



*A note
from the pastor*

REFLECTIONS



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Dear Congregation,

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Lectio Divina: "divine reading," a traditional Christian practice that involves reading Scripture in a reflective and prayerful manner.

Visio Divina: "divine seeing," a similar practice as above, but using images or icons instead of words.

As many of you know, the Season of Lent is approaching very quickly. Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026. During the roughly six weeks of Lent, many Christians are called to observe certain "disciplines" to bring themselves closer to Christ. Traditionally, people fast, meditate, pray, and forego certain items (like sweets or meats) to really put their faith into focus. Of course, the Holy Spirit leads and guides each of us on our journey in Lent. Each of us may take a slightly different pathway, but ultimately all of our spiritual steps in lent lead us to Holy Week and Easter.

Speaking with Laurie Fite, we formulated a plan to enable her to best complete the excellent Methodist Bible Study she has been teaching us on Wednesday evenings. Due to the weather-related cancellation, we are one week behind. Thus, the class will continue on Feb. 4 and 11 before Lent, and then, after Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18), finish on Feb. 25 and March 4. For the last 3 Wednesdays in Lent (March 11, 18, and 25), we will make this alteration in our Wonderful Wednesdays schedule:

6:00 - 6:30 PM: meet in sanctuary for guided Lenten Prayer (lectio & visio divina)

6:30 - 7:10 PM: dinner in the social hall (Adelaide will lead kids from 5-6:30 PM)

It is my hope that sitting in our peaceful, beautiful sanctuary and practicing the two methods of guided prayer on these dates before supper will help cleanse our hearts and attune us to the Spirit. ***"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted over the earth."*** (Psalm 46:10)

Blessings,
Rusty



Last Monday's youth activity pics :-)

ICE
ON
MAIN



Wonderful WEDNESDAY

🍴 Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., and program at 6:45 p.m. for just \$7 per adult! First-time visitors and children eat FREE!

PreSuper Bowl Pizza Supper—Sign up to enjoy pizza, salad and dessert!
Americans eat more pizza on Super Bowl Day than any other day of the year!!
A whopping 12.5 million. The favorite is pepperoni!!

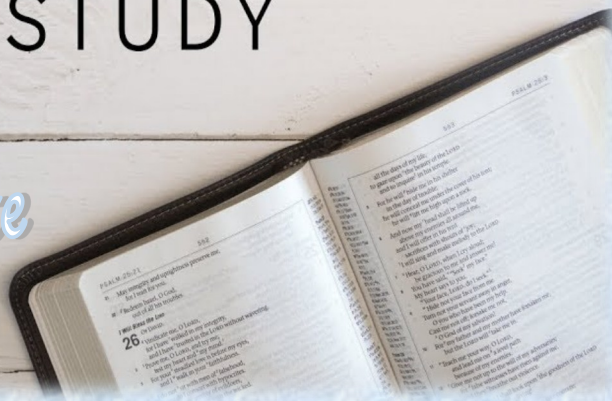


MidWeek

BIBLE STUDY

Methodism

Teacher: Laurie Fite



2026 Wednesday Kids Programming 5PM - 6PM

WED. DATE	ACTIVITY	COORD.	SAFE SANCTUARY PERSON	BIBLE LESSON TEACHER
2/4	Valentine Craft	Debbie Gantt	Nona Walser	Pastor
2/11	Valentine Cards	Ann Shaver	Nona Walser	Pastor
2/25	Cooking Class	Joyce McKenzie	Nona Walser	Pastor
3/4	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
3/11	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
3/18	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
3/25	Last Supper Play Practice	Pastor	Chris & Gerri Trabookis	Pastor
4/15	"Junior Trustees Month": Safety / First Aid	Geno Cope	Sandy Davis	Pastor
4/22	"Junior Trustees Month": Cleaning the Sanctuary	Gene Turner	Sandy Davis	Pastor
4/29	"Junior Trustees Month": Cleaning the Bridge	Gene Turner	Sandy Davis	Pastor
5/6	VBS Planning Session with the Kids	Pastor and All volunteers	Sandy Davis	Pastor

2026 Combined Sundays

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	NOTES
Sunday	02-01	Bridge	2:00 PM	Communion
Wednesday	02-18	Sanctuary	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	03-01	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Thursday	04-02	Sanctuary	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday
Friday	04-03	Bridge	12:00 PM	Good Friday
Sunday	04-05	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion
Sunday	05-03	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion
Sunday	06-07	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Sunday	07-05	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion
Sunday	08-02	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Sunday	08-16	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Homecoming
Sunday	09-06	Bridge	9:30 AM	Communion
Sunday	10-04	Sanctuary	11:00 AM	Communion / Consecration Sun.
Sunday	11-01	Bridge	9:30 AM	All Saints / Communion
Sunday	11-24	Sanctuary	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving
Sunday	12-06	Bridge	9:30 AM	Advent 2 / Communion
Thursday	12-24	Bridge	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve

SIX BEAGLES!



