



Landrum Methodist Church

September 2024

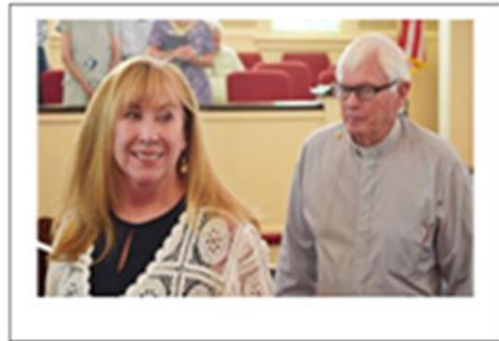
The Lamplighter

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

With much appreciation

Landrum Methodist Church would like to thank Pastor Doug for encouraging, enlightening, and challenging us while serving during our transition. He enhanced the services with his humor, and we appreciate his insight and guidance about areas of the church that required attention.

Pastor, the joy of God shines through your work! Thank you for shepherding us. We hope to have a visit from you and Michele in the future.



Message from Pastor Doug:

Thank you to all of the LMC family who have made Michele and me feel so welcomed these past eight weeks. LMC is an amazing church family. God will surely bless you as you all seek to serve Him. God bless you all in your renewed journey with the Global Methodist Denomination.

Rev. Doug & Michele

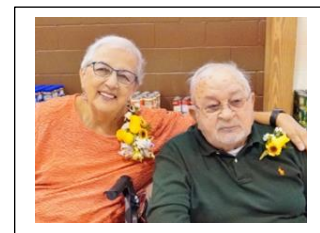
In Loving Memory

Heaven has welcomed a very special person, Don Surface.

I don't know too many people that met Don and didn't have something wonderful to say about him. He truly had a gift to connect with people. When you saw Don, his love, Nancy, would usually be close by. Both are excellent examples of kindhearted people.

Once he learned of my connection to WV, Don always mentioned something about the state when we spoke. It could be the weather, the WVU sports teams or the food. Those of us associated with West Virginia are proudest of the mountains. Don agreed when I told him that much of the Bible's good works were done on mountains. "Almost Heaven".

*Go rest high on that mountain
Son, your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shoutin'
Love for the Father and the Son
Vince Gill*



Don was a shining light in our church. He will be missed. Remembering one who has a special place in the hearts of so many. Here's to a good man – the life he lived, the hearts he touched.

Trudy Van Voorhis

Finance

Purple pews?!



You may have heard me mention “designated fund” and wondered what that is???

Any time a person writes an intended use for their giving, LMC is obligated use that money ONLY for the intent indicated and cannot be used for any other purpose. The example I used in church a few weeks ago was that if someone designated that their giving is for “purple pews” – we can use that money ONLY for purple pews, whether we want them or not!

As of the end of June, we had almost \$132,000 of money in the bank – sounds like we are rich, right? Not really correct because the bulk of that money is designated, meaning we are not able to use it to pay for the ongoing needs of the church. That designated money has been primarily set aside for Property Maintenance (to cover big ticket items), Missions (including the meal, pantry, and backpacks) and Music program. While it is great to give to these funds to cover specific needs, if we don’t collect enough every week to pay the bills, we are limited in what we are able to afford out of the General Fund (the cash available to pay for ongoing church expenses).

Let’s be clear – we will never NOT pay for major church repairs or the ongoing missions of the church – they are critical to who we are and what we do. But we need to have the congregation give to the General Fund and trust the Finance Committee to manage cash to ensure that all the financial needs of LMC are met.

As always, if you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

Nancy Boatwright
Finance Chair

September Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Stephanie Quinn
- Hans Bengard
- 13 Mallori Inman
- 24 Carmen Krebs
- 27 Larry Fagan
- 30 Joy Gardner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Jim and Rita Plumley

Due to increased demand our pantry shelf items are depleting, therefore, the Missions team announces an ongoing project to stock the food pantry.

Each month we will be focusing on several food items. In September we are asking for donations of **peanut butter, jelly, and beans**.

Receptacles will be placed in the narthex for your items on Sunday morning. Food also can be left on the porch of the office. If leaving it on the office porch please call Jody at 828-506-3379 or Cheryl at 864-541-1574, and they will pick it up. If you would prefer to help monetarily designate for Missions and note for food pantry.

Help us to keep our friends and neighbors fed! Matthew 25:40

Missions Project Restock



Altar Guild

Debby and I are so grateful to all who have provided flowers for the altar! We have some open dates on the flower chart in the Narthex if you are interested in placing some of your late summer garden beauties! Please reach out to either of us if we can be of assistance.

Debby & Cheryl



Munch & Mingle

How great to see new names on the signup chart willing to provide light foods on the first & third Sundays after church service! This is such a special time of gathering & sharing, and, of course, enjoying the wonderful delectables! Remember, it's those gathered around the tables rather than what is on them, that is most important!! As always, juice, coffee, and paper products are always provided! Thanks for your willingness to keep this mission moving forward!

