



Landrum United Methodist Church

September 2021

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am looking forward to Fall in Landrum! It was wonderful to gather in person and share a meal together last month. You continue to love and welcome Addie and me in so many ways and we thank you!

You may recall the famous poem by Robert Frost, “The Road Not Taken” and how your high school English teacher challenged you to understand it. It is a little confusing because the title is “road not taken” and in the poem the speaker talks of selecting the “road that is less travelled”. Is it about the road taken or the one not taken? If you google it and read again for yourself, you will hear the speaker pondering how they could not take both roads. This month, the Sunday morning messages will be based in the New Testament Book of James. There is a warning about being double-minded and this reminds me that we cannot take both roads. We cannot put our faith in both the worldly things around us and in God at the same time. One must be first. Our faith in God is first for us as Christians.

The Book of James is filled with wise instruction, with dos and don'ts, you might say it is the Proverbs of the New Testament, a guidebook for life. Our faith is personal yet is corporate. We need each other in this journey. We need to remember that it all begins with God's love for us and our response to love God and to love others as God loves them.

Our faith is lived out in our relationships, first with God and then with those around us, even the ones we have not yet met. The challenge for us this month is whether what we believe is lived out in our actions? Do they match up? Do we practice what we preach?

I am not sure what Robert Frost wanted his readers to consider, the road not taken or the one taken that was less travelled, but what I hear in this poem is that there is a choice to make. Perhaps we are at those two roads that diverge in the woods.

Will you join Landrum UMC, becoming disciples of Jesus Christ who make more disciples? As your pastor, I invite you to come and worship, come and study, come and serve! Together we will grow into disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

September Sermon Outline

The upcoming weeks in James will focus on a faith that works.

August 29, 2021	James 1: 17-27	Doers of God's Word
September 5, 2021	James 2: 1-17	Rich in Love
September 12, 2021	James 3: 1-12	Words can be a Blessing Epworth Workday collection
September 19, 2021	James 3: 13 - 4: 3; 7-8	Seek to be Gentle
September 26, 2021	James 5: 13-20	Pray for healing. This Sunday will include a Healing Service as part of worship.

Epworth Annual Offering

When DSS has taken children from their families because of abuse or neglect they are often put into Epworth programs. Epworth is currently serving 294 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives.

Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 125 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Offering on Sunday, September 12th, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry.

For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

Help Wanted

Pete Block

Thank you to those who have answered the call to assist in the office with both regular and irregular administrative needs, especially Trudy Van Voorhis for the monthly newsletter and Bonnie Inman for the weekly bulletins.

We still have need of volunteers to help with office duties a couple of hours per week. This could be in phone assistance, printing and collating weekly bulletins and orders of worship for services, general office organization and helping Pastor Nancy keep up with some U.M.C. Conference follow ups. No experience necessary, we'll keep it non-stressful and provide on the job training!!

If you have a little spare time and would like to step up, please contact me or Nancy Reed to discuss.

Blessings to all and enjoy your September.

Thank You Landrum UMC!!!

The South Carolina United Methodist Conference commends Landrum United Methodist Church for outstanding stewardship and for paying 100% of 2020 Apportionments. Your giving along with other churches, supports to name a few areas: Methodist colleges in SC and beyond and provides students with scholarships, ministers through college campus ministries, opens the world of camping for our children and youth, assists retired clergy, and others who may reside in our Methodist Homes in SC.

Thank you to the people of Landrum UMC for your generous support!

Acolyte Training

We invite children (2nd grade and above) and adults of all ages to consider serving as acolytes. Training will be held Sunday, September 12th from 8:45am to 9:30am in the sanctuary. If you have served, this will be a refresher, and if you have never been an acolyte, you will learn what you need to know. Additional training time (Sept. 19th) will be added if needed.

Contact Pastor Nancy at lumc@landrumumc.net or cell 803-522-2009 to sign up.

College students

We pray for all our students as they have returned to school. Your church would like to have the addresses of all college students (away or at home), so we might keep in touch with them. Parents or students can email this information to the church.

