



Landrum United Methodist Church

# The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

October 2022



## Pastor's Message

October brings World Communion Sunday, a day that we celebrate Holy Communion along with Christians around the world. The truth is we do this all the time, as many congregations celebrate Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday and others celebrate weekly. It is good to have this day that reminds of what we have in common with believers, our belief in Jesus as our Savior and that through his death on the cross we may have eternal life.

Here at Landrum UMC, we are connected to other UMC's through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) as we care about those who were in harm's way the end of September with Hurricane Ian hitting Florida and our own coastal communities. We join our voices in prayer, we combine our resources as we support our neighbors!

Our sermon theme continues to be “What Disciples Do” as we put into practice what we believe as we state each week with The Apostles' Creed. October provides us with several opportunities to live out what we believe in our mission of “Making Disciples”. The Pumpkin Patch is open, and all are needed to volunteer. Pumpkins are not “sold” but rather families may select their pumpkin and make a donation. All donations will be used for LUMC Missions!

Staying connected with one another as a church family is so important and to do so we need a new Church Directory! Cheryl Every is leading us as we make plans to self-publish our own Church Directory! Forms are available at worship each week or in the church office. The Directory will have your name and address, email, and phone numbers along with a photo. Thank you to Paul Forster, who will be available to take photos, or you may submit one. The form is also collecting other information that will help us update our data base at the church.

All Saints Sunday will be November 6, 2022, and during this service we remember members who have joined the church triumphant in the last year. Beginning October 16, 2022, the All Saints Banner will be in the Narthex for you to place a bell in memory of family and friends.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy



Our love and sympathy to:

Bonnie and Pete Inman and her cousin, Amanda, with the recent deaths of Amanda's mother and grandfather, Darylann Veverka and Jerry Gilbert.

Betty Little

Nancy Bruce

Farrell Atkins

Ridge, son of Mary Hager's coworker

Jason Rider

Hans Bengard

Ted Andrus

Pastor Nancy Reed

Greer Ann, infant daughter of Mallory Godwin (Betty Little's granddaughter and great granddaughter)

Hal Howard

Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson

Joyanne Gattie, Ted Andrus' cousin

Phil, Stephanie Quinn's father

June Rhymer

Pete, Martha Castro's stepfather

Jim Plumley, Rita's husband

Vickie Killough

Charlie Croft

Nancy and Don Surface

John Himmel

Bonnie Inman

Keren Clay (16 yo) granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin

Adalyn (in Michigan) infant with lung issues, daughter of friends of Jenny and Stephen Shelley.

Edward Downey, Glenn's brother

Keith Hayes

Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)

Landrum Visioning Team

All who have been in the path of Hurricane Ian

Bill Robinson

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.

Remember these people in your prayers as well as our church, Pastor, Outreach, Missions, community, and our nation.

Please inform the church office of any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer list.



### Homebound and Shut-ins

June Rhymer  
810 E. Rutherford St  
Landrum, SC 29356

Joe Brown  
109 Edgewood Avenue  
Landrum, SC 29356

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)

# How that pumpkin glows!

Trudy Van Voorhis



It is the season for pumpkins – our Pumpkin Patch, pumpkin spice food and drinks and Jack o’Lanterns starting to appear. I thought October would be an appropriate to include the devotion I used this time of year when teaching Sunday School. I love the many parables that Jesus told so that we could understand His teachings better. This is a story about a farmer and a pumpkin.

On his farm way out in the country a farmer had a pumpkin patch. Pumpkins are really special. They start out as small oval seeds that grow into big, orange pumpkins. The farmer plants the seeds, waters, and cares for the pumpkin vines and patiently waits as they grow. By October there are many big, orange pumpkins in his patch! Some are tall and lean, some are short and round, and some have bumps and lumps. But all are pumpkins, and all were planted and cared for by the Farmer.

One day he chose a pumpkin for a special project. He brought it in from the field and washed it off carefully. You have to be careful with pumpkins; they're tough on the outside, but if you drop them, they break into pieces!

The farmer takes a large knife and cuts a hole in the top of the pumpkin. Inside there is yucky, slimy pulp - that has to go! He cleans it all out and throws it away. This is how God takes us and cleanses us from all our sin.

After that he gave the pumpkin a new face! He cuts two triangles for eyes, a square for a nose, and a big, wide smile! The carving of the eyes, nose, and SMILING face, represents how God makes us into a new creation.

Then he does something really special. He puts a small white candle down inside the pumpkin and lights the wick. Christ comes into our lives as a light and can shine through us into a dark world.

How that pumpkin glows! As people pass by, they see the smiling pumpkin and smile back. They know that once again the farmer has taken a simple pumpkin and changed it into a glorious sight!

Just like us, all the pumpkins were different. But there was something the same about every one of them - that yucky, slimy pulp on the inside! The yucky, slimy pulp is like the sin that's in us.

God has made a way that all our sin can be forgiven and washed away.

After cleaning out that pumpkin, the farmer gave the pumpkin a new face! The Bible says God can make us a new creation too. 2 Corinthians says: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Then came the special light was placed inside that pumpkin and it glowed for all to see! 2 Corinthians says: "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

Matthew 5:16 says: "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Through Christ we can get a new face and let His light shine through us so we can become like that pumpkin and be a glorious sight for others to see the love of Jesus!

