



The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Luke 6: 27-38

Message from Pastor Nancy

Love your enemy takes on a new message for our world since Russia has invaded Ukraine. We pray for the people whose country is being threatened and for those who believe that it is their right to do so. During the 40 Days of Lent, we will be journeying together using the devotions written by our church family and we are reminded of God’s great love for us and Jesus’ sacrifice for all.

When you read the Bible, you realize just how great God’s love is! John Wesley would say that God’s grace “prepares us, redeems us, and shapes us into the people God created us to be”.

Some have or had family (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) who introduced you to church, where you heard about Jesus and about God’s amazing grace. Or maybe for you it was a friend who invited you to UMYF or it was your future husband or wife who said, “I go to church, come with me.”

Church was and is a place that welcomed you when you were happy and when you were sad and alone. Our founder, John Wesley, would tell us that these invitations, experiences did not happen simply because of our family and friends, but that they occurred because of the grace of God.

As students of Methodism, you may have heard of the three types of grace: prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace. Most likely these are not words you use every day. Prevenient comes from the root word meaning “to precede”. This is the grace that comes before and prepares us to hear and receive the gospel. This grace is a gift from God and not earned. Many like to use the illustration of a house to describe these three types of grace and with it Prevenient Grace is the front porch.

Justifying Grace is the front door. Amazing Grace may one of your favorite hymns, yet do we really understand what grace means. God makes things right, restoring our relationship through grace. This grace is about forgiveness. If you use a computer to prepare a document, you may be familiar with the term justify a document which will distribute your text evenly between the margins. This will make your margins crisp and clean with both left and right sides even. It sort of creates order where things were a little uneven. Justifying Grace is when we are made right with God. God forgives our sins, our lives are changed, lined up so we can be who God created us to be. We believe and accept that Jesus died for our sake because God loved us.

Continuing with the house as an illustration, we move from the door, from outside (unbelief) to the inside (belief), not by our power but because of God’s grace. “What God does for us through Jesus (Justifying) works in us by the Spirit (Sanctifying).”
John Wesley

Sin is no match for God’s grace. As we move inside the house, Sanctifying Grace shapes us to be like Jesus. This is an ongoing process! We are emptied of ourselves and the “Holy Spirit fills us with love for God and love for neighbor” which leads to a life lived differently.

We are all works in progress, hopefully moving toward perfection, yet we realize we do not reach it. How do we move from the front porch through the door into the house? We do this through means of grace which are acts of worship, private time in study and prayer, speaking up for those who may not have a voice due to economics or education, and acts of compassion as we care for our neighbor.

Lord God, fill us up with your Spirit, give us strength and courage to forgive as you have forgiven us, to love as you have loved us, and to serve as Jesus served. AMEN.

(Note: quotes are from the UMC Website)

Sermons during Lent will focus on Christians Characteristics

March 6, 2022	Belief	Romans 10:8b-13
March 13, 2022	Discipline	Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1
March 20, 2022	Holiness	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
March 27, 2022	Reconciliation	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 3, 2022	Faith	Philippians 3: 4b -14
April 10, 2022	Humility	Philippians 2: 5-11

MUSIC NOTES

Joy Gardner

Chancel Choir is actively collecting various “gardening items” to help those students who are participating in the “Trash to Garden Club” at Landrum Middle School. Stephanie Quinn is the advisor for this school club that currently has nine (9) participants. Stephanie is especially interested in items that can be recycled and reused, i.e., plastic containers (such as milk jugs; plastic liter bottles); small glass containers; flowerpots; toilet paper and paper towel rolls. In addition, the students also need quality potting soil for seedlings; vegetable and flowering seeds, 5-gallon buckets; perlite; paint strainers – just to give you an idea of the sort of items she needs.

Please help us with our project! Feel free to share your “treasures” with any choir member if you are unable to catch up with Stephanie on Sundays. We will be happy to take them upstairs for you for Stephanie’s collection box. Thank you!



Remember choirs meet on Thursday evenings – Hand Bells at 6 and Chancel Choir at 7. We’d love to have you join us.

Joy

Planning out my garden

Trudy Van Voorhis



Looking forward to the promise of Spring and with my Lenten plan for improving myself in faith, I am outlining what I plan to cultivate in my garden.

It is a more spiritual planting than physical, but I am hopeful it will bear fruit that would make a great bounty. A bounty of fruit of the spirit.

Previously I have mentioned I am working on appreciating my value. In doing this I had to decide where improvement was needed. I need some work on my self-will. More loving, joyful and at peace are principles I want to achieve. I would like to be faithful, keep my promises and be gentle with people who are not. All these things to me fall into the bushel basket of the fruit of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This is the best kind of fruit produced when connected to Christ.

Jesus says that being spiritually connected is like being attached to a vine. You're not going to have any fruitfulness or productivity in your life on your own. You've got to stay connected. In planting, a separated branch can't bear fruit or flower. Lacking support, it begins to wither and die. You are not truly fruitful or productive if you're out there on your own. Spiritual connection provides the support and life blood.

