



The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor Nancy’s Message

Dear Church Family,

Read John 15:1-8 and ask yourself are you attached to the vine? No matter, what church or denomination you belong to, are you attached to the vine? This parable used in John teaches us about our relationship with God and God’s relationship with us and both God’s and our relationship to those in community around us.

Jesus is the vine, The Father is the gardener, and we are the Branches that are in need of pruning. We are to abide in him to bear fruit. The discipline of abiding is faithfully remaining and dwelling with something or someone. We find deeper intimacy with God when we remove “me” from “me” and fill “me” with “you” (the Holy Spirit). The hymn, “Abide In Me” (page 700 in the UMC Hymnal) in verse 3, reminds us that “through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me”.

May each of you feel God’s abiding presence during this period of transition from Landrum UMC to Landrum Methodist Church. The SC UMC Annual Conference meets from June 9 to June 12, 2024, in Greenville, SC, and the vote to approve your separation from the UMC will be held during it.

We, as Christians, bear fruit because we are attached to Jesus. Jesus teaches us to love and love if not given away is pointless. Fill us with your love so that love may overflow into our community.

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy

Some important dates for our church family during May:

Sunday, May 5, 2024, Graduate Sunday with fellowship during Munch and Mingle

Tuesday, May 7, 2024, Trustees Meeting

Sunday, May 12, 2024, Mother’s Day – remember the women who loved you

Sunday, May 19, 2024, May Finance and Administrative Council Meeting will be held (location tbd)

Munch and Mingle

Saturday, May 25, 2024, Community Meal and Food Box Ministry

Sunday, May 26, 2024, Men’s Ministry Breakfast and Fellowship



Our love and sympathy to Cheryl and Al Barto with the death of her brother-in-law, Robert Winston Parker of Warner Robbins, GA.

Joy and Tommy Gardner
Pete Block

Wells Jackson, son of Rachel and Nathan. Joy Gardner
Jeanne Godwin

Gloria Wells

Chris Krebs

Nancy Bruce

Regan Gumbert, friend of Cole Krebs

Eda, Dau in Law of Phil and Harriet Goodrich

Lois Foster

Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson

Gloria Wade

Fred and Gladys Harris

Veronica and Hal Howard

Mike McCallister

Tim Faulkner, friend of Bill Robinson

Brenda and Robert Black

Bonnie Inman

Kevin and Patricia Dalton (former pastor and his wife)

Charlie Croft

David, Steve Quinn's brother in Florida

Don and Nancy Surface

Josh Owens

Jim, Rita Plumley's husband

John Himmel

Larry Long

Allison Corley

Gary, Brother in Law and Julie Davis, Sister in Law of Carmen Krebs

Jan, Sister of Wanda Manson

Eugene Starling, father of Sarah Morgan and Matthew Starling

Lizzy (Friend of Joyce Himmel)

Keith Haynes

Keren Clay granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin

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

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.

Please pray for one another and your leaders as the church moves forward with separation from the UMC and makes plans to become Landrum Methodist Church and joins the Global Methodist Church effective July 1, 2024.

SILVER SPIRITS

A huge thank you to all attending and participating in our April gathering! Such fun was had playing Name That Tune, and not only did “the Spirits” do well naming the songs but ended up singing many of them! If you haven’t joined us for a luncheon before, consider doing so when we meet again in June! You won’t be disappointed!

Stay tuned for more info in May! Trudy & Cheryl

ALTAR GUILD

Thank you to all for the beautiful floral displays gracing the altar! The flowers add such an impact to the beauty within our sanctuary, and this is evidenced by the many compliments we often hear. The flower chart remains in the Narthex for those interested in placing a bouquet. Please let Debby or me know if anyone needs assistance with a display on a given Sunday, as we are happy to assist. Debby & Cheryl

MUNCH & MINGLE

What fun we all seem to have wandering into the Fellowship Hall after service, lured by the scent of freshly brewed coffee or some other delicious aroma! Thanks to all who have been so willing to provide goodies on the first and third Sundays! Many dates are open, if you’d like to jump onboard and provide something! It’s always better to share the hosting with two others, as it makes things easier with cleanup! Some store-bought pastries or bagels and cream cheese would be a perfect feast.....it’s about the fellowship - not the food!! Thank you!!

Cheryl

Photos: Paul Forster



Munching and Mingling

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT AS OF MARCH 31, 2024:

Cash per Quicken:	\$ 15,977.82	
Cash per Money Market:	122,002.45	
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Total Cash	137,980.27	
Less Designated funds:	(129,275.15)	—
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General Fund Cash:	\$ 8,705.13	

PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE DISPARITY BETWEEN GENERAL AND DESIGNATED FUNDS.

GENERAL FUNDS ARE USED TO TAKE CARE OF DAY TO DAY NORMAL CHURCH EXPENSES, INCLUDING PAYROLL, UTILITIES ETC. GENERAL FUNDS CAN BE USED TO FUND ANY EXPENSE OR CHURCH PROGRAM.

DESIGNATED FUNDS ARE THOSE GIFTS THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY TO A PARTICULAR PROGRAM OR USAGE; THEY ARE USED ONLY FOR THE PROGRAM STATED BY THE DESIGNATION.

WE NEED MORE GENERAL FUNDS FOR NORMAL EXPENSE UPKEEP. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER.

We have a need for a couple of new recorders (money counters) to act as occasional substitutes. This takes 20-30 minutes immediately following the church service. Interested persons please contact Pete Block for more information.



