



# The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

## Pastor's Message:

Spring is here! Flowers have begun blooming, and the trees are green! Once again you hear the hum (or roar) of lawnmowers in your neighborhoods! God has created our world and the seasons and here we are in Spring, the season of new birth and we see it all around us. The church has seasons as well and we have just journeyed with Jesus to the cross during Lent. Our church family came together to remember that last week of Jesus' life with the powerful drama of The Living Last Supper and then we gathered with sister churches on Good Friday for the solemn Tenebrae Service. Some call it the service of shadows or darkness as the light in the sanctuary goes out with the final extinguishing of the Christ Candle remembering Jesus' death. It is done. Christ is crucified. That is not the end for we return on Easter morning with flowers to create a living cross and to celebrate the risen Lord!

Thankfully Easter is not simply one Sunday, but every Sunday is a little Easter and our church calendar tells us we are in the Easter Season! How fitting that we will journey in Acts for our messages with a theme of “We Are Witnesses!”

With the Holy Spirit, we are witnesses and we are charged to spread the gospel to first our own church and community, our Jerusalem. Then we seek ways to move beyond perhaps to other areas in South Carolina and our country (Salkehatchie for example), as scripture says “in all Judea and Samaria”. And though we may not all go we can all pray for those who do take the Good News to the ends of the earth or all around the world!

In one of my first messages, I shared the thought the “we are better together” and that is still true. We are people who are brought together in Christ and we are better together always in Christ! Our church will begin a Visioning Long Range Planning Process this month and the team is made up of members who have loved this church and its ministry for years, those who are newer to our congregation and people of all ages. Rev. Chris Lynch, our District Congregational Specialist will be leading this group in this journey. We need each of you to pray for them and for the work they will do. We know our mission is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” and their work will be focused on how we will do that as we seek to love God and love others.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

# Holy Week Happenings

## Egg Hunt



Stephanie Quinn and her granddaughter check out the shrubbery for Easter eggs!



Pastor Nancy and Jacob Boatwright helping in the search!



Toddlers looking for Easter eggs and playing on the playground!



Pastor Nancy sharing The Easter Story with both children and adults following the Easter egg hunt.

# Palm Sunday



# Maundy Thursday

# Good Friday

## Good Friday Foothills Cluster UMCs

Front row left to right:

Heather Humphries, Church of the Covenant;  
Jack Polin, Gravely Memorial;  
Jimmy Lewis, Friends in Christ;  
Miriam Mick, Aldersgate/Inman;  
Maggie Cantey, New Beginnings.

Back row left to right:

Nancy Reed, Landrum;  
Mike Bowers, Jackson Grove;  
Rick Brown, Gramling;  
Christopher Greene, New Beginnings;  
Thom Thornton, Chesnee/Fingerville;  
Dan Mason, Campobello Foothills;  
Mason Cantey, Cherokee Springs/ Liberty.



# Easter He is Risen!



Thank you to photographer Paul Forster for capturing the excitement of Holy Week with all of these wonderful photos.

# MUSIC NOTES

Joy Gardner

Thank you to everyone who helped make all of our recent activities, events and services so special!

It would be difficult to say whether the children or the adults had the most fun at the Easter Egg Hunt held on Palm Sunday. There were 16 children and toddlers present at the egg hunt. Likely the adults present doubled that number. But, wow, we had fun! We hid 473 eggs and we 'think' we might have found them all! However, it's very likely you might find a few we missed in upcoming months!

When I selected the Maundy Thursday program, "The Living Last Supper" by Ruth Elaine Schram, little did I know at that time what a truly amazing and profound experience it would be. "Our" disciples took us on an emotional journey during the drama enhanced by the music of Chancel Choir. It was one of those times that reading my music was hindered by my tears. Unexpectedly, at the conclusion of the program, we experienced the setting sun shining through the stained-glass windows and reflecting on the disciples faces but then seeming to surround "Jesus" in a bright white light. It was indeed a wonderful Maundy Thursday! To all the guys who were part of the drama, thank you very much! Thank you for not telling me "no", even though you said this was totally out of your comfort zones! You all did a very good job. Thank you to: Pastor Nancy for helping us work out the logistics of "Communion"; to Jody McPherson for directing the actors; to Bonnie Inman for her excellent seamstress work; to Trudy Van Voorhis for her artwork depicting the background of da Vinci's painting; to Paul Foster for his photography skills; to Jacob Boatwright - I know he is tired of hearing me call his name saying we need to move this, that or move back this, that, etc.; and, as always, to Chancel Choir. You have worked so hard during this Season of Lent. Thank you!

