



Landrum Methodist Church

May 2025

The Lamplighter

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation



HOSPITALITY TEAM

Landrum Methodist is glad to announce a new Hospitality Team. This group of volunteers will work to find ways to make connections with both existing members and new/potential members, visitors and provide the team to host various activities here at the church.

Initially, the Team will host the **Sunday Coffee Connection** immediately following the service. No need to rush off- stay and connect, have a cup of coffee or a juice box and a cookie! For our visitors, we will have Welcome bags that include information about the activities at the church, some local honey, a mug and other goodies! Most of all, we want to make connections!

We are also planning to have a **Sunday Lunch Connection** one Sunday a month. Mark your calendars as our first Sunday Lunch Connection will be our **Graduation Recognition Sunday on May 18, 2025**, immediately after the morning service. More details to come on this event!

Do you have ideas about how we can Connect with others? If so, the Hospitality Team needs you! If interested in joining our team, just reach out! We would love to have you!

Hospitality Team

Bill and Cheryl Every	Cheryl Barto	George & Jean Ashmore
Steve & Carmon Collie	Jan West	Ted Andrus
Joy Gardner	Lisa Gunter	Nancy Boatwright
Carla & Glenn Downey	Joyce Himmel	Martha Castro
Joanna Martinez	Wanda Manson	Pastor Steve Martinez
Jody McPherson	Pete Block	Trudy Van Voorhis



Methodist Men's Ministry to host cookout at Landrum Car Show

The Landrum Car Show is scheduled for May 31, 2025, along Trade Street. Landrum Methodist Men's Ministry will be cooking and serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. This is an all-hands-on deck event - men, women, and young adults are welcome and needed to staff our station in front of Petty Funeral Home that day. Start and stop times will follow in future announcement. Please contact Wayne Hager or Bill Robinson for more information.



Holy week Highlights



Palm Sunday service featured beautiful French horn music provided by "NGU Horn Studio" from North Greenville University.



Photos: Paul Forster



The LMC Minister and Congregation prays for those who need special prayer or have medical concerns.

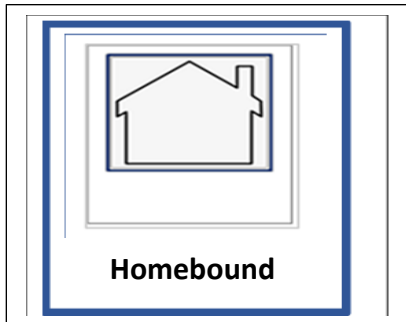
We express our heartfelt Christian sympathy to those who have had loved ones pass away.

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
Rev Kevin Dalton
Keren Clay
Jerry Jennings
Family of June Rhymer- passed away
David Stone
Charlie Croft
Linda Perkin
Jim Johnston
John (car accident)
Chris Peters
Glen Strange
Long Family
Margaret Kell
Gloria Wells
Carmen Krebs friend



Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave.
Landrum SC 29356

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

Congratulations 2025 Graduates



Nathanael Martinez (Polk County High School)

Niklaus (Spartanburg Day School)

Patrick Clark (Clemson)

Evan Plumley (Master of Science in Athletic
Training- Winthrop University)

We will celebrate and recognize these grads on
May 18th, Graduation Sunday

Altar Guild

We hope that you will pause and look at the open dates on the flower chart located in the Narthex. The floral displays gracing the altar are such a lovely addition to the Sunday services. If you haven't placed a bouquet in the past and are interested in doing so, please reach out to Debby or me if you have questions. We still have a lovely array of blooms in our gardens that would make beautiful bouquets. Our thanks to all who help beautify and glorify God with nature's beauty.

We'd like to thank Joan Clark for the beautiful Easter painting she donated to LMC. We hope you were able to enjoy it as a special addition to our Narthex on Easter Sunday. You are a gifted artist, Joan, and this will always have a special spot in our Easter display. Thank you so much!

Debby & Cheryl



Silver Spirits

Cotorse de Mayo! What's that?? Our next Silver Spirits Luncheon Wednesday, May 14 at 12 noon will have a South of the Border theme! We welcome all senoras, señoritas, and senors to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun gathering with a Hispanic flare! The lunch will be provided, though we do ask that you bring either canned tuna or canned chicken to support our food pantry. A "love offering" will be gratefully accepted to help offset the cost of the luncheon. So, grab your sombreros and join us for a fiesta to remember! Ole!!

