



Landrum Methodist Church

August 2024

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

A few words from the Pastor:

What does an Interim Pastor say to a congregation when he has only been there three weeks and anticipates no more than five additional weeks before the fulltime regular pastoral assignment starts? We don't yet know who the minister will be. Therefore, we don't know his or her history, experience, style of leadership in the local church.

The same can be said of me in this interim roll. I knew very little about Landrum Methodist Church before agreeing to serve even for a short timeframe. I want to thank you for the warm welcome and words kindness. In my three weeks with you thus far, I have met a variety of personalities and each week I have met a new bunch of people, mainly because it's summertime and people are out of town a lot during the summer. Others have been at the worship service all three Sundays. Thank you to those who could do so.

One thing I have discovered is that the people of Landrum Methodist Church want to move forward. It's a new day filled with new challenges as Landrum Methodist Church and The Global Methodist Church discern which way is the best way to fulfill our calling to be the traditional voice of Methodism in Landrum and across the state, country, and globe.

As I serve as in this interim roll, I trust God will lead us together to be what God wants us to be: Loving, Caring, Inviting, Forgiving, and Supportive just to name a few characteristics of a “Good Church Family”. So, I'm asking you to give your all to support the leadership as they strive to arrive in a better place serving God and community as best we can.

In His Service,

Pastor Doug



Welcome Pastor Doug Gilliland and Michele

We are glad to have you leading our church for the upcoming weeks. May God enrich us together as we worship and serve Him.





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.

We pray for:

Don and Nancy Surface
Joy Gardner
Charlotte Stow
Lois's cousin Barbara
Al & Cheryl Bartos' sisters Pat and Joanne
Donald Trump
Linda Perkin
Janice Preston
Pastor Kevin Dalton
Community Meal delivery participants
Brenda and Robert Black
Fred Harris (broken ribs)
Glenn Downey (Heart issues)
Unspoken prayers

Trudy's Tidings

The Yoke is on you...



I don't know if it is the heat or life in general, but I feel exhausted. In looking up scripture about being spent and drained this one puzzled me. "Come unto me and rest....Take my yoke upon you." St. Matthew

Which is it rest or yoke? Jesus seems conflicted in this passage. He promises rest but then hands us a yoke. Do you think Jesus is saying that the best way to find rest is by way of finding a meaningful life worth living?

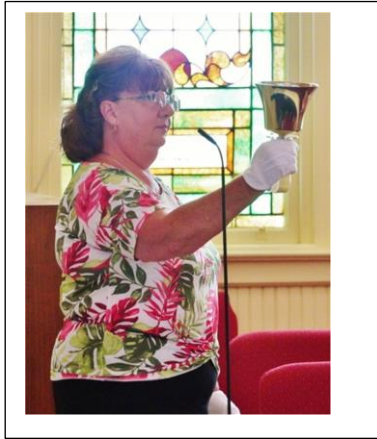
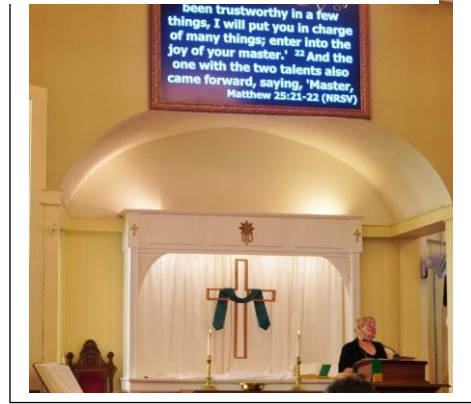
We scramble after so much that doesn't ultimately satisfy us. It leaves us overworked and overanxious. What makes a satisfying life? Is it taking our eyes off ourselves and relinquishing control over our lives by placing them in the hands of God through prayer and worship? Supporting others in worthy endeavors of love in our lives and through church ministries?

Life can be hard. We suffer and struggle, and at times may have wanted to avoid Jesus and exchange His yoke for something easier. I have found that when I felt tired in faith, it has been a fatigue that has eventually given me rest. Rest in knowing my life counted in recognizing the Lord of life needed me and that the work/burden in return blessed me. Ever heard "the more you give the more you receive?"

The plow may be hard to pull, through rocky soil and weedy ground. Through that faithful plodding along, coupled with the strength of the Lord that helped me pull the plow of faith - I trudge on. Being yoked to Him I strive to match my steps with His. I look around at the blooming of the garden of loving friendships and empowering assurance that I treasure. His yoke has given me rest!



Views from the Pews





Missions Project Restock

Due to increased demand our pantry shelf items are depleting, therefore, the Missions team announces an ongoing project to stock the food pantry. Each month we will be focusing on several food items. During the month of August, we are asking for canned corn, green beans, and tuna.

Receptacles will be place in the narthex for your items on Sunday morning. Food also can be left on the porch of the office. If leaving it on the office porch please call Jody at 828-506-3379 or Cheryl at 864-541-1574, and they will pick it up. If you would prefer to help monetarily designate for Missions and note for food pantry.

