



Landrum United Methodist Church

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

October 2023



Pastor's Message

We begin October as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 1, 2023. What better way to show our gratitude than to recognize that we along with people around the world give thanks to God for his son Jesus, not just on the first Sunday of October, but every day. We are not on this journey alone. God is with us!

We will take a look at Moses and the people who were not so grateful in Exodus 17:1-7 in our worship time on October 1 and how their nostalgia was “stealing” their gratitude for what God was doing for them in the present moment there in the wilderness.

This month we will focus on Gratitude and the “Thieves” that can and do steal our gratitude.

October 1, 2023 Exodus 17:1-7 Gratitude Thieves Series

October 8, 2023 Matthew 21:33-46 and Philippians 4:1-9 How does worry steal your gratitude?

October 15, 2023 Laity Sunday with Ted Andrus, our Certified Lay Speaker
Romans 12:1-16 Humble Service in the Body of Christ

Celebration of the 20th Year of the Community Meal Ministry
Luncheon for all following church

October 22, 2023 Matthew 22: 1-22 How does greed steal your gratitude?

October 29, 2023 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Be part of something greater!
Don't let disappointment steal your gratitude!

What a blessing to have new members join our church family last month. When they joined the church, they were asked “Will you support this church with your time, talents, gifts, service, and witness?”

Let October be the month you take a look at your response to this question. How are you and can you support this church with your time and talents? How are you supporting it with your gifts, your tithes and offerings? How are you supporting it with your service and your witness?

I would add another way you may show your gratitude is in your prayer life. Do you remember your church in your prayers? And do your prayers not only include petitions but praises and words of gratitude?

Now is a time to take stock of how you have responded to these questions, and I hope these October messages lead you to a life of gratitude.

Let us be a grateful people who loves God and loves others!

Blessings, Pastor Nancy

October 1, 2023, LUMC Charge Conference for 2023 in Sanctuary at 11:45am with Rev. Cathy Mitchell, our Spartanburg District Superintendent.



Music Notes



Over the past several months, we have had an ongoing project taking place in the Children’s Music Room (upstairs FLC). After many weeks of work, we have almost finished the project. Our last task is to identify the handprints with the children’s signatures.

Many thanks to Ted Andrus for his work in applying SEVERAL coats of paint to the wall to prepare it for our project and for drawing the diagram of the Treble Clef for us to follow!

This “treble clef” will be a lasting memory for many years for the children who have been in Children’s Choir this past year!

I’m sure the children will be happy to show you the artwork in person. Ask them to give you a tour!

Joy

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306 Spring Street
Hendersonville NC 28739

Mike McAllister
Peggy’s husband
White Oak

Edit Masson
4308 Faust Street
Bamberg, SC 29003

Mrs Wofford (Jaime’s
Grandmother)

Mary Williamson

Homebound and
Shut-ins

October Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Joyce Himmel
- 03 Michael Clark
Rusty Van Voorhis
- 04 Bill Robinson
- 14 Harvey Spiegel
- 16 Matthew Starling
- 17 Bonnie Inman
- 18 Rebecca Castro
James Wofford
- 19 Don Surface
- 24 Raley Castro
- 27 Phil Goodrich
- 28 Caleb Morgan
- 31 Savanna Fore

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Danny & Sarah Morgan

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

September 10, 2023

Members Present: Jaime Wofford, Trudy Van Voorhis, Ted Andrus, Martha Castro

Glenn Downey, Wayne Hager, Carla Downey, Pete Block, George Ashmore, Wanda Manson, Joy Gardner Nancy Reed, Jody McPherson

Minutes: Motion to approve August minutes by Ted. Second Wayne. Approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Pete

Recommendation to the Finance Committee from SPRC that there be no budgeted salary increases in 2024 due to the monetary condition of the church general fund. Finance committee voted unanimously to accept recommendation from SPRC. Administrative council must approve.