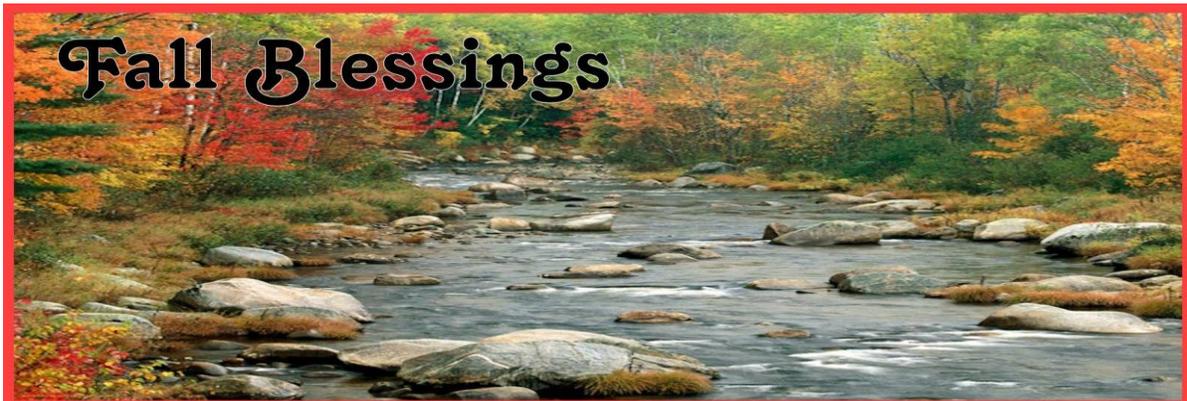
Bible Studies

Pastor's Bible Study – we will study Luke this fall with two times: Monday evenings at 6:30pm (begins 9/13) and Tuesday mornings at 10am (begins 9/14). Let Pastor Nancy know if you have questions or wish to join!

Wednesday Night Study of Revelation at 7pm with Jay Boatwright

Looking ahead

Charge Conference will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:30pm.



Music notes

Designated music department development and renovations

We are making progress! It has seemed to have been a bit of a slow process, but we are almost ready to move!!!

The new music area is four rooms (one wing) of the upstairs FLC area. It will house the children's music area; handbells; chancel choir; and the music office.

It feels as if each step of this project has been hindered by problems, especially with demo. Then there's the issue of paint shortages! Nevertheless, we've overcome and are moving on. There are just a couple of items left to be completed and LUMC will have an authentic music department. Chancel Choir and the Hand Bell Choirs will be excited to host a "Celebration" very soon so be on the lookout for the announcement!

Remember, invitations are always open to any who would like to join Chancel Choir and/or a Hand Bell Choir.

The Belles of Landrum meet at 6:00 PM.

Chancel Choir begins at 7:00 PM.

Our regular schedule (every Tuesday evening) resumes September 7. We are planning to be ready to meet in the new music area then.

The rehearsal time (and the group name!) for the second Handbell choir will be determined once we are relocated in our new facilities.

Growth is exciting!



Stephanie Quinn



Paul Forster takes photos for use in the newsletter etc. If you do not wish your photo to be taken or included in the newsletter, please let Paul or Trudy know. Thank you.

Pumpkins are Coming! Pumpkins are Coming!

October is just around the corner and the LUMC pumpkin patch will be open!

This is our local Missions fundraising project for the year. Last year by doing "donation only" we raised close to \$5000.

Stay tuned for dates to set up the patch and travel to Farmer's Market in Asheville to pick up the pumpkins. And of course....Need Volunteers to man the patch....the more the merrier or should I say easier for those who sign up!

The Pumpkin volunteer poster will appear soon! Thank you in advance!! Jody





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.

Pray for those who will continue to and will begin serving as 2022 leaders of our church.

Retired pastor, Rev. Tom Wilkes and his wife, Molly

Alex Knapil (grandson of Ted Andrus)

Martha Hemmler (Daughter in Law of Ted Andrus)

Wanda Manson

Gettis Solesbee

Helen Gilbert

Family of Wayne Hager: Natalie and Kevin Rigsbee and their twins, Everleigh and Everett

People of Haiti

People of Afghanistan

Those in our country dealing with the aftermath of fires and flooding.

Medical Care Teams and those who are battling COVID and their families



Bonnie Inman

Exciting News!

New Sunday School Classes are Coming!

Before decisions are final, we ask your preference on day, time, and type of class.

Day and Time: Sunday 8:45 am

Sunday 11:00 am

Sunday Evening

Type of Class: Anyone

Men Only

Women Only

Are you willing to teach a SS class?

Maybe we could have a different leader each week?

