



Landrum Methodist Church

March 2025

The Lamplighter

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The Landrum Methodist Men's Ministry will host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4, 2025, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM in the Family Life Center.

Shrove Tuesday, also called Pancake Day, takes place the day before Lent begins. Traditionally, it's a time to use up rich ingredients like eggs, milk, and sugar before the 40-day period of fasting and reflection during Lent. The tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday originated in the 16th century in the United Kingdom.

The LMC Pancake Dinner is a great chance to invite friends, neighbors, and extended family members to come join us for fellowship and some really great food.

Dinner is Free! Donations will be accepted.

So, mark your calendar for March 4, 2025, and plan to join us.

Landrum Methodist Church Charge Conference

February 23, 2025

There was a called Charge Conference led by Pastor Matt Yon, the presiding Elder. The purpose of this called Charge Conference is to elect 1 lay delegate to the Annual Conference.

The lay delegate is only a member of Church Council and Finance Committee. This is different from our previous denomination where the delegate is a member of all committees. Another difference is all Global Churches have only one delegate to the Annual Conference so there is equalization among all the churches.

Church Council members voted unanimously for Glenn Downey to be LMC's delegate to Annual Conference and Jody McPherson and George Ashmore are alternates. In addition, Glenn Downey and George Ashmore are our Certified Lay Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Castro

A big THANK YOU

to everyone who has completed the volunteer survey! Your willingness to serve is what keeps the ministries of LMC thriving.

Do you feel God calling you to serve? If so, we invite you to take a moment to fill out a survey, available in the narthex. Once completed, simply place it in the offering tray or give it to an usher.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and dedication to our church family. Your service makes a difference!

Blessings!

Pastor Steve Martinez

Altar Guild

Thank you for all helping fill the flower chart which is located in the Narthex! How lovely the bouquets are each Sunday, and greatly appreciated by the congregation! As always, Debby or I will be happy to help with any questions or floral ideas you may have since florists are so limited in our area! We are beginning to plan the Lenten season in our church, and are excited to share it with you soon!

Debby and Cheryl

Silver Spirits

Mark your calendars for our first Silver Spirits Shamrocks & Shakes luncheon on Wednesday, March 12, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall! A light luncheon will be provided, and a love offering accepted to cover costs! Funny shenanigans will occur if you forget to wear green!! Admission fee is canned string beans or peas for our food pantry shelves! If you've enjoyed a trip to Ireland in the past, please share your favorite memories with the group! Bring a friend and join us for our first SSSS gathering.....Silver Spirits Shamrocks & Shakes.....wear green and come ready to have fun!!!!

Trudy and Cheryl





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.

Prayers for:

Joy Gardner
Jeannie Godwin
Ben Douglas
Phil Goodrich – back surgery
Jerry Jennings
George Ashmore brother – heart surgery
Dennis Gunter – back pain
Mark & Patricia Hartsell – passing of her mother
Dale Brackett
Betsy – Jody's friend
Carmen Collie
Leonard Culbreath- cancer
Owens Campbell family
Charlie Croft
The Wofford Family
Chris Armstrong
Foothills Prison Ministry
Thomas Blackstock
Tony Tuner
Keren Clay

March Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

4 Debbie Fore
14 Eric Clark
14 Sarah Morgan
17 Michelle Fagan
Debby Croft
25 Steve Quinn
29 Chris Gunter



Generosity at Your Fingertips

Did you know you can give to LMC online? Online giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to support the ministry, whether you're at home or on the go. By giving electronically, you help ensure that our church can continue its mission without interruption.

To give online, visit www.landrummc.net – there is an Online Offerings button right in the middle of the page where you can pay with a credit card.

Thank you for your generosity and for being a vital part of our church family!

Nancy B

Nancy Boatright, Finance Chair

Administrative Council Meeting Sunday, February 9, 2025

Members Present: Rita Plumley, Martha Castro, Glenn and Carla Downey, Cheryl Barto, Ted Andrus, Bonnie Inman, Steve Martinez, Nancy Boatwright, Jaime Wofford, Wanda Manson, Bill and Cheryl Every, George Ashmore, and Jody McPherson
Guests: Joanna Martinez

Glenn welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a prayer.

Ted Andrus moved to approve the December minutes as written and Nancy Boatwright seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was no January meeting due to bad weather.