Homebound and Shut-ins

June Rhymer
810 Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29656

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave
Landrum SC 29356

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore SC 29369

Madge Holley
805 E. Brookwood St
Landrum SC 29356

Mike McAllister
(Peggy's Husband)
White Oak

Mrs. Wofford
(Jaime's Grandmother)

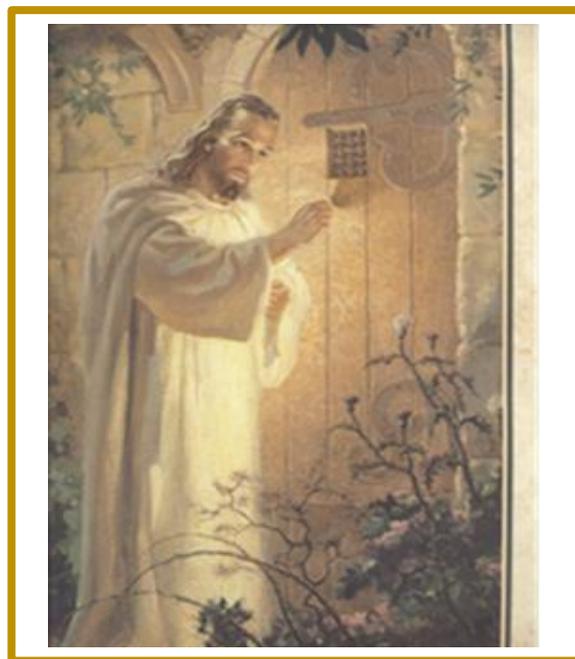
Mary Williamson

Betty Zeuluff
(Mary Hager's Mother)
Sunny Brook Assisted Living
306 Spring St
Hendersonville NC 28739

The Handle is on the Inside

Trudy Van Voorhis

As a child, I often inspected our family Bible. It was a large, heavy, tattered old book with a picture just inside the front. I remember being fascinated what it depicted. It was a variation of the famous Holman Hunt painting of Jesus knocking on a door. I recognized that the door had no handle. My Grandmother who was my "spiritual leader" at the time answered my question about the missing handle. She told me that the handle is on the inside. That response has always been my favorite lesson in faith.



I learned the only way Jesus can enter is if the door is opened from the inside. When God has a plan which requires human participation, God asks for help. There are things God will not do without our participation. God will not compel against our will and barge into our lives. In recruiting, God knocks before God enters. The only way God will get in us is if we let Him in.

There He is at the door knocking. If anyone hears His voice and opens the door, He will enter. It helps us determine whether He is inside your heart - or outside. I think a spiritual tug may cause a knocking within. . . feeling that life must be more than this . . . a stirring inside that starts you looking in God's direction. You hear His voice and realize what you are looking for is Jesus . . . that the only way to be forgiven is to give yourself to the one who paid for your sins with His life. Many of us have come that far. But Jesus is still outside. Jesus said, "If anyone opens the door, I will come in." Jesus doesn't push His way in, He waits for you to open the door. The handle's on the inside. It may be that you have never opened that door.

Jesus is knocking- you can hear His voice in you, calling your name. Isn't it time to put your hand on that handle and say, "Jesus, come on in! The handle is on the inside.

May celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

5 Ben Wofford
6 Addie Reed
7 Tom Johnson
13 Wanda Starling
19 Paula Clark
25 Jeanne Rist
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

Landrum United Methodist Church Administrative council April 14, 2024

Members Present: George Ashmore, Rita Plumley, Nicole Bengard, Cheryl Every, Bill Every, Martha Castro, Pete Block, Nancy Reed, Glenn Downey, Carla Downey, Ted Andrus, John Carruth, Wayne Hager, Jaime Wofford, Bonnie Inman, Jody McPherson

Finance

As of March 31st: total cash \$137,980.27 less designated funds (\$129,275.15). General fund balance \$8,705.13. Balance is half of what it was last year at this time.

Discussion on how to communicate needs of the church to congregation.

Newsletter

Information in church bulletin

Stewardship drive

Discussion on moving designated funds to general fund. Funds cannot be moved without permission of the persons who designated the funds.

Amount needed to satisfy settlement with the United Methodist Church has been collected as of December 2023.

Motion by Jaime to temporarily pause monthly transfers from general fund to property maintenance and to reevaluate monthly in finance meeting. Second Nicole. Approved.

Admin.

March minutes approved.

Glenn has been in communication with Erik Grayson of the Global Methodist Church.

Transition: George

Application for membership in Global Methodist Church has been submitted.

Estimated bill due to United Methodist Church by April 30, \$245,169.

Final amount due along with signed copy of agreement due on May 30, 2024.

Ted motion to officially name church "Landrum Methodist Church." Martha second. Approved.

Discussion on linking church history to new website.

Bill, as PPRC Chairman, has submitted church profile (describing church and community) to GMC. Also included is what we are looking for in a pastor: preaching, missions and leadership.

Men's ministry: Wayne

Men will meet April 28. Sunday after Community meal.

Missions: Jody

We have resumed backpacks and will continue until end of school year May 23 We are still feeding 48 students

Today we helped a woman who came before church needing food and assistance with money for gas.

This past week we helped a family (referred by guidance counselor at OPE) with several boxes of food. They had experienced a house fire. Operation Hope had put them up at Residence Inn in Spartanburg.

Admin Council minutes continued

Trustees: Jaime

Office furnace to be replaced.

Letter to be drafted to Pickle Ball group stating that there will be a \$25 charge for every two hour session.

The projector in the sanctuary is no longer operable. Discussion on the purchase of a new projector versus LED TV screen. No decision.

College students/Epworth: Carla

We will be sending goodie boxes to our four college students for exam week.

There will be an offering for Epworth on Mother's Day.

PPRC: Bill

Meeting with Joy a week from Tuesday.

Pastor Nancy:

Will not be here on April 28. Glenn will deliver the sermon. Pray for church as we move forward to solve our financial issues.

Last day in the pulpit is June 16.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody McPherson, Secretary

