



Landrum United Methodist Church

February 2022

THE L MPLIGHTER

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Lenten Journey Together

Lent is a season in the Christian year lasting forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 16, 2022). Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection as we seek to grow in our relationship with Christ. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. (adapted from UMC.org)

Here at Landrum UMC, we are a community of believers like the one we read about in Acts 2: 42-47. In 2022, let us strive to devote ourselves to the teachings of the apostles and to be devoted to our community and sharing food and what we have to meet other's needs. We also like the community in Acts, come together to praise God and demonstrate God's goodness to everyone.

Rev. Olu Brown shared in a webinar some thoughts on Lent. The three key areas were: Preparation, Reflection, and Celebration.

The first, Preparation, may look different for each of us, but most would agree that prayer, study, service, meditation, and fasting, might be some of the means to prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies during Lent. Lent is also a season of Reflection as you study the Bible, seek to explore and understand how Jesus' life and death leads you to a deeper relationship with God. The last day of Lent is Saturday and Easter Sunday is a day of Celebration.

Our 2022 Lenten Journey, I pray, will lead all of us to a faith that will sustain you today and tomorrow! Be open to what God has in store for us in the months ahead as we grow in faith as we serve others.

LUMC will be putting together a “Lenten and Easter Devotion Booklet” that you will help create! If you have a favorite verse or story of faith that you would share with our congregation, please do. Prayerfully consider sharing a personal message similar in length and format as the Upper Room, which will inspire and encourage us on our Lenten Journey to Easter!

Your devotion needs: Scripture, theme (if you wish), brief personal story or meditation on what the scripture means to you, and a prayer. You may consider themes related to how you prepare for Easter during Lent, how you use these 40 Days to reflect on Jesus' life and how it has impacted your life.

Submit your devotions to Pastor Nancy in writing or email them to the church at lumc@landrumumc.net May you be blessed as you prepare a devotion and may our church family be blessed as we journey together during Lent to the Celebration of Easter!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

MUSIC NOTES

NEW YEAR! NEW NIGHT!

Joy Gardner

The Belles of Landrum and Chancel Choir now meet on a new night. We seemed to run into the need to reschedule or cancel our rehearsals with so many of our hand bell ringers and chancel choir members serving on committees that typically meet on Tuesday nights. So in order to avoid having to reschedule our rehearsals, we have moved to a new night!

Hand bells now meet at 6:00 on Thursday evenings and Chancel Choir follows at 7:15.

Please remember, if you're interested, we'd love to have you join us on Thursdays!

Your Valentine Message

Trudy Van Voorhis



Since Preschool we learn that Valentine's Day is a special day to declare our affection for one another with greetings, gifts and flowers.

We could be considered Christ's valentine Letters. Have you ever thought of your life as a letter to the world from Christ? How you live, speak, relate to and treat others, how you deal with circumstances placed in your path has a bearing upon people's desire to consider Christ.

We are all so different we reinforce the hugeness of Jesus' ability to love. Not one of us is junk mail! We are His letter of love to the world. Therefore, our witness should be steady. Do you only express love to your spouse on Valentine's Day or your anniversary? Do you only attend worship on Christmas and Easter? The real test of love is day by day. It is loving even though you have had a miserable day. It means worshipping when you are not in a particularly worshipful mood.

Think of the people who have been letters of Christ to you. How might your life have been different had they not come along. You are the person you are because of the influence that lessons and people had upon you. There is no power to rival that of a great teacher and we have one. Everything we need to know about what to do, how to be and how to live in Him we already have been shown.

If the letter you convey is out of character with the letter you are, the chances of your being an effective witness for Christ is diminished. As a Christian, you are not just you anymore. You are in the service of delivering the message of someone else. Send out your Valentine message – Special Delivery.

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

Finance: Rita

Balance on apportionments paid. (\$18,532.00.) At this time working on W-2 and 1099.
Designated funds now has a balance of \$83,176.83

Administrative Council

Finance: Pete

Met with First Citizens regarding on-line giving program. First Citizens has a team who will work with us on setting up the program. The fees are: \$7.95 for set up; \$9.95 monthly fee; bank charge 2.9% of deposit. Another option for giving. This will be convenient for those who are unable to attend church. Every deposit will be recorded daily. The site will be password protected with up to five people (admin) having the access to the account.

Discussion on logistics of sending contribution to designated funds. And how to communicate to congregation. (Will be explored.) Motion by Cheryl B. to implement online giving. Second Martha. Motion carried.

Consensus to move counting office to Joy's old office.

Pastor Report: Pastor Nancy

Response to COVID: We are in a better place than two years ago. We need to make a decision on how to respond as a church and provide a safe place: Follow guidelines recommended by conference. Discussion followed on our response: Keep church open; follow guidelines, (vaccination, wearing mask, social distance) allowing members who are sick to notify Pastor Nancy anonymously. She can communicate to congregation. Consensus of board is to keep church open, communicate and take care of each other. Small groups (Bible studies) need to decide among themselves whether to meet. Communication can be through email, phone call, personal visit by Pastor Nancy. We need to provide every resource we can and to pledge to take care of each other.

Missions: Jody

We are now providing 60 food boxes at the community meal.

