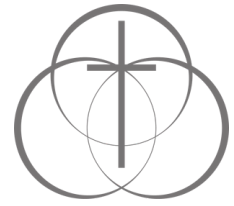


# Landrum Methodist Church

## The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation”



MARCH 2026

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEVE

On Sunday, February 22nd, I shared that after much prayer and discernment, our family believes that God is calling us into a new season of ministry beyond Landrum Methodist Church.

While we understand that in the Methodist tradition, pastoral appointments are only for a season, this truth does not make this moment easy. Over this past year, you have welcomed the Martinez family with open arms- We have worshipped, prayed, laughed together, and we have walked through meaningful, sacred moments together. We truly have made friendships here.... For all this, we are deeply grateful.

This was not an easy decision and comes from a place of prayerful obedience—leaning into the Lord’s leading. When God guides, we trust, even if it stretches us. And while there is sadness moving on from people we deeply care about, there is also confidence that the same Lord who brought us together will faithfully guide us all for what is to come.

For the next several months, I will remain pastor of LMC and help the congregation through this transition period. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor. Joanna and I will continue to pray for you, and we ask that you do the same for us as we step into this next chapter of our lives.

Grace and Peace over you,  
Pastor Steve





## A LENTEN PRAYER— FOR PERSONAL LENTEN DEVOTION

Lord Jesus, you fasted and prayed for forty days. Help me to fast and pray during this time of Lent. Free my mind from distraction and worry, that I may be more aware of Your love, and more sensitive to others. Give me a spirit of generosity, so that I might share my gifts more freely with those who have less. Teach me to pray, that I might offer You praise and be more thankful. Help me make time to reflect on Your Word; may it challenge, console, and purify me. Be with me in times of hurt, doubt and confusion; unite my sufferings to Yours and let them be redemptive. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, free me from sin, let me rise with You this Easter. I ask this in the Name of Jesus, who died that I might have eternal life, living in the fullness of His Spirit.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## March CELEBRATIONS!

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3. 2 Rosemary Odom
- 3. 4 Debbie Fore
- 3. 14 Eric Clark
- 3. 14 Sarah Morgan
- 3. 17 Debby Croft
- 3. 17 Steve Quinn
- 3. 29 Chris Gunter
- 3. 30 Bill West

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3.20 Pastor Steve & Joanna Martinez

## Missions

We are still looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over a local meal delivery route (Randolph, Bon Aire and Spruce Pine apartments) for the Community Meal on the 4th Saturday of every month. Contact Jody McPherson 828-506-3379 if you can help.  
Thanks!

Reminder!

Sunday School @ 9am  
on Sunday Mornings!  
Come join us as we  
fellowship and study  
God's Word together.



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.



## Homebound

**Betty Little**  
508 E. Prince Road  
Landrum SC 29356

**Maxine Finch**  
102 Corolla Court  
Moore, SC 29369

**Peggy McAllister**  
1064 W Mills St  
Columbus NC 28722

**Mary Williamson**

**Mrs. Wofford-Jaime's Grandmother**



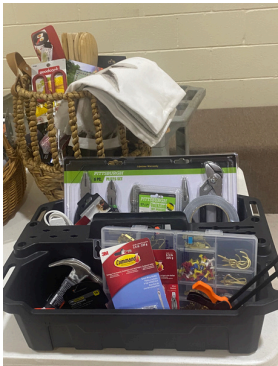
# Need for Prayer



- George Wallace
- Jaime Morris
- Phil Scott
- Kelly Taylor
- Leslie Barto & Family
- Scarlett Barto
- Rosemary & Phil Odom
- Jane Jenkins daughter-in-law
- Cathy Harrison
- Guy Spriggs sister
- Nancy Surfance's sister-in-law
- Joyce Himmel's son, Norman
- Phil Cogans
- Tom Perkin's sister-in-law
- Keren Clay
- Margaret Powell
- Nancy Surface's sister- in law passed.  
Please keep the family in prayer.
- Mary Kylin
- Brenda Azzara's friend, Robin
- George & Jean Ashmore's granddaughter  
Sally
- Joyce & John Himmel
- Fred Harris & Family
- Carmon Collie's brother-in-law's health
- Amanda in Tampa, has a healthy baby  
girl

## HOSPITALITY TEAM NEWS

In February, we had a wonderful meal of pulled pork prepared by Mr. Glenn Downey. Thank you, Glenn! Also thank you to Mr. Tom Kell, for providing the pork, and everyone else for your contributions in what you brought to share! On top of sharing in a great meal we also had some wonderful baskets made up for the P3 Brunch and Baskets event. Thank you to all those in the congregation that donated items for this event. We had enough items for 6 themed baskets. Lisa Gunter reported that it was a wonderful event with over 200 attending and 79 total baskets raffled for the P3 Animal Assistance Foundation!