Let Bonnie Inman or Pastor Nancy know what you prefer!

We would like to revive Children's and Youth Sunday School classes as well. Have any ideas? Maybe you are interested in teaching or assist teaching children's or youth?

We need children and youth!

Altar team

Thank you to all who have placed flowers on the chancel this summer, as they have been enjoyed by all attending the church service! The flower chart is in the Narthex with open dates for anyone interested in bringing flowers one Sunday. Thank you again. [Debby & Cheryl](#)

Silver Spirits

Because of increased cases of the Covid virus, it is with regret, we have decided to postpone resuming our September Silver Spirits luncheon. This saddens all of us, but the health & welfare of each of our "spirits" is what is most important! We will assess monthly & let our seniors know when we feel we can gather safely. We send love & continue to pray that each of you remains healthy! [Cheryl](#)

Pastor Luncheon

Pastor Nancy's luncheon was held August 15th. A huge THANK YOU to all who helped make this welcoming event for Nancy Reed such a success! From setting up the tables, decor, & flowers to prepping & preparing the food, and every person who helped with clean up, your contribution made this a wonderful LUMC event that was enjoyed by many - especially Pastor Nancy & Addie!



From the Mountaintop

Trudy's Tidings



I grew up in the DC area where there are no mountains, but I went to college in WV where they abound. I remember the peace I felt traveling across those mountains back and forth to home. Here in SC/NC the landscape is full of surrounding mountains. Being drawn to the mountains I think about why I find them so peaceful.

Today the exploits of space travel have us not believing God is "up there" in the sky. We don't believe, as many ancient peoples have, that the tops of mountains are sacred places because they're geographically closer to God. Still, I will venture to say that many of us have had remarkable mountaintop experiences. It's no coincidence that many church camps and retreat centers are in the mountains. From up there, you can see the world below you in a different perspective. You may see stars you have never seen before or witness the moon turn into a great blood-colored pearl during a lunar eclipse. It's easy to see why certain intense moments in life are called "mountaintop experiences"—regardless of where they take place. Wherever you believe God lives or what you think is possible in the modern world, you can see why mountains are special to some.

A retreat, a special worship experience, or a brush with death may make you see your life in an entirely different perspective. A number of times I have sat on a beach or rode a horse along a trail and thought, "Now I see what life is really about. I've been doing it all wrong, when I get back home, I'm going to get my priorities right." Once home it doesn't take long for the glow of the mountain top to fade. We fall back into the trance induced by everyday life. Mountaintop experiences are not the norm in life. Inevitably mountaintop enlightenment is followed by a journey back down the mountain, a return to the real world where we live and work.

We need to be more attentive to God's presence. It comes to us more often in still, small, quiet ways than in spectacular mountaintop experiences. You're getting ready for a dreaded day at work, and you see a bird outside the window. Your life is in shreds and a friend calls you up, out of the blue. I once heard in a movie a man said of his wife, "She's the place I encounter God the most." Those are moments of grace, clues to a divine presence.

Jesus had a gift for pointing out glimpses of God, not just in the sky but right around him. He would be walking along with his disciples and would say, "See this child? You have to become like a child to enter God's kingdom." "See those sparrows? God cares for them. If God cares so much for these little birds, don't you think God is watching out for you?" "See this bread? Whenever you eat bread, remember what I have done for you."

Look up at our mountains then look around. We can't always run off to the mountaintop or search for better ecstatic experiences. The good news is that God doesn't live only on the mountaintops. The Holy is around us, in us and through us wherever we go. The task of spiritual life is to train our attention to find the signs of God in the world. Then...go tell it on the mountain!

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

August 8, 2021

Members Present: Glenn Downey, Ted Andrus, Pete Bock, Rita Plumley, Martha Castro, Nancy Reed, Joy Gardner, Jaime Wofford, Wayne Hager, Cheryl Barto, Bonnie Inman
Finance: Cheryl Every

Guest: Susan Thompkins, Director, Operation Hope
Susan gave a presentation on a new free medical clinic soon to be initiated in Landrum.

Finance: Rita
So far, we have collected \$25 for school supplies. Property maintenance fund has balance of \$28,353.

Admin. Council

Trustees: Jaime
Expenditures: Roofs have been replaced on office and 223. Final invoice is coming. Cost should run \$9,500-\$10,000. HVAC unit replaced in FLC – cost \$5,700. (There are four units in the FLC that are 25 years old so replacement will be necessary in the future.) Fence installed at the parsonage.
AEDs have been installed. Six people are certified.
Once the roofs are paid off and upgrades to music department have been completed, all big projects are taken care of.