When you see a carved pumpkin remember the light of Christ how we as Christians should be letting His light shine through our lives!



## Music Notes

Recently our Trustees graciously and generously approved two major requests from the music department!

We currently are searching for appropriate, authentic hand bell tables that will be very beneficial to all who help us set up – mainly for the ease of carrying , but the tables will also allow us to set up in a variety of ways. Once they are purchased, the hand bell ringers will no longer be restricted to standing in long rows.

After several years, the Chancel Choir will be shopping for a new look! It has been 10 years or more since the robes currently worn by the Chancel Choir were purchased. The robes and stoles have been showing their wear and tear for quite some time. Hopefully soon we will be sporting another color with new stoles!

Reminder: The children will be singing during the morning worship service on October 9. You do not want to miss this special time!

A very heartfelt thank you to each of you for ALL the many ways you support the music program of LUMC! WE APPRECIATE YOU!.

Joy Gardner





## LUMC Annual Pumpkin Patch



Donations are used for LUMC Missions

Our October tradition continues! Landrum UMC'S Pumpkin Patch! It has been a constant for many years and something the community anticipates from our church. It opened Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until all of the pumpkins are sold.

Jody McPherson has again taken on the task of Head of Operations of the patch, but everyone can help. Please check the pumpkin poster board and sign up to work the patch for a few hours. If you can sit and read a book you are more than qualified for the job!

There is no pricing to be concerned about - all pumpkins are sold by whatever donation the buyer provides.

We need the patch to be successful so please purchase your own pumpkins from the patch and encourage others to do the same!

## Thank you for your work

A special thank you to the Trustees and those involved in decisions for making improvements to the outdoor of the church buildings and ground maintenance.

The parking lot has been refurbished and stripes painted are now so clear.

We appreciate all the work that has been done.

Charlotte Stow

# FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL



The Bible encourages the faithful to “make a joyful noise.” One sound that so many enjoy hearing is that of the pealing church bell.

Christian churches have been ringing bells for spiritual and practical purposes such as to call the faithful to worship, to highlight a church service or to remind the faithful of God’s presence in their daily lives.

The use of bells in churches dates back to 400 AD with the introduction of bells as part of Catholic church services. In 604 AD it was sanctioned for the ringing of church bells during all worship. By the early Middle Ages, the ringing of church bells was common in Europe. As church bells became more common their importance grew as a form of communication across large areas.

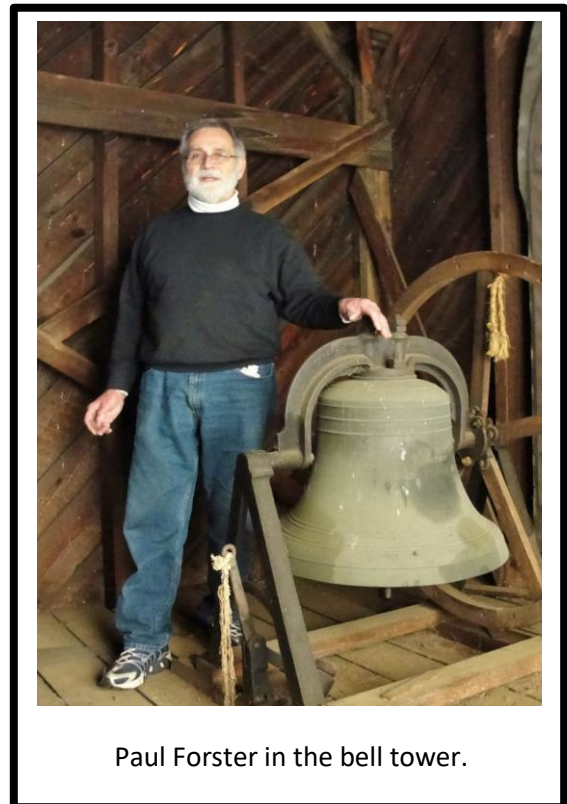
Paul Forster is the custodian of our Landrum UMC bell. He says it has been a long time coming and is on his Fall to do list. He will be heading up into the tower (no date scheduled yet) to check for safety, Bell supports, and lubricate the necessary parts. He reports it is an interesting experience and invites anyone who would like to join him to let him know.



Etched with:

**Landrum Meth. Ep. Church South**

**1896**



Paul Forster in the bell tower.

## Altar Guild

Cheryl Barto

## Silver Spirits

Fall always reminds us of the beautiful days ahead that we so look forward to, and what it means for our congregation. The Worship committee has been busy planning for the upcoming church seasons, and we are excited with the plans thus far. We will be reaching out to our church family for help in the weeks ahead.

As always, if you are interested in placing flowers on the altar, the flower chart remains in the Narthex, with some open dates available. Thank you to all who have elected to place flowers! Deb or I are happy to supply and arrange flowers for you for a minimum fee of \$25.

Let's try this again!!! On 10/16, we are planning to have a light, catered luncheon with singing around the "campfire"! We have waited a long time to have another gathering and hope this one can take place! Please save the date & keep your fingers crossed that we can get together! Our plan is to meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Wednesday, 10/19, but will announce if there is any change in venue or date. We send love and good wishes to each of our Spirits and pray you all are doing well.



We appreciate  
the participation  
of the Youth in  
our services!

