



The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor's Message

Romans 1: 11-12

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong---that is, that you and I may be morally encouraged by each other's faith.

Paul writes to the Romans, people he has yet to meet in person, in the book of Romans. This month brings back many memories for me as September of 1996 is the last time I talked with my brother. Recently, a friend posted about her brother's death, and I commented that our siblings are the ones who are supposed to know us the longest! You could include cousins in that group, and even longtime friends. She commented that she liked to share their childhood memories with him during their visits.

As much as we treasure family and old friends, I encouraged you to be open to making friends throughout your life. As a pastor, I have witnessed the beauty of “late in life” love and have even had the privilege to conduct the weddings of a few couples. From what I have read, 80 is the new 60, and 60 is the new 50, or something like that! Whether you feel your age or younger than your years, do not miss out on the opportunity to make new friends of all ages!

Perhaps the campfire song, “Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold,” might be our motto! Not just ours as individuals, but ours as the church, for our future and the church's future depends on making new friends of all ages.

What can you do? Stay after worship for Munch and Mingle. And as I always told Addie when she did not have good friends with the same lunch time at school to look around for someone who is by themselves and go and sit and introduce yourself! I know you will say, “oh we know everyone” and I challenge you that you may not know everyone!

What to say? Well, first say your name, talk about your family if they are not with you. Another good place to start is to tell about how you came to LUMC. Who invited you or how you simply liked the church building... whatever your story is. Then as you get to know one another, share something about your faith journey. It is true that your new friend was not on your faith journey with you, but your story may be just what they need to hear to encourage them on theirs. How might we live out Romans 1, that we might be encouraged one another's faith?

Let me know how it goes!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

New Member Sunday will be September 24th during worship! Have you been thinking about becoming a member of LUMC? You may join by transferring your membership from another church or by profession of faith. Give Pastor Nancy a call at 803-522-2009 for more information.

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council August 13, 2023

Members Present: Glenn Downey, Cheryl Barto, Trudy Van Voorhis, George Ashmore, Rita Plumley, Bill Every, Cheryl Every, Wanda Manson, Carla Downey, Jaime Wofford, Joy Gardner, Nancy Reed, Pete Block, Jody McPherson

Guest: Jeanine Godwin, Nancy Surface

Finance: Pete

General fund balance \$49,684.09 down from last month \$54,699.

Balance in designated fund \$144,390.06.

Received flyer from Landrum High School regarding signs and banners at the baseball field. We have participated and paid for banners for many years. The cost for a three-year commitment is \$900. Motion by Jaime to continue providing a banner. Second Cheryl B. Motion approved.

Working on 2024 budget. Only pastor salary must be approved before charge conference. Committee input does not have to be completed by charge conference.

Apportionments for 2023 must be paid by January 11, 2024. To date we have not paid any money to apportionments. Our apportionments total \$28,000 to come from the general fund.

Administrative Council

Minutes: Motion by Trudy to approve July minutes. Second by Jaime. Approved.

Nancy Surface noted that we are coming up on the 20-year anniversary of the community meal. She has proposed a catered celebration dinner on October 15 following the church service. This dinner will honor all the volunteers who have worked to keep this mission ongoing.

Consensus of board to hold the volunteer celebration dinner. And thanks to Nancy for her leadership.

Men's Ministry

Glenn read a card from Jeannie Godwin thanking the men for the repair of her driveway.

Glenn also shared that he feels an announcement should be made at the beginning of the service alerting visitors to nursery and restroom facilities. Ushers should be aware and assist if necessary.

Cheryl B.

Altar Guild: The flower sign-up sheet has been filled for the remainder of the year. Thanks to those who signed up to provide flowers for the altar.

Silver Spirits: A luncheon will be held on September 15.

Munch & Mingle: There has been good participation, both in attendance and volunteers to provide food.

Administrative Board Minutes continued:

Missions: Jody

We will begin backpacks in October. Jacksons Grove will begin in September. The backpack schedule is as follows: Jacksons Grove September, December March. First Baptist January. LUMC October, November, February, April, May until the end of school.

We have received leftover snacks from Tryon Little Theater from their youth production and summer camp.

We are now packing 90 food boxes and 90 bags of toiletries. The pickle ball group has expressed interest in packing the bags. Jody will get with them to arrange a time.

Member at large: George

George presented issues related to disaffiliation from United Methodist Church. As member at large he has received comments and questions from church members. Information has been disseminated in written form, but he feels face to face meetings are in order. (As in a "town hall" setting.) Discussion on the issue followed.

Motion by George to create a subcommittee from the administrative council to explore the issue and create a format in which to inform the congregation. Second by Pete. Approved.

Discussion also continued on obtaining an appraisal of the property which will be necessary if the process of disaffiliation continues. Jaime noted that this has been on the agenda of the trustees for insurance purposes. Jaime has been in contact with appraisers.

Motion by George to appraise all church properties. Charge trustees with the task of obtaining the appraisal. Second by Jaime. Approved. The cost of an appraisal is approximately \$2500.

Trustees: Jaime

A committee will be formed to handle upgrade to the playground.

Safe Sanctuary: Maggie Canty, Associate Pastor at New Beginnings and district contact for Safe Sanctuary program, met with church leaders and toured our facility. Noted that some of our policies need to be updated. Background checks for those who work with youth and vulnerable adults are required. These can be accomplished on-line. It is time to renew CPR and AED certifications. A class will be offered next month. Sign-up will be available.

