



Landrum United Methodist Church

November 2022

# The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

## Pastor's Message

Matthew 25: 35-40

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me... Then the righteous will answer him, saying, “Lord, when did we...?”

Since I arrived at Landrum UMC as your pastor, one thing that I have heard from the community is that there is one thing that the church is known for, and it is that “Landrum UMC is a church who cares for others!” I have seen this as you reach out touch not only each other but those within our community.

Right now, our church has no plans to fill the Office Assistant Position, but we want to fill that need and combine this with our We Care Ministry so we will be trying something new in the coming months.

We have several who already give their time weekly or as needs arise creating our newsletter, folding bulletins, refreshing the Children's bags, but there is room for a few more volunteers! Time commitment: 3-4 hours per week (our goal is to have someone at the office Monday to Thursday from 9 to 12noon).

What you might do: Answer phones, addressing cards for those who are sick, homebound, grieving, as well to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and other special life events! Reach out to newcomers! Rearrange donated Altar Flowers so they might be enjoyed a second time by someone who is sick or homebound. Copy Bulletins and assist with other projects as needed.

Want to help? Have a question or two? Have some ideas? Contact Pastor Nancy Reed at 864-457-3984.

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A few reminders about our November Calendar!

Holy Smoke BBQ will be providing sandwiches (and Hot Dogs) for the Dark Corner Car Show on Saturday, November 5th in downtown Landrum.

Sunday, November 6th, is All Saints Sunday and we will remember our members who joined the church triumphant this past year. Take time Sunday to place a bell on the banner in memory of loved ones and it will be part of our worship service.

New Member Sunday will be November 20th and if you would like to make Landrum UMC your church home, contact Pastor Nancy!

Your Visioning Team has been working on four areas: Worship, Radical Hospitality, Missions and Service and Community Engagement. They will be meeting November 20th from 4 to 6pm.

Advent 2022 begins November 27th with our Hanging of the Greens Service at 10am and the lighting of the Chrismon Tree.

Invite a friend or neighbor to worship or to Bible Study! Try your hand at Pickleball! Come and help with the Community Meal and Food Boxes (November 26)!

Blessings,  
Pastor Nancy

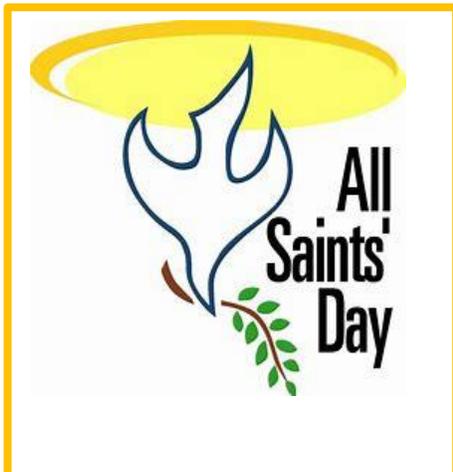
# Our missions have been incredibly blessed

Our church has several types of missions and we have been incredibly blessed with extremely generous donations specifically marked to fund those various missions. Our charitable works will be able to continue well into the future utilizing those funds. However, we are falling short in our General Fund, which pays our day-to-day bills such as salaries, utilities, landscaping, insurance, and repairs, which have increased with inflation. If we are unable to cover those expenses, we cannot provide the services for our charitable activities and donations.

The accounting of our contributions allows the church to use the General Fund for any purpose whatsoever. Contributions earmarked for specific missions can only be used for that purpose. Contributions marked for "Missions" can be used for any of our missions. As we fill out our weekly envelopes, let us please keep in mind that our church needs funds for operating expenses so that God can continue to use us to do His work.

Cheryl Every  
Financial Secretary

All Saints' Day is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. You may think of saints as statues in a church building. The Bible teaches something different. Who is a saint? You are - if you're a follower of Jesus! God calls a "saint" those who trust in Christ alone for salvation. So, anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation is a saint in God's sight.