Mark your calendars! Our next Sunday Lunch Connection will be on March 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be our “Easter” meal that we get to partake in together, before the busyness of the holiday comes! We will be having spiraled ham and all the sides. Start thinking of what side you might bring to share with your church family! More details to come!



## Calling all Worshippers!



We are looking for a few members who would like to serve our church by preparing Communion on the first Sunday of the month. If you're a baker of bread, even better, but not necessary!

Altar Guild help needed. Please pray about being involved in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday Worship and other special services. If you are interested of learning more please contact the church office 864-457-3984 or [landrummethodist@gmail.com](mailto:landrummethodist@gmail.com)



## January Financial Update

We are grateful for a strong start to the year. January collections totaled \$27,974 compared to a budget of \$30,538. Due to winter weather, our February 1 collections were included in January's total, which helped offset some of the typical seasonal slowdown. Expenses for the month were \$27,247, significantly below the budgeted \$36,417. This favorable variance is largely due to our first-quarter insurance payment being made at the end of 2025 rather than in January. Overall, January closed in a break even position, which is good considering the crazy weather we had! We are thankful for your continued faithfulness and generosity as we move into the new year together.

### SILVER SPIRITS



Silver Spirits St. Patty's Day Luncheon (a day late!)

Join us for lots of shenanigans on Wednesday, March 18 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall! Shamrocks will be a-flowin' as we all claim to be a wee bit Irish by wearin' of the green! A Leprechaun bouncer will be a-checkin' just to make sure! No blarney, you don't need to bring a covered dish to share as this is a catered Irish meal with all the fixin's! You may get a shamrock or gold coin, if you share an Irish joke or fun story with the group! Hope to see you on the 18th!! Why not bring a friend!

\*\*\*Our Silver Spirits group functions on the donations we receive each month, as we are not included in the church budget! Because of the generosity of our Spirits, we are so very pleased to be able to make a \$100 donation to Landrum Methodist Church, to help offset the use of Fellowship Hall each month! This excites us because it is a first for our group!\*\*\*

Linda & Cheryl

### Men's Ministry

Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
night of the month, March  
2nd, at 7pm.



## Administrative Council Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Members Present: Martha Castro, Cheryl Barto, Nancy Boatwright, Pastor Steve Martinez, Jaime Wofford, Bonnie Inman, Jody McPherson, George Ashmore, and Jan West

Guests: Bill West and Joanna Martinez

Pastor Steve Martinez opened the meeting with prayer.

Jan West moved to approve the previous month's minutes, George Ashmore seconded, and the motion passed.

The following gave their reports:

Cheryl Barto: The next Silver Spirits is Feb. 18 and there will be one on March 11. There are open dates on the flower chart and the committee is getting ready for the Lenten season.

Jody McPherson: Due to the weather, there was no community meal or food box distribution in January. We are in charge of the February backpacks at OP Earle.

George Ashmore: The Men's Ministry will be in charge of the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. He has contacted the Tax Assessor's office and law firm about the land parcel deed and given the information to the UMC Council. The deed should be put into our name.

Jaime Wofford: Office renovations are almost complete. Options for the rental house are still being explored.

Nancy Boatwright: Lisa Gunter is transitioning into her new role. There were 5 services in January because of the schedule changes due to the weather, so the January monthly collection is positive.

Joanna Martinez: Giving statements were sent out before the ice storm. There will be no pickleball in the gym the days before Shrove Tuesday.

Martha closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Castro

Charge Conference  
Subject: Future Pastoral Compensation  
Thursday, March 12, 7:00 PM  
All are welcome to attend.



### ALTAR GUILD

As we enter this holy season called Lent, each one of us prepares with our own personal sacrifices which began on Ash Wednesday. During this time, there is a palpable difference within our church, and we pray this essence brings us closer to one another and ultimately closer to Him. As you sit in His house each Sunday, empty your hearts and minds of unnecessary clutter, and breathe in the beauty of the sanctuary and be touched by the powerful words from Pastor Steve!

Please glance at the flower chart located in the Narthex, as we do have open dates for altar flowers. Debby & I are available and will be happy to assist with your flower selection!

Debby & Cheryl