Jody motion to give a donation of \$200 per month to Operation Hope. Second Wayne. Approved.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody McPherson, Secretary

February 2022 Sunday Ministry Schedule

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Recorders	Flowers	Greeters	Nursery
6	Ben Wofford	Steve Quinn Eli Quinn Paul Forster Jack Clark	Rita Plumley Bonnie Inman	Worship	Steve Quinn	2 Volunteers needed
13	Ben Wofford	Glenn Downey John Briggs Al Barto Pete Inman	Nancy Surface Lisa Gunter	Worship	Carla Downey	Paul Clark One volunteer needed
20	Ben Wofford	Wayne Hagar Larry Fagan Hans Bengard Paul Forster	Martha Castro Nancy Boatwright	Worship	Joan Clark	2 Volunteers needed
27	Ben Wofford	Tommy Gardner Bill Every Bill Robinson Jay Boatwright	Jamie Wofford Jody McPherson	Worship	Tommy Gardner	2 Volunteers needed

Church Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Luke Bible Study 10:30	2 Scripture Study 7 pm	3 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Belles of LUMC 6 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm	4	5
6 Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10 am Communion	7 Luke Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	8 Luke Bible Study 10:30 Trustee Meeting 7 pm	9 Scripture Study 7 pm	10 Vaccine Clinic 12-5 pm Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Belles of LUMC 6 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm	11	12
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Snow at Red Fox



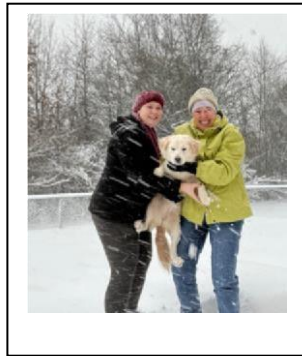
Trudy Van Voorhis



Enjoying God's Glory in White



Nancy Reed



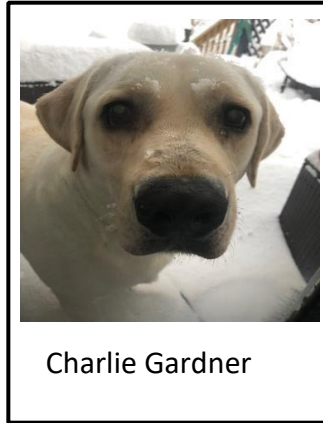
Stephanie Quinn



Taylor Snyder



Paul Forster



Charlie Gardner

The Bengard's Snow Dog



Joy Gardner



Snow fun at Nana Bonnie and Papa Pete Inman's house

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

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Avenue
Landrum SC 29356

Dan Donovan
210 Camelia Circle
Landrum SC 29356

Nancy MCGarra
41 Red Bird Road
Tryon NC 28782

Ruth Strednak
White Oak
C/O Ruth Richardson (daughter)
585 River Knoll Way
Tryon, NC 28782



Homebound and Shut ins

Gettis Solesbee
400 Pine Avenue
Landrum, SC 29356

Mike McAlister
(Peggy's husband)
White Oak, Tryon, NC

Mary Williamson



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:
All Students, teachers and school staff
Our College Students
Peggy McAlister's husband, Michael who is in rehab
Nancy McGarra
Bonnie Inman
Gigi Van Dyke
Harvey Spiegel
Nancy Bruce
Charlie Croft
Don Surface
Maxine Finch
Dan McFerrin
Lisa Spriggs
Dan and Wendy Donovan
John Himmel
Levi McCleef
Jimmy Ashmore
Lois Foster's Daughter in Law
Mrs. Wofford, Jaime's grandmother
Jody's friend, Rebecca & her Mother Margaret - medical
Twin grandsons of the Goodrich's, Charles Edgar and
George Rosefin born October 21, 2021
Cheryl Barto's sister, Joanne Jordan, recovering from a fall
Sympathy: The Jolly Family and The Smith Family
Joy Gardner's uncle, Roy, with Meniere's Disease
Ted Andrus

Silver Spirits

As we move into February, our prayer is that all of our seniors are enjoying good health. It seems like an eternity since we've enjoyed the fun and fellowship of our luncheons together. We continue to monitor the coronavirus status and hope that soon we can announce a regathering date for our group. As stated repeatedly, the health and safety of our "spirits" is the determining factor. We send love and warm wishes to each of you.

Blessings, Cheryl

Altar Guild

Thank you for those who helped with the Christmas tree and decor removal; Debby and I were so grateful for the extra hands! The beauty and simplicity of His house is always most evident, when the evergreens and red bows disappear. We look forward to working with Pastor Reed as we approach another "season" on the liturgical calendar.

The flower chart is in the Narthex with open dates for the year, and we thank you in advance for choosing a Sunday. Because we have no local florist if you don't care to design a bouquet yourself Debby or I would be happy to buy and arrange flowers for you! We feel that a charge of \$25 is a fair price. Thank you so much for your willingness to enhance our worship service."

In Christ, Debby & Cheryl

February Festivities

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Winn Holley
- 4 Nate Fagan
- 11 Ted Andrus
- 12 Cole Krebs
- 13 Adam Castro
- 15 Cheryl Barto
- 16 John Himmel
- 22 Barak Gunter
- 26 Ben Fricks
- 26 Jeanne Godwin
- 28 Lisa Wofford



ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Dan & Brenda McFerrin
- 19 Don & Nancy Surface

Scripture for Sermons

February 6, 2022

Luke 5: 1-11

February 13, 2022

Luke 6: 17-26

February 20, 2022

Luke 6: 27-38

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

Luke 9: 28-36 (37-48)