While in this current season you may be dormant, think about what fruit in your garden/orchard are you planning to fertilize to enrich the yield. What are you adding to make your harvest more bountiful? By Spring I hope you have a bumper crop!

Trudy

March Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

1	Madge Holley
4	Debbie Fore
7	Darrell Bustle
11	Julia Fricks
14	Eric Clark Sarah Morgan
17	Michelle Fagan Debbie Croft
25	Steve Quinn
29	Chris Gunter



Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative Council

February 13, 2022

Members Present: Rita Plumley, Martha Castro, Pete Bock, Wayne Hager, Cheryl Every, Bill Every, Joy Gardner, Jamie Wofford, Wanda Manson, Nancy Reed, Jody McPherson

Finance: Pete

On-line banking with First Citizens has not been set up yet. Pete is still exploring some other options/programs. Stephanie has made the LUMC website secure.

Pete shared the EZRA report, which is a yearly report to the conference. It is a "mini church profile" which primarily focuses on membership and participation, assets and expenses and church income. The report is due to the conference on February 28.

Administrative Council

Pastor Nancy opened with prayer and a devotion on leadership. Leaders need a devotional life. Take time for devotion and prayer.

No reports from Martha, member at large, Rita, financial secretary, Bill, PPRC and Wanda, member at large.

Missions: Jody

Discussion on funds for food boxes. The money for the food boxes comes from community meal donations as requested by the donors to this ministry. Sixty boxes are prepared each month to be distributed at the community meal.

Men's Ministry: Wayne

The ministry meets monthly for breakfast, fellowship and a devotion. Ten to fifteen men attend.

Trustees: Jaime

Blessed with funds thanks to generous donations. Looking forward to a smooth winter with no major expenses.

Music: Joy

Choir has been invited to sing At Gramling UMC Good Friday service. It will be a joint service with 10 other churches in the "Foothills Cluster." April 17 is Easter.

Pastors Report: Nancy

Thanks to Joy for doing the bulletin in the absence of Bonnie and to Harriet Goodrich for weekly volunteering. Follow up discussion from December council meeting on long range planning. We could have a weekend retreat, away or at the church, inviting Chris Lynch, District Congregational Specialist to facilitate the meeting. We would identify 3-5 areas for growth looking toward the future.

Motion by Martha to obtain an outline from Chris on how we would proceed. Looking at areas of purpose, process and product. Second by Bill. Approved. Nancy will follow up with Chris.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jody McPherson, Secretary

March 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	2 Volunteers 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	Glenn and Carla Downey	Tommy Gardner	2 Volunteers needed

March 2022 Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Luke Bible Study 10:30 Trustee Meeting 7 pm	2 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm 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	9 Scripture Study 7 pm	10 Girl Scouts 5:30 pm Belles of LUMC 6 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm	11	12
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27 UMM Meet 8 am Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10 am	28 Luke Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	29	30	31		

Silver Spirits

We pray each of our senior adults is well & enjoying the lovely Spring weather unfolding around us. We continue to monitor the Coronavirus statistics and pray we can soon join safely together for fellowship!

We are becoming more optimistic each day, though we may be changing our past gathering format, that we will be able to resume the fun & meaningful events we came to enjoy!

Remember, we love each of you & pray for your well-being and hope this Spring finally allows us to join together.

Blessings, Cheryl

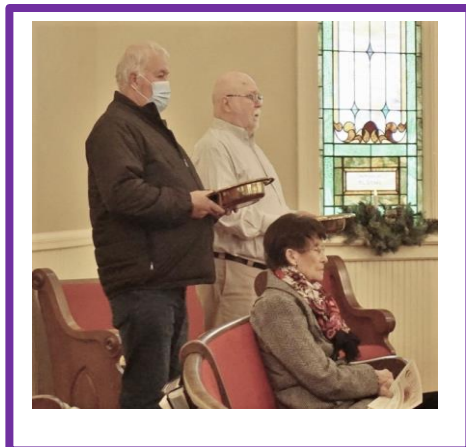
Altar Guild

What a joy to be witness to His beauty blossoming around us more each day during this season!

As we approach Ash Wednesday and Lent, we prepare our hearts for the love & sacrifice given by our Savior. Thank you to those in the congregation who contributed to and prepared, the Lenten booklet.

The flower chart is in the Narthex with open dates for those desiring flower placement on the altar, and we thank you for your willingness to participate! If you wish to place flowers, Debbie or I would be happy to assist you by preparing an arrangement for a fee of \$25.

Blessings, Debbie & Cheryl



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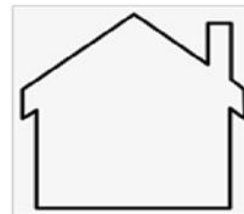
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Homebound and Shut ins

Mary Williamson

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



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:

Ted Andrus

Charlotte Stow

Wendy and Dan Donovan

Jeanne Godwin's sister and family

Nancy McGarra

Elaine and Bill Hillan (Addie's Aiken Grands)

The people of Ukraine

The residents of Oakridge Community who have had to move

Our sympathy to the family of Gettis Solesbee

and to Steve Quinn and family with the death of his mother.