On Good Friday, Chancel Choir had the privilege of traveling to Gramling UMC and being the only choir which provided the special music for the Foothills Cluster of the Spartanburg District Good Friday Service. I think Chancel Choir was great. Their music, with its powerfully evocative lyrics, was synonymous with the readings offered by the participating clergy. We look forward to future joint services and hope there will be a joint choir special service in upcoming months.

After a very busy Holy Week, Easter Sunday arrived! It was a wonderful service. Chancel Choir sang their all-time favorite anthem "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name". As Nancy Boatwright says, "I cry every time we sing 'Majesty and Glory'. It is the most beautiful, soul filling song I know." Chancel Choir did an outstanding job with this anthem, and I pray that your soul was filled with the music and that you will carry the song in your heart!

*Joy*

# Altar Guild



Debby and I have a single purpose in attending to the altar, the Narthex, and the sanctuary; that is, visually adding to Pastor Nancy's weekly message. We have heard so many complimentary words from the congregation regarding efforts, and we greatly appreciate your kind feedback. Thank you to all who have placed flowers on the altar and to those who have signed the flower chart in the Narthex for future Sundays. Please contact Debby or me if you would like for us to provide a bouquet for a fee of \$25, and we would be happy to do so. Thank you for being so supportive!

Debby & Cheryl

## Silver Spirits



Some exciting news, Seniors!!!! After an absence of almost 2 1/2 years, we are tentatively planning a catered luncheon on Wednesday, **May 11th at 12 noon** in the Fellowship Hall or under the portico alongside the building! As happy as reconnecting with each of you makes us, the health and safety of our Spirits has been, and will continue to be, our number one priority. Therefore, the date of this event is solely based on low coronavirus numbers, and we hope all attending have received their immunizations. Please give me a call no later than **May 7th** at 864-541-1574 or track me down at church, if you plan to attend the luncheon. Let's all keep our fingers crossed so we can maintain this date! Blessings, Cheryl

## May Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

6	Addie Reed
9	Abby Fricks
13	Wanda Starling
19	Paula Clark
28	James Wofford IV

### ANNIVERSARIES

1	Phil & Harriet Goodrich
5	Fred & Gladys Harris
29	Steve & Stephanie Quinn
	Bill & Rittina Robinson
31	Harvey & Kay Spiegel
	Bill & Cheryl Every



## Sermons and Scripture for Easter Season

We are Witnesses!

May 1	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)	Who is listening?
May 8	Acts 9: 36-43	Love and Service (Mother's Day)
May 15	Acts 11: 1- 18	New Directions (Graduate Sunday)
May 22	Acts 16:9-15	Open Your Heart
May 29	Acts 16: 16-34	Christ Sets You Free

New Study: Acts begins this month!

Pastor Nancy's Bible Study will begin Acts on May 16 at 6:30pm and May 17 at 10:30am!  
Let her know if you would like to join either group!

## FINANCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Pete Block

We have launched an online giving program in conjunction with First Citizen's Bank, our regular banking partner. Online donations are securely sent directly to our church account, posted real time to an electronic report, picked up and logged by our recording team, and included in the year end summary that all receive.

This will allow better access to those who may miss attending a service for various reasons, shut-ins, those long distance followers of Landrum U.M.C., or perhaps one just prefers to bank online. The program can also be used for special events such as the Pumpkin Patch or Salkehatchie camps, dedicated project fundraising, and memorials.

To access the donor page, go to [www.landrumumc.net](http://www.landrumumc.net). On the home page, there is a window titled "Online Offerings". A click on this takes you to the donation form. Note that in the very top window labelled "General Funds or Designated Program", there is the capability to specify to where you want the funds to go. This is picked up in the recording report to ensure that the giving is properly directed. After filling out the rest of the form with standard name and card information, click "Pay Now" and it's done. There is no extra charge to the person doing the giving; Landrum U.M.C. is charged 2.9% of the transaction amount. Online donors are offered an email receipt at the time of the transaction.

Online giving is certainly not meant to be a required changeover from traditional methods of tithing and offering, it is just another way to add convenience to our giving procedure.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me, and thanks for all that you do to further our missions of Landrum U.M.C.

Blessings, Pete Block

# HAVE A LITTLE FAITH



We just celebrated Easter, yet I hope that we still ponder the faith lesson it leaves us. Easter has more to do with what happens after we leave church than what happened in a garden long ago. It is easy to see Jesus among the lilies on Easter Sunday but most often He is in the weed patches of our lives. In our daily struggles in this fragile troubled world is where you will see Him. Despite the differences in details in each of the gospel accounts of what happened early that Sunday, two messages are consistent. "HE IS RISEN!" and "HE IS NOT HERE." "Tell my disciples that I go ahead of them into Galilee (meaning into the world), there you will see me."

