



Landrum United Methodist Church

February 2024

The Lamplighter

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor's Message

Dear Church Family,

We will begin the Season of Lent, February 14, 2024, with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. We will gather and be reminded of how we are connected to the past and the future. The ashes that will be used to make the mark of the Cross on each forehead will come from the palm branches that were waved in celebration in 2023 on Palm Sunday. Each Lent we travel with Jesus on his way to Jerusalem where he will be betrayed, arrested, and crucified. Jesus died for you and me.

We wait together for the celebration of Easter morning and again this year we will shout “He is risen! He is risen indeed!” We are Easter people for Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again!

I chose Hope as my word for 2024 and Easter gives me hope. There is great hope for you and your church in 2024. I hope that you will put the challenges of these past few years behind you and move toward what God has in store for you. I hope that all will be patient and will be a part of creating a new beginning for your church. Maybe it is just a continuation for I trust that you will be the same church you are now. A church that is active in missions. A church that supports your community. A church who loves God and loves others.

Next year, as a church with a new name, you will burn the palm branches from our Palm Sunday service to be held on March 24, 2024. These ashes will be used to make the mark of the Cross during your Ash Wednesday Service 2025. And the connection goes forward.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

How may I serve you?

Trudy Van Voorhis

I have often spoke about the job I retired from after 30 years. I worked in both the Superior and Federal Courts in D.C. Now I often see my office building on TV with all the news that is going on in that Federal court. Although I went up the ranks, I often returned to remember my roots back to "home base" which was the jail's cellblock. Initially I began working with the people arrested on criminal charges which often surrounded me with types of people which with many do not want to be associated. Among my clientele were some that no assistance or rehabilitation could impact. Most of the population was comprised of indigents, poor, mentally ill, substance dependent, unfortunate people who have not been afforded even the basic opportunities of life.

It was not a job providing fine offices, windows overlooking the beautiful monuments in Washington or extended leisurely lunch hours. Much of my time was spent in an odorous cellblock speaking to people just arrested that day who have not cleansed themselves in days or weeks and might be still toxic, trying to have a comprehensible interview to gather the simplest demographics from them. This information was to assist them during their release and while you are offering them services to improve their life skills, they may not take advantage of your referrals. It was a position that does not provide niceties, but the human rewards far outweighed the material benefits.

The smell, frustration and attitude coming from many of these defendants prompt some to question our toleration. My faith assisted me often in that job. In responding to those that asked how I could accept these people, I often thought of the sample of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and becoming a servant to them. Now...I am not crazy about touching feet or even having my own touched. To me this gesture is a great measure of servitude. It reflects Jesus' love and compassion. While I may not have dealt with my clientele's podiatry, I did attempt to overlook their coarse ambiance and try to show some consideration.

In the Bible, Jesus states that how you treat even the least of men, you are treating Him. I thought of that often during my work. How could I judge these people when I remembered all the unpopular sinners Jesus surrounded himself in his ministry. In my life I try to take this to heart.

My faith in His love compels me to be willing to be identified with the problems of the poor, burdened and the ill, and take Christ's example of the basin and the towel to heart in showing my servitude to others.

February Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

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



ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Don & Nancy Surface

Altar Guild

A huge “thank you” to those angels who helped with removing all the Christmas decor from the sanctuary - many hands made the task easy!

Our season of Lent starts early this year, with Ash Wednesday arriving on February 14. We, as Christians, view this as the beginning of Jesus’ 40-day fasting and temptation in the desert and, for us, a time to repent, reflect, and pray, as we prepare our hearts for Easter - the resurrection of our Savior!

We appreciate those who have signed up on the flower chart in the Narthex for certain Sundays, and invite others to choose one of the many open dates available. Debby and I avail ourselves to anyone who needs help with a bouquet - please reach out to either of us if you need assistance. Thank you!

Blessings, Debby & Cheryl

Silver Spirits

If all our seniors stay well, we plan to have a “redo” of our postponed January luncheon on Wednesday, February 21, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Soups and desserts are provided, and we ask that all attending bring a favorite appetizer or hors d’oeuvre to share with others. Come with a funny story or experience you’d like to share - as you know, we love to have fun and laugh! Hope you’ll mark your calendars, bring a friend, and join us for a great time of fellowship! See you on the 21st!

Blessings, Trudy & Cheryl

Munch & Mingle

The rather empty signup chart hangs on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall just waiting for you and a pal or two to add your names! It’s evident that we have some very fine cooks and bakers within our midst. Don’t let that dissuade you from choosing a Sunday to bring a little “something” you can pick up at any of the local grocery stores! Juice and coffee are always provided along with plates, etc.! Every single person attending these twice monthly gatherings after church will say the same thing - it’s not what we eat but with whom we eat!! Breaking bread with family - that is what is important!!! Please help us continue this popular mission as we move forward into 2024!

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT AS OF DEC.31, 2023:

Cash per Quicken:	\$28,033.79
Cash per Money Market:	121,926.64

Total Cash	149,960.43
Less Designated funds:	(128,404.08)

General Fund Cash:	\$21,556.36



We have a need for a couple of new recorders (money counters) to act as occasional substitutes. This takes 20-30 minutes immediately following the church service. Interested persons please contact Pete Block for more information.