LUMC All Saints Remembrance banner

# Need a Hallmark moment?

Wendy Donovan

It is that time of year when friends and families gather together in celebration. These gatherings can be loving or awkward when there is a breach between people. Lately, in discussions with various folks, many have shared with me their broken relationships. Two examples follow. “My son was nasty to me, and it hurt my feelings. I never want to hear from his again.” Another told me “My sister said some terrible words to me, and we have not spoken for years.” The list of hurt words results in hurt feelings and broken relationships goes on and on.

I have had the experience of the hurt brought on by unpleasant work relationships and it has been a long journey mending the fences and building a bridge between the other people involved and myself. For me the results have been strong, loving, bonds between us again.

My tools have been Hallmark and American Greeting cards, the Postal Service, prayers and the foundation of the Ten Commandments. Remember them?

An appropriate card mailed with a positive thought may be a good thing. It can't hurt and something good may come out of you reaching out to that person. Fifty cents, a stamp, and a prayer may be all it takes to bring that one special person back into your life and holiday celebration. Jesus said, “Forgive them”. Can we do any less?

## November Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

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





Ted Andrus and Jody McPherson recently offered inspiring messages to the congregation.



Glenn Downey leads the congregation in prayer for Pastor Nancy.

## **Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council**

September 11, 2022

Members Present: Jaime Wofford Rita Plumley, Martha Castro, Glenn Downey, Pete Block, Ted Andrus, Joy Gardner, Nancy Reed, Wanda Manson Carla Downey, Jody McPherson

**Finance Committee** Chairman Pete Block requested that committees that have budget needs give their figures to him. Would like to have budget set before charge conference.

In his absence, a written report was sent by Bill Every regarding office secretary position. Right now, volunteers are providing office support. The position would call for 15-20 hours per week at an annual salary of \$20,000. Finance will put \$20,000 in the SPRC budget request. Discussion was tabled until October meeting when Bill will return.

Apportionments are due end of the year. Question on when we will pay. Motion by Jody to pay apportionments now through the end of the year. Second Martha. Motion approved with three abstentions: Jaime Wofford, Ted Andrus and Glenn Downey (council chairman).

**Administrative Council** Glenn opened with devotion.

Minutes: Motion by Ted to approve August minutes. Second Pete. Minutes approved.

**College, Career and Epworth Ministry:** Carla

For our information, Epworth Children's Home is not supported by apportionments but is supported by donations from the congregation.

Carla supports our college students by sending cards (birthday, Valentine's Day, Easter etc.) Also "care packages" are sent for exam weeks. Supported by donations from the congregation.

**Scholarship:** Martha

Martha shared the essay on faith written by this year's recipient Eli Quinn. Eli will receive \$1000 scholarship.

**Treasurer: Rita**

Rita will transfer money from money market account to pay apportionments.

**Trustees:** Jaime

Trees will be trimmed in the fall. Bill Robinson's team continues to work on outside of the property.

Question on why the FLC doors locked during worship service. This prevents the use of the facility most importantly the nursery. It becomes difficult for a family needing the nursery during the service. Jaime responded that this is done for safety reasons. And to protect the valuables left in the music department. Discussion on designating an usher (with a key) to assist if someone needs to leave the sanctuary. Jaime will meet with the usher team.

**Missions:** Jody

While researching how to send money for Kentucky relief to UMCOR a request from New Beginnings UMC came in requesting assistance for their team heading to Kentucky. It was decided to support this mission. Pastor Nancy took a check for \$1000 to the church.

The pumpkin patch will open October 1. We will set a date to pick up pumpkins at the Asheville Farmers Market.

September 24 Jody will give a presentation on LUMC food programs at a district event held at Spartanburg Methodist College.

**Lay Leader/ Annual Conference:** Ted

Lay servant training starts today.

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## Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council continued

September 11, 2022

**SPRC:** Pete

See notes from Finance meeting regarding secretary position.

Joy and Nancy are working on a schedule for the times Nancy will be absent. She will not preach on the Sundays following chemo treatment. Lay speakers and “partners” (i.e. Operation Hope, Epworth speakers) will fill in.

**Music:** Joy

Working on Advent music with hand bells. Joy very proud of hand bells. Planning to take them “on the road” during Advent season. Trustees approved the purchase of hand bell tables, new choir robes and acolyte robes. Children’s choir will be singing on October 9.