The resurrection of Jesus has us imagining and alters our expectations. That is what faith is all about. We say the resurrection happened but forget that this claim isn't believable to most people. Christian's familiarity with the Easter story makes it seem that belief in the resurrection is no problem at all. The resurrection is reduced to comparisons with the blooming spring flowers after a long winter's nap or a caterpillar emerging from the cocoon into a beautiful butterfly. We are surrounded by signs that rebirth has been written into God's creation –but our analogies always pale in comparison to the real thing.

Resurrection is different. Death has a terrible finality to it. To behold a death is an emotionally wrenching experience and we have yet to see anyone showing signs of resurrection. Hundreds of people watched Jesus die that Friday afternoon. They watched Jesus die just as they had watched others die before Him. But no one witnessed his resurrection. No one. Only God knows what happened.

The disciples Jesus picked weren't the brightest men around. We read about the dullness of their perception skills. When Jesus told them he would be killed and on the third day be raised, they did not get it. On Easter morning when the women ran to tell the disciples Jesus was alive, they did not believe.

Jesus lives where we live. He lives in the thick of the good and bad days of our lives. His presence transforms the repetitiveness of life into something special. Usually, life doesn't unfold in a neat, orderly fashion. It's chaotic and doesn't follow the script we write. So, what does it take to live hopeful, coherent lives in a chaotic, superficial world? Having all the answers? No. Have a little faith. Faith is living without answers. Hebrews says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen." Faith won't let us be stagnant but moves us toward something.

Jesus rose. A few saw Him briefly and talked to Him. For believers and unbelievers, life after Easter has never been the same.

Trudy Van Voorhis

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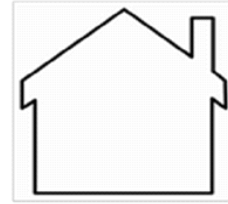
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### Homebound and Shut ins

Mike McAlister  
Peggy's husband  
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Mary Williamson

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.



In prayer for:

Vickie Killough

Charlie and Deb Croft

Bonnie Inman

Benjamin Wofford

Joy Gardner

Adalyn (in Michigan) infant with lung issues,  
daughter of friends of Jenny and Stephen Shelley.

Edward Downey

Donna Granger – Jeanne Godwin's sister

Keith Hayes

Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece  
of Mary and Wayne Hager)

Lee Sam (sister of Gloria Wells) and the Wells  
Family

If you would like a name added to this list, please send to Pastor Nancy

803-522-2009 or lumc@landrumumc.net

Members Present: Jaime Wofford, Rita Plumley, Joy Gardner, Glenn Downey, Bill Every, Cheryl Every, Ted Andrus, Nancy Reed, Pete Block, Cheryl Barto, Wanda Manson, and Jody McPherson

**Finance Meeting** Chairman report: Pete

Still in the process of setting up online giving.

Discussion on designated funds balances as noted in the March bank statement. There are 16 administrative board approved funds that are supported by donations. Some members of the congregation prefer to designate their giving instead of giving to the general fund. Some do both. Consensus of board to communicate these totals to the congregation. Perhaps an article by Pete, as finance chair, for the newsletter.

### **Administrative Council**

Finance: Pete See above.

Sunday school: Bonnie Children's class going well.

Youth: Jody for Martha

Eli Quinn is our graduating high school senior. He is eligible for the LUMC scholarship in the amount of \$1000.

Motion by Jody to award the scholarship to Eli. Second Bonnie. Approved.

The scholarship committee will get the application to Eli.

Missions: Jody

We have resumed packing backpacks and will do so until the end of the school year.

Jody will be assisting Joy in the Maundy Thursday worship presentation.

Trustees: Jaime

The ladies restroom adjacent to the sanctuary is being remodeled.

All lights in the facility are being upgraded to LED.

The playground has been cleaned up in preparation for the Easter egg hunt.

The trustee's number one priority project now is upgrading the playground.

It will be a total overhaul of the area to include grading, landscaping and new equipment.

Music: Joy

Having fun with the children working on music.

Excited about the egg hunt today.

Looking forward to singing at Gramling UMC for Good Friday.

SPRC: Bill Committee will meet after Easter.

Worship: Cheryl B.

Lilies for the Easter altar have been donated by Phil and Harriet Goodrich.

Excited about working on the altar.

Silver Spirits will be back in May with a "garden party" catered luncheon.

Pastor's Report: Nancy

Wonderful to be celebrating almost a year and the Easter season with LUMC.

Visioning committee is taking shape. Still looking for a few more members.

No reports: Wanda, Cheryl E., Rita

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jody McPherson, Secretary