June Rhymer
810 E. Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29356

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Avenue
Landrum SC 29356

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

Edith Masson
4308 Faust Street
Bamberg, SC 29003

Mike McAllister
Peggy's husband
White Oak

Edith Masson
4308 Faust Street
Bamberg SC 29003

Mrs Wofford (Jaime's
Grandmother)

Mary Williamson

Homebound and Shut-ins

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore SC 29369

Madge Holley
805 E. Brookwood
Landrum SC 29356

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

14 January 2024

Members Present: Rita Plumley, Cheryl Every, Pete Block, Carla Downey, Martha Castro, Glenn Downey, Cheryl Barto, Debby Croft, Trudy Van Voorhis, Nancy Reed, George Ashmore, Jaime Wofford, Wanda Manson, Bonnie Inman, Joy Gardner, Jody McPherson.

Guest: Taylor Carruth

Finance: Pete

\$21,556.36 general fund balance at end of the year. Apportionments are paid. No major expenditures in 2023. Did not have to go into money market fund.

Treasurer: Cheryl E.

FLC utilities are separate from main building. Since FLC gym is mainly used for missions, Cheryl requested that the FLC utilities be paid from mission's fund. Discussion.

Motion by Jaime to try for one quarter paying FLC utility bill half from missions and half from general fund. Second Glenn. Approved.

Pete stated that we have a full slate of recorders (Sunday offering). We could use some more for backup.

Admin. Council

Sunday School: Bonnie

Martha's class is fifth grade and up.

Altar Guild Silver Spirits/ Outreach: Cheryl B. Debby Croft

Thanks to all who come to help undecorate the sanctuary.

Silver Spirits cancelled this month due to illness of many in the congregation.

Munch and Mingle sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall,

Outreach is moving along with cards and letters being sent.

Missions: Jody

Resuming backpack ministry next month.

Member at large: George

Vote next Sunday on the disaffiliation from the conference. Thanks to Pastor Nancy and the committee for their work in the process. First discernment documents were mailed to members on November 28. After January 21 vote, depending on the outcome, another meeting will be necessary to begin to plan on how to move forward. A tentative meeting has been proposed for Sunday January 28 following church service.

Trustees: Jaime.

Sanctuary furnace has been repaired. There was no charge since it was under warranty.

Administrative Council minutes continued

College students/Epworth: Carla

Pray for our college students.

Epworth offering will be on Mother's Day.

Pastor report: Nancy

The Lay Leadership committee has recommended Nicole Bengard to come on the finance committee. Motion by Carla to bring Nicole on to the committee. Second Martha Approved.

Rita, Joy, Martha, Wanda – No report

No further business, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody McPherson, Secretary

MUSIC NOTES

Joy Gardner

On Sunday I had a really good time with the children during music time! They rang bells! They were not the color-coded bells made for children but the real brass bells. They did great!

Who knows – you likely will be hearing them ring bells in a service soon.

I have not found the person responsible

Someone left an absolutely awesome Georgia (Bulldog) Christmas tree ornament by Magnolia Lane at the piano for me during the Advent Season. There was no card to indicate who the gift was from (possibly one of you many South Carolina fans who does not want to admit to buying a GA ornament???? LOL). I have asked around with no one admitting to leaving the gift.

I love the ornament and I am very appreciative of it. It hung in a very prominent place on our tree and was right at home in the midst of our other GA ornaments. I look forward to displaying it on the Christmas tree for many years!

If you are the one who left this gift for me – thank you so much. I am humbled by your thoughtfulness and kindness. It is the perfect gift for me!

Joy



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.

Jeanne Godwin
Gloria Wells
Bill Every
Regan Gumbert - friend of Cole Krebs
Jay Boatwright
Eda - Dau in Law of Phil and Harriet Goodrich
Paul Forster
Aimee Johnson - Ted Andrus' niece with Myeloid Leukemia
Wendell Grubbs - friend of Bill Robinson
Gloria Wade
Fred and Gladys Harris
Veronica and Hal Howard
Mike McCallister
Tim Faulkner - friend of Bill Robinson
Charlotte Stow
Samuel and his parents, Kelly and Karl Lagerlof
Brenda and Robert Black
Bonnie Inman
Kevin and Patricia Dalton (former pastor and his wife)
Linda and Tom Perkin
Charlie Croft
David - Steve Quinn's brother in Florida
Don and Nancy Surface
Lois Foster
Josh Owens
Fran Page
Jim - Rita Plumley's husband
John Himmel
Larry Long
Allison Corley
Gary - Brother in Law and Julie Davis, Sister in Law of Carmen Krebs
Jan - Sister of Wanda Manson
Eugene Starling - father of Sarah Morgan and Matthew Starling
Lizzy - Friend of Joyce Himmel
Keith Haynes
Keren Clay - granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin
Everett and Eveleigh -twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager

Please pray for one another and your leaders as the church moves forward.

ATTENTION DATE CHANGE

February Community Meal

Saturday, February 17th

10:00 AM	Cooking (FLC/Kitchen)
12:00 PM	Preparing Meals
3:00 PM	Meal and Food Box Distribution
5:00 PM	

Can you please come help us, for an hour or two. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Friday morning, February 16th, we will be doing prep/baking in the Family Life Center starting at 9:00, come join us!

Save the Date!

Tuesday, Feb 20 at 6pm in the church sanctuary

Pastor Erik Grayson of Lyman Methodist Church and Presiding Elder in the Global Methodist Church will be at LUMC to speak about Global Methodism and answer questions. This is an important opportunity for everyone to learn and all are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday March 5 at 6pm in the church sanctuary

Pastor Carole Walters of Mountain View Global Methodist Church and formerly of LUMC will also be at LUMC to speak about her experience as a pastor in the Global Methodist Church. Please join us in welcoming her and her husband Ron back to our church and learning about her experiences. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact George Ashmore (864)906-3163