



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Church Family,

There is definitely a sweetness in our services that is the result of the Holy Spirit-inspired unity of our congregation. We truly love one another and are glad to see each other again. We enjoy being in the Presence of the Lord and each other. This may sound funny to you, but not all congregations can truly say this. New visitors to our church in both services have commented on the palpable feeling of harmony and unity among us. This is not something that can be faked. Humans of all ages have the ability to perceive genuine love and affection when they experience it!

It is no secret that Lee Road has been through some rough patches in the past when things were not so unified. But in the 22 months I've been honored to serve as your Pastor, we have been so forward looking, loving, affirming, and missionally involved that we have gathered together beautifully time and time again to do the Kingdom work that Christ has called us to do. We accomplished much together in Christ, and we have so much more to do together in Christ!

It is hard for me to pick one sacred moment from our services as being any more significant than any other, but the "unity questions", "passing of the peace", and the singing of the unity song are the culmination of our love for God and one another and our collective awareness as to "who we are" and "whose we are." In the Bridge, we sing "Oh, How Good It Is" (based on Psalm 133) and in the traditional service, we sing "Surely The Presence of the Lord" (inspired by Genesis 28:16). During the singing of these songs, I bask in the warm "sunshine" of our love for God and each other, and I know you feel the same way! It is the anointing of our heads and hearts with holy oil by the Spirit! In these special moments, I know what David meant when he wrote, **"Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over" (Psalm 23:5b).**

In Christ's Name,
Pastor Rusty

*You're Invited to attend the
Baptism of
Camryn Hope Lee
daughter of Justin and Marissa Lee
Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 11am (traditional service)*

*God
Bless*



*There will be a basket for cards in the
Bridge Foyer and Narthex*

May 1st Wonderful Wednesday Meal @ 6:00PM

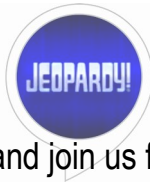
MENU: TERIYAKI PORK TENDERLOIN, BABY PAK CHOI (PALE GREEN WITH DEEP GREEN LEAVES, BABY VERSION OF BOK CHOI), HONEY GINGER CARROTS, JASMINE RICE & DESSERT



Luminary making for Relay for Life @ 6:30PM

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE OF UPSTATE SC WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 AT GIBBS CANCER CENTER AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2759 SC-14 GREER, SC. THE SURVIVOR'S DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 5 PM ([MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND](#)) WITH THE REMAINING ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE FROM 6-10 PM. MORE THAN JUST A FUNDRAISING WALK, THE ACS RELAY FOR LIFE BRINGS TOGETHER PASSIONATE SUPPORTERS WHO EMBODY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY VISION TO END CANCER AS WE KNOW IT, FOR EVERYONE. THIS VOLUNTEER-LED EXPERIENCE UNITES COMMUNITIES TO CELEBRATE CANCER SURVIVORS, REMEMBER LOVED ONES LOST TO CANCER, AND RAISE FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH CANCER AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH ADVOCACY, RESEARCH, AND PATIENT SUPPORT TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREVENT, DETECT, TREAT, AND SURVIVE CANCER.

Celebrating May



Wednesday, May 8:

Supper & Fun Nite at 6 PM

Come and join us for a delicious meal & a fun round of Jeopardy!

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day

Celebration at 10 & 11 AM

Come and join us as we honor all women in our morning services!



Sunday, May 19: Homecoming

Services and Noon Luncheon



Join us as we honor our college graduates and celebrate our 66th Homecoming!

Sunday, May 26:

Memorial Day Observance at 11 AM

Join us at our Flagpole Memorial to honor the fallen and all veterans!



Sunday, May 19, 2024

Nathan Turcotte



Onalee Durham

Reception following 11 o'clock service in Social Hall

GRADUATION

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

SUNDAY

If you have a high school or college graduate, please call the church office.



Epworth Children's Home

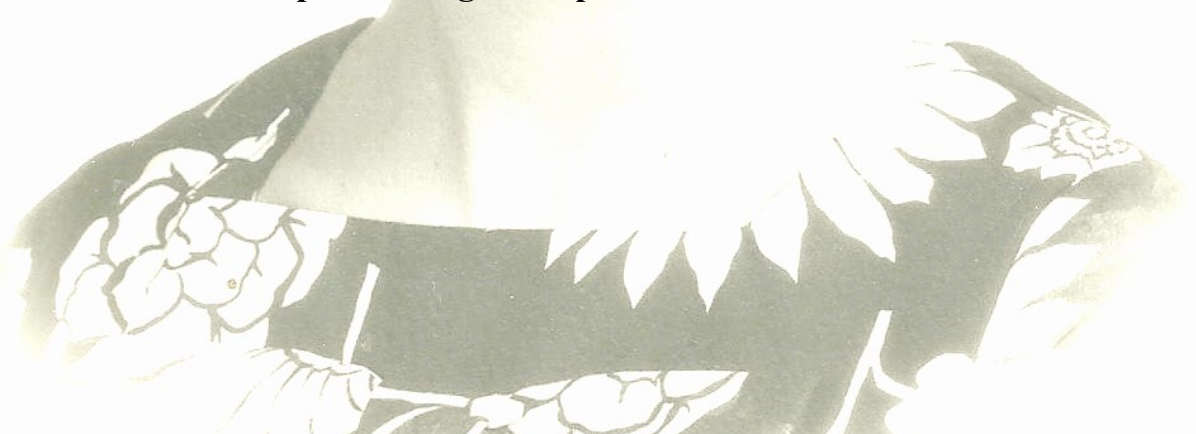
EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!