Cheryl & Trudy



We had a "hoppy" time at April's Easter gathering.

May Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jan West
- 5 Ben Wofford
- 7 Tom Johnson
- 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

Photos: Pete Block



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

FRED HARRIS, A DEDICATED HEART IN CAMPOBELLO & LANDRUM



For more than a decade, Fred Harris, 84, has been a devoted volunteer with Mobile Meals, coordinating two vital meal delivery routes in Campobello and Landrum. His commitment to ensuring that recipients receive nourishing meals—and much more—has made a lasting impact on the community. Fred's journey with Mobile Meals began through his deep-seated desire to serve others. When a fellow volunteer stepped down, he naturally stepped up to organize schedules, recruit

make sure every meal found its way to those in need. Today, he oversees two routes, ensuring that 28 volunteers are scheduled and ready to serve, with many delivering meals once or twice a month.

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An article from the
**Mobile Meals
Messenger**
about one of our
own

Fred Harris

Beyond his role in coordinating drivers, Fred personally goes the extra mile—literally and figuratively. In addition to meal deliveries, he collects surplus food from local restaurants like Bojangles, distributing it to those in need, including Mobile Meals recipients and local missions. "It's just about helping people, especially those who are less fortunate," he says, reflecting on his passion for service. Fred's compassion extends beyond food. He's witnessed firsthand how delivering meals can become a lifeline, sometimes intervening in emergency situations. He recalls a time when he discovered a recipient had fallen ill and needed immediate assistance. His presence ensured that help arrived in time—an example of how Mobile Meals volunteers provide more than just food; they offer care, connection, and safety.

Before his retirement, Fred built a successful chain of hardware stores in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Upon retiring, he and his wife settled in Campobello. While Fred's business days are behind him, his leadership skills continue to shine as he organizes and inspires fellow volunteers. Fred emphasizes the ongoing need for volunteers, especially drivers. "If someone steps down, it can take months to find a replacement," he explains. He encourages community members to get involved. When he's not delivering meals or coordinating routes, Fred enjoys spending time with his wife and family, including his daughter, who lives in Spartanburg. Fred Harris is a shining example of what it means to have a servant's heart. His unwavering commitment to helping others reminds us all that small acts of kindness can have a profound impact.



Fred Harris pictured with Laura Boles of Mobile Meals presenting a \$5000 donation from an anonymous donor from Landrum.

Begging for nourishment

Trudy's Tidings

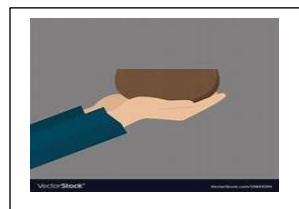
The Pope's recent death prompted thoughts for me about the conclave and the different rituals clergy and their varied religions practices.

A book I remember reading described the practice of Buddhist monks going out daily with an empty bowl in their hands. The rite has a deep representational significance to their faith but, whatever was placed in their bowl by friends and strangers alike became their physical and spiritual nourishment for the day.

This tradition of the "begging bowl" is a powerful illustration for what it can mean for us daily if we find it acceptable to receive what others have to offer us. Not everything provided will feed our souls. Things sometimes are placed in our bowls that do not strengthen us – even given from loved ones. Still, you may be surprised at what is provided to you if you are willing to risk of holding out your begging bowl.

You have heard "It is more blessed to give than to receive." What about the thought of "Receive and you will be blessed." What would it make in your life, in our lives together, if you receive and were be blessed? How much more could we give to others if we held out our begging bowl more often to receive blessings.

Sometimes we are holding out our bowl needing to receive nourishment and blessing of others. Other times we are the one placing the blessing in someone's bowl. Part of the mystery of our faith is that we don't always know when we are going to be the monk, the bowl, or what is filling the bowl. Yet we can rest assured that at eventually we are all three.



Landrum Methodist Church Q1 2025 Financial Results

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 139,632	\$ 94,250
Expenses:		
Local Church	30,426	24,836
Personnel	42,091	41,645
Trustees	42,458	27,400
Total Expenses	114,975	93,881
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 24,657	\$ 369
Average weekly Collections	\$ 10,741	\$ 7,250

Notes:

- * Local church covers missions, music, worship, and all programs
 > Over budget is due to higher spend on missions (meal and food boxes)
- * Personnel covers all costs for staff (payroll and benefits)
- * Trustees line is for all facilities relates costs (utilities, maintenance, insurance)