Pete motion to approve recommendation from Finance committee that there be no budgeted salary increases in the 2024 budget due to the monetary condition of the church general fund. Martha second. Approved.

An increase can be given later in the year if funds become available. Bonuses can be given at any time.

Men's Ministry: Wayne

Waiting for cooler weather to install elevator lift for an individual.

Missions: Jody

We have recently sent \$500 to New Beginnings UMC to assist with their disaster relief ministry. The team is going to Georgia to aid in recovery after storms.

Community meal August: We provided 400 meals (take-out and delivery) and distributed 94 food boxes and toiletry bags.

We will resume backpacks in October.

Pumpkins: Jody has been in contact with Philip Hyder (Landrum farmer) regarding purchasing pumpkins from him. We may also have to go to Asheville. Pumpkin sales will begin on Oct 2,

Member at large: George

Exploratory Committee on Discernment of Church Separation will hold first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 pm. They will begin to educate themselves and then the congregation through informal "town hall" style meetings.

Silver Spirits: Trudy

Luncheon will take place this Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Attendees are asked to bring a dish made from a childhood recipe and a meaningful childhood item to share a story.

Lay conference leader: Ted

CPR-first aid, AED classes will be held on Friday Sept. 22 and Tuesday Sept. 26. At 6pm. So far 11 people have signed up. Class size is six.

Youth: Martha

Beginning in October, Martha will teach a middle/high school Sunday school class.

Church Administrative Council minutes continued

Music: Joy

Working on skits for children's program. Handbells will be playing close to Thanksgiving.

Chancel choir sang a new anthem today.

Trustees: Jaime

Working through internet issues that took place during storms.

The nursery is being refreshed and updated.

Soon will be launching the playground committee.

Real estate appraiser will be coming in next few weeks.

We will have two sessions in October to go over procedures for greeters and ushers.

College students/Epworth: Carla

Today's offering included a special offering for Epworth Children's Home.

Still looking for updated addresses for some college students. Will be sending out cards.

Working on collecting items for five gift baskets for foster families. Missions will help with funds.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Nancy

Thanks to Martha for stepping up to teach middle/high school class.

Five people have volunteered to be nursery workers. Ten are needed.

Charge conference forms are due.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody McPherson, Secretary



Pumpkin Time

LUMC is known for their annual pumpkin sale they have held for many years in the Fall.

If you have not done so already, be sure to sign up for a time or two to assist in sales. It is a simple assignment as we accept donations for the pumpkins rather than price them. The proceeds go towards our local Mission projects.

Altar Guild

A huge THANK YOU to all who have graciously filled the flower chart that resides in the Narthex! Debby and I really appreciate your support! Though the garden flowers may be dwindling, we have seen a few amazing bouquets using wildflowers! As always, we would be happy to assist anyone desiring an altar floral bouquet for a fee of \$25 or will arrange flowers you provide at no cost! We hear weekly, how the addition of your chosen floral displays, are enjoyed by those in the sanctuary!

Debby & Cheryl

Munch & Mingle

What did we do on the first & third Sundays after service before we resumed this mission?!! I think everyone agrees how much they look forward to the relaxed conversation and enjoying the variety of goodies provided, which is evidenced by the many comments we receive!! Thank you to all who participate in this twice-monthly mission! Nancy & Don Surface have a special luncheon on October 15 after service in the Family Life Center, which we hope all will attend!

Cheryl

Silver Spirits

Please mark your calendars for a Friendsgiving luncheon on 11/08 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. This meal is paid for from the money received in our donation basket visible at each of our gatherings - thank you! That means - come & enjoy fellowship and laughter, and not worry about a dish to share! If you'd like to bring a dessert to share with all, that would be welcomed but not necessary (a couple of people have asked if they could bring something so that is what I suggested)! We do ask that you please bring a donation of peanut butter and/or canned chicken to help restock our food pantry shelves!