TRANSFORM A CHILD'S FUTURE. Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's support breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. On Sunday, May 12 th, 2024, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



Mother's Day, we are collecting photos of our present day moms and those moms who have gone on to Jesus. These photos will be edited into a little movie that will be screened in both of the morning services on May 12.

We invite everyone to send one photo of your mother to Mitzi at the church office email: office@leeroadumc.com by Monday, May 6. Please put your mother's name in the email and attach the file in the following formats: jpg, jpeg, or png. Please just make sure that the resolution is good. If you have any questions or need help, bring the photo to the church office and we will create a scanned photo using the copier machine.



March 2024 Financials

March was an unusual month. It was a month of unusually high income and unusually high expenses. Total Income was \$43,026, of which \$11,753 went into Miscellaneous Income. Contribution giving of \$23,541 was \$3,159 higher than the average of the first two months of the year. March revenue was aided by a five (5) Sunday month and a special gift that covered the quoted cost (\$12,109) for the new Audio/Video system for the main sanctuary. Total Expenses for March were \$43,611, driven by high Trustees expenses of \$21,901. The front step vertical lift platform and the new A/V system for the main sanctuary were responsible for the bulk of the Trustees monthly expenses. Bank Balance Less Dedicated, i.e., Undedicated Bank Account Assets, grew to \$189,100, as of the end of March.

Respectfully Submitted, Jimmy Gaddy, Finance Chairperson.

March 2024 Financial Reporting to Church

	3/31/24	Year-to-Date	Budget	%
Church Contribution/Income	\$43,027	\$96,351	\$347,552	27.72%
Church Expenses	(\$43,611)	(\$96,670)	(\$347,552)	27.81%
Income Less (Expense)	(\$584)	(\$319)	\$0	
Total Assets in Bank Accounts	\$209,728			
Dedicated Accounts (100% Funded)	\$28,740			
Available Cash (Undedicated Bank Assets)	\$180,988			
Total Apportionments Billed Not Budgeted	\$40,075			
Apportionment Paid	\$6,412			
Percent Paid	16%			
Giving Households for Month	67			

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 25, 2024

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

Friday, April 26, 2024

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

1:00 p.m. Church Growth Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2024

Tuesday, April 30, 2024—Full Moon

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. Men's Sharing Group

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Singers Practice

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, May 2, 2024 (National Day of Prayer)

6:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m. REFIT (Bridge)

Friday, May 3, 2024

American Cancer Society Relay For Life
(see Linda Schinck for more information)

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024—Guest Speaker

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)



The Annual
**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**

First Thursday of May

Church Staff

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(Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.)

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864-631-9252

Organist, Don Sandor

Media Specialist, Chaunce Yoiungblood

Custodian, Gene Turner



To add to or delete from the list, please call the church office.

Special Prayer Requests

- Chris Gallimore
- Linda Black
- Susan and Max Cromer
- Rick & Nona Walsler
- Jimmy Gaddy
- Chris Fite
- Steve Frantz
- Betty Perdue
- Penelope McPeters
- Patricia Gordon
- Rev. Bill Shepard
- Tammy Brown

Residential Care

Betty Perdue, Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson, Jim & Jean Crain, Annette Hunter, Natalie Smith

At Home

Larry Hand
 Ann Huntley (with daughter)
Extended Family
Mother of: Dusty Ross
Son of: Annette Hunter
Father of: Debbie Gantt, Marc Turcotte, Karen Turner
Brother of: Vicky Williams
Son-in-Law of: Carl & Beth Kohlhepp
Nephew of: Linda Black, Sandy & Joan Davis
Niece of: Laurie Fite
Family of: Don Sandor, Mike Lewis
Friends of:
 Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Annette Hunter, Wayne & Denise Dorr, Alida Weber, Mike Martin

Attendance



Sunday, April 21, 2024

Contemporary Service—44
 Traditional Service—56

2024 Tithes & Offerings
 \$6,990 (needed weekly to meet budget)

April 7, 2024	\$3677.00
April 14, 2024	\$8587.00
April 21, 2024	\$5,920.00
April 28, 2024	
	\$18,184.00



SCAN ME



Watch Services Live!
Contemporary Service at 10AM
Traditional Service at 11AM