



The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Pastor Nancy's Message

Over the last month, as I learned I have Breast Cancer, my Facebook and other social media has been filled with information about all kinds of cancer and it is very tempting to chase those rabbits, but I try to read only articles that relate to my specific cancer and to listen to my doctors. This has helped keep me from being too worried and overwhelmed because much of what you may read and see online may be untrue and even if it true it may not be true for you.

When anyone hears the word cancer or heart disease or any type of illness, there is great uncertainty and a feeling of being in limbo. As your pastor, I would say this might describe the state of our United Methodist Church and its people. We might say that we feel like we are in limbo with the postponement of the 2020 General Conference and the next one not scheduled until 2024.

The New Oxford American Dictionary defines “limbo” as “an uncertain period, awaiting a decision or resolution.” I, a new cancer patient, am waiting for decisions about what is next post-surgery. Our church and other UMC's are waiting for General Conference 2024 with the hopes that there will be paths for churches who wish to remain and for those who wish to leave.

Just as anyone with cancer needs accurate, honest, truthful information about their cancer, they may also need to be willing to accept that the answer in the moment is “we don't know” because we need to wait to see how the cancer will respond to treatment or some other reason. Churches, members, and clergy, no matter if they are traditionalists (conservative), progressives (liberal), or somewhere in the middle (centrist), all need accurate, honest, truthful information about what is known right now and what is not known yet. Bishop Holston, who is our episcopal leader of the South Carolina Conference, asks us to be patient, to pray for one another and to continue to be the church in mission making disciples of Jesus Christ.

While I may be in limbo about my health and we, United Methodists, are in limbo about what will happen in our denomination, remember that most words have opposites or antonyms, and limbo does too. The opposite of limbo is certainty, sureness. For us as Christians, as United Methodists, the certainty that we can hold too in times of crisis in our personal lives or in our community or our church, is our certainty about God. We can be certain of God's love for us and for others. We are saved by grace in Jesus Christ, and we are called to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

Let our prayer for one another during this time of limbo be the scripture that many United Methodist Youth through the years and adults have used at the close of worship:

“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6: 24-26

Come and worship with us as we grow in faith together each Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Nancy



Altar Guild

Having so many from the congregation sign up for altar flower placement has certainly been a blessing. Those arrangements have been enjoyed by all! Debby and I want to thank everyone for their help, and please remember, we are happy to arrange a bouquet for you for a fee of \$25. If you would like to provide the flowers, we will arrange them free of charge.

In Christ, Debby & Cheryl

Silver Spirits

As we continue watching the coronavirus data, we feel it necessary to postpone resuming our senior luncheons. Each one of our "spirits" is such a blessing to our group, it is of utmost importance that we put your safety first. We will monitor the virus numbers, and hopefully, be able to make a positive announcement soon regarding our next gathering. We send love to each of you and pray that you remain in good health.

Blessings, Cheryl

Finance committee looking ahead:

Committee chairpersons with our Charge Conference date set for Oct. 30, now is the time to work on your individual committee budgets for 2023. Please meet with your committee members and have your budgets ready for submission prior to or by our Admin. Council meeting on Oct. 9. This will enable us to insert the information in our annual report to the UMC Conference.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me, and thanks for all that you do.

Blessings, Pete Block



Epworth Workday Offering Sunday, September 11

Epworth's annual Workday offering has been done for decades as church members would pledge a day's pay to support the children of Epworth. To give generously to God's ministry to children will deepen your level of discipleship and an Epworth offering helps children heal, grow, learn, and become responsible adults.

Over the years the emphasis has changed a bit, but its importance is still very much alive. The goal for the Annual Conference is for each member to contribute a minimum of \$6.00. It is an achievable goal and with your enthusiastic support of the Workday offering we can reach and even surpass this goal. Epworth is not an apportioned item and relies heavily on this offering to provide for the children who are in our care each day.

	<p><i>Epworth Foster Care Program</i></p> <h2>FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION</h2> <p><i>New Beginnings United Methodist Church</i></p>
	<p>Monday, September 19 6:30 pm</p> <p>New Beginnings United Methodist Church 210 Rainbow Lake Rd Boiling Springs, SC</p>
	<p>Questions? Call (864) 558-5710</p> <p><i>No registration is required! Childcare will be provided.</i></p>



Welcoming new members Karen and Gary Lambert



Views from the Pews



Jacob happily receiving a birthday card from the Children.



