourage us, would we be able to go forward?

We will remember the Saints of Landrum UMC and others we hold in our hearts who have guided our faith journey! Take time to add bells and the names of loved ones to the All-Saints Banner located in the narthex. This banner will be part of our service on November 7th.

John’s brother, Charles Wesley, has given us so many of the meaningful hymns we continue to sing and “Come, let us join our friends above” in our hymnal page 709 reminds us of the church through the ages. “Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.”

On November 14th, we honor those who have served our country with a special display. Bring your favorite photo of your veteran(s) to church by November 7th.

On Thanksgiving Eve, we will gather for a special service to give thanks to God for the bounty that is ours. We will celebrate the ways in which we remain faithful during a time of challenge with COVID still hovering and unrest within our communities and our country and our world. Invite your neighbors and family to come and gather as we give thanks to our Lord for all that we have.

And new beginnings, with November 28, 2021, marking the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our church calendar. As followers of Jesus, let this be a time of renewal as we again claim a childlike faith and wonder as we anticipate and celebrate Jesus’ first coming! May our Advent journey each week draw us closer to God and closer to being the persons we are called to be.

My prayer for you: Lord God, help us to remember the Saints of our lives and our church family. We give thanks for those who have gone before us who showed us how to love as God loves us. We pray for families who will gather in the weeks ahead that they may realize that love is so much greater than any division or hurt. That Love truly covers all!

Fill us with the hope, love and joy that is ours through the birth of Jesus. We too prepare our hearts for his coming so that we may share God’s love that is ours in Jesus Christ with all we meet!

Amen and Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

October 10, 2021

Members Present: Glenn Downey, Wayne Hager, Pete Block, Rita Plumley, Jaime Wofford, Bonnie Inman, Martha Castro, Wanda Manson, Cheryl Barto, Nancy Reed, Jody McPherson, Joy Gardner

Minutes Approved.

Worship: Cheryl

Silver Spirit not meeting due to COVID. Cheryl does want at some point to begin something for seniors. Looking forward to Fall church calendar and working with Pastor Nancy.

Lay Leader: Wayne

An individual from Tryon approached Wayne regarding the use of the FLC for bridge games on Thursdays and Fridays. Jaime will call him.

Men's Ministry met last month and had a good turn-out. They coordinated the BBQ and Pumpkin Patch. All monies raised will go to Missions.

Officers need to be elected. Next meeting Sunday morning October 24.

Music: Joy

Successful open house for the new music department. Nice to have a place for choir and hand bells to practice. Thanks, and appreciation to Trustees.

SPRC: Pete

Meeting held two weeks ago. Reviewed music program and explored ideas for budget. More forms will be disbursed for charge conference. Need reports from work areas.

Sunday School: Bonnie

Children's Sunday school will begin on November 7. Rita Plumley will teach. There could be a welcome coffee for parents whose children are in the class. This could turn into a discussion group and perhaps a Sunday school class.

Finance: Rita

Pete will be taking over as Finance chair. Signers on church account need to reflect change. Current signers are: Rita Plumley, Glenn Downey, and Nancy Surface. Our insurance covers bonding of signers. Cheryl Every will be doing the recording of giving.

Trustees: Jaime

Thanks to Joy, Pete, and Bonnie for their help on the new music department.

There is now have Wi-fi back up. Upgrades to lighting upstairs has begun. Security cameras are being installed. We need to be diligent on locking doors. A steward program needs to be implemented whereby volunteers rotate to check the doors every night.

The cost to repair driveway and office parking lot is \$4700. This will be accomplished when the maintenance fund has built up. We need to anticipate repairs or replacement of aging furnaces this winter.

Administrative Council minutes continued...

Missions: Jody

The pumpkin patch has been quite successful so far. Bill Robinson and Jody are going to Asheville on Tuesday to get more pumpkins. The first trip yielded twelve pallets. This trip we hope to get four pallets.

Jacksons Grove is packing backpacks this month. We will resume in November. We continue to pack six backpacks for special needs students at Landrum high school.

Pastor's Report: Nancy

Following up on last month's presentation by Chris Lynch, District Congregational Specialist. Chris has sent a proposal for long range planning on visioning discipleship. He is available to lead us. The discussion on proposal will be tabled until next month.

Pastor would like to have a calendar planning session for worship either the end of this year or first part of 2022.