Worship: Cheryl B.
Enjoying working with Pastor Nancy.
Plans for luncheon for Pastor Nancy and Addie going well.
Hoping for September launch of Silver Spirits with an outdoor lunch.

PPRC: Pete
Trying to keep the office going with volunteers. Trudy is doing newsletter and Bonnie has volunteered to do bulletin.
Looking for help two hours per week to get ready for charge conference.

Member at large: Martha
Martha read scholarship essay submitted by Patrick Clark.
She has heard in conversation that people are pleased and complementary of the prayer request emails by Pastor Nancy.

Sunday school: Bonnie
Looking for curriculum for new Sunday school class. Loves seeing children kneel at the altar with Pastor Nancy.

Finance: Rita
Nothing to add to earlier report. She would like to see names of who provided flowers for worship in bulletin.

Music: Joy
Flooring has been installed in music department. Painting will begin soon.
Music is blossoming. We now have 2 hand bell choirs.
Fun working with Nancy on planning worship.
Nancy: Will work on getting a worship team together.

Lay Leader: Wayne
Thanks to Nancy for bringing back Apostle's Creed to worship. Also thank you for the written communication.

Admin Council Minutes continued

Lay member to conference: Ted

We need to obtain pediatric pads for the AEDs. Investing in two first aid kits; one for kitchen and one for counting room behind sanctuary.

Landrum Fire Department did not charge for AED, CPR and First Aid training. Ted motion to give a \$250 donation to the Landrum Fire Department to thank them for their service. Second Martha. Approved.

When weather is cooler, we will be doing some yard work around the parsonage: Mulch, bush trimming and remove some dead trees.

Pastor's report: Pastor Nancy

Great first month. Appreciate communication.

Nominations committee will look at worship and education. Will meet with Bonnie and Rita (children's Sunday school).

Planning meeting in September with United Methodist Men to see what the men want to do going forward.

Need some guidance on how to handle the calendar for the use of the building. Wrestling has asked to return.

Discussion on need for someone to keep up with calendar and placement of calendar on board at the office.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody McPherson.

High School Senior Scholarship

Martha Castro

Landrum United Methodist Church Scholarship is an extension of the mission commitment exhibited by our church. Established in 2020, the \$1000 scholarship is only part of the faithful prayers and support our church family will always hold for our graduating seniors' future. Graduates are able to receive the scholarship one time.

Scholarship Requirements:

- LUMC member in good standing
- Graduating high school senior
- Planning postgraduate to attend a trade/technical school, Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Military Service, or First Responder training.

In addition, applicants write an essay on the topic "Faith and its Influence."

Patrick Clark received the 2021 scholarship. Patrick is the son of Eric and Paula Clark, and he has been a lifelong member of LUMC. He graduated from Landrum High School in May 2021 and is currently a freshman at Clemson University. While at Landrum, Patrick was involved with sports and many other extracurricular and service activities. He is planning to major in Recreational/Physical Therapy.

LUMC is blessed to be able to support our graduates with this scholarship.

September Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Stephanie Quinn
- Rylee Potter
- 13 Mallori Inman
- 21 Robert Hilsman
- 24 Carmen Krebs
- 27 Larry Fagan
- 30 Joy Gardner



ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Pete & Anne Blom
- 18 Jim & Rita Plumley

We still a few dates available on the flower calendar. Stop by the Narthex and Sign up!

September		October	
5		3	Croft
12	Downey	10	
19	Inman	17	Nancy Surface
26		24	
		31	
November		December	
7		5	Brenda Black
14	Brenda Black	12	
21		19	
28	Advent Begins	26	

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave.
Landrum, SC 29356

Dan Donovan
210 Camelia Circle
Landrum SC 29356

Nancy McGarra
41 Red Bird Road
Tryon NC 28782

Mary Williamson
Greer Rehabilitation &
Healthcare Ctr
401 Chandler Road
Greer SC 29651



Shut ins

June Rhymer
810 E Rutherford St
Landrum, SC 29356

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

Madge Holley
1385 Green Creek Dr
Columbus, NC 28722

Edith Masson
4308 Faust Street
Bamberg, SC 29003