Cheryl

Silver Spirits



The theme for the potluck gathering on September 11th will be Back to School. Think back to your favorite item you remember from your school lunch. Perhaps it was the chicken nuggets, pizza slices, meatballs, mac and cheese, cookies or chocolate pudding found on your tray. Or your bagged lunch had carrot sticks, PBJ sandwiches or fruit cups. Though the cafeteria ladies may not have done a great job of preparing them back then, you can. It may be fun regardless. Hopefully! 😊

See you September in the Fellowship Hall. To attend you do not have to be silver – just have spirit! Trudy

Administrative Council Meeting Sunday, August 11, 2024

Members Present: Rita Plumley, Martha Castro, Glenn and Carla Downey, Jody McPherson, Wanda Manson, Jaime Wofford, Joy Gardner, George Ashmore, Bill and Cheryl Every, Ted Andrus, and Pastor Doug Gilliland

Guests: Paul Forrester, Michele Gilliland, Charlie Magee, Bill Robinson, Tommy Gardner, Nicole Bengard

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

The following members gave their reports:



Joy Gardner: The sound system is even more enhanced with the addition of our flute microphone. The piano also has its own microphone. Upcoming music projects include new choir stoles without the cross and flame and new colors. There will be new handbell tables and she hopes to start the second handbell group. We will also be making the switch to the GMC hymnal. The change to the hymnal was decided and approved by the Trustees.

Jaime Wofford: The AC in the kitchen will most likely need to be replaced and the office AC was recently replaced. The church will purchase new hymnals with an option for members to dedicate a hymnal in memory or honor of someone. Jaime turned his report over to Bill Robinson who updated the Council on the sale of the parsonage. George Ashmore made a motion to proceed with accepting a cash offer of \$367,000 with the house sold "As Is" and we lose by the end of the month. Bill Every seconded the motion. There was some discussion with the consensus being we were happy with the offer and the motion was unanimously passed.

Jody McPherson: The food pantry is depleted, and we will focus on a monthly food drive. We are increasing the number of food boxes and bags to 110. Backpacks start back and our months are Oct, Nov, April, and May. Jody reported for Cheryl Barto that Silver Spirits will have a Back-to-School Bash on September 11.

George Ashmore: Our website domain is being updated and changed by JJ Carruth, but Stephanie Quinn and Jaime Wofford will continue to be in charge of maintaining the website.

Martha Castro: Several members have expressed some concern to her about the lack of communication. She offered to send out weekly emails reminding members of church current events and prayer concerns.

Nicole Bengard: Families with young children are leaving because we don't have many families with children and we need to get creative on ways to incorporate our facilities and draw families in.

Carla Downey: The college student list is being updated. Currently we have five students.

Glenn Downey: Glenn reported for Wayne Hager that there will be no Men's Ministry meeting this month.

Ted Andrus: The playground has been on hold until the parsonage was under contract. Ted is getting ideas for equipment for ages 2-12. There will be a workday in September for the whole church. He has been doing some work for Jeanne Godwin, one of our homebound members.

Cheryl Every: Thanks to Cheryl Barto and Jody McPherson for cleaning the church office.

Bill Every: Erik Grayson is working on candidates for our potential pastor. We have been assigned a district presiding elder. This is like a district superintendent.

Pastor Doug: He reiterated the need for a church secretary. He knows that work is being done on potential candidates and offered to reach out to families who have left the church.

Glenn closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Castro



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 deepest sympathy to Nancy and the family of Don Surface

Prayers for:

Joy Gardner
Krebs Family – Covid
Lisa Wofford
Phil & Harriet Goodrich
Charlie Miller
Charles – Gloria Wells son
Leonard and Annie – Wendy
 Donovan's friends
Joanne Jordan – Cheryl Barto's sister
Charlotte Stow
Betty Little
Pete Howell
Pastor Kevin Dalton
Our country & its leaders
Unspoken prayers

June Rhymer
810 Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29656

Joe Brown
109 Edgewood Ave.
Landrum SC 29356

Maxine Finch
102 Corella Court
Moore SC 29369

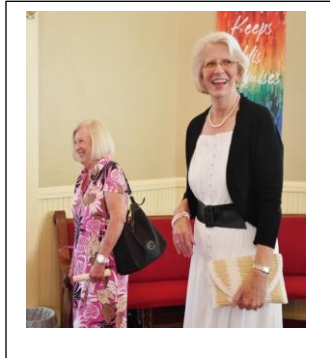
**Home Bound
and
Shut ins**

Mike McAllister
(Peggy's husband)
White Oak

Betty Zeuloff
(Mary Hager's Mother)
Sunny Brooks Assisted Living
Hendersonville NC 28739

Mrs. Wofford
(Jaime's Grandmother)

Mary Williamson



Views from the Pews



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