Thanks to Pete for his leadership on SPRC. Thanks for the Pastor Appreciation gift.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody McPherson, Secretary

Silver Spirits

We are continuing to assess when our senior adult gatherings can resume, keeping in the forefront, the safety of all those in this group. We miss each of you, and hope that we can reunite soon. Our thoughts and love are sent out to each of you.

Cheryl



Altar Guild

We hope that each of you is as excited as we are about the upcoming seasons in our church. In addition to Pastor Nancy's messages each Sunday, Debby and I strive provide an altar that adds a visual meaning for the congregation. We, as a church family, have been blessed to have so many beautiful floral displays, and we thank each of you who have participated. The floral chart for the new year, will be available shortly In the Narthex.

Church calendar

November 7, 2021	All Saints Sunday	Mark 12: 38-44
November 14, 2021		Mark 13: 1-8
November 21, 2021		John 18: 33-37
November 24, 2021	Thanksgiving Service	
November 28, 2021	Hanging of the Greens – First Sunday of Advent	

Covid 19 Vaccine Clinics November 16 and December 7, from 11to 4pm in the Family Life Center.



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.

Twin grandsons of the Goodrich's, Charles Edgar and George Rosefin born October 21, 2021

Charlie Croft

Don Surface

Maxine Finch

Dan McFerrin

Lisa Spriggs

Dan and Wendy Donovan

John Himmel

Mrs. Wofford, Jaime's grandmother

Levi McCleef

Jimmy Ashmore

Michael Smith

Jody's friend, Rebecca and her Mother, Margaret - medical issues

June Rhymer
810 E Rutherford St
Landrum, SC 29356

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Sunny Brock Assisted Living
306 Spring St
Hendersonville, NC 28739

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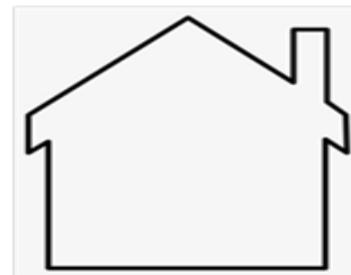
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Bamberg, SC 29003

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Shut ins

MUSIC NOTES

The following article (with photos) has been sent to the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate for consideration for publication in an upcoming issue. Thought I'd share it, in advance, with you –

FRESH PAINT AND POSITIVE CHANGES #2

By Joy Gardner, Director of Music, LUMC

LANDRUM, SC - Early October 2020, two friends (Pete B. and Bonnie I.) and I, who happened to be fellow choir and church members, were sitting on the front porch of the church office, socially distanced 6 feet away, while working our sign-up time for the annual Pumpkin Patch. Of course, our main topic of conversation was COVID-19. I conveyed to them how “unfinished” I felt as a musician “playing” the piano or organ during our worship services but without any singing. I missed hearing the singing voices, not just Chancel Choir, but I missed the congregational singing too. I commented I was sure the congregation was, or soon would be, tired of hearing me play instrumental music only. I was venting my frustrations about the COVID-19 restrictions. Like many others, I understood the need, but felt the restrictions had adversely affected our worship services! During the conversation I said, “I wish we could find a church that would be willing to let us borrow their hand bells”. I felt if we could borrow bells, having members willing to learn how to ring the bells would be an excellent, different addition to the music portion of our worship services. When I quieted long enough to give someone else the opportunity to speak, Bonnie mentioned she knew of a possibility. Bonnie has been an active worker at Salkehatchie for years. Over those years of service, she has made many acquaintances both around and outside of our local area. Bonnie stated she would reach out to one of those acquaintances, Rev. Ed Stallworth, who at that time was serving as pastor at nearby Inman United Methodist Church. I knew we would not receive an immediate answer, but eagerly, I asked Bonnie often in the days thereafter if she had heard from Pastor Ed! Finally, her call came! The Trustees at Inman UMC had agreed to share their bells! It didn't take long for us to meet Pastor Ed and pick up the hand bells! Such excitement for a new adventure for LUMC and lots of appreciation to Pastor Ed and Inman UMC!

I assembled a group of ladies, some who could read music, and some who could not read music at all. The ladies who initially had little to no musical background, who didn't know what a quarter note, half note, whole note, looked like or even meant, have developed an ability to read music and are now amazing hand bell ringers. What a good time we have at our rehearsals. We work hard, and we laugh - a lot!

Just a few months later, our Trustees approved the purchase of our own three-octave set of hand bells. We then returned the bells to Inman United Methodist Church along with a monetary contribution to their Food Pantry as a token of thanks for their gracious generosity.