Treasurer: Rita

Rita has noticed that during collection of offering some people have been missed. Jaime has offered to lead an usher training.

College students/Epworth: Carla

College students returning to school. Carla needs to be sure she has current addresses. Will be sending cards to them in September.

Finance: Pete

See finance committee report.

Administrative Board Minutes continued:

Choir: Joy

Children are now working on Advent music. Children will have a painting and pizza party next Sunday. They will be putting their handprints on their choir room wall.

Chancel choir continues to grow. Due to illness and other factors, handbells have not met.

Joy appreciates the announcement by liturgist asking congregation to "prepare hearts and minds for worship."

SPRC: Bill

Committee will submit to finance committee proposal for Pastor salary. SPRC also tasked with update to church profile.

Pastor Report: Pastor Nancy

October 1 is charge conference following the worship service. Pastor Nancy will meet with District Superintendent on September 27. Committee reports are due to Pastor by September 17. The meeting will be advertised two weeks prior to the charge conference.

Next council meeting is September 10, so there will be time to vote on any items that need to be brought up at charge conference.

Forming the subcommittee is good for the congregation.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody McPherson, Secretary

September Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

9 Fran Page
10 Stephanie Quinn
Hans Bengard
13 Mallori Inman
24 Carmen Krebs
27 Larry Fagan
30 Joy Gardner

ANNIVERSARIES

18 Jim & Rita Plumley



Altar Guild

We do have a couple of open spots on the flower chart for October and November and would be happy to work with anyone who would like to place a bouquet on the altar. If you provide flowers, Debby or I will arrange them for you at no cost. If you prefer, we will provide flowers and design an arrangement for a fee of \$25. Thank you again to all who have brought additional beauty to our church altar each Sunday.

Blessings, Debby & Cheryl

Munch & Mingle

What fun it is to gather after church service on the first and third Sundays, to share in conversation and sample the goodies provided. Hats off to all who make this possible! Never a Sunday gathering goes by without us hearing how happy people are that we have implemented this event again! Guess we all missed getting together! If you care to join us to bring food on a given Sunday, please place your name on the sign-up chart! We'd love to have you join in the fun!! Thank you all!

Cheryl



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Silver Spirits

Memories are a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose. A memory may include food perhaps that a relative made or a taste or smell that prompts comfort or pleasant reminiscing.

The next Silver Spirits gathering is on **September 12 at noon**. We would like you to bring a favorite childhood or "memory dish" to share. Also, you may have an old toy, book or treasure from years gone by that the group would enjoy hearing about. An ice cream sundae bar will be provided for our dessert! It promises to be an interesting luncheon!

If you could bring a jar of peanut butter or a canned meat product to help replenish the food pantry shelves it would be greatly appreciated.

Charlotte Stow
 Josh and Kat Gardner (son and DIL of Tommy and Joy Gardner)
 who are expecting twins
 Kelly and Karl Lagerlof as they expect their first baby this month!
 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, BIL and Julie Davis, SIL 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 (15 yo) granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin
 Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece
 of Mary and Wayne Hager)



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 the family of Mrs. Charlene Fuhrman who died in August.

Our love and sympathy to Martha and Jon Castro and family with the death of Pete Smolen, in Columbia, August 2, 2023.

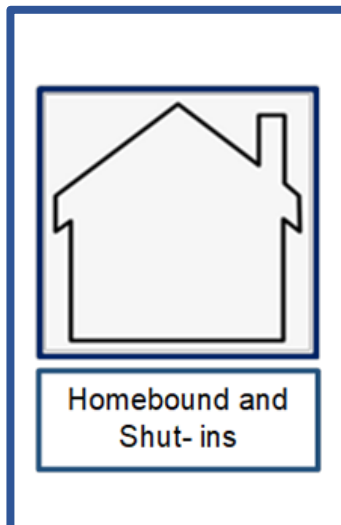
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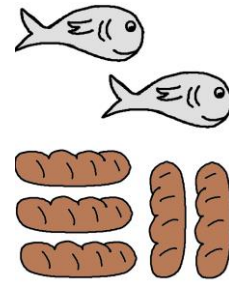
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Mrs. Wofford (Jaime's
 Grandmother)

Mary Williamson

Making use of Leftovers



Trudy's Tidings

Whenever I am hosting something – I make too much - always having leftovers and often sending food home with people. I would rather have leftovers than not enough. I am an emotional eater and hunger is an issue for me. I can get a bit harsh when hungry. Hungry people can get mean and say things that they later regret.

I think of the story in Matthew when Jesus asked the disciples to feed the gathered crowd and they were worried because all they had were five loaves of bread and two fish. The disciples saw lots of hungry people and hungry people can get demanding and mean. They tell Jesus to send the throng away but Jesus insists they be fed. They tell him of the small amount of food they have. Jesus tells them to bring it to him. He blesses it, breaks it, gives it back to the disciples, and they feed the crowd with abundance.

What we are witnessing here is at the heart of the church's life - we come to Jesus with our worries, bringing our measly resources, and yet He tells us, "bring what you have to me." He takes what little we offer and with His blessing and through His power, He allows us to feed others with abundance. We proffer our gifts, and He takes them, blesses them, tells us to share them and people are fed and leave church strengthened with his abundant love.

You may think that you do not have ample to offer Jesus. But Jesus calls to you, "what do you have?" You may answer "not much" but He says, "give it to me - it will be enough."



Ben Wofford describing his experience at camp



Blessing of the backpacks, students, and teachers



A lot is happening at LUMC!



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