The **Back to School Bash** was a hit and hopefully becomes an annual event. Thanks to Sarah Morgan for the idea and leading the group. Joy and Jody were valuable assistants in the project and many helped with planning and setting up. Pastor Nancy's participation in the Dunk tank was a highlight. Appreciation goes to all involved in showcasing Landrum's church community efforts.



Nancy Surface lovely singing of *'It is No Secret'*



The Belles of Landrum ringing

Unanswered prayers



Trudy Van Voorhis

My friend who was going through breast cancer treatment and I remember her saying that she did not know how anyone goes through anything like that without their faith. She suddenly passed away from a completely different medical problem. Her telling me about the strength her faith had provided her calmed some of the hurt of her death for me.

Other friends have said they quit praying because they have never received an answer. They have received an answer but may not recognize it. I feel there are reasons to be persistent in your prayers even when you feel yours do not get answers.

There are all types of prayer. Prayers asking for healing and deliverance. Prayers of worship, confession, thanksgiving. When you repeat a prayer, it reminds *you* who the source of your answer and need is. God does not need reminding. Instant answers and results would make God more like a vending machine and you would think more about the blessing and not the Blessor.

My repetitive prayers have often made me modify my request. Prayer highlights things I really care about and specifically what I do or should expect. My endurance grows and it helps me understand why so many tell me I can only grow spiritually because my faith has been tested. Delay in some answers to my prayers checks my faith. In this way God helps me grow and prepare for a possibly bigger, better or a completely different answer than I was expecting.

Think of something you prayed for over the years that never transpired. It may not come to me immediately, but often later I can see a result I had not anticipated or understood at the time of my prayer.

Have you eventually seen that God's "denial" was a blessing in your life?

Landrum UMC's newest members:

Gary and Karen Lambert
621 Laurel Oaks Drive Apt B 222
Columbus, NC 28722

Welcome



**Prayers for
a happy,
safe and
productive
school year
for all
involved!**

Nancy McGarra
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Tryon NC 28782

Edith Masson
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Bamberg, SC 29003

Mike McAlister
(Peggy's husband)
White Oak

Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore, SC 29369

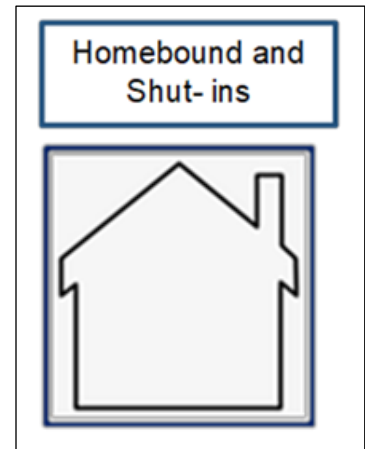
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306 Spring St
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Madge Holley
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Landrum, SC 29356

Mary Williamson

June Rhymer
810 E. Rutherford St
Landrum, SC 29356

Joe Brown
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Jason Rider
Darylann Veverka
Hans Bengard
Ted Andrus
Pastor Nancy Reed
Greer Ann, infant daughter of Mallory Godwin (Betty Little's granddaughter and great granddaughter)
Hal Howard
Wendell Grubbs, friend of Bill Robinson
Michie Reed, Addie Reed's aunt
Don Whittington, Pastor Nancy's cousin
Joyanne Gattie, Ted Andrus' cousin
June Rhymer
Pete, Martha Castro's stepfather
Jim Plumley, Rita's husband
Vickie Killough
Charlie Croft
John Himmel
Bonnie Inman
Keren Clay (14 yo) granddaughter of John and Mary Kylin Adalyn (in Michigan) infant with lung issues, daughter of friends of Jenny and Stephen Shelley.
Edward Downey, Glenn's brother
Keith Hayes
Everett and Eveleigh (twin great nephew and niece of Mary and Wayne Hager)
Landrum Visioning Team

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.

Our love and sympathy to:

Alice Sams and Gloria Wells and family with the recent death of Alice's mother and Gloria's sister-in-law, Lee Sams.

Joy and Tommy Gardner with the recent death of Joy's Uncle Julian Overstreet in South Georgia.

Phil and Harriet Goodrich with the death of Phil's mother, Janet.

Welcome to the "Family of God" to Sally Elizabeth Ashmore born August 6, 2022. Proud parents are Lily and Daniel Ashmore and Grandparents are George and Jean Ashmore and Uncle Jacob!