Pumpkin Patch, October 2021. A year later and we are back at the Pumpkin Patch. Much has changed in a year. Landrum UMC has still not returned to its pre-Covid-19 attendance numbers; we are still cautious about many things we previously didn't give a lot of thought to; and yet, in this past year we have experienced significant, positive changes in our music program. We are very blessed in that our music program is not struggling; we are flourishing!

Landrum UMC in its history has never had a dedicated space for a choir. The choir robes and music folders were long stored in a walled-in closet in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Other music essentials were kept in a secondary room, approximately 10'x10' that functioned dually as an office and most recently served as storage for hand bell cases and all the hand bell necessities. Choir rehearsals (including hand bells) took place in the fellowship hall unless another group was meeting there. On those occasions, choir rehearsals were held in the sanctuary, had to be rescheduled, or didn't take place at all. Sunday morning warm-up rehearsals were held in the Fellowship Hall, jointly with “Munch and Mingle” gatherings. The louder the choir sang, the louder people talked, disturbing the activities of both groups!

Music notes continued...

With the arrival of the hand bells, and the need for lots of extra space, the Trustees revisited an 11 year old “dream” – the development of an actual music department for the church! The music program received approval from the Trustees earlier this year for the use of one wing of the second story of the Landrum UMC Family Life Center. The space consists of four rooms, Chancel Choir Room; Hand Bell Choir Room; Children’s Music Room; and Choir Office. We even have a separate storage closet now! Landrum UMC’s first authentic Music Department!

It would have been nice if the transformation had been as easy as saying it! A LOT of time and hard work was spent cleaning up rooms unused for over 5 years. The first step was the installation of a chair lift to provide assistance for accessing the second floor. The clean-up and removal of old furnishings, teaching materials, and Sunday School supplies took a couple of weeks. Next, old carpeting was removed, with the hallway carpeting being extremely difficult to remove because of the prior overuse of glue! Of course, during the tedious removal of the carpeting, the air conditioning unit failed (in early July, no less!) and work had to be stopped until the unit could be replaced. Finally, by late July, the new flooring was installed. New paint was next and of course, some walls required several coats of paint. Closets were ordered, cubbies were framed, additional chairs were purchased, and furniture and music were moved in. Through the tireless efforts of many who gave so generously of their time and monies, Landrum UMC held its first Open House Celebration for a Music Department following the morning worship service on October 3, 2021!

I hope that by sharing this story others, who might feel their music program or any other of their church programs may be struggling, will find some inspiration from our story, especially after the obstacles presented to us this past year. In an earlier article printed in the Advocate in September 2021 St. John UMC in Greenville shared how fresh paint and positive changes can create a whole new environment! We have found this is certainly true for our Music Department and hope that other churches will also! God has blessed all of us and continues to bless us in ways we have yet to realize! Praise be to God!

Happy Thanksgiving! Joy





November celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Matthew Pace
- 4 Pete Block
- 6 Glenn Downey
- 11 Pete Blom
- 19 Pastor Nancy Reed
- 20 Christopher Downey
- 22 Chris Krebs
- 23 Danny Morgan
Michael Clark Sr.
- 25 Brian Carey

ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Larry & Michelle Fagan
- 25 Wayne & Mary Hager
- 28 Jay & Nancy Boatwright

Advent 2021



Sunday, November 28 ends Friday, December 24

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of the age.

I am grateful

Trudy Van Voorhis



"He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him...Then Jesus said to him "Get up and go your way- your faith has made you well." St. Luke

In the recent cool of the evening when the sun is setting this time of the year I often sit out on my front porch and my friend will join me out there. "This is my favorite time of day," he says. "Thanks for being here with me," I respond. And then we remember the day together, the giggles of children, the love of family and friends and the memories of another day of simply being alive. We too will remember the tough moments, the hard moments. I tell him how much I appreciate him being there with me, especially in those moments." And he smiles.

My friend shows just when I need him, and to be truthful, I often ask him to be with me. I know now I cannot make it without him. Lately he visits more often, whether or not I invite him, and I think, as you start to see the sunset of your life, you cling onto him more and more.

I made friends with my best friend when I was very young. Many times, my mother would tell me "Take out some paper and write some thank you notes." It was then I learned how important it was to make him my best friend.

My good friend's formal name is Gratitude. He is also known as Thanksgiving. His full name is "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," but many people simply call him "Thanks."