\$10

STORY AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY:
RUSTY GODFREY



ABOUT RUSTY GODFREY

Pastor Rusty Godfrey is a licensed local pastor with the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a native of Greenville, SC, and a retired high school social studies educator. He and his wife Melanee have owned six beagles in their marriage of over thirty years, and they have loved every one of them!

Get all books for \$40. Books are available at the church office. Make checks payable to "Lee Road UMC" and put "book sale" on the memo line. All profits go to the Indonesian Charis School.



COLOR AND LEARN ANIMALS FROM THE WORLD

\$10

GARY DODSON

GARY DODSON

\$20

THE BIXBYS' ALTAR OF FREEDOM



Rusty Godfrey

THE BIXBYS' ALTAR OF FREEDOM

What would a Union Mother do in order to survive the Civil War having lost all her sons?
What would a Union prisoner of war do to survive a hellhole prison camp, escape, and reinvent himself?



Gary Dodson is the proud father of 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren (and soon to be great-grandchild). A native of Greenville, South Carolina, he spent much time in the American Southwest and in the State of Florida in his working career. He retired from working at the age of 87. His favorite animal is the dog, especially the golden retriever. His hobbies include fishing, writing, and watching old movies. The author has a very strong faith in the Creator God who made all living creatures on this planet.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 29, 2026

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, January 30, 2026

Saturday, January 31, 2026

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, February 1, 2026

2:00 p.m. Combined Communion Service (Bridge)

3:00 p.m. Coffee & Refreshments (Bridge)

4:00 p.m. Zoom Devotional (*Light for Today*)

Monday, February 2, 2026 (Groundhog Day)

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

6:15 p.m.—9:15 p.m. Quilters Guild (S.H.)

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

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

8:30 a.m. Men's Sharing Group (S.H.)

9:45 p.m.—10:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Kids Program (Bridge)

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Meal (S.H.)

6:45 p.m. Methodism Study on video (S.H.)

Thursday, February 5, 2026

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, February 6, 2026

Saturday, February 7, 2026

7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (Bridge)

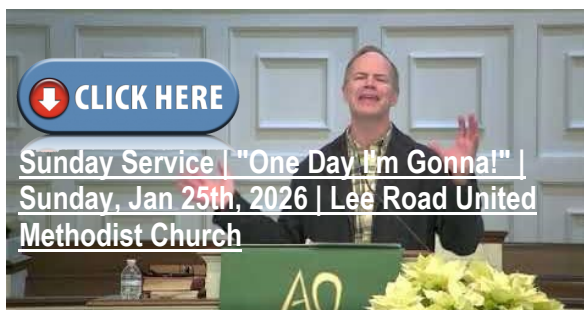
10:30 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments (Bridge)

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

4:00 p.m. Zoom Devotional (*Light for Today*)

↓ **DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS**
NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY PROGRAM
Tonight, January 28

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



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

Special Prayer Requests

Linda Hand
Geno Cope
Ann Huntley
Rev. Jim & Carolyn Gilliam
Gail Bachman
Don Sandor
Harry & Betty Johansen
Steve Frantz
Gene & Nancy Johnson
Joan Davis
Max & Susan Cromer
Mary Jo Gay



Residential Care

Linda Black, Bob & Ellen Elson,
Jim Crain, Annette Hunter,
Natalie Smith, Gene Johnson,
Sadie Murphy, Max & Susan
Cromer

At Home

Ann Huntley (Hospice)
Mary Jo Gay (Hospice)
Father of: Marc Turcotte, Karen
Turner

Brother of: Vicky Williams

Nephew of: Linda Black,
Mckelvie Wilder, Sandy & Joan
Davis

Niece of: Laurie Fite, Gene
Turner, Richard & Stephanie
Hamilton

Family of: Don Sandor, Patsy
Kleman, Carol Hyde

Friends of:

Sandy & Joan Davis, Debbie
Gantt, Jane Pingley, Elizabeth
Lowrey, Gail Bachman, Wayne &
Denise Dorr, Alida Weber, Trace
Sillers



January 25, 2026

No Service due to weather

2026 Tithes & Offerings
Thank you for giving toward
the budget. Your faithfulness
is much appreciated.

January 4	\$5,027.00
January 11	\$4,363.50
January 18	\$5,635.00
January 25	\$2,200.00
Total	\$17,225.50

Prefer to pay your tithe online?