Trudy & Cheryl

Silver Spirits reminiscing at Lunch with comfort foods and memories.



Photos: Pete Block

Jesus invites you to eat with Him

Many stories of Jesus relate to food and feasting. Jesus wasn't picky about who he ate with, be they Pharisees, tax collectors, saints, or prostitutes.



Jesus said that one day there would be a great banquet where all kinds of people, especially the world's outsiders, would be seated at a great, bountiful table extending as far as the eye could see. In his most beloved parable, he talked about a restored relationship between a father and son that was celebrated with a great feast and the sounds of laughter and dancing. In his last living chance to speak with the disciples about life, he asked that they eat together.

I often sense that we are closer to the spirit of communion during fellowship and potluck time than we are during worship. Perhaps that is why Munch and Mingle and our lunches are enjoyed. Cookies and coffee or potato casserole and chicken are the body and blood. We hug. We talk. We listen. At times we realize there is no basis for us to love each other, let alone be together, if not for the Bread of Life on which we feed. Whether we've had seconds or not, there is a sense that when we gather, somehow, in ways we can't always understand, we are filled.

Can you recall meals you have eaten which turned into communion? Whether eaten in an elegant restaurant with linen napkins, at a party, a family reunion, in the church fellowship hall, your dining room, or around a campfire, can you recall a time you realized that something deeper was going on?

On a recent breezy day a friend and I picked a bench where we met for lunch - just sandwiches and cold drinks. Shaded by a few slim trees that swayed above, life around us melted away. We talked and we were silent, absorbing the blue skies, the whisper of the wind and the freshness. I thought. "Thank you, God- for creation, for life, for food, for hands that planted it, harvested it, prepared it, and for those with whom I share it, thank you!" There was no bread or wine. We had corned beef and Pepsis. It was still communion because like the sacrament, it reminded me that nothing is significance apart from a relationship with Jesus.

We can use bread and wine and people in ways that only appease ourselves and find we are not satisfied. We hunger for more. So, Jesus invites us to His bountiful table, and we are privileged to go.

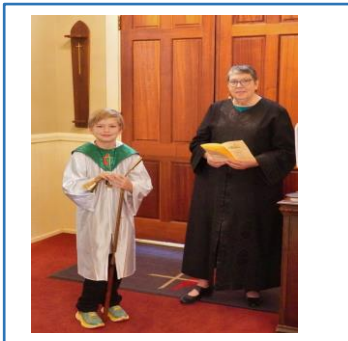
There - a piece of bread and taste of juice isn't much, but it is good and filling.

Trudy's Tidings

Recognizing 20 years of the Community Meal Mission

You are invited to a catered luncheon after the church service October 15th celebrating the people and effort the church has put forth in serving the community meal monthly for 20 years.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to by October 8th to either the church office or to Nancy Surface at [864-680-3168](tel:864-680-3168).



Alice Sam baptism

New Members:
Joyce Himmel, Alice Sam, Gloria Wells, Peggy McAllister



Shower for
Karl & Kelly
Lagerlof in
anticipation
of baby boy



Photos: Paul Forster



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:

Wayne and Mary Hager in the recent death of a close friend, Gary, and the death of Teresa Patricka, Wayne's cousin. Prayers for Teresa's husband, Tim, in his loss.

Our prayers for:

Tim Faulkner, friend of Bill Robinson
Lynn, Mary Hager's sister
Charlotte Stow
Josh and Kat Gardner (son and dau in law of Tommy and Joy Gardner) who are expecting twins
Kelly and Karl Lagerlof as they expect their first baby!
Hal Howard
Bonnie Inman
Donna Jennings, Dr. Wanda Starling's SIL
Kevin and Patricia Dalton (former pastor and his wife)
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
John Himmel
Larry Long
Allison Corley
Gary, Brother in Law and Julie Davis, Sister in Law of Carmen Krebs
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
Keren Clay (14 yo) granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin
Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)