Make friends with "Thanks," for he will become one of your most important friends to have throughout your life. He allows you to see daily circumstances and view your life with a completely different understanding. This is a great time of year to spend more time with him.

Jesus tells the Samaritan who returns to say thank you to him, "you are healed." Maybe Jesus was telling him "You've learned that thanks can be a good friend and it he is who has saved you".

I pray this Thanksgiving be a day of gratitude, thanks, and celebration for you and that each day following may we appreciate all things and be thankful for what life brings to us. Amen.

Thank you

Dear Friends at LUMC,

Thank you for the special ways you remembered me last Sunday for Pastor Appreciation Day! We will enjoy eating out at some of Landrum's best places! And daily I will be reminded of your generosity as I use the new laptop bag.

Blessings to each of you as we continue to serve God together!

Pastor Nancy

When do you do Christmas?

Wendy Donovan



Over the past few months, I have been pondering that question for many reasons. Some stores have had their specials advertised under the heading “Christmas in July.” Oh really, I thought to myself. In some cases, Christmas carols are playing the in background of the advertisements.

In August and September, oh no, it can’t be Christmas items along with school supplies. Ho, ho, ho!

Then comes October, Hallmark channel begins their countdown to Christmas. Amongst the costumes of clowns, fairies, Superman, witches, costume parts and candy, candy, and more candy - what do we find peeking through all of this? Santa Clauses, tinsel, Christmas ornaments, everything to deck the halls for the December countdown.

November brings a time of harvest, gatherings, frost, leaves, signs reading “God Bless Our Home’, football games with coordinated paper plates, cups and napkins. Fall brings, for those who have them – warm coats and sweaters and a time to think of our blessings and share them. Shouldn’t we be doing that all year? Christmas is very much visible in the stores. Stuff – Christmas stuff surrounds us as we venture into December and at last Christmas.

Into the stores the parade of shoppers march to finish up their shopping. Some folks are polite, others are not. Think of the very tired store clerks. Folks look for the toy(s), demanded by you know who, as seen on public media. They search for just the right card, gift, even fruitcake. The air is ringing with Christmas Carols everywhere you shop – Fa la la!

The end of December brings a rush for bargains and runs into January. Thus, the Christmas season ends with no more ho, ho, ho items on the shelves and no more carols in the air.

A local columnist brought to mind that this year if folks are item oriented, many items are still on cargo ships floating at docks waiting to be unloaded. Oh, my goodness!

To my way of thinking putting all this aside, shouldn’t Christmas- the joy of the birth of Christ Jesus be a part of our everyday lives all year round as a “do Christmas thing?” The glitzy, glamor, clamor of public media and merchandize isn’t really what it is all about is it? We can look up at the stars anytime and think of that one bright light that brought the warmth of love in the face of a special babe. We can give that unconditional love all year round to family and friends and those we meet.

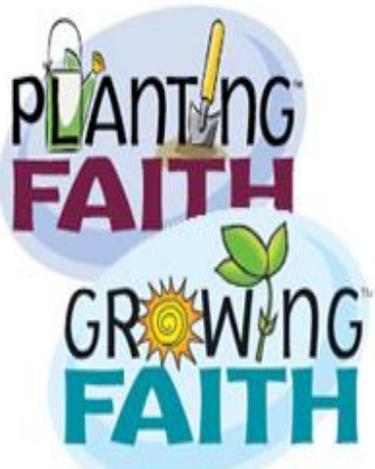
We don’t need Hallmark, Dollar General, or the media. We really don’t need to rush, rush, rush, to find something when it is with you in your heart. The saying goes – “share the love.”

When do you do Christmas? Once a year or always? I am not pondering anymore. I think I have made up my mind. Have you?



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Is Back!!



When: November 7th

What Time: Class begins at 9:00 am*

Where: Sunday School Room Next to Nursery in the Family Life Center

**All parents, and anyone interested, are invited to attend a short devotion in the Fellowship Hall while children are in Sunday School.*

Food Box Ministry

If you would like to participate in a food box ministry, please donate any of the following items.

Peanut Butter
Green Beans
Soup
Pinto Beans
Jiffy Corn Bread Mix
Grits
Instant Potatoes
Tuna – Treet- Spam

Jelly
Corn
Spaghetti Sauce
Pork 'n' Beans
Cereal
Mac 'n' Cheese
Stove Top Stuffing

Items can be left in the Fellowship Hall, the Family Life Center, or church office. Cash donations would be accepted as well. (Contact Nancy Surface with questions)

Thank you!