



Landrum United Methodist Church

February 2025

The Lamplighter

"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation."

Valentine Love

Trudy's Tidings

It is approaching Valentine's Day and there are boxes of chocolate in all the stores, chocolate on tv promising to be the only love you need, chocolate girl scout cookies--CHOCOLATE! I think that's what led me to remember the famous quote from Forrest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get."

Really, that phrase can be true in many ways. Each morning we awake unsure of what the day may hold for us. We've made our plans. Sometimes they even happen the way we make them. We never know for sure, do we?

The caramel center days are my favorite. The ones with the strawberry goo are just so-so but the ones with coconut--YUCK! I'd rather go back to bed. Then there's the days where tragedy or challenging times come out of nowhere, and the chocolate sits in the pantry untouched...there's no sweetness to be had in those moments.

No matter what chocolate centers you are eating right now, God is there with the His promise of today and hope of heaven in the future. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8

Let's binge on His priceless box of chocolates today...the sweetest and most satisfying of them all.

Flowers will die. Candy gets eaten. Balloons will pop. Stuffed animals may stop singing. Cards may get lost or thrown away, but the love that is shared with one another, and God's love for us, will never pass away.





New members: Margaret & Tom Kell, Nell Long, Jan & Bill West

Can you help?

Please be attentive to upcoming bulletins for information on opportunities and training to assist in church services.

Needed are:

Greeters

Ushers

Acolytes (not just children)

Tech assist

Liturgists

Mission support

In Appreciation

The holiday season was special this year, thanks to the beautiful decorations. We are so grateful for the Altar Guild's creative touch. Thank you, Debby and Cheryl, and those who assisted in setting up and disassembling the lovely Advent and Christmas décor.

It is quite a task organizing the sanctuary and other parts of the church in preparation of the seasons of the church in addition. Weekly they also work to enhance the altar and surroundings.

The floral arrangements anyone can provide in honor or memory of someone, or just for their beauty is greatly appreciated. The floral sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



Pete Block, Debby Croft, Ted Andrus

Photo: Cheryl Barto

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



The LMC 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:

Joy Gardner
Brenda Black
Gloria Wells
John Himmel
Gene Goodman
Beverly Pierce
Sybil Thomas
Family of Austin Bradley
People of California
Jeannie Godwin

Our sympathy and prayers to Jaime, Skylar and James Wofford and their families with the passing of Lisa. She will be missed by the choir and our congregation.



Altar Guild

Please take notice of the new flower chart in the Narthex. There are many open dates from which to choose for placing bouquets on the altar in Honor, in Memory, or dedication to someone/something. You may take them after the service to adorn your table at home. Debby or Cheryl would like to assist anyone wanting to place flowers, so please reach out.

Debby & Cheryl

Munch & Mingle

It has been amazing watching so many enjoy the social gathering after service each first and third Sunday, before heading out for their day's activities! There is a new signup chart on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall that is currently **empty** of volunteers to supply "munches" for the rest of the year! This is a "**potential problem**" if this enjoyed mission is to continue, as the food is provided by the volunteers and not part of the church budget. All monetary donations are used to cover the cost of paper products, coffee, juice, & an occasional special Munch & Mingle (& these are greatly appreciated)! All who have volunteered in the past, have said how much they enjoy doing so and spending relaxed time chatting with their church family. Please help us continue this mission! Join us on 2/2 for a special Munch & Mingle!



Silver Spirits

Come all Spirits!!!! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, 2/12, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall, as we celebrate Valentine's Day, by sharing with the group, your favorite covered dish!!!! Delicious desserts, & beverages will be provided! Please join us for fun, laughter, fellowship, and surprises! Hope to see you then!!!!

Trudy & Cheryl

Blessings Are Free, But Ministry Isn't

As we start a new year, I want everyone to understand what our financial needs are for LMC for 2025. The Finance Committee and Ad Council have approved our annual budget for this year and in total, we need \$377,000 this year just to cover planned/necessary expenses.

What does this cover?

- Missions – Community Meal, Backpacks, food boxes, and support of Operation Hope
- Property – All costs to maintain and run our facility (utilities, insurance, cleaning, and maintenance)
- Personnel – Salaries and expenses for Pastor, Music Director and Secretary
- Programs – All the other good stuff including worship, music, supplies and a newly created budget to foster programs for Children and Youth

You will see weekly givings reported each week in the bulletin. This is the key figure for you to know when you look at this each week:

LMC Weekly Need \$7, 250

As always, if you have questions or want more information, please let me know!

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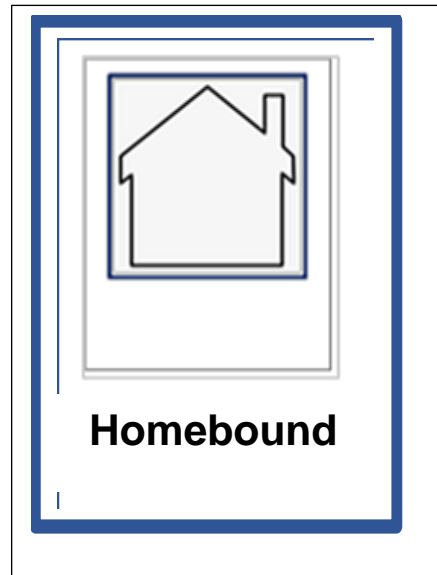
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