**Member at large:** Wanda No report

**Pastor’s report:** Nancy

Thanks for support.

Visioning team has met five times.

Four areas of focus as they continue are:

Community engagement

Radical hospitality

Mission/service

Worship

Dates to continue meeting are to be determined.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jody McPherson, Secretary

### Prosperous Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin patch was a success again this year!

Thank you to Jody McPherson for her participation and direction, all who obtained, delivered, and set up the patch, everyone who manned the sales, anyone who purchased a pumpkin and spread the word that they were available. All of that helped to continue the Landrum Methodist Pumpkin patch tradition another year.



Where does a pumpkin preach? From the pulp-it.



Nancy McGarra  
41 Red Bird Road  
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

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

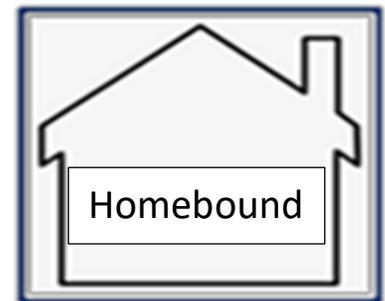
Madge Holley  
805 E. Brookwood  
Landrum, SC 29356

Mary Williamson

Mrs. Wofford (Jaime's grandmother)

June Rhymer  
810 E. Rutherford St  
Landrum, SC 29356

Joe Brown  
109 Edgewood Avenue  
Landrum SC 29356



*Our love and sympathy to:*  
Tom Swedenberg's family  
Ann Holt with the death of her husband Wayne Holt

*Our prayers for:*  
Rob Ward  
Glenn Downey  
Jeanne Godwin  
Wally Kern, Charlotte Stow's brother  
Sally Ashmore, daughter of Lily and Daniel,  
granddaughter of George and Jean Ashmore  
Don and Nancy Surface  
Betty Little  
Nancy Bruce  
Farrell Atkins  
Ridge, son of Mary Hager's coworker  
Jason Rider  
Pastor Nancy Reed  
Hal Howard  
Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson  
Joyanne Gattie, Ted Andrus' cousin  
June Rhymer

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.

Phil, Stephanie Quinn's father  
Pete, Martha Castro's stepfather  
Jim Plumley, Rita's husband  
Vickie Killough  
Charlie Croft  
John Himmel  
Bonnie Inman  
Keren Clay, 14 yr old granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin  
Edward Downey, Glenn's brother  
Keith Hayes  
Everett and Eveleigh twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)  
Landrum Visioning Team

# Thanksgiving and Praise



Later this month we are to celebrate and be thankful for all that we have. We must be grateful for our plateful and “gobble till we wobble.”

There is a difference between praise and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is expressing gratitude for the things God has given us. Praise is the acknowledgement of an absolute God that is all loving, powerful and ever-present. For praise, we do not have to have in mind a specific thing that God has done for us, or something He has given us. It is simply to stand in the glow of His presence.

In the 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 up just when I need him. I often ask him to be with me, knowing I cannot make it without him. Lately he visits more often, 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 Thankfulness. His full name is "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," but many people simply call him "Thanks."

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 have a friend who is dying. It is emotionally wrenching to be with someone at the moment of death. Yet when it is a person of faith there is no dread. Surrounded by family and faith-filled friends who remain devoted to the dying till they cross the threshold and are greeted by the communion of saints can be an occasion for thanksgiving. There is deep sadness in his room, but no despair. Heaven is anticipated.

“I go to prepare a place for you," Jesus said. We are to expect a time when we are one with God in Jesus. There will come a moment when God wipes our tears, calms our fears, heals our hurts, and satisfies the longings and aspirations left incomplete in this life. What we have believed on earth in faith will be embraced in heaven as fact.

So as my friend’s journey leads him to Heaven, I have both praise and thanksgiving in my heart. Thanksgiving that God has given him to us for a time and praise that He is there waiting to take him. Be thankful.

Make friends with "Thanks," for he will become one of your most important friends to have throughout your life. Being thankful 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.

Trudy Van Voorhis