Glenn and Bill Every (sharing what Wayne Hager had talked about with them) discussed moving the Men's Ministry meetings from Sunday mornings to the Monday night Bible study which is led by George Ashmore. It would be the first Monday of the month. The hope is participation will increase.

Glenn and the Council also discussed the need to regenerate a committee that would provide a meal following a funeral. This was something that was active a few years ago.

A survey is going out in the bulletins and members will be given the opportunity to choose the different areas and ministries of the church they'd like to help with and/or be part of.

The following members gave their reports:

Bonnie Inman: There was a discussion about ways to encourage new families to come to the church and to inform the community about Landrum Methodist Church during our new season of growth. The Landrum Farmers Market brings in a lot of people every Saturday during the season it's open, and it would be an easy way to reach a lot of people. Nancy Boatwright moved we become a sponsor of the Landrum Farmers Market and Ted Andrus seconded the motion and it passed. Nancy will check with Lisa Gunter about doing this.

Cheryl Barto: Silver Spirits is Wed., Feb 12.

Joanna Martinez: Suggestions were given for ways to ensure that she's receiving all of the information for the church bulletin and calendar.

Jody McPherson: We are serving 45 students in the backpack program for Feb.

Nancy Boatwright: The finance meeting was held before the Administrative Council meeting. They reviewed the final 2024 financial report and approved the financial procedures for GMC.

Jaimie Wofford: Trustees are continuing to work on the office. The parking lot was recently paved and sealed. The new sign will cost \$3,048. Nancy Boatwright moved to approve the new sign in the front of the sign and update the signs at the ballfields. George Ashmore seconded the motion, and the motion was voted on and passed. No trespassing signs have been posted on the 2 vacant lots in the hopes that people won't be riding their dirt bikes on the church property.

Martha Castro: We have one person who is eligible to receive the scholarship for graduating high school seniors. She will give the application to Joanna so she will have it in the office.

Wanda Manson: Two new members are interested in helping with backpacks.

Cheryl Every: The church isn't listed in the Tryon Bulletin, and we need to get our name in there.

Carla Downey: The college students will receive Valentine's Day cards and gift cards.

Pastor Steve: There will be a church charge conference on Feb.23 for us to vote on our lay representation. He's also praying about having a weekly prayer service either Friday or Sunday nights. Foothills Classical Academy has reached out about using our facility once a week and he's checking into that.

Glenn shared Joy's report that 52 hymnals have been purchased so far and they should be available in March.

Steve closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Castro



Photos:
Pete Block



Munch and Mingle
Munch & Mingle will be postponed until further notice.

Lenten Wilderness



Trudy's Tidings

As we prepare to go into the wilderness of Lent for these next forty days, what can we learn from Jesus? What does his victory in the wilderness teach us?

Remember the expression, "What Would Jesus Do?" Is a good question but another question is just as important: "What Did Jesus Do? What did Jesus do in the wilderness? He defeated sin, death, and the devil, for us. That is what this Season of Lent is all about. We enter the battle against the sin in our life, trusting that Jesus is right there alongside us.

Jesus goes into the wilderness right after being baptized. I think that teaches us that baptism doesn't preserve us from temptation. It prepares us for temptation by uniting us with Jesus. The story of Jesus in the wilderness shows us how, with his help and with him at our side, we can overcome our own temptations. Jesus spent forty days to fast, and to be tested by Satan, and helps teach us about facing our own wilderness experiences.

The wilderness story can be taken not only literally, but also symbolically. It can be a way to describe our experiences. When we get thrown off-balance, spiritually speaking, we end up in what may be a spiritual wilderness. Losing your job or a relationship, becoming ill, or losing a loved one, all can be "wilderness experiences." These experiences can be scary, lonely, and make us feel God is distant from us. If we approach them faithfully, that can deepen our faith. They can draw us closer to God, and change us in ways that are good, even if the experience was difficult. The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. Even Jesus didn't go willingly. Often that happens with our wilderness experiences - we don't always choose them. Sometimes we do choose them. Taking a new job, going off to college, moving to a new place. These can be chosen wilderness experiences. Lent can be a season when we choose to enter a wilderness. It is a time of praying and reviewing our faith.

Chosen or not, our trust is God will be with us and they can deepen our faith and provide a renewed sense of purpose.



Views from the pews
Photos: Paul Forster