Help us to keep our friends and neighbors fed! Matthew 25:40

August celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jon Castro
- 5 Fred Harris
- 6 Tom Gardner
- 12 Charlotte Stow
- 13 Christopher Morgan
- 20 Jacob Ashmore
- 21 Martha Castro
- 25 Grant Robinson
- 27 C K Surface
- 29 Angella Bishop
- 31 Patrick Clark
- Buddy Manson



ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 George and Jean Ashmore
- 22 Glenn & Carla Downey



Home Bound and Shut ins

June Rhymer
810 Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29656

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave
Landrum SC 29356

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore SC 29369

Mike McAllister
(Peggy's Husband)
White Oak

Mrs. Wofford
(Jaime's Grandmother)

Mary Williamson

Betty Zeuloff
(Mary Hager's Mother)
Sunny Brook Assisted Living
306 Spring Street
Hendersonville NC 28739

Finance Report

Nancy Boatwright, Finance chair

We are well under way to getting all the finances for the new LMC set up – the bank accounts are in place, and we are transitioning from the old accounts to the new. Nothing like having to change everything to keep you on your toes!

After many years of being out of the loop with the details of the church's finances, I'm back into the deep with it all and am working to determine what our financial needs will be going forward. There are some things with the GMC that will help us – the biggest is that Connectional Funding ("Apportionments" under UMC) will be significantly less than what we have paid historically. This is a HUGE plus for us.

Designated Funds

I would like to ask as you plan your giving to LMC, that you prayerfully consider NOT designating your giving in any way and just provide to the General Fund of LMC. Designated funds restrict how we can use the amount and while we have over \$100k in the bank, almost all of this is designated and cannot be spent for the ongoing needs of the church. We require about \$4,000 a week just to pay for personnel (preacher, music director, benefits and taxes) and facilities cost (insurance, utilities, maintenance) of the church. In reviewing the givings for the past few years, we are significantly under that amount.

We have designated fund balances to cover significant property maintenance needs and missions (Community Meal, food boxes, etc.). My goal is to have NO designated givings and to let your Finance Committee and Administrative Council manage the funds to pay ALL the needs of the church.

God has always provided what we needed when we needed it. I have full faith and confidence that we will be able to fund all that LMC wants and needs to do!

Nancy Boatwright
Finance Chair



Altar Guild

Thank you for the kind words expressed by many regarding the appearance of the sanctuary as we worshipped and celebrated Independence Day together. We are so grateful for those who have signed up on the flower chart in the Narthex to add such beauty to our altar each week. There are some open dates if you are interested!

Silver Spirits

We hope all our senior adults are well and enjoying their summer! Please mark your calendars and plan to join the fun at our Back-to-School Bash on Wednesday, 9/11. More information will be coming, but, for now, save the date!!!

Munch & Mingle

Think we can ALL agree how much we look forward to sharing this time on the first and third Sundays after church service! A HUGE thank you to all who surprise us with their delicious culinary talents! However, as we have said before, and it is evidenced by the laughter and conversations we hear, the most important thing is the fellowship! Take a chance, grab a buddy, and sign up for a Sunday, if you haven't done so in the past! Our crowd is very easy to please, so don't be intimidated! Coffee and juice along with paper products are all provided! Hope to see your name on the sign-up chart soon!

Did you hear.....

...that wonderful prelude a couple of weeks ago played by Cheryl and Al Barto's grandson Levi Barto? It was done so beautifully that we did not recognize it was a 9-year-old playing. "Dandelion Fluff" was a recital piece from his Spring concert. Listening, it was hard to believe he has taken lessons for just 4 months!

Levi has joined in singing with the choir on a few occasions and felt honored when Joy asked if he would play the piece for the congregation.

Thank you, Levi. It was lovely!



Administrative Council Meeting Sunday, July 14, 2024

Members Present: JJ Carruth, Rita Plumley, Pete Block, Martha Castro, Glenn and Carla Downey, Cheryl Barto, Wanda Manson, Jaime Wofford, Joy and Tommy Gardner, Nancy Boatwright, Ted Andrus, and Pastor Doug Gilliland
Guest: Paul Forrester, Michelle Gilliland

Glenn welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a poem. He thanked Pastor Doug for being our interim full-time pastor. He also thanked Pete Block for serving as the Finance chair the past few years and Nancy Boatwright for taking over this position. George Ashmore is out of town, so Glenn reported the church is now 100% Global and we have our deeds.

The following members gave their reports:

JJ Carruth: He is continuing to work on the new website, and everything should be finalized soon.

Cheryl Barto: She first presented **Jody McPherson's** missions report. Last month we distributed 100 boxes in 20 minutes and made more. The next Silver Spirits meeting will be in September.

Jaimie Wofford: The Trustees have been very busy replacing the signage and getting the parsonage ready (inside and outside) to be put on the market. Vinyl banners for the outside signage should be up soon.

Ted Andrus: He will continue being our representative for the annual Global Methodist Church conference.

Joy Gardner: Choir is on their summer schedule until September, and she is very proud of them.

Pastor Doug: He is honored to be here and has committed to stay until the first Sunday in September unless we get a permanent minister before then. He suggested that if we are able to do it, a housing allowance be provided for the new pastor, and we also hire a part-time secretary.

Pastor Doug closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Castro

